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MISS KAY REEDER

### **Kay Reeder Will** Wed K. Lackey In Late Summer

Mr. and Mrs. John H. Reeder of Fairfield, Iowa, announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Kathryn, to Mr. Kenneth Lackey of Robert Lee, Texas. The wedding is to take place in August.

Miss Reeder is a graduate of Fairfield High School and received her degree from the Wheaton College of Nursing at Wheaton, Ill. She served as superintendent of nurses at Coke County Memorial Hospital in Robert Lee for two

For the past year she attended Southwestern Baptist Seminary in Fort Worth, where she was working on her Master's Degree in Religious Education. She has also done part time nursing in Harris Hospital in Ft. Worth.

Miss Reeder left June 1 to spend some time with her parents in

Mr. Lackey, son of Mrs. R. M. Lackey of Robert Lee, is a graduate of San Angelo College and received a degree in Business Administration at the University of Texas. He is office manager at Ivey Motor Co. in Robert Lee.

May 25 - Mrs. O. B. Jacobs Mrs. Eddie Patterson admitted. Mrs. Bruce Allen, Wanda Walker dismissed.

May 26 - Jeff Dean admitted.

May 27 - Sam McGallian admitted. Mrs. O. B. Jacobs dismissed. May 28 - Sam McGallian, Joe

Dodson, Jr., dismissed.

May 30 - Judy Allen, Joe Dodson, Jr. admitted. Mrs. Frank Wojtek Jr. and infant son, Jerry Wayne, dismissed.

May 31 - Mrs. Pearl Mayo, Mrs. Nato Penna admitted. Joe Dodson, Jr., Mrs. Eddie Patterson dismissed.

#### MULLINS TO MENARD

S. L. Mullins of Robert Lee has been named Menard County Agent and took over his new duties June 1. He succeeds Paul Newton who resigned to accept a position as livestock superintendent with the Texas Prison system.

Mullins has been associate county agent in Coke County the past six months.

He and his family have been living in the John Conley residence.

#### FROM MRS. WHITT

Mrs. Gracie Whitt Cisco as follows:

Mrs. Lena Stokes of Brownfield died April 21. She was my first cousin and a sister of Sam, Lula and John Savage.

My husband, T. A. Whitt, will get his artificial limb this week, and we are happy about it.

We will be coming to Silver before many days.

### 13 Boy Scouts At **Sol Mayer Camp**

A group of 13 Robert Lee Boy Scouts are spending the week at Camp Sol Mayer, southwest of Merard. More than 150 Scouts from this area are at the camp this

Scoutmaster Joe Dodson, Jr. accompanied the boys Sunday but returned home Monday night after sustaining a new injury to his finger which had been hurt previously. Raymond Shandley, assistant scoutmaster, then took charge of the group. Dodson will relieve Shandley Thursday and spend the rest of the week there.

A number of parents plan to drive to camp Thursday to attend "family and stunt night." The Week's camp ends at noon Saturday.

The Robert Lee group includes Freddie McDonald, Mac Tubb, Don and James Stewart, Charles and Jerry Calder, Bobby Cowley, Larry Jack Rabb, Jerry Quisenberry, Bill Mundell, Sam Ed Skipworth, Gary Jackson and Richard

### STEEL TO SLOW DOWN WORK ON **COURT HOUSE**

Good progress has been made on construction of Coke County's new court house up to this point, but the project faces a delay of several weeks because of the steel Siam shown by Mrs. McDaniel.

A. Z. Sturgess, superintendent in charge of the job for Suggs Construction Co., advised The Observer this week that structural steel due for delivery here June 1 is now promised for July 15.

Basement of the new building has been finished and concrete has been poured for the outside walls of the entire building. Next step will be to pour the first floor which will be held up until arrival of I-beam steel.

Sturgess has reduced his crew this week to a couple carpenters and five laborers. Heating and plumbing and electric sub-contrac- Mrs. R. E. Hickman tors will also face a delay in their operations.

The basement has dimensions of 71 by 33 feet. On the east end 22 feet of space has been set off for storage of official records. It has a 9½-foot ceiling as does the space allowed for rest rooms in the southwest corner of the basement. A boiler to provide central heating for the courthouse has been installed in the northeast corner of

the basement. The building was to have been completed by Nov. 1.

#### Concho Leaders In Sunday Tilt

for baseball fans when Robert Lee Bronte under direction of Clift Fu-Rabbit Twisters entertain the San neral Home. Angelo Jax Inc. club here next Sunday afternoon.

The teams are tied for top honors in the Concho Basin League, and the winner will become first half champion of the loop. A previous meeting of the clubs was rained out here a few weeks ago. lost one in league play.

Neither team had been defeated until last week, when Robert Lee was nosed out by Sonora, and Jax took a 10-0 licking from Magnolia

Although their pitching failed to hold up against Sonora, the Rabbit Twisters are still a good ball team. Managers Chilly Tinkler and Lew Heuvel have other prospects who may help the hurling department in future games.

Some bad plays hurt Robert Lee last week and the hitting was spotted. Conley was the only man to get a hit off Red Thompson during the last three innings. The team missed the wonderful stick work and fielding of Norman Roberts. A bright spot is the performance of Jimmy Gray, who is fielding well and hitting the ball. King Kong Henley, the popular San Angelo arbiter, will call the game Sunday. He has been engaged for all future home games.

