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Heart Attack Is Fatal to Baylor Walker Sunday

Baylor Walker, 54, died Sunday in the local hospital of a heart attack, at 7:40 p.m. He had been hospitalized for three days.

Services were held Tuesday at 3 p.m. in the Robert Lee Baptist church, with Fred D. Blake and Bill Beaty officiating, with burial at Silver in the McKenzie cemetery.

Sam Baylor was born at Silver May 24, 1909, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Walker. He is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Virgil Streng, Robert Lee; two sons, Gorman, Robert Lee and Ronnie of the home; four brothers, Curtis and Roy, Robert Lee, Carroll of Colorado City and William, Chicago, Ill.; two sisters, Mrs. Lee Ferguson, Irving, Mrs. S. F. Palmer, Arlington, Texas and seven grandchildren.

Services Here For J. D. Blair, Killed In Crash

J. D. Blair, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Blair of Robert Lee, was killed in a two-car wreck near Andrews April 22. He was dead on arrival at the Permian Memorial Hospital in Andrews at 2:15 a.m.

The accident occurred 12 miles south of Andrews on Highway 385. His six year old son, Jeff, was riding with his father at the time of the accident. He was admitted to the hospital with multiple cuts and bruises and was released two days later.

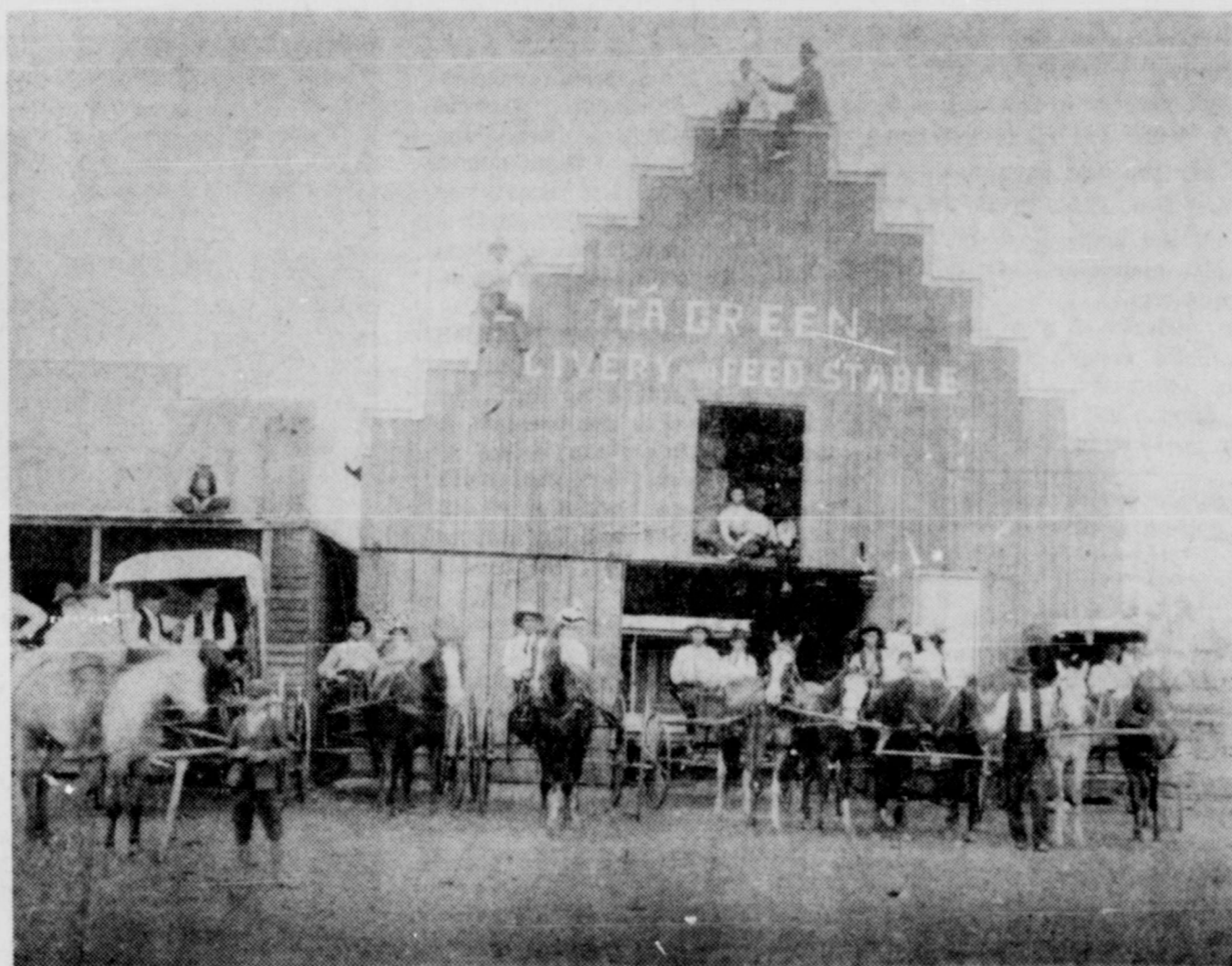
J. D. was born at Blackwell, Dec. 25, 1926. His school days were spent in the Robert Lee schools. He was two years in the United States Army, spending 17 months in Japan.

After his army duties, he worked on ranches around Sterling City and Robert Lee. In 1949, he started working in the oil field, and worked 14 years without serious injuries. He had worked for the Parker Drilling Company for 13 years, the last three years as a tool pusher.

Funeral services were held at the North Side Baptist Church, Friday morning, with the pastor, Continued on back page

In this issue we have sixteen pages featuring Coke County with congratulatory messages from some of our neighbors.

We did not undertake to have Coke County people congratulate each other, but we do have a mass of material in preparation featuring local firms, past and present, for use right away.—Editor



Society and horse feed were closer then than now, as Robert Lee's gayest and best started out for a picnic at Dripping Springs, date unknown. Photo is from Mrs. Bryan Yarborough's historical collection.

Democrats Give Connally, Smith, Yarborough Lead

Coke County Democrats turned out 742 in number in Saturday's primary election, to give John Connally a 551 to Don Yarborough's 132 for governor, with 18 votes for M. T. Banks and 6 for Johnnie Mae Hackworth.

Ralph Yarborough carried the county 413 to 281 for Gordon McLendon, for U. S. Senator.

There were no contests in county offices nor in precinct office in Precincts 1 and 3. Hiram (Bud) Brock defeated Oscar Renshaw 195 to 102 for constable in Precinct 2. D. K. Glenn was re-named county Democratic chairman by 741 votes.

Preston Smith got 667 votes for Lieutenant Governor to 36 for Fuentes.

For Congressman at Large, Joe Pool, 374, Dan Sullivan 155.

For Commissioner General Land Office, Fred H. Williams 105, Jerry Sadler, 585.

For Commissioner of Agriculture, John C. White, 463, Millard Shivers, 224.

Rita Tillman to State UIL Meet

Rita Tillman, a junior in the Robert Lee High School and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Tillman, won second place in Ready Writing at the regional meet at Big Spring last Saturday. She and her sponsor, Mrs. Frank Coalson will go to Austin Thursday where she will preside in the State finals. She has chosen the subject, "Should Everyone Go to College" for her write up, which takes place at 8 a.m. Friday. Rita and her sponsor are invited to a tea at 11 a.m. for the English students.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Dean will accompany them, and the party plans to stay at the Driskill Hotel, 121 E. 7th, Austin, Texas, and return home late Friday evening.

Mrs. Hayley Made First Flag in Coke

The first flag to ever be flown in Coke County was in the year of 1894. Being hand made by Mrs. Arthur Hayley when she was a young girl. It took three full days to complete the flag and was hung on the court house square by her father, J. J. Vestal. The flag was not lowered and removed at night in those days as is the custom in our present time. When it was strung it flew time throughout until faded, worn and tattered, then lowered and replaced with a new one, usually lasting about one year. Mrs. Hayley remembers hand sewing three flags for the years of 1894, 1895 and 1896.

THOUGHTS ALONG THE OLD ROAD

Reverie on the Old Road

I always liked the old road
 When we would go to town,
 When the cactus was in bloom
 Or the winter grass was brown.

All along the old road
 'Twas amazing what we'd see
 As Old Stack and Charlie jogged
 along
 On the way to Robert Lee.

Up through the high hill pasture
 The road is scarce a trace
 Through the gap and down the
 slope
 By the old Porter place.

Still through the silent pasture
 It here and there appears,
 Rock strewn, deep scarred
 Through over fifty years.

Like tape recorded memories,
 Even yet it seems
 As I trace out the old road
 Come back those early dreams.

Young eyes wide with wordless
 wonder,
 I looked up to those old high
 hills,

And when today I make that
 journey
 Wordless thought the evening
 fills.

To the top I climbed, and far be-
 low me
 The new road, paved could
 plainly see
 On to town and on beyond it
 To the world that's come to be.

I took new roads across this na-
 tion,
 Traveled roads in lands afar.
 A generation left the saddle
 And aimed their rockets at a
 star.

I found more words, but no less
 wonder
 Through blacked out nights
 looked for the day.—
 Heard the guns toward Bastogne
 thunder.
 Now when I seem to lose my
 way.

I like to go back to the old road,
 Start where I started then and
 see

All God's hid... in the... hill
 pasture...
 Where the old road runs to
 Robert Lee.

—Songs of the Cedar and Shinnery

Lest Old Acquaintance Be Forgot, Let These Pages Now Remind Us
 We Measure What We See Ahead By What We've Left Behind Us

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Observations

(A Personal Word
By The Editor)

Mrs. J. M. Prine, Sr.—"Granny" Prine to neighbors at Sanco, lost all her personal possessions, along with the house in which she lived in the fire there last week.

Folks at Robert Lee and Sanco have presented her with clothing

to meet present needs.

Mrs. Prine has made her home near her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Prine, Jr., but has all the while done her cooking and maintained her own living quarters.

We understand she would like to rebuild enough room for her living convenience near Junior and Mary, and hope it can be made possible for her to do so.

Progress means people working and getting somewhere with it.

TO THE CITIZENS OF COKE COUNTY:

I want to take this means to Thank each of you on behalf of Myself, My Family and Deputies for the wonderful vote of confidence you gave us in the election last Saturday.

I also want to Thank you for your cooperation and help in the past and ask your continued support.

I will do my best to give you the friendly, courteous and efficient service that you want and deserve.

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ARE WE READY?

(EDITORIAL)

Are we as individuals and as communities ready for the opportunities we have?

What are these?

One is the care of the aged. What are their needs and how can we meet them?

The answer has been in the past, "let the children provide." But can that always be? There was a time when people stayed at home and called the doctor to them. Modern technology has practically done away with that.

The doctor cannot carry a modern laboratory, X-ray, and all the modern medicines with him. So, except in rare emergencies, the patient comes to the doctor—and to the hospital.

In the early days of this country, people died from measles, small pox, pneumonia, typhoid fever, appendicitis. Something like that got most of them before the age of 70. Not nearly so many lingered until the physical powers weakened, leaving them for years unable to shift for themselves alone.

SUBSTITUTE FOR HOME CARE

So for many, nursing homes became the substitute for the home care, when the home became insufficient to meet the needs, or the demands on the loved one's time was such that it was impossible to make a living and at the same time give the needed care.

But is the nursing home alone the answer? No, not alone.

One who worked for some time in one of these modern homes said that those who maintain them cannot alone possibly give the aged the solace they need.

If ever we build a nursing home in Robert Lee, we will have just begun our responsibility. If we look upon it only as something to enhance our business, and fail to assume a community responsibility, then it will prove, we fear, a disappointment to us, to the aged, and to their near of kin.

VISITATION NEEDED

The opportunity is great, but the responsibility is also great.

With every nursing home there should be a volunteer service, as there now is in the state hospitals. People who love God and mankind volunteer for this service.

It consists of visitation, counselling with the inmates. It is a Christian service, a labor of love. The volunteer is not burdened with the physical care he or she visits. Therefore, the volunteer brings in a fresh breeze from outside, and warms a friendship that can become a sacred thing.

A good hospital, a good home for the aged—neither of them is just another goose to lay us golden eggs. But both will give us a chance to serve, and if we serve well, with that service will come the growth we want and need.

CARD OF THANKS

The Luther Sparks family would like to express their feelings toward everyone who had a hand in helping us since the recent loss of our home.

We cannot find words to express how we feel. We would also like to thank the firemen for their cooperation and the prompt service of the insurance sponsored by Billie Allen. May the Lord bless each and everyone of you.

The Luther Sparks Family

Mrs. Elmo Bell and Mrs. Charlie Vowell returned home Wednesday of last week after visiting Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Roberts and Kim and Waynelle in Jal, N. Mex.

Recent visitors in the home of Mrs. Delmir Sheppard were her granddaughter and great-granddaughter, Mrs. Tommie McKenzie and daughter, Leah Ann. Mrs. McKenzie is the former Janie Sheppard.

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May 7, 1964

F.H.A. TO PRESENT PLAY

"Miss Adventure" at the school auditorium at 7:30 p.m. May 12. The postponement of the play from the April 30 date promises to give you a better production. You won't want to miss our "Miss Adventure."

The children of Mrs. S. W. Gaston of Tennyson, Tex., are honoring their mother's 90th birthday with a reception from 3 to 6 p.m. Sunday, May 10th, in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Coleman, 2756 Dena Dr., San Angelo. All relatives and friends are cordially invited to attend.

Leon Gregston and Terry Cowley of Fort Worth were home for the weekend.

HAYRICK LODGE

No. 696 A. F. & A. M.

Meets second Tuesday night in each month. Visitors welcome.



ALTON ROBERTS, W. M.
DELBERT SHOEMAKER, Sec.

