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Robert Lee, Coke County, Texas, Thursday, August 6, 1959

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Begin Survey For Paving Of Local Streets

Engineers moved in this week o begin a preliminary survey for he new street paving scheduled for Robert Lee.

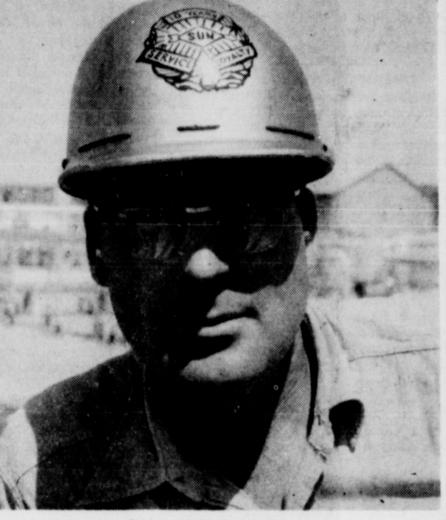
Contract for engineering on the roject was let to Parkhill, Smith Cooper, consulting engineering Lubbock. The contract by the Coke County Com-Court was recommendby County Judge W. W. Thetand Fern Havins, Commismer in Precinct 1.

They will perform all the enineering services required in conection with the proposed street nd roadway improvements withthe City of Robert Lee and adining the city. They will estabish grades, plan drainage and preare plans and specifications for intractors to bid on. They will supervise construction and eir fee will be 4.05 per cent of he cost of the project.

S. C. Cooper represented his m in signing with the county. was the engineer when Mounin Creek Dam was built by the CRA here a few years ago.

A bond issue of \$150,000 was votby Precinct 1 for the paving roject. After the bonds were deeated in April by a close vote. second election was called for me 27 when the bonds carried a vote of 309 to 147. The rewas 15 more votes than the

uired 2 to 1 majority. The bonds have been purchased Municipal Securities Corp., presented by Bob L. Davis, and interest rate ranges from 31/4 3¾ per cent. Interest rates nt up after Mr. Davis made his ist commitment before the April ion, but he gave Coke County



CHARLES E. BUICHER ... victim of gasoline plant explosion

Golf Course To Be Discussed Here Thursday

Initial step toward the formation of a Coke County golf course has plied the city. been taken by the Robert Lee Board of Community Development.

of this week at the court house. mounted on the fire truck. Time is 8 p. m.

City of Robert Lee. Experts in recent years have gone over the site and announced it would provide an excellent 9-hole layout. Water would be available from two lakes on the property and a water well which formerly sup-

the city and county commissioners a few minutes. were about to come to an agree-

The BCD has invited the follow- ready and willing to spray city Constant and Charles Sommers, streets and alleys to combat mosquitoes. The city owns fogging equipment and a supply of spray material. BCD members expressed opinions that a spraying pro- Clift ambulances. Butcher was tagram should be carried out in the near future.

Silver Man Dies In Gas Explosion

more injured, one critically, in a ator. He had been promoted to butane explosion and fire Saturday this position June 16. Others on noon at Sun Oil Company's Jame- duty were Jack Denman, John son natural gasoline plant loading Hollis and Eddie Byrd. Jim Post rack at Silver.

his entire body and succumbed at 5:30 p. m. in a San Angelo hospital.

Still in serious condition, but expected to recover, is Willie James Wenetschlaser, 32, of Ballinger ting off the flow of gas, the fire whose truck was being loaded with liquid petroleum gas when the explosion occurred.

Less seriously hurt was Tom Allen, 37, Sun employee in charge of the loading rack. He received minor burns and shock.

The fire occurred a few minutes before 1:00 p. m. Without warning a blaze was touched off, causing a considerable concussion but no loud noise. Flames shot many feet in the air as the vapor fumes ignited.

Sun employees working nearby hurried to the scene and by closing a number of emergency valves the Mayor W. D. McAdams reported entire plant was shut down within

Mr. Butcher was near the edge Because of increased interest in ment on purchasing a new fire si- of the fire when he was rescued the matter a preliminary meeting ren since the old one cannot be and Wenetschlaser was also draghas been called for Thursday night repaired. Only siren now in use is ged from the flames. They were brought to Coke County Memorial McAdams indicated the city was Hospital in Robert Lee by Richard

One man was killed and two in his capacity of distillation operwas on duty in the maintenance Dead is C. E. Butcher, 42, who department as were Constant and received third degree burns over Sommers, and a few other maintenance men were at work also.

Supt. Ross Cone arrived immediately from his home in Tubb Camp and directed fire fighting operations. With the valves shutwas permitted to burn itself out. Water was used to cool off the surrounding area.

The large transport truck with a capacity of more than 5,000 gallons burned for a couple of hours and was a total loss estimated at \$20,000. The truck was owned by Ballinger Butane Co. No water was forced onto the truck and its contents burned as the gas poured from popoff valves. The truck was later pulled outside the plant enclosure by use of a winch truck.

This was the first major explosion experienced since the plant went into operation ten years ago. A sign board in front of the plant. office carried the information that 728 days had passed without a loss of work accident.

A small building and all equipment connected with the loading rack was destroyed. It is being rebuilt rapidly and Mr. Cone said it might be in operation by the

benefit of the same lower

The bonds are to be paid off a period of ten years and a y for that purpose will be addto the 1959 taxes.

