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CLOSE EDITH POST OFFICE AFTER 60 YRS.

The Edith post office was closed Jan. 31 and its patrons will now receive their mail through Robert Lee.

Mrs. Finnell Smith served as postmaster the past few years, but resigned a few months ago. When the department was unable to find anyone who wanted the job, steps were taken to close the office.

However, Mrs. Lillian Killam later moved to Edith and opened a store owned by her brother. She was made acting postmaster but efforts by some to keep the post office open were unsuccessful. Mrs. Smith was in charge of packing up records and closing out the office the end of the month.

Patrons of the former Edith post office will continue to be served by R. L. Read, star route carrier. He will travel 5.4 miles west of Edith on Highway 158 to the Foster Sims Price corner, and thus give better service to about 30 families in that locality.

The Edith post office had been established about 60 years ago. The Millican family who settled there in 1896 recall that the office was then in charge of the Collier family who also had a thriving mercantile business.

In those days Edith was located west of the Tabernacle where Ralph Garvin now resides. About 15 years ago D. A. Neel bought the store and became postmaster, and moved the office and store a mile south to its present location.

City Lake New 2 Ft. from Top

Last week's rain added 3½ feet of water in Mountain Creek Lake, Robert Lee's municipal water source. It lacks only 2 feet over flowing the spillway.

Although the water had gone down 5½ feet since the last runoff rain of early June, there has been no imminent shortage of water. Engineers estimated the city water supply would last two years without any rainfall.

Mr. and Mrs. D. O. King and daughter, Joyce, spent the weekend at Lubbock with their daughter and sister, Mrs. Dan Hall, and husband.

HOSPITAL NEWS

Feb. 2 — Charlie Cooper, Patty Gray admitted. Dee J. Walker, Jr. Mrs. Bobby Hood and infant son dismissed.

Feb. 3 — Helen Johnson, Mrs. B. B. Pierce admitted. Freddie McDonald, Dee W. Smith, Priscilla Wylie dismissed.

Feb. 4 — Jeff Dean, Ronny Sims, Charles Askins admitted. Tommy Allen, Freddie Ross, Donald Robertson, Patty Gray dismissed.

Feb. 5 — Charles Askins, Mrs. Oscar Collett, Mrs. Jack Cowley dismissed.

Feb. 6 — Mary Beth Walker, Judy Allen, C. G. Walker admitted. Ronny Sims dismissed.

Feb. 7 — A. J. Summers, Martha Jean Brown, Carl Brock, E. C. Davis admitted.

Feb. 8 — Mrs. M. M. Sparks, Carol Bagwell admitted. Carl Brock, Mary Beth Walker, A. J. Summers, Judy Allen dismissed.



MISS BILLIE ALLEN

ANNOUNCE ENGAGEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. John Allen of Robert Lee announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Billie, to Wallace Ross, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy P. Ross of Robert Lee. The wedding will take place the middle of March.

Miss Allen is employed in the First National Bank at San Angelo. Mr. Ross, who recently completed a 4-year enlistment in the Air Force, recently accepted a position with McClellan's in San Angelo.

SUNDAY VESPER SERVICE

Stephen A. Haboush, native Galilean who travels the world with his story and pictures of the Holy Land will be here Sunday afternoon to present a Vesper service on the 23rd Psalm. The service will be held in the Methodist church at 5:00. All persons of the community are cordially invited to attend. The service will be of interest and inspiration to all who hold the Bible as the Sacred Word of their Faith and the Holy Land as the birthplace of their religion.

Mr. Haboush and company will also be here Friday night, Feb. 18, with his famous travelogue on the Holy Land.

Nab Thieves Who Stole Drilling Rig Equipment

Equipment valued at \$1,200 which had been stolen from the Lamar H. Moore drilling rig, was returned to the location where the rig is stacked on the S. E. Adams place, north of Robert Lee, before the owner knew it was missing.

Theft of the property was discovered by the sheriff at Odessa Monday after it was reported to him that three men had tried to sell drilling equipment.

They were taken into custody and identified as Robert Simpson, 25, Elbert Holland, 22, and Lester Qualis, 28, all of San Angelo. They admitted stealing the property Sunday night.

Sheriff Paul Good and Deputy Frank Keesee went to Odessa Tuesday and brought the trio to Robert Lee where they are now confined in the county jail. The property was also returned.

Bonds of \$1,000 each were set by Justice of the Peace Emory Davis, who signed the papers from his room at Coke County Memorial Hospital where he is a patient.

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Good, accompanied by their friends, Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Marie of San Angelo, enjoyed a weekend trip to Ruidoso, New Mex.

Silver Folks To Hear Burma Talk By A. Bloodworth

Allen Bloodworth, who has been home on leave from government work in Burma, will give an illustrated talk on his experiences at the Silver school auditorium next Monday night, Feb. 14, starting at 7:30. Admission is free and the public is invited.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Bloodworth, Allen grew up at Silver and graduated from A&M College. He was vocational ag teacher at Mason when he received the government appointment in 1952. In June of that year he went to Washington, D. C., for several months of training.

