

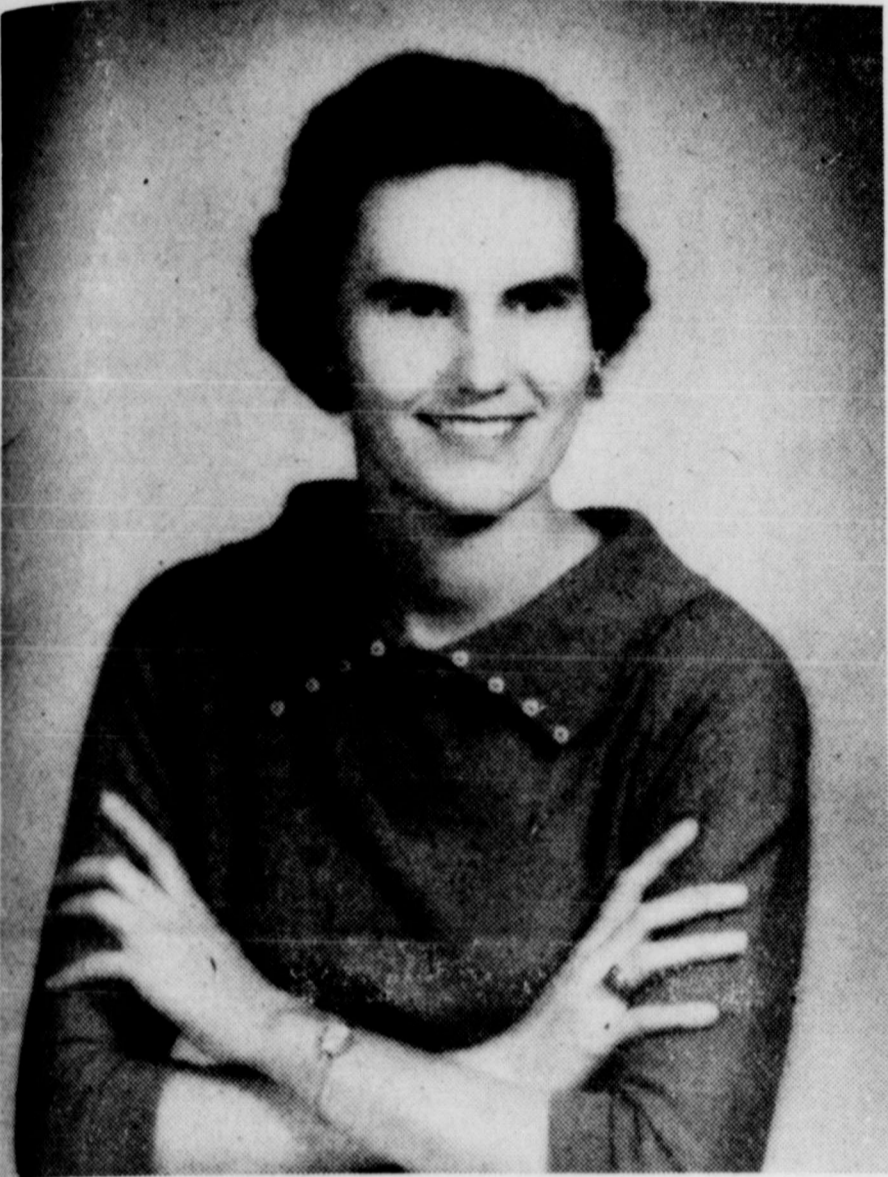
# Robert Lee Observer

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MISS BONITA ROBERTSON has set February 14, 1959, as the date of her marriage to Kenneth Hester. She is the daughter of Mrs. Bonetia Robertson of Robert Lee and Mr. Hester is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Hester of Bronte. The wedding will take place on Valentine Day at 2 p.m. in the Robert Lee Baptist Church.

## Notes

### From The Oil Field

#### Humble Stepout On Harris Ranch Flows 220 Bbls.

Potential has been taken at a discovery from a Canyon Sand completed 15 miles northwest of Robert Lee.

It is Humble Oil & Refining Co. No. 4-B R. H. Harris Estate, located in T. G. Goss Survey 1.

Daily potential was 220 barrels of 44.5 gravity oil. Flow was through a 3-16-inch choke and from perforations at 5,472-84; 5,511-17; 5,535-44; and 5,556-62 feet. The pay was treated with acid and fractured.

Casing is set at 5,668 feet and the hole bottomed at 6,400 feet. Gas-oil ratio was 1,175-1. Pressure was 900 pounds on the casing and 850 pounds on the tubing.

#### Stake Wildcat On Joe Field

A new wildcat has been staked in the area eight miles southwest of Robert Lee. It is J. K. Wadley and Louie A. Condry of Texarkana No. 1 Joe Field.

Having a proposed depth of 7,000 feet with rotary, the location is 660 feet from the north and east lines of Section 282, blk. 2, H&TC Survey. It is two miles south of the Edith store.

Operators own the 295-acre field lease and have also purchased a portion of the royalty.

Dixon Drilling Co. has the contract and was moving in rotary equipment this week.

Roy Guffey Drilling Co. moved in rotary rig early this week on Sum B-1 Foster Sims Price, wildcat 4 miles southeast of Silver.

Southern Union Gas. Co. was

testing for completion attempt at a Permian discovery its No. 1 J. R. in 9-W-TP in the west end of Coke County. The project was drilled to 8,154 feet and plugged back to 4,490 feet where 5 1/2 inch casing was set.

Production was indicated while being drilled on a drillstem test between 4,405-54 feet with the recovery of 90 feet of free oil and 880 feet of heavily oil and gas-cut mud.

#### GRADE SCHOOL OPERETTA

A grade school operetta will be presented next Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Robert Lee school auditorium. It is entitled, "The Magic Bean Stalk," and portrays the story of Jack and the Beanstalk. Mrs. Jeff Dean is directing the production which will include pupils of the first six grades in costumes. Admission prices will be 20c and 35c.

Mrs. Lillian Caraway and family enjoyed their turkey dinner on Saturday when special guests were the Jack Snead family, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Allen and Frank Allen.

## Fr. Dickey Jr. Resigns County Attorney Post

Frank C. Dickey Jr. has resigned as County Attorney to accept a position with the State Highway Department. His resignation was accepted by the Coke County Commissioners Court at their Monday session.

Mr. Dickey took up his new work immediately and has moved his family to San Angelo where they have leased a residence at 421 South Avenue.

He will be employed in a legal capacity as senior right of way agent in Highway District 7 which has headquarters in San Angelo. He will handle title and legal work for the district which is made up of fifteen or more counties in this area. A. J. Snell is

## Santa Coming For Christmas Party Dec. 13

Plans are shaping up for Robert Lee's third annual Christmas Party set for Saturday, Dec. 13. Big attraction will be the Santa Claus parade led by the Robert Lee High School marching band, after which Santa will distribute gifts to all who are on hand to greet him.

There will be free roller skating and free movies, with a drawing for two brand new bicycles. Anyone may register for the bike drawing and no purchase is necessary.

A number of letters have been mailed out, but the invitation to be here Dec. 13 applies to everybody whether or not they received a letter.

The event is sponsored by the City Commission of Robert Lee in cooperation with the Volunteer Fire Department and Board of Community Development. Also all merchants of the city are helping with the project and have arranged for the free prizes.

## Walker Opens New Station; Laundry Soon

D. D. Walker announces the opening of his new Col-Tex service station just west of Robert Lee on Highway 158. Otho Long has been engaged as the station attendant.

Mr. and Mrs. Walker have created quite a layout on the acreage which they purchased a few months ago. The location is near the Fred Roe ranch house and is 200 yards west on the Edith highway from the intersection with Highway 208.

The Walkers constructed a new home and have added the station and other buildings which will house an automatic laundry and a leather shop.

Mr. Walker has been in the wholesale gas and oil business here a number of years and he and his wife have also been interested in the leather shop which has been closed temporarily.

Mrs. Willis Smith and family entertained a group of relatives at dinner last Thursday who had come to Bronte to attend the funeral of Mrs. Jim Simpson. She was the mother of Mrs. Sewell Johnson.

## Grand Jury Will Get Murder Case

District Judge Joe L. Mays has ordered the Grand Jury to be reconvened in Robert Lee next Monday at 10 a. m.

Main business will be investigation of the Negro pair charged with the brutal murder Oct. 24 of L. H. (Shorty) Canada, 58, Gandy creamery truck driver of San Angelo.

The men, Roosevelt Wiley, 26, and Willie McDade, a juvenile, confessed to stabbing the man to death after robbing him of \$800. The assault took place on Highway 87 near Water Valley at a point inside Coke County.

They were bound over to the grand jury by Justice of the Peace E. C. Davis without bond. Sheriff Paul Good took them to an undisclosed West Texas jail for safe keeping. Later the younger man became ill and was brought to the Coke County jail and has remained in custody here.

District Attorney Justin Kever will be in charge of the grand jury investigation.

Members of the grand jury panel which is being called back includes G. C. Allen, Melvin Childress, J. F. McCabe, Jr., Will Percifull, J. W. Service, Otto Wojtek, B. D. Meckey, John E. Scott, T. E. Tidwell, S. C. Sayner, Bob Odom and R. H. Godwin.

