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CRUSADE WILL FIGHT CANCER DURING APRIL

The American Cancer Society has launched its annual April drive for funds, and Coke County will take an active part in the movement.

To keep giving to March of Dimes, Rer Cross and many other funds is a strain on the purse, but don't call it quits before giving to the Cancer fund also. Who knows — you may be helping to save one of your own family — even yourself, from great suffering.

The Cancer Crusade this year will give vital information about cancer to the public and will raise funds to advance the society's programs of research, education and service.

Official goal of the Texas Crusade is \$700,000. The national goal is \$25,000,000.

Cancer is expected to kill more than 9,000 Texans this year.

At least 25 per cent of funds raised will go for advanced scientific research and much of that will be used by Texas scientists and institutions. Sixty per cent will stay right here in Texas to provide professional and public information, service to cancer patients and to maintain minor clinics and information service centers.

The Coke County Chapter of the American Cancer Society has the following officials: A. J. Irpatrick, chairman; Mrs. J. Mackey, Bronte, vice chairman; Mrs. Violet Eaton, Robert Lee, secretary and layman.

Dr. John D. McDaniel of Robert Lee and Dr. John R. Harris of Bronte compose the medical committee.

The general committee for Coke County also includes Miss Myrtle Reeder and Rev. James C. Wynard Rogers, Ben Oglesby and Mrs. W. H. Maxwell of Bronte. Earl F. Glenn is treasurer.

TOP MOVIE COMING

Movie fans will be interested in seeing "Roman Holiday" which opens Sunday for a three-day showing at the Alamo Theatre. Audrey Hepburn, English actress, recently received the Academy Award for the part she portrayed in this film.

Twisters Ready for League Opener

Robert Lee's Rabbit Twisters opened the baseball season here Sunday with a 7 to 2 victory over Colorado City. Both teams were turning up for start of the Conoco League schedule next Sunday.

Clarence Tinkler hurled four innings for the Twisters and young Tommy Franks of Blackwell went the rest of the way. Between the two of them they allowed only two hits.

Robert Lee will journey to San Angelo next Sunday to meet the Ignolia Flying Red Horses in league opener. Prospects of satisfactory group of league grants was dubious this week, as only three or four clubs posted their entrance money \$50.



J. S. FERRELL

Twenty Votes Cast In City Election

Twenty votes were cast in the Robert Lee city election Tuesday which returned J. S. (Sid) Ferrell to the office of mayor, a post he has held nearly two years.

Unopposed in their election as City Commissioners were W. D. McAdams and M. W. (Buster) Farris. Retiring as commissioners are Fern Havins and John H. Brown.

FISHING HEADQUARTERS

Leeper Supply Co. of Robert Lee now has on display one of the biggest stocks of fishing and camping equipment that has ever been shown in the county. Mr. Leeper invites you to stop by and look over this fine display.

Capt. and Mrs. Nathan Douthit and son, Les, came from Harlingen the last of the week for a few days' visit with Mrs. Douthit's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Brown.

J. JAMESON NO. 1 RATES 436 BBLs.

Richardson & Bass No. 1 Jahew Jameson was completed April 1 for a daily flowing potential of 435.97 barrels of 43.4 gravity oil. The well is a few miles north of Silver in the southeast corner of Mitchell County.

Gauge was through a 5-16 inch tubing choke and the gas-oil ratio was 803-1. Production is from the Pennsylvanian sand. The pay section from 5,956 feet to 6,018 feet was perforated with 164 shots. The section was treated with 4,000 gallons of hydraulic.

Urice Drilling Co. was the contractor and moved rotary to No. 2 J. Jameson, a southwest diagonal offset.

This is the first producer for Jahew Jameson and is considered the best well in the McCabe Pennsylvanian field.

INFANT JACOBS TWINS

Sympathy is extended to Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Jacobs whose infant twins died at birth Monday. Graveside services were held at 10 a. m. Tuesday at the Robert Lee cemetery with the Rev. Ray Lee officiating. Arrangements were under the direction of Clift Funeral Home. Besides the parents, survivors include one brother, John, five years old. Mrs. Jacobs is the former Vivian Roane, daughter of Mrs. J. E. Roane.

School Election Was Quiet Here; Heavy Bronte Vote

Wilson Bryan and Bryan Gartman were re-elected as trustees of the Robert Lee Independent School District at the annual school election, last Saturday.

There were no other candidates and only 47 ballots were cast.