With his family he left in the fall for his assignment and arrived in Burma in December. He served as a teacher and advisor in farming and stock raising under what is known as the U. S. 4-Point Program to assist foreign nations with their farming problems.

He remained in Burma until last September and then was transferred to Bangkok in Thailand. He and his family were flown home at government expense and arrived in San Angelo last Dec. 17. They depart next week on their return to Thailand where Allen will resume his government work. The assignment is for two years, with a privilege of staying three years.

Mrs. Bloodworth is the former Frances Branch of Bryan, Tex. They have three children, Bill, 14, Barbara, 12, and Mary, who was born in Burma Jan. 1, 1954.

Allen has hundreds of slides, but of course will show only a comparatively few of them. His illustrated talk should prove highly interesting and attract a large audience.

PTA MEETING FEB. 17

There will be a meeting of the Robert Lee PTA in the school lunch room on Thursday, Feb. 17, at 4 p.m. The remaining time is short. With completion of the new building let us take new courage and attempt greater accomplishments. This can be done through whole hearted cooperation of each and every member. Do come!

Hospital Cares For 14 Patients

Coke County Memorial Hospital has been a busy place the past two months. While normal capacity is 12 beds, the hospital has cared for as many as 14 patients at time.

To make room for an increased number of patients beds have been placed in the dining room, one office room and in the corridor at times.

Annual report discussed by hospital trustees last week, indicated that the institution had operated with a deficit of only \$5,200 last year. This was \$1,000 less than the previous year.

It has been pointed out that tax money for operation of the hospital amounts to about \$1.25 per person. Since oil properties pay fully 80% of the county taxes, residents of the county contribute only about 30 cents a year.

S. R. Young, well known Robert Lee resident, is reported to be making improvement at Shannon Hospital where he underwent major surgery Monday of last week.

V. H. SIMPSON FUNERAL

Funeral services for V. H. Simpson, 61, well known Robert Lee constable and Coke County resident for 33 years, were held last Friday from the Baptist Church. Rev. J. C. Shipman officiated and burial was in Robert Lee cemetery under direction of Clift Funeral Home.

Mr. Simpson died Wednesday in Shannon Hospital from cancer. All the children were here for the funeral. A daughter, Mrs. Frank Bryan, and her son, Pat, of Phoenixville, Pa., plan to remain several weeks when Capt. Bryan will join them here.

Pallbearers were J. B. Counts, J. L. Tinkler, Weldon Fikes, Lee Roberts, Waymond Robertson and O. E. Kresta.

TWO INDICTED BY GRAND JURY

Two indictments were returned by a Coke County grand jury during the opening day of a new District Court term Monday. They are A. L. Bailey, 35, and James Turner, 27, both of San Angelo.

The pair are alleged to have beaten up a driller on the Guy Mabree rig a few weeks ago at the Bob Hickman lease, southeast of Robert Lee. Turner has been charged with assault and battery, while Bailey was indicted for aggravated assault.

Judge Joe L. Mays issued an order that the men are to be tried in County Court, since their crimes are classed as misdemeanors.

Serving as grand jurors were D. K. Glenn, foreman, Tom Wington, B. A. Austin, Bobby Baker, W. D. McDonald, Raymond Schooler, J. L. Carwile, Melvin Childress and R. C. Lasswell.

The Grand Jury completed its work in a couple of hours, but will be subject to recall if necessary later in the term. District Attorney Aubrey Stokes presented evidence for the state.

Final papers were granted to Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Rippetoe of Bronte for adoption of a daughter, whom they have named Melodee Sue. The baby was only a few weeks old when she came into the Rippetoe home on March 16, 1954. Judge Mays was due to return to Robert Lee Thursday forenoon to hear a land title case, involving Johnson Estate oil land in the west end of the county. The judge was due back in San Angelo early Thursday afternoon when a grand jury was to be impanelled to investigate Harry Washburn's connection with the car bomb murder of Mrs. Harry Weaver.

Banker Reports Nearly 800 Oil Wells in County

And now it is known. Coke County has very close to 800 producing oil wells.

The count was made by G. C. Allen, executive vice president of the Robert Lee State Bank, where a large new Coke County oil map has been hung on the wall.

Mr. Allen counted 770 producers when the map was received three or four weeks ago. A number of new wells have come in since that time, and the total figure will soon reach 800.

The public is invited to refer to the new map in the Robert Lee Bank at any time.

PHONE RATES DISCUSSED AT BCD LUNCHEON

The telephone company must have an increase of rates in Robert Lee to give its investors a fair return on their money, according to representatives of General Telephone Company of the Southwest, who spoke at a Board of Community Development luncheon here Wednesday.

The past year earnings from the local exchange were only half of 1 per cent, they pointed out.

Appearing for the company were John E. Robbins, Jr., commercial manager from San Angelo, and Euston Woullard of Sonora, manager of this district.

Mr. Robbins said he desired only to talk "telephone" and gave a review of the General Telephone Company which was practically unknown here until it bought out the San Angelo Telephone Company in October 1953.

