

# Robert Lee Observer

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## KIMREY CLUB DEFEATS OUR TWISTERS 5-3

Kimrey & Sons Contractors of San Angelo defeated Robert Lee's Rabbit Twisters here Sunday afternoon by a 5-3 score. It was a Doncho Basin League game and the Twisters' fourth straight loss in loop play. Kimrey is at the top of the heap.

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They added two more in the third when Roland McArthur dropped a fly in right field and permitted Miranda and Pope to cross the plate. Two men were out at the time.

After Ballantine fanned, Miranda socked a double. Pope sent a grounder to Lew Heuvel at short. The throw to Ronnie Baker at first was low, but Baker made a perfect pickup. Joe Dodson, Jr. umpiring bases, called Pope safe over the strong protest of Robert Lee players. Witherspoon was out on a roller and the two runs should have been averted.

The Twisters got back in the ball game in the home half of the third. With one out, George Demere singled and John Conley and Heuvel walked. Norman Roberts then clouted a solid double to score Demere and Conley.

The count was knotted at 3-all in the fifth when Chilly Tinkler, filling in at second base, singled to score Heuvel, who had got on base on an error.

Kimrey won the game in the eighth when Herb Biederman poked a homerun. It was a long ball between left and center field that neither Conley nor Roberts could quite reach. Then with two men out, Feist drew a base on balls and stole second. He scored on Robinson's single down the right field line.

The Twisters threatened in the ninth. After Conley had been called out on strikes, Heuvel singled to center, the second of his two blows. Roberts shot a grounder to short and Heuvel was forced at second. Baker drew a walk but the game ended when Tinkler was browned out on a grounder to third. It was a good ball game with the undermanned Twisters looking great in defeat. Richard Dumas turned in a remarkable pitching exhibition, holding the Kimrey sluggers to six safe blows. He struck out eight and issued five walks.

Bubba Ballantine was on the mound for the San Angelo club and gave up seven hits. He struck out seven, walked six and hit one batsman. Robert Lee committed four errors, and Kimrey two.

Only nine men were in Rabbit Twister uniforms, making it necessary for Manager Chilly Tinkler to again take over at second, while McArthur, high school catcher, was placed in right field.

Allen Sneed, who hurled last week and was thought to be a regular, failed to show up for the game. Likewise Tommy Franks has been absent the last two contests.

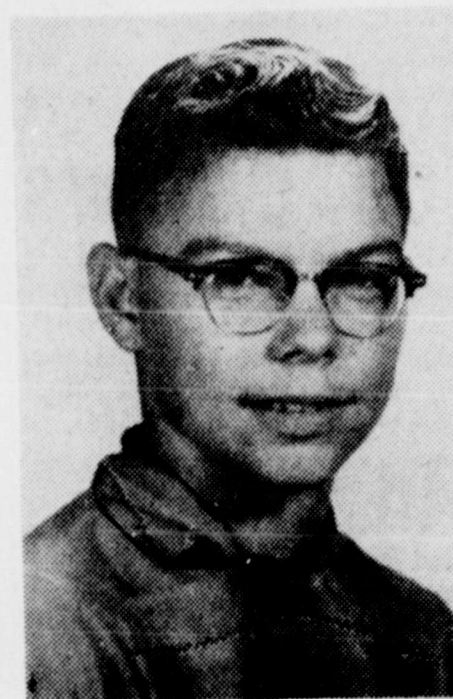
However, one bright spot was the appearance of George Demere, who looked sensational at third base. The Water Valley youth has been playing at Texas Tech. He



EDWIN (BUTCH) DAVIS



LARRY JACK RABB



RONNIE SIMS

### METHODIST MINISTERS

Travis McNair was returned to Robert Lee when assignments were announced Sunday at conclusion of the Southwest Texas annual Conference of the Methodist Church in San Antonio. Mr. McNair came to Robert Lee from Brady eight months ago when Warren Ellis was transferred to Junction. Mr. and Mrs. McNair and daughter, Mary, spent a couple of days with kinfolks in the San Antonio area before returning to Robert Lee Tuesday. W. C. Craig was returned to Bronte and Charles A. Camp to Silver. Warren Ellis remains at Junction and Ross Welch, former Robert Lee minister, is stationed in San Antonio.

Mr. and Mrs. Wally Stratford left Thursday of this week for their home at Pedro Valley, near San Francisco, Calif., after a ten days' visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Fikes.



ALVA JOHNSON

## Gospel Meeting To Open June 1

Alva Johnson of Turkey, Tex., will preach at a Gospel Meeting opening June 1 at the North Side Church of Christ in Robert Lee.

Week day services start at 8:00 P.M. and there will be preaching on Sundays at 10 A.M. and 7 P.M. The public is invited to attend.

Mr. Johnson preached in Robert Lee last year and has many friends both in and outside of the congregation.

He has a brother, Frank, who will join the club next week.

Royce Smith, who received a fractured wrist when he was hit by a pitched ball three weeks, had the cast removed last week and should be back in the lineup in a couple of weeks.

The Twisters play Kirby in San Angelo next Sunday.

## Three Chosen For All State Band in Austin

Three members of the Robert Lee High School Band have been selected to play in the Texas All-State Band to be assembled June 17-22 at the University of Texas in Austin. Those chosen are Larry Jack Rabb, Edwin (Butch) Davis and Ronnie Sims.

Larry Jack is the son of Mrs. O. K. Rabb and plays bass horn in the band. He will be a junior in high school next year and has served as vice president of the band organization the past year.

The youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Emory Davis, Butch is also a bass player. He has been elected drum major for next year and will be a senior. The past year he was band president, assistant drum major, student director and librarian. He won first division with his solo playing in Abilene a few weeks ago.

Ronnie, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sims, plays solo concert. He will enter high school as a freshman next year. The all-state band is usually limited to those in the tenth grade and above.

However, an exception was made in Ronnie's case, since he has been outstanding and attracted much favorable attention in spite of his age. He placed in the first division with his cornet solo in the Abilene regional contest.

The All-State Band is composed of approximately 100 of the outstanding high school musicians from all sections of the state. Membership is selected on the basis of musicianship, citizenship, and experience.

Members of the All-State Band will also be added to the University Symphonic Band for concert purposes.

Applications for these students were sent in several weeks ago by their director, Jack N. Gray, who is very proud of their being selected as outstanding band students from Robert Lee.

### HAS BROKEN ANKLE

Mrs. B. A. Austin suffered a compound fracture of her left ankle when she fell from a ladder at her home here Wednesday morning. She was spraying a pecan tree when she lost her balance and fell a distance of six feet. Mr. Austin was present at the time and immediately took his wife to Coke Memorial Hospital where the injury was X-rayed and placed in a cast. She will remain in the hospital a few days.

### BUILDS NEW HOME

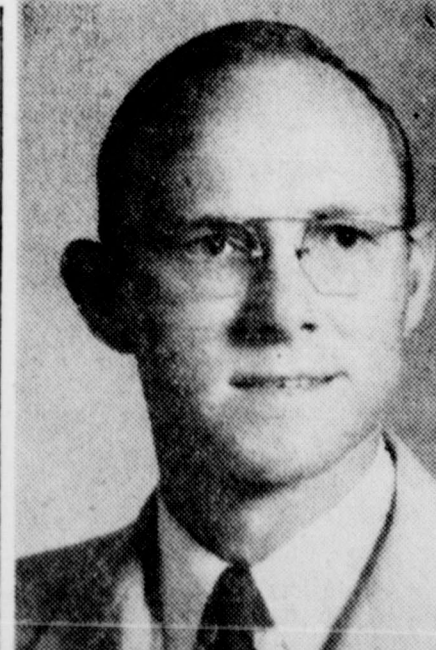
Work started last week on Victor Wojtek's new home at the west edge of Robert Lee. It has ground dimensions of 30 x 80 feet, including a two-car garage on the north end. It will be of frame construction with Arkansas Ledge-stone trim on the front. The main entrance leads into a large living room and back of that is the spacious kitchen with built-in cabinets and closets. Four bedrooms and two baths occupy more than half the south portion of the residence. McDonald Lumber Co. has the contract for material and Capps & Casey are the builders.

### SCHOOL TERM ENDS

Robert Lee public school closed the year Friday, following 8th grade commencement Thursday night when certificates were awarded a class of 32. The seniors left early Monday on a four days trip to Bandera where they expected to have fun at a dude ranch. Most of the teachers plan to spend the summer in Robert Lee. Supt. B. C. Goodwin and his family expect to leave about June 10 on an extensive vacation trip to Washington, D. C., New York City and other points in the east. P. E. Webb, elementary school principal, and his wife leave Sunday for Brownwood where the former will continue work on his master's degree at Howard Payne.

H. E. Meadows and family left the last of the week for Carson County where he will be foreman on a bridge project for Wes-Tex Construction Co. He has resided in Robert Lee the past year while supervising bridge work for Wes-Tex on Highway 208.

Jack Denman and family are enjoying a week's vacation with kinfolks in East Texas. Mr. Denman is an engine operator in Sun's gas plant at Silver and resides in Robert Lee.



ROY PALMER

## Old Court House Being Wrecked; New One In Use

Work started this week on dismantling the old court house. A contract for tearing down the structure and removing same was let to McGuire Bros. of Bronte.

All windows and doors were removed first and the cupola was removed Wednesday. A number of hands are working and it is hoped to have the grounds cleared within three or four weeks.

Caution will be used so that the north wall will not fall over on the new court house, only six feet away.

The contractor will be permitted to salvage any material they take from the building. They have had inquiry concerning the brown stone used in the walls, but as yet have not determined whether they can afford to remove the stone so that it will be usable.

All offices were moved to the new court house last week. Equipment that will not be used has been stored in the ag annex across the street to the west.

Practically everything in the new court house is new, including most of the filing cabinets, desks, chairs, counters, etc.

Only the seats for the district court room remain to be installed. They are manufactured in Waco and are due for delivery within the next week or two.

The new court house has an elaborate system of year around air conditioning. There are separate units for the main floor and the second floor. Since all of the second floor is devoted to court matters, that section of the building will be air conditioned only when it is in use.

## Gospel Meeting Scheduled For June 3 Thru 10

Much interest is being directed to the series of Gospel Meetings and Vacation Bible School at the Robert Lee Church of Christ from Sunday, June 3, through June 10.

Roy V. Palmer, member of the Bible faculty at Abilene Christian College, will preach both morning and night on June 3 and 10 and at night during the week starting at 7:30 o'clock.

Vacation Bible School will be directed during the period by Al Payne. Morning sessions will be held from Monday through Saturday, starting at 8:30 o'clock.

Roy Palmer graduated from ACC in 1940 and completed his M. A. Work in 1947 at George Pepperdine College in Los Angeles, Calif. He later preached in The Dales, Oregon, North Long Beach, Calif., and Norman, Okla.