#### DISTRICT COURT CASES

Judge Mays presided over a

domestic relations action in District Court in Coke County recently in a case titled Robert C. Hickman vs Patricia Hickman. After hearing evidence in the defendant cross petition, the court awarded Patricia Hickman \$225 per month temporary alimony and child support.

Wm. C. McDonald and H. C. Vinson represented the plaintiff. Craig Porter was counsel for the defendant.

Following a hearing Oct. 8 P. W. Millican was granted a divorce from Lois Millican. The latter was permitted to restore her former name of Lois Williams. Wm. C. McDonald represented the plaintiff and Glenn R. Lewis was the defendant's lawyer.

#### IN BAND CONTEST

Robert Lee High School Band will compete in the interscholastic league contest at Winters Saturday, Dec. 6. Twirling competition will be held in the forenoon. Marching bands compete in the afternoon with Robert Lee being the first band to take the field at 1 o'clock. Forty-eight bands and 500 twirlers are registered for the competition.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ashworth and children and Geo. F. Powers were Thanksgiving dinner guests in the Johnnie Ashworth home at Abilene.

## Robert Lee FFA Top Winners In District Meet

The Robert Lee F. F. A. Chapter won two firsts and a second November 24 in Eldorado at the Concho District F. F. A. Leadership Contest.

Ten schools make up the Concho F. F. A. District, including Robert Lee, Bronte, Wall, Lake View, Eldorado, Ozona, Big Lake, San Angelo, Sterling City, and Garden City.

The Robert Lee F. F. A. Quiz team composed of V. A. 1 boys, Don Hester, Joe Roe, Ronnie Reid, Jimmie Moore and alternate Kenneth Smith, gave a record breaking performance in scoring 291 points out of 300 to defeat Sterling City by 20 points. Don Hester scored 99 points out of a possible 100 to lead all contestants in this field. Other scores were: Joe Roe, 97, Ronnie Reid 95 and Jimmy Moore 91.

The Quiz team with it's 291 points leads all other districts in high scores and will enter the Area Contest December 6 in Big Spring as one of the favorites.

For the Robert Lee group this makes the fifth consecutive year they have been victorious in the F. F. A. Quiz. The Quiz is a written contest based upon knowledge of the F. F. A. organization and parliamentary procedure.

The other first place winner for Robert Lee was the Farm Radio team composed of V. A. students, David Waldrop, Butch Service and Douglas Ashworth. The Radio team defeated five other teams to bring back a first place banner to Robert Lee. The team gave a very enlightening discus-



DON HESTER

...wins most points

sion on current farm problems.

The Farm Radio team will compete in the area radio contest Saturday, December 6, in Big Spring.

The Senior Chapter Conducting team composed of V. A. II boys placed second in a field of six to bring home the other top award for Robert Lee. Team members include Donny Robertson, Jerry Quisenberry, James Harmon, Carlton Boone, Joe Jones, Frankie Blair, Rocky Counts, and Jerry Don Calder. Ozona defeated Robert Lee for the top spot.

The chapter conducting contest is based on parliamentary practices and procedures.

The Robert Lee group qualified its two first place teams to the Area Contest Saturday, December 13, in Huntsville.

The Robert Lee F. F. A. group will be accompanied to the area contest by Hulan Harris, local V. A. teacher.



MRS. JACKIE SANFORD  
...former Hattie Kaye McKinnon

### Hattie McKinnon Is Bride Of Jackie Sanford

The marriage of Miss Hattie Kaye McKinnon to Jackie Lee Sanford took place at 10 a. m. Saturday, Nov. 29, at the Mitchell county court house in Colorado City. Only the immediate families were present.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. K. McKinnon of Silver and the bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Sanford of Colorado City.

The bride wore a two-piece grey suit with black shoes and a corsage of carnations.

A reception was held Saturday night in the Silver Methodist Church fellowship hall sponsored by the bride's parents. Charlotte McCabe served cake and punch was served by Delores Roe. Sandra Clifton presided at the guest register. The serving table was centered with the white wedding cake and white carnations with a blue background.

Mr. Sanford is employed at Silver by J. P. Jameson Roustabout Service. His wife will continue her studies at Colorado City high school where she is a senior.

### Honor Roll

#### Silver Public Schools 2nd Six Weeks

- 2nd grade — Betty Post, Judy Gartman, Judy Ann Voelkel.
- 3rd — Lonnie Bloodworth, Gene Kincaid, Tommy Morgan.
- 4th — Carl Bloodworth, Jim Clendennen, Debby Hines, Charles Kennedy, Steve Kohutek, Robert Mathers, Susan Newell.
- 5th — Brenda Jameson, Karen Fugate, Lane Arthur.
- 6th — Raynelle Bloodworth, Dennis Gartman, Sue Rea Kennedy, Jan Mills, Mary Morgan.
- 7th — Mary Beth Walker.
- 8th — Dwain Walker, Allen Clendennen.

#### B HONOR ROLL

- 5th grade — Fredda McCabe, Ray Mayo, Richard Ledbetter, Robert Jameson, Rhonda Gartman, Gayle Conley.
- 6th — Judy Kincaid, Lynn Mills, Larry Don Mullican, Billy Paul, Patricia Post, John Reed, Daphne Roe.
- 7th — Carolyn Vinson, Mike Simpson, Jackson McCallie, Ronnie Lyle.
- 8th — Ann White, Richard Ramsey, Twila Edwards, Norman Butcher.
- 9th — Sue Moore, Bill Ledbetter, Susan Hughes, Sandra Higginbotham.

(Note — No B honor roll is kept for the lower four grades.)

### Silver News

E. W. Taylor is taking a two weeks' vacation from his duties as district gauger for Sun Pipeline Co. He and his wife will spend the period with their son at Nederland with other friends and relatives in the Beaumont area.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Palmer and children visited last week at Bridgeport and went to Cleburne for Thanksgiving dinner with Mrs. Palmer's sister, Mrs. G. O. Watson, and family. Other relatives joined the group at Cleburne where the Watsons observed a house warming in their fine new home.

Thanksgiving dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Jennings included the T. W. Lyle and J. D. Jett families.

Many Silver football fans went to Sweetwater Saturday night to witness the Breckenridge-Sweetwater football game. Breckenridge won the bi-district contest 16-14.

Silver Junior High boys and girls basket ball teams open the season with a double header at Westbrook Thursday night of this week.

They are scheduled to play the junior high teams in Robert Lee next Monday night.

Charlie Arnold and his brother-in-law, A. G. Ballard of Colorado City, enjoyed a weekend fishing expedition at Granite Shoals.

Sun production roustabouts on vacation this week include Billy C. Green and Gerald Brasuel. Tommy Dixon is confined to his home from injuries received in a car wreck Saturday night.

Mrs. Charlie Arnold and daughters, Jo Ann and Jeanie, spent the

weekend with their son and brother, Butch, who is in charge of a ranch north of Baird. He likes his work there and thinks he is doing all right batching.

John Moon, Don Hodges and Glenn Wilkes are additional Texas Natural Gasoline Corp. employees who have been transferred to the company's new Toca plant near New Orleans.

Thanksgiving guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Mason included Mrs. Pearl Atkins, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Ray and family and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Eisenbach and family, all of San Angelo. The three ladies are daughters of Mrs. Atkins.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ashby and children divided their Thanksgiving holidays with his parents at Lubbock and with Mrs. Ashby's parents in Pampa.

Sympathy is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hunter in the death of an infant daughter. She was born Friday in a Big Spring hospital and passed away Monday night. Funeral services and burial occurred at Colorado City Tuesday forenoon. The family has two little sons. Mr. Hunter is a field clerk at Jameson natural gasoline plant here.

Jameson plant employees on vacation this week include James E. Furr, Kenneth Deal and Henry Bond.

J. D. Gilbert and family enjoyed a brief Thanksgiving visit among relatives in Louisiana. Mr. Gilbert is on vacation this week from his position as foreman at Jameson gasoline plant.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Kownslar

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MARILYN KAY STEWART will be married January 24, 1959, to Ivey Read Biggs. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John T. Stewart of Silver and is a clerk-stenographer in the office of Sun's Jameson natural gasoline plant. Mr. Biggs is a junior at Texas Tech where he is majoring in accounting. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Biggs of Colorado City. The Rev. Clarence Collins, pastor of the First Methodist Church of Colorado City, will officiate at the wedding to be held at 7:30 p.m. in the Silver Baptist Church.

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# Pecan Church Re-Dedicated Sunday, Nov. 30

A large crowd attended the dedication service held at the Pecan Missionary Baptist Church on Sunday, Nov. 30.

The Church was organized Sept. 12, 1897, under a brush arbor located on the late Elder John Reed ranch property, now owned by a daughter, Mrs. E. S. Cummings.

Elder Reed was an early Pastor of the Church. Two of his daughters were present for the dedication service. Mrs. E. S. Cummings of Abilene and Mrs. W. D. Powers of Paducah. Also present was a grandson, Turney Sparks, from Abilene and a granddaughter, Mrs. Frank Coalson of Robert Lee.

