

# Robert Lee Observer

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## Robert Lee Man Re-Appointed As UCRA Director

Gerald C. Allen of Robert Lee has been re-appointed as a director of the Upper Colorado River Authority for a six-year term ending Jan. 1, 1961. He was recently re-elected secretary-treasurer of the authority.

Also appointed by Gov. Shivers as UCRA directors were Grady Mitcham of San Angelo and Henry Teplicek of Rowena. They will replace C. S. Coleman of Miles and Frank Cannon of San Angelo whose terms have expired.

Mitcham, vice-president and general manager of Hemphill-Wells department store, is a prominent San Angelo business and civic leader.

Mr. Allen, executive vice-president of the Robert Lee State Bank and ranch operator, is one of the two remaining board members of the UCRA. The other is L. T. Youngblood, president of the First National Bank of Bronte, who was recently re-elected chairman of the group.

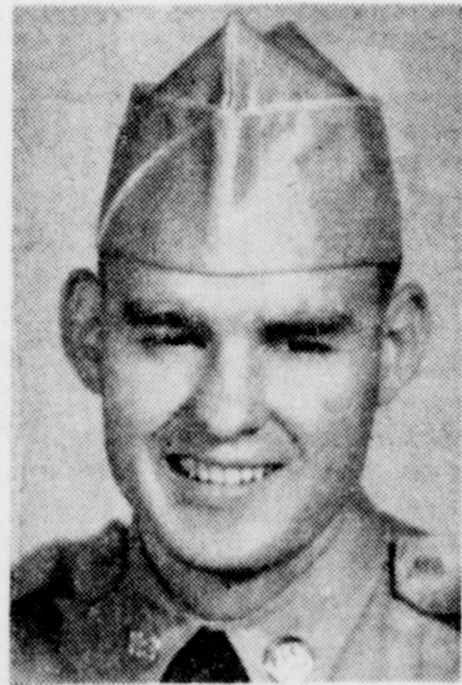
Allen has been secretary-treasurer, perhaps the most time-consuming position on the board, the last 17 years. He was selected in 1938 to succeed the late T. D. Copeland of Winters. The authority had been created by an act of the legislature only three years earlier, in 1935.

"The main thing the board members have had in mind as their job all along is the improvement, through sound water practices, of the economy of this area," Allen stated this week when advised of his re-appointment.

Cumbie Ivey of Robert Lee is also a UCRA director.

### JUNIOR CLASS PLAY

Members of the Robert Lee High School Junior Class will present their annual play Friday night next week, April 15. The three-act comedy is entitled, "One Foot in Heaven," and is being directed by M. E. Petross and Miss Martha Taylor. Tickets will be sold in advance. Admission prices are 25c for students and 50c for adults. The Juniors are also selling good will ads for their full page advertisement to be published in next week's Observer.



CPL. DONALD MAULDIN, who was discharged March 23 at Ft. Hood, after serving two years in the armed forces. He and his family have returned to their home in Robert Lee. Donald is employed as a mechanic in the Vaughan Chevrolet Co. shop.



GERALD C. ALLEN

## Will Drill On W. M. Millican West of Edith

Plymouth Oil Co. has filed application to drill a 6,500-foot Pennsylvanian wildcat in Coke County, 11 miles west of Robert Lee and 3/4-mile south of the opener of the Millican field. It will be drilled as the No. 1-230 W. M. Millican.

Operations are to begin immediately.

Location, on a 1,120-acre lease, is 330 feet from the south and east lines of 230-2-H&TC.

The prospector is also 7/8 mile south and slightly west of Plymouth 1 Millican, dry hole abandoned Feb. 16, 1949, at 7,155 feet. The following tops were reported, on elevation of 2,155 feet: San Angelo, 940 feet; Canyon, 5,946 feet; reef, 6,294 feet; Mississippian, 7,124 feet; and Ellenburger, 7,135 feet.

The Millican field opener, Sun Oil Co. No. 1 P. W. Millican, was completed Nov. 2, 1948, for a daily flowing potential of 576 barrels of oil from between 5,948-70 feet.

Sun Oil Company's lease on the W. M. Millican property was allowed to expire last July after their failure on Raymond Schooler, less than a mile to the southeast.

### HELD FOR FORGERY

W. Lee Shannon, 17, is being held in the county jail here on a forgery charge. He is alleged to have forged a \$23.36 check on a Colorado City bank and cashed it at the Coffey service station. After a hearing before Justice of the Peace E. C. Davis, bond was set at \$500.

Mrs. George Snyder and little daughter, Mary Lou, of Van Horn are here for a ten days' visit with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Payne.

## HOSPITAL NEWS

April 1—Dian Casey, Jeff Dean, Mrs. A. B. Lammers admitted. Mrs. Sam Fowler, Sandra Baker dismissed.

April 2—Otto Wojtek, Mrs. J. F. Hamilton admitted. Mrs. Lillian Caraway dismissed.

April 3—Mrs. Oscar Collett admitted. Mrs. J. F. Hamilton, Dian Casey, Otto Wojtek dismissed.

April 4—Dian Casey, Genie Baker admitted. Mrs. Oscar Collett, Jeff Dean dismissed.

April 5—Mrs. Dick Skipworth, Mrs. Fagan Parker admitted. Mrs. A. B. Lammers dismissed.

April 6—Son born to Mrs. Thomas Rainey at 6:30 a.m. Mrs. Fagan Parker dismissed.

## Arizona Youths Being Held For Theft Of Auto

Ammon McElhane, 15, was in trouble again here this week after being befriended last year by Attorney Frank Dickey.

The lad, who is part Indian, was picked up in Robert Lee Wednesday in company with two brothers, Larry Moore, 17, and Jim Moore, 15. They were driving a 1954 Studebaker station wagon which had been stolen at Mesa, Ariz.

Constable Bruce Allen watched the trio as they drove around town Tuesday night and the following morning reported his suspicions to Sheriff Paul Good. The officers took the boys into custody during the forenoon for questioning. A sticker on the car gave the name of the owner at Mesa, and a phone call to officers there disclosed the three youths had stolen the station wagon and were also suspected of one or more burglaries.

Arizona officers are on their way here to get the youths, who are being held in the county jail. McElhane had \$45 on him and the older Moore boy, who had previously served in a reform school, had a few dollars. Deputy J. L. Tinkler also took part in questioning the young prisoners and "shaking" them down.

