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Future Farmers Receive Awards

Members of the Robert Lee Chapter of Future Farmers of America were presented awards at the annual FFA parent and son banquet barbecue Saturday night at the Robert Lee School band hall.

Frankie Blair, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Blair, was selected as the most outstanding Senior FFA member of the Robert Lee Chapter, and he received a plaque by the Abilene Kiwanis Club for exhibiting the Grand Champion Barrow at the Abilene Stock Show. The DeKalb Agriculture accomplishment was also presented to Frankie for being selected as the outstanding Senior member.

Blair is a Lone Star Farmer from the Robert Lee Chapter, having won this award last year at Houston.

Rocky Counts, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Q. Counts, received the coveted Star Farmer Award of the Robert Lee Chapter Saturday night. He is a senior in high school and he holds the Lone Star Farmer Award and Area Farm Me-

chanics Award and third place State Farm Mechanics Award.

Counts has participated in five leadership teams, and he has also been a member of one State team. He has participated in 12 major fat stock shows including the Houston Fat Stock Show where he showed the Reserve Champion.

Rocky Counts has participated on two grass judging teams, 10 livestock judging contests. He was second in the overall individual judging at the San Angelo Fat Stock Show this year.

The Star Farmer Award was presented to Counts by Hulan Harris, Chapter Advisor.

David Drennan presented the national awards to the following:

Sheep and Goat Raisers Award, Bobby Blaylock; Star Green Hand Award, Dwain Walker; Public Speaking award, Derwood Coalson; Farm Mechanics award, Leon Gregston; Beef Production award, David Drennan; Sheep Production award, Donny Robertson; Swine Production award, Curtis Higginbotham.

State Vice President Speaker

James Cole, State Vice President from Slaton, spoke to the group on leadership and the part that the F. F. A. plays in molding the future agriculture leaders.

Cole has been an active FFA member for five years and is now a freshman student at Texas Tech.

Sweetheart Receives Jacket

Curtis Higginbotham, Chapter Sentinel, presented the chapter sweetheart, Elaine Robertson, with the official FFA Sweethearts jacket.

Key Is Honorary Member

Dwain Walker read the citation while the chapter officers presented the ceremony for David Key as an honorary member of the Robert Lee Chapter. Key represents the 8th honorary member of the chapter.

Special Entertainment

Misses Barbara Gray, Betty Jo McGinley and Marion Fikes presented a musical program to the more than 110 persons that attended the affair.

Mrs. Hulan Harris and several FFA mothers were in charge of food preparation with the Green Hands doing the serving of the food.

Instruction Class To Be Held for First Graders

A special class of instruction for first grade students will be held in Mrs. Russell McBroom's room at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, May 12.

The following events are scheduled for this occasion: (1) from 8:30 until 10:00, class room instruction under the supervision of Mrs. McBroom. (2) From 10:00 until 10:30, a visit by the prospective first grade students of 1961-62 to the school's lunch room. (3) From 10:30 until 11:00, the children will be on the play ground under supervision.

Elementary school principal, Douglas Dean urges all children that will be enrolled in the first grade in the Robert Lee school next year to be present with their parents, Friday, May 12.

CHURCH MEETING HELD

Stanley Lockhart, minister of the Harris and Irving St. Church of Christ, San Angelo, is conducting a special meeting at the Robert Lee Church of Christ every evening this week at 7:30 p.m.

Coalsons Released From Hospital

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Coalson are at their ranch home after being dismissed from a San Angelo hospital Tuesday after receiving treatment for injuries they received in an automobile collision Sunday night on the outskirts of San Angelo.

The Coalsons, their son, Derwood and three Robert Lee High School girls, Irene Gloria, Frankie Millican and Carole Hester, were returning to Robert Lee from Ciudad Acuna when a car driven by a San Angeloan, Charles Barnhill collided with the Coalson car. The accident occurred at the intersection of the Robert Lee Highway and the Bronte bypass 3 miles north of San Angelo.

Mrs. Coalson received a concussion and a deep cut on the head. She was knocked unconscious by the impact and did not regain consciousness until after she was admitted to the hospital. Her husband, Frank, received three broken ribs and numerous cuts and bruises.

The other four occupants of the car received minor scratches and bruises.

Barnhill and his companion, Mrs. Gwendene Plaster, received numerous cuts and bruises. Barnhill had 11 ribs that were broken. He is still confined to the hospital.

Both automobiles were considered to be total losses due to the damage received in the collision.

Mr. Coalson stated that a representative of the Department of Public Safety said that Barnhill would receive a citation for not yielding right of way at the place of the collision.

Mrs. Coalson said Tuesday that she planned to be in her class room at Robert Lee High School Monday.

Students Make Good Showing At Austin Meet

At the State Interscholastic League Meet held in Austin this past weekend, students from Robert Lee placed high in the rankings.

In the literary division, Brenda Sue McDorman placed second in copy-reading in the journalism contest and Vicki Wojtek placed fourth in the ready writing contest. Both received ribbons and certificates of award.

In the track division, Richard Sims placed second in the 120 yd. high hurdles with a time of 15.1 and he placed fourth in the 180 yd. low hurdles with a time of 20.5.

Accompanying the students to Austin for the three day meet were Coaches John Malone and Garland Davis and Mrs. Frank Coalson.

CITY FINANCIAL REPORT

The City of Robert Lee's financial report appears in this week's edition of The Observer.

Your City Officials urge you to study the report, and if you have any questions about the statement, you are welcome to discuss it with the City Commission.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Stewart of Albuquerque, New Mexico, have been visiting in Robert Lee for one week. They visited Mrs. Annie Sparks and the Weldon Fikes family.

Fun Day Here Features Swimming, Bar-B-Q

A grand time of relaxation has been planned by three Coke organizations for the benefit of all residents of the county for Monday, May 15.

The Coke County Park Swimming Pool will open at 2:30 p.m. and everyone who wishes to swim Monday may do so at no charge. The pool will remain open Monday until 6:00 p.m.

A Pony League baseball game between Robert Lee and Silver will begin at 3:00 p.m. The probable starting pitcher for Robert Lee is Terry Thetford and Lynn White will probably go on the mound for Silver. Thetford has 3-1 won and lost record for the season and White has a 0-3 record.