Concho League standing: Jax, Inc ..... 4 Robert Lee ..... 4 Sonora Mules .... 4 Magnolia ..... 4 San Ang. P'wboys 3 Miles Giants ..... 1 C-C ..... 0

#### GARDEN CLUB PARTY

Members of the El Valle Garden Club and their husbands enjoyed a covered dish supper Wednesday night of last week on the terrace at the home of Dr. and Mrs. J. D. McDaniel. Mrs. B. A. Austin, president, and other new officers were installed by Mrs. Sam Powell. The group was entertained by interesting colored slides from Club meetings will be resumed in September.

#### METHODIST ASSIGNMENTS

Rev. Warren Ellis has been returned for his second year as pastor of the Methodist churches in Robert Lee and Silver. Assignment of pastors was announced at close of the annual conference in San Antonio last week. Rev. Ray Lee, former Robert Lee pastor who has been at Rankin the past year, was moved to Day Memorial Methodist church in San Angelo.

# Dies At Bronte

Death has come to Mrs. R. E. Hickman, long time and highly respected resident of Bronte, and the mother of Mrs. Cumbie Ivey of Robert Lee.

Her death occurred at 11:20 a. m. Wednesday, June 1, in the Bronte Hospital. She suffered a stroke several weeks ago and had since been in a critical condition.

Mr. Hickman had also been hospitalized the past ten days, but returned to his home Wednesday afternoon and was expected to be able to attend the funeral.

Daisy Casner was born in Llano County, Feb. 8, 1878, having reached the age of 77 years, 3 months and 23 days. She married R. E. (Bob) Hickman and the couple moved to Bronte in 1901.

Both clubs have won four and forced curtailment of her activi-

Survivors include her husband; two daughters, Mrs. R. J. Warren day and accompanied her husband of San Angelo and Mrs. Ivey of home. Jeff spent a few hours at Robert Lee; two sons, Robert Casner Hickman of Kirley, So. Dak., tered Coke County Memorial Hosand W. A. Hickman of Blackwell; pital where he is resting. A report six grandchildren and one greatgrandchild.

#### CANCER FUND HITS \$426

Coke County contributions to the Cancer Fund have reached \$426.60, according to A. J. Kirkpatrick, county chairman of the Cancer Crusade. The county quota is \$500.

During the past ten days a canvass of Robert Lee business firms resulted in good success. School teachers and lunchroom ladies gave \$36, and \$16 was turned in by Mrs. T. A. Davis from the Edith community. Total raised in Robert Lee and the west half of the county is \$279.30.

Persons who have not been contacted and wish to help, are to leave their contributions at The Pct. Observer office within the next Silver to the river has been finfew days.

#### 4-H CLUB BAKE SALE

There will be a Bake Sale for the benefit of Girls 4-H Clubs in .167 Robert Lee, Bronte and Silver, .000 starting at 9:30 a. m. Saturday.

### **HUNTER STRAIN** LOW BIDDER ON PRECINCT ROAD

Contract for constructing 6.75 miles of new paved highway in Precinct No. 1 was awarded here Monday by the Coke County Commissioners Court to Angelo Construction Co. of San Angelo.

The concern, which is owned by Hunter Strain, took the contract on a bid of \$100,314.90. It was considerably under five other bids submitted. W. W. Greif & Associates, consulting engineers, had estimated the cost at approximately \$103,000.

Other bids were:

Dean Skinner, Austin .... \$112,509 Gage Bros, San Antonio. 113,702 Younger Const. Co. ..... 118,000 Brown & Pruitt, Abilene .. 121,561 F. A. Seidell, Ballinger. 130,416

The road begins on the south side of the new Colorado River Bridge, southwest of Silver, and runs southeast to the old road at a corner between C. E. Scott and J. J. S. Smith properties.

It terminates on the line between Precincts 1 and 3, which point is only 3 miles north of Highway 158 at the east side of Millican oil

It is a part of the road and bridge building program to make new outlets for the newly developed oil field in the extreme northwest corner of the county. A bond issue of \$245,000 for this purpose was voted last year.

The new road leads through one of the most rugged sections of the county. It involves lots of earth Services were held from the moving and drainage. Engineer First Baptist Church in Bronte Greif said there are five bridge at 3:00 P. M. Thursday with Rev. structures, each 10 x 10 feet rein-It happens just once in a while. Maynard Rogers officiating. Bur- forced concrete, two 8 x 8 foot con-But there's a natural coming up ial was in Fairview cemetery at crete bridges and a number of iron culverts running as large as 48 and 54 inches in diameter.

Work is to start within two or three weeks, and completion date is set for October.

#### JEFF DEAN IS HOME

County Judge Jeff Dean return-She was an active member of ed last Thursday from Houston the Baptist Church until ill health where he spent six weeks undergoing examination and treatment at M. D. Anderson Hospital. Mrs. Dean flew to Houston the previous home with his family and then enfrom the Houston specialists has not been received at the hospital

## **Steel Expected** By June 15 For **New River Bridge**

Structural steel needed for the new river bridge southwest of Silver is expected to be delivered June 15, according to Engineer W. W. Greif. The bridge work has been delayed several weeks because of the steel shortage. An order for the steel was placed

The new paved highway from ished except for a small stretch near the school children's underpass at Silver. Younger Bros. is the contractor and will wind up their job soon.

They also have some paving to finish in Robert Lee.