McElhane stole a car here last spring, drove it to Cisco and back, and was apprehended by the late Constable Vic Simpson. Mr. Dickey interceded for the youth at the time and allowed him to live at his home. Ammon attended school and played football, and was apparently doing all right. He decided to go to Arizona to see his folks at Christmas time and did not return.

McElhane refused to talk to Dickey at the sheriff's office Wednesday.

The Carl Brocks moved last week into their nice new home in the north part of town. They have leased their other place to Leon Sockwell, who is employed as a roustabout by Sun production department at Silver.

## Genie Baker Is Recovering From Gas Explosion

Genie Baker, well known Robert Lee grocery and market owner, received second degree burns Monday evening in a butane gas explosion.

The accident occurred at 6:30 p. m. when Mr. Baker was checking a tourist cabin before renting it to a guest for the night. He recently purchased the store building and cabins from Ed Rawlings, and has been remodeling the property.

Workmen failed to cap a butane line into the cabin. Baker discovered the situation when he turned on the gas from the supply tank. He then capped the line and opened the door to allow the gas to escape.

When he returned some time later, he struck a match to learn if the gas had been shut off and the explosion occurred. Windows and the door were blown out and Baker received bad burns about both hands and his face.

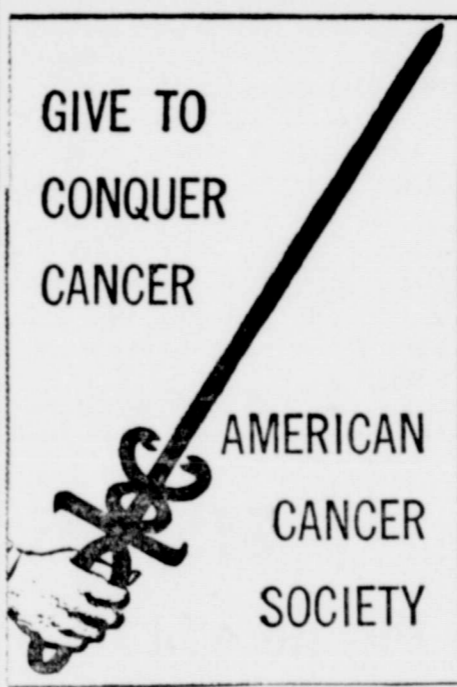
He was treated at Coke County Memorial Hospital and is doing so well that he was allowed to go home Wednesday afternoon.



MARRIED — Miss Colleene Varnadore and Mr. Lonnie Thompson were married March 19 in Carlsbad, New Mex. She is the popular young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Varnadore and was a junior in Robert Lee High School. Mr. Thompson was raised at Waco and served an enlistment in the Navy. He is employed by the Noble Drilling Co. at Silver. The couple will reside in Robert Lee.

### DISCUSS POLIO SHOTS

Dr. J. D. McDaniel met with a group of teachers and parents Tuesday night to discuss the polio shots which may be given pupils of the 1st and 2nd grades. If the Salk report due next Tuesday is favorable, definite plans for giving the shots will be announced. Vaccine will be provided free for all pupils in the two lower grades. Parents must give written consent for the shots, and blanks for that purpose will be taken home by the pupils. Figures show 76 eligible pupils in Robert Lee and about 40 at Silver.



### TO LAUNCH CANCER DRIVE

Annual campaign to raise funds to fight cancer will be carried on in Coke County during the remainder of the month. This year's crusade was delayed because Red Cross committees had not completed their solicitations. A number of workers are being asked to assist and the list of committees will be published next week. A. J. Kirkpatrick is again county chairman of the crusade. Mrs. Howard Eaton heads up the Robert Lee committee to look after putting the drive over in the west side of the county. Vice-chairman is Mrs. J. B. Mackey, who will direct the crusade in Bronte and the east side. Earl F. Glenn of Bronte is county treasurer, and all funds received will be forwarded to the state cancer organization. Coke County's quota is \$500, a small increase over last year.

## PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS TO COST MILLION

Public works projects in Coke County are going ahead at a rapid pace this spring. More than a million dollars will be spent in the various construction programs which include the \$300,000 court house, \$245,000 for road, bridge and paving in Precinct 1, a \$250,000 school house at Bronte, \$160,000 for paving and bridge and road work in Precinct 2, and the new Farm to Market road to Water Valley. The latter project is financed from state funds and will cost \$140,000.

Most urgent of the jobs seems to be early completion of the paved highway connecting up the rapidly expanding oil field in the extreme northwest corner of Coke County. It is to be financed by bonds voted by Precinct 1 and involves a new road on the west Silver "loop", a new bridge across the Colorado River and a new highway leading from the bridge southeast toward Highway 158, west of Edith.

Younger Construction Co. has the contract for the Silver loop and will be ready to "shoot" the first three miles out of Silver the middle of next week.

Work on the new river bridge has a good start, with the steel pilings in place and some work done on abutments. There will be a delay, however, since the order for structural steel cannot be delivered for two months. Harry Newton of Albany is the bridge contractor. Piling was seated in solid rock below the river bed.

Engineer W. W. (Doc) Greif of McCamey says his firm has completed its survey of the new road on the south side of the river and it should be ready to advertise for bids in a week or two.

An underpass is being constructed on the new road at Silver, permitting children from Tubb Camp to go directly across to the school building. The underpass will be 71 feet long, five feet wide, and 6 feet high. Twelve steps on each end will lead down to the underpass. Seven concrete cattle passes in the six mile stretch from Silver to the river have been completed. Two were constructed by Yucca and the remainder by Harry Newton.

Younger plans to send men and equipment into Robert Lee within the next two weeks to work on the 12 or more blocks of paving in the hospital and school areas.

Work is well under way on Brontes' new school building, with much of the concrete footings already poured. Included in the Precinct 2 bond issue was paving for more than 100 blocks of Bronte city streets. This project is also well underway. Most of the streets have been graded and base material is being spread.

### EASTER SERVICES

Special programs are being arranged in Robert Lee churches for Easter Sunday, April 10. A revival is under way at the Baptist Church and will be concluded with the Sunday night service. The meetings are being well attended. "Be Thou Exalted" will be presented by the Methodist choir Sunday night. Mrs. Jeff Dean is director and Mrs. R. C. Russell, organist.