Robert Lee schools will be dismissed at 2:00 p.m. so that the students may participate in many events that are planned for the day.

Many tennis players will be

looking for matches and anyone who wishes to play may do so at no charge.

The Robert Lee Women's softball team will host the Winters softball team at 8:00 p.m. The home team has a 3-1 won-lost record.

A barbecue dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m. by members of the Silver Lions Club, the Robert Lee BCD and Coke County Park Board.

The only charge for the many events of the day will be for the barbecue dinner that will be served at the Coke County recreation hall. The price for tickets will be \$1.25 for adults and 75c for children.

Tickets may be purchased now from members of the Silver Lions Club and members of the BCD.

The following persons in Robert Lee have tickets for the barbecue for sale: W. T. Roach, J. L. Tinkler, W. W. Thetford, W. D. McAdams, Fern Havins, Bob Vaughan, Mrs. Winnie Waldrop and O. B. Jacobs.

People in the Silver area may purchase tickets by contacting Hale Kincaid.

The following are on the various committees to assure that the opening of the county park for the summer season will be a success: Fern Havins, Gene Baker, Henry Childress, J. O. Rudd, J. E. Quisenberry, Cumbie Ivey Jr., Bob Vaughan, W. T. Roach, W. W. Thetford, Willis Wayne Smith, Hervey Latham, Bruce Clift, Sam Williams, J. L. Tinkler, Weldon Fikes, O. B. Jacobs, Melvin Childress, Hale Kincaid, Jack Deaman, Gerald Allen, Bill Allen, Vaughan Davis and John King.

This will be a family affair and all families are urged to attend for the occasion of officially making the facilities of the park available to residents for the summer.

Those who have boats are welcome to use the nearby Mountain Creek Lake for boating.

Baccalaureate Services to Be Held Sunday

Baccalaureate services for the senior class of 1961 of Robert Lee High School will be held this year on Sunday, May 14, beginning at eight o'clock in the Robert Lee High School Auditorium.

Preaching the sermon this year will be Robin Guess, pastor of the Robert Lee Baptist Church.

The invocation will be given by Orion Lewis, pastor of the Robert Lee Methodist church, and the benediction will be given by Douglas Dean, principal of the Robert Lee Elementary School.

Don Weathers and Ronnie Sims, former students of the school, will present the musical part of the program.

P.T.A. MEETING TO BE HELD

The last meeting of this school year will be held Thursday, May 11, at 2:35 at the Robert Lee School.

New officers for next year will be installed at this meeting.

Mrs. O. B. Jacob's piano students will present a musical program for the members of the P. T. A.

a second glance

By JOHN H. KING II

By taking a second look at the two candidates seeking election for the full term of U. S. Senator to represent Texas, I am convinced that William A. (Bill) Blakley, who is running on the Democrat ticket, is the best man to represent us.

There has been a great deal written about the many fine qualities of Blakley which include his good moral character, his reputation as being a successful and honest business man, philanthropist and a man that is dedicated to the interest of Texas and its people.

Since Senator Blakley has been filling the unexpired term of Lyndon Johnson he has diligently worked for the people of Texas by introducing a sensible education bill and has worked hard for a conservative states right program. He has also gained the support and respect of President Kennedy.

Blakley lead the ticket in the first primary of April 4 in Coke County. It's my opinion that only one foe can beat him, and that is apathy. If you stay away from the polls on May 27, you could very well elect a Republican.

If you are interested in returning a Democrat to the U. S. Senate from Texas, I would urge you to attend the political rally honoring Senator Blakley in San Angelo at the Town House Motor Hotel at 12:00 noon Friday.

The trouble with ripting the fence in West Texas is that the net wire has a strand of barbed wire at the top of the fence and a fellow could get snagged by being on the fence.

VISITING FROM CALIFORNIA

Mrs. Lorine Sim, the former Miss Lorine Fikes, of San Francisco, California visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Fikes and her brother and family, the Weldon Fikes of Robert Lee, for the past week.

Visiting in Robert Lee Tuesday were M. K. Sparks and Cullen Jordan of Colorado City.



A HEAVY LOAD—These two yellow catfish that were captured at Mountain Creek Lake by Marvin Keenan and Jimmie Byars of Sweetwater weighed 20 and 51 lbs. respectively.



HEAVY WEIGHTS—Judge W. W. Thetford of Robert Lee and Johnny Rives of Odessa are pictured holding two yellow catfish that were captured by the Rives party Saturday at Mountain Creek Lake. The fish weighed 47 and 52 lbs.



COKE SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT NEWS

Present Supervisors —

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

D. L. Estes, 3 miles south of Tennyson, has made application for a contract with the Great Plains Conservation Program. The plan will include cross fencing, pond construction, brush control, range seeding, deferred grazing, and proper use of range grasses.

About 1300 feet of earthen diversions were constructed on the Olin Blanks ranch, 4 miles southwest of Silver. The diversions were constructed to divert additional water into livestock ponds.

Bill Simpson has just completed rootplowing and seeding about 670 acres on his place 5 miles northwest of Robert Lee. Marvin Simpson completed about 788 acres of

rootplowing and seeding on his place 5 miles northwest of Robert Lee. The rootplowed areas were seeded with the following mixture of native and introduced grasses: Sideoats grama, Green sprangle-top, Plains bristlegrass, Switchgrass, Blue Panic, Caucasian bluestem and K. R. bluestem.

D. K. Glenn has pitted and seeded about 114 acres of the rangeland on his place about 2 miles east of Bronte. Native and introduced grasses were used in the mixture.

Courthouse Rainfall Record
 This month (April) Trace
 This year 4.95
 This time last year 4.79

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

The Friendship W. H. D. Club women and their families enjoyed a Barbecue supper and all the trimmings Thursday night, April 27, in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Rudd.

There were 37 present at the affair. The next club meeting will be in the home of Mrs. Frank Bryan May 11.