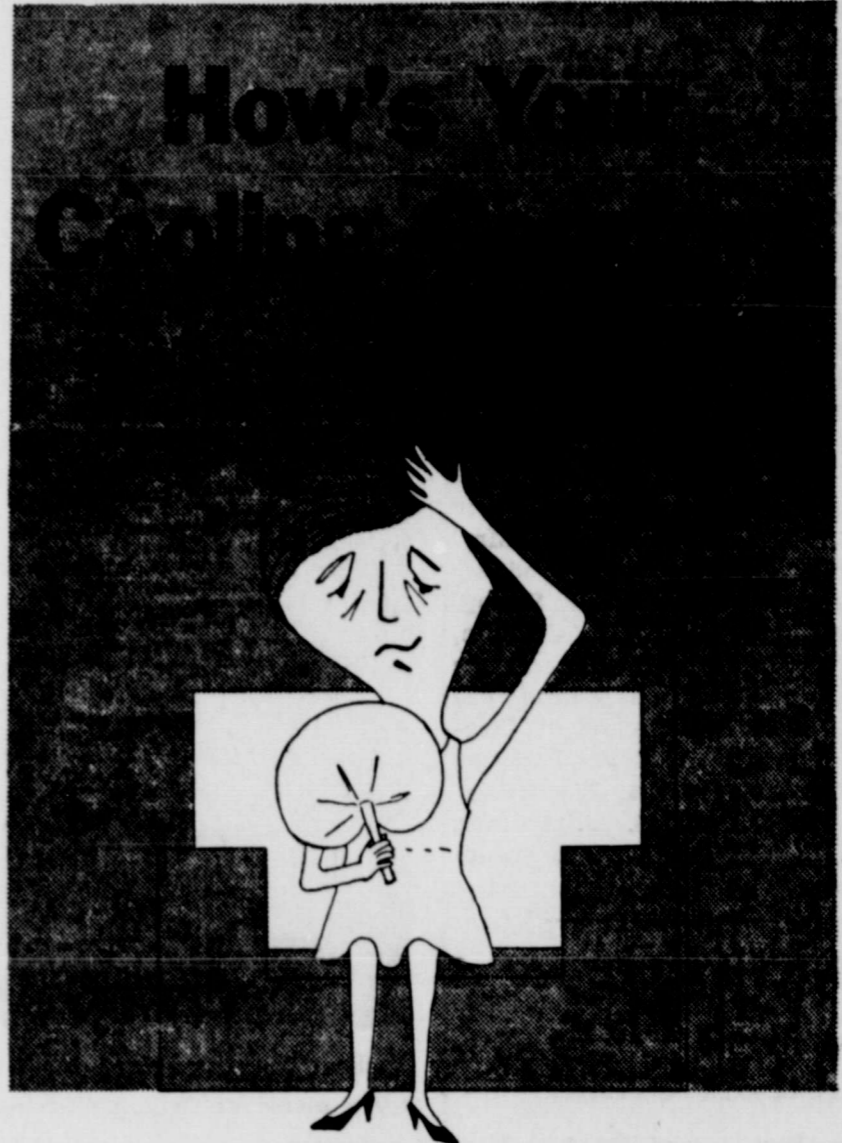
ROBERT LEE CHAPTER

No. 187 O. E. S.

Meets Second Thursday Night in Each Month. Visitors Welcome.



WINNIE WALDROP, W. M.
JUANITA GODWIN, Sec.



Here's an Easy Way to Find Out...

Take a few minutes and answer the quiz below by circling YES or NO.

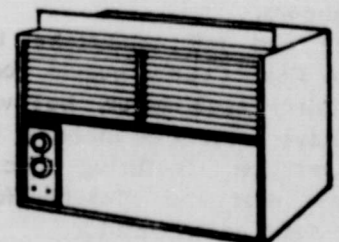
- | | YES | NO |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Is your home consistently muggy and stuffy? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Does the summer heat penetrate through the entire house? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. Is it hard for you to sleep at night? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. Is your house hard to keep clean because of blowing wind or sand? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. Are you sometimes irritable and miserable from heat suffering? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6. Is it impossible to find comfort from the heat? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Check back over your answers. If you circled YES on at least half of the questions you have a definite cooling comfort problem.

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Our Home Circle

By FAY C. ROE

Delegates to attend the District 7 THDA meeting on Thursday in Kerrville are Mmes. Curtis Walker, R. L. Page, and Glenn Waldrop. The meeting will be held at Mt. Wesley. Highlights of the days program will be a talk on Russia by Mr. Edward H. Bush, Executive Vice President, Texas Cotton Ginner's Association. He will show slides of his recent trip to Russia.

Delegates will meet for a business session shortly before noon.

Other H. D. Club members planning to attend are Mmes. Pat Rives, C. E. Arrott and J. C. Boatright. I will also attend the meeting.

4-H Clothing leaders are to meet Monday and Tuesday for training and to make plans for the County Dress Revue. I am hoping I can get leaders so that each 4-H club girl may enroll in a clothing group.

I am always glad to have volunteers who will help out with the clothing work. If you are interested in helping with some young girls, I would like for you to call or drop me a card. The girls need you!

Knives in the News

Research studies show that the average homemaker uses a knife about 32 times a day.

Unless she is unusual, she is likely to use the same three-inch paring knife to hack up a steak, slice jaggedly through a grapefruit or peel a peach.

Choose a knife designed to do a particular job. It will cut down on work and improves the food product, the specialist adds.

A homemaker doesn't need every type of knife that cutlery manufacturers put on the market. A basic selection of kitchen knives that will expedite the various jobs may vary from family to family.

Here are descriptions of eight basic knife types, along with information about some of the jobs they are designed to do.

Paring knife with 3 or 3½ inch blade has many uses, including peeling, paring, and scraping small fruits and vegetables.

French Chef's knife with an 8 inch blade — for dicing, cropping and mincing raw vegetables, fruits and nuts; carving hot roasts.

Carving knife, 7 to 9 inch blade — for heavier work, such as carving beef, veal, pork and other hot meats.

Boning knife, 5 to 6 inch blade — for cutting around bones of hams, roasts, leg of lamb and other cuts.

Utility knife or trimmer, 5 to 7 inch blade — for slightly heavier jobs — slicing carrots, potatoes, onions, oranges, green peppers.

Narrow slicer, 8 inch blade — for slicing steak, poultry, cold processed meats, sausage and some cheese.

Ham slicer, 9½ or 10 inch blade — for getting wafer-thin slices of ham, boneless roast, turkey breasts, cold meats and the like.

Butcher knife, 7 inch blade — for dismembering poultry, other heavy duty jobs.

Schedule

Thursday, May 7 — Kerrville, District 7 THDA meeting.

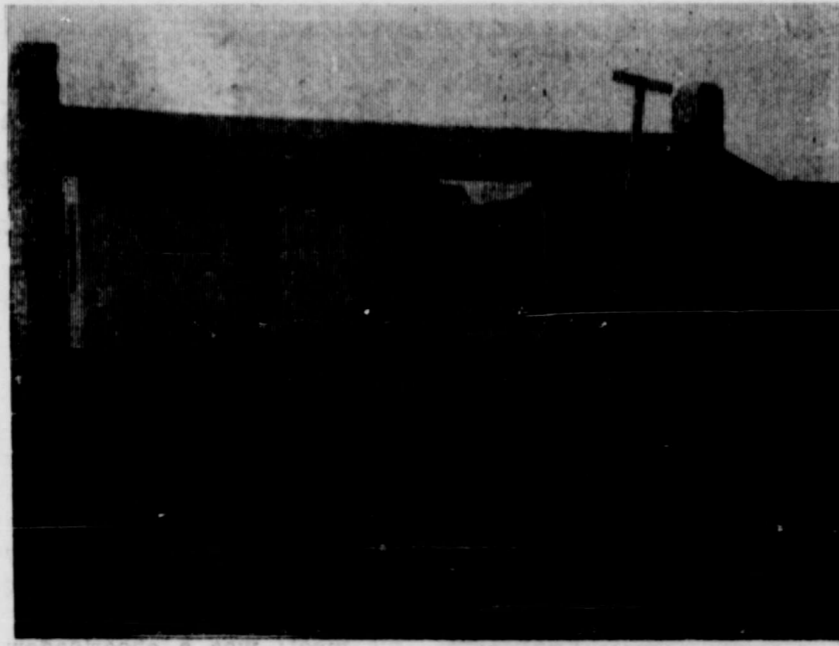
Friday, May 8 — Office, Silver 4-H Clothing 3:00 p.m.

Monday, May 11 — Office

Tuesday, May 12 — Office, H.D. Council 2:00 p.m. Conference Room

Wednesday, May 13 — Office — Bronte Sr. H.D. Club, 2:30 p.m.

A weekend visitor in Robert Lee was little Penne Sims of San Angelo, who visited her grandparents, the R. C. Sawyers and the Charles Sims. Her mother, Mrs. Ronnie Sims, came after her Sunday.



Considered the first dwelling built in Coke as a permanent home, the original lumber for the above, still in use as pictured on the March Ranch, was hauled from Baird when that town was the end of the Texas and Pacific Railroad.

Lunchroom Menus

Monday, May 11

Tuna sandwiches, blackeyed peas with snaps, pineapple ring with cottage cheese on lettuce, milk, applesauce cake.

Tuesday, May 12

Beef roast, roast potatoes, English peas, cabbage and carrot slaw, hot rolls and butter, milk, chocolate chip cookies.

Wednesday, May 13

Skillet dinner, buttered corn peach jello on lettuce, hot rolls and butter, milk, fresh apples.

Thursday, May 14

Steak fingers and gravy, creamed potatoes, combination salad, hot rolls and butter, milk, jelly, peanut butter.

Friday, May 15

Fish sticks with tartar sauce,

buttered potatoes, green beans celery sticks, hot rolls and butter, milk, blackberry cobbler.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Sawyer and Mr. and Mrs. Garland Davis and son, Glenn, went to Ranger Sunday afternoon to visit Mr. Sawyer's mother, Mrs. Mittie Sawyer.

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Heard At Sanco

By Zoeline Reid

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd McGallian of San Angelo and Mrs. Emma McGallian visited Mrs. Carwile on Saturday of last week.

Mr. Sam McGallian has returned home after her recent surgery. Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Gartman vi-

sited Mrs. Lura Reid on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Walker lost a valuable dog from a rattle snake bite last Friday.

Mrs. Agnes Prine went to Hico Friday of last week with a niece from Big Spring to visit her brother. She returned home Sunday.

Mrs. Prine's son, Homer, and his wife, and her daughter, Belle, came from Kerrville to visit their mother over the weekend.

THANKS

For your support in the Primary

Election Saturday.

As neighbors, friends and citizens, you have been good to us, and we both appreciate it very much.

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The above building, destroyed by fire, in comparatively recent years, was a familiar sight for many years, just across the ri-

ver, southeast of town. It was the Harris ranch headquarters when Robert Lee was built. Afterwards it was the home of the late Dr. F. K.

Turney. Built of sun-dried brick made from earth in the pasture, it was long the most imposing residence in the vicinity.

Three New Teams On Steer Menu For 1964 Season

The football schedule for the 1964 season will include in the pre-conference, two teams — Richland Springs and Bangs — that the Steers have not played for a good many years, and one in the conference — Jayton.

The season will open with Menard at Robert Lee on September 11, according to coach-elect Garland Davis.

PRE-CONFERENCE GAMES

Games at 8:00 p.m.

- Sept. 11, Menard, Here
- Sept. 18, Richland Springs, there
- Sept. 25, Melvin, here
- Oct. 3, Bangs, there (Bangs Homecoming)
- Oct. 9, Eden, There
- Oct. 16, Open

CONFERENCE

Games at 7:30 p.m.

- Oct. 24, Jayton, here
- Oct. 31, Hermleigh, there
- Nov. 6, Trent, here
- Nov. 13, Loraine, there
- Nov. 21, Bronte, here

Underclassmen will have to replace eight seniors who are graduating out and two others, Mike Malone, moving, and Mike Ledbetter, married.

Married students are not, under the rules, allowed to play in high school football.

Last week in an expression of thanks to those who had a part in the marker dedication ceremony, two names were inadvertently omitted in the dropping of a line of type — that of Gerald Allen and Vaughan Davis.

The Observer regrets this error.



FRANK C. DICKEY JR.

Dickey Wins Post As 51st District Attorney Saturday

Frank C. Dickey, Jr. former Coke County Attorney, appointed district attorney by Gov. John Connally, 51st Judicial District, won the office for a regular term in Saturday's election, defeating Jack Sessoms in Coke County by 521 to 231.

Dickey carried Tom Green, Schleicher, Irion, and Coke, while Sessoms carried Sterling.

Governor John Connally, Senator Ralph Yarborough, Lieutenant Governor Preston Smith all won the Democratic nomination for re-election by large majorities.

Joe Pool, Congressman at large, faced a run-off with Robert W. Baker of Houston for that office.

Robert McBroom 1964 Salutatorian Robert Lee High

Robert C. McBroom, son of Mr. and Mrs. Russell T. McBroom, Robert Lee, is the salutatorian of the 1964 graduating class, with a grade average of 91.02 for two years.

Robert has been active in the band, literary club, and the Beta Club. He has participated in the University Interscholastic League meets, the last two years being a contestant in the science contest. He has received the science award at R.L.H.S. and has served as class reporter for the past year. He has been employed at the Robert Lee Observer.

Robert plans to attend college after graduation.

Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Fields of Sterling City were here Sunday visiting relatives.

Mary Beth Walker Valedictorian For Graduating Class

Mary Beth Walker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Walker, Robert Lee, is valedictorian of the 1964 graduating class of Robert Lee High School, with a two year grade average of 92.17.

Mary Beth has been active in many school activities. She has been a member of the starting basketball team for three years; participated in the University Interscholastic League District tennis meet; was a cheerleader; has been a member of the FTA; a member and officer of the FHA; a member and officer of the BETA Club, a national honor society; and has served as Secretary-Treasurer of the Student Council this past year. She has also served as Secretary of the Senior Class. She was elected FFA Sweetheart this year and represented Robert Lee at the District Sweetheart banquet in San Angelo. Mary Beth represented R.L.H.S. recently in the District and Regional typewriting meets, having won first place at the District meet.

She plans to attend San Angelo College this fall, majoring in English and history, with a minor in commercial subjects. She plans to teach in high school after college.

George Wright died April 18, 1964 in Junction, Texas. Burial was at Menard, April 21.

George was a brother to Elzie Wright, and made his home with the Elzie Wright family for several years in Robert Lee. Twenty-three nieces and nephews survive.

Mr. and Mrs. John Gaddy and family of Roswell, N. Mex. were here last weekend to visit at the bedside of Mrs. Gaddy's mother, Mrs. Cleve Casey, who is in West Coke County Hospital. Mrs. Gaddy is the former Louise Hamilton.

Graduation Gifts

We have a nice selection of gifts ROACH'S

Want Ads

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AT SOUTHSIDE CHURCH OF CHRIST

Elsewhere in this issue appears an announcement of a three day lectureship, one each night, by able citizens on subjects such as "Plain Honesty," "Our Obligations," and "The Dignity of Human Labor," and other down to earth thoughtful themes, THIS WEEK.