BLAIR FAMILY REUNION Annual reunion of the Blair fay was held Sunday at the Coun-Park in Robert Lee. The event s largely attended. Honored as head of the family was Mrs. Blair of Robert Lee, who is sions. mother of 13 children. Mrs. sterday, Aug. 5.

ing persons to be present: Glenn Hodge, Truman Hines, Paul Gilbert, Hale Kincaid and John Conley of Silver; Douglas Snead, Luther McCutchen, Bob Wilson, Horace Griggs and Howard Brock of Bronte; Bill Allen, Cumbie Ivey,

Jr., Fern Havins, W. W. Thetford, Lew Heuvel and Bill Callaway of Robert Lee.

All other persons interested in golf are invited to attend and take Shop Destroyed part in the preliminary discus-

A possible site for a golf course air observed her 75th birthday is the 200-acre tract a mile east of town which is owned by the

74 Coke Residents Collect \$198,067 or 1958 Incentive Wool Payments

e mailed July 10 to Coke Counsheep men. Checks numbering and amounting to a total of 8,067.22 were handled through e County ASC office.

addition there were 117 cks for unshorn lamb payments ch amounted to \$23,463.21. About one-half the wool paynts ranged from \$100 to less \$1,000. There were 85 in this p and the total was \$35,925.13. ty-three growers got less than for a total of only \$1,631.99. Payments from \$1,000 to just er \$3,000 went to 38 persons total of \$59,029.45. More than the money went to 18 wool wers who claimed \$101,480.65. of wheat without an allotment. test check was for \$17,217.17. is is not the Coke County to-\$100 each, the total being totalled.

Wool incentive payments for 1958 only \$3,017.48. The sum of \$12,-994.77 was split among 43 ranchers in amounts from \$100 to just under \$1,000. Five checks in amounts between \$1,000 and under \$3,000 made up a total of \$7,-560.96.

> J. E. Quisenberry, County ASC office manager, reports only two votes were cast in the July 23 wheat referendum, although 43 persons were eligible to vote.

No marketable wheat was produced in Coke County this year because of the dry winter and early spring. A bigger acreage is expected to be planted this fall. Any farmer may plant up to 15 acres

7 thousand acres of cotton this since several big sheep rais- year, and the prospects are exfiled claims in other counties. ceptionally good. All fields have ayment on unshorn lambs re- been measured, Mr. Quisenberry Jay said the fire seemed to have ed in 69 persons receiving less said, but the acreage has not been started in an upholstered sofa in

Model Airplane At S. Jay Home

Fire of unknown origin was discovered at 5 a. m. Tuesday at the Sam Jay home in the south part man, who was up this way without again.

as he slept in an adjoining room vious week and was admitted to x 26 foot addition.

his son, Robert Lewis, who resides mother heard of his illness and miles north of Silver. next door. Mr. Jay hurried to the city hall and drove the fire truck Lee in a taxicab to see Garcia. to his home, and returned to get the hose truck.

firemen arrived soon and extin guished the flames, but not until the addition had been badly burned and its contents entirely destroved.

The loss on the building was covered by insurance and there was some insurance on the contents. The room was used as headquarters of the Model Airplane club which has been supervised by Mrs. Jay. The club has 22 members and used the headquarters as a work shop

A large quantity of material and Coke County has between 6 and property owned by the various members was destroyed.

> Some club members were in the workshop late Monday night. Mr. one corner of the room.

summer roustabouts at the plant After undergoing treatment couple of hours the men were removed to San Angelo hospitals in ken to Shannon and Wenetschlaser to St. John's. Allen was taken to the hospital in Colorado City where he resides.

Mr. Butcher was in charge of plant operations on the day shift.

RETURNS TO MEXICO

from Cuidad Acuna, is back home due to the generosity of a number of Robert Lee folks. The young of town. Mr. Jay was awakened proper papers, became ill the prehis illness was not determined, but He alerted his wife and called to his condition seemed serious. His with her daughter drove to Robert They made arrangements for taking him home, Sam Williams mak-Mr. Jay is the fire chief. Other ing the trip Sunday in the Clift ambulance. Donations toward covering the expense included: Francisco Alabos \$2, Luterio Lara \$2, V. C. Cosellar \$3, Friend \$3, V. Friend \$5, Jose Longoria \$2, Frank C. Coalson \$5. Other persons who wish to contribute may leave donations at the hospital.

ATTEND FUNERAL

Supt. and Mrs. Frank Coalson and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Coalson of Silver went to Rotan Sunday where they attended funeral services of their uncle, Joe Hitt. A well known stock farmer of the Sylvester community, Mr. Hitt died Friday night after an illness of some time His wife was the former Bernice Coalson, who was a sister of the father of Frank and Ray

middle of this week.

Area Supt. John Shimer of Colorado City and Sun officials from Dallas came to Silver to investigate the accident. Cause of the explosion is not known. The company pursues a rigid safety program and has made a good record in looking after the safety and welfare of its employees.

Engines were started up within a couple of hours at the compressor plant and the business of pro-Jenaro Garcia, young national cessing natural gas into butane and propane was continued. Considerable storage space was available until trucks can be loaded

Much of the product from Jameson plant is hauled away in transand heard flames crackling in a 16, Coke County Hospital. Nature of port trucks which come in from a considerable area. Sun also loads tank cars at a Santa Fe spur two

Braswell Gets ASC Position **At Sterling City**

Eddie Roy Braswell has been appointed office manager of the R. Coldfar \$1, Elias Robles \$2, Sterling County ASC office in Sterling City and will take up his new position Aug. 7.