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 Worship 7:30 p.m.
 Tuesday, Ladies Bible Class 9:30 a.m.
 Wednesday, Midweek Bible Study 7:30 p.m.
FOY L. MOORE, Minister
 Bronte Phone GR 3-4421

EVANT STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Pamela Peays, granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Peays of Robert Lee, was selected Student of the Month for March in the Evant High School because of her outstanding work in World History.

Pam is a sophomore, 5'2" tall and weighs 100 pounds, has blonde hair and blue eyes. She attended San Jon, N. M. elementary school in the first and second grade. The family moved to Evant, Texas in 1952 and Pam plans to graduate from Evant High School and attend the University of Texas.

Pam is a member of the Annual Staff "The Elk," President of the Sophomore class, an "A" student, received an award for outstanding work in Biology last year. She was Valedictorian of the Eighth grade out of a class of 24, participated as a Teen Age Character in the Senior play presented this year and lettered in basketball.

H D Agent's News Dept.

By CAROLE HOOPER

I was in Abilene last Thursday and Friday attending an Equipment Training Workshop. Included on the program were sessions on laundering and small electrical equipment such as toasters, coffee-makers, mixers, irons and such.

The session on laundering made me realize how much is involved in proper laundering methods. For instance, I was under the impression that you have to have suds before cleansing can take place. Suds are caused by a chemical which is added for that purpose only because the housewife demands suds! So this means that very possibly some of us are guilty of using too much detergent. How much detergent does it take for a load of laundry? In order to dissolve fats, oils and heavy soil and keep them in suspension while washing, there must be a sufficient amount of detergent. Basic requirements of detergent for average soil are 3/8 cup for tumble action washers and 3/4 for agitator washers. For heavily soiled clothes or extremely hard water use more detergent. For small loads and lightly soiled clothes use less detergent.



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I plan to work with as many 4-H girls as possible with their records before the end of May. Record keeping is an important part of each 4-H members project. If records are not kept up to date, it can be rather difficult and time-consuming. We hope to have all records up to date before the summer work, such as Clothing workshops and Dress Review, begins.

The date for the training meeting for Foods Leaders has been changed to Friday, May 12 at 10:00 A. M. in my office. This training will be on Uses of Aluminum foil.

READ THE WANT ADS.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: Joe Lee Corbin, Defendant,

Greetings:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable 51st District Court of Coke County at the Courthouse thereof, in Robert Lee, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A. M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 19th day of June A. D. 1961, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 17th day of February A. D. 1961, in this cause, numbered 2188 on the dock-

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et of said court and styled Wanda Bell Corbin, Plaintiff, vs. Joe Lee Corbin, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Suit for divorce, for child custody, child support and for title and possession of household furniture and appliances, as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same ac-

ording to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs.

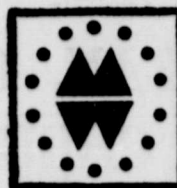
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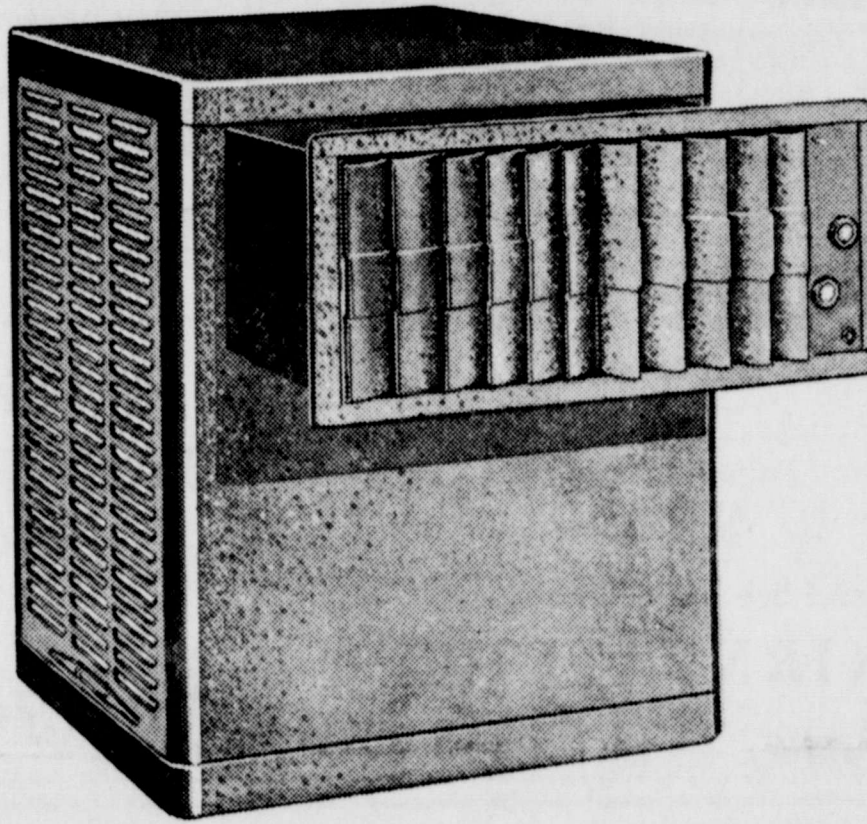
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Silver News

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Mr. and Mrs. Fred Theis visited their daughter and family, the Douglas Shermans in Abilene Sunday. Teresa Sherman, granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Theis, is visiting in Silver for several days. John Theis and Douglas Wilkes attended the Science fair in Odessa last week.

The sixth grade class of the Silver Peak School visited Webb Air Force Base in Big Spring and the Texas Electric generator plant at Colorado City during a field trip last week.

Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Snyder of Sun Field near Delmita visited the George Conner family last week. Mrs. Conner is a niece of the Snyders.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Mullins of Abilene were weekend visitors in the home of Ed's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clay Mullins.

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Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Herron, Blaine and Dena of Laverne, Oklahoma visited with Mrs. Herron's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Keener.

C. E. Mathers was taken to Coke County Memorial Hospital in Robert Lee by Clift Ambulance Service.

Melba Thompson, a student at San Angelo College spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jay Thompson.

MRS. KEENER ATTENDS SISTER-IN-LAW'S FUNERAL

Mrs. H. W. Keener left Saturday to attend the funeral services for her sister-in-law, Mrs. Frank Keener, that were held Monday at Ranger.