Others coming from a distance to attend the service were Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Schooler and daughter, Mary Beth, from Colorado state, and Mr. and Mrs. Loyal

Schooler and family of Lamesa. The dedication sermon was given by a former pastor, Bro. ohn Boland. Prayer was led by Bro. R. W. Blackmon, pastor of Kickapoo Church at Bronte.

Corsages were presented to Mrs. Cummings in memory of her parents and others of her family who have gone on to be with the Lord, and to Mrs. Della Schooler in memory of the Schooler family and all former pastors and members of the Church.

Corsages were also presented Will Millican as being the oldest member of the Church and to Dick Waldrop being the youngest. Mr. Millican was present when the Church was organized 61 years ago. Bro. James Rogers from San Angelo is now pastoring the Church.

The church building was enlarged and remodeled extensively during the past summer. Located three miles west of Edith, it is one of the few remaining rural churches in this area.

TRY A WANT AD

**SILVER —**  
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and children of Austin returned home Sunday after a holiday vacation with the former's brother, John T. Stewart, and family. Mr. Kownslar is a retired Air Force major and is now engaged in other work.

Curtis Parish and family spent Thanksgiving with Mrs. Parish's mother and brother at Odessa.

Mrs. J. M. Hazlewood came from Dallas for a visit over Thanksgiving with her daughter, Mrs. Phil Wall and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Grant and children of Tulsa and his mother, Mrs. Rita Grant of Henrietta Okla. and Miss Marie Duncan of Talequah, Okla., were Thanksgiving guests in the Jack Morgan home. Mrs. Grant and Miss Duncan are sisters of Mrs. Morgan.

Mrs. Ruth Geer and son, Don, spent Thanksgiving with their daughter and sister, Mrs. Patsy Coulter, and children at Turnertown.

James (Corky) Moore was passing out cigars after the birth of a daughter early Monday in Coke

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County Memorial Hospital at Robert Lee.

Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Herford and sons Rickey and Jerry, came from Beaumont for a visit last week with the former's brother, Jim Herford, and family. The Herford brothers are Sun Pipeline employees.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Allen went to Tennyson Saturday to attend a family dinner in the home of Mrs. Allen's mother, Mrs. Addie Gaston. Other kinfolks in attendance included a son, Edward, who recently returned from a tour of army duty in Japan.

Mrs. Frank Mullican left Monday morning for Abilene to join her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Ledbetter, on a trip to Hugo, Okla., to attend funeral services for her uncle, R. C. Ledbetter. He was a Church of Christ preacher for more than fifty years and died suddenly Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Wilkes honored their son, Glenn, with a barbe-

cue supper Friday night prior to his departure for a point near New Orleans where he was transferred by Texas Natural Gasoline Corp.

Dale Dean is visiting among Silver friends while on leave from the army. He had been training in North Carolina and visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Dean at Woodville, before coming to Silver. He and Charles Calder of Robert Lee will go on to Seattle preparatory to being shipped to Korea for duty with the U. S. forces.

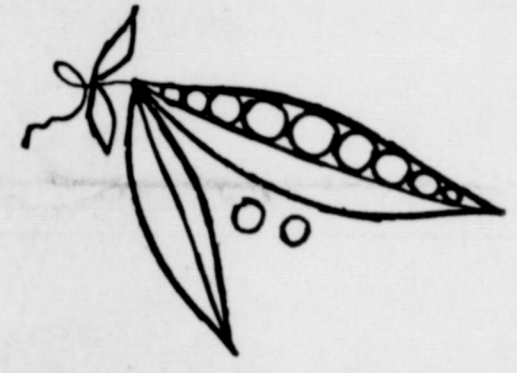
Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Mathers returned Saturday from a visit with their son, Upton, and family at Seminole, Okla. They report their son is much improved after a recent surgical operation.

Bob Odum returned Friday from a week's deer hunting below Junction. He brought home a nice buck.

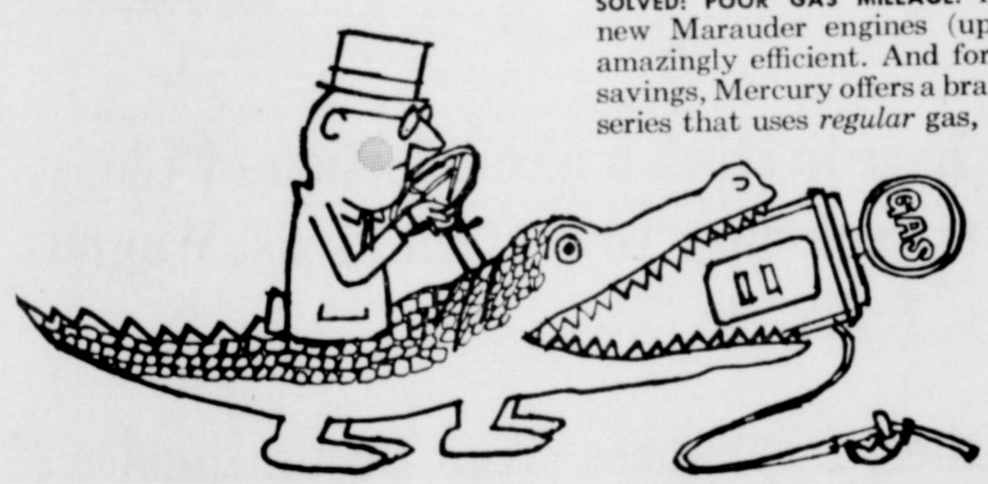
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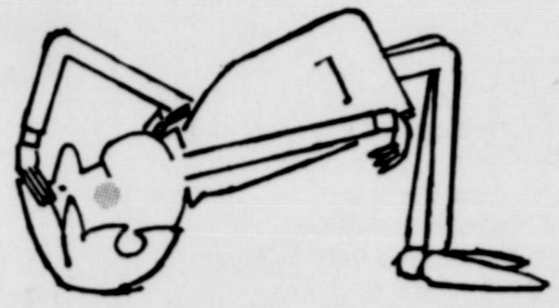
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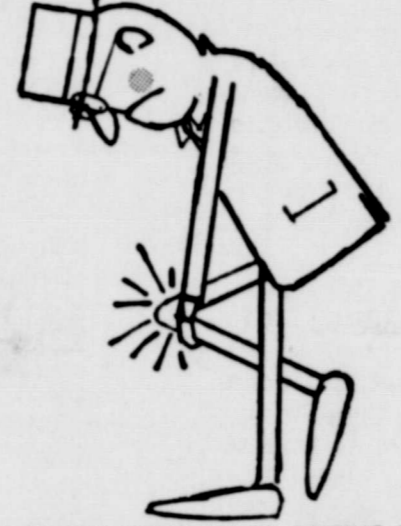
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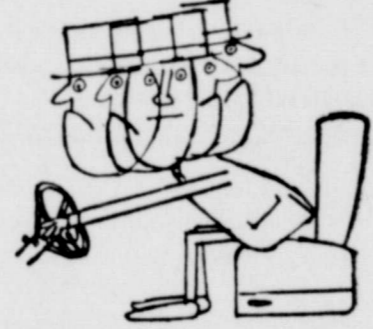
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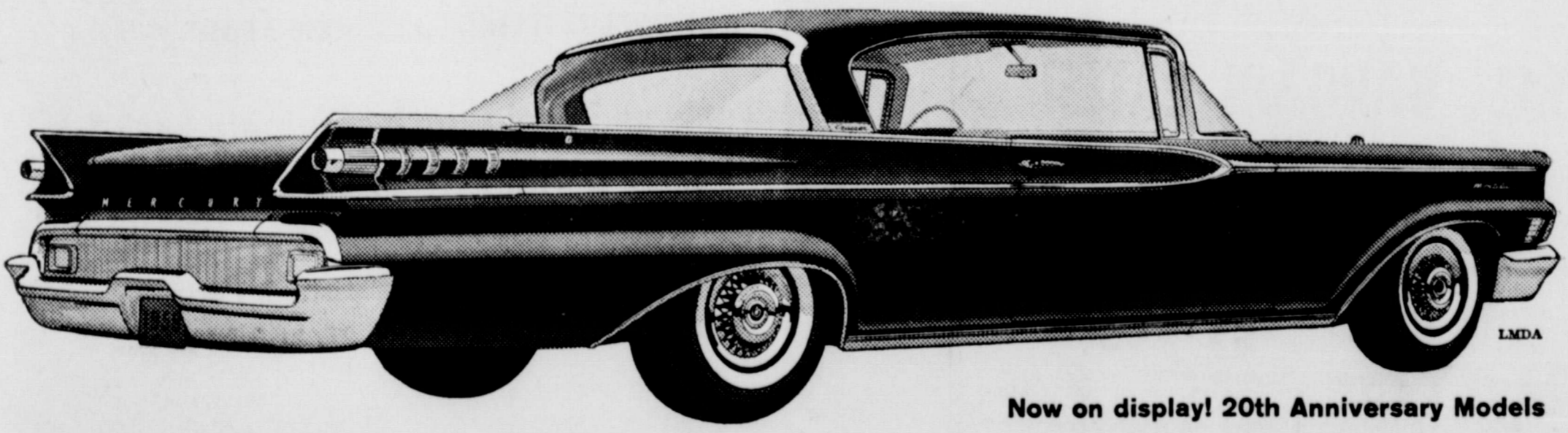
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## Students Vacation Across N. America

(JANE AUSTIN)

Have you kept in touch with me through the weeks? If not, I will give you a quick "rundown" of where we went after leaving Port Huron.