> He was employed in the ASC office in Robert Lee for two years before going to Ballinger where he has been in training several months for a manager's position. Eddie Roy is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Braswell of Bronte. His wife is the former Carolyn Childress, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Childress of Robert Lee. They have a daughter, Ginger, 10 months old.

The family is living in Bronte until they make arrangements for a residence in Sterling City.

Farm Bureau **Queen Contest** Next Tuesday

received in the Coke County Farm Bureau Queen contest which will be held in the Bronte school auditorium next Tuesday night, Aug. 11. There will be three divisions in the contest according to age groups: for girls 6-10, from 11-15, and from 16-22. Only the senior winner will be allowed to compete in the district contest.

Only requirements for entrants is that they be single and daughters of Farm Bureau members.

Winner of the contest will receive an expense paid trip to the district contest at Big Spring. The district winner will be sent on to the state contest and the state winner will receive \$500 for a trip to the American Farm Bureau Federation contest in Chicago in December.

Edward Cumbie of Bronte, district Farm Bureau representative. will be master of ceremonies for dles insecticides for farm use. He the Coke County contest. Out of and his family leased a home in town judges will select the win- Irving. ner, and prizes will be awarded in all three divisions.

Any eligible girl who wishes to enter the contest should contact Mrs. C. E. Arrott, secretary of the Coke County Farm Bureau.

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PERSONALS

Coke County friends of Judge and Mrs. E. S. Cummings of Abilene will regret to learn that he has been hospitalized again be-Four senior entries have been cause of a recurring illness. He is suffering from diabetes and has had both lower limbs amputated. In spite of adversity Judge Cummings has conducted a limited legal business and teaches a Sunday School class and attends Rotary Club meetings regularly. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Craddock and children. Robbie Ann and Frank. returned Tuesday to their ranch home near Medina after a visit in the parental homes of Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Clark in Robert Lee and Mr. and Mrs. Jess Craddock in Colorado City.

> James L. Coffman and family came for a weekend visit with friends and were guests in the R. C. Sawyer home. Mr. Coffman is running some cattle in a pasture on the Divide west of Edith. The family recently moved to Dallas where James has a good position with a large concern which han-

> Mrs. Lorene Stratford is here from San Francisco, Calif., for a three weeks visit with her father. Will Fikes, and her brothers, County Auditor Weldon Fikes and Sgt. Henson Fikes at San Angelo, Mrs. Stratford has a responsible position with Pacific Bell Telephone Co. in San Francisco.

Mrs. Tom Sawyer and little son, Tom Jr., visited the fore part of last week in the parental homes of Mr. and Mrs. John Hollis at Silver and Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Mrs. Hollis and Mrs. Sawyer took them back to Odessa Wednesday and helped them establish themselves in an apartment. Mr. Sawyer has a good position with an oil Drilling Co. at Spearman. well logging concern.

Comething Wonderful Happens

GUESTS IN BILBO HOME Mr. and Mrs. Jarvis Littlefield

and children, Jerry, Jimmy, Ric ky, Randy and their sister, Lynda Kay of Afton, Okla., have been visiting the past week in the home of Mrs. Littlefield's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Bilbo. Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. Steward Evans and Sandy and Steven of Midland, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Havins and Billy Kyle of Lubbock, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Boren and Kathy, Tom and John of Snyder, and Mrs. Arthur Tallant of Mercury and Mrs. T. D. Randle of San Saba.

COMMISSIONERS COURT

Regular session of Coke County Commissioners Court was held Monday when bills were paid and routine matters taken up. The court is studying the county spending budget for the coming year and its formal adoption will take place at next Monday's session. All members of the court were present.

ERSONA

Barry Banner, 9 years old, of Dallas arrived last week for an extended summer visit with his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Rudd.

Mrs. C. W. Bessent left Saturday with her sister, Mrs. T. D. Tallant of San Saba, for Rockport where they will vacation for seve ral weeks.

Ben Bessent and family are now residing at Ulysses, Kans. He is employed on a Magnolia seismograph crew in the area of Liberal. Kans.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Sheppard and daughters, Dixie Jan and Debra, are visiting in the parental homes Sawyer in Robert Lee. Mr. and of Mr. and Mrs. Delmir Sheppard and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Taylor. Mr. Sheppard is taking a two weeks vacation from his position of shop mechanic for Baker & Taylor

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Burns and Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Chumley spent a few days last week at the Paisano Encampment near Marfa. During their stay they occupied a cabin on the grounds owned by Mr. Burns' brother-in-law, Dee Jones of Knickerbocker.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Cole of San

Services Held Tuesday For C. E. Butcher; 42

Services for C. E. Butcher, 42, This is an important position and victim of burns received in a gasoline plant explosion at Silver Saturday, were conducted at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday at the Silver Methodist Church. Officiating was the pastor, the Rev. Charles Simpson.

Arrangements and burial in Robert Lee cemetery were under direction of Clift Funeral Home. Officers and members of Hayrick Lodge No. 696 A. F. & A. M. attended in a body and the Masonic ritual was performed at the cemetery. Pallbearers were Hale Kincaid, Marshall Jennings and Lee Weigel of Silver and G. C. Allen, C. S. Brown and H. S. Lewis Jr. of Robert Lee.

Charles Elman Butcher was born March 18, 1917, at Hall Summit, Red River Parish, La. He was the son of Thomas Clinton and Bertha M. Butcher. He attended had been re-elected as its treaspublic school in his home community and married Miss Dorothea Bode on Sept. 22, 1940.