Her husband, Frank Keener, brother of H. W. Keener, preceeded her in death.

Mrs. E. S. Cummings of Abilene arrived at the Frank Coalson ranch home Wednesday to help care for the Coalsons who are convalescing from injuries received in an auto accident Sunday evening. Mrs. Cummings is an aunt of Mrs. Coalson.

Letters to The Editor

May 9, 1961

EDITOR, Robert Lee Observer

In view of the fact that Blakley has called himself a "conservative" in campaigning for the Senate seat lately vacated by Lyndon Johnson, the Counterfeit Confederate, did you know that for interim appointment office holding he likely holds some kind of a record for being absent? In 1957 while serving his interim appointment he was not present on 8 of 18 record votes — 44 per cent of the time. He gets better on that, however, as during the first four months of this year, Blakley was absent on 22 of 32 record votes — 69 per cent of the time. Besides this, Blakley was one of the Democratic Senators who refused to sign the Committee of One Million pledge against the recognition of Red China.

Surely Texas cannot afford to send to the Senate to represent us, one, who along with Kennedy and his "ivory tower" entourage want Red China recognized and eventually seated in the U. N. to vote against the United States, along with Russia, Poland, Hungary and other "fellow travelers."

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Dedicated to principle that education is a local institution. Sponsor of bill to permit states to keep 5 per cent of Federal income taxes for use in their school systems. Opposes Federal aid to education.

Sponsor of bill to provide additional income tax exemptions for parents—\$400 more for each child in high school and \$1,200 more for each child in college.

Sponsor of bill to permit senior citizens to help themselves by raising from \$1,200 to \$1,800 the amount Social Security recipients can earn without being penalized.

Favors reducing by at least one-half the amount of foreign oil being imported into this country, thereby benefitting the Texas oil industry. Against subsidizing foreign competition to detriment of American working people and businessmen.

Favors retaining and strengthening the Tom Connally Reservation. Opposes turning over U. S. affairs to jurisdiction of a world court.

Believes government foreign aid giveaway program has hurt American business. Favors giving first priority

to economy of the U. S. and interests of our own people before we attempt to 'save' the rest of the world.

For constant vigilance in fighting Communism whenever and wherever it threatens our security, whether at home or abroad.

Favors invoking Monroe Doctrine to prevent such things as the Castro Communist takeover in Cuba. Believes in inter-American cooperation.

Opposes continued deficit financing and increased national debt. For balanced budget, economy in government, lessening of the tax burden. Believes it is government's responsibility to see that a sound dollar is maintained.

For free enterprise system and individual liberty. For less government rather than more. Opposes doctrine that the purpose of the government is to support the people.

Working for system of credit to help small business and small industry obtain working capital at interest they can afford.

Opposes socialized medicine or putting care for aged under Social Security program.

Spoke and voted against northern liberal attempts to weaken the filibuster and impose gag rule in the Senate.

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CITY OF ROBERT LEE

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT Beginning April 1, 1960—Ending March 31, 1961

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

Fund	Balance 4-1-60	Receipts	Transfer	Totals	Disburse- ments	Transfer	Balance 3-31-61
General Fund	\$2,363.15	\$11,335.70	\$1,300.00	\$14,998.85	\$ 9,367.94	\$4,479.11	\$1,151.80
Water Dept. Fund	1,759.34	29,861.56	400.00	32,020.90	30,387.64	1,300.00	333.26
Sinking Fund	1,645.89	0	4,079.11	5,725.00	5,225.00	0	500.00
Social Security Fund	451.53	0	505.00	956.53	523.70	0	432.83
Totals	\$6,219.91	\$41,197.26	\$6,284.11	\$53,701.28	\$45,504.28	\$5,779.11	\$2,417.89

BONDED INDEBTEDNESS, MARCH 31, 1961

Name	Series	Date	Interest	Amount of Issue	Amount Retired	Amount Outstanding
City of Robert Lee Refunding Bonds	1936	3-31-36	5%	\$ 42,500.00	\$42,000.00	\$ 500.00
Waterworks Improvements Bonds	1950	3-15-50	Various	65,000.00	16,000.00	49,000.00
Totals				\$107,500.00	\$58,000.00	\$49,500.00

CONTRACT OF AGREEMENT

Upper Colorado River Authority — Reservoir	\$ 81,088.94	\$40,950.00	\$ 40,138.94
Upper Colorado River Authority — Spillway	106,922.01	0	106,922.01

BALANCE SHEET MARCH 31, 1961

ASSETS	
Cash	
Cash in Robert Lee State Bank, Robert Lee, Texas	
General Fund	\$ 1,151.80
Water Department Fund	333.26
Sinking Fund	500.00
Social Security Fund	432.83
Mercantile National Bank, Dallas, Texas	7,531.08
	\$ 9,948.97
Inventory	
Meters & Parts (Estimated)	\$ 476.00
Accounts Receivable	
Delinquent Taxes—1929 through 1959	5,739.13
Delinquent Taxes—1960	1,461.55
Water Accounts Receivable	260.76
Return Checks	19.68
	7,481.12
Fixed Assets	
City Hall Lot and Building	5,175.33
Water Works	107,429.93
240 Acres of Land	12,000.00
Spraying Machine	534.23
Ford Pickup	2,151.06
Office Furniture and Fixtures	1,204.37
Mountain Creek Reservoir	80,088.94
Spillway	106,922.01
Filter Plant (fence, material & shrub.)	880.97
	316,386.84
Total Assets	\$334,292.93
LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS	
Bond and Notes Payable	
Bonded Indebtedness (Schedule)	\$ 49,500.00
Contracts of Agreement (Schedule)	147,060.95
Notes Payable—Robert Lee State Bank	500.00
Notes Payable—Repair Water Tower	3,450.00
A. D. Clemens Co. (Chlorinator)	960.00
	\$201,470.95
Meter Deposits	1,912.00
Surplus	130,909.98
Total Liabilities and Surplus	\$334,292.93
GENERAL FUND RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS APRIL 1, 1960 TO MARCH 31, 1961	
Balance 4-1-60	\$ 2,363.15
RECEIPTS	
Taxes	\$ 10,104.32
Franchise Tax	402.67
Lease on Lake Property	120.00
Transfer—Water Dept. Fund	1,300.00
Coke County—Fire Dept. Expenses	400.00
Money Advanced to Paint Fire Trucks	289.71
Refund on Trees at Lake	11.00
Misc. Income	8.00
	12,635.70
Total	\$ 14,998.85
DISBURSEMENTS	
Utilities	\$ 360.22
City Secretary's Salary	2,704.40
Commissioners' Meetings	720.00
Office Supply	511.78
Street Expense	107.77
Fire Marshall	291.00
Payroll Taxes	839.50
Fire Dept.	149.55
Publications	144.50
City Marshall	630.50
Other Help	837.50
Audit & Legal	15.00
League Expense	56.00
Insurance & Bonds	90.02
Christmas Party	178.22
Interest & Sinking Fund	4,079.11
Christmas Bonus	115.00
Election Expense	36.00
Social Security Fund	302.50
Firemen's Insurance	130.00