Mr. Palmer went to Germany in 1947 to help Otis Gatewood begin the work in that country. A regular Bible School program was carried on in Frankfurt for several years in which a number of German men were trained to preach the Gospel. Twenty-five Christian congregations have now been established in Germany.

Mr. Palmer returned last fall to Abilene Christian College to teach in the Bible Department.

If You Don't Get the Observer You Don't Get the News

## Little League Starts Season; Ponies to Play

Robert Lee's Little League baseball team opened the season Monday night at Silver. The contest was not too well played and resulted in an 18-7 victory for Robert Lee. Another game is scheduled at Silver between the same clubs Friday night of this week. Silver has a big squad, but most of the players are young.

Bruce Allen is again in charge of the local Little Leaguers and is looking forward to a good season. Because of the age limit he lost Richard Sims, James Stewart, Donald Robertson and Bill Pharis, but other youngsters are coming on to take their places.

Allen has ten plays in uniform and wants two or three more. He has three good pitching prospects, including his son, Tommy, Mack Tubb and a new boy, Eugene Walker, a left hander. Joe Jones is the catcher.

Boys eligible for the Little League must not reach his 13th birthday before Aug. 1, otherwise he is ineligible for the entire 1956 season.

Ronnie Baker is working with Allen as assistant manager of the Little Leaguers.

The playing field is needing some repairs to the infield and

backstop and players benches as well as seats for spectators should be provided. It is hoped the grounds will be in shape for games here within another week.

Only three adults turned out for the meeting called for last Friday night to make plans for the summer ball program. A Pony League team, with boys from 13 to 15, is expected to be formed this week and will be managed by Travis McNair, Methodist minister.

Softball enthusiasts have not emerged from their winter's nap.

## LOCAL NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Connie Brown and children were guests Saturday night in the home of Mrs. Brown's sister, Mrs. A. D. Fields and family. They were enroute from their home in Ft. Worth to Alamogordo, New Mex., where Mr. Brown will be stationed for several months as a representative of Consolidated Convair airplane manufacturers.

Mrs. J. S. Ferrell spent several days last week as a delegate at the Methodist conference in San Antonio. Her husband joined her on Friday and they went on to Victoria where they visited until Sunday.

E. J. (Ebb) Grindstaff of Ballinger called on a number of people here Tuesday afternoon in behalf of his campaign for State Representative.

## With Our SUBSCRIBERS

In renewing The Observer, Mrs. H. D. Gartman, Rt. 2, Box 15, Grand Prairie, wrote: "Intended to pay up when we were there in April, but couldn't find you. We enjoy the paper very much."

A new subscriber is Mrs. J. E. Clark, Rt. 1, Box 189G, Midland. She is the former Luda Roberts of Robert Lee.

New subscribers at Silver are G. E. Conner, J. W. Bradham, Mrs. R. G. Hodge and Mrs. Roland T. Palmer.

Mrs. L. R. Hatfield will be sending in some news notes from Texas Natural gasoline plant and Mrs. John Conley and others will get some items from Perkins-Prothro, to go along with the Silver news.

### FROM MRS. PUETT

Dear Editor: Please renew my subscription to The Robert Lee Observer with enclosed check of \$2.50. I do not want to miss a single copy of the paper. I enjoy reading it so much and thus keep up with old friends.—Mrs. Augusta Puett, Box 451, Solomon, Ariz.

### MARRIED COKE GIRL

Recently we received a subscription check from Jay E. Hughes of Rogers, Tex., who said his wife

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was a former resident of Coke County. We wrote for more information, and received this reply:

"My wife is the former Beryl Deane Young, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Grover C. Young, former Bronte residents, who now reside in Rogers. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. N. McKinney, also former Bronte people who are now in Colorado City.

"My wife's parents moved to Colorado City in 1947 and she graduated from high school there in 1950. I was raised in Ft. Payne, Ala., and moved to Texas in 1946. My parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Hughes, live in Abilene.

"My wife and I were married in the Baptist parsonage in Robert Lee Sept. 26, 1950. We have a daughter, Sharon Bea, 4½ years old. Myself and two brothers-in-law, Grover Young and Othie Seaton, work for the Sioux Bee Honey association here in Rogers."

Mrs. Elton Millican and Mrs. Wayne Mashburn and their children came down from Borger last Wednesday to visit in the parental homes of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Millican and Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Harmon. Their husbands, who are engaged in carpenter work at Borger, joined them the last of the week and took them home.

## PERSONALS

Two young men, Harvey Allen and H. C. Braham, were treated this week at Coke Memorial Hospital for injuries received when they wrecked their car near Sterling City. They were enroute from Corpus Christi to their homes in Seattle, Wn. A Sterling City ambulance brought them to Robert Lee in the absence of Dr. Swain of Sterling City.

Gerald Millican and family were here last week visiting his father, D. M. Millican, and other kindred. They went on to Oklahoma City to visit his wife's folks, and returned to Robert Lee Wednesday when they took his father to Lordsburg, New Mex., for a visit with a brother. Gerald is stationed at Hobbs, New Mex., with Stanolind Oil Co.

