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## School Merger Vote Feb. 26

### Mrs. Davis Resigns; Mrs. Smith New Treas.

Mrs. Inez Davis, Coke County treasurer, submitted her resignation to the commissioners court last Monday. The resignation was

### Rites Held Sunday For Mrs. Creech

Funeral services were held Sunday at First Methodist Church for Mrs. Prudie Creech, 79. Burial was in Paint Creek Cemetery under direction of Williams Funeral Home. Conducting the services was the Rev. Wayne G. Smith, pastor of San Angelo Heights Methodist Church, assisted by the Rev. Bill McKinley, local pastor.

Mrs. Creech died at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 10, in a San Angelo nursing home where she had been a patient for a short time.

Mrs. Creech was born Nov. 6, 1886, at Sherwood. She and E. B. Creech were married in September 1903 in San Angelo. The family moved to Coke County in 1910 and to San Angelo in 1947. She was a member of the Methodist Church.

Survivors include two sons, Sid Creech of Troy and E. F. Creech of Midland; six daughters, Mrs. Lois Williams and Mrs. Floyd Harmon, both of Robert Lee, Mrs. Mary Boatman of Jal, N. M., Mrs. Louis Collins of Balmorhea, Mrs. A. S. Du Bas of Houston and Mrs. Jimmy Griffith of Lubbock; one brother, Henry Dozier of Yuba City, Calif.; three sisters, Mrs. Lula Wasly of Stockton, Calif., Mrs. Madison Morris of Santee, Calif., and Mrs. Aileen Bishop of Mendota, Calif.; 35 grandchildren and 44 great grandchildren.

Pallbearers were grandsons, including John Creech, Jerry Harmon, Don Creech, Vernon Creech, Clifton Creech, Duane Griffith, Gene Creech and Richard Huelster.

Relatives attending services included the following families: Henry and J. D. Clay and R. L. Snow, all of Aspermont; Elton Millican and Bobby Roberts, Robert Lee; Jerry Harmon, Lewisville; Chester Treadaway and Clifton Creech, Loving, N. M.; Eugene Creech, Springtown; Donnie Creech and Vernon Creech, Fort Stockton; Sam Posie, Coahoma; Frank Cash, Jal, N. M.; Richard Huelster, Balmorhea; Wayne Mashburn, Pampa; L. L. Bates, San Angelo.

Also the following persons: Mrs. Betty Dean, Sweetwater; Mrs. Peggy Morris, Fort Worth; Mrs. Hollis Rose, Brownwood; Jimmy Creech, San Angelo; Glenda, John and Leta Creech, Mrs. H. A. Connor, Mrs. E. F. Creech, Midland; Mrs. Richard Harrison, Abilene; Craig Huelster, and Louis Collins, Balmorhea; Suzie Du Bas, Austin; Mrs. Sid Creech, Troy; Floyd Harmon, Robert Lee; Jimmy Griffith, Lubbock; Mrs. Henry Dozier, Yuba City, Calif.; George Easley, Stockton, Calif.

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accepted and Mrs. Golda Smith was appointed by the court to fill the vacancy. The changeover will take effect Mar. 2.

County Judge W. W. Thetford told this newspaper that six applicants were considered by the court for the position, but Mrs. Smith received unanimous approval by the four commissioners.

It is understood that Mrs. Davis resigned in order to move to Linden where her husband is county treasurer of Cass County.

Mrs. Smith has served several years as assistant auditor of the county. She is presently a candidate for the office of county treasurer.

### Hospital to Move This Weekend

West Coke County Hospital will move its base of operation this weekend. Work on the new addition to the hospital has been completed and patients, offices, and everything connected with the institution, except the kitchen and dining room, will be moved into the new part.

R. B. Vandiver, hospital administrator, said this week that work on remodeling the old part of the hospital will begin at once. He said plans call for the work to be completed by early May and an open house is scheduled for May 14 and 15.

The new part of the hospital now has 20 patient beds, but has a capacity of 32 beds when they are needed.

### ROYCE HOODS HAVE NEW SON

Mr. and Mrs. Royce Hood are parents of a new son born Jan. 31 at 7:45 p.m. in the Loraine Hospital. He weighed 6 pounds and 8 ounces and has been named Eddie Royce. He has one little sister, Jana Kay, who will be three years old on her next birthday.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hood of Robert Lee and Mr. and Mrs. Francis Millican of Silver. Mrs. Hood is the former Frankie Millican.

### FOR GOOD OF ALL

## Schools Should Consolidate

Some voters are for and some are against consolidating Silver and Robert Lee schools. Of course, most all residents and taxpayers of the Robert Lee district are for the merger. It will enable the school at Robert Lee to provide top rate facilities and classroom courses for all the students attending.

Where the rub comes, is to people of the Silver community. Of course they hate to give up their school. The loss of a school is a blow to a community, and the Observer is most sympathetic to the feelings of those who are against consolidation.

The determining factor in the life of Silver school was not made

### SILVER VOTING PLACE CHANGED TO SCHOOL

Voting place for residents of the Silver School District has been changed from the Sun Recreation Hall to the school building. Judge W. W. Thetford announced this week that he is making the change in the polling place because of some objections which have been raised since the election was called.