Mr. Butcher was employed for some time in refinery work in Louisiana before he accepted a position with Sun Oil Co. in June. 1949. He and his family moved His passing is a shock to the ento Silver and he was assigned as tire community. an engine operator at the company's new Jameson gasoline plant. He was working with H. W. (Blackie) Keener on the plant's first morning tour July 6, 1949. Harvey Evinger was superintendent the first few years of the plant's operation.

Mr. Butcher proved himself a valuable employee and earned son. steady advancement. When a vacancy occurred recently by the transfer of A. T. Holt, he was promoted to distillation operator. with friends at Kaufman.

involves responsibility of the plant's operation. He was on duty when an erplosion occurred at the truck loading rack and he received burns which caused his death a few hours later.

Surviving are his wife, a daugh. ter, Bonnie, who is the wife of Paul Tinkler, and two sons, Norman and Alvin. Also his mother, Mrs. Bertha Butcher, and two sisters, Mrs. Harry G. Mosley and Mrs. Herbert O'Neal, all of Alexandria, La., and a brother, Kenneth Butcher, of St. Louis, Mo. Mr. Butcher was a member of the Methodist Church and was active in community affairs. He had served as local chairman of the March of Dimes. He became a member of the Masonic Lodge in Robert Lee a few years ago and urer.

He put in many hours recently helping other members re-decorate and improve the lodge hall.

Charlie Butcher was a good man, friendly and honest and loved his family and his fellowmen.

His brother, Alvin Butcher, lost his life in a fire in February, 1951. In attempting to save his family when their home burned, he and his wife both received burns from which they died. Their small son, Alvin, was saved and has since lived with his uncle's family at Silver where he was adopted as a

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Ferrell have been visiting the past few days

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COME IN TODAY

Marcos visited Coke County friends for a brief period Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Willie Wallace and and children of Amarillo are here on a visit this week with relatives and friends.

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LET CHURCH CONTRACT p. Burk & Son of San Angelo e been awarded a contract for structing a new educational artment addition to the Silver ptist Church. The project indes an L-shaped addition to vide a number of Sunday ool rooms covering more than feet of floor space. It will d from the north and west of the church. Cost is in neighborhood of \$20,000, while conditioning, electrical and sub-contracts and the equipwill mean an additional ex-

ALKER-Mr. and Mrs. John-Walker (Billie McClaren) of er are parents of a daughter July 30 in the Colorado City nital. She weighed 8 pounds, ces and has been named Su-Kay. She has a brother, ky, 4 years old. The father ployed by Sun Pipeline Co. bby Koonce arrived Saturday Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo., he completed eight weeks basic army training. After a ys visit with his parents, Mr. Mrs. Woodrow Koonce, he report to Ft. Knox, Ken., for ning with an Armored Divi-

Irs. C. M. Haigood returned ne Saturday from a week at Colorado City hospital where

was a medical patient. rank Mullican is taking a four eks' vacation from his position a Sinclair pumper. He and Mullican and their son, Larleft Monday for a few days it with her uncle, E. L. Ledtter and wife, at Abilene and th their son, Lee, who is emoved on a drilling rig at Gra-

m. They will return by the end the week and planned to stop th the Rip Arthur family at

A. (Red) Weatherbee is taka two weeks' vacation from work as chief engineer for xas Natural Gasoline Corp. at r Per's plant. Mr. and Mrs. eatherbee and their three chilm have gone to Rush Springs, la., to visit kinfolks.

were her daughters, Jeanie and Joann, who had spent a few weeks at Salida with their sister.

Bobby Hugh Odom came from Nederland for a few days' visit last week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Odom.

Patricia Conner has been recuperating in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Conner. She is a student at a Beauty Culture School in Abilene and was hospitalized a few days with a throat ailment in the Colorado City hospital.

Jessie Clifton Jr. of Colorado Springs, Colo., is here for an extended visit. His mother is the former Marjorie Arnold, sister of Charlie Arnold.

Congregation of the Silver Church of Christ gave a wiener roast and 42 party last Thursday night for the J. E. Conaway family who are moving back to Colorado City. Mr. Conaway is a pumper for Pan American.

their families here over the weekover night guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Odom.

Aug. 6, 1959 returned to their home at Wins-

low, Ariz., after a three weeks visit in the parental home of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Allen and with other kinfolks in this vicinity. Enroute home they planned to visit Mrs. Allen's parents at Espanola, N. Mex., and with his uncle, R. L. Gaston and wife at Durango, Colo. Sun production employees leaving on vacation this week were: Charlie Kennedy, pumper, 2 weeks; F. S. Wycoff, pumper, 2 weeks; O. F. Bradham, gang pusher, 2 weeks. Bob Godwin, pumper at Millican field, has returned from a vacation of two weeks.

COLORADO VACATION TRIP

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Millican and their daughter, Mrs. Lillian Blair and children, Nona Gaye, Becky, and Duane of San Angelo, enjoyed a recent vacation trip to Colorado Springs, Colo. There they vi-Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Allen were sited their sons and brothers, Elton happy to have their children and and Buddy Millican, and their families. The boys are employed end. Some of the group were together in construction work. The entire group drove to Cheyenne, Wyo., to attend a performance of Charlie Arnold and family have the big Frontier Rodeo.

