

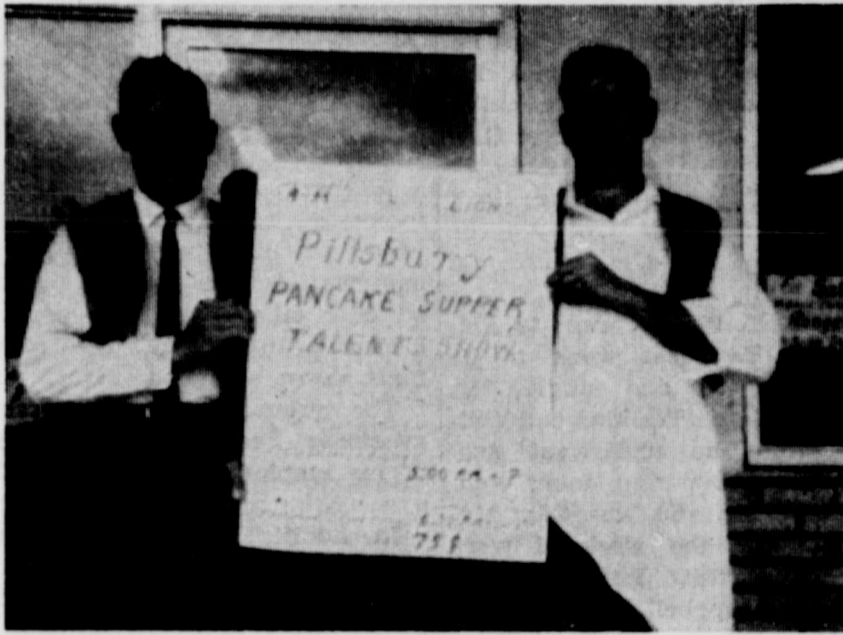
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School Bond Vote Saturday



Furst Moore and Vaughan Davis Advertise Supper

Lions, 4-Hers Set Pancake Supper

Plenty of good food and good entertainment awaits the 1,000 persons who are expected Friday night at the annual pancake supper and talent show sponsored by Robert Lee-Silver Lions Club and Coke County 4-H clubs.

For only 75 cents, a person can buy a plate full of buttered pancakes, bacon, syrup and drink plus several hours of entertainment.

Serving of food will begin at 5 p.m. and the talent show fill start at 6:30. Featured on the talent show will be Dub Brown and the Rhythm Masters, who are billed as "tops in country and western music"; Richard Beck of Wingate, one of West Texas' top fiddlers; and Charlie Taylor of Bronte, famous over the entire state as a pantomimist. The program will last approximately 3½ hours.

Jack Denman, well known Robert Lee entertainer, is in charge of the program.

Also included on the program will be the following:

Robert Lee High School Stage Band, under direction of Willis Parker; a group called the "Gwooby Gwape" and made up of Ernest Herford, James Fields, Rodney Mathers, Stevie Smith,

Robbie Smith, Donnie Mauldin and Barry Day; another group, the Gospel Singers, is made up of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Copeland, Sam Williams, Calvin Wallace, Edna Havins and Wilma Moore.

Others from Robert Lee are Vernay Vaughan, Sterling Allen, Marilyn Wallace, Elaine Fikes, Kathy Denman, Garland Davis, Upton Mathers, C. E. Light, Ray Shandley, Jack Denman, Derwood McAdams, Gary Sam Williams and Monte Wilkes.

From Silver, the Copeland family, Bonita, Daryl and Nita Gay; Lee Fry of Colorado City; from Bronte, Sandy Lee, Janey Kiker, Janet Lee and Bennie Carol Oglesby.

Director Denman said there may be others to sign up to appear before Friday night, and everybody will be welcome. He promised a "great show, one you will long remember, and if you consider you're getting a delicious meal along with this, you just can't beat the price."

The pancake supper and talent show was begun many years ago when the Silver Lions Club and Coke County 4-H clubs joined to hold the big event. Since the Lions

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Coke Experiences Rain, Hail, Snow, Wind, Sun, Etc.

Coke County has experienced just about every kind of weather in the book this week. It all began last Sunday afternoon when an arctic blast moved in and collided with the warm air which had covered the area all weekend.

Springlike temperatures dropped quickly, the turbulence aloft dumped up to seven inches of small hail in some spots of the area. Much of the county looked as though it was covered with snow, but that part of the unusual weather was yet to come. Considerable rain also fell during the storm.