**SENIOR CITIZENS DAY—**Judge W. W. Thetford signs a proclamation designating Feb. 17 as Senior Citizens Day in Coke County. Looking on is Mrs. Willis Wayne Smith of Robert Lee, who is chairman of the Family Living Committee of Coke County Committee for Progress, sponsors of programs on medicare. The programs will be held Thursday at Bronte and Robert Lee.

### Coke to Observe Senior Citizen Day

By Mrs. FAY C. ROE

County will be observed today, Senior Citizen's Day in Coke Thursday. The 1965 amendments to the Social Security Act and Medicare will be discussed in meetings at Robert Lee and Bronte today. The Robert Lee meeting will be held in the school auditorium at 2:30 p.m. and the Bronte meeting will take place in the school visual aid room at 6:30 p.m.

"The information is urgent to people nearing retirement age as well as those 65 years and older" said Mrs. Willis Wayne Smith of Robert Lee, chairman of the Coke

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The consolidation election called for Feb. 26 to determine whether or not Robert Lee and Silver Schools will be consolidated is creating a great deal of interest among voters in both districts. Apparently, from talk with patrons of both schools, there are voters who are unalterably opposed to the proposition and many others who feel consolidation is the only answer to meeting the school problem, particularly for children of the Silver district.

In an interview with Supt. Jimmy

### CRMWD Steadily Acquiring Land For Big RL Dam

Steadily, the Colorado River Municipal Water District is acquiring land within the dam site area northwest of Robert Lee.

So far, the district has purchased or entered into purchase agreements on 11 tracts totalling 2,569.86 acres. Negotiations are underway on two larger tracts, said O. H. Ivie, general manager for CRMWD. Others will follow as appraisals are completed.

Surveying crews will complete work this week of defining the perimeter of the lake to be impounded along the Colorado River above Robert Lee, he said. Possibly one more week will be required to do some miscellaneous work. In terms of area, field work has been done in approximately half the appraisals.

Meanwhile, work on design and plans is progressing. Colorado State University at Fort Collins has completed extensive testing of a scale model of the tentative design for a dam and its service outlets for the new lake.

Ivie, together with Paschall Odom, administrative assistant, will go to Fort Collins this weekend to witness the final tests and get preliminary reports. They will be met there by Jim Nichols and W. L. Eeds of Freese, Nichols and Enderess, engineers. After test data are evaluated, the engineers will proceed with final design of the dam, spillway and other structures.

Most of the information for preparation of a bond prospectus has been gathered. Ivie predicted that sale of revenue bonds might be advertised for April. A July 1 target date for letting contract on the 489,000-acre foot lake still holds firm at this time.

Bickley of Robert Lee, the Observer was told that the big thing for consolidation at this time is a matter of some \$300,000 which the school will get if the election carries. Approximately \$30,000 per year for 10 years in state money will be forthcoming to the newly consolidated district, provided the matter passes during 1966, the superintendent said.

On the other hand, he pointed out, most or all of this state money will be lost if the proposition is voted down on Feb. 26. This revenue is called "incentive payment" money and is provided by the state for schools which consolidate under certain conditions, and may be used only for payment of bonds and costs of buildings.

The amount of incentive aid money is based on the amount of state allotment during the year consolidation is voted. If the matter is voted down, and should come up again next year, the incentive would be based on Robert Lee's lower allotment, rather than on the \$30,000 received this year, Bickley explained.

Figures used above were taken from a report made Tuesday, Feb. 8 at a joint meeting of Robert Lee and Silver school trustees. It was reported at the meeting that in all probability the \$300,000 in state money would be reduced to about \$100,000. However, Supt. Bickley said this week that a later letter from Texas Education Agency indicated the loss would be more than \$200,000 and it is highly likely that the entire amount could be lost to

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### Last Rites Held For Frank Bryan

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at Robert Lee Baptist Church for Frank H. Bryan, 74, a Coke County resident since 1920. Rev. Bill Beaty, Baptist pastor and Douglas Wilkes, local Church of Christ minister, officiated at the services. Burial was in Robert Lee Cemetery, under direction of Williams Funeral Home.

Mr. Bryan died unexpectedly about 10 p.m. Sunday at his home in Robert Lee. Death was apparently caused by a heart attack.

Mr. Bryan was born Sept. 7, 1891 in Shelby County. He was married to Miss Birdie Cumbie Jan. 10, 1912, in Wood County. They came to Coke County in 1920 and Mr. Bryan engaged in stock farming and later in the sand and gravel business. His first wife died in 1962, and he married Mrs. Dena Roberts in Robert Lee on Sept. 6, 1964. He was a Baptist.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, Wilson Bryan of Robert Lee and Lt. Col. Frank Dean Bryan, who is stationed at Oakland Army Base, Oakland, Calif., and lives in Pleasant Hill, Calif.; one stepdaughter, Mrs. Eddie Paul Good of Longview; one sister, Mrs. Ella Martin of New York, N. Y.; five grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Cumbie Ivey, Homer Carwile, Oscar Kresta, Lowell Roane, T. M. Wylie Jr. and Vaughan Davis.

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**HD LEADERS** — Coke County's Home Demonstration Council for next year will be headed by Mrs. C. E. Arrott (right) of Bronte, who will serve as chairman. Seated left is Mrs. B. J. Luckett of Bronte, who will serve as sec-

retary-treasurer, and standing is Mrs. J. C. Boatright of Bronte, who will be THDA chairman. Not pictured is Mrs. Pat Rives of Robert Lee, who will be vice chairman.