Ford, Mercury **Sales Reported**

Ivey Motor Co. of Robert Lee reports the following sales of new Ford and Mercury units during the past two months:

J. D. Keith, Mercury Montclair. Earl Box, Mercury Montclair. Rheay & Reynolds Drilling Co., Fordor Ranch Wagon.

Vaughan S. Davis, Custom Ranchero.

W. H. Owens, Custom 300. Pauline Roe Holland, Cus. 300. Bruce L. Fly, Fairlane 500. G. M. Lopez, Galaxie Town Sed. Jimmie D. Rasco, Galaxie Club Victoria.

E. S. Hitchcock, Galaxie Town pilot of the company's airplane. Sedan.

Magnolia Petroleum Co., Fairlane Town Sedan.

Charles W. Arledge, Galaxie Town Sedan. Otis Grisham, Galaxie Town Se-

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Town Sedan.

F-100 Pickup. Dual Drilling Co., Fairlane Town at Eunice, N. Mex., before coming

Leslie Fuller, Country Sedan. Mrs. E. J. Benton, Country Sedan.

C. E. Arrott, F-100 Pickup.

James R. Clark, Fordor Ranch Wagon.

John R. McMillan, Galaxie Club Sedan.

J. T. Wasson, Galaxie Town Sedan.

C. W. McCutchen, Custom 300 Fordor.

CLELL VARNADORES HERE

Mr. and Mrs. Clell Varnadore and their sons, H. C., 15, and Donald, 13, are here this week on a visit among relatives and old time friends. They reside at Ft. Smith, Ark., where Clell is employed by Re-Builders Supply Co. and is also He holds a captain's commission in the Arkansas National Guard Air Force and gets in several Walter Acreman, C'ntry Squire. hours of flying each week. Mr. Varnadore was a World War II pilot and for some time was assigned to a route out on the Aleutian chain. He also retains his farm John F. Hamilton Jr., Galaxie and registered Angus cattle near Mena. Mrs. Varnadore is the for-Robert Lee Independent School, mer Mary Lord. They visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Russ Lord to Robert Lee.



en Parker, column operator Perkins plant, has returned n a vacation of two weeks. He his family visited relatives Houston and spent a portion their vacation at Lake Buchan-

Employees on vacation from n's Jameson gasoline plant inde Robert Henderson, opera-2nd class, who will spend two eks in Colorado; J. D. Gilbert, int foreman, who has taken his mily to visit relatives for two eks in Louisiana; Billy Monef, 2 weeks; and Home White, has gone to Colorado for a

Returning from vacations were ayne Reed, plant maintenance man, who visited two weeks Louisiana; and M. L. Mills, had a 4 weeks vacation. He d his family visited in Flori-Chicago and East Texas.

Mrs. Fred Theis left the fore rt of last week to accompany r daughter, Mrs. Douglas (Fred-Sherman, back to her home Manhattan, Kans. Douglas is tioned in the army at nearby Riley. Mrs. Theis was excled to return home this week. Raymond Kincaid is spending week at Sol Mayer Boy Scout mp near Ft. McKavett, in Merd County. His father, Hale heaid, took him to camp Sun-

irs. Charlie Arnold and sons, tch and Jim, have returned Salida, Colo., where they ted their daughter and sister, L. A. Summers, and family. a. Summers is the former Sue The Summers family is wing back to Cincinnati, Ohio. he has employment. Reg home with Mrs. Arnold

High School Grads of '49 Bring Families For Ten Year Reunion at Local Park

Thirteen members of the Robert Lee high school graduating en boys and an equal number of class of 1949 were present for their 10-year reunion at the County Park community building here the weekend of July 25-26.

A get together party was enjoyed Saturday night, followed by an all day picnic and dinner on Sunday. Most of the homecomers were accompanied by their families.

Members of the class who attended were Mrs. Walter Jones (Esther Allen) of San Angelo, Mrs. F. L. Holmes (Mary Ann Calder) of Jefferson City, Mo., Mrs. John L. Bruton (Janie Sue Higgins) of Stanton, Mrs. Dee Hankins (Tina Hurley) of San Antonio, Bobby Seltz of Abilene.

Also Mrs. Jack Brock (Nelda Ann Sheppard) of Shallowater, Roy Tinkler of San Angelo, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Blair (Eula Fave Smith) of Robert Lee, Mrs. Leslie Copeland (Bonita Childress) of Silver, Mrs. Bobby Baker (Janet Dean) of Robert Lee, Fred Mc-Cabe Jr. and Frank Percifull of Robert Lee.

And Mrs. Hershall Hall (Carrie Katherine Rabb) and Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Walker Jr. (Cornelia Boykin) of Robert Lee. Also present was Mrs. D. E. Dye (Billie Ruth Young) of Odessa who was a member of the class in high school but did not graduate with it.

11 Children At Watkins Gathering

The Watkins family reunion July 26 at the American Legion Hall in Bronte was largely attended and all of the 11 children of the late Rev. and Mrs. M. E. Watkins were present.

Rev. Watkins was pastor of a number of Missionary Baptist churches in this section of West Texas prior to his death in 1951.

The seven sons and four daugh

The class was made up of elevgirls. Two have passed away Orlan Gunnels was killed in a hunting accident soon after graduation, and Joe Thetford was the victim of a car wreck a few years ago while on his way home on leave from a Navy enlistment.

Other members of the class were Buddy and Edna Mae Wallace Havins of Farmington, N. Mex., I. H. Devoll Jr. of Burnet, Betty Clawson and Christine Clawson.