Re-elected is members of the County Board of Education were Will Fikes in Precinct 1 and Dave King in Precinct 3.

More than 90 voters turned out at Silver to elect Jesse Duplissey and Bob Edwards. They will succeed Ernest Clendennen and O. L. Snyder, who were not candidates for re-election.

BRONTE ELECTS THREE

Osmo Black, Marvin Corley and J. B. Mackey were elected to fill three school board places in one of the biggest school elections ever held at Bronte.

A total of 387 ballots were cast. None of the three was an incumbent.

Totals were Black 274; Corley 196, Mackey 187, Matthew Caperton (the only incumbent running) 63, Bob Wilson 139, Carroll Robbins 93, James A. Allen 42, Vernon Glenn 114, and Joe Rawlings 75.

VARIETY STORE CLOSSES

The Robert Lee Variety Store has gone out of business and the stock was moved to Abilene over the weekend. Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Porter, owners of the store, are now teaching school at Barnhart. Continued drought in this area caused business to decline, Mr. Porter said.

Methodist Church To Honor Babies

The Nursery Department will sponsor Baby Day next Sunday at the 11 o'clock worship hour at the Robert Lee Methodist Church.

On this occasion all babies in attendance will be presented, and christening ceremonies will be held.

Mrs. Ray Lee, wife of the pastor, is supervisor of the church nursery and her assistants are Mrs. Arnold Samuelson and Mrs. Arthur Hendry. The department cares for babies at both the morning and evening services.

Mrs. W. S. Thomas and daughter, Lonna, were here from Odessa for a weekend visit in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Briscoe.

HOSPITAL NEWS

April 1 — Charles Wojtek dismissed.

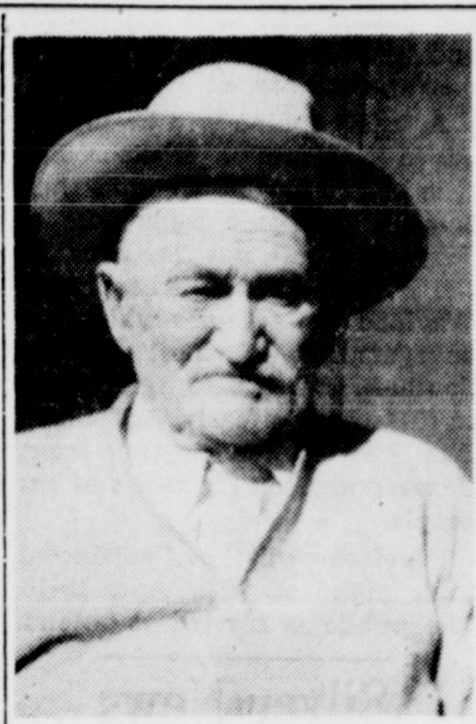
April 2 — Mrs. M. M. Sparks, Jerry Dean, Jo Alice McDonald, Mrs. Hulan Harris admitted. Daughter born to Mrs. Harris at 8:30 p. m. H. S. Lewis, Jr., and Lexie Lewis dismissed.

April 3 — William L. Coffey admitted and later released. Jerry Dean dismissed.

April 4 — Mrs. O. B. Jacobs admitted. Jo Alice McDonald dismissed.

April 5 — Morgan Russell admitted. Mrs. Hulan Harris and infant daughter dismissed.

April 7 — Mrs. Tom Schooler admitted.



J. I. MURTISHAW

DEATH CLAIMS J. I. MURTISHAW, COKE PIONEER

Death has come to John I. Murtishaw, 93, one of Coke County's oldest residents. His passing occurred to 5 p. m. Sunday, April 4, at Coke County Memorial Hospital where he had been a patient one week. He had been in failing health for some time.

Funeral services were held from the Robert Lee Methodist Church at 2 p. m. Wednesday in charge of the pastor, the Rev. Ray Lee, assisted by the Rev. James C. Shipman, Baptist minister. Burial was in the Robert Lee cemetery in charge of Clift Funeral Home. Grandsons of the deceased served as pallbearers.

John Irvin Murtishaw was born Oct. 2, 1866, in Wayne County, Tenn., and came to Texas when he was six years old. After his parents died he came out to West Texas with a neighbor family, residing at Sweetwater and later in Burnet, Llano and Brown counties.

"Murty" drove a herd of cattle into Coke County on his 29th birthday. That was Oct. 2, 1890. After locating in Coke County, Mr. Murtishaw established his young family on a place across the river, southwest of Robert Lee, and during subsequent years he accumulated a nice sized farm and ranch.