## HD Council Honors Outgoing Officers, Installs New Officers for Next Year

By MRS. FAY C. ROE

Mrs. Glenn Waldrop, chairman, and Mrs. R. L. Page, THDA chairman for the past two years, were recognized by the Coke County Home Demonstration Council in a recent meeting. The two ladies, members of the Green Mountain club, had 100% attendance in 1965 council meetings.

Business topics discussed by the council included plans to attend the district planning meeting on March 8, adaptation of 1966 recommendations, and the change of the March meeting.

Mrs. C. E. Arrott of the Bronte Senior club is newly elected chairman and presided at the meeting. Mrs. Pat Rives, Friendship club, is vice-chairman and Mrs. B. J.

Luckett, Bronte Zeta Delta club, is secretary treasurer.

Mrs. J. C. Boatright, county THDA chairman, discussed the district VII planning meeting to be held in Johnson City March 8. She announced the clubs were 100% in THDA dues and in Messenger subscriptions. Club and committee reports from four clubs were given. Ten members were present.

Mrs. Fay C. Roe, home demonstration agent, announced Feb. 17 had been proclaimed Senior Citizens' Day. Club members were urged to transport senior citizens to the meetings.

Next council meeting will be Friday, March 11.

## Commissioners Meet With Engineering Firm

Coke County commissioners held a special meeting last Tuesday with representatives of National Engineering Co. of Austin. The firm has been employed to make a thorough study of the county in order to prepare a comprehensive area plan for future development.

Judge W. W. Thetford said this week that the study will include such items as roads, utilities, parks, water, sewer facilities, etc. It will be financed by the federal government.

Thetford said the information gathered would be of value to the county, as well as to the cities of Robert Lee and Bronte, in making plans for future development.

## H.D. AGENT'S SCHEDULE

Thursday, Feb. 17 — Sonora; 6:30 p.m., Bronte Social Security meeting.

Friday, Feb. 18 — Office

Saturday, Feb. 19 — 9 a.m., 4-H member, parent and leader program, recreation center.

Monday, Feb. 21 — 4-H meetings

Tuesday, Feb. 22 — Office

Wednesday, Feb. 23 — 4-H meetings.

# Want Ads

## CARD OF THANKS

We of the Creech family would like to express here our sincere thanks for the kindness given us and to those who worked so diligently in preparing food and aiding us in our hour of sorrow.

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## Political Announcements

The Observer has been authorized to announce candidacy of persons listed below for the office indicated. The names are submitted for consideration of voters in the Democratic Primary Election which will be held May 7, 1966. Names are listed in order in which they were received.

For County Judge—  
W. W. (BUD) THETFORD  
(Re-election)  
FRANK D. COALSON

For County and District Clerk—  
MRS. WINNIE WALDROP  
For County Treasurer—  
MRS. FRANK (GOLDA) SMITH  
MRS. JERRY THOMASON

For Justice of the Peace, Prec. 1—  
ROY P. ROSS  
(Re-election)  
G. F. (PETE) DAVIS

For Congressman, 17th District  
ELDON MAHON

For Representative, 66th District  
GENE HENDRYX

## BCD to Sponsor Scouts, Explorers During Next Year

At its Tuesday meeting at the recreation hall in Robert Lee County Park, the BCD voted again to sponsor the Boy Scouts and Explorer troops here.

Bill Roe and Bill Tom Roach were named members of a committee to secure a board of directors for Robert Lee troops for this year.

Commissioner Fern Havins told BCD members that Tuesday night would be the last regular meeting for Silver Lions Club. He asked for volunteers to help with the pancake supper which will be sponsored by the club on March 4.

R. B. Vandiver, administrator of West Coke Hospital, said that the new part of the hospital will be moved into this weekend and the old part vacated so remodeling can begin at once. Vandiver also asked the group to get up a petition for placing a candidate's name on the ballot for hospital director. Hospital directors serve for two years. Vandiver said, and candidates must be property owners, 21 years of age and a qualified voter residing within the district.

Supt. Jimmy Bickley reported on the forthcoming school consolidation election. He mentioned that the polling place at Silver has been changed from the Sun recreation hall to the school building, and said a consultation with attorneys showed that the change is legal, provided it is duly publicized and not done surreptitiously.

Bickley also touched on the school's future building program, and said that additional facilities needed will depend a great deal on the outcome of the consolidation election. He also brought out the fact that a poll tax must have been paid by all persons who vote in the election.

Twenty-one members were present.

## Mrs. Virgil Streng Hosts Happy Hour HD Club

Mrs. Virgil Streng, president, was hostess to the Happy Hour Home Demonstration Club in her home Thursday morning.

Mrs. Streng conducted the business session. Mrs. Carlton Caston, secretary, read the minutes. Mrs. Melba Long, foods chairman, and Mrs. Royce Smith, clothing chairman, gave reports and helpful hints from their committees.

Mrs. Bryan Yarbrough, chairman of Coke County Historical Survey committee, was guest speaker. She explained the R.A.M.P.S. program and gave a brief discussion of Coke County's historical landmarks for which the committee hopes to obtain official, state-approved historical markers.

## Funeral Held for Files Brown, 56

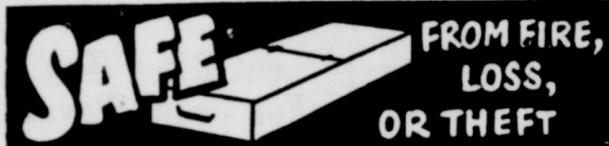
Files Brown, 56, nephew of Mrs. Fred McCabe Sr. and cousin of Judge W. W. Thetford, died at Shannon Hospital in San Angelo at 1:15 a.m. Monday. Death was attributed to a heart attack.