Bill Blair, president of the graduating class, continues in that capacity. Named as secretaries to partment in Coke and Runnels promote a reunion in 1964 were Counties east and south of here. Mrs. Hershal Hall and Mrs. Bobby Baker.

A complete list of those in attendance includes Mr. and Mrs. Walter Jones and daughters, Debbie and Kathy, Mrs. F. L. Holmes, of FM 1692. Mr. and Mrs. John L. Bruton and

daughter, Paula; Mrs. Dee Han- project is in Coke County and is kins; Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Seltz included in Coke's Farm to Marand three sons; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Brock and children, Jackie Nell, Darrell and Jay; Mr. and Mrs. Roy Tinkler and Walter, Jenna and Steve; Mr. and Mrs.

Bill Blair and Ray and Linda. Also Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Copeland and Nita Gay and Daryl; Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Baker and daughters, Diane, Sherry and Mary Kay; Mr. and Mrs. Fred McCabe Jr. and sons, Doyle and Melvin; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Percifull and children, Danny, Deane, Theresa and use caution when passing through Mike: Mr. and Mrs. Hershall Hall the area since heavy equipment and Randy; and Mr. and Mrs. D. will be in operation. J. Walker Jr. and daughters, Sha-

ron, Rebecca and Audrey Dee.

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GOOD MELON CROP

A. C. Johnson raised a lot of fine watermelons this season, the best year in a long time for fruit were of the Big Giant and Black Dies in S. Angelo and vegetable corps. His melons Diamond varieties and some weighed as much as 65 pounds. Mr. Johnson also had a fair crop of cantaloupes and roasting ears. He found a good demand for his produce among local residents.

Tennyson Road Job Under Way

Tennyson-Construction is under way on a 61/2-mile farm road project of the Texas Highway De-District Engineer J. A. Snell of San Angelo said the new road will run from U. S. Highway 277

here east and south to the end of FM Road 2333, eight miles north More than three miles of the

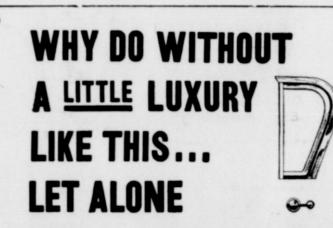
ket road allotment. Right of way was secured by Commissioner Claude Ditmore and was paid for from county road funds.

Grading, structures, base and surfacing are in the project which will be carried out by E. M. Bailey, Abilene contractor.

Completion of the project is scheduled in May 1960.

Snell said traffic will be routed! through construction work on the project, and warned motorists to

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squeak, never need grease.

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Mrs. Homer Clark

Mrs. Homer H. Clark, 68, of 1014 S. Abe, San Angelo, died at 4:32 p.m. Thursday at Shannon Hospital.

Services were at 4 p.m. Friday at Robert Massie Funeral Chapel. Stanley Lockhart, minister of Harris and Irving Church of Christ, officiating. Burial was in Fairmount Cemetery.

Born Dec. 5, 1890, in Fort Chadbourne, Mrs. Clark was a resident day with his parents, Mr. and M. of Coke County until 1941 when I. B. Millican. They went on she moved to San Angelo. Survivors include her husband; Mrs. Millican's people, the Taylo

pard of Houston and Mrs. J R. Williams of Texas City; h sisters, Mrs. Charles Hill of M walk, Calif., and Mrs. J. H. Ro of Big Spring; four brothers, Ch Webb of San Angelo, G. D. We of Monahans, and Hollis and W. Webb, both of Big Spring. Pallbearers were Cumbie Iw Cumbie Ivey Jr., Dr. Joe B. Wa ren, Robert Babb, Raymond Be and Weldon Webb.

Alton Millican and family of Sa Antonio visited over night Sat Lubbock to attend a reunion two daughters, Mrs. Travis Shep- family.

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ters who came to the reunion with their families included the following:

Garland Watkins of San Antonio, Kenneth Watkins of Colorado City. Bogard Watkins of Cortez, Colo... Ross Watkins of Denison, Edgar Watkins of Big Spring, Lucian Watkins of Houston, Robert Watkins of Brownwood, Mrs. C. C. (Gladys) Millican of Robert Lee. Mrs. L. C. (Irene) Trowbridge of San Angelo, Mrs. W. R. (Inez) Martin of San Angelo and Mrs. Finis (Sue) Millican of Robert Lee

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank each and evervone for the nice lawn chairs and the farewell party given us last Tuesday night. Our stay in Robert Lee for a number of years has been most pleasant. We extend all an invitation to stop and see us at Bangs. - M. E. Petross and Family

CONTRACTOR'S NOTICE OF TEXAS HIGHWAY CONSTRUC-TION

Sealed proposals for constructing 0.188 miles of Bridge & Approaches from Colorado River Relief Bridge and Approaches approximately 5.45 Mi. S. of Silver on Highway No. FM 2059, covered by S 2380(1) in Coke County, will be received at the Highway Department, Austin, until 9:00 A. M. August 18, 1959, and then publicly opened and read.

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washed up. Rent houses unpre- secretary.

in Robert Lee two or three times a year and made headquarters in the home of Mrs. Hattie Day.

The Ford was purchased in 1926 and the price was \$552.50 F.O.B. Detroit. He has traveled an aver-Bert Corwin is about to quit his age of 19,500 miles a year, so the mfession as an itinerant cistern total mileage on this old reliable epair man and retire to his rabbit vehicle may be up around 600,000

Mr. Corwin has had a good supply of parts on hand and does his ear old Ford coupe which is about own repair work. The block has a eady to give up the ghost after crack right now, and it may be raveling more than a half million the finish for the old Model T.