After going through Canadian Customs, we spent the night in London, Ontario, a town whose English "aire" is very apparent. Next stop was Trenton, Ontario, where we visited the Arnold Corey's (Charles Taylor's sister) and enjoyed a day on Lake Ontario, which was very refreshing. From Trenton we enjoyed cruising along the Queen's East-West freeway to Montreal and Quebec City, Quebec. From Quebec City we followed the St. Lawrence River to Three Rivers, Quebec.

From Three Rivers (Trio de Rivières in French), Woodstock New Brunswick, our destination, was about 275 miles. As you know the province of Quebec is practically made up of French speaking people. We had breakfast in a restaurant, where we ordered bacon and eggs but received ham and eggs. The waitress evidently didn't know any more English than we knew French. But I did get milk by spelling it out to the waitress, l-i-a-t. I had "picked" that up from a sign down the road, which read in both French and English, "Have you had your milk today?" Most all traffic, were written in French signs, both advertisement and with English below. As we slowed to a stop, I read "Lentement—Slow".

At Grand Falls, New Brunswick we stopped to see the impressive water fall, for which the town was named. Grand Falls furnishes scenery for the tourist, legend for the historian and electric power for much of northwestern New Brunswick.

From Grand Falls to Perth, New Brunswick are many fruit orchards, cherry and apple. At Perth, we followed the St. John River to Hartland, New Brunswick, where we crossed the longest covered bridge in the world. The over-all length of the bridge is 1282 feet. As explained by officials of the Department of Public Works "The bridge is practical, not sentimental."

From Hartland to Woodstock was a short drive. We were only nineteen miles from Charles' home, in the tall pines of New Brunswick, Canada. Believe me,

we weren't long getting there, either, with Charles driving. He is not a fast driver, but being so near home, we had to make every minute count.

On the road out to the farm, Jim, my little nephew, would ask as we approached each farmhouse, Is that Grandma's house? And I do believe we passed twenty farmhouses! "Home again, home again, jiggy, jog," could easily have been applied to our condition when we arrived at the Taylor residence, situated nineteen miles from Woodstock on an unpaved road. Nevertheless, we had arrived and that was all that mattered. It was quite a happy reunion for the Taylors and their son, I, for the first time, met Mr. and Mrs. Ed Taylor and their two sons, John, and Rex.

After reminiscing our trip and relating greetings from relatives we had visited along the way, we sat down to a delicious supper. But the real treat came when we had strawberries and cream for dessert.

Next week, I will tell you about some things I did and saw during my two weeks stay in the province of New Brunswick.

## PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Wylie Jr. and daughters, Frances and Prescilla, were Thanksgiving dinner guests in the home of Mrs. Wylie's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jess Craddock, at Colorado City.

A gathering on Thanksgiving in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Sparks included a group of 26 relatives. Among the guests were Mr. Sparks' mother, Mrs. Annie Sparks, and Mr. Sparks' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lem Cowley.

Thanksgiving guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Bilbo included three daughters and their families. They were the Lamar Kays of Alpine, the Steward Evans family of Midland and the Bill Havins family of San Angelo.

W. F. Fikes and his sister, Mrs. Rena Hurley, motored to Mercury for a Thanksgiving visit with their youngest sister, Mrs. Carrie Jones, and family. Mrs. Jones has six children, all of whom and their families joined in the festive occasion.

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## History Students Enjoy True Report

(JANE AUSTIN)

Have you ever had any "dealings" with Sam Bass, the bandit and gunslinger? Perhaps not, but Eunice Blair's great, great grandfather, William Franklin Blair, did have.

Mr. W. F. Blair was a member of the Southern Army. His duty was to round-up cattle to feed the army. He was given the authority to hire help, and he often found willing men who would rather rattle Longhorns than Yankees. As pay, Mr. Blair received all cows with small calves, who would not travel easily. Thus, his flock increased somewhat.

Back in the early 1800's, W. F. Blair hired Sam Bass as a ranch hand on this ranch in North Texas. Sam Bass, after working several months, wanted to buy 5,000 head of Mr. Blair's very, very large herd of white faced cattle. Mr. Blair consented to the sale at four dollars a head. Mr. Bass left the Blair ranch and "hit" the trail for Dodge City, Kansas stockyard with the 5,000 credited animals. Upon receiving eight dollars a head for the cattle in Dodge City, Sam was feeling pretty proud of himself. That elevated feeling, however, did not exist after he lost the entire sum in a gambling match. In order to compensate himself, he resorted to robbing a mail coach.

Meanwhile, back at the ranch, the roughest old bronc rider in the country, Jim Tyler, had a dream—perhaps we could call it a vision. He reported to Mr. Blair, "Sam Bass is going to be here to pay you soon."

Several days following the dream, Sam Bass rode through the weather-worn, corral gate, through the corrals and up to the house. He handed Mr. Blair \$20,000 in

gold and rode off leaving wide-eyed Mr. Blair holding a much-earned sum that he never expected to see again.

Eunice, a member of Mrs. Frank Coalson's history class, told this intriguing account; results were: a fascinated class and an A for the report.

## LOCAL NEWS

S. G. Wallace and family came from Pecos for a weekend visit with Robert Lee relatives and friends. Harve Wallace accompanied his son and family home for a visit in Pecos.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Hinnard and Cookie and Mrs. Joe Dodson Sr. returned Sunday from a holiday visit with the Wilson and Frank Bryan families in Bosque County. The men failed to bag any deer but found some good fishing.

GOOD, Today,

BETTER Tomorrow—

ROBERT LEE,

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Hollis of Silver and their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Sawyer of Abilene, spent Thanksgiving with relatives at Falfurrias. They returned home later in the week and went to Electra to visit relatives of Mr. Hollis.

## ELKINS Cabinet Shop

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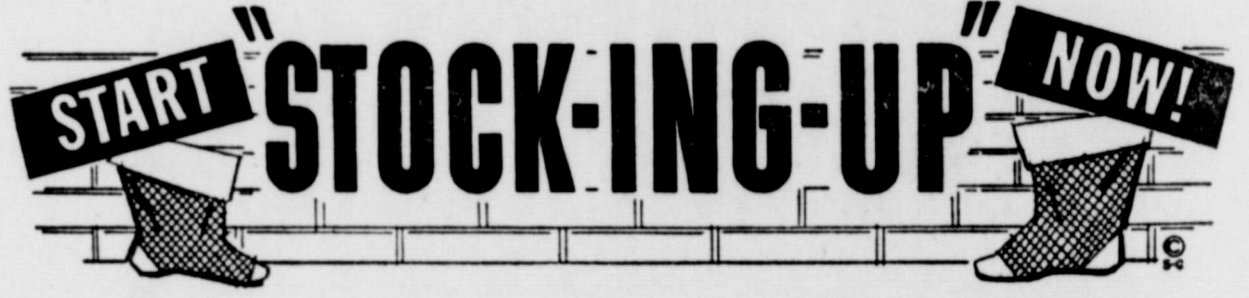
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# PERSONALS

Sunday dinner guests in the Luther Sparks home included their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Carnell Thomas of Miland, Mrs. Hamilton then accompanied her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Odis Adams, to McCamey where they joined other relatives in a holiday gathering in the Isaac Eubanks home. Mr. and Mrs. Adams came on to Robert Lee for a visit later in the week.

Norman Roberts and his family came from Commerce for a Thanksgiving holiday vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lenn Roberts. Mr. and Mrs. Fagan Parker and children joined the group at Thanksgiving dinner. Norman and his family also visited his wife's parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Snead in Bronte.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Shandley and children went to McCamey for a Thanksgiving visit with Mrs. Shandley's sister, Mrs. Isaac Eubanks and family.

First Lt. and Mrs. Jack Snead and son, David, came from Stillwater, Okla., for a few days holiday visit with home folks. Jack is on detached duty with the Air Force and is studying electrical engineering at Oklahoma A & M College. He gets in his flying time at Enid AF base.

Beth Gilmore, teacher in the public schools at Monahans, came for a Thanksgiving holiday visit with her sister, Mrs. A. D. Fields, and family. Other Thanksgiving guests in the Fields home were Mrs. J. H. Fields and son, Hawley and Bob Fields and his family of Sterling City joined the group in the afternoon.

Mrs. Elsie Latham, Mrs. Vela Plumlee, Barbara Summers and Bill Pharis went to Andrews for a Thanksgiving visit in the Monroe Gaines home. Bill, who is a son of Mrs. Gaines, is now living with Mrs. Latham and is a sophomore at Robert Lee high school.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Mashburn and children, Rena Gaye and Rickey, left Sunday for their home at Pampa after a Thanksgiving visit in the home of Mrs. Mashburn's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Harmon. While here the Mashburns renewed their Observer subscription.