Board of Equalization	60.00
Misc. Expense	64.14
Trees & Shrubs	100.00
Transfer, Water Dept. Fund	400.00
Adding Machine	100.00
Painting Fire Trucks	309.71
Surplus Fire Truck	460.00
Fireman Expense to Fire School	54.63
	13,847.05
Balance 3-31-61	\$ 1,151.80

WATER DEPARTMENT FUND RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS APRIL 1, 1960 TO MARCH 31, 1961

Balance 4-1-60	\$ 1,759.34
RECEIPTS	
Water Sales	\$ 21,254.99
Water Rack Sales	289.55
Tap Charges	225.00
Damages paid by Coke Co. and F. D. Siedel Due to Paving	3,376.00
Sale of 51 Pickup	275.00
New and Used Pipe Sold	298.75
Loan—Repair & Paint Water Tower	3,250.00
Loan—Robert Lee State Bank	500.00
Transfer—General Fund	400.00
Misc. Income	51.33
Meter Deposits	285.00
Return Checks	55.94
	30,261.56
Total	\$ 32,020.90
DISBURSEMENTS	
Repairs & Supplies	\$ 8,223.56
Utilities	1,323.89
Telephone & Telegraph	226.67
Water Superintendent's Salary	3,920.88
Other Help	1,150.34
Mercantile National Bank	4,077.60
Upper Colorado River Authority	4,200.00
Office Supplies	305.03
Interest on Note Payable	90.85
Extra Cost Due to Paving	100.00
Insurance	310.20
Transfer—General Fund	1,300.00
Adding Machine	50.00
Repair & Paint Water Tower	3,245.78
Misc. Expense	2.13
Deposit Refunds	196.00
Note—Ivey Motor Co.	175.00
Note Payable—Calvin Wallace	2,000.00
Payroll Taxes	275.40
Social Security Fund	202.50
Return Checks	62.59
Pickup Payments	249.22
	31,687.64
Balance 3-31-61	\$ 333.26

SINKING FUND RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS APRIL 1, 1960 TO MARCH 31, 1961

Balance 4-1-60	\$ 1,645.89
RECEIPTS	
Transfer—General Fund	\$ 4,079.11
	4,079.11
Total	\$ 5,725.00
DISBURSEMENTS	
Bonds	\$ 5,000.00
Interest	225.00
	5,225.00
Balance 3-31-61	\$ 500.00

SOCIAL SECURITY FUND RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS APRIL 1, 1960 TO MARCH 31, 1961

Balance 4-1-60	\$ 451.53
RECEIPTS	
General Fund	\$ 302.50
Water Dept. Fund	202.50
	505.00
Total	\$ 956.53
DISBURSEMENTS	
State Department of Public Welfare	\$ 523.70
	523.70
Balance 3-31-61	\$ 432.83

Local Minister's Parents Hurt In Collision

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Lewis of Georgetown, Texas, parents of Rev. Orion Lewis, minister of the Robert Lee Methodist church were injured Saturday in an automobile accident in Austin.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis were admitted to the Breckenridge Hospital in Austin for treatment. Mr. Lewis was dismissed Monday, but Mrs. Lewis is still confined to the hospital.

Attending physicians said that Mrs. Lewis's right elbow was broken and will probably remain stiff for a long period of time.

Rev. Lewis travelled to Austin Sunday evening to be with his parents. He was scheduled to return to Robert Lee Wednesday.

Rev. Fred Hamner conducted the evening services Sunday at the Methodist Church. Mrs. Hamner accompanied her husband to Robert Lee.

ALLEN HOME SCENE OF PARTY

Mrs. Bill Allen and Mrs. Gerald Allen were hostesses for six tables of bridge Friday afternoon in the Gerald Allen home.

A salad plate and iced tea were served to the guests, including Mrs. Hershall Shelby and Mrs. H. C. Allen, Jr., of San Angelo.

Those receiving prizes were Mmes. T. B. Childress, Vaughan Davis, J. O. Rudd, and Marvin Simpson, Sr.

NEWLY WEDS AT HOME IN ROBERT LEE

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Clawson are at home in Robert Lee following their marriage in San Angelo April 29th.

The bride is the former Miss Joyce Canada of San Angelo.

Mr. Clawson is a son of Mrs. Frank Clawson of Robert Lee. He is a graduate of Robert Lee High School and is an employee of the oil field business. He is also engaged in farming.

CONFERENCE TO BE HERE

The Section 1 conference of the United Pentecostal Church will convene here at 2 p. m. Monday in the Emmanuel Pentecostal Church that is located on the Colorado City Highway.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF COKE

TO THE RESIDENT QUALIFIED VOTERS OF Coke County, Texas:

TAKE NOTICE that an election will be held on the 27th day of May, 1961, in Coke County, Texas, at the places, in the manner, and on the proposition set forth in the ORDER FOR SECOND SPECIAL ELECTION, duly entered by the County Judge of Coke County, Texas, on the 1st day of May, 1961. Said ORDER FOR SECOND SPECIAL ELECTION is for the purpose of electing a United States Senator (Unexpired Term).