Mrs. Jim Stroud, Levelland, daughter of Charlie Roe, was the first child born in Robert Lee, and was present here for the County's birthday observance Thursday, April 23.

PENNY WISE....GOES SHOPPING

DON'T LOOK NOW, BUT I CAN'T HELP READING ABOUT ALL THESE LOW FOOD PRICES-

LET'S GO WHERE WE GET A LOT OF FINE FOOD AT FAIR PRICES-

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DR. PEPPER	- 29c
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	LB.
Lettuce	15c
MEAD'S	6 FOR
Biscuits	49c
GANDY'S	1/2 GAL. CTN.
BIG DISH - 2 for	\$1.00
	3 LBS.
SNOWDRIFT	- 55c
COUNTRY	2 DOZ.
EGGS	79c

Market Items

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At the dedication of the Richard Coke marker on the county's anniversary, April 23, Gerald Allen, left above, was master of ceremonies. Seated, also are Bruner Richard Coke, retired air

force lieutenant colonel, cousin of the famous governor; County Judge W. W. Thetford, State Senator Dorsey Hardeman, and Fred Roe, ranchman, and Eilon Mims is speaking.



COUNTY NAMED FOR TEXAS CONFEDERATE RICHARD COKE 1829 - 1896

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A Memorial to Texans Who Served the Confederacy Erected by the State of Texas 1963.

Silver Leads In Republican Voting, Goldwater Winner

Republican primaries at Silver, Sanco, and Robert Lee totalled a vote of 59 last Saturday. Thirty-nine of these were at Silver, 12 at Sanco, and 6 at Robert Lee, and one absentee.

Jack Cox led with 33 in the U.S. Senate race, Robert Morris second with 18, George Bush 4.

John Brown was elected county chairman, Ruth Brown, Precinct chairman, voting precinct No. 1, Fred Killam in No. 7, Vernon Hale in No. 8.

Barry Goldwater received 47 votes, Rockefeller 2, Margaret Chase Smith 1, Harold Stassen 1, Henry Cabot Lodge 4, and Richard Nixon 1 in the Presidential Preference voting.

Other races were uncontested. There was no voting on county offices.

Library News

By Mrs. J. L. CARWILE

Books given in recent weeks to the Robert Lee High School Library as Memorials are listed with the person memorialized first, name of book, and the donor following.

Mrs. Drue Scoggins, "My American Heritage" by Faculty of Robert Lee School

Mr. Noel Adams, "The Indians of Texas" by faculty of Robert Lee School.

Mr. Noel Adams, "Ozona Country" by Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Garvin.

Chester Harwell, "Mountain Doctor" by Mrs. Sam Powell and Mrs. Otto Wojtek.

Chester Harwell, "Bears in the Family" by Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Simpson.

Mrs. Ben Tubb, "Women of Light" by Mrs. Sam Powell and Mrs. J. N. Adams.

Neighborhood News

Pvt. Jerry Blair, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Blair of Robert Lee, left May 1 for Ft. Polk, La., where he had just finished eight weeks of basic. He had two weeks leave and will have 8 more weeks of advanced infantry training. Jerry says the Army is O.K. — lots of hard work.

Daniel Blair flew home from Hayes, South Dakota, where he has been working on a ranch for the last 15 months, to be at the funeral of his brother, J. D. He

returned Wednesday, also by plane.

Mr. and Mrs. Garvis Swanson, who ranch near Stephenville, were here last week to visit her mother, Mrs. Annie Sparks, and the Calvin Sparks family.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Denman and daughter Melynda of San Angelo were visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Genie Baker over the weekend.

Remember Mother, Queen of your heart, Mother's Day, May 10 with a gift from — ROACH'S

TO THE PEOPLE OF COKE COUNTY:

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation, even though we were unopposed in the primary.

It has been an honor to serve as Sheriff of Coke County, for the first term, and I assure you it is our intention to merit your continued support and confidence.

Remember, we are here to serve you.

Thanks again.

**Sheriff Melvin Childress
Deputy Sheriff Jesse Parker
Office Deputy Evelyn Flanagan**

Neighborhood News

Mr. and Mrs. James Fisher formerly Alta Faye Eubanks, are visiting her family and friends here in Robert Lee. They have a 2-year-old daughter, Lanita. Mr. Fisher is in the Air Force and they have been stationed in Crete Greece for the past two years.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Parker and family of Mertzon visited Mrs. Bell Parker and other relatives Sunday

Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Greer of Belton were here last week to visit Mrs. Greer's sister, Mrs. Henry Varnadore, and also to visit Mr. Varnadore who is convalescing in West Coke County Hospital.

Hubert Payton was here during the weekend to visit his wife and children. Sun Oil Co. has transferred him to Kermit and he will move his family there when school is out.

Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Baker and family of Spade were weekend guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Summers.

Mrs. Mattie Tinkler returned home Sunday after spending the last month at Goldthwaite with her sister, Mrs. Lula Morrissey.

Some of the pipeline crew of Union Texas Petroleum (formerly Texas Natural) were home for the weekend before going to Whitesboro to start a new booster station. They were Maxie McClure, Forest Wanker, Buddy Eldred, David Fernandez, Ray White and Ed Brice.

Joe Pierce of San Angelo visited in the Javan Vosburg home during the weekend.

Headquarters for Gifts Graduation, Mother's Day, birthdays and anniversary. ROACH'S

Statement of Condition

Robert Lee State Bank

ROBERT LEE, TEXAS

APRIL 15, 1964

RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts	\$ 877,488.69
Overdrafts	1,288.69
Banking House	41,125.00
Furniture and Fixtures	6,382.36
U. S. Bonds and Securities	570,948.34
State and County Securities	228,999.09
Other Bonds	100,000.00
Cash and Exchange	364,565.72
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	2,190,797.89

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus	90,000.00
Undivided Profits	14,706.80
Deposits	2,036,091.09

OFFICERS

G. C. Allen, President
Wm. H. Allen, Vice President

Willis W. Smith, Cashier
Gladys Waldrop, Assistant Cashier

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G. C. Allen
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Willie I. Tubb

Willis W. Smith
Vaughan S. Davis

COUNTRYSIDE

By STERLING LINDSEY

Field Crops Demonstrations have been started by several Coke County operators. Others will be started in the near future, if the

weather cooperates. Some of the new hybrid sorghums — sudan crosses are being tried. Also, several cotton varieties that have been developed to mature early. Three companies have furnished milo seed, also, that will be used in test plots.

The field crops committee hopes to compare these crops to the varieties that are planted more commonly. If all goes well, a tour may be held later to view the crops during the growing season. The various seed companies have been very cooperative to the tests. We are thankful for their cooperation and generosity.

The plots that will be tried are as follows:

Oscar Kresta, Pioneer 980, hybrid sorghum, Asgrow Duet hybrid sorbhum and Ranger "A" Milo.

Ben Boykin — Northern Star S Cotton

J. L. Tinkler — Paymaster 101 "A" cotton

Alton Roberts — Comanche and Pawner varieties of milo.

Jay Evans — Paymaster 111 Cotton, Northern Star 5 Cotton, Pioneers 846, Raider "B" and Ute Milos.

Fred McCabe, Jr., — Soybeans and sweet-su hybrid sorghum.

R. C. Patterson — Summerour perfection cotton.

Darwin Scott — Paymaster 111 cotton, Northern Star 5 cotton and Three Little Indians hybrid sorghums.

The screwworm situation is not alarming, but the number of cases and their locations have climbed slightly. The last report showed 8 cases from six different counties. Edwards county was the northern most county having a case.

We still need to be on the alert and take all precautions to prevent screwworms in our area. We have had several samples submitted, but to date all have been non-screwworm.

Placings whole sections of newspapers under tomato vines is an easy way to prevent fruit rot according to the Extension Service

Horticulturist. He suggests putting papers down after the vines are heavy enough to keep them from blowing away. Plastic dry-cleaner bags can be used the same way.

Staking tomato plants sometimes produces larger, better quality fruit. It also keeps them cleaner and makes plants easier to spray. However, staked tomatoes are likely to have more cracking, blossom-end rot, and sunscald.

When staking tomatoes, place sturdy, five-foot stakes about one foot in the ground. Set them about four inches from the plant and avoid cutting tomato roots when setting them. Use of soft cord or strips of old cloth will lessen injury to plants when tying them.

A good method of tying plants to stakes is to loop the material around the main stem; then cross it between the stem and the stake to form a figure eight. Tie it back of the stake.

If pruning is necessary, break off shoots that grow from the crotch formed by a leaf branch at the main stem. Break the shoots, rather than cutting them, because a knife may spread disease. When pruning, shoots should be removed before they are three inches long.

LAND OF OPPORTUNITY

Hershel Ditmore of Bronte tells this story.

Years ago when the mayor of San Angelo was Pat Murphy, Pat had Tom as his guest for dinner. Giving Tom some Irish kidding, Pat said, "Well, Tom, if we hadn't left Ireland, you wouldn't be eating dinner with the mayor."

"No," answered Tom thoughtfully. "And if we'd stayed in Ireland you'd have been a hell of a long time getting to be mayor."

The town, the business, the person who would grow must serve.

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THANK YOU To All the Voters of Precinct 1:

Although I did not have an opponent, I do appreciate very much the support you have given me, and will continue to do my best in the office with which you have entrusted me.

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Mrs. Dorothy J. Smith has cooked on gas and electric ranges and she knows from experience. The Burner-with-a-Brain lets you set your recipe temperature and forget it. No burned food or boil-overs. Also, there's the Cook n' Keep oven that turns itself down to ideal serving temperature. See these gas ranges—on sale at your gas appliance dealers!

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Rabbit Twister Baseball Club back when. We can't risk ourselves to name them all—so you write the names in the space below.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that bids will be received at the office of the County Judge of Coke County, Texas, in the Courthouse in the City of Robert Lee, Texas, until 10:00 A.M. on the 22nd day of May, 1964, on the following road material and application in place, to-wit:

Contractor to furnish, heat, haul and apply approximately 40,000 gallons O.A. 175 Asphalt for double asphalt surface treatment. Load, spread, broom, blade and roll approximately 1320 C.Y. aggregate from stockpile on job site.

Contractor to furnish aggregate for double asphalt surface treatment, State Highway Dept. specifications, Grade 2-784 C.Y. Grade 6-535 C.Y.

All interested contractors may inspect location and receive information by contacting County Commissioners, Precinct No. 1 or 3, Robert Lee, Texas.

The County reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids and waive any technicality.

By Order of the Commissioners Court of Coke County, Texas. Weldon Fikes, County Auditor Coke County, Texas

Publish May 7th and 14th

FAIR WARNING

I don't want to scare you, the third grader told his teacher, "but my daddy says if I don't get better grades somebody is going to get spanked."

Mrs. Arthur Hayley arrived home last Thursday after visiting in Clyde with her daughter, Mrs. Ordie Gibbens.

THERE'S NEWS IN THOSE ADS.

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D. J. Walker Sr. recently suffered a stroke and is hospitalized at St. John's Hospital, San Angelo. Weekend visitors at his bedside included Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Walker, Midkiff; Mr. and Mrs. Duane Conger, Lubbock; and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hardin, Fort Worth. The Bill Hardins will move to Dublin when school is out.

Farris 1c Sale

The Great 1c Sale is now in full swing. Truly if you are needing good merchandise at this 2 for one sale, you had better hurry for it is going fast. Some bargains you will not be able to find again this year.

1 ONLY—\$75.00 Record Player for \$49.95—It's a Beauty.

1 ONLY—Tape Recorder, Value \$29.95 for only \$13.95.

1 ONLY—Chase Lounge, Regular \$12.50 for \$7.97. You Will love it. The most beautiful Dinner Ware, Individual Sets, 99c Each.

We have a full line of the famous Corning Ware for \$39.95, or you may buy the individual pieces.

The most beautiful line of Stationery for 2 for \$1.01.

The finest Kleenex, 200s—3 for 79c.

Three Large Boxes Bath Crystals for 98c.

Ladies and Men's Fine Bill Folds, regular \$6.95 for only \$3.95.

The Largest and Finest Towels made, ONLY 88c Each. See Them.

2—M.I. 3I for only 99c.

The Finest Bath Oil you can buy for only \$1.00 Each.

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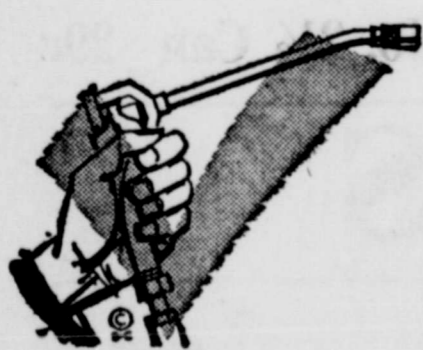
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Officials Announce 1964 Schedule for Little League Play

The summer Little League program got underway May 5 and the season schedule was released this week.

Officers for the Colorado River Little League Association are W. T. Roach, president; Hershall Hall, vice-president and J. L. Tinkler, secretary-treasurer. All are from Robert Lee.

Managers and coaches are: J. B. Arrott, LeDrew Arrott, Bronte Yankees; John P. McClure Jr. and Luther McCutchen, Bronte Giants; Evert Finley and L. Bill Couch, Blackwell Braves; Bobby Baker and J. W. Denman, Robert Lee Cardinals; Richard D. Day, Robert Lee Indians; Harley Hilliard and Johnny Stockton, Norton Dodgers.

Following is the schedule with the team named first being the home team:

May 8
Indians — Giants; Dodgers — Cardinals; Yankees — Blackwell.

May 12
Giants — Dodgers; Blackwell — Indians; Cardinals — Yankees.

May 15
Blackwell — Giants; Yankees — Dodgers; Indians — Cardinals.

May 19
Giants — Yankees; Cardinals — Blackwell; Dodgers — Indians.

May 22
Cardinals — Giants; Yankees — Indians; Blackwell — Dodgers.

May 26
Giants — Indians; Cardinals — Dodgers; Blackwell — Yankees.

May 29
Dodgers — Giants; Indians — Blackwell; Yankees — Cardinals.

June 2
Giants — Blackwell; Dodgers — Yankees; Cardinals — Indians.

June 5
Yankees — Giants; Blackwell — Cardinals; Indians — Dodgers.

June 9
Giants — Cardinals; Indians — Yankees; Dodgers — Blackwell.

June 12
Indians — Giants; Dodgers — Cardinals; Yankees — Blackwell.