#### SILVER NEWS

Miss Lulu Savage of Lovington, was a dinner guest in the home of New Mex., and Mr. and Mrs. Sid- Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Anderson. ney Pagette of Truth Or Consequences, New Mex., visited old friends here Monday. They were enroute home from San Angelo where they attended a reunion of the Padgette family over the week-

Mrs. Mildred Livensparger and son, Richard, will arrive Friday from Mansfield, Ohio, for a visit with their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Anderson.

Ronnie Walker has completed the Silver school with a perfect C. M. Haigood. attendance record. He is the son of Baylor Walker.

little daughter, Jan, have return- The group is in charge of Jerome federal penitentiary at Atlanta, Ga. ed from a two weeks' vacation. Sirus, scoutmaster. A number of Also visiting the White home the Halliburton.

Ernest Clendennen is having a designated as "family night." two-room addition built on his house occupied by Cecil Landes returned from a week's vacation ton trip to points in South Texas. and family. Carl Brock of Robert visit with the former's father at Lee is in charge of the work.

Silver teachers attending summer school this year are Miss Violet Brown, who is in Colorado, and Don Gressett, who returned to Texas Tech, his alma mater.

Mrs. P. P. McGhee of Colorado City attended services Sunday at Texas for a two weeks' vacation and Mrs. Jahew Jameson.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Savage and the Silver Church of Christ, and

Mary Ann Snyder has completed her first year at San Angelo College and is visiting in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Snyder. She expects to find summer employment in San Angelo.

Jerry Mullican and Cecil Coalson have completed the college term at West Texas State at Canyon. Jerry will have a summer job on construction work at the school.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Haigood of Alice visited over the weekend his first two years as a pupil in with his parents, Mr. and Mrs.

Twenty-six Boy Scouts of Silver left Sunday for a week's stay at Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Havins and Camp Sol Mayer, west of Menard. Mr. Havins is a truck driver for parents plan to visit the boys on last of the week were Mr. White's Thursday night, which has been parents from Wascum, Texas.

> Paul Gilbert and family have Shreveport, La.

The Ewell Martins are home tion engineer for Sun Pipeline Co. from a vacation trip to McComb, Miss., where they spent two weeks Jean Jameson to Mr. Joe Russell with his parents.

George Fugate attended the Methodist conference in San Antonio several days last week.

Eddie Byrd, Sun gas plant roustabout, has gone to Crossville, Ill., to spend a two weeks' vacation with kinfolks.

C. E. Butcher and family enjoycd a weekend trip to western Louisiana where they visited relatives.

Jack Burgess, Sun gas department engineer, has gone to Arkansas with his family for a two weeks' vacation.

Sun Oil Co. recently started up its North Jameson compressor plant which was shut down for some time. D. H. Caldwell is the

Dr. and Mrs. Franklin Smith, with his mother and grandmother, have been guests of the former's sister, Mrs. O. L. White, and family. Dr. Smith is employed at the

Jim Herford and his wife have returned from a two weeks' vaca-

Bill Dean and his family are now on vacation. Mr. Dean is a sta-

The marriage of Miss Donna Ash of Bronte will take place at Harold Ramsey and family have 7:30 p.m. Friday at the ranch gone to points in East and South home of the bride's parents, Mr.

large number of guests have been invited.

#### GASSIOTS HONORED

Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Gassiot, principal and first grade teacher of Silver school for the past seven years, were honored with a "going away" party Tuesday night in the school cafeteria where friends gathered to wish them well in their now location at Amarillo, where Mr. Gassiot has accepted a posiarillo Air Force Base.

sonite luggage as a token of friendship and appreciation for dence in Silver. They and their tember.

The Gassiots wish to express their thanks in appreciation of all' kindnesses, consideration and cooperation shown them in every way during their residence in Sil-

### PERSONA

Mrs. M. J. Dixon of Bronte and Mrs. I. M. Austin of Robert Lee left Wednesday morning for Happy where they will attend a family retion with the Civil Service at Am- union in the home of their brother, J. W. Byrd. Their mother is also Mr. and Mrs. Gassiot were pre- at Happy, having returned from a sented with a beautiful set of Sam- 5-months' visit with a son, R. B. Byrd, in California. She will return home to Coke County with her their services during their resi- daughters after the reunion June 2.

Mrs. W. M. Johnson and Mr. and son, Jerry, who is a recent grad- Mrs. Alfred Lofton visited the last uate of Colorado City High School, of the week with Miss Helen Johnplan to leave June 3. Jerry will son, who is a patient in the Veterenroll as a student in North Texas ans Hospital at McKinney. Helen State College at Canyon in Sep- is the former's daughter and is a sister of Mrs. Lofton.

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# **Coke County Quarterly Statement** From January 1, 1955, to March 31, 1955

Fund	Balances Jan. 1, 1955		Receipts	Disbursements	Balances March 31, 1955
Road and Bridge	\$ 15,878.55*		\$ 30,011.91	\$ 17,967.88	\$ 3,834.52*
General County	69,979.42		4,518.85	16,488.13	58,010.14
Court House and Jail	89,511.27		4,004.65	3,691.03	89,824.89
Jury	43,916.32		800.68	974.24	43,742.76
Officers Salary	12,845.23		4,874.61	9,629.18	8,090.66
Farm to Market	98,289.67		4,009.24	34,075.39	68,223.52
Road and Bridge Special	9,812.24*		2,402.01	0	7,410.23*
Road Bond No. 1 Sinking	17,331.83		0	1,200.00	16,131.83
Road Bond No. 2 Sinking	13,578.35		0	0	13,578.35
Lateral Road	6,524.24		0	0	6,524.24
Social Security	1,209.75		0	860.88	342.87
Coke Co. Bond Acct. No. 1	240,153.67	-	0	25,521.62	214,632.05
Coke Co. Bond Acct. No. 2			160,342.22	1,274.73	159,067.49
Court House Bond			300,453.34	14,046.17	286,407.17
TOTALS	\$593,339.75		\$511,417.51	\$125,735.25	\$964,575.97