General, he said, has its main offices in New York City and operates 17 companies, one of which is General of the Southwest. The latter division has 4,000 stockholders who own preferred stock drawing 5% interest. There are 70,000 stockholders in the major company.

Offices of the Southwest Division recently were moved to San Angelo from Dallas to save rent. Seventy per cent of exchanges in this division now have dial operated systems. Mr. Robbins pointed out that Robert Lee gained 60 telephones in the past 18 months.

Messrs. Robbins and Woullard had previously appeared before the city commission with their request for higher rates. Since then the proposed rates have been published in The Observer. The city has the power to grant rate increases in town, but not in rural areas. And that's where the main contention exists at present.

The company was given a 33 per cent raise two years ago, agreeing at that time to improve service. Service in town was improved, but the rural lines remain bad and some are terrible. No action has been taken by city officials, and it appears the company will have to do something definite about rural lines before they can expect another rate increase. Mr. Woullard said surveys on the country lines are now being made, and the company would present information on this subject at a later date.

Guests at the Wednesday luncheon were several residents of the Edith locality, whose telephone line is one of the worst. They included Commissioner Ed Hickman, W. E. Burns, T. R. Harmon, P. W. Milican and Fimmel Smith.

Mr. Hickman said they agreed to a raise two years ago, but it would not be right to raise them again without improving the service. He added that he didn't think the people would stand for it.

Fimmel said his father, Lake Smith, had a double line out of Bronte and was getting good service. Mr. Burns said they shouldn't start charging higher rates until they provided the service.

Robbins stated they were aware of the problems here, and hope to work it out satisfactorily. He said the Robert Lee exchange handles at least 2,000 calls every day.

SILVER NEWS

The Silver Boy Scouts held a court of honor Tuesday night. Jerome Sirius is the scoutmaster.

Mrs. E. R. Pace and children are in Dallas this week visiting her parents.

J. C. Furr and his family are living in one of John Brown's houses in Robert Lee. Mr. Furr, in charge of the gas department loading rack here, moved his family up from South Texas a few weeks ago.

C. G. Walker, Sun pumper, is a medical patient this week in Coke County Memorial Hospital at Robert Lee.

Earl Boggus and wife are in Luling where the former's mother has been ill.

Mrs. Oscar Higginbotham has recovered from an attack of flu which she experienced last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Beall and DelWayne of Iowa Park visited here last week with his brother, Gale Beall, and family. Gale is a Halliburton employee.

Mrs. Arch Mathers and son, Robert Doyle, and the J. C. Thorn family of Winters recently went to Dallas where they visited the Randall McCutchens. The three ladies are sisters.

Billy Preston returned to his home here last week after being treated six weeks in a Colorado City hospital for burns on one of his legs. He was working with a J. P. Jameson roustabout crew on an oil heater treater when he received the burns during the holidays. He is the younger son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Preston.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Clegg and son, Buzzy, arrived Sunday from Pocasset, Mass., for a visit in the parental home of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Allen. Mrs. Clegg is the former Ruthelle Allen. Her husband has a 4 weeks vacation from his position with the Bell Telephone company. Several of the other Allen children and their families were here Sunday to greet the visitors from New England. The Cleggs report cold weather back east, with 5 degrees below zero and lots of snow.

Mr. and Mrs. G. K. Beall and daughter, Gayla Jo, spent the weekend with relatives in Lampasas.

David McKinnon arrived Saturday on a 14-days army leave after completing basic infantry training at Fort Bliss near El Paso. He was inducted into military service the first of December. His wife, the former Jeanette Caldwell, has been living at Silver with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Caldwell. David and his wife left Wednesday for a visit with his kinfolks near Tyler. At the completion of his leave he will return to Fort Bliss where he has been assigned to the radar section of the Anti-Aircraft Artillery. Before entering service he was stationed here as a field clerk with Sun Oil Co. production department.

Kenneth Preston has accepted permanent employment with Sun Oil Co. and began work Monday as a roustabout at Forsan. His father, W. A. Preston, is a pumper here and is a long time Sun employee. Kenneth was discharged last fall after serving four years in the Navy.

SILVER 4-H GIRLS

The Girls 4-H Club of Silver met Feb. 1 in the school library. Mrs. Jahew Jameson was the presiding leader. Plans were discussed for a Valentine Party. Mrs. Jameson gave a demonstration on shoe shining.

The club met again Feb. 7 when a demonstration was given on proper table setting. Yearly records were discussed and pamphlets were distributed on various demonstrations. Mrs. Jameson was again in charge of the meeting.

New Card Form Being Used For Electric Bills

Reddy Kilowatt, West Texas Utilities Company's versatile service symbol, now greets customers on the monthly service statements in a new manner beginning this week, on handier more convenient post card statements. WTU's local office in Robert Lee mailed out the new cards for the first time Feb. 1 instead of the long statement form used so many years.

Inauguration of the new statement form was decided on after lengthy study and investigation which showed the new method would provide a more convenient statement for the customer and a more efficient system for the Company.