J. L. TINKLER
County Clerk, Coke County, Texas.
SEAL

QUARTERLY CONFERENCE

The Robert Lee Methodist fourth quarterly conference of the year was held Wednesday night at the Methodist Church. Rev. Orion Lewis and District Superintendent

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Lawrence Brown conducted the meeting of sixty Chevrolet dealers in Abilene Tuesday.

Friday has been designated as Cemetery work day at Sanco. Robert Vaughan attended a



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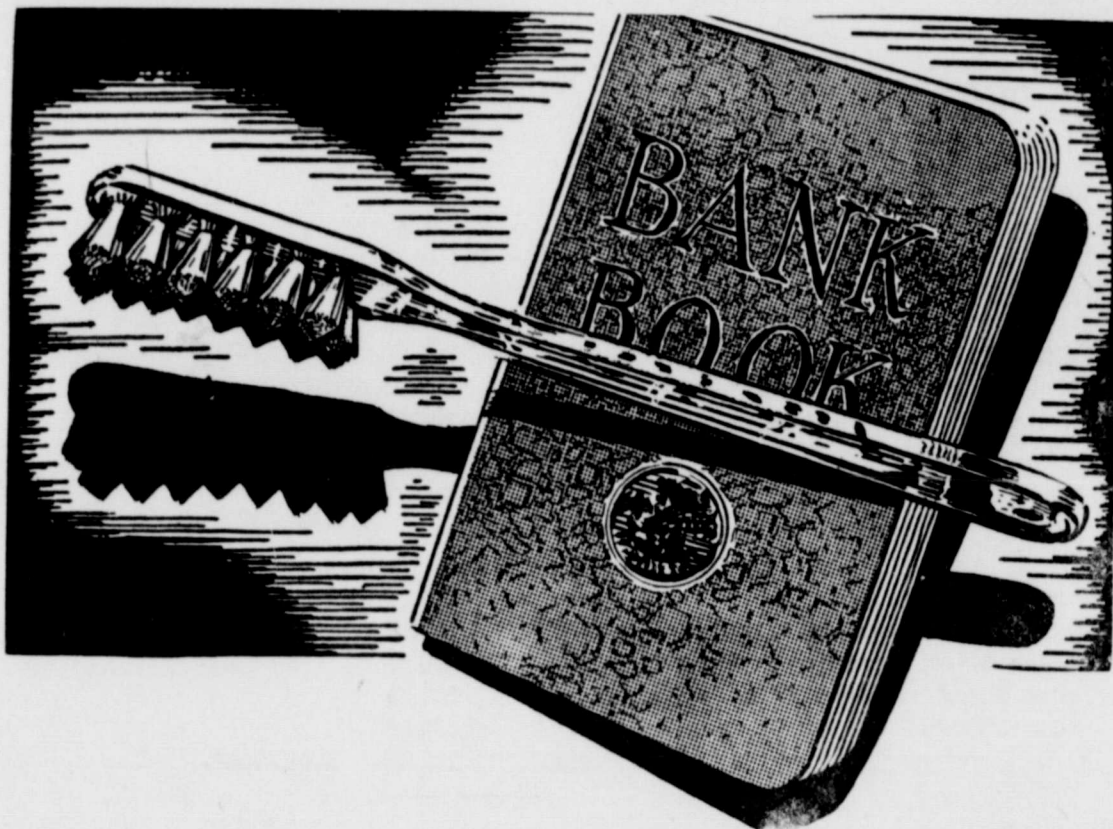
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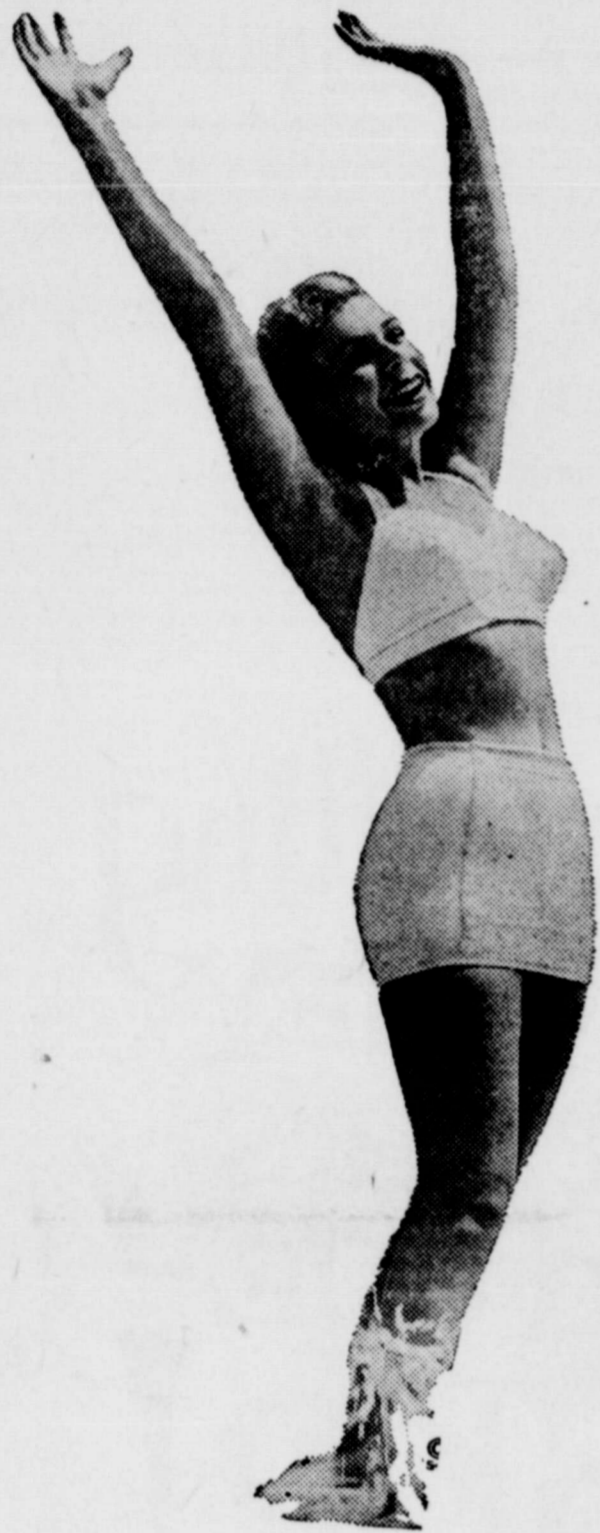
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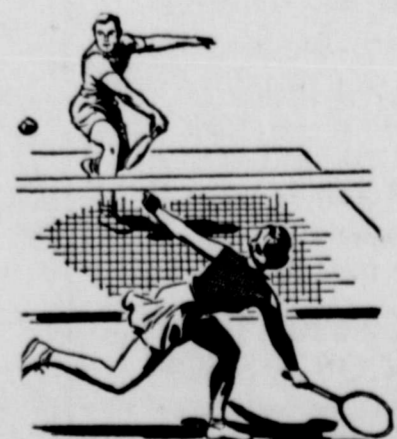
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MR. AND MRS. IRA A. BIRD