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# Coke County Quarterly Statement

## From January 1 to March 31, 1956

Fund	Balances		Receipts	Disbursements	Balances	
	Dec. 31, 1955				March 31, 1956	
Jury	\$ 55,422.93		\$ 728.53	\$ 2,202.64	\$ 53,944.82	
Court-House and Jail	97,976.32		3,659.75	4,487.75	97,148.32	
General County	81,214.48		5,602.19	19,070.38	67,746.29	
Officers Salary	17,902.57		4,147.43	12,047.32	10,002.68	
Road and Bridge	2,022.37*		26,687.84	3,466.80	21,198.67	
Farm to Market	72,068.24		3,478.71	19,556.12	55,990.83	
Road and Bridge Special	10,716.84*		3,185.59	0	7,531.25*	
Lateral Road	11,545.58		0	9,339.71	2,205.87	
Court-House Bond Account	115,508.31		0	49,587.31	65,921.00	
Road Bond Account No. 2	18,950.67		0	18,902.42	48.25	
Road Bond Account No. 3	57,049.32		0	17,688.60	39,360.72	
Road Bond No. 1 Sinking	18,356.80		2,030.00	1,180.00	19,206.80	
Road Bond No. 2 Sinking	11,778.66		836.56	13,422.38	807.16*	
Road Bond No. 3 Sinking	13,368.35		2,050.00	0	15,418.35	
Road Bond No. 1 Ser. 54	7,107.72		952.20	0	8,059.92	
Social Security	876.38		5,000.00	1,133.59	4,472.79	
TOTALS	\$579,126.33		\$58,358.80	\$172,089.02	\$460,995.31	

NOTE: \* Indicates Overdrawn

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 Gray, County Treasurer

Garland Good, Notary Public, Coke County,  
Texas.

(Seal)

# SILVER NEWS

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public school closed Sat-  
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 Angelo, well known Sun  
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 was enjoyed in the cafeteria  
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 members of the faculty.  
 Paul Ashby and his fami-  
 ll go to Austin soon where  
 former will take a six weeks'  
 er course at the University  
 Texas.  
 and Mrs. Don Gressett have  
 to San Marcos where both  
 take summer college work.  
 O. W. Newell, another Sil-  
 teacher, will go to Duluth,  
 with her children for a  
 er visit with her mother.  
 will also take summer college  
 there.  
 ery Elliott and wife plan an  
 ed vacation trip to the  
 west Pacific Coast region.  
 Wheeler, newly elected  
 and physical education di-  
 from Menard, will study  
 summer at North Texas State  
 ge in Denton.  
 ver Church of Christ has start-  
 construction of two additional  
 tional rooms. New sidewalks  
 other improvements are to be  
 Carl Brock of Robert Lee  
 in charge of the project.  
 mer roustabouts at Sun gas-  
 plant here include Ben Bes-  
 Jimmy Gray and Tommy  
 Patrick, all of Robert Lee,  
 Glenn Slay of Midland. Bes-  
 and Gray started work Mon-  
 after completing the year at  
 Angelo College. Kirkpatrick  
 be here Friday after finishing  
 junior year at NTSC at Den-  
 Nathan Corbell of Colorado City  
 resigned as a Sun gas depart-  
 ment roustabout here and has ac-  
 cepted a position with an oil com-  
 pany at Big Spring.  
 Perry Post and family have gone  
 on a two weeks' vacation to Louis-  
 ana.  
 Pete Ashmore, Sun Pipeline Co.  
 chief clerk, returned last Wednes-  
 day from the Colorado City hos-  
 pital where he was a medical pa-  
 tient for several days.  
 Jerry Gallier and family left  
 Monday for Ingleside where he was  
 transferred as a connection fore-  
 man by Sun Pipeline Co. They  
 have purchased a new home there.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Gallier and daugh-  
 ters, Patty Sue and Debbie, were  
 honored with a coffee Saturday  
 forenoon at Sun Rec. Hall. They  
 were presented with a movie pro-  
 jector and gifts of crystal.  
 Elton McClusky and Sonny Pal-  
 mer will be employed as summer  
 roustabouts by Sun Pipeline Co.

The former has been attending a  
 chiropractic college in San Anto-  
 nio and Sonny is completing his  
 sophomore year at A & M College.  
 Mrs. Wilton Robertson and daugh-  
 ter, Claudia, have been visiting  
 in the home of her parents, Mr.  
 and Mrs. C. G. Walker, while Wil-  
 ton has been employed temporari-  
 ly at Stratford by Cities Service  
 Oil Co. Last week the visitors,  
 accompanied by Boneta Robert-  
 son of Robert Lee, spent a few  
 days with relatives and friends  
 in Lubbock.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mullican  
 and son, Franklin III, came from  
 Lubbock for a weekend visit in  
 the home of his parents here.  
 They also attended high school  
 commencement in Colorado City  
 where his brother, Lee, was a  
 member of the class.  
 Mrs. R. D. Arthur returned to  
 her home Monday after being  
 treated several days in the Colo-  
 rado City hospital. She received  
 serious injuries to a hand when  
 it was caught in a car door.  
 George W. Mealer is a new  
 pumper for the Texas Company  
 on the Chappelle lease northwest  
 of Silver. They are occupying a  
 new company house.  
 Mrs. George Fugate and chil-  
 dren, Karen and Robert, left last  
 week to visit her mother, Mrs.  
 Hank Moran at Dallas, and her  
 grandmother, Mrs. J. B. McDon-  
 nell at Bonham.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Sharp  
 and son, Larry, are here for a  
 week's visit with Mrs. Sharp's  
 parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Brad-  
 ham. Accompanied by his sister,  
 Rosalind, they will return to Abi-  
 lene Sunday where Mr. Sharp will  
 conclude work on his degree at  
 Hardin-Simmons University.  
 Mr. F. A. Whitt and Mrs. E. E.  
 Bussey were called here last  
 week to attend the funeral of New-  
 man Mathers. Mrs. Bussey return-  
 ed home, but Mrs. Whitt remained  
 to visit local relatives and friends.  
 She was taken back to her home  
 in Missouri this week by the Mit-  
 chell Caswells of Bronte.  
 Relatives visiting last week in  
 the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. B.  
 Allen included Mrs. S. W. Gas-  
 ton and son, Sam, of Tennyson,  
 Mrs. Claude Cotten of San Angelo  
 and William Gaston of Ackerly.  
 Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Sloan of  
 Hawley were here for a weekend  
 visit with the George Conner fam-  
 ily. They attended the program  
 Saturday night when their grand-  
 daughter, Patricia Conner, was  
 one of the junior high graduates.  
 Fredline Theis has been ill with  
 the chicken pox. She had just  
 completed her junior year at Colo-  
 rado City high school, where she