NOTE—\* Indicates Over-Drawn

THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF COKE ss

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Mrs. Gertrude Gray, County Treasurer of Coke County, Texas, who being duly sworn, says that the within and foregoing is true and correct statement as taken from the Quarterly Report of the County Treasurer of Coke County, Texas.

> Mrs. Gertrude Gay County Treasurer of Coke County, Texas

Sworn and subscribed to me this 10th day of May, A. D. 1955.

> J. L. Tinkler Notary Public, Coke County, Texas

(SEAL)

Sun Oil Company's request to have its assessment cut 30% this year has been turned down by the Robert Lee Independent School District.

hood of 40 producing wells.

Sun recently filed its rendition at present. for county tax purposes, where no protest was entered over its simiyear, and none of the county funds and Mr. Lee asked for a formal Junction after a visit with kin-this fall.

will be hurt.

Following is a statement released by school officials and the Board of Equalization concerning

"The Equalization Board of the Robert Lee Independent School met in the School Tax office Monday, May 30, at 9 a. m.

"Mr. Henry Lee, tax consultant for Sun Oil, was on hand to urge the Equalization Board to place School officials point out that more of the tax burden on real essuch a reduction would mean a loss tate, especially farms and of \$12,000 in tax money, and would ranches. Mr. Lee insisted that Sun seriously curtail school operations. Oil is paying more than its share Most of the property involved of taxes. This idea is quite differis Sun's Millican oil field west of ent from the one expressed one Edith which has in the neighbor- year ago when they promised a better deal than the one offered

Harry Pickett, Evaluation Engi-

of Sun Oil would amount to \$2,300 less than Sun Oil paid on the same property last year.

"The Equalization Board, composed of Raymond McCutchen, B. A. Austin and Chester Harwell, is faced with pressurs of equalizing taxes throughout the district. This job was undertaken Monday afternoon. The Board will not up all values but some assessments will be raised in an effort to equalize property values.

hold a second meeting June 18, 8 a. m. for local taxpayers."

Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Hurley and neer for Robert Lee School and two daughters were overnight house in San Angelo. This is his lar 30% cut. However, the county the Equalization Board set taxes guests Monday in the home of Mr. gained more than 4 million dollars for next year in the Millican and Mrs. Calvin Wallace. They Gertrude Gray, Jack will be a in new oil field valuations this Field. The amount was protested were enroute to their home in punior at Robert Lee high school

hearing July 6. The tax requested | The Observer, Robert Lee, Texas

folks at Carlsbad, N. M.

Holiday weekend guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Childress were their son-in-laws and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Sheppard and Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Copeland ,and children. Also Leslie's mother and brother, Mrs. B. P. Copeland and Talmage, of Sundown.

Nona Gay Blair, 4 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Blair, "The Equalization Board will Jr. of Odessa, is here this week it is too bare. The place we are attending the Vacation Bible school at the Baptist Church and visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Millican and Mr. and Mrs. Jeff over there and nice fishing spots.

> Jack Gray has summer work in the West Texas Utilities Co. waresecond year there. The son of Mrs.

MOVING TO OKLAHOMA

June 3, 1955

Spearman, Texas May 22, 1955

Dear Mr. Kirk:

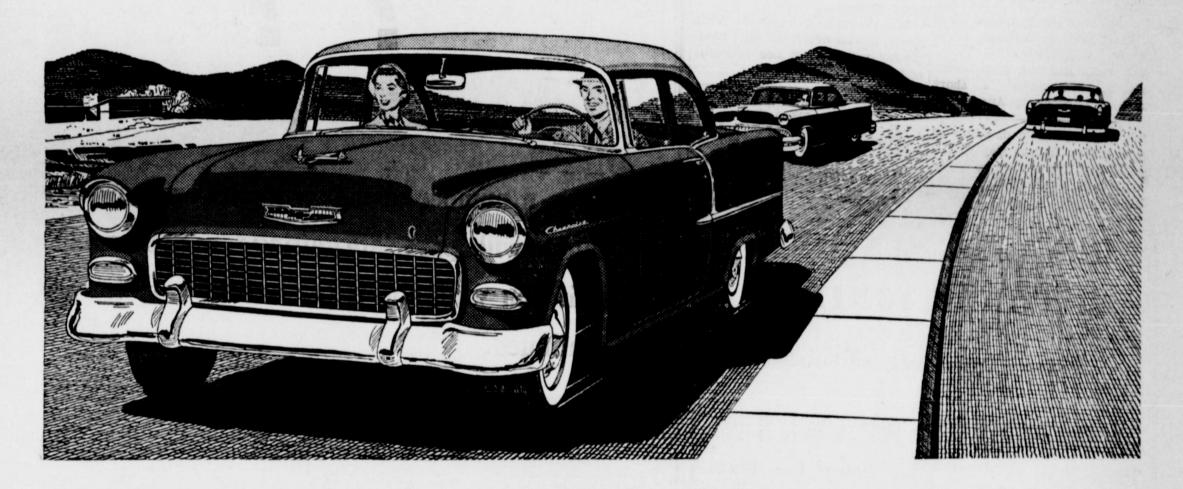
Please send our Observer to Gen. Del., Laverne, Okla. We are moving one day this week. Our rig is the only rig to be moved right row. We hate to move from Spearman, it is a nice little town, although it isn't the country for me, moving to reminds me of Robert Lee. It is the first oil play they have had. There are a lot of trees

We sure enjoy getting The Observer. Can hardly wait to read all the Coke County news. Keep it. coming. - Sincerely, Mrs. Vincent (Ava Lou) Hanna.