## SILVER NEWS

### SCHOOL ELECTION

Results of the school trustee election here Saturday were:

Ernest Clendennen	65
Earl Lindsey	66
Jack McCallie	71
Arch Mathers	31

The three high candidates will fill three vacancies on the board. Mr. Lindsey was re-elected, while Clendennen and McCallie will succeed Hale Kincaid and Fred Jameson, who declined to run again. Mr. Kincaid has served as board president for several years.

McCallie is production foreman for Perkins & Prothro Oil Co. which is rapidly developing a big field across the river southwest of Silver.

Other members of the board of trustees include Homer Jameson, Raymond Bloodworth, Cecil Palmer and Bob Edwards. The board meets April 14 to organize.

Several school board members will go to Austin Thursday of this week to confer with representatives of the Texas Educational Agency in regard to plans for a school expansion program. Paul Ashby of Millersview, newly elected superintendent, will accompany the group.

Plans are afoot to construct a two-room addition to the school building and include teaching the ninth grade the coming year. A considerable increase in enrollment is expected.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Jameson and daughter, Donna Jean, left Friday for Burns, Tenn., to visit their daughter and sister, Mrs. Joe Nelson Thorp, and husband. Mrs. Thorp is the former Billie Fred Jameson.

John Shimer underwent a throat operation Tuesday in Clinic-Hospital in San Angelo. He is superintendent of Sun's Jameson gas-line plant here.

Mrs. John Hallis submitted to an appendectomy Saturday in the Colorado City hospital. Her husband is an operator at the Jameson gas plant.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Spivey and daughter, Katherine, returned Sunday from a visit in Beaumont. Mr. Spivey took a week's vacation from his duties as a Sun pipeliner. They were accompanied from Beaumont by Miss Balfour Theis, who will visit a couple of weeks with her brother, Fred Theis, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Jameson and Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Duncan and

baby spent the weekend with the G. A. Jamesons near Big Lake.

Expected home for an Easter vacation were Sonny Palmer, a student at Texas A & M College, and Elton McClusky, who attends Lamar College in Beaumont.

Donald Martindale was out of school a few days the past week with a throat ailment. He is the 10-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Rabon Martindale.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Jones and Mr. and Mrs. John Hollis enjoyed a few days fishing last week at Buchanan Lake. They caught some nice crappies.

Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Shoemaker and children have gone to Louisiana to visit relatives. He is taking a vacation as a Sun roustabout derrick man.

Walter Paul returned to work as a Sun Oil Co. pumper. He recently returned from a few weeks' stay in Baylor University Hospital in Dallas where he underwent successful treatment for a "frozen" shoulder.

I. E. Yarbro suffered a heart failure last Thursday at his home in Abilene. He was taken to the Veterans Hospital in Kerrville and is reported to be recovering. He has been advised to give up oil field work where he has been a driller for many years. Mr. Yarbro is the father of Don Yarbro, who is employe here as a field clerk in Sun's production office.

Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Miller of Lockney visited here the past week with old time friends. He retired a little over a year ago as a Sun Oil Co. pumper and was one of the company's first permanent employees in this area.

### BAPTIST REVIVAL

Silver Baptist revival closed last Sunday night, resulting in seven additions by baptism, 11 by letter and many re-dedications. Rev. George M. Bastian of Ft. Stockton did the preaching. His wife and their three children, Tommy, Harry and Alice, came Sunday afternoon and attended the evening services. They spent the night with Pastor Ray Sparks and wife, and the Bastian family returned to Ft. Stockton on Monday.

Mrs. Roland Vaught and son, Michael, 11 months old, arrived Sunday for a visit with the former's mother, Mrs. Frances Greathouse, and other relatives and friends. Roland is now a daylight driller on a Lawless rig at Kermit.

## Baseball Slate For District 14-B Is Arranged

The District 14-B baseball committee met here recently to arrange the conference schedule.

Schools entered in the baseball competition are Robert Lee, Miles, Divide, Sterling City and Blackwell. The district slate opens April 5 and closes May 6.

The complete conference schedule as announced by chairman Ray Tomlinson:

### APRIL 5

Divide at Robert Lee  
Sterling City at Blackwell

### APRIL 15

Blackwell at Miles  
Sterling City at Divide

### APRIL 22

Miles at Robert Lee  
Blackwell at Divide

### APRIL 29

Robert Lee at Blackwell  
Sterling City at Miles

### MAY 6

Robert Lee at Sterling City  
Divide at Miles.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF THE ESTATE OF FRED CAMPBELL, DECEASED.

Notice is hereby given that original letters of administration upon the estate of Fred Campbell, deceased, were granted to me, the undersigned, on the 29th day of March, 1955, by the county court of Coke County, Texas. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same to me within the

time prescribed by law. My residence and post office address are Robert Lee, County of Coke, state of Texas.

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## Notes From The Oil Field

### RE-ENTER HARRIS HOLE

A. G. Hill, Abilene, has filed application to reenter his No. 1-C Ralph H. Harris, Coke County wildcat failure, located 24 miles northwest of Robert Lee.

The project, abandoned Jan. 5, 1955, at 6,500 feet, will be cleaned out to that depth. Operations are to begin April 7. It recovered 630 feet of gas, 65 feet of slightly oil and gas-cut mud, and 90 feet of salt water on a drillstem test in the Strawn lime between 5,845-5,896 feet. Drillstem test of the Caddo between 6,481-85 feet, recovered 50 feet of gas-cut mud and 800 barrels of salt water.

Locatoin is 1,980 feet from the north and 660 feet from the east

lines of 4-D. H. & J. W. Snyder and W. V. Rosenberg survey. Original application was filed as the No. 11 Ralph H. Harris and amended to the No. 1-C Harris.

### 2 FOR PERKINS PROTHRO

Perkins Prothro Co. of Wichita Falls completed two new producers in the Jameson-Strawn field.

No. 9-C W. C. Blanks, Section 2, Block 2, H&TC Survey, had a daily flowing potential of 203.88 barrels of 48 gravity oil. Production was through a 12-64-inch choke with 100-200 pounds on casing and 650-700 on tubing. Flow was from 248 perforations at 6,378-6,500 feet. Total depth was 6,560 feet, with casing set at 6,554. Gas-oil ratio was 1025-1.