had a perfect attendance record  
 for the year.  
 Kay Stewart has gone to Sny-  
 der where she will be employed  
 during the summer in Sun Pipe-  
 line's district office.  
 E. L. Patrick was scheduled to  
 enter Hotel Dieu Hospital at Beau-  
 mont Wednesday for surgery. He  
 is a Sun Pipeline Co. mechanic's  
 helper here.  
 Mrs. J. D. Jett and daughter,  
 Sabrina, have been spending two  
 weeks with the former's mother,  
 Mrs. Tom Favors, at Colsmeniel,  
 Tex. Mr. Jett plans to go after  
 them this weekend.  
 Silver Lions Club sponsored a  
 highly successful sale of electric  
 bulbs last week. They grossed \$422  
 and netted around \$150 for the  
 club's treasury. The club wishes  
 to express its appreciation to all  
 the people of Silver and Robert  
 Lee who cooperated so generously.  
 Mrs. Hal Anderson and children  
 left Monday for an extended visit  
 with her mother at Alamogordo,  
 New Mex.  
 Bill C. Broocks and family mov-  
 ed Friday to their new home in  
 Colorado City where he was trans-  
 ferred as a production foreman  
 for Sun Oil Co.  
 Ike Snead has been transferred  
 from Snyder to Silver as a fore-  
 man and will occupy the house in  
 Jameson Camp vacated by the  
 Broocks family. Mr. Snead has  
 had long service with Sun and has  
 been in West Texas five years. He  
 has a wife and son, Allen, who

graduated from Snyder high school  
 the past week. Allen will work  
 as a roustabout for Sun this sum-  
 mer and will play ball with the  
 Robert Lee Rabbit Twisters.  
 E. B. Martin, Sun engineer, has  
 taken his family on a two weeks'  
 vacation trip to Mississippi to visit  
 his parents.  
 Jack Byrd and wife enjoyed a  
 long weekend visit with relatives  
 at Sulphur Springs and Dallas.  
 C. M. Bradbury, Sun produc-  
 tion derrickman, has returned  
 from a two weeks' vacation.  
 John Clifton and family are at  
 Gainesville for a two weeks' visit  
 with relatives. He is a Sun oil

tester.  
 Forrest P. Ferguson, Sun pro-  
 duction field clerk, has gone to  
 Alexandria, La., to visit his father  
 who is ill. His wife is spending  
 the period with her folks in Iowa.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Earl Boggus and  
 little son are spending the week  
 with kinfolks at Luling.  
 Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Preston  
 have returned from a vacation  
 trip to points in Michigan and  
 Ohio where they visited relatives.  
 Summer roustabouts announced  
 by Sun production department in-  
 clude Bill Preston, Jr., Richard  
 Howlett, Roland McArthur and Al-  
 len Snead.

**S. E. 'Skinny' Adams**  
**Oil Properties**  
**Insurance**  
 Office in Cactus Hotel Annex  
**SAN ANGELO TEXAS**

# Gospel Meeting

## June 1 thru 10



Preaching by  
**Bro. Alva Johnson**  
 Of Turkey, Texas

We Invite You to Attend  
 Each of These Services

WEEK DAYS - - - 8:00 P.M.  
 SUNDAYS - - 10 A.M. and 7 P.M.

# Northside

# Church of Christ

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## Wilson Resigns Court Job to Run For Atty. General

Supreme Court Justice Will Wilson has resigned his post on the State's highest tribunal to launch a fighting campaign for Attorney General of Texas. His resignation was made effective June 1.

"The most compelling call to duty for me today is to serve the people of Texas as their Attorney General," Wilson said.

With a career as Dallas' racket-busting district attorney, followed by six years on the Supreme Court, Wilson said he left the court "with reluctance." However he surprised few Capitol observers in responding to the challenge to serve as Texas' number one law enforcement officer.

"I have been asked why I am willing to leave the Supreme Court," Wilson commented. "Like the old cavalry general, I've always believed in riding straight for the sound of the guns."

"Certainly I know that I am deliberately turning my back on the security of a quiet harbor and certainly the course we will steer lies through troubled waters. But that's where the need is greatest."

"Texas' greatest need today is vigorous enforcement of our Texas laws. I believe I can serve Texas best in filling that need."

Most seasoned observers agree that Judge Wilson would have been re-elected without opposition to the Supreme Court. Both of his colleagues up for re-election are unopposed.

"I cannot remain on the Supreme Court while I campaign for Attorney General," he said.

On the issue of corruption in Texas government, Wilson's statement was quick and clear-cut:

"We're way past that as an issue. The only issue today is who is best qualified to clean it up."