His first wife and the mother of his children was Mintie Chadwick, who died in May, 1910. In 1927 he married Mrs. Eva Hughes, widow of his friend and neighbor, the late C. L. Hughes, former county treasurer and well known stock farmer. The couple have been happy in each other's companionship and Mrs. Murtishaw has administered tenderly and faithfully to her husband throughout the years.

Mr. Murtishaw was known as an expert with the pistol and rifle in his younger days. Throughout his entire life he was greatly admired for his sharp wit and humor. He was a brother of the late Mrs. John Warren, also a long time resident of Robert Lee.

Survivors include the wife, four sons and four daughters. The children are: Mrs. Ola Blackburn, Missoula, Mont.; Mrs. Charlie (Zella) Boykin, San Angelo; Claude Murtishaw, Bronte; Fred Murtishaw, Irrigon, Oregon; Mrs. Bert (Alma) Smith, Nogales, Ariz.; Mrs. Lee (Dessie) Augustine, Sterling City; Burl Murtishaw, Kingsville, and Wilfred Murtishaw of Paducah, Texas. All the children were here for the funeral except the son, Fred, and the daughter, Mrs. Blackburn.

He is also survived by four stepchildren, Emory Hughes, East Point, Ga., Mrs. Clyde Gibbins, Midland, Mrs. Ell Hatley and A. V. Hughes, both of Robert Lee. There are 23 grandchildren, 27 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Ray Shafer has taken a position with the Ivey Motor Co. of Robert Lee. He and his wife have rented a house in Bronte. Mr. Shafer formerly operated a hardware store here and recently was connected with the Flint Motor Co. at Ballinger.

Ernest Ivey New Mayor At Bronte

H. O. Whitt, mayor of Bronte for more than 12 years, was defeated in his bid for re-election Tuesday by Ernest Ivey in the windup of a hotly contested city election.

Some 207 voters, a record breaking number, re-elected one councilman, J. G. Wilkins, and named two new ones, Ben Oglesby and Charlie Boecking.

In the mayor's race, Ivey received 131 votes, followed by Whitt with 52 and A. F. Ball with 23.

Results in the council race were: Oglesby, 163; J. A. Percifull, 49; Wilkins, 106; Boecking, 123; B. G. Thomas, 72; and W. W. Millikin, 81.

Holdover councilmen are H. A. Springer and Leonard Fletcher. J. B. Mackey and J. P. McGuire did not seek re-election.

PHONES FROM OKINAWA

Lieut. Jack Snead phoned from Okinawa Saturday night and talked with his wife and parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Snead, Jr. The call came in here at 7:30 p. m. but it was Sunday morning in Okinawa. Jack is a member of a B-29 bomber crew and is a radar and navigation officer. He has been in Okinawa more than seven months and expects to return to the States in June. His wife is the former Glo Caraway.

Easter Sunrise Services Set

Community Easter Sunrise Services will be held again this year on the mountain at the Weaver Ranch, 10 miles south of Robert Lee.

The Rev. J. Fred Brucks of San Angelo will speak. There will be a community choir and music by the Robert Lee School Band.

Robert Lee churches are cooperating in sponsoring the event which was started several years ago.

BIRTHS

HARRIS — Mr. and Mrs. Hulan Harris (Sealy Jean Golson) are parents of a daughter born April 2 in Coke County Memorial Hospital here. Arriving at 8:30 p. m. Vicki Lynn weighed 6 pounds, 7½ ounces. She has a brother, Rickey, 4 years old. Mr. Harris is vocational agriculture instructor in the Robert Lee public schools.

April 55
Gall Route Big Springs
Mrs Earl C Evans



PHIL CARPENTER

Silver Baptist Youth Revival Set for April 15-18

Students from Wayland Baptist College, Plainview, Tex. who will be in an Easter Youth Revival at Silver Baptist Church, April 15-18, will include Phil Carpenter, Columbus, Ga.; Glenn Clements, Ventura, Calif.; Bernice Alexander, Klamouth Falls, Ore.; and Eleanor Koteen, Espanola, New Mexico.

Phil Carpenter, a senior ministerial student, will be doing the preaching. He is president of the Wayland Ministerial Alliance. In 1951-52 he was sophomore favorite and for the past two years has been cheer leader. He is also vice-president of the senior class.

