

# Robert Lee Observer

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## FRANK McCABE WELL FINALED FOR 404 BBLs.

Frank McCabe, well known Robert Lee resident, has a new oil well on his ranch in southeastern Mitchell County, 5 miles north of Silver. It is Richardson & Bass No. 3 McCabe.

The well was finaled last week for a 24 hour potential flow of 404.64 barrels of 43.9 gravity oil. The test was based on an actual flow of 20 hours and 32 minutes, during which period it flowed 345.65 barrels of oil. Gauge was through a quarter inch choke and gas-oil ratio was 634-1.

Production is from Pennsylvanian sand with total depth of hole 6,090 feet. Top of pay was picked at 5,992 feet. Casing was perforated with 132 shots between 5,992-6,016 and 6,034-43 feet. The section was treated with 1,390 gallons of petrofac.

Location is 1,980 feet from east and north lines of Section 5, blk 12, H&TC.

### J. JAMESON OFFSET

The completion gave an offset on Jahew Jameson to the southeast. Mr. Jameson owns the southeast quarter of Section 5, while the remaining 480 acres is McCabe's.

Eurice Drilling Co. moved from McCabe to the Jameson offset last week and cemented surface pipe at 649 feet. The Jameson location is 660 feet from the east and north lines of the SE 1/4 of Section 5. The Jameson lease is also held by Richardson & Bass.

No. 1 McCabe, in the northeast corner of the section, was drilled more than a year ago as a small producer, as was No. 1 Nail Estate, a north offset. Moving one location west No. 2 McCabe was plugged as a dry hole. Last December operators re-worked No. 1 McCabe and No. 1 Nail in which the pay section had not been fractured.

Excellent results were obtained and new potentials were taken. McCabe 1 flowed 342 barrels of oil during its 24 hour test last December and the Nail well made 365 barrels. The new 3 McCabe is a southeast diagonal offset to No. 1.

Another hole considered dry was drilled east of 1 McCabe on Jahew Jameson, who owns the section east of 5. There is talk that operators may also go back into this hole with hopes of getting production by treating the section.

A potential filed Jan. 8 on Lee Drilling Co. 1 Ross Dixon, Jr., 6 miles northwest of Silver, shows 51.97 barrels of oil were produced during a flowing period of hours. Gauge was through a half inch tubing choke.

### MOISTURE IS FALLING

A beautiful snow of the moisture laden variety started falling in Robert Lee early Thursday. It is the first moisture received here in months and more rain and snow is predicted for a day or two. It's glorious and grandest weather we've seen for a mighty long time!

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Baker andobby Baker and family spent Sunday with the former's parents in Clyde.



HOLLIS LLOYD

## H. S. Principal Lloyd Resigns

Hollis Lloyd advised The Observer Wednesday that he was resigning as High School Principal, effective at the end of the present school year.

Mr. Lloyd is completing his third year in Robert Lee.

### PECAN CHURCH

Bro. Garrison of Jacksonville will preach at the Pecan Baptist Church Sunday, March 7. Everyone is invited to attend.

Mrs. Pat Rives returned last week from a 10-days visit in El Paso with her daughter, Mrs. Donald Mauldin. Pfc. Mauldin will return to Ft. Bliss March 13 from Camp Chaffee, Ark., where he is attending an eight weeks mechanics school.

## City Election Set for April 6

Official notice of a City Election for Robert Lee is published in this issue of The Observer. The date is April 6, and filings should be made 30 days prior to election.

At a meeting of the City Commission Tuesday night, Commissioners Fern Havins and John Brown stated they would not run again under any circumstances. Mayor J. S. Ferrell also felt that he would be happy to turn the job over to someone else.

Citizens should get together immediately and line up some candidates for these offices. Robert Lee has a wonderful program laid out, and it is highly important to keep responsible men in office to see that city affairs continue to be administered properly.

## HOSPITAL NEWS

Feb. 24 — Bennie Jones admitted.

Feb. 25 — J. I. Murtishaw admitted. Mrs. W. M. McCutchen, Mrs. Allen Jameson dismissed.

Feb. 26 — Mrs. J. W. Service, Jr., Mrs. Bob Fields dismissed.

Feb. 27 — Mrs. Jennie Bilbo admitted. J. I. Murtishaw dismissed.

Feb. 28 — Mrs. J. N. Buchanan admitted. Mrs. Lem Cowley dismissed.

March 1 — Bennie Jones dismissed.

March 2 — Barry Allen Day, J. H. Jackson, Bruce Allen and J. L. Johnson admitted.

## RED CROSS TO LAUNCH DRIVE: QUOTA IS \$895

Mrs. Leslie Copeland (Bonita Childress) has been named chairman of the Red Cross Drive for the west half of Coke County. Coke County's quota this year is \$895, considerably less than last year. However, the west side of the county failed to raise its quota in 1953 and it is hoped that a better response will result this year.

Mrs. Copeland will endeavor to enlist the aid of a large number of persons to conduct the drive, and by so doing no one will be expected to put in more than an hour or two to complete a good canvass.

She has called a meeting for Friday night at 7:30 at the West exas Utilities Co. in Robert Lee for all persons who will volunteer to help. Plans for the campaign will be made and H. A. Springer, County Red Cross Chairman, will be present to explain the services which the organization provides. Refreshments will be served at the close of the discussion.