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Daytona Beach. NASCAR 2-Way Straightaway Running Over Measured Mile. Open to cars from 250 to 299 cu. in. displacement. Chevrolet captured 3 of the first 5 places!

Columbia, S. C. NASCAR 100-Mile Race on half-mile track. Very tight turns. Chevrolet finished first!

Fayetteville, N. C. NASCAR Late Model Event. Chevrolet again finished first. Because of even tighter turns the driver chose to run the entire 150 laps in second gear! Yet no overheating or pit stops!

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Summer plans of Robert Lee teachers have been reported to The Observer as follows:

Mrs. Sam Powell and Mrs. Viola Gramling will spend most of the summer here. The former plans a trip to Harlingen and Mrs. Gramling may visit a sister at Ada,

Mrs. Lillian Eastland will spend the summer at her home in Ran-

Mrs. Melrose Russell has again enrolled at McMurry College in Abilene where she will earn a Master's Degree at the end of six weeks.

Marcos for summer studies.

Mrs. Jeff Dean will remain in work at some future time.

Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Webb have gone to Brownwood where the former is taking work at Howard Payne.

High School Prin. M. E. Petross and Coach James Mancill will be in Robert Lee during the vacation, and expect to work on remodeling the old school building.

Miss LaVerne Darter has secured summer employment in Abilene.

Miss Martha Taylor's work continues through June. She hopes to have a Colorado vacation later in the summer.

Hulan Harris, Jack Brock and Jack Gray are taking special work at Texas Tech in Lubbock, as is Supt. B. C. Goodwin.

Mrs. Finis Harmon, lunch room manager, will attend a short course at Lubbock in August.

Jan Kay, 4-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lamar Kay of Alpine, is here for a visit with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. R. H. GODWIN, W. M.

Phone 95W

PLUMBING AND

AIR CONDITIONING

## PERSONA

J. D. McCutchen and family of Levelland visited here several days last week with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Mc-Cutchen. J. D. has quit farming and is now a gasoline, butane and oil distributor in Levelland. While here he renewed his subscription to The Observer.

Weekend guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Millican were their sons, Elton and Buddy, and their families of Mountain Home. Others present for a Sunday gath--ring included the Turney Casey family, Mr. and Mrs. Cortez Harmon and Mrs. Lois Williams.

Mrs. Elizabeth Hall has been elected to teach home economics in the new high school at El Paso. Miss Eunice McLure plans to She was in charge of the home ec return to her Alma Mater at San department in Robert Lee three years and for the past two years has been at Colorado City. Mrs. Robert Lee with her family, but Hall and her husband were weekhopes to take additional college end guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Powell.

> Mr. and Mrs. Millard Meek were in Robert Lee Wednesday looking after business matters and visiting among friends. They report good rains at Goldthwaite and fine crop conditions. Their daughter, Luise, will complete her junior year at Goldthwaite high school this week.

Mrs. D. W. May and sons, Bob and Jim, of Victoria, are spending the week here with the former's sister, Mrs. Robert Vaughan, and family. They will be accompanied home by Eileen Vaughan who will attend summer school at Victoria College.

Jess Varnadore came in from Texon for an overnight visit Wednesday with Robert Lee relatives and friends.



Hayrick Lodge No. 696 A.F. & A.M. Meets second Tuesday night in each month. Visiors welcome.

H. S. LEWIS, JR., Sec'y.

Robert Lee, Texas

Effeen Vaughan, Don Fields and | The Observer, Robert Lee, Texas Lyndon Waldrop are home from Lubbock where they completed the college year at Texas Tech. All plan to resume studies there next September.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Bessent and

other kinfolks.

John Allen and family have vatwo sons of Texas City spent the cated the Frank Smith house near past week here with the former's the telephone office and have momother, Mrs. W. B. Bessent, and ved to Mrs. Slaughter's ranch house, north of Robert Lee.

June 3, 1955

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# The Robert Lee Observer

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Notes

From The Oil Field

#### Byrd Well To Install Pump

Kewanee Oil Co. No. 1 Byrd, Coke County Gonzales sand discovery in 417-1A-H&TC, located 2½ miles northeast of Robert Lee and two miles southeast of the Munn (Canyon Sand) field, swabbed fluid at the hourly rate of five barrels.

Fluid was 3½ barrels of oil and 1½ barrels of water. Origin of the water was unknown.

Recovery was through perforations between 4,368-373 feet, which had been fractured with 3,000 gallons, then flushed with 69 barrels of oil. The load was recovered.

Operator was installing a pump. Storage tanks were being erected.

Operator will suggest the field be designated as Cobb field.

The new producer will give a forced offset test on J. C. Cobb, adjoining the Byrd ranch on the west.