June 16
Giants — Dodgers; Blackwell — Indians; Cardinals — Yankees.

June 19
Blackwell — Giants; Yankees — Dodgers; Indians — Cardinals.

June 23
Giants — Yankees; Cardinals — Blackwell; Dodgers — Indians.

PLANNED ACCIDENT

Conversation in a London pub: "How did Bill die?" "E fell through some scaffolding." "Whatever was 'e doing up there?" "Being 'anged."

Delton Chatham of San Angelo visited Mrs. Charlie Vowell and other friends in Robert Lee Sunday. He is carpentering in San Angelo with his uncle, Bill Chatham.

Remember Mother on her day May 10th. She never forgets you. **ROACH'S**

SERVICES FOR J. D. BLAIR — Continued from Page 1

Rev. William Lee officiating. The body was brought to the Cliff Funeral Home in Robert Lee, and services were held Saturday morning at the Robert Lee Baptist Church, with Rev. Lee, assisted by Rev. Bill Beaty. Burial was in the Robert Lee Cemetery.

Survivors include his wife, Jo; his parents; two daughters, Nona Gaye and Becky of Sterling City; two sons, Dwaine of Sterling City, Jeff of the home; two stepdaughters, Sherri and Cathy of the home; two sisters, Mrs. Edith McGinley of Robert Lee, Mrs. Ruth Wiemar of Aqua Dulce, Texas, who was unable to attend; four brothers, Bill of Robert Lee, Daniel of Hayes, South Dakota, Don of Blackwell and Jerry, serving in the U. S. Army at Ft. Polk, La., a number of nieces and nephews, other relatives and a host of friends.

Pallbearers were J. R. Watkins, Charles Richerson and Truitt Shirley of Odessa, Lendy Devoll, Elmer Adkins, Douglas Dean, Barton Waldrop of Robert Lee and Alvin Ray King of Stanley, New Mexico.

Democrats To Hold County Convention

Democrats will hold their county convention at the court house in Robert Lee at 2:00 p.m. next Saturday, May 9. D. K. Glenn of Bronte, county chairman, will open the convention.

Purpose of the convention is to name delegates to the state convention in June when delegates to the national Democratic convention will be selected. Coke County will have two votes in the state convention and it is expected that two delegates and two alternates will be named here Saturday.

Only delegates chosen at the precinct conventions last Saturday will be eligible to take part in the county convention. Bronte was entitled to pick eight county convention delegates, and Robert Lee seven, while all other voting precincts in the county were allowed only one.

A. J. Kirkpatrick, precinct chairman, presided over the Robert Lee convention Saturday and Mrs. Cumble Ivey Jr. was secretary. Named as delegates to the county convention were Kirkpatrick, Mrs. Ivey, Mrs. Frank Smith, Mrs. Curtis Walker, A. B. Sheppard, Mrs. A. B. Sheppard and Mrs. J. O. Rudd.

Resolutions adopted included a memorial to the late President John F. Kennedy and an endorsement of President Lyndon B. Johnson, with Gov. John Connally to head the Texas delegation attending the national convention.

Weekend visitors in the Bob Vaughan home were Mr. and Mrs. Ben Bessent and family of San Angelo.

Mothers Day is May 10th. Remember Mother with a gift from **ROACH'S**

EDUCATION COST BUT DETERMINED PEOPLE GOT IT

Coke County pioneers demonstrated their belief in education.

No matter how meager his own schooling had been, the pioneer wanted the best for his children, and he gave them every educational advantage possible under existing circumstances. Wherever settlers made homes, schools were soon established.

There was little money for anything, and schools were no exception. School buildings were small, overcrowded, and uncomfortable. Equipment was extremely meager. Schools terms were short. Teachers were poorly paid, and well-qualified teachers were scarce.

The public, free school term sometimes lasted no more than two months, but the free school was usually supplemented by a subscription school for another

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two months. The usual tuition was \$1.00 to \$1.50 per month per student—payable (if the sending family had no money) in anything the teacher's family could use as wheat, chickens, meat, et cetera.

It meant real sacrifice on the part of both parents and children to support those pioneer schools. Every dollar paid for tuition was

a dollar sorely needed for the necessities of life.

Some students walked as far as four miles to school, starting before sunrise and arriving home at twilight and sometimes after dark. So determined were those pioneers that no sacrifice seemed too great, and the weather was seldom too bad for regular attendance at school.

ALAMO THEATRE

ROBERT LEE, TEXAS

Evening Show Starts 6:30

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, MAY 8 & 9

Vincent Price, Peter Lorre, Boris Karloff, Joe E. Brown in

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SUGAR, Pure Cane - - - - - 5 Lbs. 49c

SHORTENING, Snowdrift - - 3 Lbs. 55c

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Crackers 1b. box 29c

WALDORF TISSUE - - 4 Roll Pkg. 39c

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PEACHES, Halves or Sliced - No. 2 1/2 Can 29c

MEATS

SIRLOIN OR T-BONE

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HORMEL'S RANGE BACON - - 2 Lb. Box 89c

ALL MEAT BOLOGNA, Hormel's - - Lb. 45c

LONGHORN CHEESE - - - Lb. 49c

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THANK YOU

I am deeply grateful for the overwhelming majority vote given me by the people of the 25th Senatorial District. I shall try to merit your continued confidence by my effective representation of the best interests of the State and District.

Dorsey B. Hardeman
State Senator — 25th District

As Wagons Rolled These Came To Stay

It was the time of the great migration.

Four hundred years before, white winged sailing ships had come and sighted a land that was old, old—but to those who sighted it, that land was new, new.

Three hundred years before, ships had brought men and horses—never seen before, at first hailed as gods, then viewed with fear, finally fought to the death in Mexico and South America as the next 100 years came on.

HOOFBEATS ON WESTERN TRAILS

Then wilderness men on foot, and the hoofbeats of horses on western trails, mountain men with their traps and pack animals—a new nation on the east, with what their leaders hailed as a manifest destiny to belt the continent with their flag and their houses.

The Comanches had watched from the top of Hayrick Mountain and Silver peak, spoken of it sourly and with anxiety they deigned not to show, around their campfires whose stones still lie silent along Yellow Wolf and Mountain Creek, Meadow, and Messbox, and the other little valley where they had come in centuries past

to take the flint from these mountains and make them into tools and weapons by the springs they later left to us.

WAGON WHEELS ROLLED

1887 the great migration was rolling into West Texas—by ox wagon, or horse wagon, the oxen drivers walking beside them, one of the family riding along to herd the precious little band of livestock to start a new era on the grass nine years before grazed by the buffalo, whose bones strewed the country, along the rutted roadway through the turf, unfenced and often unclaimed.

There are a few people with us yet who came in those wagons or who were born to those families soon after they came. Some of them are pictured on this page, some names listed, and other names are yet to be reported.

Trails beat out by the Indians had not yet been fully grassed over. Springs where they watered were still flowing clear, just as they had left them.

THE CABIN HELD THE LAND

The main difference between the way of life of the Indian and those who displaced him was the settler and his cabin. Once it was there, the nomadic life was

over. The settler did not pick up his house and move on over the horizon when the leaf turned, the owl hooted or the coyote called. He came and he stayed, and private ownership replaced the law of tribal domain.

Then it was that roads were built, and schools and churches and post offices, shops, and trade and private business. The public domain passed into individual ownership. As one might move on to other new lands, another was here to take his place, or to buy it and join it with his own.

The settler had come to stay.

Oldest Records In Clerk's Office Are Partially Burned

Many of the early records of the county were lost when the court house was destroyed by fire at Hayrick, then the temporary court house at Robert Lee again burned. Those that were not destroyed still in the records of the County Clerk's office, were partially burned.

It seems that neither the records of Tom Green nor of Coke show the exact date but the following is quoted from Section 1 of an Act of the Legislature approved by the governor March 13, 1889: "Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas: That a new county, to be called Coke County, is hereby created out of Tom Green County, to-wit:" etc.

The act is in six sections. It goes on to define the boundaries and requires the calling of an election of county officers within thirty days. The election was held in the latter part of April, and the government was in operation by May 1.

The principal issue to be decided upon by the voters that year was the location of the county seat.

The parts of the first records not destroyed are written in a beautiful handwriting, with flowing flourishes, but very clear and legible.

Sixty Years Ago County, District Officers Listed

Here were the district and county officers in 1895, according to the Official Directory, published in the Coke County Rustler.

District Officers

J. W. Timmins, Judge
D. D. Wallace, Attorney

Ed M. Mobley, Clerk

County Offices

D. T. Averitt, Judge
W. C. Merchant, Attorney
Ed M. Mobley, Clerk
L. B. Murray, Sheriff and Collector

H. E. Johnston, Assessor
W. C. Hayley, Treasurer
J. R. Patterson, Surveyor
J. M. Perry, Inspector

Commissioners

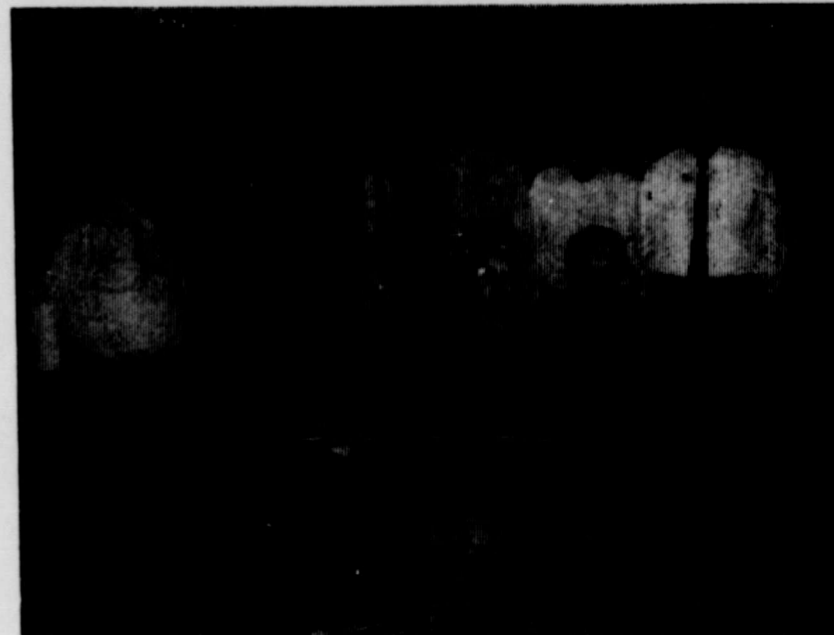
M. H. Davis, Precinct No. 1
L. H. McDorman, Precinct No. 2
A. C. Gardner, Precinct No. 3
J. H. Campbell, Precinct No. 4

(Note: Evidently the arrangement and numbering of the precincts was considerably different then from what it is now.)

Stop by a river and quick you will know

There's a story that river has never yet told,
And when a high mountain reflects the sun's glow,
There's much it remembers that's old, old, old.

The government can help my poverty by taking less of what I make, and require less bookkeeping and tax collection.



At the luncheon honoring early settlers, the above were those who were in Coke County when it was organized or shortly thereafter—1889'ers.

Seated, left to right, are Mrs. G. A. Beeman, whose husband was publisher of the Coke County Rustler in the 90s.

Mrs. Hawley C. Allen, the former Amelia Caraway, daughter of the late W. T. Caraway, was living at Hayrick at the time of the county's organization and removal of the County Seat.

Mrs. Eva Hayley also was living at Hayrick at that time, the daughter of "Uncle Johnny" Vestal, pioneer blacksmith.

Standing are L. C. Robbins, of the old Hayrick community. Haw-

ley C. Allen, pioneer cowboy, rancher and law enforcement officer, serving as sheriff of Tom Green County and of Coke.

Fred Roe, ranchman, banker, and internationally known polo player, and breeder of good horses.

Will McCutchen, early day cowboy and still a rancher north of Robert Lee.

Vernon Byrne, Robert Lee, whose father, "Squire" Byrne homesteaded at Sanco.

I. A. Bird, who came from Hamilton County with his parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. Miller Bird, life-long rancher, breeder of Hereford cattle in the Sanco country.

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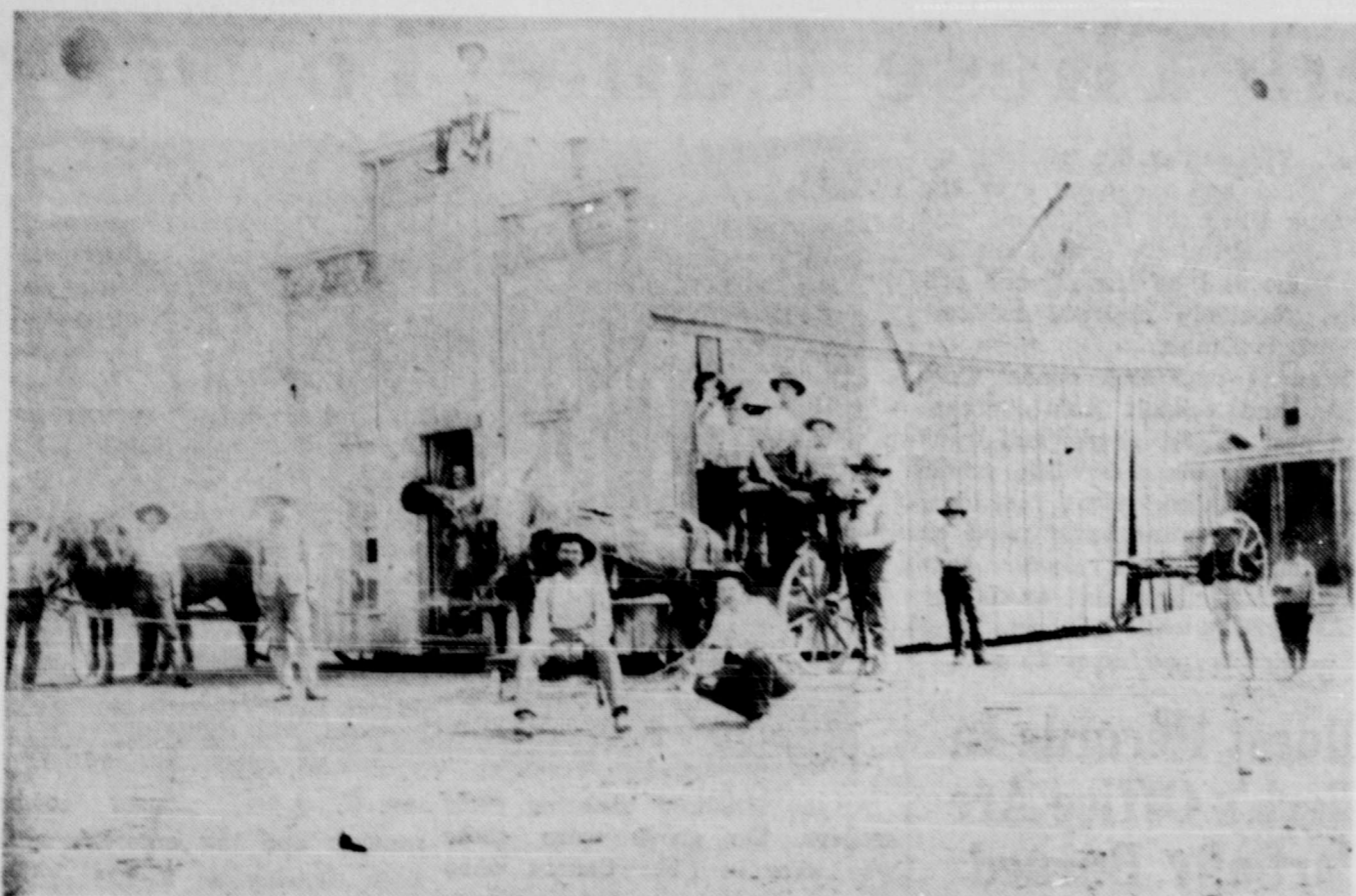
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When Hayrick moved to Robert Lee, everybody got into the act. Or was this when a building was moved from one location to another in Robert Lee, as once happened to the Observer. Photo is courtesy of Mrs. Bryan Yarborough, from her historical collection.