To meet its extensive responsibilities for humanitarian service at home and abroad, the American Red Cross launched its annual campaign March 1 for an \$85,000,000 goal. Theme of the campaign will be "Answer the Call — Join and Serve."

The truce in Korea has neither lessened the need for Red Cross services abroad nor decreased its burdens at home. Nothing is over but the shooting and the needs of servicemen, disaster and accident victims, veterans, and the general public for vital Red Cross services are unchanged.

The Red Cross program for servicemen, veterans and their families continued to require a major part of its budget and staff. Last year the Red Cross spent \$35,147,100 on this program, 40 per cent of its budget. Red Cross workers at military posts and hospitals helped 117,200 servicemen each month; chapter Home Service workers aided 105,200 service families monthly.

To make life giving blood available quickly and surely, the Red Cross spent \$12,879,400 last year. For disaster relief here and abroad the Red Cross spent \$6,776,100. Some 25,000 disaster stricken families were assisted.

### TEACHERS AT SILVER

Forty teachers of Coke County Schools gathered at Silver Tuesday night March 2, for their regular quarterly meeting. A delicious dinner was served by the host school, followed by an entertainment feature, "Alice in Wonderland," presented by Silver school children. Sam B. Cullpepper of Austin, field director of the Texas State Teachers Association, spoke to the group on recommendations and policies of T. S. T. A. and legislation in progress. Upon invitation of Supt. B. C. Goodwin, the teachers will come to Robert Lee for their next meeting. Jack Brock, county president, presided over the meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Millican of Anson are visiting in Robert Lee with relatives.

### STOCK SHOW WINNERS

Bill Simpson's Angus steer won reserve championship in the heavy weight Angus division at San Angelo Stock Show last week. He received \$95 prize money and was honored by taking part in the parade of champions. The 925 pound steer took first place in the Coke County Show a few weeks ago.

At Abilene this week Milburn Wink's blocky Hereford took first place in the light weight drylot division. Milburn was busy with his studies at San Angelo College and the calf was shown by his sister, Leslie Nell. The steer brought 31 cents a pound in the sale at Abilene Wednesday.

## COKE COUNTY GIVES \$3,288 POLIO FUNDS

The March of Dimes fund was given another boost Tuesday when the new Odom Drug and Cafe at Silver raised \$35.70 from a coffee benefit. The cafe charged 10c a cup for the coffee and the entire amount went to the polio fund.

The drive has been completed and Coke County has raised the magnificent sum of \$3,288.72. The figure is two hundred dollars above last year.

Victor Wojtek, chairman for the west side of the county, reports the following receipts:

Silver	\$892.87
Robert Lee	700.70
Edith - Green Mt.	231.45
Sanco	17.70
West Side Total	1,842.72

Ernest Ivey, chairman for Bronte and the east side, had collections of \$1,446.

Dr. John R. Harris of Bronte, county chairman for the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, announces that one-third of the funds taken up this year will go to polio research. One-half the remaining funds will be forwarded to the National Foundation and the other half stays in Coke County to be used as needed at home.

## BIRTHS

DEAN—Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Dean of Alpine are parents of a daughter born Feb. 7. She weighed 9 pounds and has been named Nora Elaine. Douglas, former Robert Lee resident, is a student at Sul Ross College. Mrs. Claud Dean of Weatherford is the baby's grandmother.

GREEN—A daughter was born Jan. 23 to Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Green (Audra V. Ballew) at Big Lake, former Robert Lee residents. She weighed 6 pounds, 4 ounces and has been named Nancy Colleen. The baby has a sister, Judy, 9 years old. Grandmothers are Mrs. Ethel Green of Robert Lee and Mrs. Ellen Ballew of San Angelo. Mr. Green is an engine operator in a carbon black plant at Barnhart.

LORD—Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Lord (Betty Lou Morgan) of San Angelo are parents of their first child, a daughter, born Feb. 20 at Clinic Hospital in San Angelo. Enola Gay weighed 7 pounds, 11½ ounces. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Lord of Midland. S. W. is employed in San Angelo by the Concho Valley Electric Co.

## JOE THETFORD IS VICTIM OF CAR ACCIDENT

Joe Dennis Thetford, 22, former Robert Lee resident, was killed instantly about 9 a. m. Tuesday when his auto collided head-on with a truck. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Thetford, who moved to McCamey a year and a half ago.

The accident occurred outside Lordsburg, New Mex., where Joe is believed to have fallen asleep at the wheel of his auto.

He was stationed in the Navy at San Diego, Calif., and was returning to McCamey on leave before being sent overseas.

The youth's aunt, Mrs. Opal Vest, resides at Lordsburg and took charge of arrangements to ship the body to Robert Lee.

Joe is reported to have purchased a car to make the trip to Texas and was accompanied by two other service men, neither of whom was seriously injured in the accident.

Their version of the tragedy was that Joe had fallen asleep momentarily and drove his car off the shoulder of the highway, then jerked it back into the path of an oncoming truck, 18 miles west of Lordsburg. He was thrown out of the car and wheels of the truck ran over his head causing instant death.

The body was expected to arrive in Robert Lee Thursday and funeral services will be held at 3 p. m. Friday at the Methodist Church in charge of the pastor, the Rev. Ray Lee. Arrangements are being directed by Clift Funeral Home.