No. 14-D Blanks, Section 1, Block 2, H&TC Survey, flowed for a daily potential of 197.64 barrels of 48 gravity oil. Flow was through a 12-64-inch choke with 75-150 pounds on casing and 700-725 on tubing. Production was from 188 perfora-

tions at 6,327-6,413 feet. Total depth was 6,483 feet, with casing at 6,472. Gas-oil ratio was 798-1.

### HUMBLE PRODUCED

Humble Oil and Refining Co. completed No. 7-B Lou E. Johnson Estate as a producer in northwest Coke County in the Jameson-Strawn field. It is in Section 3, Block 2, H&TC Survey.

Daily potential was 462.92 barrels of 45.3 gravity oil, flowing through a 1/4-inch choke with 275 pounds on casing and 920 on tubing. Production was from 148 perforations at 6,590-6,632 feet. Total depth was 6,674 feet, with casing set at 6,663. Gas-oil ratio was 664-1.

For every 10,000 population, on an average, five persons will be saved from dying of cancer in 1955, but 14 will die and 45 will be treated for cancer. Give to the American Cancer Society Crusade.

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## Coming Events

### Robert Lee Public Schools

April 7-12—Easter Vacation. April 7, 3 p.m. until 9 a.m., April 12.

April 15—Junior Class Play.

April 26—Annual Band Concert.

April 29—Band takes part in Interscholastic Contest at Abilene.

May 1—Dedication of new School Building and Auditorium.

May 5—Mrs. Jeff Dean presents operetta. Sponsored by P-TA.

May 13—Junior-Senior Banquet.

May 15—Baccalaureate Sermon.

May 20—Commencement.

May 23—Eighth Grade Graduation.

May 25—Last Day of School.

Dave Adkins and daughter, Joy Sue, came in from Kermit for a weekend visit with their son and brother, J. D. Adkins, and wife. Joy Sue is a senior in Kermit High School.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Neill visited friends here the first of the week and were over night guests Monday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Wyatt. Mr. Neill is taking three weeks' vacation from his position with Shamrock Oil Co. at Sunray. They will visit in San Antonio and Corpus Christi before returning home.

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## Court of Honor For Boy Scouts

A Court of Honor was held at the Robert Lee Boy Scout cabin Monday night, with Rev. Warren Ellis, H. E. (Buck) Ivey and W. D. McAdams serving on the court.

Freddie McDonald was presented with a Life Scout award, next to the highest honor which may be attained. He is now working on his Eagle award.

Receiving a 1st Class award was Byron Russell, while 2nd class awards went to Gary Jackson and Joe and John Jones.

Robert Lee Scouts are planning to attend a week's camp at Sol Mayer starting May 29, and they are anxious to make money to defray their expenses. Cost of the week's camping is \$12.50. The boys would like to find work around town, such as yard and house cleaning, hauling rubbish, garden work, etc.

Anyone having odd jobs for the boys are requested to call Fred McDonald, Jr., Buck Ivey, Buster Farris or Joe Dodson, Jr.

Boy Scouts have also voted to do goodwill jobs for needy persons without pay, and they will be happy if you will notify them of any persons who may need some work done but are unable to pay for same.

Troop 61 here has 26 members and is divided into two patrols. Joe Dodson, Jr. is the new scoutmaster and Raymond Shandley, assistant. More members are invited to take part in the Scout activities.

## PERSONALS

Mrs. R. V. Seymore and daughter, Glenda, of Banks were weekend guests in the home of Mrs. Howard Eaton. The ladies are sisters.

Pfc. James Ike Billings and wife and their 15-months-old son, Ike, Jr., left the fore part of last week for Pittsburg, Pa., where the former is stationed in the army. Mrs. Billings is the former Barbara Harwell, and they had visited two weeks in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Harwell, southeast of Robert Lee. Enroute to West Texas they were in a bad highway accident when their car collided with a truck which backed out into the road. Both Mr. and Mrs. Billings received bad cuts and bruises. They were paid damages for their car repairs.

Martha (Dixie) Taylor and a friend from Midland went to Austin over the weekend to attend the annual spring Roundup at the University of Texas.

Mrs. Mable Williams is reported improved the past few days at Coke County Memorial Hospital where she has been a patient for some time.

Marvin Simpson of Robert Lee recently sold three registered Angus bulls to G. F. Rhodes of Merkel.

## Notes From The Oil Field

Seaboard 1 Mrs. Effie Roe, wildcat 5 miles west of Robert Lee, drilling Wednesday night below 5,100 feet.

Miami 1-A A. B. Sheppard, wildcat 10 miles southwest of Robert Lee, swabbing.

Humble 2 Weaver, 10 miles south of Robert Lee, drilled to a total depth of 6,592 feet. On a drill-stem test to bottom recovery was 1,600 feet of salt water. Operators plan to plug back to the lower Strawn where there was a good show of gas and distillate.

Superior 1-457 R. E. Hickman, 6 miles east of Robert Lee, coring ahead below 3,700 feet.

## GOES WITH CHESTER HUNTER

Carl Grubenman recently resigned as petroleum engineer with Sun Oil Co. and has taken a position with Chester Hunter, well known independent oil operator of Dallas. Cary has been in Coke County the past two weeks supervising workover jobs on Hunter's wells west of Silver. His wife and children, Kyle and Carla, joined him this week and are guests of Mrs. Grubenman's parents, Mrs. Frank Smith. Mr. Grubenman is a graduate of Texas A & M College and served two years in the army before going to work for Sun. He was stationed at Silver for some time and later at Premont. He was transferred into the Dallas office a few months ago. He and his family will continue to reside in Dallas.

## SMALL TALK

By A. J. K.

This week we begin our tenth year as publisher of The Observer. Time goes rapidly, yet it seems a long time since we landed in Robert Lee on April 6, 1946.

It was dry that spring, just like it is now. Coming down from Iowa where they are liable to get too much rain instead of not enough, it was a new country to me. I asked Frank McCabe when it was supposed to rain. He said nobody knew and maybe it wouldn't rain all year. Well, it didn't rain until August 29th.

The common saying here that only only a newcomer will predict rain is well founded. I'm becoming acclimated finally, wouldn't predict rain under any circumstances. In fact, I don't believe it's going to rain.