Summary Shows Indebtedness Trimmed Fast

Bonded indebtedness, as of January 1, 1964, was the outstanding total of \$496,000.00 in bonds not yet matured.

To get the actual debt at present, subtract from that the balance on hand in the sinking funds ready to pay on these bonds, which was \$273,143.11, leaving a net indebtedness of \$233,856.89.

Total income into all the six interest and sinking funds for county and precinct issues in 1963 was \$114,678.89. Of this, the amount that could be applied to bonds in 1963 was \$101,590.78, and it was so applied—\$14,515.28 to interest, and the rest to principal. Payment of interest is cut down

each year as the total outstanding indebtedness decreases. But, if \$14,000 annually should be allowed for interest, \$100,000 per year at the present rate of income could go to sinking funds, accumulate a sinking fund sufficient to pay the total net debt in a little over two years, or easily by the end of 1967.

Allowing for considerable loss of valuations, all can be paid in 1969 when all will have matured or reached the optional maturity date.

This will cut the road bond levy in Precinct 1, by 35 cents, and that in Precinct 3 by 27 cents, by 1969 or before.

Education begins at home and education which does not strengthen the community will in the long run weaken the nation.

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JIM CLIFT TOLD EDITOR OF EARLY BUSINESSES HERE

Business in Robert Lee just after the turn of the century was described by the late J. A. (Jim) Clift in the 50th Anniversary Edition of the Observer, published in 1939, when J. W. Puett was Editor and Publisher, Mrs. A. W. Puett, Owner, and the present editor worked with them on that edition.

Mr. Clift came to Robert Lee in 1904 as deputy sheriff under W. T. Hazelwood. Two years later, he became connected with McCollum Reed Company, in which connection he continued 21 years. Gray Reed of that firm later moved to Lawn, where he was living in 1939.

L. Scott had a tin shop west of the square, and in that block Dr. Adams had a drug store, which was sold to P. D. Coulson soon afterward.

In 1906, the Odd Fellows built a building just east of the square, of concrete block construction and McCollum Reed, then moved to the building on the corner that in 1939 still had the sign painted all along its side, the present site of the Robert Lee State Bank.

The Odd Fellows Building was sold and the blocks used in the construction of Coke Motor Company, now Ivey Motor Company. In 1908 the Masons built their present building occupied now on the ground floor by West Texas Utilities.

It was damaged by fire in 1907 and repaired. P. D. Coulson moved his store there in 1912. (Incidentally, "Dr." Coulson told this writer when he was seventy that, although he had been in the drug business for years, he had never taken a dose of medicine in his life!)

When Mr. Clift first came to Robert Lee, he stayed at the Tubb Hotel. Also staying there at the time were Charlie Coulson, P. D. Coulson, Sheriff W. T. Hazelwood and Tom Goss, among others.

Business in Robert Lee was good, mostly on a credit, but everybody paid up once a year, some twice, spring and fall. Grocery bills didn't run so high then. There were no oranges, except at Christmas time.

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TEN YEARS AGO

A. J. Kirkpatrick was editor-publisher of the Observer.

Robert Lee took top honors in District Literary Events with 271 points to Bronte's 30. Alice Ross and Violeta Harwell won 1st in high school spelling. Virginia Jones won 1st in declamation. Sue Goodwin and Charlene Robertson won 1st in Jr. High Spelling. Lavada Box and Marilyn Weathers won 1st in Junior and Sub-Junior declamation. Diane Samuelson won 1st in story telling.

Pfc. Dale Brown had a 30 day leave from West Germany.

Junior Bachelors Sextette, Ronny and Richard Sims, Billy Mundell, Don Weathers, Jerry Dean, and Mackie Tubb gave a half hour program over KGKL.

Bill Tom Roach was employed by Sun Gasoline Plant in Three Rivers.

"Roman Holiday," starring Audrey Hepburn opened at the Alamo Theatre.

J. E. Quisenberry is president of the B.C.D.

Gay Hollis, sophomore at Colorado City, had a slumber party in Tubb Camp.

Leslie Nell Wink wins the Soil Conservation Essay Contest.

Donna Hallmark and Douglas Martin exchanged vows at the Pecan Baptist Church.

Luther Sparks saved a 7-year-old lad, Eddie Bilbo, from drowning in Mountain Creek.

Robert Lewis Jay graduated from Lake View High in San Angelo.

Rev. Warren Ellis is welcomed as the new First Methodist Church pastor.

Jana Carlo was born to Mr. and Mrs. Francis Jeffries at Shannon Hospital.

Sammie Joan Fowler became the bride of Robbie Baker on June 15. They spent their honeymoon in Carlsbad Caverns.

Air Conditioners have been installed so that the Green Mt. Musicals can be carried on during summer months.

Mrs. Bonita Robertson enjoyed a visit in Washington, D. C., making a pleasant motor trip with her son-in-law and daughter, the Winifred Talleys.

The movie "Peter Pan" was showing.

Lyndon Johnson was running against Dudley Dougherty for U. S. Senator. In an article "What Colleagues Think of Johnson," the Senator from Colorado stated, "I can think of nothing better... than that we might have a continuation of the leadership of Lyndon Johnson."

Hale Kincaid and family spent a vacation period at their cabin on Phantom Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Webb returned from a visit with Mrs. Webb's kinfolks at Medina, Ark.

Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Roane solved the mystery which caused the death of 16 cattle. The veterinarian had been unable to determine the cause and they were just about ready to sell the rest of their herd. The cause was an old metal can of arsenic poison which had been partially hidden in a thicket in the pasture.

Kathy Dee McCutchen was born

July 31, 1954.

Mrs. Foy Askins lost her blue parakeet.

Coffee was \$1.09 for a 1 lb. can and a can of biscuits cost 25c.

The Robert Lee Rabbit Twisters were second in Concho League losing to the Magnolia Flying Red Horses 6-3. King Kong Henly was the chief umpire. The Twister batters included Lew Heuvel, Norman Roberts, John Conley, Royce Smith, Ronnie Baker, and Frankie Percifull.

Oscar Kresta brought in the 1st bale of cotton for the 3rd straight year.

Crystal City, Texas, the spinach capital of the world has a monument to Popeye.

Mr. and Mrs. Fern Havins and Kay spent 2 weeks in California on vacation where they visited Los Angeles.

Cpl. and Mrs. Gene Hinnard are parents of a daughter, born in the army hospital at Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo. Debra Kay weighed 8 lbs., 1 ounce.

Diane Samuelson and Marion Fikes jointly celebrated their 8th birthdays with a slumber party August 20. The 18 little girls

went to see "The Naked Jungle" at the local theatre.

Coke County was added to the Drought Disaster Area.

Mr. and Mrs. Buster Farris and Mr. and Mrs. Dick Skipworth occupied their new homes south of town.

Reba's Beauty Salon formally opened Nov. 20. Mrs. Eunice McClure won a \$15 permanent.

Hattie Day caught a 12-pound catfish in the Colorado River.

John L. Bruton GM3 was discharged after spending 4 years on West Coast and Pacific waters in the Navy.

Coleene Varnadore was chosen District FFA Sweetheart over 13 other chapter entries. She was the 1st Robert Lee girl to receive such an honor.

TWENTY YEARS AGO

Frank Percifull was Sheriff and he issued a warning to careless children who were tearing down posters and government notices placed in the lobby of the post office.

Pfc. Horace Young, son of the late S. R. Young, editor, and wife,

graduated from Laredo Aerial Gunnery School. After graduating, he married Miss Lynn Kirk of New York City, a U. S. O. singer.

The FFA boys sponsored scrap paper drive for the war effort.

A soldier, Pvt. Finnell Smith, writes, "These two years I have spent in Australia have been an experience I will never forget. Of all the world I've seen, there is no place like the old home town, home folks, and most of all home itself."

Hamburgers were a dime. Allied Troops drive new wedge into Germans' main defense line in Italy.

FFA student, Douglas Gartman, showed the top calf at Fort Worth livestock market.

Mr. and Mrs. Turney Casey have a baby girl named Phoebe Pearl.

Luther Sparks lost a spare tire and wheel between Robert Lee and Edith.

The Baptist folks have put gravel on the street in front of their church.

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The Coke County Rustler in 1900 was carrying long stories on the Boer War in Africa and an

occasional letter from soldiers fighting the insurgents in the Philippines. It was printed on one side of a ready-print, which came already printed with state and national news.

The Observer Was Shrunken That Week

It must have been the time the Observer was moved from near where the Alamo Theater is now, to the site on or near where the Farm Bureau now stands. Anyhow the weekly was having moving pains when it came out Friday, March 2, 1928, 36 years ago.

The issue that week was four pages, 8 1/2 x 11—the size of your typewriter paper, and following was the top left hand front page article.

Pardon Us

Well! Well! The Observer is somewhat shrunken up this week, and here is the reason.

We planned to move Friday and Saturday and started in, in good faith, but everything seemed to turn against us and we worked and tugged with this old building until Friday morning of this week before we could set any type and at that we had to print it on our small press, as the large one will not be on its concrete foundation until next week.

We would not attempt to put out a paper at all this week, were it not for these two citations, which have to run, or else be void, according to the law.

Anyway we are moved and when we finally do get straightened out we will endeavor to give you the best little country paper you ever read.

Well! Well! WE thought WE were having a hard time getting out this Anniversary Edition. The rest of the front page that week was one of the said citations, except for the following little article in the lower right hand corner.

Rabbit Drive

The Observer is requested to announce there will be a rabbit drive at Wildcat next Wednesday.

The hunters will meet at Lee Roberts place and dinner will be served at Ell Hatleys. Everybody is cordially invited to attend.

Newspaper Changed To Robert Lee May 1891

The Coke County Rustler, a predecessor of the Robert Lee Observer, issue of April 4, 1891, was published with Hayrick, Texas dateline, S. R. Ezzell, Editor and Publisher.

One month later, May 9, 1891, it was published with Robert Lee, Texas, as date line, with J. S. Brady and W. V. Ervin as proprietors.

In both issues the Ballinger and Hayrick United States Mail and Stage Line carried ads, with H. D. Pearce, proprietor. He or another Pearce also advertised a hotel at Ballinger, a wagon and feed yard there, and there was an H. H. Pearce drug store at Hayrick.

Plan of the Robert Lee Circuit

M. E. Church, South Bronte, 1st Sunday, 11 A.M. & at night.
Rock Springs, 2nd Sunday, 11 A.M.
New Hope, 2nd Sunday, 3 P.M.
Olga, 2nd Sunday, 7 P.M.
Sanco, 4th Sunday, 11 A.M.
Robert Lee, 3d Sunday, 11 A.M. and Night.
Prayer meeting every Wednesday night.

Lee A. Clark, P.C.

(And he didn't have an automobile—Editor 1964)

Hercules gas and gasoline engines were advertised, also steam engines, boilers, saw mills, and cotton gins at the turn of the century.

Fletcher's Castoria, Ayer's Sarsaparilla, 'La Creole' to restore those gray hairs, were some of many remedies advertised in 1900.

Sometimes we got mixed up as to when we were publishing this newspaper—1964 or 1900, and some of it reads that way, like

this (1903):

Dr. J. F. Rogers of Edith was in town one day last week replenishing his medicine case.

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D "D"—Since 1883 operated by P. F. Dunn, Corpus Christi.

L. X. "L. X."—Since about 1879 run by the Bivens family of Amarillo.

T Anchor "T Anchor"—Various members of the Gunter family of San Antonio have run this since about 1870.

Blocker Seven "Blocker Seven"—Road brand of John Blocker since about 1870. John Blocker was the Trail Drivers Association's first president.

H Crook "H Crook"—Run by Hawkins ranch, Matagorda County, Texas. Registered in this county in 1866 by J. B. Hawkins.

Circle "Circle"—This road brand originated in about 1866 by Charles Goodnight and Oliver Loving.

Seven F "Seven F"—Acquired by his father in 1888, this is the brand of Ralph H. Harris, San Angelo.

JY "JY"—Brand of R. B. Masterson and Sons of Amarillo.

Long X "Long X"—Brand of Reynolds Cattle Company, Fort Worth. Run by them in West Texas since about 1882.

101 "Hundred and One"—Based on his friendship with George Miller—who founded the famous 101 Ranch in Oklahoma—R. S. Guthrie started this in 1886. Run at this time by Mrs. Iva Guthrie Turney, El Paso.

Matador V "Matador V"—Brand of the Matador Land and Cattle Company, Ranch Headquarters, Matador, Texas. Bought from John Dawson in 1879.

Lazy S "Lazy S"—Originated by Colonel C. C. Slaughter of Dallas in 1879, and still run by the family of that name. One of the many "lazy" brands.

Half Circle Ten "Half Circle Ten"—Started for George W. Sanders in 1864 when he was only ten years old. Sanders was a leader in the founding of the Trail Drivers Association.