Burial will be in Paint Creek Cemetery at Edith. High School classmates selected as pallbearers include Franky Percifull, James Jackson, Roy Tinkler, Buddy Havins, Bill Blair and Jerome Sheppard.

Joe was born Dec. 22, 1931, and the greater part of his life was spent in the Robert Lee and Edith communities. In 1949 he graduated from Robert Lee High School where he was prominent in athletics and all school activities.

He was a member of the Methodist Church and was a leader in the Youth Fellowship department.

He attended San Angelo College for 1½ years before enlisting in the Navy a little more than three years ago. He had been stationed at San Diego during the entire period and had been promoted to the grade of 2nd Class Petty Officer. He was enroute home for a surprise visit before going to sea.

He is survived by his parents, one brother, Jack, his grandmother, Mrs. T. M. Freeman of Edith, and a number of uncles, aunts and cousins, most of whom reside in this locality.

The tragedy brought deep sorrow to this community where Joe and his family are held in high esteem. The Thetfords formerly operated the store and post office at Edith and are well known over Coke County.

Mrs. Howard Eaton, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Joe Dodson, Sr., spent the weekend with relatives at Bangs. They also visited the former's brother, who is a hospital patient in Brownwood.

## NEW SILVER BAPTIST CHURCH WILL BE DEDICATED MARCH 7

Home Coming and Dedication services will be held by the Silver Baptist church in their new auditorium, March 7. All are invited to attend, especially all old timers and former members.

Services will begin at 10 a. m. with Sunday school. The Dedication Sermon will be delivered at 11 by Rev. W. O. McLeod, a former pastor of the church. Special music is to be brought by LeRoy (Pee Wee) Howard, now of Dallas, and our own choir. Lunch will be served at the school cafeteria by members of the church.

An afternoon program, beginning at 2 p. m., will consist of talks by several old-timers, and perhaps other interesting features. Rev. McLeod will also speak at 8 p. m., following Training Union which convenes at 7 p. m.

### HISTORY OF SILVER BAPTIST CHURCH

On the 3rd Sunday in March, 1905, the Cedar Hill Baptist church and the old Silver Baptist church united and took the name of Colorado Bend Baptist church, and went by that name until the 4th Sunday in November, 1929, when it was changed back to Silver Baptist.

The old Silver Baptist church, organized in 1891, was located near the present town of Silver. The Cedar Hill church had its beginning in 1893, and was located across the Colorado river, a few miles southwest of Silver.

After the two churches united in 1905, the new body, the Colorado Bend Baptist church, held its services in the Silver school house, then located about two miles southwest of the present town of Silver. In June, 1910, the meeting place was moved to the Sand Creek school house, then situated about a mile south of the present Sun Company Gas Plant.

Talk of erecting a building in which to hold services began as far back as January 1906. But it seems that not much headway was made until August 1925, when \$855.00 was subscribed toward a building, and a committee consisting of H. L. Bloodworth, John Walker, G. W. Tubb and Lottie Clubb was named to raise the balance. In October 1927 the church voted to build a tabernacle, and a committee was appointed to select a site. A month later the records show that that a plot of ground was given by Mrs. Stepp on the south west corner of her place (which is where the Silver Baptist church now stands). Mrs. Stepp was the mother of Mrs. Sherman Anderson, who now lives in Silver. In June 1929, the church voted to go ahead and build and H. L. Bloodworth, O. E. Allen and Mrs. O. E. Allen were named to get figures and plans.

In September, 1948, the church bought the present educational

building, and in December of the same year, purchased opera chairs for the auditorium.

In November, 1949, it was decided to begin a fund to build a pastor's home, and in June, 1950, it was finished and occupied.

For several months the church had felt the need of a new building so the mater was taken under serious consideration in June 1953, by the naming of a survey committee consisting of the pastor and deacons: namely T. W. Lyle, W. P. Holleyman, B. B. McDougle, C. B. Jacobs, C. E. Palmer and Ray M. Sparks. Later this group was called the Building Committee and the names of H. H. Jameson and H. L. Bloodworth were added, and W. P. Holleyman named chairman. Plans for the new building were adopted, Sept. 27, 1953, calling for a 40 ft. x 70 ft. structure, consisting of an auditorium and four classrooms. B. B. Camron, San Angelo, was low bidder.

Ground breaking services were held Dec. 6, 1953 and the building was completed January 29, 1954. The Finance committee consisted of H. L. Bloodworth, chairman, H. H. Jameson, Jess Duplissey, Mrs. J. B. Walker, Jr., and Mrs. T. W. Lyle.

The church has had the following pastors: Isaac Reed, Warren Graham, G. W. Tubb, John C. Averitt, G. C. Berryman, N. D. Bullock, S. T. Hazel, A. M. Lackey, J. F. Matthews, D. M. Strickland, E. C. Dick, B. S. Sullivan, H. L. Bloodworth (who served longer than any other), H. C. Draper, R. L. Holland, S. E. Milam, L. L. Trott, Bro. Powers, D. K. Smith, Bro. Delashaw, Fred Blake, W. B. Teel, W. O. McLeod, and Ray M. Sparks.

Space does not permit more, but we would like to remark that John B. Walker, Sr., served as clerk for 32 years and 8 months, or half the life of the church.

Our Baptist scene was painted by two of our ladies, Mrs. Jack Mowbray and Mrs. Earl Boggus.