Things cooled off considerably Sunday night and Monday morning snow began falling about 9 a.m. and continued through most of the day. Some observers estimated that the snowfall totaled as much as six inches, but much of it melted as it hit, making accurate measurement difficult.

During the afternoon strong gusts of frigid wind added to the discomfort of the falling ice.

It was a different story, however, Tuesday morning when the sun came out brightly and quickly melted the remaining snow. More sunshine greeted Coke County residents Wednesday morning.

One local resident said, "This week we've had ice, drizzle, hard rain, cold wind, sunshine, hail and snow, and that's about all the different kinds of weather you can have."

W. E. Jacoby, county soil conservationist, said this week that local rainfall is quite a bit above average for this time of year. He said his office recorded 2.00 for January, 1.84 for February, and 1.53 so far in March, making a total of 5.37 inches so far in 1968.

Coke Officials, Employees Get 10 Per Cent Raise

Coke County Commissioners Court approved a 10 per cent salary raise for all county officials and employees at a meeting Monday.

The salary increase will go to all elected and appointed officials, office and maintenance workers, and road hands.

Qualified voters of Robert Lee Independent School District will decide Saturday the fate of a bond issue amounting to \$700,000 which would be used to bring the school's facilities up to standards currently recognized as necessary in this state.

The election will be held in the high school building with Horace Bloodworth serving as presiding judge. Mrs. Bobby Roberts will be judge, and Mrs. Fagan Parker and Mrs. Freeman Clark will be clerks.

Four BB Players On All-District

Four Robert Lee High School basketball players have been honored with berths on All-District basketball teams. One boy and one girl made the first team and two girls were named to the second team. The selections were for District 6-A.

Quinn Conley, a junior, was selected for the boys first team, while Lois Heuvel, a senior, gained a spot on the girls first team. Named to the second team were Jackie Counts and Jackie Conley.

Two other girls, Judy Gartman and Patty Hughes, received honorable mention in the selections.

License Tag Sale Moving Slowly

Sale of license plates is going pretty slow, according to Tax Assessor-Collector O. B. Jacobs. He reported early this week that he has sold approximately 400 passenger tags. The figure does not include trucks and other miscellaneous vehicles.

Jacobs said he expects business to pick up, as the March 31 deadline gets nearer.

He reminded persons wishing to buy new plates that they must bring to his office their certificates of title and their 1967 license receipts.

Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Shelburne Jr. and sons of Amarillo were weekend visitors of her parents, the D. P. Keys.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Raymond and family of Waco were weekend visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Davis and other relatives.

Persons who may vote in the election will be those who are resident qualified voters, who own taxable property in the district and have rendered it for taxation.

The election was called by the school district after a petition was presented requesting that voters of the district decide if the bonds should be voted.

Plans worked out by the school board and the architectural firm employed by the district call for the money to be spent for building the following new school facilities:

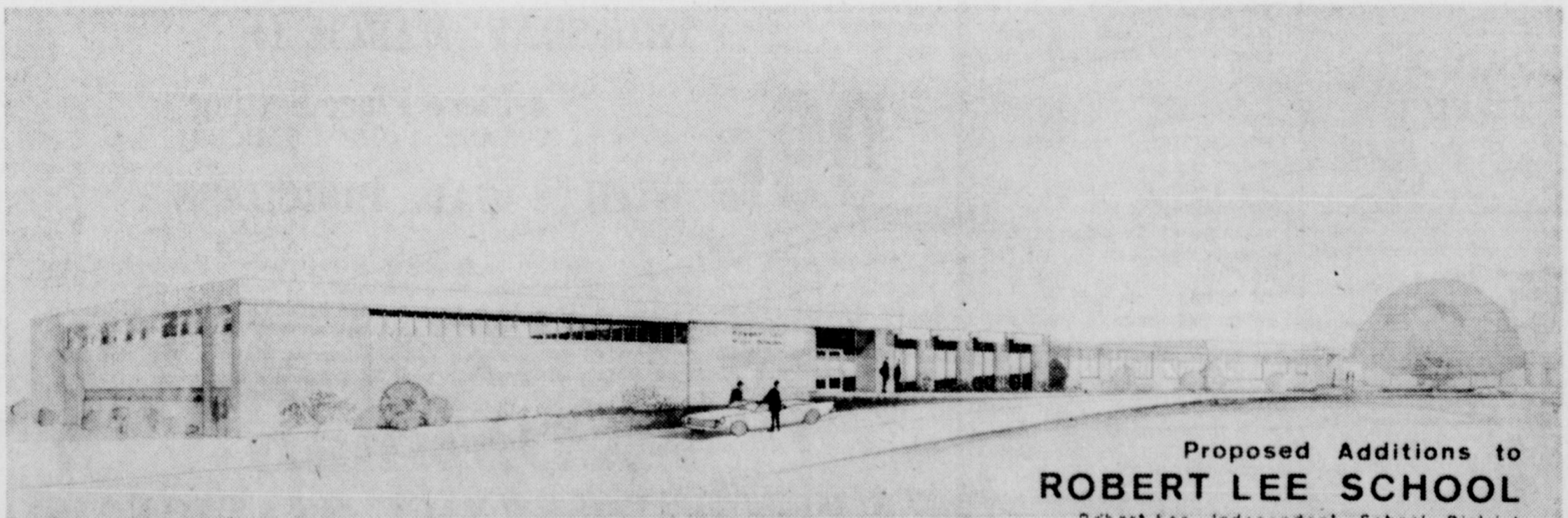
Eleven new classrooms; a new library with adjoining multi purpose room for storage of newspapers, periodicals, etc.; a new building to house the homemaking department; a new building to house the vocational agriculture classroom and shop; a new cafeteria which would seat 254 persons; a new gymnasium with bleachers on both sides which would seat 680 persons.