#### Johnson Gets Gee Producer

The Jameson (Strawn) field of Coke County has been extended 5/8 miles southeast with completion of F. Kirk Johnson No. 1-D Nora Gee, in 120-2-H&TC, 17 miles southwest of Silver.

It was finaled for a daily flowing potential of 258.48 barrels of 46.5 gravity oil, no water, with gas-oil ratio of 1,174-1. Production was through a 12-64-inch choke and four sets of perforations between 6,964-7,064 feet in 5½-inch casing cemented at 7,089 feet on total

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depth of 7,090 feet. Plugged back total depth is 7,064 feet.

Top of pay was picked at 6,964 feet on kelly bushing elevation of 2,580 feet. Pay section was fractured with 20,000 gallons.

Tubing pressure was 900 pounds; casing pressure, 400 pounds.

#### DRILLING LOG

Murray 1 Lee, 4,788 feet in lime and shale.

Murray 1 Mims, 7,129 feet. Randle 1 Harrington, 5,921 feet in shale.

Wood 1 Hickman, 3,626 feet in

#### Clinton Fincher Dies Of Injuries On Drilling Rig

Clinton Fincher. 19, Sterling City youth injured in an oil field accident at Silver last January, died suddenly Friday afternoon.

He collapsed while playing pool about 4 p. m. and died a short time later in the Sterling County Hospital.

The young man was critically injured last Jan. 25 while working on a Dual Drilling Co. rig. He received a crushed chest and shoulder injuries when he was caught in a catline.

For two months he was a patient at Coke County Memorial Hospital in Robert Lee and later was removed to Shannon Hospital in San Angelo where he underwent chest surgery. He was apparently regaining his health and had taken a job with the Highway Department two days before his death. Cause of his death was attributed to a chest hemorrhage.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Orb Fincher of Sterling City, Clinton is survived by his parents, two sisters and three brothers. The body was taken to his former home at Belton where funeral services

and burial occurred Saturday.

Clinton made many Robert Lee friends during his convalescence, and after his dismissal was very grateful for the excellent medical and nursing attention which he received here.

Mary Vaughan is taking some summer work at Abilene High School, and makes daily trips there with Mrs. Melrose Russell, who is studying at McMurry College.

#### PERSONALS

June 3, 1955

S. B. Plumlee was called to Seminole last week by the death of a grandson. The child was a three-days-old son born to Mr. and Mrs. Sam Plumlee. Funeral services were conducted at 10 a. m. Friday and burial was at Seminole. Sam is working on a drilling rig in the Seminole area. He and his wife have two older sons.

Sam Savage, accompanied by his wife and sister, Miss Lulu Savage, were in Robert Lee a short time Monday. They were enroute to their home at Lovington, New Mex., after attending the Padgett reunion in San Angelo. The Savages are former Silver residents. Sam stopped in to renew his Observer subscription for a year.

Mayor and Mrs. J. S. Ferrell were in San Antonio over the weekend when they visited their son, T/S Paul S. Ferrell, who is attending Officers Candidate School at Lackland Air Force Base. He has been in the Air Force eight years and has been stationed at Scandia AFB in Albuquerque.

Mr. and Mrs. John Cole of Wimberley visited among Robert Lee friends last Friday. They came over from Abilene with their son, Maurice Cole and wife, and also attended the Sanco Homecoming on Sunday.

Mrs. Ada McDonald and her cousin, Mrs. Lola Stanfield, returned Monday to their home in Seagraves after a few days' visit with the former's brother, V. P. Byrne, and wife.

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### **Homecoming At** Sanco Will Be **Annual Affair**

Some two hundred people present at the Sanco Homecoming voted to make it an annual affair to be held on the first Sunday in June.

A Memorial Day occasion this year with a program centered around this theme, the all-day gathering recognized many former residents.

The oldest person born at Sanco was Mrs. Delia Crow of Farwell, Texas. Born Delia Austin 72 years ago, she was first married to the late Eugene Fletcher.

Family traveling farthest was Mr. and Mrs. Roy Preslar and their son, Jack, from Oregon.

Oldest person present was Mr. Crow, 78. Oldest person still living in Sanco, Mrs. Julia Bird, 76.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Denman, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Reid, and daughprogram.

Mrs. A. F. McKinley reviewed pioneer days at Sanco with an appreciation for the early day settlers of the community. Rev. H. L. Bloodworth of Silver, former pastor of Sanco Baptist church, spoke at the 11 o'clock devotional service.

Mrs. Harvey Reid, secretarytreasurer of the Cemetery Association gave a report on money raised and spent by the Association. Over \$240 was contributed during the day toward cemetery improvement.

Mrs. Claud Dean came from Weatherford last week for a visit in the homes of her children, Judge Jeff Dean and Mrs. Bobby Baker, and their families.

Mr. and Mrs. Travis Allen and daughter, Margaret, returned Monday evening from their home in Arlington after a weekend visit with Mrs. Allen's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Wallace. They were accompanied home by their older ter, Ylvon, sang in two quartets daughter, Gloria, who had spent and a solo number at the morning the previous week here with her grandparents.

### June 3, 1955 Officers Named By School Band

On May 18 the Robert Lee School Band held its final business meeting of the year and elected the following officers:

Pres., Butch Davis. V. Pres., Roland Broadstreet. Secy-treas., Dian Casey. Reporter, Kenneth June Sawyer. Drum Major, Jackie Sparks. Majorette, Sue Goodwin. Alternate, Martha Humphrey. Mascot, Dianne Baker.