I. A. Birds Celebrate 61st Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Ira A. Bird of Sanco, Texas, celebrated their sixty-first wedding anniversary Sunday, April 30, with a reception given in their honor by their daughters in the home of Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Pentecost near Sanco.

Mr. and Mrs. Bird first met in the home of Mrs. Bird's parents near Big Spring, Texas, when Mr. Bird had gone to the Plains to visit his brother who had married Mrs. Bird's sister. The couple were married in the home of the bride April 29, 1900. They made their home in the Sanco Community until the fall of 1901 when they moved to what is now Dawson County 8 miles east of where the town of Lamesa, Texas, now stands. There was no Lamesa and no Dawson County at that time. In January of 1903 they moved back to the Sanco Community where they have made their home ever since.

Mrs. Bird is the former Mary Maud Cosby, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Cosby of near Big Spring, Texas.

The Birds have two daughters, Mrs. A. F. McKinley of Abilene, Texas, and Mrs. N. C. Pentecost of Sanco, Texas, and two grandchildren, June McKinley of Abilene, Texas, and James Bird Pentecost of Sanco, Texas. The daughters, their husbands and the grandchildren were all present for the anniversary celebration.

The dining table in the Petecost home was laid with a lace cloth over blue. A lovely arrangement of white gladiolas and white carnations decorated the buffet, and two smaller arrangements of white gladiolas and carnations were on the piano. The register table had a vase of salmon colored iris.

Approximately 150 guests from Sanco, Robert Lee and about thirteen West Texas towns attended the reception. Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Eubanks were out of state guests from Eunice, New Mexico.

Members of the house party were Mr. and Mrs. Bird, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. McKinley and June Mc-

Kinley of Abilene, Texas, Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Pentecost and James Bird Pentecost of Sanco, Texas, Mr. and Mrs. Ulmer S. Bird of Sanco, Texas, and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Killam of Sanco, Texas. Others included in the house party were Mrs. E. H. McCullough and Mrs. Loma Preslar, both of San Angelo, Texas, who presided at

the register table. Mrs. Jeff Dean and Mrs. Artell Roberts, both of Robert Lee, Texas, alternated at the punch bowl. Mrs. Bill Pentecost of San Angelo, Texas, and Mrs. J. W. Service of Robert Lee, Texas, alternated serving cake. Others assisting with the serving were Mrs. Ernest R. DeWitt of San Angelo, Texas, Mrs. J. M. Prine Jr. of Sanco, Texas, Mrs. Teddy Pitcock of Sanco, Texas, and Mrs. J. B. Evans of Sanco, Texas. Bill Pentecost of San Angelo, Texas, and Bob Gulley of Abilene, Texas, made pictures during the occasion.

At one time Mr. Bird served as Commissioner of Coke County for four years, but most of his life he has been engaged in the ranching business. He has raised registered Hereford cattle for 44 years.

Mr. and Mrs. Bird are members of the Sanco Evangelical Methodist Church and have been active all of their married lives in church and other community work.

His work and his family have been Mr. Bird's chief interests. However, in the past several years he has found time to supervise the building of a large tank below his house, a pier over the tank and a bathhouse; put out a grove of trees; plant grass and flowers; and stock the tank with fish. This

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is where the Birds enjoy entertaining their friends.

Mrs. Bird's main interest besides her home, family and religious interests is her yard where she still spends many hours at work. She also is an extensive reader and is a student of world affairs.

During the winter months Mr. Bird has been writing a book dealing with his early day experiences. Mr. Bird's father, Miller Bird, moved to Coke County when Mr. Bird was five years old. They came here before the county was organized.

Mr. and Mrs. Bird have seen many changes in the western country in their life time. They

saw the country change from ranching to farming and back to ranching again.

A part of their philosophy is to keep busy and enjoy what you do.