### TROUBLE IN PAIRS

The following clipping concerning Mrs. J. J. Neill, former Coke County resident, was taken from the Moore County News at Dumas:

Mrs. J. J. Neill is really having a time with broken arms. She fell and broke her left arm just before Thanksgiving. It wasn't doing quite as well as it might have—so last Tuesday she was to the doctor to have it checked—fell right in front of the office as she was leaving and broke the right arm. Do hope this gets well quickly.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Bradley and two daughters, Rita Faye and Tylene, of Odessa were down over the weekend to visit his mother, Mrs. J. J. Neill. Of course, they are quite concerned that she has another broken arm.

## PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. McArthur and boys and Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Heuvel and daughters visited Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Crowley Harmon.

Miss Jonell Black and Mrs. Joe Garvin attended a shower Monday night at San Angelo for Miss Wanda Scheafer. Miss Scheafer is a granddaughter of Mrs. Garvin. She will be married March 6 to Lt. Harry Larson of Turlock, Calif. They will make their home in Birmingham, Alabama, where Lt. Larson will be stationed. Lt. Larson just returned from Korea and has two more years in service.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Gibbins of Midland came down Saturday and visited her mother, Mrs. J. I. Murtishaw and other relatives. Mrs. Gibbins will remain in Robert Lee for a few days.

Mrs. Lillian Caraway and family spent the weekend in Big Spring with relatives.

### GREEN MT. HD CLUB

Green Mountain WHD Club met Feb. 19 at the Green Mountain School for a called meeting. The roll call was answered by various household hints. The minutes were read and approved. Mrs. Fred Ashworth gave a report on Council Meeting.

Mrs. Joe Garvin read a letter received from State Institution

for the gift box which the club sent.

Mrs. A. C. Johnson gave a reading on "Industry works hard to make lazy women." The meeting was then turned over to Miss Black who advised the club of the advanced dress making starting Feb. 26. Miss Black was assisted by Mr. Dosson, West Texas Utilities District Engineer from Ballinger, in "a comfortable living room lighting," which was very interesting. Six members were present and four visitors. Mrs. A. C. Johnson was hostess.

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# History of Coke County

By Jessie Newton Yarbrough

## THIRD INSTALLMENT

### Climate

The climate of Coke County is very similar to that which Webb described as typical of the Great Plains. Briefly, those characteristics are: excessive dryness, high wind velocity, veering hot winds in summer, biting cold "northerners" in winter, occasional "ferocious" blizzards, hail, sudden changes in temperature, and rapid evaporation. Average annual rainfall in Coke County is approximately twenty-two inches; however, the average rainfall for the past ten years has been only thirteen and two-tenths inches. In normal years the largest amounts of rainfall occur in the months of April, May, September, and October. The months of highest precipitation are May and September. But in the past ten years no month could be described as wettest, and "excessively dry" fits the description of Coke County weather exactly. One would have to spend some time in West Texas in order to understand fully the influence of the winds. He would not only need to feel the fiery blast of the wind in summer and the bite of the north wind when it reaches the blizzard stage in winter, but most of all he would need to experience a West Texas sandstorm before he could lay claim to an understanding of Texas weather attributable to winds. People of Coke County have experienced their full share of these extremes brought about by the winds. They have seen the ghastly results of the hot winds which usually strike around the middle of June. They have seen withering cornfields in "silk and seal" withered and ruined by the hot blast of June winds. Coke Countians are fully conversant with every type of sandstorm that ever blotted out the sun of a West Texas day. They are fully acquainted with air that is "stifling to breathe," that is filled with sand—"the weapon of the winds." They have felt the sand when it stung the face like bits of glass, it blinded the eyes; it seeped into the houses through closed windows and doors and rough every crack and crevice. They have seen it when it filled the furrows in their fields, blotting them out, and lifted against their fences "as if as snow after a northern blizzard." The blizzard is not so common in Coke County; in fact, the blizzard of the "ferocious" type is very rare. Cold "northerners," which below-freezing temperatures and lasting from one to five days, are fairly frequent during the winter months, but more vicious blizzard—"severe cold accompanied by high wind, sleet, and snow"—occurs more than once or twice during the entire winter season, and sometimes not at all. Coke County experienced very little blizzard during the past winter (1952-53), and no cold wave during that time could, by stretch of the imagination, be classified as a blizzard. The best "spells" usually occurring in January; however, severe cold waves have been known as early as November, December and as late as March or early April.

The temperature during the blizzard just described is thought to be the lowest of any time since the turn of the century. One of the highest was chalked up on June 15, 1902, when the mercury soared to one hundred fifteen degrees in the shade.

### Drouths

Since deficiency of moisture is an outstanding characteristic of Coke County climate, it would seem that a record of the major drouths in Coke County is pertinent to this study. Therefore, from stories of drouth in the files of The Rustler, the Robert Lee Observer, the San Angelo Standard and the San Angelo Standard-Times, and numerous interviews with citizens of the Coke County, the following account of the major drouths has been prepared. Numerous minor drouths were not included in the study.

Coke County along with nearly all of West Texas has had a reputation for frequent dry spells and for all-too-frequent severe drouths; in fact, drouths have been the scourge of the area.

The first severe drouth of which there are any records whatsoever was in 1864. Since there were few people and no

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newspapers in the area at that time, accounts of this drouth were handed down by word of mouth. It was said by those who were "old timers" in 1886 that the drouth of 1864 was the worst drouth before 1886.