Flying X "Flying X"—A typical brand of the "flying" type.

DS "DS"—Initials of the original owner, Daniel Shipman, who was one of Austin's original 300.

Three D's "Three D's"—Now run by W. T. Waggoner estate, Vernon, Texas. Originated in Wise and Clay Counties about 1881.

Running W "Running W"—Brand run since 1919 on the King Ranch, Kingsville, Texas.

HK "HK"—Run today by the King estate. Started about 1870 by Captain Richard King.

DAUGHTER OF FIRST SANCO HOMESTEADER WRITES FROM DALLAS

Some seventy-odd years ago, my parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Durham, pioneered to the hills of Central Texas. They settled at the foot of a hill later known as Durham's Peak, overlooking the valley of Yellow Wolf Creek, north of Robert Lee.

There were no stores or shops or post offices for miles, and very few people.

There was a Spanish hero named Sancho; my parents liked the name, so they applied the English spelling and put in the application for a post office.

Thus Sanco became an official name of a place in the hills of Central West Texas, and the post office stood in one corner of the

main room of the wood and stone house my father built.

As other people came in, they built a one room shack almost on our doorsteps. This was the general meeting house: five days a week during school terms we learned the rudiments of education.

Sunday the good men and women taught us the Bible stories, and if we had a minister, we had church services on Sunday. But our main religious services were held under a brush arbor in the summer.

Sanco! I wonder if that word brings to the minds of those who grew up in those hills the loved memories it recalls to me—SANCO, a loved memory to me.

—Mrs. T. E. Eubanks
(In one of the first interviews I ever had as a newswriter in the twenties, in a story published in the Star Telegram, the date as

A Populist District Convention was called to meet in San Antonio Feb. 17, according to announcement in the Rustler, signed by J. H. Foster and J. T. Warden. S. C. Wilkins called for a mass meeting of the Populists in the Court House at Robert Lee for February 10, 1900.

I recall it of Mr. Durham's coming to what later became Coke County was in 1878, the first year Indian raids ceased.

There was also an Indian chief, Saneco, who ranged in this country at the time, which may have helped preserve the name in the locality.

Mr. Durham was perhaps the first rock mason in this area. He cut liveoak to make a fire hot enough to make his own lime for mortar from the native limestone, and his home-made kiln is still to be seen on the land, and the house referred to by Mrs. Eubanks is still standing.—Editor)

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May 7, 1964

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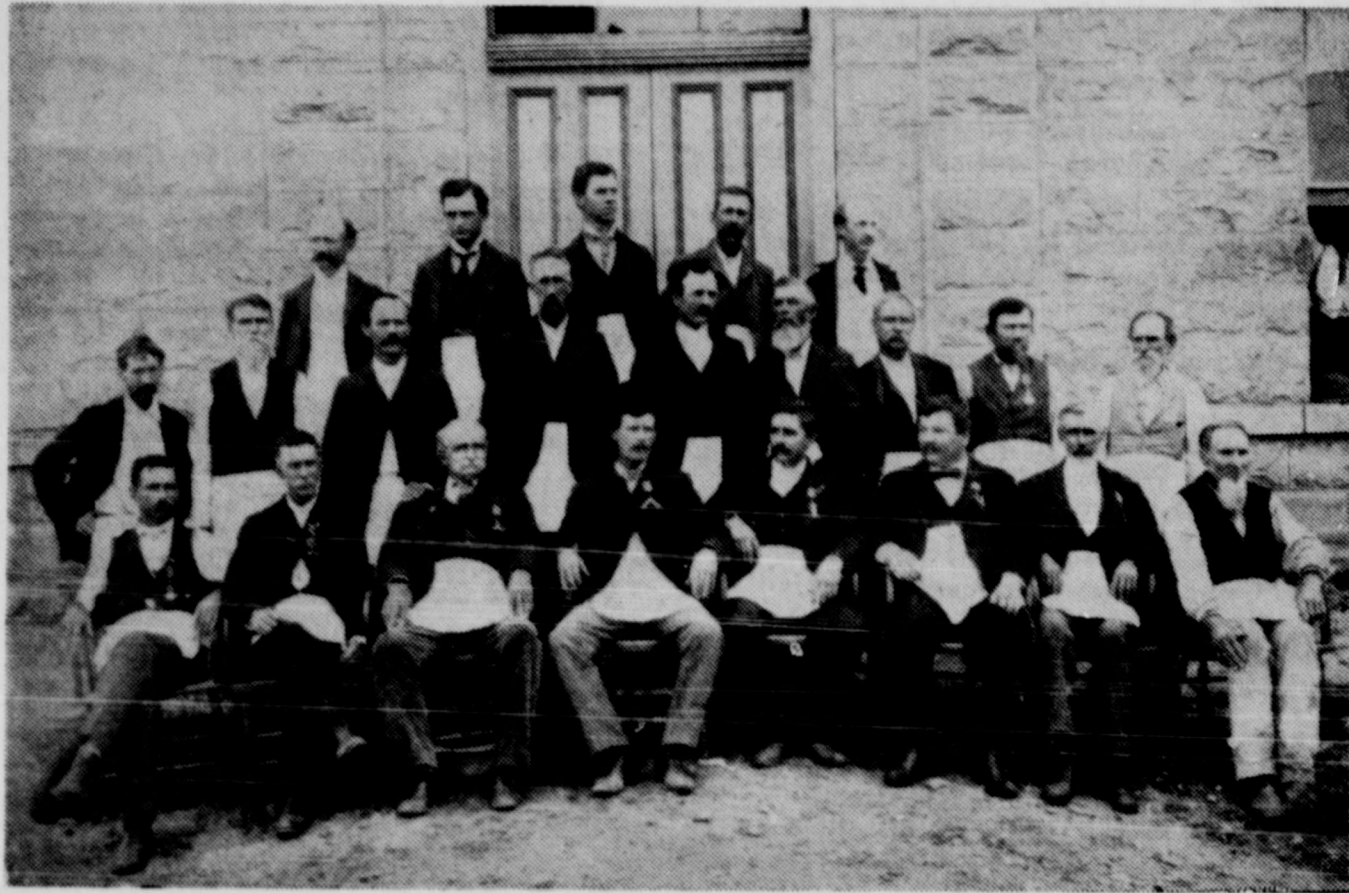
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EARLY DAY MASONS IN ROBERT LEE



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Hayrick Gave Name to Robert Lee Lodge

Will Millican has a clipping from the Observer, a story printed in 1939, or 1940, describing the 50th birthday celebration of the local Masons, a barbecue supper in which Hayrick Lodge entertained a large number from Bronte and San Angelo. A historic sketch of the local order was given, which follows:

"Hayrick Lodge was organized December 11, 1890, according to this sketch, and Br. A. S. Richardson, then Worshipful Master of Texas, issued a dispensation for Hayrick Lodge, to work under the supervision of Ballinger Lodge, Ballinger, Texas.

"Bro. J. B. Sparks of Ballinger presided in the first meeting in which the elected officers were installed by him:

- J. L. Chambers, Master
- G. C. Hill, Senior Warden
- B. H. Carlton, Junior Warden
- J. L. Durham, Secretary-Treasurer.

"Hayrick Lodge met three days later and by contribution, \$157.80 was raised to purchase a building to meet in. This building was not uncalled at that time and some time later was celled at a cost of \$52.81.

"The first Masonic burial was in June, 1891, for Bro. W. H. Paxton.

"In January, 1891, Hayrick Lodge received its charter, and Bro. Sam Pollock of San Angelo presented same to the lodge. There were seventeen charter members and eight initiated.

(The following paragraph is reprinted as it appeared then, but it includes an error, typographical or otherwise in the date, as the town was being moved from January on, 1891, the issue of May 9, 1891, Coke County Rustler being published under a Robert Lee date line)

"In April 1891 (1890-Ed.) there was talk of moving the town of Hayrick, Texas, to the proposed

site which is now Robert Lee, Texas, because of lack of water at Hayrick. On May 2, 1891, the lodge voted to move, and a lot was bought in Robert Lee, but the building was not moved."

"A burial ground was secured by the lodge at the new town and is now known as the Robert Lee Cemetery, which is under the supervision of the Hayrick Lodge.

"The members of Hayrick Lodge did not meet until late on their meeting nights because of the great distance the members had to travel on horseback, sometimes being 10:30 before the men arrived to open the lodge.

"A period of fourteen years was taken to build the present building in Robert Lee. It was erected in 1906, and the following members were on the building committee; M. B. Sheppard, Wm. Millican, W. T. Hazlewood, W. J. McFarland, Dr. F. K. Turney, and W. M. Clift.

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The Observer, Robert Lee, Texas May 7, 1964

GREAT SLAUGHTER SALE

Having been able to buy at a bargain lately a special lot of Boots and Shoes, and am prepared to make old prices in this line look like a cancelled postage stamp. Also have a few Suits of Mens and Boys Clothing that I will sell at cost, as I am going out of that line of merchandise. I can sell you groceries as cheap as any other town in Coke for I run my own team and feed them home-raised feed. So call and get my prices and be convinced.

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(Nov. 20, 1903. Periods must have been in short supply with the Rustler, as several were missing.)

At the turn of the century, one of the biggest advertisers was Peruna, quoting everybody from high public officials to the oldest man in the world, how much it had helped them.

Eggs are worth 22½ cents at G. A. Barham. (1903)

In January 1900, the Coke County Rustler carried a delinquent tax list, showing taxes unpaid on December 31, 1898. It was signed by J. H. Burroughs, assessor-collector for the district.

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(Coke County Rustler, Jan. 26, 1900)

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(From Coke County Rustler, May 9, 1891)

That Was 1891

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Are you usually concerned with problems of the day? If some new and terrible disease were suddenly to strike us here in America—a disease of unknown cause, possibly due to noxious gas or poison in our soil, air, or water—it would be treated as a national emergency, with every citizen uniting as one man to fight it. Let us suppose the disease to have so harmful effect on the nervous system that over five million persons in our country would go insane for periods lasting from a few hours to weeks or months and recurring repetitively over periods ranging from fifteen to thirty years.

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Let us further suppose that during these spells of insanity, acts of so destructive a nature would be committed that the material and spiritual lives of whole families would be in jeopardy with a resultant twenty-five million persons cruelly affected. Work in business, industry, professions, and factories would be crippled, sabotaged, or left undone. And each year more than one-quarter of a billion dollars would be spent merely to patch up in some way the effects of the disease on families whose breadwinners had been stricken.

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A few years ago this word was "taboo." So little was being done about it that it was if this whole subject were smothered in blackness. Today the picture has changed. American Medical Association states that it is a disease, incurable but treatable. This statement has opened many doors of help for the alcoholic and a desire on the part of the public to know more about it. Councils have been organized. The San Angelo Council was organized in 1961 to serve people in this area. It is supported by public spirited citizens who recognize the seriousness of this problem... their only objective... control of alcoholism through education and community service.

Services rendered by this organization are: programs and films for schools, clubs, and churches; free literature; counseling with alcoholic and family of alcoholic; referral to doctors, ministers and state hospital. We welcome your inquiries by mail and invite you to visit our Information Center located in the Tom Green County Courthouse, Room 308. Our office is open from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., the literature is displayed on the wall for easy selection. We will be happy to be of service to you, anytime.

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necessary in preventing the craving for alcohol.

Those suffering from this problem might do well to give close study to pages 239 through 242 of "Let's Eat Right to Keep Fit," from which the above is quoted. —Editor.

(News Report From) Fort Chadbourne, Texas

Evan Baldwin had a billious attack, was real bad for a few days but is better, also the old lady Ronfro has been right sick but Dr. Frank Moore is bringing her around alright. Dr. Moore has had several bad cases but has been successful in getting them all up. I tell you Dr. Moore is the coming Dr. of the W. he is well posted.

(From a column of locals signed "Uncle Tom")
(Feb. 9, 1900)

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From horseback to high space, and yet it's not sunset!
From cowtrail to contrail, a light near the moon;
My sun, it burns brightly, the night is not come yet,
At dawn of my morning, who visioned this noon!

Horseback to high space before the gold glints on
The trail I have followed over my day,

While the sons of our morning, astronauts burning,
Have mounted a star a light year away.

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The Observer, Robert Lee, Texas May 7, 1964

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Cycles of Seasons Shaped Land Tenure, Shifted Communities

Neighbors who were in this area during the late 80's and the 90's said that the springs were running much more freely and more of them than in later years.

One reason for this could have been that the rainfall average for the ten years 1886 through 1895 was exceptional high. Abilene rainfall for those years, as given by the Reporter News was 24.63, 30.58, 25.28, 28.50, 17.57, 28.48, 16.27, 24.39, 35.30—only two really dry years out of the 9.

Most of the settlers came here just as the country was recovering from a disastrous drouth which extended through the early part of 1886, in which the ranchmen were saved from ruin by a good crop of mesquite beans, in the Abilene area, as told this editor by one of the Abilene pioneers, Mr. Will Young. But good rains had followed the drouth.

The next dry year was in 1901 with 15.71, then in 1904, 17.80, followed by 33.06 in 1905 1907 had 18.33, 1910, 15.93.

THREE YEARS DROUTH

It was not until 1916, 17, and 18 that there were more than one year consecutively that the rainfall was under 20 inches, and these

years had 18.28, 10.85, and 19.84 respectively.

This may explain the fact that some of the earlier communities died out about that time. Farmers had been able to make a living or get by through the thirty years up to then. But many small farmers sold to those who had more resources, usually larger ranchmen, and moved to new lands being opened up by the sale of ranches on the plains and elsewhere, or to other lines of work.

In the thirty years up through 1915, there were 9 years under 20 inches, but preceded and followed by seasonable years, the drouths were not disastrous, except in 1907 when accompanied by a bank "panic."

Six years out of the thirty the rainfall was over 30 inches, 15 years it was 25 inches or over.

The next time for two years together to have less than 20 inches was in 1933-34, when it was 17.72 and 13.41 respectively. But the year before, 1932, had 46.42 inches at Abilene, a 75 year record.

SEVEN DRY YEARS

The all-time record drouth began in 1951, with 14.83 inches

continued through 1952 with 13.88 inches, 1953 with 19.75, 1954 with 16.02. 1955 just nudged over 20—22.68, then 1956 hit the 75 year low with 9.78. Considering the way the rain came, it had the effect of seven dry years, some of them very, very dry, which depopulated many of the pastures, including the larger ones, completely of livestock.