The P. W. Millican ranch home west of Edith was the scene of a happy family gathering on Thanksgiving when his four children were present. The guests included Mrs. Cecil Danford and Mrs. Don Smith and children of San Angelo, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbern Millican and children of Silver and Mr. and Mrs. Finis Millican of Robert Lee.

## Income Tax School Set For Dec. 12

A sub-district Income Tax School has been scheduled for the courthouse in Robert Lee on Friday, Dec. 12, from 9:30 a. m. until 3:30 p. m.

The event is being sponsored by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service and the Internal Revenue Service. Income tax consultants are particularly invited to attend and the session will be open to the public.

Roy Huckabee, district agent, will preside and the conference will be in charge of Howard Longley, internal revenue agent, and Robert G. Cherry, extension economist.

Among the subjects to be covered are filing requirements and return forms, records needed for tax reporting, type of income to be reported, deductible farm expense, depreciation and depletion allowances.

Following lunch at noon there will be instruction on social security reporting and self employment, capital gains and casualty losses, other income and personal deductions and a question and answer period.

Emphasis through the entire program will be given to recent tax changes.

Mrs. Otis Rabb and Mrs. J. F. Hamilton motored to Odessa for a Thanksgiving visit with kinfolks. Mrs. Hamilton then accompanied her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Odis Adams, to McCamey where they joined other relatives in a holiday gathering in the Isaac Eubanks home. Mr. and Mrs. Adams came on to Robert Lee for a visit later in the week.

Thanksgiving guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Phelan included the Charlie Arnold family of Silver and Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Hendrickson and children of Amarillo. Mrs. Phelan is the mother of Mr. Arnold and Mrs. Hendrickson.

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Charles McDaniel and wife came from Austin for a weekend visit with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. D. McDaniel. Charles is taking work on his master degree at the University of Texas and is working as a lab technician for the State Department of Health.



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It is a part of the club's "litter bug" project designed to help keep our community free of trash and litter. The receptacles will be emptied by city employees.

More containers are needed and it is hoped that other organizations may see fit to purchase one or more trash cans. If they desire to do so, their orders may be placed through the Garden Club officers.

## PERSONALS

Mrs. Lillie Gaines returned recently from a visit with her son, Jasper, and family and other kinfolks at Stanley, N. Mex. She reports that Jasper's wife is recovering nicely from an operation for a leg ailment.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith returned Sunday from a holiday visit to Durham and Hammon, Okla., where they visited two sisters of Mrs. Smith and their families. A brother, Walter Hatley, and wife of Arizona were also present for the family gathering. The Smiths report a good sized snowfall in western Oklahoma on Thanksgiving Day.

Staff Sgt. and Mrs. Paul Smith and their children recently visited his father, Fred Smith, and family and other relatives and friends in Robert Lee. Paul is making a career in the Marine Corps and was being transferred from a base in North Carolina to Pendleton, Calif. He was joined here for a short visit by his brother, Foydell Smith and his wife and daughter of Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Kirkpatrick came from Bryan for a few days holiday vacation with home folks in Robert Lee. He is teaching in the business administration department at Texas A & M College and his wife is office secretary of the State Association of Civil Engineers.

## RESIDENTIAL MOVES

Delbert Shoemaker has purchased the Roland Willis residence which was vacated when Mr. Willis and his family moved last week to Littlefield. Mr. Shoemaker is employed by Sun Oil Co. at Silver and has been living in one of the Mrs. J. J. S. Smith properties in the north part of town. The Shoemakers moved to their new home last week.

Game Warden Glen Crooks and his family are now occupying the A. B. Sheppard large rent house a block east of the court house. It was vacated by Hubert Payton, who moved his family to the Marvin Simpson ranch house west of town across the river. Mr. Payton is also employed by Sun Oil Co. at Silver.

A new resident of Robert Lee is J. W. Phelps, an employee of Texas Natural Gasoline Corp. who is working on a pipeline construction project in this area. He and his family are occupying one of the Mr. and Mrs. Jack Trimble newly remodeled homes in the south part of town.

## LOCAL NEWS

Bill Allen bagged a nice 8-point buck on Saturday on Montapeake Ranch south of Robert Lee which he and his father have under lease. He had to carry the animal nearly a quarter of a mile before he could load it in a pickup truck.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Scott was the scene of a large gathering of kinfolks for Thanksgiving. Guests included Capt. Horace Scott and family of Abilene, First Lt. Jack Snead and family of Stillwater, Okla., Mrs. W. J. Cumbie, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Allen, Frank Allen, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Allen, Bill Allen and family, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Snead, Jr., J. F. McCabe, Jr. and family and the W. T. Roach family.

Ben Bessent came for a Thanksgiving visit and returned Friday to his home at McAlester, Okla., accompanied by his wife and their two little sons, Robert Craig and Randall Vaughan. Ben has a good position with a Magnolia seismograph crew which is at present McAlester.

## RETURNS FROM MEXICO

Mrs. Frank Dickey, Sr. arrived home Wednesday from Mexico City where she spent three months with friends. She made the trip by air and was accompanied by 12-year-old twins, Henry and Rene Lerch, whose parents are friends of the Dickey family. The boys plan to attend school in Robert Lee for a few weeks until relatives join them here later in the winter.

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## P-TA News

"American Education — Why," was the topic Mr. Vetal Flores discussed Nov. 21st. He is an educated man as well as experienced, and made several statements that could help us in rearing our children. Also several that we could improve in.

The Steerettes (Sixth graders) directed by Mr. Jay, and the Third graders, directed by Mrs. Dean, provided the entertainment. The third graders had the largest percentage of dads and mothers pres-

ent, and won the canary.

The PTA is working toward a new coffee maker for the school. We would appreciate your help in acquiring the 350 wrappers needed from Instant Folger's Coffee. A container will be placed at school in the rooms or office, and as you get the wrappers, please send them by your child.

Mrs. Bill Grubb is spending the week here with her mother, County Treasurer Gertrude Gay, and family. She is the former Mary Ann Gray.

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## County Agents News Column

By STERLING LINDSEY

### MORE ON BRUCELLOSIS

In continuing the article on brucellosis the first thing that should be done is to restate or describe the position that the State of Texas is allowing itself to get into, by not moving to control brucellosis.

Should no action be taken, by individual groups or by the State in the form of brucellosis control legislation, according to Secretary Benson's figures, only 3% of the Counties in the United States would have unrestricted markets for Texas cattle. And some of the 3% may have state imposed regulations that prohibit shipment of Texas cattle across their state line.

You may not, and most of Coke County operators do not, sell breeding, stocker or feeder cattle out of the state. You may not think the limitations will affect you and your operation. We believe it can and probably will if no corrective action is taken.

First, thousands of cattle are shipped out of Texas annually as feeders and stockers. Many others go out as breeding cattle replacements. These cattle are all high quality — good, choice and prime. The buyers do not buy the low quality cattle.

Should 80% or even 50% of this movement be stopped, where is the part that is kept at home going to be marketed? Whose livestock will they compete with and remember these are the high quality animals. They will naturally move into local marketing channels. And besides placing a load on the Texas market, the quality animals in question will demand the better prices.

Some wheels have been turning, some action has been taken to change the situation. Many suggestions have been made, some have even been presented to the legislature. The Texas Animal Health Council, composed of representatives of 21 Texas organizations interested in the problem, has probably done more and is doing more to curtail the situation. This group has been in session many times to discuss Texas Animal health problems.

To start a program of improvement in the handling of livestock disease problems, they have proposed the following:

1. Secure legislation for control of brucellosis including provisions for area control plans based on voluntary petitioning or vote of livestock owners, with the aim of modified certified accreditation for all of Texas without delay.

2. Revise present disease control laws pertaining to sheep and swine to allow laws to meet present day conditions.

3. Necessary legislation to prevent use of virulent hog cholera vaccines within Texas and make full use of modified hog cholera

viruses.

4. Legislation to modify name of Texas Livestock Sanitary Commission to one more nearly reflecting the functions of the agency.

5. Revise present animal tubercular laws to allow discharge of obligations of LSC as concerns re-accreditation of counties for this disease.

6. Revision of laws, or enactment of legislation, to allow control of movement of livestock and poultry into and within Texas, including establishment of ports of entry, in order to protect any gains made under expanded animal health program.

7. Vigorous educational efforts aimed at acquainting Texas livestock and poultry producers with needs and problems of animal health.

8. Adequate financing of Texas Livestock Sanitary Commission by appropriations from general revenue funds.

Since no action has been taken by the State we believe it is to our interest to inform ourselves on the situation, and if possible set up a local brucellosis control program. A meeting will be held in the County Court room on Thursday night, Dec. 4, to discuss the situation and make control plans.

Dr. Pearey R. Turner, D. V. M. from Water Valley will be present to assist with the program and the making of plans. We hope that you can attend the meeting, whether or not you are a cattle producer. As was mentioned earlier, if Texas takes no action and if local groups within the State take no action, then it will only be a matter of a few years until the State's economy will be jeopardized.

Mary Beth Bradshaw was returned to her home here last Wednesday from Shannon hospital where she underwent a skin graft the previous week. She is making a good recovery. Mary Beth is the 6-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Bradshaw. She underwent a serious leg injury a few weeks ago when she was run over by a pickup truck.