-Reported by Kenneth June

#### Sawyer. Ned H. Waldie, 69, Former Resident, Dies in California

A TEXAN PASSES AWAY Mr. Ned H. Waldie, formerly of Robert Lee, but for some time lived in Palo Alta, California, recently passed away at the age of

Ned Waldie was known by many around Robert Lee and neighboring towns, and for some time had the mail route between Bronte and Ballinger. He came there from East Texas.

In his last years he moved to San Antonio and during World War II, he worked for the War Department at Kelly Field, where he received an award for high rating of efficiency. He had many friends and valued the friendships highly.

In 1947 Ned Waldie moved to California where he worked at Stanford University and Menlo College.

Mr. Waldie had been ailing for quite some time, but was able to get around and make friends until last January when he went to a rest home for care. He suffered several strokes and finally left this world in April. He had many friends who were very kind to

Funeral services were held at the Colonial Chapel in Menlo Park the resting place, Alta Mesa Ce-

metery in Palo Alta, California. Three of his eight children were present at the services. The children are: Robert Waldie, San Antonio, Texas; Carl Waldie, Odessa, Texas; Mrs. Alma Brock, San Angelo, Texas; Mrs. Johnnie Key, Verdugo City, Calif.; Mrs. Opal Jackson, Bradford, Arkansas; Mrs. Lois Buzzell, Menlo Park, Calif.; Richard Waldie and Luther Waldie, Texas.

Among those attending the homecoming at Sanco on Sunday were Mrs. J. B. Watson and daughter, Billie Ruth, of Dallas, Mrs. Orel Adkins and Mrs. Jess Adkins of Snyder, and Mr. and Mrs. Howard McCullough of San Angelo. The group was entertained in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Childress. Mrs. Childress is a sister of Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Orel Adkins and

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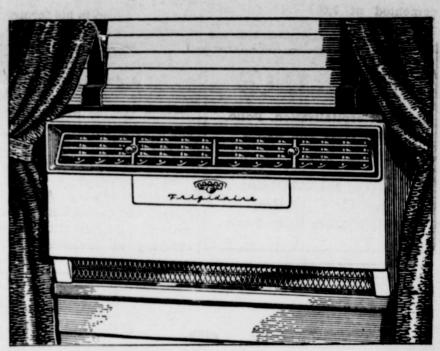
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Sonora came from behind to defeat the Robert Lee Rabbit Twisters 8 to 7 on the Sonora field Sunday afternoon. It was the first Concho Basin League defeat for the Coke County Team.

Robert Lee's first tally came in the second frame when Jimmy Gray blasted a triple with two down, and scored on an infield error. Sonora tied the count promptly, but the Twisters put over three runs in the fourth.

Hits by Barnell Malish, Gray and Tommy Franks and another infield bobble accounted for the tallies. Gray's third hit sent Lew Heuvel home in the fifth, to give the Twisters a 5-1 lead.

However, two doubles and three singles in a row accounted for three Sonora runs in the bottom of the fifth. John Conley relieved Franks on the mound and got the inning over without further damage. The Twisters picked up two more tallies in the sixth inning due to a hit by Franks, Heuvel's two-bagger and a single by Malish. Conley, who had walked. was called out in a close play at home when he attempted to score on Heuvel's long fly.

Conley held Sonora in check until the bottom of the ninth. Wuest led off with his fourth straight hit. Robert Lee's infield muffed a double play grounder and Hut Moore crashed a single past third. Two bases on balls and John Bell's double down the left field line accounted for the fourth run of the inning and a Sonora victory.

Franks tired early and his throwing was much less effective than the preceding week when he beld Magnolia to seven hits. The first three batters in the fourth hit safely, but he fanned the next man and the next two flied to second and right field. He was touched for 10 hits and 4 scores during the 4 and a third innings he was on the mound. Sonora garnered a total of 16 hits, only six of them being charged to Conley.

Sonora had a strong lineup and Red Thompson held the Twisters to 10 hits. Bryan Stuart of Ozona was his battery mate and Pete Hickman turned in a stellar job at shortstop. A former Robert Lee player, Pete is now coaching at Ozona High School.

Malish broke into the local lineup for the first time this season. He handled the catching chores in place of Franky Percifull, who didn't make the trip to Sonora. Malish worked hard and got two

Jimmy Gray was the Twister batting star with a triple and two singles in five trips. Conley poled two doubles and Franks got a pair of hits.

Oliver Wuest, Sonora second sacker, had a perfect day at bat. First time he was knocked down by one of Franks' fast balls. He then proceeded to get himself four hits. Hut Moore was just about as good. He hit four in five trips. John Bell and Tommy Sharp each got two hits.

ANNOUNCE WEDDING DATE

Dr. and Mrs. J. D. McDaniel have issued invitations to the marriage of their daughter, Carolyn, to Marvin Simpson, Jr. The wedding has been set for Saturday, June 18, at 8 p. m. in the garden of the McDaniel home in Robert

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Eaton of Comanche and Mrs. Price Yantis of Bangs came over Monday for a visit with their uncle, Joe Dodson, Sr., and wife. Mr. and Mrs. Dodson and their guests were entertained at supper at the home of Mrs. Howard Eaton.

FRIENDSHIP HD CLUB

The Friendship W. H. D. club met May 26 with Mrs. Billie Clark. Motion made and passed for club Now Organized to buy an ad for our cookbook.