W. D. McAdams, WTU's local manager said, "The new post card statements are prepared on long sheets of heavy paper that feed through machines in a continuous run much as newsprint runs through a printing press. The machines figure the statements, print them, and separate them for mailing automatically. The 2c postage is printed on each statement at the time the statement is figured and the information is printed on the statement. Use of a mailing permit eliminates the need for stamping the statements

separately."

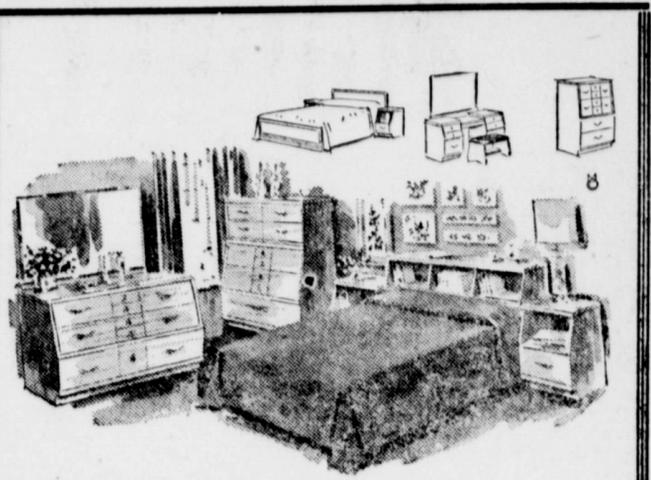
McAdams said every effort has been made in preparing this new statement form to keep it as simple as possible and to present all the information the customer desires. He pointed out that the new statement interprets service charges in both kilowatts of electric power used and hours Reddy Kilowatt worked in the home; that is, kilowatt hours of electric service.

It was pointed out that the new statement is basically a simpler and modernized form of the old statement. There has been no change in rates or manner in calculating the statement. The due date and delivery date remain the same as before.

"This new billing system," said McAdams, "is a result of one of the many studies and plans which the Company constantly has under consideration in their efforts to hold the line and keep electric rates at the pre-war level while the cost of everything has gone up and up."

Mr. and Mrs. Weldon (Jiggs) Lofton and children, Jan and Kirk, of Texas City, visited over the weekend with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Lofton, and with his wife's kinfolks, T. W. Farris and family. They stopped enroute to visit Mrs. Lofton's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Raphey Farris in Menard.

City Water Supt. Sam Jay visited over the weekend with his parents in Van Alstyne. Both have been in poor health. Robert Lewis Jay and his wife were here from Alpine the last of the week and he was in charge of operating the city water plant.



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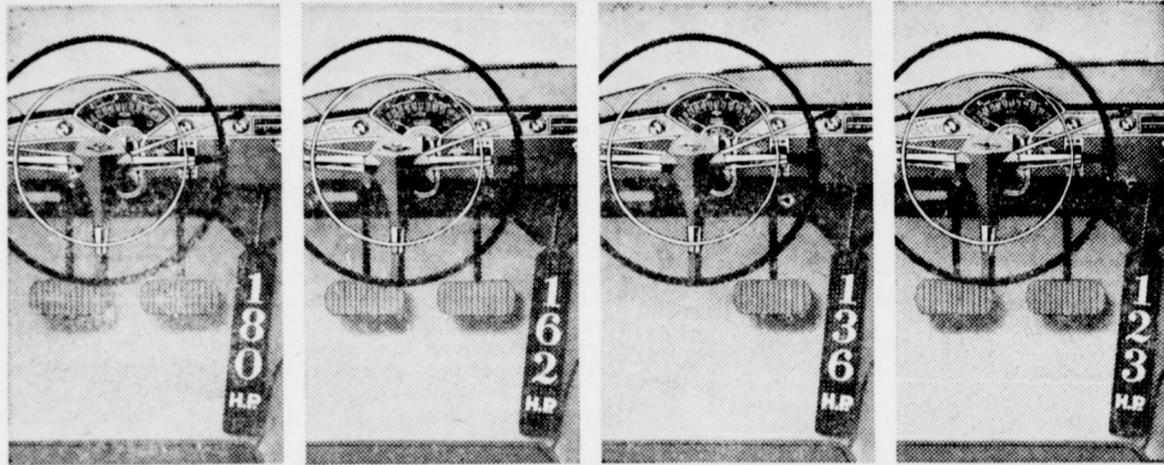
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Jess Gaines, 67, Dies in San Angelo

St. in San Angelo, died at his home at 9 a.m. Sunday. He had been in ill health for some time, but his death was not expected.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Cox Funeral Home with Rev. Leon P. Woods, Harris Avenue Baptist Church pastor, officiating. Burial was in Paint Creek cemetery at Edith.

Mr. Gaines was born Dec. 6, 1887, at Cumby and was engaged in stock farming in Coke County for many years. He married the former Beulah King at Edith Dec. 17, 1916. Mrs. Gaines died in 1945 when they were living north of Bronte. The following year he and his children moved to San Angelo.