Water crises have been too common for comfort in West Texas. In recent years much has been heard of municipal water shortages. This was unheard of in the pioneer days in Coke County, for there were no municipalities, but in 1881 dry weather brought a water crisis on the West Texas ranges.

All the small streams had dried up. Cattlemen reached their wits' end trying to devise some means for watering their stock. In spite of all that could be done, many cattle died of thirst.

However, it rained in time to make late feedstuff and a crop of fall grass.

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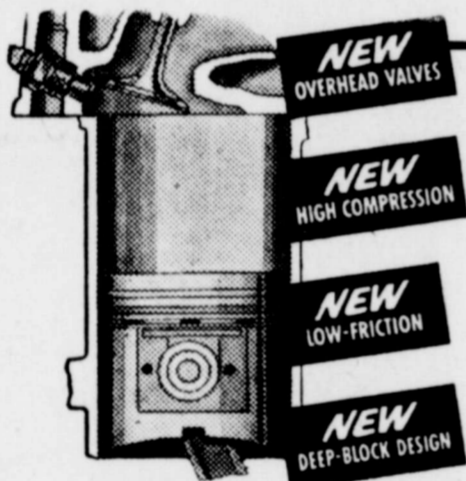
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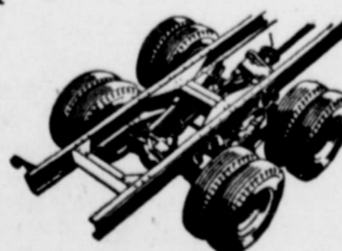
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### HAZEL WALKER TOP RANKING FEMALE CAGER

The premier woman basketball player in the nation is the way the sports world hails Hazel Walker, who leads an Arkansas Travelers cage team against a Coke County All-Star men's team here in Robert Lee on the night of March 18. The local club will be recruited from the best talent in Silver, Bronte and Robert Lee.

After years of brodding the boards as an All-American performer and a top-ranking professional, Miss Walker recently won a spot with Greats of the Sports World in America's Athletic Hall of Fame — The Helms Athletic Foundation of Los Angeles, California.

The Helms Foundation, after tabulating voting on a nation wide scale among sports writers, radiomen, associated press and television sports authorities, named Miss Walker as Arkansas' all-time Athlete on the distaff side and ranked her with the top athletic figures in the land.

Thus Miss Walker takes her place with these female greats in the Hall of Fame — Babe Did-

rickson Zaharias, Golf's Patty Berg and Marlene Bauer; Helen Wills, Pauline Betz and Louise Brough of tennis fame; Gertrude Ederle, who negotiated the English Channel in the 20's and Helen Stevens, the renowned track star.

And she joins the select company of these male stars who've been voted in Helms Hall of Fame: Football's Don Hutson; Jack Dempsey, Willie Pep, John L. Sullivan of boxing; Baseball's Mel Ott, Charley Gehringer, Lou Gehrig, Cy Young, Paul Waner, Joe DiMaggio; Earl Sande of racing fame and golf's Ben Hogan, among the professionals and amateur greats that include Doak Walker of football; All American Jim Thorpe, Bob Mathias, the Olympic champion Chris Cagle, one-time Army football star.

Miss Walker considers her selection to the Helms Hall of Fame a singular honor. "My thanks go to sports writers and radiomen everywhere for bringing this great honor to me," Miss Walker says.

Mr. and Mrs. Bronk Sparks of San Angelo visited Monday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Harmon.

#### SANCO HD CLUB

"A Brighter Future with Electricity" was the theme of the demonstration and discussion presented by Mr. H. N. Dawcer of Ballinger at the meeting of the Sanco Home Demonstration club in the home of Mrs. Nolan Ptentecost. Miss Jonell Black Home Demonstration Agent, introduced Mr. Dawcer.

The club met Monday afternoon instead of the regular meeting date, Wednesday, in order that Miss Black could be with them.

The date for the first of four days of advanced dressmaking school was announced for Friday, February 26. The school will be held in the jury room of the court house.

Miss Black read a proclamation from Governor Allan Shivers declaring March 1 through 7 Public School Week, and urged each member to visit a local school during that time.

The hostess served refreshments of punch, cookies and candy mints to members and guests.

Calvin Wallace, Harve Wallace, Mrs. G. E. Davis and Mrs. Mable Williams motored to Fort Worth over the weekend.

### Notes From The Oil Field



Perkins-Prothro Co. of Wichita Falls No. 9 W. C. Blanks, Jameson Strawn Field project 20 miles northwest of Robert Lee in Max Herbst Survey 531, has been completed as a producer.

The well showed a daily potential of 300.44 barrels of 44.3 gravity oil through 12-64-inch choke with 375-350 pounds on casing and 1,025-1,060 on tubing. It flowed through 228 perforations at 6,207-6,324 feet, with casing set at 6,400 feet, total depth. Gas-oil ratio was 1,185-1.

Perkins-Prothro Co. No. 1-C W. C. Blanks has also been completed as a producer. It is in Section 2, Block 2, H&TC Survey.

Daily potential was 281 barrels of 46 gravity oil, through 12-64-inch choke, with 450-375 pounds on casing and 1,080-1,000 on tubing. Flow was from 342 perforations at 6,275-6,406 feet. Gas-oil ratio was 1,278-1.