How we get along is almost a miracle. However, the continuing excellent economic condition in Coke County has been due to oil. It was December after we arrived in April that oil was discovered on Allen Jameson's ranch at Silver. From then on development was rapid and has become enormous. Good jobs were provided in the oil fields and many farmers and ranchmen have been able to keep their heads above water by working out.

The past nine years have been eventful. We have seen numerous wonderful improvements in our town and county. Robert Lee and Bronte have solved their municipal water problems, we have a fine county hospital, more paved highways, new modern school buildings and a new court house under construction.

During the period we have experienced our greatest sorrow and with children living elsewhere, home life is not what it used to be. But everyone has been kind and sympathetic in overlooking our short comings and mistakes. For which we are truly grateful.

We are glad we came to Robert Lee. It was an accident in a way. We had come down into northern Mississippi to look at a newspaper property. Upon investigation we found each of the four grocery stores were run by Chinamen and they wouldn't spend a dollar for advertising. Eighty per cent of the 2,500 people in the town were Negroes, and the biggest business enterprise was a burial society.

Then we learned The Observer was for sale. We went down to Jackson and hit west on Highway 80. Stopped over night in Shreveport. Car broke down at Glade-water and we came on out by bus. Ticket seller in the bus station at Dallas didn't know there was a town named Robert Lee.

George Powers advises that he will refund Ike Millican for that issue of two weeks ago with George's picture. George mused that the editor must have thought his photo was all right, because he put it at the top of the page above the picture of a preacher.

## BUYS NEW GRAVEL TRUCK

Robert Lee Sand & Gravel Co., owned by Frank Bryan and his son, Wilson, has purchased a new truck which was put into operation this week. The outfit includes a new Ford 750 tractor rated at 153 horsepower purchased from Ivey Motor Co., and a Schonrock cable dump trailer with a 10-yard capacity. The new equipment will enable the local company to better handle their increasing sand and gravel business. The new truck will be operated by Gene Hinnard, son-in-law of Wilson Bryan, who recently returned to Robert Lee with his family after completing two years of army service.

## RAY STEWARTS HERE

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Stewart have been here the past week visiting among relatives and friends. Ray has voluntarily retired from the U. S. Forestry Service after 29½ years. He was stationed at Prescott, Ariz. Their future plans are indefinite but they plan to spend some time at their irrigated farm near Lamesa which is operated by their son, Donald. Mrs. Stewart is a sister of Mrs. Johnnie Ruth and Earl Smith.

Mrs. R. M. Lackey returned Friday from a visit of several months in California. She visited her daughter, Mrs. Kelly Haselden, at Shafter, and with her mother, Mrs. Nancy Clement, at Wascok, and also spent some time in the homes of several brothers and sisters. Mrs. Lackey was accompanied home by her sister-in-law, Mrs. Rosa Lackey, of Phoenix, Ariz. They were met in Midland by Mrs. Fred Havins, who accompanied them to Robert Lee. Mrs. Havins visited her son, Don, at Silver and other relatives in San Angelo. Mrs. Rosa Lackey went on to Abilene to visit kin-folks before returning to her home in Arizona.

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## 44TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

On Sunday, April 3, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Payne observed their 44th wedding anniversary when they enjoyed having their children with them. Following a big dinner gifts were opened and a pleasant afternoon was had visiting. Present was Mrs. George Snyder and daughter, Mary Lou, of Van Horn. Mr. and Mrs. Barney Payne of San Angelo, Mrs. Earl Reed and children of Big Lake and Alonzo and Lloyd Payne of Robert Lee. Their son, Morris, was unable to be present Sunday, but arrived the first of the week with his fa-

mily from Andrews. Mr. and Mrs. Payne have many friends who extend congratulations.

Mrs. Jim Mauldin was called to Houston Sunday by the illness of her daughter, Mrs. Wendell Lammers. Mrs. Mauldin made the trip from San Angelo by plane.

Mrs. Olene Sims attended a beauty operators clinic Thursday night at St. Angelus Hotel in San Angelo.

Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Farris returned Tuesday from a combined business and pleasure trip to Lub-

## EASTER FLOWERS

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### School Trustee Election Draws Very Small Vote

Will Percifull and Bert Blaylock were chosen new trustees of the Robert Lee School District at Saturday's election.

The vote was Percifull 48, Blaylock 43 and 32 votes were cast for A. V. Sheppard, who was up for re-election. Only 61 ballots were cast, less than 10% of the district's voting strength.

The new trustees qualified Tuesday and the entire board will meet Thursday night of this week to organize. Wilson Bryan is the board president.

Terms of J. C. Harwell and Mr. Sheppard expired this spring. Both have served the district well and have played an important part in the school's fine progress in recent years.

Claude Word has gone to Stamford to work on a drilling rig. He had been operating the Estelle flower and gift shop here, which is owned by him and his wife. Mrs. Word is alternating between the Bronte and Robert Lee stores, and is being assisted by Mrs. Bud Maxwell.

#### SERVICE MEN DISCHARGED

Elwood Snyder and Lowell Caston are two more Robert Lee young men, who recently completed two years of army service. Snyder, the son of Mrs. R. L. Page, has been stationed at Fort Hood, where he received his discharge March 23. He has joined his wife at Odessa and is doing carpenter work there. Caston arrived home last month. He spent a year in Korea and was in Hawaii during the latter part of his period of service. Lowell is a son of Mrs. Bessie Caston.

#### START FARM-MARKET ROAD

Work started Monday on the new Farm to Market leading southwest of Robert Lee toward Water Valley. W. L. Barnes of Austin was awarded a contract to build the 10-mile stretch of state road for \$140,847. He had a lot of brand new earth moving equipment on the job Monday and several men and their families moved into Robert Lee. The project is expected to require 4 months.

#### FINISH SCHOOL CONTRACT

Houston Hill's contract for erecting Robert Lee's new school building, along with repairs on the old structure, has been completed. At a special meeting of school trustees Tuesday afternoon, final approval was given for remodeling the old elementary wing. This work involved making a large band room, four small practice rooms, and girls dressing rooms. Entrance to the old building was overhauled and the setup is highly attractive. Only a few minor adjustments were to be taken care of following a conference of school officials and representatives of the contractor and architect.