### Bronte Men To Show Movies Of European Trip

Moving pictures in color taken during their European trip last summer by L. T. Youngblood and E. C. Rawlings will be shown free Saturday night at 7 o'clock in the Baptist Church at Bronte.

The well known Bronte men made an extensive tour with the party conducted by Doc Ruhman, Ft. Worth radio farm program director.

They went by plane and visited a number of countries and attended the World's Fair at Brussels.

Mr. Youngblood has sent word that all their friends are invited to be present for the showing.

Rev. and Mrs. Travis McNair and Mary spent Thanksgiving with his parents at Sabinal. On their return to Robert Lee Saturday they visited Mrs. McNair's mother at Marble Falls.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Wojtek and little sons spent Thanksgiving Day with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Henson, in Sweetwater. Another daughter, Mrs. Jay Whittley, and children of San Angelo were also members of the family gathering.

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### RAY SIMS LEAVES

Ray Sims departed recently for San Antonio where he accepted a position of assistant county agent of Bexar County. He spent six months as assistant county agent in training in Coke County. Ray is a highly capable ag man and graduated from Texas Tech last spring. While a student there he served as herdsman for the college herd of registered cattle. Mr.

Sims is married and has two children. The family made many friends during their residence in Robert Lee.

Hays Prince and family were Thanksgiving guests in the Maurice Yarbrough home at Eldorado. Mrs. Prince is a sister of Mr. Yarbrough. They report several of the Yarbrough children are ill with whooping cough.



Yes, Santa Claus Is Coming to Robert Lee. He'll be here in person for the third annual

# Christmas Party Saturday, Dec. 13

LOTS OF FUN FOR THE KIDDIES!

Free Roller Skating at 12:30 p. m.

Free Movies at 1:30

Drawing for Two Free Bicycles at 3:30

Santa Claus Parade Headed by Hi School Band

At 4:15 Santa will distribute candy gifts to all children.

You don't have to make a purchase in order to register for the FREE Bicycles, but you must be present to win if your name is called. Registration tickets may be dropped in boxes to be found in several business houses.

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# PERSONALS

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Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Baker and daughter, Sheri, returned Tuesday from a few days visit with Mrs. Baker's sister, Mrs. Duncan King, on their ranch near Balmore. While there Bobby did some deer hunting and bagged a nice 10-point blacktail buck.

Mrs. R. L. McGuire of Lubbock came for a visit over Thanksgiving with her mother, Mrs. Jennie Bilbo, and a brother, A. J. Bilbo. She went to Alpine Monday after receiving word that Carl Rusk, 30, was injured in a fall from a steep cliff while deer hunting. Later word indicated the man was expected to recover. Rusk is the husband of the former Bennie Helen Turney, a niece of Mrs. McGuire and Mr. Bilbo.

J. E. Quisenberry was dismissed the fore part of the week from Veterans Hospital at Big Spring. Following an extensive series of tests he was given an encouraging report. He has resumed his work as secretary of the Coke County ASC office.

Mrs. Daisy McCutchen was happy to have all her children, six grandchildren and one great-grandson with her on Thanksgiving day. The children are Mrs. Henry Britt of Odessa, Mrs. Charlie Salgado of San Angelo, Joe (Binks) McCutchen of Bronte and Gordon McCutchen of Robert Lee.

## VISITING HOME FOLKS

Wayne and Charles Calder have been enjoying visits among home folks in Robert Lee while on leaves from their armed services assignments. Wayne is in the navy and has been training in electronics at Great Lakes, Ill. He is being transferred to Norfolk, Va., where he expects to go aboard ship in the near future.

Charles has been at Fort Bragg, N. Carolina, and will report at Ft. Lewis, near Seattle, Wash., Dec. 16 for shipment to Korea. He and Dale Dean enlisted in the army after their graduation from high school last spring. They have been together since and recently transferred from the paratroopers to the infantry. Dale visited his folks at Woodville before coming on to Robert Lee and Silver this week. The boys will remain together when they go overseas.

## SANTA CLAUS LETTERS

The Observer plans to publish Santa Claus letters this year and we hope to have some in by next week. Teachers at Robert Lee and Silver of the first four grades are asked to have their pupils write letters and turn them in. It is requested that they be gone over so they will be readable, then turned over to The Observer. Children under school age are also invited to have their letters published although they may need help from parents or older brothers and sisters:

Here's a letter which came in this week:

Dear Santa:  
I want to tell you what I want for Christmas. I don't want too much. So I want a doll that has a black dress and she has white hair. Oh she's out of this world. I don't mean she's out of the world, but she is down at Percifull Hardware. Please get her. And then I want a pair of nice school shoes. And bring my mother and daddy some things. They need something for Christmas, too. I love my mother and daddy. And I want some doll clothes. And get my sisters something. And get my family what you think we need. — From Kathy Percifull. I live in Robert Lee, Texas. Write me.

## BIRTHS

MOORE — Mr. and Mrs. James E. Moore (Anne Ford) of Silver are parents of a daughter born at 3:45 a. m. Dec. 1 in Coke County Memorial Hospital at Robert Lee. She weighed 7 pounds, 4 ounces and has been named Darla Jean. She has a sister, Laura Lynn, 16 months old. The father is employed by Perkins-Prothro at Silver. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Moore of Silver and Mrs. Joe Ford of Shreveport, La.

## HOSPITAL NEWS

Nov. 25 — Mrs. J. T. Vanhorn admitted.  
Nov. 26 — Mrs. J. T. Vanhorn dismissed.  
Nov. 27 — Mrs. Ben Tubb dismissed.  
Nov. 28 — Hershall Hall admitted.  
Nov. 29 — Thomas Dixon admitted. Mrs. Zelma Milam, Mrs. Mike Casey dismissed.  
Nov. 30 — Daughter born to Mr. and Mrs. James E. Moore. Mrs. C. F. Vowell dismissed.  
Dec. 2 — Mrs. Dick Skipworth and son, Drexel, admitted  
Dec. 3 — Mrs. Ernest Varnadore dismissed.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Schooler of Mosca, Colo., visited over Thanksgiving with West Texas relatives and friends and came on to Coke County, accompanied by their daughter, Mary Beth, who is a student at Texas Tech.

## Want Ads

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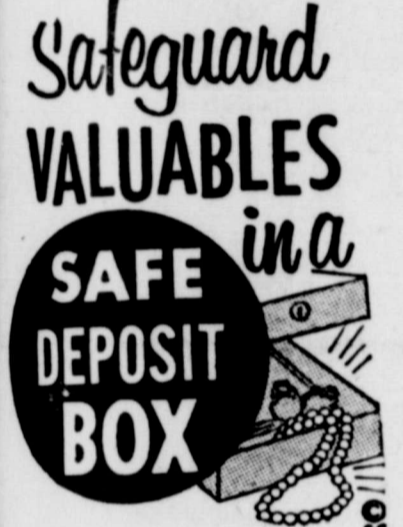
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MAYTAG LAUND-O-RAMA is now operating in Bronte for your convenience from 5 a. m. until 10 p. m.

FOR SALE — 200 nice laying pullets. Artelle Roberts. 1p

WANTED — Want grass leases. One-half section up to any amount. Fred L. Roe, Jr., Robert Lee. Phone 32K05. 26w5p

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# THE OBSERVETTE

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## Mrs. Powell Influences Young and Old

(BETTY HOOD)

Mrs. Sam Powell, who is recognized everywhere as an unusual first grade teacher, stated, "I was born in Robert Lee and graduated from high school here. All my teaching experience has been in Coke County, except for a few years in Harlingen and in Mitchell Counties. This is my fifteenth year teaching in Robert Lee school. I've taught at all levels from primary through high school. I received my Master's Degree from Hardin Simmons and my B. A. Degree from Daniel Baker.

"Some of the things that I like about teaching are small episodes never written in text books nor given in college courses.

"It's fun to open the school room door and be greeted by children, especially first-grade children. I like to see the scrubbed faces, starched dresses, pert skirts, and gay colored sweaters; hair slicked down or braided in pig tails, or curls or pony tails, loose and bouncy or caught with a clasp; eyes bright and expectant, eyes that want kindness, sympathy, and a sharing of joys and sorrow.

"The pride of a child with new shoes is as great as the pride of a bride displaying her wedding gifts. The sorrow of a child who has to wear things that are different is as tragic as the grief of an adult who does not belong. "I like the sacrifice of a child spending money that she has earned for an apple or a gift for teachers.

"I also like the honesty of a

## FTA-Why Have It?

(BRENDA COWLEY)

The Future Teachers of America Club is an organization which will help the students in the school, who plan to be teachers, to learn to face the duties of their future careers.

Many people have been known to say, "I would never be a teacher," but one doesn't have to teach in a classroom to be a teacher. A person becomes a teacher in his own home. He has to teach his own children the facts and truths of growing up. A mother teaches her child or children not to touch hot things or things that will hurt them. A person teaches in his own firm. He teaches new employees the job that the employee must do.

An FTA club can help anyone anywhere. As a student goes on to college, he can join the FTA club there and carry on his work as a teacher. Having an FTA club in high school teaches the members what to expect in college FTA. It helps each member to be ready for things to come.