Part of the money would also be spent for complete renovation of the present gymnasium, including the building of new dressing rooms, and for the complete renovation and remodeling of the band hall.

Citizens of the community petitioned the school board to call the election because of the inadequacy of present facilities, it was pointed out by school officials.

Supt. Jim Bickley told The Observer recently that deterioration of the old high school building, which was built in 1923, makes new facilities a must for the school. Additionally, the number of students enrolled in the school has increased 30 per cent since 1966. School board members feel that the number of students may go up and down during the next few years, as work proceeds and is completed on Robert Lee Reservoir. However, the feeling is that over the next several years that lake development and growth will bring additional students to Robert Lee School, demanding up to date educational buildings, equipment and personnel. They say they are trying to prepare to meet this long range need as well as to alleviate the extremely crowded and inadequate conditions which exist now.

School officials urged everyone to vote, as they would like to have a thorough expression of the wishes of the voters on this matter.



Proposed Additions to ROBERT LEE SCHOOL

Architect's Conception of Proposed School Addition

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EDITORIAL

A wonderful opportunity and a grave responsibility face voters of Robert Lee School District Saturday.

On this day they will decide if the district will be authorized to issue \$700,000 in school bonds for the purpose of building a modern, and badly needed, school plant.

An opportunity is at hand because approval of the bond issue will allow the school to build classrooms and other buildings which are needed to provide the children of the district with the kind of educational facilities required in 1968. Even for the local citizens who have no children in school and are not personally involved in education, the election provides an opportunity for them to vote for the greatest drawing card this community can have for attracting new people to move here and add their contribution to the economy and growth of the community. Very few people like to move to a place where inadequate school facilities are provided.

But even more important than attracting new residents and making things nice for the kids is the responsibility we have to do our best in equipping our children to meet the staggering challenges of the latter 20th century.

A new school building, along with the accompanying pleasure of staying in school, might prevent a boy or girl from becoming a dropout; it might be the inspiration a student needs to go forward to accomplish great things; it might provide the activity and good association to prevent one youngster from going wrong. No body can say what good it might do and nobody can put a price on its value to the future citizens of our country.

We believe that every voter in this school district recognizes the need and the only remaining question should be: Can we afford it?

This school district has been blessed with above-average natural wealth. The \$700,000 asked for is not exorbitant when one considers that the tax valuations of the district amount to more than \$20,000,000 and, according to all reliable estimates, should remain rather stable over the next few years.

The Observer feels that the passage of this bond issue is a must for the welfare of the young people of the school district and for the growth and future of the community. Voting FOR the bonds is an obligation and an opportunity which must be met by every conscientious and forward-looking citizen.

INCOME TAX SERVICE

MRS. R. W. REES
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Notice Taxpayers

Starting Jan. 2, I will be in my office at Robert Lee Mon., Tues. & Wed. of each week and at my Bronte office Fri. & Sat. to assist you with your Income Tax Returns. Over 20 years experience in all types of Tax Accounting. REASONABLE RATES

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CONDITION IMPROVING

W. D. McAdams, local West Texas Utilities manager, is still in Hendrick Memorial Hospital in Abilene, but his condition is improving.