Humble Oil and Refining Co.

has staked two projects Fuller-Coke Strawn Field, 18 miles northeast of Robert Lee in Block 2, H&TC Survey. Both are slated for 6,900 with rotary.


No. 2 Lou E. Johnson Esq. will be 1,980 feet from the east and east lines of Section 26. No. 3 Lou E. Johnson Esq. will be 560 feet from the east and 188 feet from the east of section 26.

Stanolind Oil & Gas Co. Jessie E. Chappell, Section 15, SP Survey, was completed in the Jameson-Strawn Field in the northwest part of county.

No. 4 Chappell had a flowing potential of 139.7 barrels of 48 gravity oil, through a 11-64-inch choke with 425 pounds casing and 425 pounds tubing pressure. Production is from 207 perforations at 6,178-6,264 feet where the tubing was ruptured. Gas-oil ratio was 1,129-1.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. ... have moved back to Robert Lee from Oklahoma City. They are now living in the Burgess house.



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SERVICE INSTALLATIONS

## LOCAL NEWS

Mrs. Hattie Day spent last week in Barnhart with her friend, Mrs. Boots Franklin. The latter operates a cafe at Barnhart. Mrs. Day says Coke County folks will find that excellent food is served by Mrs. Franklin and they are urged to stop in when they are out that way.

Homer Garvin and sons of Colorado City visited over the week end in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Garvin.

Mrs. M. C. Casey of Mineral Wells spent a couple of days in Robert Lee last week. Larry rell had a home with her after a trip of 139 miles. She is spending a couple of weeks with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Edmond Mundell.

Fred McDonald of Robert Lee and his father, Fred McDonald, 7 perforator of Bronte are in Dallas this week on a combined business and pleasure trip.

## Silver News

March! There was not very much doubt as to how March came in. Certainly not like a lamb, did you think? Jack Frost is still hovering around and if you have put up your overcoat and took down the stove you were an eager beaver. Winter is not over I betcha.

Moe Hargis is in the Root Memorial Hospital at Colorado City with second degree burns received in an explosion at the gas plant. He was reported to be resting. The back of his head and back of his hands were burned.

Rosalid Bradham is a medical patient also. Her mother said she was much better.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Davis were in Midland Sunday visiting the Walter Rankins.

George Connors visited the George Connors Sr. in Hawley last week.

Here for a week-end visit with their pop and husband were Mrs. K. D. Shipman, Ronda, Myron, and James. Mr. Shipman is production foreman for Richardson & Bass in the McCabe field.

Russ and Bess Mathers were howdying with friends in Silver Tues. Sure is good to see you here, folks. We sorta miss ya.

'Tis a wonderful day the Silver Baptist church is looking forward to this Sunday. The seats are installed and a new piano and all we need now is for all the members to be there and bring their neighbors. Seats were made to be sat on. So lets sit on them and if not in this church then in some other one on Sunday.

There was a shower given for LaRue Robertson last Friday night at the Rec. Hall and there were so many people there I could not begin to list them without a list from the register. It was certainly a nice party and the gifts were many. Those Robertsons are nice people and loved by us all. May you have as many years of happiness kids as you received gifts.

Friday night was also the day to sing happy birthday to the Lowe twins, Elmer and Delmer. Also for their brother-in-law, Pete Adams. Cake and coffee were served during the evening. From Midland came Mr. and Mrs. Pete Adams and Betty and Mrs. Ida Adams, Mr. and Mrs. Jenks Jones of C. City, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Lowe of C. City, Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Marlett and Mr. and Mrs. Truelove of C. City.

Donna and Billie Jameson were here last weekend from Tech.

Mr. Frosty Kirkpatrick has been called to Georgia by his brother's death.

'Tis nice to see Mary Walker around. Welcome home, Mary. We hope you'll stay with us. Mary is employed at Sun Cafe.

Attending San Angelo College are Gladys Mowbray, Dorothy Boggus, Irene Newell and Juanice Jameson. It must be the art bug this time. Anyway, all are taking art. By the way, when you go to church you'll see the scene done by Mrs. Mowbray and Mrs. Boggus. It is real pretty girls.

Silver Independent basketball team lost out in the first round of the San Angelo tournament last week. However, Roy Over-

turf, who made 23 points in the game, was selected on the all-tournament team.

## Bridal Shower For Mrs. Sims

A Bridal Shower honoring Mrs. Charles Sims took place Tuesday from 7:30 to 9:30 P. M. in the home of Mrs. Zelma Milam. Assisting hostesses were Mrs. David Key, Mrs. W. T. Roach and Mrs. Jeff Dean.

Mrs. Bill Wrinkle of Bronte, sister-in-law of Mrs. Sims, presided at the punch bowl and Mrs. Willis Wayne Smith, sister of the honoree, registered guests.

Lime punch and cookies were served from a cutwork cloth covered dining table. Table decorations included a miniature bridal couple placed on a reflector, with white wedding bells and peach blossoms.

Mrs. Sims, who was Mrs. Olené Snoddy before her recent marriage, received many lovely gifts.

On Monday night she was honored by Bronte friends with a shower held in the social hall of the Bronte Methodist Church. Hostesses at the event were Mrs. H. C. Murtishaw, Mrs. Sam Richards, Mrs. Merle Proctor, Mrs. Marvin Landers and Mrs. Charles Phillips.