Funeral services were held in Johnson's Funeral Home in San Angelo Saturday, Feb. 12. The Rev. Jimmy Rogers and Daniels of Sterling City officiated. Burial was in Divide cemetery 16 miles southwest of Robert Lee.

Mr. Brown was born Oct. 25, 1909 on the old A. C. Gardner ranch about 16 miles west of Robert Lee. He was the oldest son of the late Jerry and Ellen Gardner Brown. His youngest brother, Jerry Brown Jr. preceded him in death in Sept. 1963. Mr. Brown lived the greater part of his life in Sterling City.

He is survived by a daughter, Mrs. H. R. Pickop of Manitowoc, Wis.; one brother, Gardner Brown of Temple; three grandchildren; one uncle, R. P. Brown of Sterling city; several aunts, nephews, nieces and cousins.

Cousins were pallbearers.



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# Questions And Answers About School Consolidation

**1. How is a consolidation election called?**

According to Mr. Chester Ollison, legal counselor for the Texas Education Agency, under article 2806, a petition must emanate from each district requesting the county judge to call an election to consolidate the districts. Mr. Ollison stated that he knew of no other statutory provision to call an election.

**2. Who are qualified voters in a consolidation election?**

A voter must have lived in the state 12 months, the county 6 months, possess a poll tax receipt, and live in the school district where he votes, but not necessarily for six months.

**3. Who will benefit from consolidating Silver and Robert Lee Districts?**

All children who ever attend school in Robert Lee—those who are enrolled—those who will be enrolled—those yet to be born.

**4. Would taxpayers benefit from consolidation?**

Yes. Even though the consolidated district would be budget balanced, the Texas Education Agency would pay the district approximately \$30,000 per year for ten years for bonded indebtedness or new buildings. This would amount to \$300,000 over a period of ten years. For a practical comparison, the 1954 bond issue for the elementary and high school building was \$295,000.

**5. Could the school districts have drawn the \$300,000 last year if they had consolidated?**

No. Why? The law which provides for incentive aid payments for consolidation was amended during the last legislature so that budget balance districts could participate in incentive aid payments.

**6. Will the consolidated district be eligible for incentive payment after this year?**

If they could participate, the proceeds would be very limited. This answer needs to be explained. Tax payers should consider this element of revenue very carefully. In the opinion of the writer, it would be regrettable to overlook this opportunity of a source of a \$300,000 grant.

**7. Explain incentive payment for consolidation.**

In a joint board meeting February 8, 1966, with Silver and Robert Lee, the consolidation question was discussed. The information on hand at that time indicated that payment from the state to the consolidated district would be approximately \$10,000 per year for 10 years should the schools consolidate NEXT year instead of this year. We are sure that the consolidated districts would receive approximately \$30,000 per year for ten years or \$300,000 if the districts consolidate this year. To figure the aid payment this year we do not have to estimate so many factors which are involved as we do for future years.

Since the time of that meeting, we have learned that one factor used in figuring the incentive payment was wrong. The Texas Education Agency used 146 scholastics (last year's census) to determine per pupil budgetary excess. We are aware that the scholastic enumeration will be 100 or less at this time next year when the census is taken. The projected class enrollments indicate 44 students in Silver's first six grades and 42 in the top six grades. Under these circumstances, it is likely that the consoli-

dated district would receive NO incentive payment if consolidation happened after this year. Taxpayers need to be aware of this before their ballot is marked on Feb. 26. Mr. Bickley has a copy of the letter dated Feb. 9, 1966 which indicates the difference in the incentive payment amount reported to the joint board meeting. The writer is aware that the explanation of the incentive payment for consolidation is not explained completely, but to explain it completely other factors would have to be explained such as: budgetary excess, outgoing transfers, foundation program, scholastic enumeration, maximum allotment. Under the present set up, if the schools consolidate this year the state contributes \$300,000 to the consolidated district. On the other hand with our plans for next year, financial adjustments will be made to the point that the state would not contribute any or very little incentive aid.

**8. How are Silver and Robert Lee eligible for incentive aid for consolidation?**

They would have the majority of the scholastic attendance in the county.

**9. How do they become eligible for the incentive payments?**

A request for approval must be submitted to the Finance Division of the Texas Education Agency before consolidation.

**10. Has this request been made?**

It has.

**11. Has approval been given?**

It has.

**12. Under the present tax rolls, per capita payments, and incentive**

**payment, how much revenue would be available for a consolidated school program?**

Silver total tax roll for 1966 \$112,000

Robert Lee total tax roll for 1966 \$127,000

Silver per capita payment 9,000

Robert Lee per capita payt. 27,000

Incentive payment for 1967 30,000

Total funds available for consolidated district on this year's tax schedule plus incentive payment \$305,000

**13. What is Robert Lee's total budget for this year?**

\$182,000.

**14. Would the consolidated district tax the full amount above?**

No. Equalization would be necessary and by law the district could only tax the necessary amount for an efficient education program.

**15. What about travel for the younger children?**

It is our understanding that this is one of the major concerns and something to consider. It is only 20 minutes from Robert Lee to Silver on a paved road — possibly 30 minutes to any part of the district. Every effort would be made for direct routes to school. There are much larger districts in the state which seem to work very satisfactorily.