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FOR SALE: Baled hay. S. E. Adams, 453-2501. tn

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that the City of Robert Lee will receive sealed bids in the office of the City until March 22, 1968, for the following:

- White Pickup
- ½ ton, 115" W.B., Stepside or Flareside
- 3-speed automatic transmission
- 1650 pound minimum rear springs
- Custom foam seat
- V-8 engine.
- H.D. Shocks, front and rear.
- 650x16 6 ply nylon tires with/tubes
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- H D ear Hitch with solid step plate.
- Side packs by Koeing, model SP10, installed.
- (Fenders to be retained from pickup by city)
- Spot light.
- Oil bath air cleaner.
- 42 amp alternator
- Grill Guard.

Trade In
 To be one used 1962 ½ ton, 6 cylinder Chevrolet pickup with standard transmission.
 The City of Robert Lee reserves the right to reject any and all bids and waiver any technicality.
 Robert D. Vaughan
 Mayor

17 Girls Working Out For Track

Seventeen girls are working out in various track events as they prepare for UIL competition later in the spring. First big event on their schedule is set for Friday, March 22, when they will host an expected seven schools in a track meet here.

Other meets on their schedule include Elodardo, March 30; district meet at Winters, April 10; regional meet at Colorado City, April 23; Bluebonnet Belle Relays at San Angelo, April 27; state meet at Abilene, May 10 and 11.

Juniors Working

The junior high girls are also working on track events and will host a junior high meet on April 18. They will also participate in the Bluebonnet meet April 27, and run for practice at the high school meet March 22.

High school girls who have had experience in state meet competition include Jackie Counts, 3 years; Lois Heuvel, 3 years; Elaine Fikes, 2 years; Sue Weddle, 1 year as relay alternate. Kathy Denman, Melinda Morris and Sharon Walker have all participated one year in regional competition. Other girls who are out for track include Carolene Bethel, Judy Gartman, Martha Kinsey, Linda Blair, Connie Blaylock, Jackie Conley, Gaylene Eldred, Sheri Pitcock, Carolyn Thomason and Laveta Todd.

Hospital Balloting Set For April 6

The three present directors of West Coke County Hospital whose terms expire this year are the only candidates running for the positions. Fred McCabe Sr., present president; J. E. Quisenberry, secretary; and James Herford, member of the board, have submitted their names for re-election.

Monday, March 11, was the deadline for filing for a spot on the ballot.

The election will be held Saturday, April 6. Polling places will be set up in the courthouse at Robert Lee with Mrs. F. C. Clark as election judge, and in Green Mountain Community Center with James Counts as election judge. Absentee voting will start Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Schooler of Mosco, Colo., spent last week here visiting in the Finis Harmon home and with other relatives and friends in Coke County.

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DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT TO PREACH HERE SUNDAY

The Rev. Kermit Gibbons, superintendent of the San Angelo District of the Methodist Church, will speak at the First Methodist Church Sunday at 11 a.m.

The service will be followed by dinner at the church and the Fourth Quarterly Conference of the Robert Lee Church. The public is invited, said the Rev. Bobby Palmos, pastor.

HEARD AT SANCO

Mrs. H. H. Carwile of Carlsbad, N. M., visited her mother-in-law, Mrs. Fannie Carwile, Effie and Henry last week. Other visitors in the home were Glen Tompson and daughter, Bobbi, of Colorado City, and a son, Rev. Wilson Carwile of San Angelo. Miss Effie Carwile is spending a few days in Abilene.

Mrs. T. E. Pitcock went to Abilene one day last week to be with her sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Butch Winkler and children while he underwent surgery. He is reported doing well.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Sam McGallian over the weekend were their grandsons, Jessie, Wesley and Don Campbell, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Campbell of Winters.

James Reid spent the weekend in San Angelo with his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Sword and attended the rodeo and fat stock show.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Terry of San Angelo visited here last Friday night with her mother, Mrs. E. O. Higgins.

Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Wells of College Station were weekend guests in the home of her grand parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Clark.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Robertson and children of Carlsbad, N. M., were here for the weekend, visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Robertson.

Eric Samuelson of San Marcos and Mr. and Mrs. Greg Bodenhammer of Texas Tech at Lubbock were guests in the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Samuelson last weekend.