Bert says he is going to Clarks-Mr. Corwin has covered a terri- dale, Ariz., where he is interested my in Texas, Oklahoma and ad- in a ranch which is stocked with ining states for 38 years. His 5,000 rabbits. He's 86 years old, usiness is repairing cisterns and but still in pretty good shape both

> dictable. Need some other way of making some dough. Available for any sort of piddling building. Arnold Samuelson. 9w2p

QUARTERBACK CLUB

will meet next Monday night at the high school cafeteria. All persons interested in school athletic programs are invited to become members. With the football season approaching, there are important matters to be discussed and a good turnout is requested. Q-B Club officers are J. E. Quisenber-Unfinished readybuilts apparent- ry, president, and Gene Hinnard,

PERSONALS

County Agent Sterling Lindsey is taking a two weeks vacation. He and his family left Wednesday for visits with Mrs. Lindsey's folks at Turnertown and with Mr. Lindsey's kinfolks at Pearsall. He will not be back in the county agents office until Aug. 17.

Miss Minnie Weathers went to Snyder for a weekend visit in the Weathers, and attended the Warren-Weathers reunion on Sunday. San Angelo. Miss Weathers became ill of a heart ailment Sunday afternoon and was brought to her home in Robert Lee. She was much improved Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Phelan went to Lampasas Saturday to attend a weekend reunion of the Phelan family. Loyd has four brothers, three of whom were in attendance. A crowd of 90 persons attended the homecoming.

Sunday guests in the F. C. Clark home were their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Craddock and children of Medina, Mr. and Mrs. Condie Clark of Bronte and Mr. and Mrs. James Wallace Clift and daughter, Jakey, of Water Valley.

Mildred Wallace is on a two weeks vacation from her position in the County ASC office. She left Saturday night to visit her sister, Mrs. Buddy Havins, and family at Farmington, N. Mex. Miss Wallace was accompanied on the trip Robert Lee's Quarterback Club by her little niece, Marilyn Wallace.

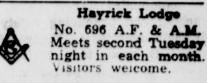
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BUILDING NEW HOME

County Agent Sterling Lindsey is building a new home. It is located on a 100-foot corner lot north of the school grounds and is just east of the new home completed recently by County Judge W. W. Thetford. The frame structure will have 1,196 feet of floor space and includes three bedrooms, living room, combination kitchen and home of her niece, Mrs. Alfred dining room and 11/2 baths. Contract was let to D. E. Jackson of JACK R. DENMAN, W. M.

Mr. and Mrs. Russ Lord and son, Bill, arrived Monday from Eunice, N. Mex., for a visit among relatives and friends. Mr. Lord is recovering from a heart attack suffered several weeks ago and is working part time.



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SMALL TALK By A. J. K.

The disastrous explosion at Sil- lines these days. ver was a terrible thing and the cause will probably never be known. Fumes coming from liby a tiny spark. Sun and all other teaching and practicing safety in all their operations. Their safety record is good, too. Millions of gallons of liquid petroleum gas have been pumped through the loading rack at Jameson plant, and this was the only major accident in its ten years of operation. Its effect will impress the necessity of continued vigilance not only in oil field operations, but in our homes and in other lines of industry.

Community-wide sympathy is extended to the bereft family of C. E. Butcher: He was one of the Up Ball Season nicest persons we have ever known, and this opinion is held by all his acquaintances. That's about the best way we know how to express our appreciation of him.

Everybody is happy that the legislature is finally winding up its third special session this week. They raised the necessary new taxes to carry on the functions of state government, but their efforts were pretty sorry. Gov. Price Daniel offered a sound program at the start, but the big lobbyists stopped him. He said the lobby was the most vicious he had ever known. Then the legislators themselves got to feuding, and it was a mess most of the time. Just how well our Senator Dorsey Hardeman and Rep. A. J. Bishop performed, we cannot say without more detailed information. Bishop was not in the news very much, but Dorsey made the headlines every day. Some of his actions didn't look good to us. Reports from Austin are that a number of good legislators are so disgusted that they wouldn't think of running again.

Boy, we had plenty of mistakes in last week's edition. Ellis Eubanks wants to sell a concrete

another news story. Blondy don't get much space any more, but his stuff is still well read. Concho League games rate only a few

PARTY FOR PETROSS FAMILY M. E. Petross and family were quid butane and propane are high- honored with a farewell party last ly explosive and can be set off Tuesday night at the County Park community center. Games were oil companies are constantly played and refreshments served to the big gathering. A gift of several attractive lawn chairs was presented to the family. Mr. Petross resigned as Robert Lee high school principal to become school superintendent at Bangs. He and his family returned to Robert Lee for the party and were overnight guests in the Finis Harmon home at Edith.

> **Twin Bill Here** Sunday to Wind

Baseball fans are looking forward to the double header next Sunday when Robert Lee Rabbit Twisters entertain Kirby Vauum Cleaners of San Angelo.

The double bill starts at 2 p. m. at Ed Hickman Field. The first contest will be a regular 9-inning affair, while the second game to make up for a rained out meeting, will go only 7 innings. The game had been scheduled for the San Angelo diamond and for that reason Kirby will be considered the home club and have their last turn at bat.