From 1956, with 36.57, on through 1962 with 27.31, the rainfall was above normal, but in 1963 it fell off to 14.26.

From 1887, a recovery year, from the 1885-86 drouth, to 1919, recovery year from the 1916-17-18 drouth was 32 years. From 1919 to 1957, recovery year for the 1951-56 drouth was 38 years.

But in that 38 years were fifteen years with rainfall under 20 inches, against 9 in the 32 years previous.

From 1887 through 1918, 767.26 inches of rain fell at Abilene, with an average of 24.04 per year.

In the 38 years, 1919 through 1956, 893.52 inches fell, with a yearly average of 23.24. No records in Coke county cover all those years, and figures here would vary somewhat, but would follow the same general pattern through the period, in the main.

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BRONTE

Mr Editor as it hasbeen some time since Bronte has been heard off through your paper I will write you.

Our people are very busy gathering their crops all in a rush to get the benefit of the high price.

The rain was to late to make much cotton,will make lots of late feed.

Most of the farmers have plenty of feed.

Cotton pickers are in demand cotton is opening all at once. Our merchants are buying most of the cotton ginned at this place and they pay the R.R. price too.

There has been several land hunters in town lately and some land selling at a good price we learn that S.J.Peterson has sold his farm to Mr Dave Pruitt K. C. Mays has contracted one thousand acres to Sam Beam of Coleman Crayton & Robbins sold to J.B.McCutchen one hundred acres.

A. J. Pettit sold his interest in Coke Co. to R.M.Cumbe & sons and will no reside in Schleicher Co. we hate to loose Uncle Jack from our county we hope his move will be for the best

Miss Cherry Bowen Coleman who has been spending the summer with Mrs. Wilkins family left us today for her home she will be missed by many of our young people she made many friends while here.

Mrs. G. A. Wilkins Cladis Odaniel went with her to visit friends in Coleman.

Quite a crowd of our young people attended church at Mule creek Saturday night and Sunday they reported a good time the services are being held by Bro's Cumbe and Hicks.

The protracted meetings are all over, at Bronte. We have been greatly blessed this summer, Bro. Steel did most of the preaching at the Methodist meeting as Bro. Simpson was sick there were between 12 or 16 joined the Methodist church and quite a number joined the Baptist, there was 35 baptized at the close of the Meeting but yet there are others left who are yet unsaved

Mr. Editor you ought to get down among our people the weddings are common these days.

Mr. Walter McGlaughlin and Miss Rose Burrows were Married yesterday an ice cream supper given by Mr. and Mrs. J.J.Taylor last Friday night in honor of their newly married son, was enjoyed by a large crowd. Bob Wonlard

has opened a butchers shop in our town we are all expecting the cars in the near future I believe the road will be built.

Ira Key will leave this week to attend college.

Minnie Dodson will leave for Brownwood Friday where she expects to attend school as this is my first Ill ring off

Success to the Rustler and its readers.

—Willie.

Note: The above, written in 1903, doesn't require comment, but in fairness to our predecessors we should say that most of the papers in our files, both Rustlers and Observers are in good order typographically and grammatically, but in this case both the witer and the printer must have collaborated. J. A. (Jim) Rankin was editor, and he had some good advertising, but his type was obstreperous where grammar was concerned.

Anyhow the Bronte correspondent got the news in the paper, and in one paragraph — a wedding, an ice cream supper in honor of another groom (men counted, too, in 1903 weddings), a butcher shop in town and a railroad coming. The newspaper never had as much in one paragraph, before or since. — USB.

HUGH JOHNSON WAS BRONC RIDER, VISITS IN ROBERT LEE

Hugh Johnson, now 76, used to live at Fort Chadbourne, now lives in Austin, dropped in at the Observer office on a visit the other day.

He moved away in 1909. His six brothers have all passed on. Mrs. Walter Johnson, wife of one of his brothers, lives now at Blackwell.

Mr. Johnson was a rodeo hand and bronc rider in earlier years —still gets into the rodeos as a showman.

He lost a leg when a young boy—lacking his own leg started him to bronc riding.

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Cumbie Ivey Sr. bought the Robert Lee business from Mr. Craddock in 1944. For fifty years sales and service have been continuous here, and for twenty years under the present ownership, more recently with Cumbie Ivey Jr. associated with his father in the business.

The Model T in the accompanying picture dates around 1919. The shop had been enlarged after Mr. Craddock moved his shop from the block across the street.

Shown in the picture are the late Orb Craddock, J. S. Craddock, Frank Smith and the late Sam Russell. At one time or another, Mr. Smith, Freeman Clark and Chism Brown were part owners.

What we sometimes lose sight of perhaps is that the service and dependability of products now obsolete and replaced were the heights of progress in their time. Not only that, but they had the wheels on which we rolled to our own time.

The first automobiles were buggies with motors in them. **BUT THEY PROVED IT WAS POSSIBLE.** They scared the daylight out of Old Dobbin, but they were here to stay because they worked. Men who would not quit **MADE THEM WORK.**

We must not lose sight of what determined dedication to the vision of improved travel it took to make those first vehicles work, and how much those who made them work did to make **OURS** work today.

In 1889 there was pioneering here with wagons, horseback enterprisers, then the more comfortable buggies and hacks. They carried on a lot of business, cleared a lot of land, hauled a lot of freight. **THEY USED WHAT THEY HAD WELL,** and were anxious to improve. They **DID** improve.

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COKE COUNTY'S FIRST SCHOOL



They Wanted Learning

By Jessie Newton Yarborough

Everything changes as time goes by. Schools are no exception, and there has been radical changes in the schools of Coke County during its 75-year history.

There were at least four schools in the area that became Coke County before the county was organized. There was the Sand Springs School, which later moved about a mile and became the Hayrick School. There was a one-room school at Sanco which grew into a four-room school housed in a brick building and continued until consolidated with Robert Lee. Then there was a school known as "Oso," which in time grew into the very modern and progressive school of Bronte. Also the one-room school taught by Miss Lucy McCarthy in the old Stickney residence at Robert Lee grew and progressed through the years to become the fine school now the pride of the county seat town.

Coke County had ten school districts in 1891. By 1920 there were 30 districts; then the urge to consolidate gained momentum. Today, Coke County has only three districts and only three schools—Bronte, Robert Lee, and Silver.

In 1887-88, Miss Idalia Nance had only 11 or 12 pupils at Sand Springs. In 1910 Mr. Jim Tunnell enrolled 91 in his one-teacher school at Hayrick, with an average daily attendance of 72. In 1928, the enrollment by rooms in the Robert Lee school was 45, 43, 54, 54, 47, and 49. Five of the six teachers were teaching two grades each.

Yes, times have changed, and so have the schools.

One of the first schools in the area that became Coke County was taught by a Mr. Hall in 1885-86 in a one-room, wooden structure on Mountain Creek one mile west of Hayrick Mountain.

The school was near the spot now occupied by the H. C. Allen rock ranch house. It was a four-month "subscription" school. Parents paid \$1.50 per month for each child. No more than ten pupils attended, so Mr. Hall re-

Left in front, Marvin Brock; Behind Marvin, left to right; Sallie Cararaw, Amelia Caraway, Clayton Caraway; Woman in black, Mrs. Caroline Johnson (maternal grandmother of the Caraway children); leaning against teacher, Etta Roe; Miss Idalia Nance, holding bell, was the teacher; Girl with the open book, Alice Caraway; Behind teacher, Mrs. W. T. Caraway, holding Ella Caraway in her arms; Small girl wearing hat, Lydia Roe; Large girl with buttoned bask and ruffles on skirt, Ada Caraway; Mrs. Charlie Roe, holding Lyle Roe on lap; two boys to Mrs. Roe's left, Ebb Dancer and Achel Dancer; in front of Dancer boys, left, Jack Roe, right, Howard Caraway (hat on knee).

ceived the handsome salary of \$15.00 per month for his teaching.

Some of the students who attended that school were Ada Sally, Alice, and Howard Caraway, children of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Caraway, who settled in the area in 1883. Another pupil was Wylie Byrd, son of Uncle Jimmy Byrd, who had settled at the pecan mott now known as the M. A. Cox place.

The next year the school moved two miles east to be near a good spring which furnished water for the school. Also, more people were settling in that direction and the move made the school more convenient for a larger number of children. After the move, the school became known as Sand Springs School. The teacher in 1886-87 was Miss Idalia Nance. About eleven or twelve pupils attended, including Jack, Etta and Lydia Roe, the Dancer boys, Marvin Brooks, Henry Richards, the Caraway children, and Wylie Byrd.

Miss Betty Eidson taught the Sand Springs school in 1887-88. A Mr. Carrigan was teaching the school when Coke County was organized in 1889.

After Hayrick was designated the county seat, the school was moved one mile north to Hayrick, where a two-room school build-

ing was erected. The name was changed to Hayrick School. Mr. Carrigan and Miss Vida Youngblood, a student assistant, were the teachers.

Mr. Carrigan and J. J. Bishop were teaching about 75 to 120 students in the Hayrick School in 1890-91, when the county seat was moved to Robert Lee.

Hayrick continued to be a thriving farming community for a number of years, and the school remained. About 1909-10 the one-Hayrick teacher school, taught by Mr. Jim Tunnell, enrolled 91 students and had an average daily attendance of 72.

Finally, Hayrick changed into almost strictly ranching area, the number of families decreased, the number of scholastics dwindled until it became difficult to maintain a school. In 1931 Hayrick was consolidated with the Bronte school system. The scholastic census continued to dwindle. Today, not even one child of public school age resides in the old Hayrick district.

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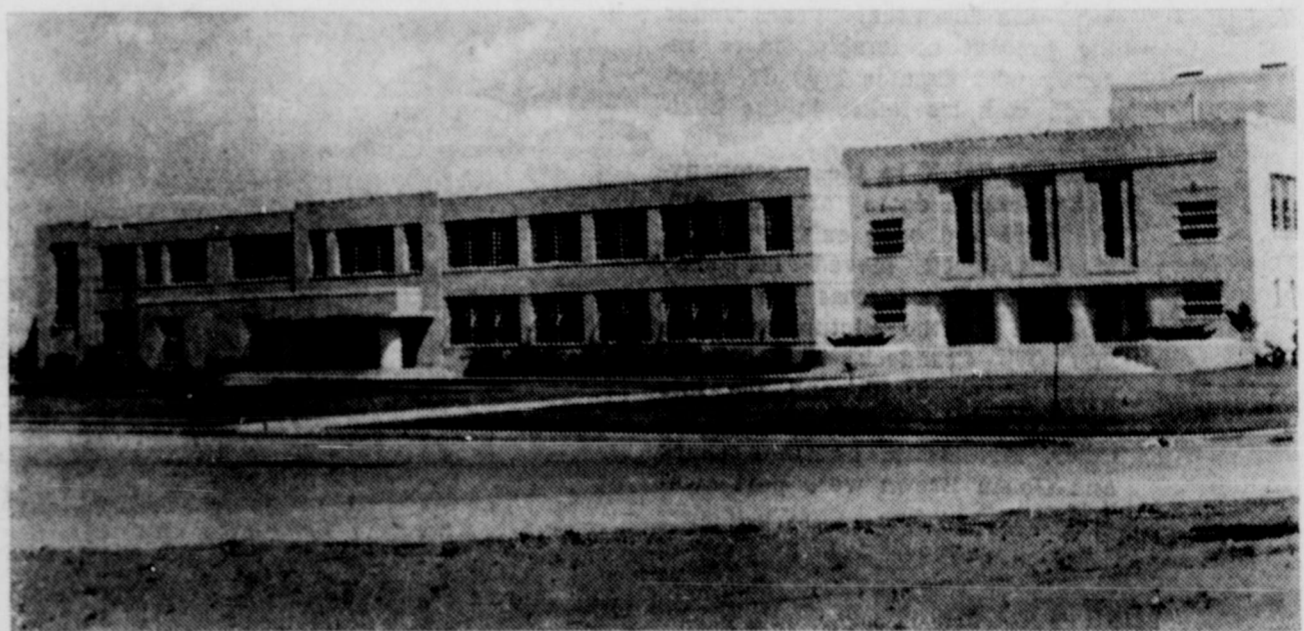
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Description of County

The Observer, Robert Lee, Texas

May 7, 1964

(With the help of Elton Mims, ranchman-historian, who compiled material from "The Handbook of Texas" and "The Texas Almanac," together with personal observations and bits of information here and there, this account of Coke County is presented.—Editor)

Coke County, in West Central Texas, has an area of 915 square miles of level to broken terrain. It is drained by the Colorado River and creeks tributary to it, of which perhaps the longest and largest wholly within the county is Yellow Wolf, named for a Comanche Chieftain who led a band in this area, and, according to legend, is buried on a hill overlooking the valley.

Other creeks include Meadow, Rough, Mountain, Indian, Boozi-er, Kickapoo, Valley, Pecan. At the northern boundary of the county is the escarpment of the Callaghan Divide between the

Colorado and the Pecos, and the southern boundary runs along the southern edge of the tableland divide between the Colorado and the North Concho Rivers.

Nipple Peak and Hayrick Mountain, the most noticed elevations, are in the central and eastern sections, while landmarks on the western side include Shaggy Peak, south of the river, Meadow Mountains and Silver peak to the west, and Horse Mountain and Durham's Peak in the Sanco section.

Altitude varies from 1,800 in the river valley to 2,250 feet at the foot of the mountains in the north, over 2,500 at the mountain tops.

There is a growth of mesquite and cedar, in earlier years scant, but in recent years thicker and heavier. Pecan trees along the creeks and rivers were observed by Spanish officers patrolling the area 300 years ago, while scattered groves of liveoaks had some large trees among them at the coming of the white settlers.

Native grasses support ranching, which was the industry of the first permanent white settlers, and next to the oil business continues to be the county's principal economic basis.

Beef, cattle, sheep and goats are exported, and many horses are raised for ranch use and pleasure purposes.

The mean annual temperature is 64.6 degrees, the average rainfall 22 inches.

Sandy and red loam soils produce grains, peanuts, watermelons, cotton, and fruit. There is a little irrigation in the Colorado River Valley.

The area included in Coke County had a few scattered white people here in the 1850's, mostly soldiers, their relatives and camp followers, employees of the Butterfield, Stage Line, and a few buffalo hunters who lived among the Indians. Fort Chadbourne established October 28, 1852, was their protection against Indians.

Most of the white people left with the outbreak of the civil war, except for soldiers or militia under command of the State of Texas, who guarded the frontier.