Even now, as high school and junior high students, we can teach the younger and smaller kids the right and wrong way.

As you can plainly see an FTA club is essential in almost every school. Let's back ours.

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## Juniors Elect Class Favorites

(BONNIE BUTCHER)

Last week the Juniors elected their class favorites for the 1958-1959 school year. The girl nominees were Lavina McDaniel, Erry Dale Sparks and Bonnie Butcher. Bill Mundell, Don Weathers, Ronnie Sims, and Butch Service were the nominees for boy favorite. The favorites that were chosen are Bonnie Butcher and Butch Service.

## RLHS Plans FTA Formation

(VICKI WOJTEK)

All students interested in forming a Future Teacher's Club met in the high school auditorium Monday afternoon. FTA members from San Angelo College came over to explain the functions of the club.

electing officers, monthly or semi-monthly meetings can be held. The Robert Lee FTA would be in District 11. Once a year a district convention is held, from which attendees are selected for the state convention. A Mr. and Miss FTA are selected at the state meeting from district Mr. and Miss FTA's.

The main purpose of the FTA is to interest students in becoming teachers.

A large number of students went to the meeting, but after finding out there were too many wanting to be in the club, some dropped out. Five students from Bronte and their sponsor came to the meeting.

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## THE ELEMENTARY MAKES NEWS

(SUE PARKER  
MARIAN MASON)

The first grade went "all out" for Thanksgiving, and I don't mean out of school either. They decorated their room splendidly. They had a pumpkin that they have fixed up very cute. And to top all of that, they gave a play for their mothers Wednesday at 1:40 p. m. The play was entitled "We Are Thankful." This touching play was directed by Mrs. Naomi Powell. The children quoted the 100th Psalm and sang five songs of praise of Thanksgiving.

Over the Thanksgiving holidays, Mrs. Powell went to the ranch, entertained company and went hunting.

Mrs. Hale Kincaid planned an exciting Thanksgiving. She went to the TCU-SMU football game in the Cotton Bowl in Dallas on Saturday.

The fourth grade lost one of the pupils, Steve Owens, who returned to Colorado City. The Captains

for the point system this week were Kathy Preslar and Larry Casey. Drexel Skipworth chopped a bone in his hand while playing football.

A certain little yellow can named Tweety Pie is playing a part in the PTA attendance. The class who has the largest percentage of mothers and fathers attending the PTA meetings keep the bird in their room and each pupil takes turns feeding it.

The fifth grade news this week was reported by Carolyn Price. This is what she reported: "The fifth grade has put up posters about exclamatory, declarative, interrogative sentences, and verb usage. This information will be useful all of our lives."

The sixth grade was studying China in geography and became so interested they decided to draw pictures. Most of them are through and their pictures are on the bulletin board according to Tony Dean, reporter.

### IDIOT'S DELIGHT

(JERRY DEAN)

A noble named Sir Rabbit Burp, Fell down, and couldn't get up. He said to a knight, I'll be quite alright "But I fell in some Br' Rabbit Syr'p."

The strange-headed ranger from Blue Rock, Montooked, Rode into town with his hair set on crooked. He said, when they asked him

just what he did, "My scalp came down crooked when I flipped my lid."

The Browns and the Reds played at Cryptus.

A Brown gruffly said, "Hey, you tryptus!"

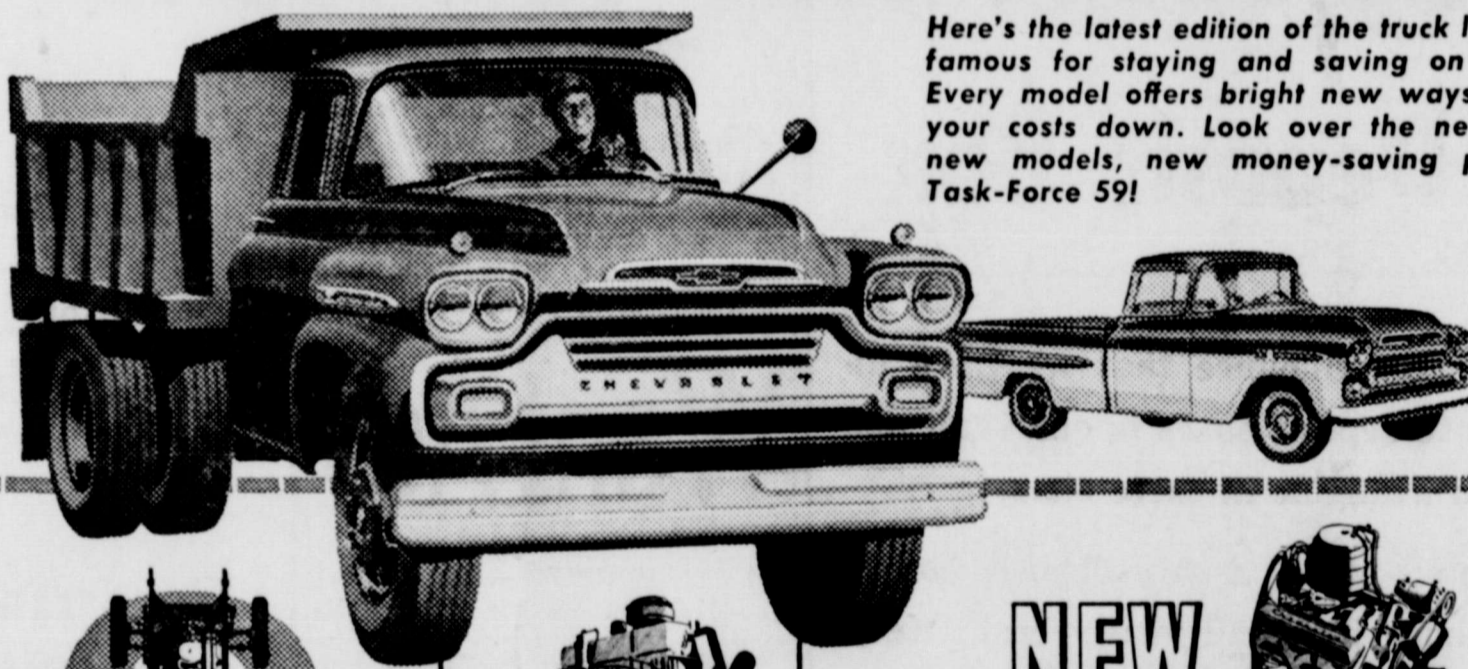
Then up came a Red And manfully said,

"But only because eucalyptus"

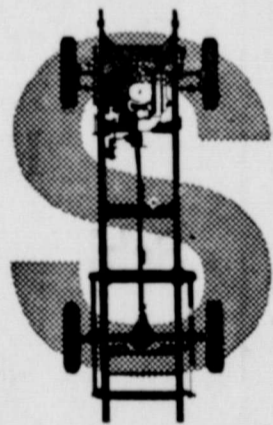
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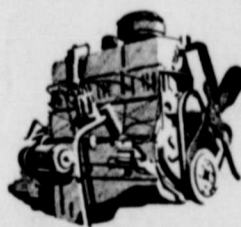


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# ALPHAS Entertained with Banjo Music

(MARIAN MASON)

Classical, drama, hillbilly and boogie, popular, folksongs, minstrels and jazz — this is quite a wide variety of music to be played on a banjo, but it can be done. Mr. Gene Straub, the first entertainer from the Southern School of Music to appear in the Robert Lee School this year, played one or more tunes to each variation listed above on Tuesday, November 21.

After listening to Mr. Straub play exotic tunes imitating songs such as Chang Lu Fu, and the Scottish bag pipes, the students were convinced that the banjo is a wonderful instrument and truly can be played as stated by Mr. Straub, as the background to nearly any type of music.

"Lady of Spain" was an example of classical music. "Tea for Two" was excellently played as a background for dancing. "Good Ole Mountain Music," "Home On The Range," and "Turkey in the

Straw" were classified as hillbilly or boogie music.

Of course, the banjo being thought of as being played mostly by the southern people, Mr. Straub played folk songs written by Stephen Foster, also minstrels were played. Among the songs were: "Dixie" and "Swanee River." For jazz, he played "Goofus."

Mr. Straub called three volunteers from the audience to help illustrate the banjo. They were: Mack Tubb, James Blankenship, and Carolyn Blair. Each received a big "kick" out of helping and certainly gave the audience a big laugh.

A dummy, mechanical doll named Tex was also used to accompany Mr. Straub. The dummy's hand was run by a motor, controlled by one foot, which made the hand move back and forth across the strings of the banjo, making a straight sound without any variation in a tune. To make a different chord variation, Mr. Straub

used a pedal device. "Sugar Time" was sung by the audience as accompaniment to Mr. Straub's banjo — this ended the fine banjo music program.

## Noon Period

(EUNICE BLAIR)

When lunch is finished on the school ground, Students begin to gather round. A few minutes left before the next studies, Some gather out front and talk with their "steadies." Others, in the study hall gather, And talk of everything but the weather.

The Jr. High girls, despite all their ails, Congregate in the gym to practice their yells.

The younger boys, as younger boys do,

By the side of the building, play "coming through."