### EDITOR IN HOT WATER

It appears that The Observer editor is having difficulty ately by getting a couple pairs of brothers mixed up. It was recently stated that R. C. Pattersons had a new baby daughter. That wasn't exactly right. It was his brother, Eddie Patterson, who was the father. Then we tried to correct another mistake and flubbed the correction. It concerned a March of Dimes contribution from P. W. Millican. A typographical error had the amount \$2.00 but it should have read \$5.00. So last week we referred to the mistake, but said it concerned C. C. Millican, a brother of P. W. Oh, my! Hope Eddie, R. C., P. W. and C. C. will not hate us the rest of their lives. I tell you one thing, though, I was going to predict rain in this issue, but had to cut the story because it's sonwing as this was written Thursday morning.

Guests of Mrs. J. S. Gardner for the weekend included her sons, W. J. Gardener, wife and baby of Midland, W. B. Gardner and wife of San Angelo, and Miss Clydene Stickney of Colorado City.

Mr. and Mrs. Buck Campbell and Vergnel of Happy, Texas., visited over night in the home of C. C. Millican Friday night.

## Political Announcements

The Observ. is authorized to announce the following candidates for the offices indicated, subject to action of the Democratic Primaries.

**FOR COUNTY JUDGE—**  
Jeff Dean

**FOR SHERIFF AND TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR—**  
Paul Good

**FOR COUNTY AND DISTRICT CLERK—**  
Weldon Fikes

**FOR COUNTY TREASURER—**  
Gertrude Gray

**FOR COUNTY ATTORNEY—**  
Frank C. Dickey, Jr.

**FOR COMMISSIONER, Precinct No. 1—**  
Fern Havins  
J. W. Service

**FOR COMMISSIONER, Precinct No. 3—**  
Ed Hickman

Cumbie Ivey, Jr. is back from Detroit where he spent a month attending a dealer's school sponsored by the Ford Motor Company. He drove a new car back to Robert Lee and stopped at Paris, Tex., to get his wife and

daughter, Patricia Lynn, who had spent the period there with Mrs. Ivey's mother.

Mr. Calvin Sparks returned home Saturday from Temple where he had undergone surgery on his leg.

## NOTICE To The Public

We wish to announce that we are now distributors for Foremost Dairy Products, having purchased the business from Billy Hughes. We hope to give our customers prompt and courteous service and will be happy to have you stop by for fountain service.

Mr. and Mrs. Linzy McDorman

## Want Ads

### NOTICE

My place south of Robert Lee has been posted and \$50 Reward will be paid for the arrest and conviction of any person or persons trespassing upon my property without permission.

—Fred McDonald, Jr.

**FISHING** Tackle headquarters, one Star Aluminum Boats and everything needed by fishermen and campers. LEEPER Supply Co.

Have all equipment for cleaning your septic tanks and cesspools. Call me at No. 8, Bronte for this service. L. M. Jones.

**Building Materials — Cement and Paint.** The right materials the right price. McDonald Lumber Co., Robert Lee, Texas.

**PAINT — Pittsburgh Rubberized Satin Finish Wallhide** for inside work. Use it on wallboard, wood, cement, anything. Dries in 15 minutes.— LEEPER SUPPLY CO.

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WELCH'S GRAPE JELLY - 12 Oz. 19c

**CLOROX - - - Qt. 15c**

DINTY MOORE VIENNA SAUSAGE - 15c

DEL MONTE TOMATO JUICE - 46 Oz. 29c

**Round Steak - lb. - 73c**

**Ribs - lb. - 43c**

**Bacon, Slab - lb. - 69c**

**ROBERTS GROCERY & MARKET**

**ORDER ESTABLISHING PROCEDURE FOR CITY OFFICERS' ELECTION**  
**THE STATE OF TEXAS**  
**CITY OF ROBERT LEE**

On this the 2nd day of March, 1954, the City Commission of the City of Robert Lee, Texas convened in regular session at the regular meeting place thereof with the following members present, to-wit:

J. S. Ferrell, Mayor  
 John Brown, Commissioner  
 Fern Havins, Commissioner  
 Mrs. Sam Jay, City Secretary  
**and the following absent: none, constituting a quorum, and among other proceedings had were the following:**

Commissioner Havins introduced a resolution and order and moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown, and the motion carrying with it the adoption of the resolution and order prevailed by the following vote, AYES: 2; NOES: None.

The resolution and order are as follows:

Whereas the laws of the State of Texas provide that the next ensuing first Tuesday in April shall be elected the following officials for this city:

One Mayor  
 Two Commissioners.

Whereas the laws of the State of Texas further provide that the Election Code of the State of Texas is applicable to said election, and in order to comply with said Code, an order should be passed establishing the procedure to be followed in said election, and designating the voting place for said election.

**THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF ROBERT LEE, TEXAS:**

That all independent candidates at the election to be held on the first Tuesday in April, 1954 for the above mentioned offices file their applications to become candidates with the Mayor of this City at the City Hall on or before 30 days from the date of said election;

That all of said applications shall be substantially in the following form:

To the Mayor of the City of Robert Lee, Texas:

I hereby request that my name be placed upon the official ballot for the election to be held on the 6th day of April, 1954 as a candidate for Mayor/Commissioner of said City. I hereby certify that I am eligible to hold office under the Constitution of this State and have resided in this state for a period of twelve months and six months in this city in which I offer myself as a candidate, and have been an actual bona fide citizen of said city for more than six months.