After the Civil War, ranchmen pushed into the area, at times having to drive the buffalo from the ranges in order to ranch their cattle. But in the great buffalo hunt of 1878, the country was cleared of buffalo, which in turn stopped Indian depredations, and opened the land to open range cattle ranching.

It was during the 1870's that permanent ranch headquarters be-

gan to be established.

J. J. Austin had ranch headquarters in 1875, some two miles east of the present Sanco. Near there, J. L. Durham set up home-steading in a dugout around 1878. About the same time Mr. Withers came in with sheep north of Robert Lee, John McCabe established his ranch on the Divide, the March ranch house was built, and the country was on its way to firm occupancy by the English speaking white people.

The Harris Ranch, extended to a mile south of Sanco, when fences finally came, had its headquarters about a mile southeast of the present Robert Lee, the Snyders were operating on the open range in those years.

By 1880, Fort Chadbourne had a post office and a population of twenty-five.

Bronte High School

Bronte High School is now occupying the new building, and we respectfully solicit the patronage of all young ladies and gentlemen who are seeking an education.

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4th. Bronte is a quiet country village, free from the vice and allurements of the city.

5. As an inducement this year, tuition is placed at \$1.50 to \$2.00 per month.

The present term will close June 1, and the next term will begin Sept. 3, 1900.

(Coke County Rustler, Jan. 26, 1900)

March 23, 1900, the Coke County Rustler announced the fee for announcing precinct candidates was \$2.50, \$5.00 for county candidates.

TWENTY YEARS AGO—1944

Sammie Joe Fowler made the honor roll in the 2nd grade. J. M. Prine made it in the 3rd grade.

Mr. Cumbie Ivey has bought the Coke Motor Co. The name was changed to Ivey Motor Company.

Will Percifull offers \$5.00 reward for lost leather jacket.

Pfc. J. F. McCabe of Childress spent week-end with home folks.

Henry C. Varnadore was promoted to the rank of First Lieutenant. He was stationed at George Field, Ill., as a pilot instructor.

"Lassie Come Home" was showing at theatre.

Christmas packages going overseas should be mailed by Sept. 15. Items to send include fruit cake, hard candy, cigarets, game kits and pocket size books of jokes.

Joe Dodson, Jr. has completed his course of studies as an aviation mechanic at Amarillo Army Air Field.

Douglas Dean had an adenoids and tonsilectomy operation in a San Angelo hospital.

Pvt. Gene Baker returned home after receiving an honorable discharge.

Don Austin has white pigeons for sale. Cheap.

B. H. Jolly has 8 hives of bees.

U. S. Navy blasts Japan fleet but the enemy refuses a showdown.

Sgt. David Key spent 10 day furlough with family.

John Burroughs wants farm hand.

The Navy announced that a Seabee Battalion of one officer and 31 enlisted men, including C-M 2nd C Wm. T. Roach of Robert Lee, have been commended for heroism following an explosion at an advanced base in the South Pacific.

Leslie Wink had 3 bronze turkey hens stray. They had red paint on their left wings.

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The Old Oil Patch Is Not What It Used To Be

It was a saying after the Civil War that So and So had hung his tar bucket on his coupling pole and started West.

The emigrant's wagon was apt to have wooden axles, and when they started squeaking he would stop, slip each wheel half off in turn, and smear some more tar on the wooden axle.

In that same wagon would have been a supply of tallow candles. Sometime near the turn of the century, you would have begun to hear of "Beaumont oil"—that smelly stuff they found in a well near Beaumont, Texas.

It became the lubricant for machinery, and then, when men learned to crack it, the clear kerosene or "coal oil" as our fathers called it. By the time the year 1900 rolled around, it would have been a modern convenience, and one born in 1900 would not remember living by the light of the tallow candle any more.

When the first wagons rolled up Boozier Creek into northern Coke County, down Indian Creek to Hayrick, and through Panther Gap to what became Silver, horse, mule, and steer power was all they had.

The first threshers, the first well drills, and perhaps the first gin was powered by horses or mules, hitched to the end of a long pole. As they plodded around and around the wide circle, the other end of the pole had through it a shaft that turned the drive gear, which turned a pinion on a shaft which turned the machinery that served the early settler.

CAME THE STEAM TRACTOR

In later years, the big steam tractor came huffing and puffing like a locomotive that had lost its rails, and it was hitched to the threshers, and a more refined steam engine powered the gin, and its shrill whistle echoed through Yellow Wolf Valley, for "more cotton," as the last bale on the yard moved to unload.

General use of the internal combustion or gasoline engine came after the turn of the century, and men in France and America were experimenting with hitching it to a wagon or a buggy. By 1910 youth had wheels in their heads, just as they had wings in their heads in the 20's, and the roar of rockets in the 60's.

The gasoline engines began to cry for more oil, and soon after World War I broke out, men with overgrown water well rigs were going out into the sand hills and the by-ways. The oil prospector in those days had never heard of an electronic thimamajib, and would have breathed thunder if he had.

PROSPECTED WITH WISHBONE
He went out and looked at a few outcroppings, set up his old rickety cable tool rig, boiler, and engine wherever the seat of his pants drooped, his nosed itched, or his wishbone indicated.

Then he hammered away till he smelt gas, pulled the boiler back, went on down. If he struck oil it might take the top off of his derrick, but if it didn't catch fire, in a couple of days or a week he had capped it, and was in business.

Without any Railroad Commission or quotas, and with motors whining for oil over the earth, they opened the valves without any chokes. The landowner went to town with crude in his hair stuffed the bank with cash, and started the Texas oil man tradition that still persists in the north and east.

Rich as owl grease over night

with a gusher, and maybe a dozen, he and the whole town went to hell in high gear—or at least many did, and Ranger, Desdemona, and other booms of melliferous memory flourished like a gold rush, mining town, and rail's-end frontier all in one.

When the drouth of 1916-1917-1918 wore on, with many gone to war, Coke county was almost depopulated of its men-folk, as those not in uniform went to the oil fields—and there were no crops, no jobs, no dollars here.

DROUTH AND DIFFICULTIES

The women folk stayed here mostly, flu broke out, and there were not enough well to take care of the sick, while pastures were bare, and the bones of livestock

strewn the roadside all through Mitchell, Dawson, Howard, and on west.

It was about that time, or soon afterward that the first old rickety cable rig rattled, rolled, and rumbled its way into Coke County and nosed out among the mesquites.

They didn't know just how they knew it. Geologists had their theories from surface strata outcroppings. But they knewed it was here somewhere. Usually each rig owner was his own geologist.

But those few early wells, scattered here and there often stopped at around 3,000 feet. Some

"showings" were indicated. Some of the old drillers had enough faith to buy royalty that in some cases is now paying their widows.

REAL OIL IN THE 40'S

It was not until just after World War II that real development was opened up in Coke County, and that was in the Silver Jameson Field, by Sun Oil Company.

From the late forties, on through the fifties the development continued, systematically. By then we had the Railroad Commission allowables, and ¼ in. chokes.

Enough oil wells put you on easy street all right, but the way

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it came and the kind of people it came to, made a different scene from the roaring gushers of the teen years. The oil business had grown-up.

With the oil companies came settled families who built churches and attended them. The pump-er who worked the field came from some farm in an adjoining county, or some other state. He was and is a family man, who settled down in your town or the next town, and made a staunch and constructive citizen.

Silver, which had dwindled until its post office was closed, was still a solid community with a good school. Oil brought the post office back—third class this time instead of the little old fourth class.

HEAVY INDUSTRY MOVED IN

Out into the cedar hills, the canyons, and the pastures where only horsebackers had gone before, bulldozers came pushing rocks and mesquites and cedars out of their way, and opening up that magnificent stretch of wild world up river from Robert Lee to pump stations, tanks, pipe lines, refineries, with all the skill and equipment of the modern industry.

Young men from the farms and ranches joined up with the rotary rigs as roughnecks, went out as roustabouts, worked their way up to foremen or to drillers, learned to handle heavy machinery, fit into their new day, just as the founders of the county had fit into a new country.

Tax valuations jumped from a few million to \$25,000,000 in a few years. Oil field development demanded roads, and they were built. A new court house with modern architecture was built and by 1967 will be paid for.

A county hospital was built and is paid for. Two county parks were built and by 1969 will be paid for. New school buildings were erected at Bronte, Robert Lee, and Silver. Country roads were calched, some of them paved.

By 1962, preparations were in the final planning stage to follow the early development with the waterfloodin recovery in the Silver and IAB-Meneille Fields, expected to increase and continue oil production for an average of some 15 years longer.

FUEL TO THE NATION

The millions of dollars invested in the Jameson Refinery near Silver and the Union Texas Petroleum refinery in the old Cedar Hill community across the river to the southwest indicate that there will be gas to supply them for a long time to come.

The railroad built from Maryneal to Highway 208, just west of Silver keeps a string of tank cars dedicated to hauling away gasoline recovered from the gas flow from the oil wells in the area, while pipe lines take gasoline, gas and butane to far off cities in other states.

The motorist along one of Coke's highways now will, without realizing it, drive over lines carrying

oil to gulf ports as flowing into the underground traffic that moves uncounted millions to feed the motors and industrial plants of the nation, supplying raw material for the many by-products of petroleum to industries far and wide.

OIL BUSINESS MOVED FAST AFTER SUN'S DISCOVERY IN 1946

The oil strike which opened up development in Coke County was made by Sun Oil Company in December 1946, on Allen Jameson property, a half mile east and one mile south of the school house at Silver.

From the discovery well, off-sets spread to the south, west and northwest and, by July 1949 Sun had 59 producers in the Silver area, and six wells in the Millican Field, opened by their No. 1 P. W. Millican.

This oil came from the Strawn section of the Pennsylvania Lime, at a depth from 5,900 to 6,400 feet.

Within three years, Sun's investment had nearly doubled the county's tax valuations, they had 24 permanent employes in the production department, and were completing a gas plant to cost \$2 million dollars. It has twice been enlarged since then.

Anything that interests the public comes in for review in the newspaper.

The Observer, Robert Lee, Texas

May 7, 1964

In a day when among ranchers and many business men a man's word was as good as his bond, of this newspaper, known as the Coke County Rustler then, the editor carried a slogan across the front page, "We Trust in God, but Trust No Man."

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County Can Pay Out of Debt in 1969, or Before

Coke County faces the immediate future with a good chance to clean up its indebtedness and reduce its tax rate before the last of the 1960's.

The first bond issue was voted to build the first court house, and Senator Richard Coke spoke at a picnic, advising the voters to issue the bonds.

Most, if not all the time in its history since then, there has been either warranted indebtedness or bonded indebtedness.

At the present rate of income, enough money will accumulate in the interest and sinking fund to pay off the bonds outstanding against the four precincts and the county by the end of 1967.

Some of these bonds cannot be paid until maturity, in 1969, but when funds enough to pay them accumulate, then taxes levied to take care of the bonds will cease.

This is from figures gleaned from reports of County Treasurer

Inez Burns and of Auditor Weldon Fikes.

ONE PRECINCT BOND PAID

In Precinct 1, the 1939 series road bond, for \$25,000 is paid off in 1964—this year. There has been enough money on hand for some time for these bonds, but they were set up for fifteen years, and could not be paid off earlier. The money accumulated has been drawing interest, on time deposit.

Series 1954, Precinct 1, another 15 year bond, is two years ahead on its sinking fund, with a balance of \$43,067.67, also on time deposit and drawing interest until it can be used to pay the bonds in 1969. Each year \$28,000 is paid on the principal of these bonds, in addition to the interest, a balance accumulating over and above the payments.

If there is no reduction in valuations, at the present rate, by maturity in 1969, there would have accumulated enough to pay out the 1954 issue, with \$70,000 to spare.

GOES TO UNPAID ISSUES

In these road bonds, money accumulating after enough is on hand to pay off one series, goes

THE CEDAR HILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Was organized in the spring of 1893 with about 11 members. There were enough waiting for letters to increase the membership to 15. Eight others joined in July of the same year: four of them by baptism. Since then there have been 16 received by baptism and probably 17 by letter. There has been several dismissed by letter and one excluded. There are now 38 members: 14 males and 22 females.

The church has had two pastors. The first, and also the last, was Elder G. C. Berryman. The other was the late Elder J. C. Averett.

The church now has no pastor. The above is written from memory and may contain mistakes.

J. I. Westfall
(From Coke County Rustler Jan. 26, 1900)

The present Perkins - Prothro camp is near the cemetery and site of the school house where services were held. In a community that afforded 38 members of the Baptist Church in 1900 there was not one family living there when the oil development came.

TALLEST BUILDING IN 1900

Advertisement of Montgomery Ward and Company in the issue of March 9, 1900, showed a picture of a building with a tall tower, and under it the words "Tallest mercantile building in the world owned and occupied exclusively by us." It showed to be about 28 stories high to the tip of the tower, at Michigan Ave. and Madison Street, Chicago.

to pay off another series, or else the tax rate is reduced by the part that had been going into the interest and sinking fund of the bond paid out.

COURT HOUSE PARK BONDS TO MATURE

By 1959, bonding companies were found who would allow a ten year option, and the Precinct 1 bond issues of that year for \$150,000 can be paid out in ten years, and even with considerably reduced value, they will be paid

by that time, even if valuations continue to lower at the rate of 2 million per year.

This does not include school bonds, or the hospital bonds to be issued. The old hospital bonds are already paid.

Likewise, both the court house bonds and the park bonds will mature and can all be paid by the end of 1969.

The county does not have any warranted indebtedness. The machinery is all paid for.

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It changed hands, or at least names of editor-publishers with almost every issue. A four-column 4 page paper, it was first published at Hayrick by Warren and Edgar. The second issue was by Warren and Matthews.

A short time later, it was Brady and Shores, then J. S. Brady bought Shores' interest. Later owners or editors and publishers, in order were:

Sam Wilkins, Gay Reed, Tom Durham, Irvin and Pritchard, Merchant and Reed, Hubert Pearce, J. C. Newton, G. A. Beeman, M. H. Davis, J. T. Rankin, George Cowan, J. G. Berryman, Berryman and Lamb, A. W. Puett, F. W. Puett, Bob Hall, S. R. Young, J. C. Hunter, A. J. Kirkpatrick, John H. King II, and Ulmer S. Bird.

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Either just before or just after Geo. Cowan took over from G. A. Beeman, the name was changed to The Robert Lee Observer, under which title it has operated for 60 years.

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