"I believe my record as two-time assistant attorney general, prosecuting district attorney and su-

preme court associate justice qualify me to do the job."

Wilson was elected to the Court in 1950 by a heavy majority. He is one of the youngest men ever to serve on the high bench. While District Attorney he gained national recognition in stamping out organized crime in Dallas.

Selected by U. S. Attorney General J. Howard McGrath as one of the five district attorneys in the United States to speak before the Department of Justice's Conference on Organized Crime in Washington in 1950, Wilson was commended as one of the outstanding prosecutors of crime in the nation.

As assistant Attorney General under Gerald Mann and Grover Sellers in 1941-42, Wilson successfully prosecuted cases involving millions of dollars for Texas school children.

Wilson served in World War II in combat throughout the South Pacific in army campaigns ranging from New Guinea to Luzon and was decorated for patrol activity behind enemy lines.

Born forty-four years ago in Dallas Wilson received a Bachelor of Science degree in geology in 1934 and was graduated from Southern Methodist University Law School with the top record in his class.

Married and the father of two children, he and Mrs. Wilson live at 2201 Stamford Lane in Austin.

## Last Rites Held At Bronte For Mrs. C. H. Webb

From the Bronte Enterprise

Funeral services were held in Bronte Wednesday, May 23, at 10 a. m. for Mrs. C. H. Webb, 77. The last rites were conducted at the First Methodist Church, with the Rev. R. W. Blackmon, pastor of the Kickapoo Baptist Church, in charge. He was assisted by the Rev. Douglas Brown, First Baptist Church pastor.

Mrs. Webb was found dead at

### CARD OF THANKS

We extend deep appreciation to all our friends who did so much for us during our recent bereavement. The many beautiful expressions of sympathy were most helpful.—The Webb Family.

### CATECHISM CLASSES

Three Sisters from San Angelo are teaching both junior and adult classes in catechism in Robert Lee. The classes opened Tuesday and will continue two weeks. The training is being given at one of the Dickey Apartments. All Catholics interested are invited to attend.

her home here Monday afternoon by her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Clayburn Webb. Death was attributed to natural causes.

Mrs. Webb was born June 18, 1878, in Tennessee. She was married to Columbus Houston Webb in 1899 in Bell County. The couple moved to Concho County in 1916 and on to Coke County in 1935.

Survivors include three sons, Otha Webb of Houston, Clayburn and Lester Webb, both of Bronte; five daughters, Mrs. Birdie Richardson of Amarillo; Mrs. Juanita Parker and Mrs. Furr Roberts, both of Robert Lee, Mrs. Annie Rosser of Abilene and Mrs. Lovella Burlew of California; three brothers, John Cunningham and Mell Cunningham, both of San Angelo, and Marion Cunningham of Turkey, Tex.; 28 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren.

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### FRIENDSHIP HD CLUB

Friendship Home Demonstration Club met last Thursday forenoon with Mrs. Brent Clark. Roll call was answered by "How I Get My Family to Eat Vegetables." Mrs. Frank Bryan, foods leader, gave a demonstration on cooking vegetables. Mrs. Pat Rives and Mrs. Tom Rives were recommended as delegates to the Home Demonstration state and national conventions to be held in September in San Antonio. Broiled steaks were featured along with the cooked vegetables at lunch time. Next meeting will be June 14 with Mrs. J. W. Service as hostess.

If You Don't Get the Observer You Don't Get the News

### JACK GRAY HONORED

Jack N. Gray and his family were honored with a covered supper Monday night of last week at the school cafeteria. The event was sponsored by the Band Parents Club. Mr. Gray has been band director in the Robert Lee schools the past five years. His family was presented with a valuable gift certificate.

For many small business operators who have no place to turn in time of disaster, the Red Cross and its small business group means the chance to rebuild and live again. It is you and your generosity in joining that makes this help possible.

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Western Star  
Installation  
Monday Night

Robert Lee Chapter Order of Western Star will hold a public installation of officers at the Mahan Hall next Monday night, June 4, starting at 8 o'clock. The public is invited.

Grand installing officer will be James Bennett, with Mrs. Darsey, marshal, Mrs. H. Hudgins, chaplain, and Mrs. L. Johnston, organist, all of San Angelo. Mrs. Ralph Garvin will serve as installing secretary pro tem.

New officers are:

Mrs. W. D. McAdams, worthy patron.

Melvin Childress, worthy patron.

Mrs. Ell Hatley, associate matron.

Gerald Allen, associate patron.

Mrs. Bob Godwin, secretary.

Mrs. Lowell Roane, treasurer.

Mrs. Betty Green, conductress.

Mrs. Brent Clark, associate conductress.

Mrs. Jeff Blair, chaplain.

Mrs. Gerald Allen, marshal.

Mrs. R. S. Crum, organist.

Adah, Mrs. Barton Waldrop.

Ruth, Mrs. W. W. Millikin.

Esther, Mrs. Melvin Childress.

Martha, Mrs. C. E. Gaines.

Electa, Mrs. J. B. Morrow.

Warder, Mrs. Claude Word.

Sentinel, Jeff Blair.

PERSONALS

Mrs. E. A. Burgess is taking off some time as a nurse at Coke Memorial Hospital and has been entertaining kinfolks. Her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Snow, and three children arrived last week from Benson, Ariz., for ten days' stay. Other children and kinfolks who gathered for a family reunion here Memorial Day included the Oren Fletchers of San Angelo, the Bill Lloyds of Bangs, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Matthews and Mr. and Mrs. Dan Adney of San Angelo and the Carl Brock family and Madine Burgess of Robert Lee.