Mrs. Coalson, bless her heart, hurries to her desk.

To grade a few sheets of that last

history test. And certain girls on the gym steps may be seen, Talking quietly, looking sweet and serene. Mr. Petross, "Ole Faithful", stands in the door And says, "Don't come through the hall any more." My rhyme sounds silly, that much I know; So if you can do better, please let me know.

## SOPHOMORE BUFFET SUPPER (LAVADA BOX)

The sophomore homemaking girls had a buffet supper Thursday, November 20, at the Homemaking Cottage. Each girl invited a guest to attend. The menu for the supper was baked ham, broccoli, green beans, cranberry molded salad, pumpkin chiffon pies, hot rolls and iced tea.

After the supper, everyone joined in and played games. Mr. and Mrs. Petross were the sponsors.

## COMPLETES AF ENLISTMENT

A/1C Tilden Jones, 24-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Jones, is back at his home in Robert Lee after completing a 4-year enlistment in the Air Force. He was discharged Nov. 16 at Patrick AFB in Florida, where he was stationed 1½ years after returning from 19 months of duty at Okinawa.

Tilden and his younger brother, Carroll Ray, enlisted at the same time and the latter has re-enlisted for six years. He is now stationed on Formosa where he is a control tower dispatcher.

Boneta Robertson arrived for Thanksgiving and is taking a week's vacation from her position as clerk-receptionist for Cooper-Bessemer Corp. at Odessa. Other Thanksgiving guests in the home of Mrs. Bonetia Robertson included another daughter, Mrs. W. S. Talley, and family of Colorado City.

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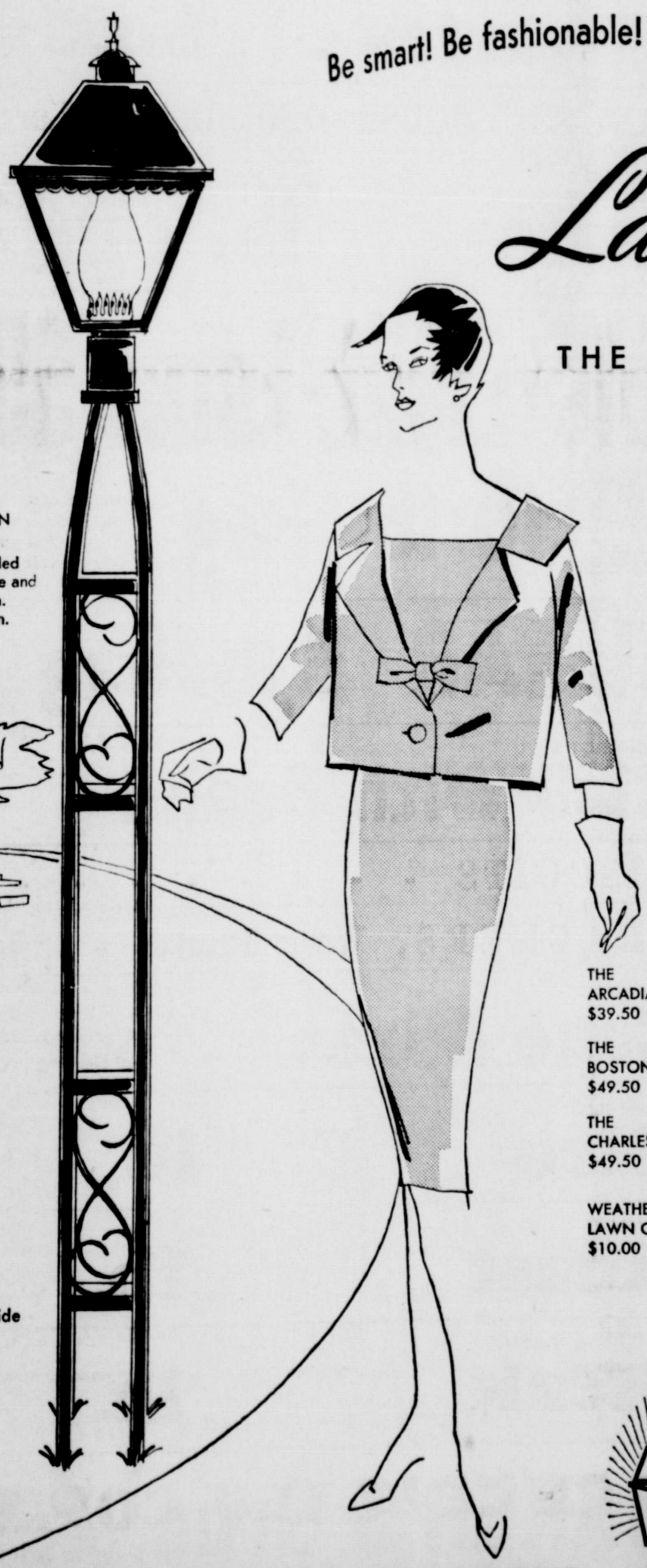
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## TVL TOWNS

By A. J. K.

John Burroughs, governor-elect, is not the only interest Robert Lee has in New Mexico politics. Bruce King, son of the late Will King who grew to manhood here, has been elected State Representative from Santa Fe County. Bruce, 34, operates the family's extensive farming and business interests with his brothers, Sam and Don, and their mother. This was his first venture in politics and he went in by a big vote. Bruce is a nephew of Dave King, Mrs. Lillie Gaines and Mrs. Vela Plumlee.

Big D is going to be bigger. Citizens there voted more than 50 million dollars for capital improvements this week and never batted an eye.

Hate to mention it since it's so near Christmas, but we would appreciate any and all subscription renewals that are due.

A bouquet to the Garden Club ladies on their "litter bug" campaign. The public should realize that these new trash cans are here for the very definite purpose of helping keep our city streets clean. More containers of this nature are needed. Why be a "litter bug"? It's a bad name to have attached to yourself.

And then there are a few valued friends who are back a Maybe they will be inclined to do something about it since the while on their subscriptions. subject has been brought up.

Robert Lee's business section is not as large as it might be, but we still have some fine stocks of Christmas merchandise. Let's buy it right here at home if possible. Trade with the folks you know; help build up your own community.

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#### COKE SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT NEWS

Present Supervisors —  
C. N. Webb, chairman; Robert Walker, Vice Chairman; D. K. Glenn, Secretary and Treasurer; Bryan Yarbrough and W. E. Burns.

The Coke Soil Conservation District Board of Supervisors held their November meeting Thursday afternoon in the Courthouse at Robert Lee. In the annual election of officers, C. N. Webb was reelected as chairman of the Board; W. E. Burns was elected Vice-Chairman and D. K. Glenn was reelected as secretary. During the meeting the Board reviewed the programs made to date on conservation activities within the district and found that most goals had been met or were at least 80% complete.

A range survey has been completed on D. K. Glenn's Butner place as a first step to placing it under contract in the Great Plains Conservation Program. Glenn Waldrop has made application for assistance under the Great Plains Conservation program.

Curtis Walker, W. E. Burns, Noah Pruitt, Howard Brock, D. E. Leonard, Charles Sims and Finis Harmon are district cooperators who have recently completed farm ponds with technical assistance from the district. The ponds on Dwain Leonard and W. E. Burns were pit type of 11,616 and 7,136 cubic yards respectively.

W. C. Shamblin and W. A. Hickman have recently completed 4.2 and 4.5 miles of terraces respectively. This puts 60 acres on the contour for Shamblin and 172 acres for Hickman.

Net wire diversions totaling 1,485 feet have been completed on the Olin Blanks ranch. They have also started work on grubbing 200 acres of prickly pear.

Foster Price is having 375 acres of cedar and mesquite dozed on his lower ranch to remove competition, allowing more grass to grow and improve the range.

Courthouse Rainfall Record  
This year ..... 21.56  
This time last year ..... 25.84  
This month ..... .63

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Lackey and little daughter, Mary Elaine, returned Sunday night from a holiday visit in Waco with Mrs. Lackey's brother, Dr. and Mrs. Charles Reeder. The former is a chemistry instructor at Baylor University and his wife is a biology teacher there. Enroute home the Lackeys visited relatives at Lamkin.

## W. T. Roach New BCD President

W. T. Roach has been elected new president of the Robert Lee Board of Community Development and Cumble Ivey Jr. is the newly elected vice president. Sterling Lindsey will remain as secretary-treasurer.

Election of officers took place at the BCD weekly luncheon at Varnadore Cafe Wednesday noon. The new officials will take over Jan. 1.

Plans for the annual Christmas Party were discussed. Mayor W. D. McAdams and committee chairmen reported plans were complete for the big event set for Saturday, Dec. 13.

The Floyd Higgins family came from Midland for a Thanksgiving visit with Robert Lee relatives and friends. Floyd is making progress in his recovery from a recent serious oil field accident.

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Thanksgiving guests of Mrs. Hattie Day included Capt. and Mrs. Bob Burpo and children, Bobby and Ann, of White Sands, N. Mex., and Capt. Burpo's mother of Dallas; T/Sgt. L. C. D. of San Antonio, and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Gough and baby of San Angelo. Also Mrs. Day's sister Mrs. Mittie Miller of Burkburn.

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