DATED this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1954.

Name of Candidate  
 Received the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1954.

J. S. Ferrell, Mayor.

That the Secretary of this City shall, in accordance with the terms and provisions of Election Code, Chapter 13, Sec. 210, post in his office the names of all candidates who have been certified to him by the Chairman of the Executive Committee of any party holding a primary election for said above mentioned offices, and the names of all independent candidates who have filed their applications in accordance with the terms and provisions of this order, and said names shall be posted at a conspicuous place in said office for at least 10 days before said secretary orders the same printed on the ballot for said election.

This city, having one election precinct, said election shall be held at the following place in

said city:

1. In Election Precinct No. 1 at City Hall Building.

The City Secretary is hereby authorized and instructed to provide and furnish all necessary election supplies to conduct said election.

The Mayor shall issue all necessary orders, writs and notices for said election and returns of said election shall be made to this commission immediately after the closing of polls.

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** this the 2nd day of March, 1954.

J. S. Ferrell  
 Mayor

**ATTEST:**  
 Mrs. Sam Jay  
 Secretary

**NOTICE OF CITY OFFICERS' ELECTION**

**THE STATE OF TEXAS**  
**CITY OF ROBERT LEE**  
**TO THE RESIDENT QUALIFIED VOTERS OF THE CITY OF ROBERT LEE, TEXAS:**

**TAKE NOTICE** that an election will be held on the 6th day of April, 1954 in the City of Robert Lee, Texas, at the place, in the manner, and for the officials set forth in the attached copy of an order for City Officers' Election, duly adopted by the Mayor of said City on the 2nd day of March, 1954. Said attached order for City Officers' Election being made a part of this notice for all intents and purposes.

Mrs. Sam Jay  
 City Secretary

**PERSONALS**

First Lt. Bill Allen received his army discharge at Ft. Bliss last Friday and is resting up and enjoying some fine home cooking this week. His wife and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Allen, met him at El Paso. Bill served two years and the past 16 months were spent in Korea. Bill and his wife are leaving Friday on a motor trip to Mexico City.

Mr. and Mrs. John Brown visited over the weekend in South Texas. They were guests of their son-in-law and daughter, Capt. and Mrs. Nathan Douthit at Harlingen, and also visited their son, Pritchard Brown and wife at Delmita. Mr. and Mrs. Pritch Brown had just returned from a vacation trip to Mexico City and they considered it delightful.

Mrs. Coke Austin and son, Tommy, and Shirley Fletcher were over from San Angelo Sunday visiting among Robert Lee friends and relatives. Mrs. Austin reports that her son, Alfred, (Bud), has been home on a 30-days leave from the Navy. He reported back for duty this week and has been transferred from the USS General Wm. Mitchell, a transport, to an LST. He expects to leave soon for Korean waters. Bud has been in the Navy 2½ years.

Mrs. Paul Smith and children have returned to Oceanside, Calif., to be with her husband, Cpl. Paul Smith, who is stationed in the Marines at Camp Pendleton. She had been in Texas visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Jones in San Angelo, and also visited her husband's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Smith in Robert Lee.

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**DEATH CLAIMS FLYNT COSBY**

Flynt Cosby, brother of Mesdames Ira Bird and L. S. Bird, died of a heart attack in a Midland hospital on Thursday morning, Feb. 25. He was 59 years of age.

Mr. Cosby had been associated with the Scarbauer Cattle Co. for the past 18 years and had lived in the Midland area all of his life. He was a real old-fashioned cowboy. He was a deacon in the Baptist church.

Funeral services were held Friday afternoon in the Baptist church at Ackerly. Interment was in Big Spring.

He is survived by his wife, the former Bernice Williams. She was reared at Bronte and is a niece of Commissioner Ed Hickman and Mrs. R. L. Read.

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**CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
 In Robert Lee

**SUNDAY SERVICES** — Bible Study 10:15 to 10:55 a. m. Worship at 11:00 A. M. Young Peoples Class at 6:00 P. M. Evening Worship at 7:00.

Mid-Week Bible Study  
 Wednesdays at 7:00  
**OWEN COSGROVE, Minister**

The following relatives from Robert Lee attended the services:

Mrs. L. S. Bird, Ulmer Bird, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Bird, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hickman, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Read, Mrs. C. W. Trimble, Mrs. Clayton Caraway, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. McKinley and daughter and Mrs. Nolan Pentecost and son.

Curtis Walker of Robert Lee and his cousin, J. B. Walker, Jr., of Silver returned last Wednesday night from a fishing trip to the Gulf. They spent five days at Port Isabel but were unable to do any deep sea fishing because

of bad weather. The Coke ty men ventured out one day the water became so rough they drifted all night and were ed ashore by a shrimp boat.

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**"CONQUEST OF COCHISE"**  
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SUN., MON., TUES., MARCH 7, 8, 9: Sun. Matinee 1:30 & 1  
 James Stewart, Joanne Dru, Gilbert Roland, Dan Duryea  
**"THUNDER BAY"**  
 (Color by Technicolor) Also Cart

WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY, MARCH 10 & 11  
 Edmond O'Brien, Frank Lovejoy, William Talman in  
**"THE HITCH HIKER"**  
 Also Cartoon

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**Bell Pepper Extra Nice LB. 25**

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**CATSUP, White Swan - 14 Oz. Bottle - 2 for 35**

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