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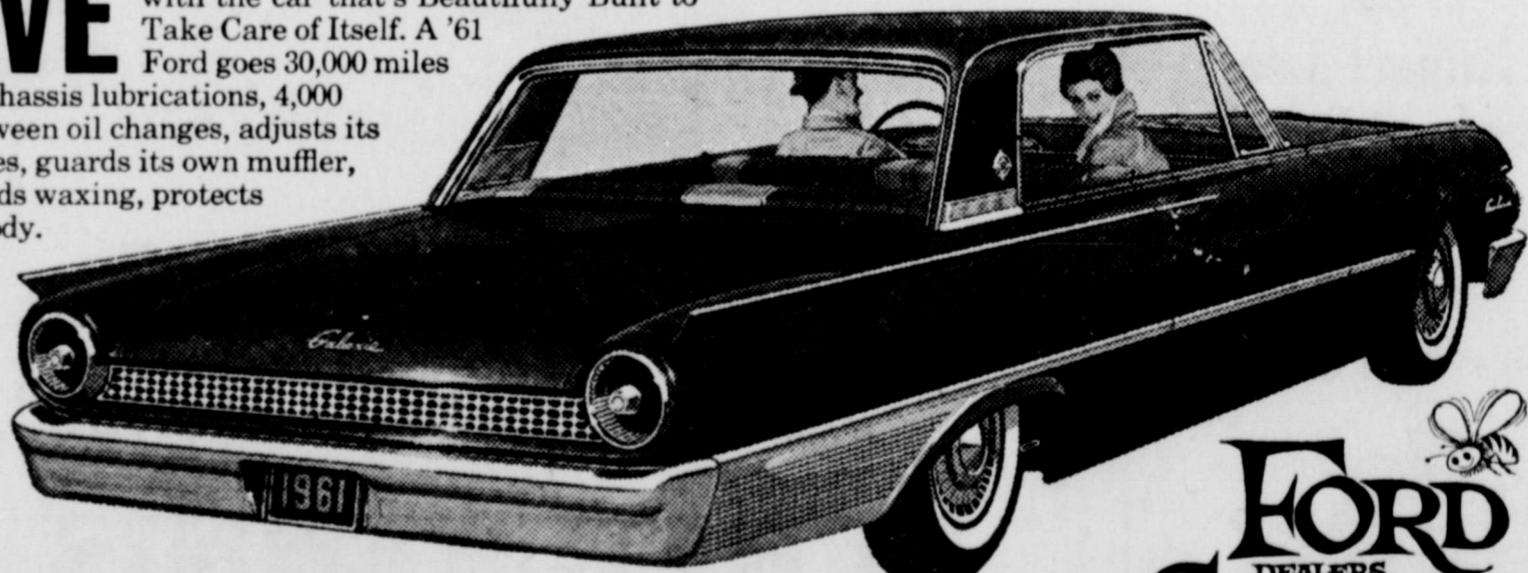
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County Agents News Column

By STERLING LINDSEY

Seventeen Coke County 4-H club boys participated in six judging and/or demonstration teams in the District 7 contests held recently. Also, the 4-H soils judging team attended the national land judging contest held in Oklahoma City last week. We did not return with any first place ribbons, but valuable experience was gained from the practice sessions and contests.

The junior soils team and the Senior range judging team placed third in their respective contests — our best placings this year. The junior soil judging team was made up of Jimmy Blair, Edward White,

Robert Wink and Leroy Casey, all of the Robert Lee 4-H Club. The range judges were William Ray Hood, Doyle Robertson, James Bird Pentecost and James Calder, also of Robert Lee. Our two electric teams gave good accounts of themselves but failed to make the top three. Bill Roach and Robert Holland made up the senior team while Jimmy Varnadore and Ronnie Smith performed in the junior division.

The senior soils team was made up of C. L. Sparks and Dickie Calder of Robert Lee and Eddie Glenn of Bronte. Two other junior aged boys participated in the grass contest. They were Carl Bloodworth and Gene Sorrells of the Silver 4-H Club.

The Coke County Senior Soils Judging Team of last year placed second in the State and was invited to attend the National Contest in Oklahoma City. Unfortunately the times are not congruent and we had to wait and attend the 1961 National Contest.

Dee Arrott and Eddie Glenn of the Bronte 4-H Club and Kenneth Wink and Dickie Calder of the Robert Lee 4-H Club represented Coke County in the big contest. Over 700 people were there with 39 teams from approximately 20 states entered in the 4-H club division.

We left shortly after the judging was completed and before all the results were in. Our team score was 607 points while the high

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team score at the time we left was 637. I am guessing we placed about 10th in the contest.

The boys did an excellent job considering the changes or adjust-

ments that are necessary between their rules and the ones we use. Also, they enjoyed the trip and received valuable training in soil evaluation.

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SPARKS FAMILY REUNION

The E. T. Sparks family held a reunion at Mrs. Annie Sparks' home in Robert Lee Friday and Saturday of last week.

Attending the reunion were: Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Stewart of Albuquerque, New Mexico; Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Sparks of Roswell, New Mexico; Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Blair of Phoenix, Arizona; Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Glass of Midland, Texas; Sam B. Sparks and son, Tommy, of Van Horn; Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Swanson of Stephenville, Texas; Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Sparks and son, Royce Gene, of Sterling City; and Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Sparks and family of Robert Lee.

Mrs. Wayne Huff of Alamo, Texas, is the only surviving child of Mrs. Annie Sparks who did not attend the reunion.

Mrs. Dick Skipworth was admitted to Shannon Hospital in San Angelo Monday. She underwent minor surgery Tuesday morning.

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Blakley Rally To Be Held Friday

An "old fashioned" political rally will be held at the parking lot of the Town House Motor Hotel at 12 noon Friday, May 12, in San Angelo for Senator Bill Blakley.

Congressman Jim Wright will be one of the speakers at the rally.

A barbecue dinner will be served at 12:00 noon for \$1.50 per plate. If you wish to participate in the rally and not eat there will be no charge. The only charge is for the food.

Many Democrats from Robert Lee and Coke County plan to be on hand to give Senator William A. Blakley a genuine West Texas welcome.

Senator Blakley's campaign for U. S. Senator is beginning to gather steam. Blakley led the ticket in the special primary election here April 4.

Mr. and Mrs. John Brown and Mr. and Mrs. Dale Brown attended a hardware and houseware show at the San Angelo location of Galbraith Steel in San Angelo for three days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Ed Skipworth of San Angelo were visitors in the home of Sam Ed's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Skipworth Saturday.

CLAWSON-STORIE VOWS READ

Sgt. and Mrs. Gerald Mart Storie are at home in the Pasadena Apartments, San Angelo, following their marriage April 28th in the Chapel on the Hill.

The bride, the former Mary Jo Clawson, is a daughter of Mrs. Frank Clawson of Robert Lee. For her wedding she chose a street-length dress fashioned of white nylon tulle and satin. She carried a bouquet of small white mums with white satin streamers.

The couple left for a wedding trip to Buchanan Dam immediately following the ceremony.

Mrs. Storie is a graduate of Robert Lee High School and San Angelo College. She is employed by the Robert Lee State Bank.

Mrs. Virgil Duncan of Big Lake, Texas, was in Robert Lee Tuesday visiting with her brother, Mr. Curtis Stewart of Albuquerque, New Mexico, and Mrs. Weldon Fikes of Robert Lee.

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