Survivors include two sons, Garland L. Gaines of 1618 Preusser St., San Angelo, and Jesse R. Gaines of Slaton; four daughters, Miss Clara Bell Gaines of 1618 Preusser St., San Angelo, Mrs. Jimmy King of Wingate, Mrs. E. W. Middleton of 1725 Spaulding, San Angelo, and Mrs. David Key of Robert Lee; and three grandchildren.

Mrs. Paul Daffern writes from Fort Worth that her husband had a very serious operation and will not be able to work for two or three months. Mrs. Daffern is the former Nettie Harmon of Robert Lee.

Charlie Cooper expected to return to his home southwest of town yesterday. He underwent a successful hernia operation in Coke County Memorial Hospital last week.

REAL WINTER WEATHER

Coke County is feeling the effects of a blue norther which blew into Texas early Thursday. Forecasted was freezing temperatures by noon and at least 20 degrees Thursday night. The cold wave was accompanied by strong winds and dust.

Feb. 15 Deadline To Apply For Aid In Drouth Relief

Paul C. Shillingburg, County Supervisor, of the Farmers Home Administration office in Nolan and Coke Counties said the following telegram has been received from the National Office:

"Effective midnight February 15, 1955, no further applications for assistance under the Emergency Feed Program will be approved by County Committees. Arrangements will be made for committee meetings to be held on February 15 as may be necessary to act on any applications which are then on hand. Federal funds may be used for making payments under hay contract only for deliveries of hay through March 31. Approved applicants will continue to have 120 days to use purchase orders issued for grain."

To further clarify the above ruling, applications for grain may be taken through February 15, 1955, that will supply the applicant with grain for a period of sixty days from the date of the application. Applicants who have previously qualified for feed assistance for a period extending beyond February 15 may reapply on or before that date. In such instances applicants may qualify for hay for an additional period not to extend beyond

March 31, 1955, and for grain for an additional period not to extend beyond 60 days from the date of reapplication, taking into consideration in each instance the amount of feed on hand and that previously authorized, and period covered by previous application.

Tests Indicate 3rd Wojtek Well

Indications point to a third producer on the Wojtek lease, three miles north of town. It is Union's No. 2 Wojtek, a south offset to Randle No. 2. Operators report good shows in the Canyon sand.

Union No. 1 Wojtek, offset to the discovery, was plugged as a dry hole.

Efforts are still being made to complete Superior 1 Wojtek, a west offset to the producer.

Fortune & Cosden No. 1 Markham, one mile west of the Superior venture, failed to find production. It drilled into the Ellenburger and a drillstem test 6,484 to 6,626 feet recovered 5,698 feet of fluid. It included 428 feet of salty mud and 5,248 feet of salt water with sulphur odor.

Fortune & Cosden 1 Wiginton, wildcat 3 miles northwest of Robert Lee, is swabbing four to eight barrels of oil per eight hours.

Good progress is reported in the condition of Clinton Fincher, 19, of Sterling City, who is being cared for in Coke County Memorial Hospital. The young man was caught in a catline on a Priddy & Clark drilling rig near Silver Jan. 25 and narrowly escaped death. He received 7 broken ribs, a fracture of the right collar bone, dislocated left shoulder and serious bruises about the shoulders and chest.

Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Wanker and little son of Hill City, Kans., were called here by the death of Mrs. Wanker's uncle, Jesse Gaines. They plan to remain for a few days' visit with her mother, Mrs. R. Gaines, and other relatives and friends.

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BRIDGE BIDS DUE MONDAY

Bids for construction of a new Colorado River Bridge, southwest of Silver, will be opened next Monday by the Coke County Commissioners Court. Included in Precinct 1 \$245,000 road and bridge building program, the new bridge is expected to cost around \$36,000. Monday is also regular monthly meeting day for the Commissioners and a number of important busi-

ness matters will be taken up.

Lloyd Sparks, son of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Sparks, arrived home Wednesday for a ten days visit after completing navy boot training at San Diego, Calif. When he returns to duty he will be stationed on a destroyer at Long Beach. Lloyd found the boot training quite strenuous but he gained 25 pounds during the 11 weeks period.

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UCRA Seeks New Permit for Dam

Upper Colorado River Authority Directors L. T. Youngblood, G. C. Allen and Cumbie Ivey were in Austin Monday when they contacted the State Water Board in regard to extending a permit for a dam on the Colorado River below Robert Lee.

Mr. Allen said a permit issued to the UCRA a number of years ago had expired. The new request calls for permission to impound 500,000 acre feet of water with 30,000 to be used for municipal purposes and 100,000 acre feet for irrigation.

This size reservoir would not inundate Robert Lee. It is being considered at this time, since Abilene, Ballinger and Winters are interested in a possible additional water supply.

The original dam proposal would have impounded 670,000 acre feet of water and would have covered up the town of Robert Lee.

UCRA officials will return to Austin for a hearing on their application March 7.

Mrs. D. M. Millican is apparently some improved at Coke County Memorial Hospital, after suffering a stroke two weeks ago. Relatives have been at her bedside much of the time. She is a sister of Willie I. and Robert Tubb and Mrs. L. D. Rogers of Lamesa.