**16. How many students are anticipated for the 1st grade in Silver next year if consolidation does not carry?**

Five.

**17. Would the students from Silver area as well as those from Robert Lee area have a better school by consolidation?**

Look at it this way — a \$300,000 improvement could be made to the school which students from both communities will be attending. This incentive aid payment would lighten the burden on local tax payers in improving and expanding the school.

**18. If the schools are consolidated, when will the students be brought together for classes?**

Not before the beginning of school in the fall, Sept. 1966.

**19. Who would be the controlling board of the consolidated district?**

The Board of the Robert Lee Ind. School District. In this case, the Robert Lee School Board.

**20. Would Silver have representation on this board?**

There has been an agreement between the two boards to cause two vacancies on the Robert Lee Board and filling these vacancies from Silver.

**21. How long would this board be in control?**

Until the next election, April 2, 1966 when a seven member board would be elected from the newly consolidated district.

**22. Could Silver community use the school building as a community center?**

According to Mr. Chester Ollison, of Texas Education Agency, that as long as the district did not need the facility for educational purposes, the school board could make the building available to the community.

**23. Will all valid teacher con-**

**tracts in both schools be honored?**

Yes, the law provides for this.

**24. Are there other advantages for the districts to consolidate this year?**

Yes. It is common knowledge that Robert Lee's School Board is in the process of planning a building program. If the voters of each district support consolidation and both districts come together now, adequate facilities could be developed to furnish a better educational system for all. The beautiful part of this situation is that the State would pay the majority of this expansion and improvement program.

If we wait — well, the decision is yours, Voters of Robert Lee and Voters of Silver.

Mrs. Jim Blair spent Sunday in San Angelo with her children, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Keel and family and Mr. and Mrs. Dwayne Blair and children; also her granddaughter, Mrs. Carl Groat and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Gaines and family of Big Lake spent the weekend here visiting his mother, Mrs. Lillie Gaines and other relatives.

**O. H. (Judge) Campbell**

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**PERSONALS**

Miss Ann Carwile of Hardin Simmons University, Abilene, was home for a weekend visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Carwile.

Mrs. C. G. Walker Sr. visited last weekend in the homes of her children, Mr. and Mrs. Wilton Robertson at Odessa and Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Eaton and family at Andrews.

Mr. and Mrs. Merlin Smith of Midland were weekend visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Trimble. Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Trimble are sisters.

Mrs. Ruth Williams of San Angelo visited with her sister, Mrs. Joyce Dodson and children Sunday.

**CITATION BY PUBLICATION  
THE STATE OF TEXAS**

TO: James A. Eidson, the heirs of James A. Eidson, the unknown heirs of James A. Eidson, and the unknown heirs of the heirs of James A. Eidson, Defendants, Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable District Court 51st District of Coke County at the Courthouse thereof, in Robert Lee, Coke County, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A. M. of the first Monday next after expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 10th day of March A. D. 1966, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 25th day of January A. D. 1966, in this cause, numbered 2340 on the docket of said court and styled T. W. Wiginton, Plaintiff, vs. James A. Eidson, et al, Defendants.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff sues in trespass to try title claiming continuous, adverse, hostile, peaceable use of occupancy of all of a tract of land designated as Blk. "A" in the Austin & Northern Land & Cattle Co. Addition to the town of Robert Lee, situated in the County of Coke and the State of Texas, claiming to have possessed, farmed and occupied and claimed all of said land for 25 years, 10 years and 5 years next preceding the filing of the petition, alleging that the Defendants unlawfully entered upon said land and dispossessed him on the first day of December 1965 and that Defendants continued to withhold the possession from him. Plaintiff asks for title and possession of said land as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

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

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Robert Lee, Coke County, Texas, this the 25th day of January A. D. 1966.

Attest: J. L. Tinkler Clerk,  
District Court  
Coke County, Texas  
By Mildred Wallace,  
Deputy

(SEAL)

**SILVER**

By Mrs. Walter Paul

Taking 1st place in the Silver basketball tournament in the girls division was Bronte; second place — Silver, and consolation — Robert Lee; for the boys, Sterling City took the first place honors; second place went to Silver and Bronte took consolation.

Making the all tournament team for the girls were: Norma Pruitt of Bronte, Charlotte Foster of Sterling City, Judy Gartman of Robert Lee, Jackie Conley and Kay Jameson of Silver. Kathy Denman was chosen most outstanding player.

On the boys all tournament team were Keith McCutchen of Bronte, Randy Peel of Sterling City, Roy Blair of Robert Lee, Lynn Beal of Silver and Darrell Pitcock of Robert Lee. Quinn Conley was chosen most valuable player for the boys.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Theis were in Lubbock last Sunday to visit the Clay Mullins family. Mrs. Mullins is reported to be holding her own

but her conditions remains serious. Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Feaster also were in Lubbock with the Mullins last week.

Rev. and Mrs. Carl Smith, pastor of Silver Baptist church, moved to Nederland last Monday where he will work in the Educational Department of a church.

Cecil Palmer of Snyder, former Silver resident, is a patient at Root Memorial Hospital in Colorado City.

Attending services Sunday morning at the Methodist church were Bill Newell, recently discharged from the army, Miss Carol Hart, Mrs. George Fugate, Karen and Robert of Colorado City. The group visited friends in the afternoon. Newell has been stationed in Fairbanks, Alaska the past 18 months.