Curtis Sockwell and family are now residing in one of Daisy McCutchen's rent houses in the north part of town. A Sun production employee at Silver, Mr. Sockwell has been living in the I. M. Austin property. This place has leased to Tommy Hunter, field clerk at Sun's Jameson gas plant at Silver, who will move his family here from Colorado City next weekend.

Mrs. Pearl Rutherford returned last week to her home in El Paso after a ten days' visit with her sister, Mrs. Wm. McCutchen, and Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Allen and children will leave Saturday for Waxahatchie for a few days' visit with Mrs. Allen's sister.

Louis Cardenas was given hospital treatment here this week after running a large nail in his foot while working on the new Colorado River Bridge at the south edge of town.

Mrs. Lois Williams plans to leave the first of the week for a visit with her sister, Mrs. Prudence Dubas, in Houston.

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PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. (Buster) Fields and her sister, Miss Beth Gilmore of Monahans, went to Lubbock Sunday where they attended baccalaureate and commencement exercises at Texas Tech. Their son, Don Fields, was a member of the graduating class. He completed his work at Tech in January and is now serving as assistant county agent in Dawson County.

A. Z. Sturgess and wife were here a couple of days this week after visiting kinfolks in East Texas for two weeks. Mr. Sturgess was foreman for Suggs Construction Co. in charge of building the new court house. He left yesterday for Odessa where he will be employed on another project.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Shandley and children left Friday on a week's trip to visit the former's parents in northeast Arkansas. Raymond is taking a vacation from his duties as post office clerk, and Mrs. A. J. Bilbo is substituting for him.

Willis Wayne Smith returned to his work Monday at Robert Lee State Bank after a two weeks' vacation. He spent most of the period farming, and the latter part of last week took his family on a trip to Belton and Waco to visit relatives.

Twisters To  
Play Angelo  
Club Sunday

Robert Lee Rabbit Twisters play Kirby Vacuum next Sunday at 3 p.m. at the Randolph Street grounds, just north of Colts Park.

The Twisters have failed to win a game in their four Concho Basin League starts, and the lineup is still not up to full strength. Manager Lew Heuvel will be on vacation the next three weeks, leaving a vacancy at short, and Norman Roberts is working at Odessa and may not be able to be on hand for all Sunday games. That's another blow.

Royce Smith, who broke his arm nearly four weeks ago, won't be back at first base for another couple of weeks. It is hoped Tommy Franks will be on hand this Sunday, as well as Allen Snead. Another Demere boy is also expected.

Fans were happy to use some new bleacher seats for the first time last Sunday. They were purchased from county park funds and will be moved to the park area when a ball ground there is completed. Shade over the seats will be installed before the next home game.

Want Ads

FOR SALE—Outgrown pair boys cowboy boots size 4½; also pair leather chaps and Stella mandolin. Inquire of Bruce Allen, phone 3703.

FOR RENT—Modern 2-bedroom house behind Y-Courts. See S. R. Young or call the owner, J. C. Strickland, phone 213063, San Angelo. 46 tf

HOUSE FOR SALE—5-room modern house, newly re-finished. Requires only a small down payment. —Fred McDonald, Jr. 47tf

FOR SALE—2 bedroom modern home, 4 lots, located one block from court house square. Priced cheap. Inquire of the owner, Jack Brock.

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. 48c

New Director  
Of School Band  
A Visitor Here

Keith Farris, Robert Lee high school's new band director, came to Robert Lee last Wednesday and enjoyed meeting band members and some of their parents.

Farris graduated from Abilene Christian College last January and is now studying for his master's degree. He and his wife will move here late in the summer.

Members of the band at the meeting last week elected the following officers:

Drum major, Butch Davis.  
Majorettes, Sue Goodwin, Martha Humphrey and Jerry Dale Sparks. Charlene Robertson, alternate.

Cheerleaders formerly elected by the high school includes Jeanny

POLITICAL  
ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Observer is authorized to announce the following candidates, subject to the Democratic Primary Election July 28, 1956:

For County and District Clerk  
J. L. (CHILLY) TINKLER

For Sheriff and Tax Assessor  
PAUL GOOD

For Commissioner, Precinct 1  
J. W. SERVICE  
FERN HAVINS

For Commissioner, Precinct 3  
ED HICKMAN  
FRED ASHWORTH


For County Attorney  
FRANK C. DICKEY, JR.

For State Representative  
77th District  
E. J. (Ebb) GRINDSTAFF  
A. J. BISHOP

Brown, Carolyn Childress, Kenny Sawyer, Karen Lee Box, and Doris Sparks. Jo Alice McDonald, alternate.

Robert Lee high school recently approved and adopted a constitution and by-laws for a new Student Council. Hulan Harris, ag instructor, served as advisor of a committee which drew up the articles. Officers of the group will be elected soon after school opens next fall. It has been several years since a student council has functioned here.

Mrs. Lee R. Brown was dismissed last Friday from Coke Memorial Hospital where she was a patient for 82 days. Two weeks previously she fractured a hip and sustained other injuries in a fall at her home and was treated in San Angelo before being removed to Robert Lee. She still uses a wheel chair and will be cared for by her husband and a daughter, Miss Violet Brownl who is home for the summer from her teaching duties at Silver.



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## SMALL TALK

By A. J. K.

The road runners are setting, and the pair takes turns on the nest. This is three weeks now since they completed the new nest, so they should be hatching pretty soon. We don't molest them any more than necessary but it has been highly interesting watching them, since the nest is only 100 feet from the house.