Coming for the funeral of their brother-in-law, Jesse Gaines, were Tom King of Petersburg, George King of Stanley, New Mex., and R. B. King of El Paso. They were accompanied by their wives.

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IN SAN ANGELO MEETING

Owen Cosgrove of Robert Lee will be in a Gospel Meeting at the Church of Christ at Ninth and Main in San Angelo. The meeting will last from Friday night through Sunday night, with services daily at 7:30 p.m. and 10:45 a.m. on Sunday. The meeting will emphasize the development of youth in Christian service. Good crowds and results are expected.

Wallace Riffle of San Angelo will preach in Robert Lee Sunday in place of Mr. Cosgrove.

Good Rain Helps Crops, Pastures

Coke County received a good rain last Thursday afternoon and night. About 1½ inches fell in Robert Lee. Most sections received upwards of an inch, although less rainfall was reported in the west end of the county.

Grain crops will benefit greatly and farmers are optimistic about crop prospects. Moisture in February seldom occurs, but is regarded as highly beneficial.

Judge Jeff Dean has been back in the hospital the past week to ease off arthritis pains in his back. He has been improving, but was forced to be in his office Wednesday to hear a contested will case.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed bids for constructing a 200 foot concrete bridge across the Colorado River 5.65 miles Southwest of Silver addressed to the Commissioner's Court of Coke County, Texas will be received at the office of the County Judge in Robert Lee until 2:00 P. M. February 14, 1955, and then publicly opened and read.

The right is reserved, as the interest of the Owner may require, to reject any and all bids, and to waive any informality in bids received.

Each bidder must also submit a statement of his experience, financial resources, and equipment available with his bid.

Plans, specifications and bidding documents may be secured from the office of the Engineer, W. W. Greif & Associates in McCamey, Texas, upon deposit of twenty dollars (\$20) per set, which sum so deposited will be refunded, provided: (1) All documents are returned in good condition to the Engineer not later than 48 hours prior to the time for receiving bids; or (2) The Contractor submits a bid and all documents are returned in good condition to the Engineer not later than five (5) days after the time that bids are received.

Plans and Specifications may be examined in the office of the county Judge or the County Clerk at the Courthouse in Robert Lee, Texas.

BY ORDER OF THE COKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT

Robert Lee, Texas
By the Honorable Jeff Dean,
County Judge

School Building To Be Completed Friday, Feb. 18

Robert Lee's new school building will be completed and ready to turn over to trustees Friday afternoon of next week, Feb. 18. This announcement was made by Dusty Rhodes, who has been in charge of the project for Houston Hill, the contractor.

Considerable finishing work remains, but a good sized crew is on the job. Auditorium seats are being installed by the company who sold the equipment. Concrete walks on the outside of the building have been completed and cleanup work is underway.

The building has been well constructed and presents a very attractive appearance.

Following acceptance of the building it will be occupied immediately.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Grider and two sons, Jimmy Jack and Billy Paul, are new Robert Lee residents and are living in the John Conley house. Mr. Grider is an engineer for Milwhite Mud Sales Co. He replaced Pete Cook in this territory.

Want Ads

INCOME TAX Service. Call 120-W for appointment. — Jack Brock

FOR SALE — Our house in the north part of Robert Lee. Has 5 rooms and bath, screened in 27-ft. porch. Will sell furnished or unfurnished. — Burl Childress. 20tf

FOR RENT — Two bedroom and bath home, across from football field. See the owner, Palmer Leeper.

UPHOLSTERING & FURNITURE REPAIRS — We are prepared to do all kinds of Upholstering and Furniture Repair Work. Will pickup and deliver anywhere in town. — MRS. ROY TAYLOR, Phone 189-J.

HOUSE FOR RENT — 3 large rooms, 3 piece bath, butane, just redecorated, 2 blocks from post office. — J. C. Strickland, 312 Iris, San Angelo.

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.

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Not at all unlike the notches on a gangster's gun are the 28 big spikes imbedded in the shepherd's rod of Stephen A. Haboush. The difference is that each spike represents a dead jackal, hyena or wolf—not a human life.

Nowadays he spends his time lecturing before church and school groups, telling them of his boyhood as a Palestinian shepherd and showing his full color motion pictures of the Holy Land. The much-scarred rod more than once has meant the difference between life and death for him and his flocks on the lonely western shores of the Sea of Galilee.

"For several years I was a nursemaid to a flock of 85 sheep and a dozen goats," he said recently. "It wasn't an easy job. The goats made my life miserable and the stray sheep unhappy. Most of my trouble was with the goats however, and I love goats as much as the Irish like the English. Nevertheless, thanks to my trusty black oak rod, I never lost more than seven or eight animals a year. That's even a pretty good record among the Palestinian tribes of today."

They will appear at the Robert Lee Methodist Church on Friday, Feb. 18, at 7:30 P. M. under the auspices of the school, B. C. Goodwin, Supt.

His father was makhtar, or head, of the Haboush tribe in old Galilee—north of the city of Nazareth.