Word has been received that Mrs. L. K. (Hattie) McKinnon has returned to her home in Colorado City after a two months stay in Sealy Hospital, Sealy, Texas. She will be happy to have friends call as she is still unable to get around well and will be convalescing for some time.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hunter of

Colorado City visited the J. P. Jamesons last weekend and attended the basketball tournament.

Weekend guests of the Walter Pauls were Mr. and Mrs. Dale Sharp, David and Carls of San Antonio. They attended the basketball tournament and visited with friends they had not seen since leaving for Turkey about four years ago.

Bill Paul has been elected wing representative of the Martin Ruter Dorm Council. Each dormitory has a student governing body consisting of the elected officers and one representative from each wing. Disciplinary actions are determined by each dormitory council.

Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Ferrell visited the Walter Pauls Sunday.

Hal Anderson returned to work this week after recuperating from pneumonia.

Spending Saturday night in the John Conley home were Elaine and Farrell Jean Fikes, Lois Huevel, Sue Percifull, Pattie Hughes, Craig Thomason, and Tooter Fields of Robert Lee. The group enjoyed mountain climbing Sunday afternoon.

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### Baptist Assn. Sets School on Missions

Runnels Baptist Association will be engaged in a School of Missions Feb. 27 through March 6. There will be two groups of schools. One group of churches will have their schools Feb. 27 through March 2. This group includes the First and Seventh Street churches of Ballinger; Wingate; Robert Lee; Bronte and Miles.

The other group will have their schools March 3-6 and is composed of churches at Paint Rock; Third Avenue, Ballinger; Drasco; Wilmoth and Hopewell.

Missionary speakers will be featured each night. The two foreign missionaries will be Lonnie Doyle of Brazil and Mrs. C. L. Culpepper from Taiwan. Home missionaries will be Weldon Barnett of Salina, Kansas and James Nelson of Crownpoint, New Mexico. The Rev. John Collins of Atlanta, Tex., will represent the State Missions Department.

Everyone is invited to attend.

### Past Matrons, Patrons Honored by OES Chapter

Robert Lee chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star held a regular meeting Feb. 10. Mrs. Jeffie Roberts, Worthy Matron, was in charge of a program honoring the past Worthy Matrons and Patrons.

Badges, representing the year of their terms and a miniature gavel were presented to each of the ten past matrons and patrons present.

A valentine theme was carried out in refreshments served in the dining room. Hostesses were Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Roach and Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Adams.

### Basketballers Split Games With Garden City Teams

Robert Lee boys won and the girls lost basketball contests played here last Friday night with Garden City. The boys took an easy 64-33 victory, while the girls went down, 34-26.

Pistol Hood made 18 and Robert Wink 14 for the Steers. Rhonda Gartman made 10, and Jeanie Hatch and Lois Heuvel both had 8 for the girls team.

These games completed the season for the high school teams.

Mrs. Henrietta Payne of Clovis, New Mexico arrived Monday to spend a week here visiting her brother, Calvin Wallace, and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Tinkler and their son, Jerry, and Miss Kay Stroude visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Fulkerson in San Angelo Sunday.

### Mothers March Nets \$221 For Coke March of Dimes

The Mothers' March of Dimes was conducted by the '64 Study Club Tuesday night of last week and added \$221.34 to March of Dimes funds.

Club members conducted the march during their regular meeting in the home of Mrs. Charles Sims. The 15 members attending were divided into six groups with each group assigned to a different area of town. The club also sent out mailers for the MOD.

Mrs. Jim Barnhill, president, presided. Refreshments of fresh apple cake and coffee were served.

### Miss Gayle Conley Honored by DAR

Miss Gayle Conley, accompanied by her mother, Mrs. John Conley of Silver, and Mrs. Frank Coalson, her sponsor, attended a Miss Citizenship tea last Tuesday at the Cactus Hotel in San Angelo. The tea was sponsored by the Pocahontas chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution and honored eleven area girls who were chosen by their school faculty for a citizenship award. Selections were based on leadership, scholarship, patriotism, and character.

Highlight of the yearly program is the ceremony in which each mother or sponsor places the honor pin on her daughter.

Miss Conley has received numerous other honors in Robert Lee high school. She was president of her freshman class, secretary-treasurer of the sophomore class and at present is treasurer of the senior class and secretary of the Beta Club, national honor society.

She also has served as Lions Club Sweetheart at Silver and president of the Steerettes. She is a member of the student council and F.H.A., the basket ball team and this year was voted senior class favorite.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Conley of Silver and plans to enroll in McMurry College in Abilene next fall where she will study English and physical education.

### DALE MOORE WMS CIRCLE

Dale Moore Circle of Robert Lee W.M.S. met at the church with Mrs. Lawrence Cole as hostess. Coffee and cookies were served as members arrived.

Mrs. Cumbie Ivey Sr., circle chairman, presided and led the opening prayer.

Rev. Bill Beaty led the Bible study "Missions in Wisdom and Poetic Books."

The call to prayer and concluding prayer for missionaries was given by Mrs. Bill Beaty.



GENE HENDRYX

### Hendryx Seeks Re-Election As Representative

State Representative Gene Hendryx, Alpine, who has served in the Legislature since 1963, is unopposed for the Democratic nomination of the new 66th Legislative District. The prominent West Texas business and civic leader was elected twice as a county commissioner and twice as Democratic county chairman of Brewster County before being elected to the Legislature.