### Robert Lee Made Good Showing In District Meet

Robert Lee Steers placed second in the district 20-B interscholastic track and field meet in San Angelo Saturday. Bronte won the meet with 75 3/4 points, while Robert Lee took second with 26 3/4 and Mertzon was a close third with 25 1/2.

However, Robert Lee racked up the grade school division with 22 3/4 points. Bronte and Norton tied for second with 15 3/4 points each.

Winning points for Robert Lee in the Senior Division were:

High jump—Lynn Davidson tied for third.

440-yard dash—Sammy Joe Duncan, 3rd; Davidson, 4th.

Shot put—Roland McArthur, 4th.

120-yard high hurdles—Freddie Ashworth, 3rd.

100-yard dash—Davidson, 2nd; Duncan, 3rd.

Broad jump—Davidson, 1st.

220-yard dash—Davidson, 1st; Duncan 2nd.

Mile run—Blair, 3rd.

GRADE SCHOOL EVENTS

High jump—Don Stewart tied for 1st; Jerry Tinkler, tied for 3rd.

50-yard dash—Stewart, 1st; Freddie McDonald, 4th.

Broad jump—Stewart, 2nd.

100-yard dash—Stewart, 2nd; McDonald, 4th.

440-yard dash—Ronny Sims, 1st.

440-yard relay—Robert Lee, 1st. Robert Lee in the preliminaries set a new record of 5.45 seconds.

With the right to use goes the duty to conserve.

## PERSONALS

John Auten was in Robert Lee a few hours last Friday visiting Fred McDonald, Jr. and other friends. He and his family reside at Williston, N. Dak., where he is division manager for Paul F. Rutledge Drilling Co. John was in charge of Rutledge drilling operations in Coke County for some time before moving the equipment to the new North Dakota oil field three years ago. They moved two rotary rigs at that time, but have since added another.

Mrs. B. B. Pierce, Mrs. Maurice Yarbrough and Mrs. Jesse Parker of Bronte left Sunday for Quinlan to be with their father, J. F. Ryan. He is 80 years of age and was scheduled to undergo surgery early this week in a Greenville hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. John H. Brown, accompanied by their sons, Pritchard and Dale and their families, have gone to St. Louis, Mo., to visit Capt. Nathan Douthit and family. Mrs. Douthit is the former Billie Sue Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Collins and children spent the weekend at Prescott, Ark., with relatives. Mr. Collins, pusher for the N. L. Carter roustabout gang which does oil field work for Perkins-Prothro, southwest of Silver.

## Want Ads

#### NEWS FROM ABILENE

I am now delivering the Abilene Reporter-News every morning. It's a good newspaper and I recommend that you try it. — Jerry Dean, phone 164J.

PARAKEETS — Normal, all colors, \$2 each for young, \$7.50 pair for breeders. Write for price list of Rares or come by and see them. C. B. Jacobs, Silver, Texas. (Tubb Camp.) 39 tf

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

LOST — Little light colored Chihuahua male dog, small child's pet. Finder please notify James C. Furr, phone 140-W. 1p

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.

#### 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.

NOTICE — I have all equipment for cleaning your septic tanks and cess pools. Call me at No. 8, Bronte, for this service. Also do plumbing. — A. L. ROGERS. tfe

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#### DIAMOND GREEN

NO. 303

**CUT BEANS** - - - 2 Cans 19c

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**Picnic Shoulders** lb. 49c

#### SWIFT'S SUMMER

**Sausage** lb. 43c

#### LONGHORN

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# Eather Writes Tribute To George Powers

Dear Editor and Many Readers:  
Been thinking for some time that I would write a line to The Observer, but let procrastination cheat me. However, when I flashed my eyes on the front page of the last issue and saw old George Powers standing there, playing the fiddle, looking as natural as corn bread, I said I would write.

I broke down and cried like a baby when I saw that picture, so did W. D. Now I am ashamed of my tears in times like that.

George Powers has really been a brother to me. I can truthfully say that in the 56 years that I have known him, I've never seen him mad or heard him use a curse word—and he does both. I have told W. D. several times that I've never known a fairer or squarer man than George.

I remember when at the funeral of my father, it looked like I could not make the grade, I turned to George, whose wife had been buried there about three weeks previously, and said, "George, how did you stand it?"

In a broken and sympathetic voice he said, "I had to, Eather." I learned something then. We endure those things because we have to.

Yes, George is a good fiddler. He and I have played many miles together. Just now I can't recall a time that we have visited down there since we left the country, that George didn't drag out his old Stainer and we'd have music. He and I have always thought lots of each other's music. Funny thing about that little fiddle of George's. Some forty years ago George needed a fiddle bow. He selected one from the Sears-Roebuck catalog and ordered it—thirty-five cents! (Don't I wish they were that cheap now!) In a few days, George received notice from the express office at San Angelo that a package was there for him. He went over, got the package and it was two bows and a fiddle!! A statement was with it to the effect that he owed the company thirty-five cents—he sent the money and has been playing that fiddle these many years.

If you will notice in the picture, the apron piece on the fiddle looks white. It is. George made it himself from a bone picked up in the pasture.

I recall that when a lass of some fourteen or fifteen summers, I would, at night, sit out in the yard, lean back against the porch and play my fiddle. A habit was formed without any word of agreement at all, on the part of the participants—it just fell into line. As you know, we lived just across the field from Mrs. Powers, distance of perhaps one half mile. Sound carried clear and strong on

the night air, and one night I would play for the Powers boys, George and W. D., the next night they would play for me. How pretty that music was, borne on the night air! A silent understanding was that when "Good-bye My Little Darling" was played, the program was over for that night.

It indeed speaks well for a man who has lived and moved and had his being in one community for more than half a century, to be honored and held in esteem as the Edith community does George Powers.

Music comes from the soul, and from the smooth, gentle way in which George pulls the bow, we deem his soul is all tranquil and serene.

To me, George has always been the very embodiment of truth and fair dealing. He looked the part. Noble of countenance, he could look anyone squarely in the face and maintain his honesty. Many times I've thought that were I called up to name the person, who in my opinion, most clearly represented what was upright and honorable, I would vote for George Powers.

If George was ever angry toward me, I never knew it. I repeat that he has been a brother to me indeed.