Want Ads

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Glenn Clements, President of the Wayland Student Government Association, is also a senior ministerial student. He has been very active in the Volunteer Mission Band and was elected vice-president of the organization in 1952. Glenn will lead the singing.

Bernice Alexander will play the piano. She is a sophomore and is active in the Young Women's Auxiliary of Wayland.

A "real" Indian will be included in the group. Eleanor Koteen is half Pueblo and half Apache. She is a sophomore at Wayland and was included in the World Mission Team from Wayland last summer which had engagements in most of the Southern states, before returning to the school in early September. She has spoken before many Texas groups on the needs of her people.

Services will be conducted each night at 7:30, Apr. 15-18. The public is invited to attend.

Silver News

More than 90 ballots were cast in Saturday's school election. Elected as new trustees for three year terms were J. D. Duplissey and Bob Edwards. Unsuccessful candidates were Arch Mathers and Perry Post. The two new trustees will succeed O. L. Snyder and Ernest Clendennen, who declined nomination for re-election.

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Duncan (Elna Jameson) are parents of their first child, a daughter born by Caesarean section Monday at 8 p. m. at St. John Hospital in San Angelo. They have been

making their home here with Mrs. Duncan's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Jameson. Mr. Duncan is employed in oil field work.

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Pew III of Houston were here over the weekend visiting Sun Oil Company's installations.

C. E. Butcher and family returned Tuesday from a few days trip to Louisiana.

Wayne Reed, Jr., 11 years old, was given emergency treatment recently after he slammed a door on his finger.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Jameson were Sunday guests at the Fred Jameson ranch, nine miles west of San Angelo on the Concho River.

J. Weldon Phillips, who is stationed in the Air Force at Kelly Field near San Antonio, enjoyed a weekend visit with home folks here.

Rev. and Mrs. Wm. Gaston of Westbrook visited here Monday in the R. B. Allen home. Rev. Gaston is a brother of Mrs. Allen.

A new Sun Oil Co. employee here is Louis B. Carden, who was transferred from Hebronville where he served as chief clerk. However, he will be a pumper here and will reside on the C. E.

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Mathers lease. Mr. and Mrs. Carden have three daughters and a small son. Betty, the oldest girl, is a student at Texas A & I, Mary Ann is a junior in high school and Louise has enrolled in the Silver school. Keith is three years old.

A sound film, sponsored by the Post Office Department, was shown to the public at the school auditorium last Friday night. It was previously shown to the school children. The film portrayed the course of a letter through the postal system, from the desk of the writer to its reading by the recipient. There were short excursions into interesting features of the handling of mails and other categories. Mrs. Bob Odom, postmaster at Silver, was responsible for bringing the interesting film here.

Sun's soft ball team is getting

ready to start playing next week. Practice sessions are held at 7 p. m. and Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. John Stearns is manager of the team and the business manager is old Spivey.

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. E. Silvertown have been here a past week visiting relatives and old friends.

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Tuesday Night, April 13

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Students 25c Adults 50c

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History of Coke County

By Jessie Newton Yarbrough

INSTALLMENT SEVEN

The Martin Castillo expeditions (1650-54), which returned to Santa Fe carrying pearls, stirred up new interest in central Texas.

In the 1680's came the Mendoza-Lopez Expedition, which extended to the country of the Jumanos, where Mendoza (in 1684) built "a combined stronghold and chapel" on a river which, apparently, was the Colorado near its juncture with the main Concho. Because of the proximity of this site to the Coke County area, it would seem highly probable that remnants of this expedition explored the Coke area during the six weeks that the Mendoza-Lopes party remained at the site on the Colorado. At any rate, these men "met representatives of many tribes" and "baptized many Indians" during that time. The Mendoza-Lopes expedition with its memorials became the basis of extensive plans to occupy the areas explored by it—plans which were nullified by the appearance of the French on the east coast, which claimed the attention of the viceroy and his cohorts.

La Salle landed on the Texas coast in December, 1684. This "French menace" aroused interest in Texas for a time; however, it was not until after a French post had been established at Natchitochas on Red River, that the Spaniards built a number of missions in Texas, including one in East Texas in 1716, and a "presidio and a mission at the site of San Antonio" in 1718.

"The Seven Years' War removed France from the American continent," thus removing her from the Texas picture; however, Texas was a wilderness when the Spaniards first heard of it, and three hundred years after the first Spaniards set foot on its soil, it was still a wilderness.