Texas news media have carried hundreds of stories about the former totally disabled Marine, particularly his quips on the floor of the house. Hendryx serves as floor leader for Speaker Ben Barnes.

Hendryx owns and operates a radio station at Alpine and has appeared several times on various networks. He is the author of the novel, "Semper Fi!", along with several feature articles and short stories.

Among his accomplishments in the Legislature is the passage during his freshman term of the constitutional amendment which bars the Legislature from tampering with the Permanent School Fund. A member of the powerful Legislative council, his new district is the largest in the United States, covering 15 counties bounded by El Paso County on the west and Runnels County on the east.

Hendryx graduated with honors from Sul Ross State College with a bachelor and masters degree. Listed in "Who's Who in the South and Southwest," "Who's Who in American Business and Commerce" and "Leading Men of America," he holds numerous citations for outstanding community service.

He is married to the former Lucille Kempen of Alpine and they have three sons.

### Robert Lee Baptist Has Sweetheart Banquet

The Robert Lee Baptist Church held their annual Sweetheart Banquet for young people of the church in the educational building Wednesday night of last week.

Theme of the banquet was "To Paris with Love." The setting simulated a sidewalk cafe in Paris, and decorations and menu carried out the French theme.

Entertainment features were by the Doblin Singers of Hardin-Simmons University. Guest speaker was the Rev. Alan Cartrite, pastor of Capps Baptist Church, Abilene. The Rev. Bill Beaty, church pastor, was master of ceremonies.

The Sue Snider WMU circle, assisted by mothers, prepared the food and did the decorating.

Waiters were men who work in the young peoples' department of the Sunday School: Weldon Fikes, Bill Allen, Lewis Heuvel and Doyle Pittman.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Wallace of Pecos visited over the weekend here with relatives and visited his brother, Calvin Wallace, who is in the West Coke Hospital. Other visitors in the Wallace home Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Lowrance of Lawn and Mr. and Mrs. Jodie Williams of San Angelo.

### Robert Lee Host at Teachers Meeting

Members of the Coke County Chapter of Texas State Teachers Association met Monday night in Robert Lee. Teachers from Silver, Bronte and Robert Lee were present for the session.

In a business session following the dinner, delegates were named to the District XI convention which will be held in San Angelo, March 10 and 11, and to the state convention which will be held in October. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Coalson of Robert Lee were named district delegates and Garland Davis of Robert Lee was named delegate to the state meeting.

Another item of business was appointment of a nominating committee. Mrs. Virginia Walling of Robert Lee was named chairman and Mrs. C. B. Barbee of Bronte, Don Swinney of Silver and Dale Hamby of Robert Lee were named to

this committee.

C. H. Nixon, TSTA field representative of Austin was speaker for the evening. His topic was "TSTA Legislative Proposals."

A pin was presented to J. T. Henry of Bronte for his service as president of the organization.

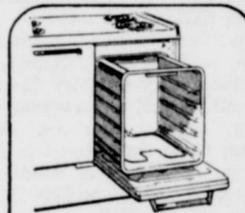
Officers this year include Garland Davis, president; Bob Wallace, vice president; Mrs. Wilson Bryan, secretary; Mrs. James Golson, treasurer.

The Future Leaders 4-H Club held its monthly meeting Feb. 5. Gaylon Pitcock, president, presided. The knife sale was discussed. Mrs. Frank Coalson showed some films she made in Europe. Refreshments were served when the meeting was adjourned. — Steve Rives, reporter.

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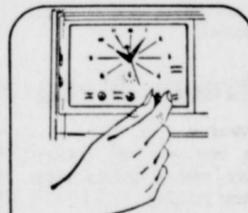


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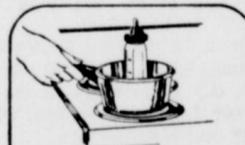
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educational opportunities if they go to Robert Lee, or, will they be better off by continuing classroom study at Silver?

One other matter, which would run secondary to the welfare of the children, but which taxpayers will want to weigh before they make up their minds is this: As outlined in a story in this week's Observer and in a letter which has been circulated in the Silver area, the district stands to lose some or all of \$300,000 over the next 10 years if the consolidation is not voted this year.

If Silver school patrons expect, EVER, to consolidate with Robert Lee, this loss will be reflected, in part back to them and would have to be made up out of their pockets, as well as for taxpayers in the present Robert Lee district.

We feel that public schools are operated for the purpose of preparing our youngsters for higher education for those who want it and for facing the technical and complicated world of the 20th century. We also believe this purpose can be most effectively accomplished by joining together the efforts of patrons of Silver and Robert Lee. Therefore, we feel that those who can look at this matter unselfishly, with an eye to the future good of all concerned, must vote FOR on Feb. 26.

**SCHOOL MERGER VOTE —**  
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the school.

Bickley said that proponents of consolidation have a good argument in that the addition of tax money from Silver and the \$30,000 a year from the state would enable the school district to provide "first class facilities and a first class curriculum for all the students, and I might add," he said, "the students from Silver will benefit from any improvements just as much as those students who live in the present Robert Lee District."