Of course I could not face George and say these nice things about him, to him; our dealings with each other have not run like that, but I am expecting him to read the Robert Lee Observer! And I do believe in giving the roses while one lives!—Eather. (Mrs. W. D. Powers.) Paducah, Texas.

### CUB SCOUT ORGANIZATION

Following are names of persons making up the official Cub Scout organization in Silver, and members of the packs:

Institutional Representative and Pack Committee Chairman, O. W. Higginbotham.

Pack Committee Members, C. A. Ramsey, E. E. Lindsey, C. E. Palmer and B. G. Edwards.

Cubmaster, L. B. Carden.  
Assistant Cubmaster, E. E. Lindsey.

Den Mothers, Mrs. C. E. Palmer and Mrs. Ernest Clendennen.  
Assistant Den Mothers, Mrs. C. E. Butcher and Mrs. O. W. White.

Cubs—Bailey E. Jacobs, Billy Paul, Thomas Jacobs, Allen Clendennen, Richard N. Ramsey, Ronald W. Lyle, Raymond H. Kincaid, Lynn White, Larry Don Mullican.

Also Norman C. Butcher, Paul Ferrell, David L. Lindsey, Michael G. Hollis, Jimmie Arnold, John W. Theis, Curtis W. Higginbotham, Theron Pickering, Billy Joe Buzbee.

Mr. and Mrs. Burley Adkins enjoyed a motor trip to New Mexico the fore part of last week. They visited their daughter, Mrs. W. A. Humble at Lovington, and with their brother-in-law, J. A. Akens, at Hagerman. Burley said all the irrigated country looked good.



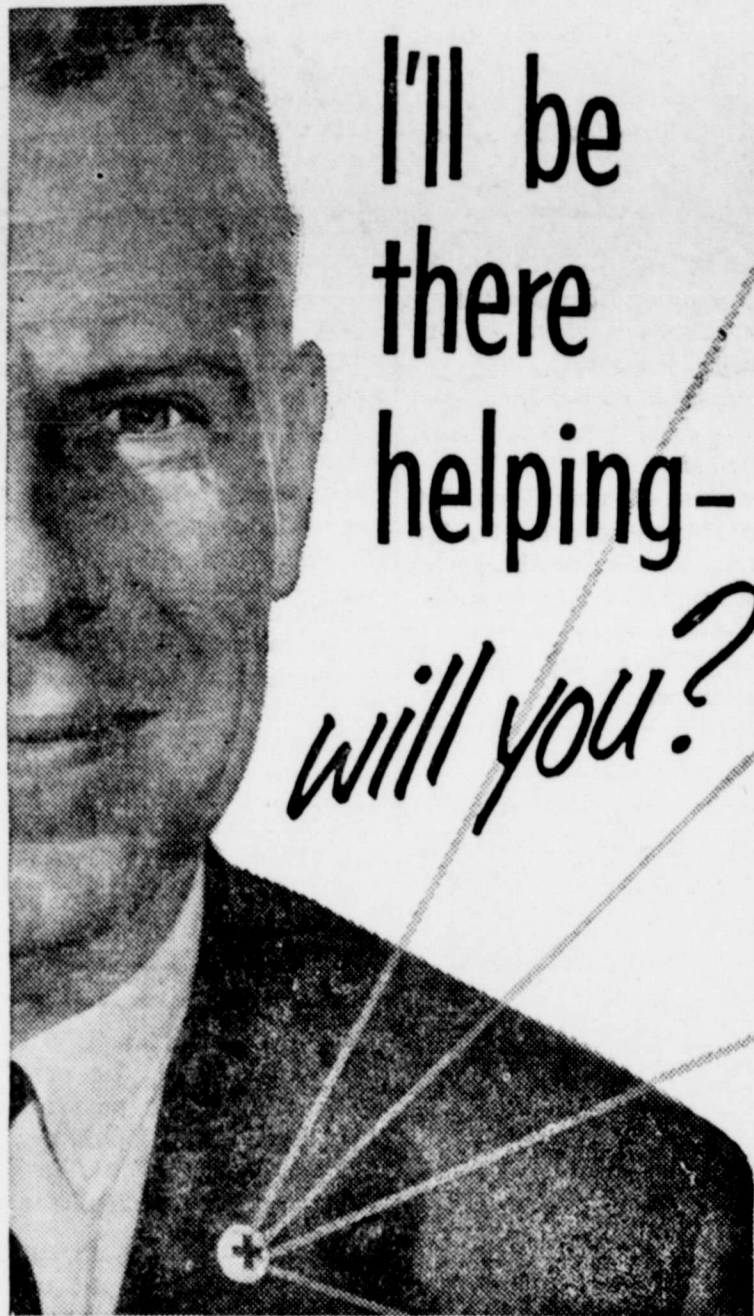
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## Will Honor Winners Of Soil Essays

The Bronte's Lion's Club and the Bronte Parent Teacher's Association cooperating with the Board of Supervisors of the Coke County Soil Conservation District will pay honor to the winners of the essay contest, Tuesday, April 12, at 7:30 p. m. in the Bronte High School Auditorium. The public is invited to attend.

The program will include reading of the winning essays by the writers, presenting of awards, and

a talk by Mr. O. F. Armstrong, Texas State Soil Conservation Board, Abilene.

Mr. Armstrong is a very capable speaker and many will remember the talk he gave at the range tour at Mr. W. E. Burns last summer.

The essay contest was co-sponsored by the Fort Worth Press and the local Soil Conservation District with the Robert Lee and Bronte High Schools cooperating. High school students were requested to write an essay on "Why we Must Conserve Our Soil and Water."

Joy Lynn Wilkins and Wanda Kirkland of Bronte and Carolyn McDaniel of Robert Lee won the

local contest. All essays entered in the local contest were also entered in the State contest.

### MARCH FORD SALES

Ivey Motor Co. of Robert Lee reports the following sales of new Ford units during the month of March:

R. E. Hickman, Customline Fordor  
Magnolia Petroleum Co., Mainline Tudor  
Eddie Patterson, Customline Tudor  
Donald R. Ward, Fairlane Fordor  
Brent Clark, Fairlane Victoria with Air Conditioner  
Oro Lee Duncan, Mainline Fordor

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W. B. Averitt, Fairlane Crown Victoria  
W. C. Munn, Mainline Tudor  
Willie Hatten, Customline Fordor  
Sun Oil Company, Mainline Tudor  
R. E. Dunklin, F-100 Pickup  
J. C. Strickland, Customline Fordor  
J. W. Averitt, Fairlane Crown Victoria,  
E. C. Davis, Customline Tudor  
Joe E. Weddle, F-100 Pickup  
Robert Lee Sand and Gravel Co., F-750 Truck.