It is a program that will be a delight and an inspiration to all who are fortunate enough to attend. Madame Haboush will have

charge of the music and two young men will operate the professional equipment. Tickets are sold by the above organization at a reduced rate. The admission at the door, the night of the program is higher.

WEDDING NETS \$400 AT SILVER IN POLIO DRIVE

(Special to The Observer)

An evening of hilarious entertainment was enjoyed by an overflow crowd which witnessed the "Womanless Wedding" staged at the Silver school auditorium Tuesday night of last week as a March of Dimes Benefit. The sum of \$400 was netted from admissions and donations.

The event was directed by Mrs. E. E. McClusky, wife of Sun Pipeline Company's foreman here. They moved to Silver early last fall from Ingleside where Mrs. McClusky had also put on a "Womanless Wedding." She did an excellent job and was given fine cooperation.

The play will be given Friday night in Colorado City, with proceeds going to the Silver Boys and Girls Scouts, Cubs and Brownies.

EXTRA FEATURES

The program opened with several variety acts which were very good. They included the following: Minnie Pearl Act—Yvonne Higginbotham.

Singing Around the Ole Piano—Teen-Agers.

Heart of Stone—Johnny Stewart, Walter Paul, Eugene Hollis, Buster Jones, Pete Ashmore (Liberace).

Bop—Sandra and Elaine Higginbotham.

Thot I Saw a Puddy Cat—Susan Hughes.

Are You Mine—Patty Gallier, Jerry Jameson, Lawrence Stewart, Larry Lindsey.

Dear John and Marsha—Larry Lindsey, Jerry Jameson.

Charleston—Jack Byrd and J. D. Gilbert.

WEDDING CAST

Pianist—Mrs. Jimmy Payne. Announcer—Al Holt.

Spinster Aunt, Foo-Foo Lamour—Homer Jameson.

Brides' Grandfather, Bobby-Re-Bob—Charlie Arnold

Brides' Grandmother, Glamour Re-Bob—Ole S. Johnson

Brides' Grooms Mother, Gassy Gyp, Hunter Howlett.

Brides' Grooms Aunt, Flippy

Flossie—Fred Theis

Bachelor Uncle, Titus Nincompoop—Paul Gilbert

Brides Mother, Bessie Jewel—R. A. Bloodworth

Brides Aunt, Hilda Glockenspiel—Ted Stone

Brides Aunt, Ophelia Winterbottom—Don Gressett

Brides Sister, Arrid-O-Munn—Walter Paul

Brides Sister, Clelia Laudermilk—O. L. Snyder

Brides Sister, Fannie Flosingham—Jerry Gallier

Brides Aunt, Elvira Twinkle Toes—Cecil Palmer

Brides Aunt, Loady Luddes—E. E. McClusky.