Mrs. Wylie was named delegate and Mrs. Fields alternate delegate to be voted on in council to go to State meeting.

Mrs. Frank Bryan and Mrs. Clark gave the Demonstration on Cake Decoration.

Two lovely cakes already decorated were brought. Refreshments of cake and Cokes were served to 11 members, 2 new members, Mrs. Wanda Smith and Mrs. Helen Boles and 7 visitors.

Next meeting is June 9 with Mrs. Fields. - Mrs. Pat Rives, secretary and treasurer.

John McDaniel has taken a position with West Texas Utilities Co. in Robert Lee. The son of Dr. and Mrs. J. D. McDaniel, he is a 1955 graduate of Robert Lee High School. John is a member of the Naval Reserve and left Saturday for New Orleans, from which port he will take a two-weeks cruise into Carribean waters.

C. W. Briscoe of Grandview is here for a visit in the home of his brother, Henry Briscoe and wife.

# **Square Dancers**

A Robert Lee Square Dance Club was organized Monday night in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Taylor. The meeting was well attended and much enthusiasm was expressed.

Officers are: Curtis Dukes, President. Dixie Taylor, Vice President. Sarah Lou Davis, Secy-treas.

Ben Bessent, Reporter. The group will meet each Monday night at 7:30 at the Legion

Everyone interested is given a cordial invitation to come.

### PERSONAI

John Conley is taking a two weeks vacation from his duties as a pumper for Perkins-Prothro. He and his wife spent a few days this week fishing on the Llano River, while the children remained with their grandparents, Mrs. Daisy McCutchen and Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Watson.

Commissioner Ed Hickman returned to his home west of Edith Saturday after a few days of rest

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pital. He is feeling well again and was present at the Commissioners Court meeting on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Jay spent the holiday weekend at Alpine with their son, Robert Lewis Jay, and wife. They were accompanied home by Susie Skipworth, who had spent a few weeks in Alpine.

and daughter, Sue, were in Lub- aunt of Richland Springs.

and treatment in the Bronte hos- book this week where they leased an apartment for a few weeks while Mr. Goodwin is taking a six weeks' summer course at Texas Tech. Sue will also take special work in band and twirling.

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Mrs. Flo Miller and children left last Wednesday night on a 10-days vacation trip to points on the Gulf. Supt. and Mrs. B. C. Goodwin They accompanied the former's

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The machine is equipped with a long iron bar which is magnetized from an attached generator. Streets in Robert Lee yielded more than 11/2 tons of nails and metal. No record was kept of the amount gathered in rural sections.

Commissioner Service said the machine covered a total of 141 miles of which 23 miles were streets in Robert Lee. The cost to the precinct was \$3 per mile for a round trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Weldon (Jiggs) Lofton and children, Jan and Kirk, have enjoyed a few days visit with kinfolks here this week. They planned to visit in Snyder, Sweetwater and Goldthwaite before returning Sunday to their home in Texas City. Jiggs has a good position with the Carbide and Carbon Chemicals Corp. in Texas City and was taking a week's vacation.

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#### SMALL TALK

Some nice new homes have deals have been made. Full report next week.

Congratulations to our friends, Ben and Libby Oglesby of Bronte, who have purchased a building and moved The Enterprise to the former variety store location. They are good friends and neighbors, and we appreciate their many kind favors and cooperation.

NOT ALL THE FOLKS WHO ACT FOOLISH ARE ACTING.

Baseball fans better turn out Sunday for the redhot contest scheduled with the Jax club of San An-

We repeat: One of the nicest compliments you can pay your guests is to see that mention of their visit appears in The Obser-

> Rt. 1, Park Hill, Okla. May 19, 1955

Dear Kirk, When we opened last week's Observer the first thing we saw was a picture of our boy's granddaddy, Robert Walker. The baby grabbed it and wouldn't even let us read the paper. We were going to the boat docks. He showed it to everyone down there saying, "That's my Granddaddy."

Should you have any extra copies would appreciate some more of the pictures. That was May 13th issue, picture of Coke Co. Soil Supervisors. Thanks, Leta Looney.

Martha Humphrey returned Wednesday from a few days visit with her friend, Sandra Hall, at her ranch home near Christoval

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LUBBOCK, May 26 (Special)-'Rodeo" is a magic word in this been completed in Robert Lee and part of America. The magic of one several important real estate of the Southwest's greatest 1955 rodeo events, the annual Lubbock A. B. C. Rodeo, unwinds in full fury and color beneath the lights on Jones Stadium on the Texas Tech campus, June 8, 9, 10, and 11.

Casey Tibbs, five time world champion cowboy in R. C. A. competition arrives in Lubbock June 8, with his spirited horse, Midnight, to lead the gala four-day period of rodeo drama and excitement. His glittering array of world cahmpionship trophies will be on display at the Caprock Hotel during Rodeo Week.

3 p. m., Wednesday, June 8 marks the signal gun starting a festive rodeo parade of cowboys, horses, sheriff's posse riders from all over West Texas and New Mexico, bands and flags.

Competition for \$3,000 in purse money will begin at 8 p. m. each night in giant Jones stadium.

Other featured acts to appear nightly in the big Lubbock rodeo are the Roy Rogers Liberty horses, Lynn Randall and Top Hat and the tremendous showmanship of "Hoof beat Harmony," starring Joan and Corky Randall with their educated mounts, Zephyr and Comet.

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