Bud Hayes recently purchased one of Mrs. Billie Hatten's homes in the south part of town. He is making extensive improvements on the property before moving his family from Ballinger. Mr. Hayes is drilling mud service engineer for McMillan Lumber Co. Mrs. Hatten is the former Billie Campbell.

Every seven minutes an American is saved from dying of cancer. With early diagnosis, twice as many could be saved. Join the American Cancer Society Crusade to control cancer.

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# Ready to Pour Basement Walls For Court House

Good progress has been made on the new county court house. Thus far activity has been devoted to footings which will carry the new structure. Heavy re-enforced concrete piers extend far into the ground and are seated on hard pan.

There are 32 concrete "spread" piers which are 24 inches in diameter at the top, and then spread out much wider at the bottom. Forms for the basement walls are nearing completion and much of the 1-foot thick basement walls will be poured within the next few days.

Suggs Construction Co. of Big Spring is the court house contractor, with A. Z. Sturges in charge as superintendent.

During a Commissioners Court session Monday, Mr. Sturges was asked if it would be possible to hire more local labor. He told county officials he would do the best he could in the matter, and would try to have jobs for additional men. Laborers draw \$1.00 an hour and do not have to join a union.

The matter was brought up by Commissioner Ed Hickman, who reported men from his precinct had been unable to get work on the project. He said he didn't think it was right to bring in labor gangs from outside as long as home people were in need of work.

Sturges advised The Observer this week that he has nine or ten local men working at present.

### BRONTE CITY ELECTION

BRONTE, April 5—Two political newcomers were elected to the Bronte city council Tuesday. J. P. McGuire received 68 votes and Bob Wilson, 56.

H. A. Springer, incumbent, ran third with 38 votes. Joe Rose received 13 and A. B. Lammers, 11. Leonard Fletcher, the other incumbent whose term was up, didn't seek re-election.

McGuire owns an interest in McGuire Bros. welding shop while Wilson owns a barber shop.

Kenneth Lackey spent the weekend in Fort Worth.

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### EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

Annual Easter Sunrise Services will be held Sunday morning at the Weaver Ranch, 10 miles south of Robert Lee.

The service will be held immediately back of the Weaver ranch house, not on the mountain as in former years. The trail leading up the mountain is out of repair.

Rev. Morris Elliott, Episcopalian minister of San Angelo, will be the guest speaker. There will be singing by a community choral group, and selection by an instrumental quartet composed of Jerry Dean, Ronald and Richard Sims and Don Weathers. Mrs. Jack Waide will sing "Open the Gates of the Temple."

Donuts and coffee will be served by Mr. Weaver at conclusion of the services. The public is invited to attend.

# Twisters Lose To Angelo Club

Coke County Rabbit Twisters were defeated 6-2 by the San Angelo Plowboys last Sunday. The practice game between the two Concho Basin League clubs was played on the Randolph Street diamond in San Angelo.

Tommy Franks hurled for the Twisters and gave up seven singles during the 7-inning contest. His support was nothing to brag about.

Wesley Harrison was on the mound for the Plowboys and sat the Twisters down with five hits, one being a triple by Franks. The Coke County's club's two tallies were made in the fourth inning. With one out, Norman Roberts singled to right and John Conley drew a walk. They came home when the centerfielder dropped Royce Smith's fly.

No game has been booked for next Sunday. The league season opens April 17 with Colorado City playing in Robert Lee.

### RE-UNITED WITH FATHER

Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Lewis, Jr. were in Dallas over the weekend where they visited her father, Lonnie Willis. They had not seen each other for 30 years. The parents of Mrs. Lewis separated when she was a little girl and she grew up in the home of her step-father, L. C. Partin. Through old friends of the family she recently learned that her father lived in Dallas, and a telephone conversation Friday brought about the reunion over the weekend. Mr. Willis is a plumbing contractor. He is married again, but has no other children.

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# 157 Grocers Sue Safeway, Asking \$166,000 Damages

ABILENE, April 4 — A \$166,000 damage suit was filed in federal district court here Monday against Safeway Stores, Inc.

It was filed by an attorney representing 157 independent grocers operating in Taylor, Jones, Haskell, Nolan, Scurry, Eastland, Fisher and other near-by counties.

In addition to damages, the grocers are seeking a permanent injunction against Safeway to prevent the defendant company from "further engaging in a price war and from cutting the price of merchandises below the wholesale cost and the cost of distribution."

Highest damages sought is \$10,000 asked by Raymond F. Day, Abilene, who claims his business was destroyed as a result of the alleged price cutting. Damages of \$1,000 each are sought by the other 156 grocers.

Jessie Eads received caustic soda burns about his right eye early this week while employed on the Three-Way rig on the Weaver lease south of town.

Otto Wojtek received a badly sprained knee Saturday in a farm accident. While plowing he got too close to a tree and one of the limbs knocked him off the tractor seat.

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### GREEN MT. HD CLUB

The Green Mountain Home Demonstration Club met in its regular session Tuesday, April 5, at the recreation center. Mrs. Glenn Waldrop called the meeting to order with the reading of the THDA prayer by the group. Roll call was answered with household hints by four members, one visitor, two children and Home Demonstration Agent Mrs. Fay C. Roe. Mrs. Waldrop gave a report and displayed her aluminum tray she made Saturday, April 2, during the training school.

Program was given by Mrs. Roe on "Care of Living Room Carpets, Upholstery and House Clean-

ing made Easier." Hostess was Mrs. Sam Duncan. Next meeting will be April 19.—Mrs. Glenn Waldrop, Reporter.

County Judge Jeff Dean has been hospitalized again the past few days. Arrangements are being made for him to enter the Anderson Hospital at Houston for examination.

### Hayrick Lodge



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

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**Hormel Franks 1b. 43c**

**Beef ribs 1b. 25c**

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