A week or two ago two men in different parts of Texas were found guilty of murder and received 5-year suspended sentences. How can a jury agree on a suspended sentence if they find the man guilty? Just as well turn him loose. Sure, you CAN get away with murder in Texas. It has even been done in Coke County.

Saving pennies is important. The other day we saw Jo Clawson in the bank with a lot of 'em. She saved a tobacco can full from the time she was a wee youngster until she graduated from high school. There was \$17.00 worth. Some of the folks in the bank were counting the stuff, but I thought they weighed them as a rule. Frank Bryan and wife saved quite a few pennies last year and brought them to Krall's store during the holidays. Melvin weighed them up at the rate of 150 pennies to the pound. The Bryans had 8 pounds, or \$12 worth.

Switch from pennies to dollars: You don't see a silver dollar very often any more. One turned up recently at Silver when the school pupils brought in contributions to the Cancer Fund. David Lindsey parted with the silver dollar.

Report comes from a local Democratic meeting in another

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state. Several of those present were surprised to see a friend of theirs—a registered Republican—sitting in the audience. "What are you doing here with us Democrats?" one wanted to know. "Slumming," came the reply. Of course this could be reversed to a Republican meeting and a visiting Democrat.

Coke County's new court house is attracting many visitors since its completion last week. Everyone is delighted with its beauty and arrangement. A formal dedication will be set for later in the summer.

Since the help is utilizing all the parking space in front of the court house, customers will have to find other space. However, when the old building is removed a driveway is to be built to the rear of the building and the help will then use the back entrance.

Mayor Cumbie Ivey, Jr. was the subject of an excellent feature story in the Sunday Standard-Times. Some good pictures of the mayor and his family were also featured. Robert Lee was a source of other featured news the past week, including pictures of the court house and river bridge.

I have often asked teachers taking post graduate college if there wasn't a saturation point for all this higher learning, but none of them have admitted that they know it all.

Mrs. Henry Childress suffered serious and painful injuries in a fall Tuesday afternoon at the Childress barbecue cafe. She fell on a step leading to the kitchen resulting in bad bruises and sprains of both knees. She is being treated at Coke Memorial Hospital.

## HOSPITAL NEWS

May 24—Mrs. H. L. Shirey, Guanelle Gregston, Carolyn Childress admitted. Mrs. Sam Jay dismissed.

May 25—Mrs. Lillian Caraway admitted. Mrs. C. W. Brown, Mrs. Lee Brown, Mrs. O. B. Jacobs dismissed.

May 26—Mrs. Bessie Hallmark admitted. Howard Varnadore dismissed.

May 27—Guanelle Gregston dismissed.

May 28—Mrs. C. W. Brown, Louis Cardenas admitted. Mrs. J. A. Childress, Carolyn Childress dismissed.

May 29—Harvey Smith, H. C. Braham, Jerry Dean, Mrs. Henry Childress, Mrs. Melvin Childress admitted.

May 30—Mrs. B. A. Austin admitted. Jerry Dean, H. C. Braham, Harvey Smith dismissed.

Fatima Ann Stroud is spending a couple of weeks at Alice in the home of her uncle, Dave McCrohan, and family. Her mother, Mrs. R. A. Stroud, took her to San Antonio last Sunday where she was met by the kinfolks from Alice.

### Home Demonstration Club Activities

By Mrs. Fay C. Roe

A demonstration in Sewing Techniques and care of sewing machines will be held in the court house in Robert Lee Friday, June 1, at 2 p.m. Personnel from the San Angelo office will be in charge. Everyone interested in sewing is invited to attend.

It is wonderful to be in such a nice office as we have in the new court house. The kitchen is nice and will be such a time saver for the HD Agent in preparing for her meetings. And you will have a comfortable place to attend council and training meetings. We still have lots of re-arranging, but we hope to have things straight soon. Do drop by to see our new offices and visit in the cool, clean building of which each Coke Countians should be extremely proud.

Surely heard a nice report from Bronte HD Club and their party Monday night. Hated so bad to miss it, but Monday was the daughter's birthday so she had a party after work and I was oh so tired from running from one room to another in getting the girls dresses cut out.

4-H Leaders render a service few people realize. Mrs. R. T. Palmer from Silver is doing just that this week. She is driving down from Silver to bring one 4-H member and to assist me with the workshop. She doesn't even have a child, but is interested enough in young girls to devote her time to the 4-H Club work of the county. Others are doing a fine job too—Mrs. Pat Rives, Mrs. Foy Moore, Mrs. John Coalson, Mrs. Aubrey Denman, Mrs. Truman Parker and Mrs. W. J. Humphrey.

### 4-H CLOTHING WORKSHOP

The 4-H Clothing Workshop for Senior members of Robert Lee and Silver is being held in the court house in Robert Lee this week. Garments are being constructed by the girls under the supervision of Mrs. Fay C. Roe, HD Agent. Plans are being made to conduct a workshop in Bronte next week.

Machines are being furnished by Singer Sewing Machine Company. Leaders assisting Mrs. Roe are Mrs. Tom Rives, Mrs. Pat Rives and Mrs. R. T. Palmer.

Girls constructing garments are: Mary Beth Schooler, Mary Frances Wylie, Gladys Rives, Annice Gartman, Brenda Cowley, Brenda Sue McDorman, Gail Lewis, Priscilla Wylie, all of Robert Lee, and Carol Hatfield of Silver.

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