Land Policy and Immigration

A period of rapid political change was recorded in the history of Texas in the first half of the nineteenth century. Within a span of twenty-six years (1820-1846) the flags of four different nations flew over Texas—the flags of Spain, Mexico, the

Republic of Texas, and the United States.

If any one type of events characterized those swiftly-moving years, it was the steady influx of Anglo-Americans into Texas. However, it would seem pertinent to mention that while the Spaniards had had much trouble with the Indians, the Mexicans had fared no better with them, and it was left to the Anglo-Americans to subdue the Indians and to settle the western regions that include Coke County.

To encourage immigration, grants of Texas lands were made by Spain, Mexico, the Republic of Texas, and the State of Texas. These grants included headrights and bounties, grants to colonies (Morcer's et al.), homestead donations (pre-emptions) and donations to veterans, and others. To encourage internal development and improvements, huge grants were made to railroads, and millions of acres were set aside for schools.

Texas made extraordinary strides in colonization under the empresario system. Austin, De Witt, De Leon and other empresarios brought hundreds of families into Texas founding settlements.

How many of these settlers may have found their way as far west as the Coke area is not known, but at least one did, for L. B. Harris, one of the first "cattle-kings" of the Tom Green-Coke area, came to Texas in 1832 with the second De Witt colony. Doubtless many a person who received grants came to view the grant and to live upon it, or traded his "scrip," or whatever title he had, to someone who did settle upon the land.

Thus the land policy of Texas, by providing a great stimulus to immigration, accomplished just what it was meant to accomplish.

CARD OF THANKS

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Jones and family wish to express appreciation and thanks to the many friends on behalf of their recent misfortune.

Inez Gartman and Mrs. Effie Campbell motored to Midland for a weekend visit with Billie Campbell.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed proposals will be received by the Owner and Architects in the office of the School Superintendent in Existing School Building, Robert Lee, Texas up to and not later than 2:00 P. M. Tuesday, April 27, 1954, at which time and place all of the proposals then received will be publicly opened and read aloud. Any bid received after the hour named hereinabove will be returned unopened.

The work to be done consists of construction of New School Building and certain alterations in existing school, at Robert Lee, Texas in accordance with drawings and specifications prepared by Wilson, Patterson and Associates, Architects and Engineers, Bailey at W. 5th, P. O. Box 9035, Fort Worth 7, Texas. The work will be done under one contract including General Construction, Plumbing and Heating, and Electrical Work.

One complete set of drawings and specifications will be issued to each General Contractor making application in writing upon deposit of \$25.00, which deposit will be returned upon return of such documents in good condition within 5 days from bid opening. General Contractors requiring additional sets, and subcontractors may secure same by paying the cost of reproduction, which on this project amounts to \$15.00 for 1 complete set, \$10.00 for 1 General Construction set,

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and \$5.00 for 1 Mechanical or Electrical set.

Proposals may not be withdrawn for a period of ten (10) days from and after the time established for opening bids. Each proposal, to be eligible for consideration, must be accompanied by a certified check or bidders bond, in the amount of five per cent (5%) of the largest total amount of bid, to insure the Owners against loss occasioned by the bidder's failure to execute a contract, if awarded Contract, or to furnish satisfactory Contract Surety.

The successful bidder will be

required to enter a Contract with the Robert Lee School District, which shall contain provisions required by State Laws, including scales and hours as provided in House Bill No. 45, Act of the State Legislature.

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SERVICE INSTALLATIONS

The annual Red Cross Fund Drive has exceeded its quota, according to H. A. Springer, county chairman.

Contributions of \$935 have been reported in Coke County, while the quota was \$895. The sum of \$375 was raised in Robert Lee and more than \$50 was contributed at Silver.

Nelan Bahlman has gone to Winters where he has employment in a dry cleaning plant. He formerly worked in Robert Lee with his brother, Melvin Bahlman.

CALLS FROM JAPAN

Sgt. Royce Smith telephoned from Japan Sunday, talking with his wife and his mother, Mrs. Willis Smith. He is stationed with an Infantry Regiment in Korea but was on leave in Japan when he put the call through. Royce went overseas in January of 1953 and is due for a discharge in July. He has never seen his son, James Royce Smith, Jr., born two months after his father left.