Brides Aunt, Matilda Muggs—Vaughn Davis

Brides Aunt, Maggie Rosenbloom—Jack Byrd

Bride's Aunt, Molly Moo—J. D. Gilbert

Jilted Sweetheart, Lovenia F. Wiggleford—Buster Jones

Nurse, Lydia Pinkham—Myrtle Jameson

Brides Baby Sister, Hadacol La Blanc—Ernest Clendennen

Preacher, Rev. Nicodemus—H. R. Gassiott

Maid of Honor, Corrine Calvert—Don Yarbro

Bridesmaid, Grable Hayworth—J. T. Stewart

Bridesmaid, Mae South—Fred Jameson

Bridesmaid, Anna Histo Blo—Copie Davis

Bridesmaid, Lily Pondwater—Pete Ashmore

Bridesmaid, Gurgling Gertie—Ewell Martin

Bridesmaid, Bertie Beanblossom—W. E. Stevens

Bridesmaid, Durphy Blueford—Eugene Hollis

Bridesmaid, Laughing Lena—Clyde Hornback

Best Man, Percaval Wieneschnitzel—Earl Lindsey

Ring Bearer, Genote—J. P. Jameson

Flower Girl, Sparkle Plenty—Rabon Martindale

Flower Girl, Bonnie Braides—Johnny Shimer

Groom, Archieball Tobolasky—

Jake Higginbotham

Bride, Precious Jewel—Tiny Payne

Father of the Bride, Martimer Jewel—Oscar Higginbotham

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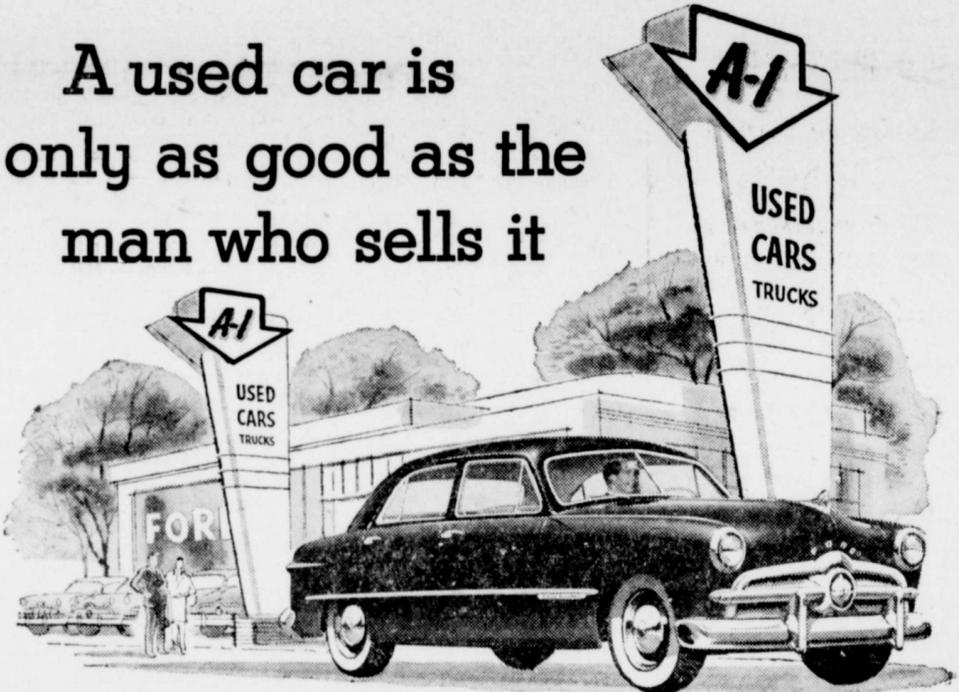
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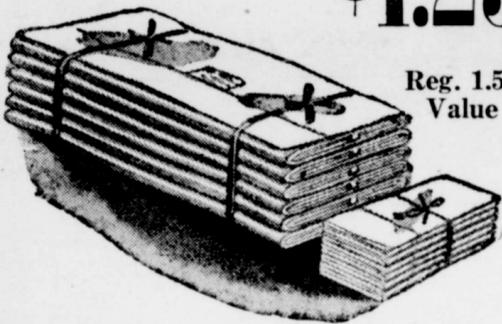
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GASSIOTS QUIT TEACHING AT SILVER SCHOOL

Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Gassiot, principal and first grade teacher in the Silver Schools, have submitted their resignations to the Silver School Board and will not be considered for re-election.

They are retiring from the profession and plan to engage in business.

Mr. and Mrs. Gassiot have taught at Silver seven years and during their administration the school has progressed from a two-teacher to a 7-teacher system.

Mr. Gassiot sought the building of a gymnasium for the school,

realizing the need of such an improvement as soon as he arrived in Silver. This was not only a school improvement but also served the entire community.

He organized the first Boy Scout troop in Silver and is to be commended for his work as scoutmaster for a number of years.

Mr. and Mrs. Gassiot have worked faithfully and tirelessly in all phases of community activity, including school, church and social, during their residence in Silver.

The fine condition, appearance and clock like precision of school activities attest to his efforts at building the school to a higher level each day and to his efficiency as a school administrator.

The many friends of the Gassiot wish for them continued success in the future in their new business venture.

BEN TUBBS QUIT FARM

Ben Tubb has sold his 160-acre farm south of town to Roy Casey, and took the Casey rock house in the north part of town in on the deal. The farm was figured at \$75 per acre, but the price of the house was not announced. The farm was purchased by Mr. Tubb a number of years ago from the late John Gardner. It is all in pasture at present and has not been grazed the past year. Mr. and Mrs. Tubb retain ownership of their home place of 150 acres, which has been leased to Mr. Casey. The two families moved this week.

Methodist Church Notes

Open House for the new educational unit of the Methodist church has been postponed one week to be held Sunday, February 20. The contractor, Chester Richie, has assured the congregation that the building will be completed in all details by then. Much work is also required in repairing and refinishing the furnishings and moving them into the new building.

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DIMES MARCH RAISED \$3,321

Coke County residents have again gone all out in support of the March of Dimes to fight infantile paralysis.

Figures this week show \$3,321.08 has been collected, while this amount will be increased when the final report has been made.

The west side of the county has accounted for \$2,037.56. Of this amount \$1,062.22 was raised at Silver, \$337.40 at Edith and \$637.94 in Robert Lee.

Bronte and the west side of the county collected \$1,283.52.

Fred McDonald, Jr., chairman for the west side, states that persons who have not contributed may contact him at his office. Some donations from cards are also expected, and Mr. McDonald was not certain that Silver's report was complete.

BRONTE CAGE CHAMPIONS

The Bronte boys and girls have won the north half championships of District 20-B. In their game with Robert Lee last week Bronte boys won 67-58, while the Bronte girls took a 58-37 win over the Robert Lee girls.

Carl Brock lacerated the end of a finger Monday in a saw while working on his new home in the north part of town. He was hospitalized over night.

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Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Trimble and children, Dequinta, Bill and Kathy, of Sweetwater were weekend guests of Robert Lee relatives and friends. Mrs. Trimble is a granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Farris. She enjoyed visiting here also with her sister, Mrs. Weldon Lofton, who was up from Texas City.

Bob Fields returned to his home here Saturday night from Spearman where he was a driller for Baker & Taylor, whose rig was recently moved to that locality. Bob said it was too cold up in that country and he decided to quit his job.

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