According to enrollment estimates, Silver will have 44 students in grades 1 through 6 next year. Bickley told the Observer that "with the closing of the camps I can't see how Silver can possibly keep all these students residing in the district for next year's school term. I feel that a realistic figure would be lower than 44." The estimate also shows that 42 students in grades 7 through 12 will be transferred to Robert Lee next September.

Voting in the consolidation election will be held in Robert Lee at the school tax office, and at Silver in Silver school.

**Lunchroom Menus**

**Monday, Feb. 21**  
Barbecue beef on bun, buttered corn, lettuce wedge, potato chips, milk, banana pudding.

**Tuesday, Feb. 22**  
Smothered liver and onions, creamed potatoes, combination salad, hot rolls and butter, apple-sauce cake.

**Wednesday, Feb. 23**  
Chili and crackers, pea beans, cole slaw, cheese bread sticks, milk, apple cobbler.

**Thursday, Feb. 24**  
Roast and gravy, roast potatoes, green beans, celery sticks, hot rolls and butter, honey and peanut butter.

**Friday, Feb. 25**  
Italian spaghetti and cheese, carrot and raisin salad, English peas, hot rolls and butter, milk, oatmeal cookies.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS MEETS**

The Homemaker Sunday School Class met Thursday, Feb. 10, in the home of Mrs. Margie Harwell. Eight members were present, and the hostess served refreshments of cake, ice cream and Cokes.

**SENIOR CITIZENS' DAY —**  
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County Family Living Committee, sponsors of the programs.

"The meetings will be of special interest to you if you have parents, other relatives, or friends who are 65 or over and have worked under Social Security at any time," she said and added "the information will also be of special interest to certain persons now age 65 or nearing age 65 even though they have never worked under social security."

All interested persons in the county are invited to attend one or both of the meetings.

Neil Tarvin, Social Security representative from San Angelo, will be in charge of the programs that will consist of slides, discussion and a question and answer period. Free pamphlets will be given and personal questions will be answered. Applications will be taken for those who wish to file after each meeting.

Coke County Extension Agents, Mrs. Fay C. Roe and Sterling Lindsey, are assisting with the programs.

**Proclamation**

Office of the Judge  
County of Coke,  
Robert Lee, Texas

By the JUDGE, County of Coke, Texas

A PROCLAMATION  
WHEREAS the County of Coke, Texas, hereby designates February 17, 1966, as SENIOR CITIZEN'S DAY; and

WHEREAS there is a great number of people over the age of 65 in the County of Coke, many who are threatened by illness and medical expenses that they cannot afford; and

WHEREAS Medicare will help pay for care in hospitals, in skilled nursing homes, or in the home. And under a separate plan it will meet the fees of the doctors; and

WHEREAS no longer will older Americans be denied the healing miracle of modern medicine. No longer will illness crush and destroy the savings that they have so carefully put away over a lifetime so that they might enjoy dignity in their later years. No longer will young families see their own incomes, and their own hopes, eaten away simply because they are carrying out their deep moral obligations to their parents, and to their uncles, and their aunts:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, W. W. THETFORD, JUDGE OF THE COUNTY OF COKE, ROBERT LEE, TEXAS, do hereby

\*proclaim Thursday, February 17, 1966, as SENIOR CITIZEN'S DAY in the County of Coke, Texas;

\*call upon all organizations, Civic, City, County, State and Federal alike, to do their utmost in behalf of the furtherance of effecting the protection made possible to the vast majority of the people of the United States of America under the Social Security Administration, and specifically, for Senior Citizens through Medicare.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the County of Coke, Texas, to be affixed.

DONE at the Coke County Courthouse, Robert Lee, Texas, this 10th day of February in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and sixty-six.

W. W. THETFORD  
JUDGE, County of Coke  
Robert Lee, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Aldridge Jr. of Jal, New Mexico visited last Thursday with their son, Ray Aldridge and Mrs. Aldridge, who was in the West Coke Hospital. Other visitors in the Ray Aldridge home Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Warren Aldridge Sr. of Santa Anna, Mr. and Mrs. Van Aldridge of Coleman, Mrs. Nancy Bell of Big Spring and Mrs. Edward Guess of San Angelo.

**Heard At Sanco**

By Mrs. H. L. Reid

Robert Walker is in the hospital for observation and treatment of a leg ailment. Mrs. Fronev Scarborough spent a few days with Mrs. Walker.

Mr. and Mrs. Luie Frizzell, Mr. and Mrs. Kent Huckelbridge of Sweetwater visited Mrs. Laura Reid last week. Mrs. Fannie Carwile visited her also on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Levi Martin and son of Sterling City, Mr. and Mrs. Butch Winkler and children of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Gartman and family, Mr. and Mrs. Teddy Pitcock and family visited with Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Gartman on Sunday.

Mrs. Loretta Lord of Whitney is visiting her mother, Mrs. Emma McGallian.

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**Junior High Squads Lose Out at Miles Tourney**

Junior high teams from Robert Lee participated last Friday in a tournament at Miles. The boys won one game, but lost their second, while the girls lost both contests.

Robert Lee boys downed Mertzon 28-25, as James Fields took scoring honors with 7. In their second contest, Talpa defeated the locals, 25-14. Vic Dodson and Gary Jack Thomason tied for scoring honors

with 6 each.

The girls ran into a tough team from Mertzon and got bowled over, 34-4. Then they fell to another rought sextet from Eden, losing 34-12. Sue Weddle was high pointer in the last contest with 8.

Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Hambricht and children of Rochester visited here over the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Mitchell.

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