VISITS SON AT FT. BLISS

Editor A. J. Kirkpatrick went to El Paso for a weekend visit with his son, Tommy, who is stationed at Ft. Bliss. The occasion was highly enjoyable and included sight seeing trips over the huge army base and the busy city of El Paso, as well as a brief visit to Juarez across the river in Mexico. Main features of army training at Ft. Bliss now are anti aircraft artillery, guided missiles and radar. All inductees from this area are being sent to Ft. Bliss for training. Tommy's new assignment is acting NCO in charge of a day room and mail for an anti-aircraft battery of 225 men. His address is: Pvt. Thomas O. Kirkpatrick, US 541-28053, Btry. D. 3rd Tng. Bn. AW (SP), AAA RTC, Ft. Bliss, Texas.

PERSONALS

Mrs. Flora McDaniel of Hubbard visited last week with her sister, Mrs. Jno. C. Snead. Also a guest in the Snead home was Mrs. Garland Barnes of Sylvester, a cousin of Mrs. Snead. Mrs. Barnes is also a cousin of H. S. Lewis, Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Millican and Mrs. Elton Millican and Marshall Wayne visited last Sunday with friends and relatives in Odessa. Don Bowen returned with them for a visit among Robert Lee friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Turney Casey and family spent Sunday with the J. E. Schooleys at Voca. They were joined there by Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Schooley and Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Taylor and little son of Ft. Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. V. H. Simpson and Annelie and Miss Kay Reeder visited Sunday in Sterling City with Mr. and Mrs. Elton Neel.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Steffey of San Angelo were Sunday guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Tubb.

Mrs. Howard Eaton left last Friday for a visit with relatives at Bangs and Brownwood.

Gerald Ivey has gone to Corpus Christi where he expected to have employment.

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No. 696 A.F. & A.M. Meets second Tuesday night in each month. Visitors welcome.

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2 lb sack \$1.05

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**Notes
From The
Oil Field**

**Sun Will Deepen
Its Arledge No. 2**

An important announcement this week is Sun's decision to resume activity in its Arledge field north of Sanco. The company will deepen to 7,650 feet to test the Cambrian in No. 2 J. W. Arledge Estate.

It is 1,990 feet from north and 2,011 feet from east lines of Sec-

**Political
Announcements**

The Observer 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

tion 261, block 1-A, H&TC Survey, south offset to the discovery in the Arledge Marble Falls pool.

The well was completed May 17, 1948, as a small Marble Falls producer from 6,598 to 6,630 feet.

Carl Short has the contract and will move in rotary equipment this week.

Humble Oil and Refining Co. No. 19 R. E. Hickman has been staked as a Bronte (Cambrian) Field project two miles south of Bronte.

Slated for 5,500 feet with rotary, it will be 492 feet from the northwest and 2,491 feet from the southwest lines of C&MRR Survey.

In the Jameson-Strawn Field, Ashland Oil and Refining Co. of Midland spotted the No. 2 F. A. Whitt.

No. 2 Whitt is slated for 6,200 feet with rotary, and will be 467 feet from the northwest and 710 feet from the south lines of Alex Barnhill Survey.

**Quisenberry New
President of BCD**

J. E. Quisenberry has been named president of the Robert Lee Board of Community Development. His election followed a recent change in the BCD by-laws in which members selected a new set of seven directors.

The directors met Wednesday and chose Quisenberry as their chairman. Other directors are Bob Vaughan, Jeff Dean, Weldon Fikes, Fern Havins, Sid Ferrell and A. J. Kirkpatrick.

A general BCD meeting was scheduled for Thursday night of this week and a good turnout was anticipated.

COFFEE PRICES SOAR

The price of coffee continues to advance. Wholesale jobbers calling on local grocers Wednesday said the market on standard brands had gone up to \$1.29 per pound. They were still selling it at \$1.18.

You Are Invited To
Services at The

**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

Sam Lewis Says—

**SERVE
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With Every Meal

Douglas and Debra Simpson, children of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Simpson, have been patients in a San Angelo hospital. Douglas was brought to Robert Lee day for a visit in the his grandparents, Mr. V. H. Simpson.

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SUN., MON., TUES., APRIL 11, 12, 13, Sun. Matinee 1:30
Academy Award Winner Audrey Hepburn, Gregory Peck
"ROMAN HOLIDAY"

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CATSUP, White Swan - - - 14 Oz. Bot.

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PURE CANE
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24 OZ. JAR

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WAFFLE SYRUP, K. B. - - - 24 Oz. Jar

WHITE SWAN
PEACHES, Sliced or Halves - - - No. 2 1/2

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