The Concho Basin League is tightening up rapidly. Brownwood Colts took another game from Kirby last Sunday to go into a first place with the San Angelo club. Robert Lee's game at San Saba was postponed because of the death of C. E. Butcher. If the Twisters had defeated San Saba the top spot would have gotten into a three-way tie between Kirby, Brownwood and Robert Lee.

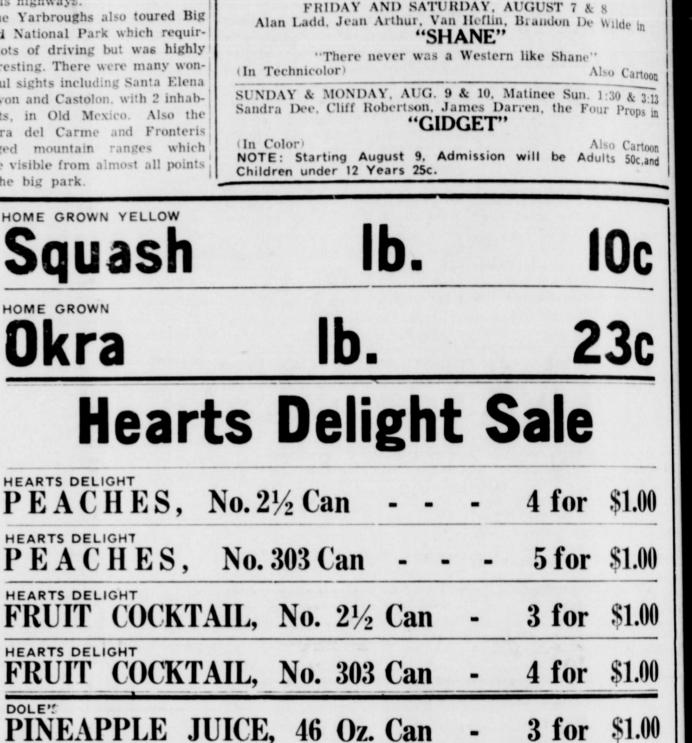
The Rabbit Twisters will have to win both ends of the Kirby double header to remain in the loop race. since Brownwood is almost a cinch to defeat San Saba next Sunday. Manager Chilly Tinkler expects to have his club at full strength against Kirby. Richard Dumas will hurl the opening game and Lefty Paul Tinkler will start the second encounter. His brother, Jerry, will be ready to help with the pitching duties if called upon. Brownwood defeated Kirby 8-5 at San Angelo last Sunday, with the winners getting 11 hits. San Angelo secured only six safe blows.

VISIT DAVIS MOUNTAINS Maurice Yarbrough and family

returned Sunday from a week's vacation in the Davis Mountains. During the period they attended the Paisano Encampment and heard some excellent speakers. Among them was Dr. White, president of Baylor University, who had recently returned from a visit in

Russia and the Holy Land. On Saturday the Robert Lee family made the scenic loop of 74 miles, which included a visit to the great McDonald Observatory. It is 6,791 feet above sea level and is the highest spot on any of the Texas highways.

The Yarbroughs also toured Big Bend National Park which required lots of driving but was highly interesting. There were many wonderful sights including Santa Elena Canyon and Castolon, with 2 inhabitants, in Old Mexico. Also the Sierra del Carme and Fronteris rugged mountain ranges which were visible from almost all points in the big park.



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Mrs. Curtis Blair underwent an A. J. Summers has returned turned to her home Tuesday.

appendectomy last Friday in Coke from a two months' stay in House County Memorial Hospital. She ton where he stayed with Mr. and is making a good recovery and re- Mrs. Silas Angel. He was employ. ed for some time driving a truck

ALAMO THEATRE

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mixer for \$50, and we printed the price at \$10. He had lots of chances to sell the machine, but rightfully is holding out for the fair price to which he is entitled.

Then Genie Baker's ad had some mixups: For instance, Jack Sprat pork and beans, 2 cans for 91c. Of course it should have read 2 for 19c.

We're sorry. Maybe it is human to make mistakes, but hardly that many all in one big gob.

Coke County can have a golf course. We can do most anything we want to, if enough people work hard enough for it. If you want a golf course here at home better show some interest and attend the meeting tonight (Thursday).

Milton Rathbone, manager of the Kirby ball club, and Blondy Cross, old reliable sports writer, were in Robert Lee Tuesday conferring with the Rabbit Twister management in regard to the important double header game here Sunday. Details of the agreement appear in

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HOSPITAL NEWS

July 28 - Mrs. Sam Fowler, Mrs. J. W. Phelps and infant son and Mrs. Lorene Millican dismissed.

July 29 - Henry Briscoe admitted.

July 30 - Mrs. Curtis Blair admitted. Sam McDonald dismissed. Aug. 1 - Howard Varnadore admitted.

Aug. 2 - Osa Faries admitted. Jenaro Garcia dismissed.

Aug. 3 - Mrs. W. M. McCutchen admitted.

Aug. 4 - Mrs. Curtis Blair, Mrs. W. M. McCutchen dismissed.

MADE PLANE TRIP HERE David Coy Keenan and son, Allan, 6 years old, and the former's father, Walter Keenan, came from Dallas Monday for a visit with relatives and friends. They made the trip in a Cessna 180 plane, of which Coy was the pilot and is a part owner. They made the flight from Big D in one hour and 50 minutes and set down in the Fred Roe pasture near the city limits. Coy is regional sales manager for Kaiser Aluminum electrical conductor division, with a territory co-One Year in Advance \$3.00 vering several states adjoining

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