Jon Link and Linda Jacoby visited over the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Jacoby. They are students at ACC in Abilene.

Rhea Jean McCutchen of Southern Methodist University in Dallas was home for the weekend. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond McCutchen.

Contest Develops For School Board

A contest in the forthcoming election for school trustee developed last week just before the deadline for filing.

Wilbern Millican filed for a spot on the ballot and, with J. W. Service Jr. and Lewis Heuvel, the incumbents, made it a three way race for two positions.

J. F. McCabe Jr. of Precinct 1 and Dave King of Precinct 3 are unopposed in their bid for county trustees.

The school trustee election will be held Saturday, April 6.

Group Helps Clear Site For New Park

A group of Lions and other interested persons met last Saturday morning to begin preliminary work on the site of a proposed new city park. The area is located near the city's new sewer farm down along the river.

The group, assisted by Commissioner Fern Havins and one of his employees, burned off the area to be included in the park.

In addition to Havins, Lions who took part were Furst Moore, Earl Lindsey, Blackie Keener, Hank Baker and Freddie White. Others who assisted were Perry Post and Delbert Shoemaker.

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BRADY RITES HELD FOR COUSIN OF LOCAL PERSONS

Funeral services were held Sunday in Brady for Jessie M. Wallace, 82, who died Friday night in a Brady hospital. He was a cousin of Mrs. Pearl Schooley and Calvin Wallace of Robert Lee.

Mr. Wallace was born July 3, 1885, in Voca and lived his entire life in McCulloch County. He was a farmer.

Mrs. Schooley and Mrs. Opal Crabb of San Angelo attended the funeral services.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Turney Casey and Mrs. Pearl Schooley visited Tuesday in Austin with Mrs. Schooley's sister-in-law, Mrs. Euna Lewis, who is ill. Mrs. Lewis makes her home with her daughter, Mrs. P. J. Bewington.

Mrs. Edna Varnadore and Helen of Amarillo and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Walker and family of Junction were here Saturday and Sunday visiting Dee Walker who is in the hospital. Mrs. Bill Hardin of Dublin visited Mr. Walker last Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Deen and family spent the weekend in Gainesville with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Deen.

Mrs. Vera Harris of Forsan was a visitor last week in the home of her daughter, Mrs. James Craig, and Mr. Craig.

O. H. (Judge) Campbell
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Your Listings Appreciated

Lunchroom Menu

Monday, March 18
Macaroni and cheese, blackeyed peas with snaps, spinach and eggs, corn bread and butter, milk, apple cobbler.

Tuesday, March 19
Tuna salad sandwiches, vegetable soup, cole slaw, potato chips, milk, chocolate pudding.

Wednesday, March 20
Tamales and chili, buttered rice, fruit Jello on lettuce, hot rolls and butter, milk, peach upside down cake.

Thursday, March 21
Beef stew with potatoes and onions, garden salad, English peas, hot rolls and butter, milk, oatmeal cookies.

Friday, March 22
Baked ham, candied sweet potatoes, green beans, celery sticks, hot rolls and butter, milk, grape jelly.

HAVE FAMILY GATHERING

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Bloodworth of Silver had the following visitors Sunday:

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Bloodworth of Ghana, Africa; Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Bloodworth, San Angelo; Mr. and Mrs. Waymon Robertson, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Wallace Jr. and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Walker, Lavida Todd and Mike Post, all of Robert Lee.

Also, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Walker, Sanco; Mr. and Mrs. Raymon Bloodworth and family and Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Bloodworth and children, all of Silver. Allen Bloodworth is in the States on a three-week leave from his work as an agricultural technician in Ghana. He is spending most of his leave time in Stillwater, Okla., with his wife and daughter, who is enrolled in school there.

NOTICE OF DIRECTORS ELECTION
THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF COKE
TO THE RESIDENT QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF WEST COKE COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an election will be held within the West Coke County Hospital District on the 6th day of April, 1968, in accordance with the resolution calling said election, which was adopted by the Board of Directors of said hospital district on the 15th day of February, 1968, the same being attached hereto and made a part of this notice for all purposes.

J. E. Quisenberry, Jr.
Secretary, Board of Directors
West Coke County Hospital District
(District Seal)

MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF WEST COKE COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT

ON THIS, the 15th day of February, 1968, the Board of Directors of the WEST COKE COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT convened in session at the regular meeting place with the following directors present:

FRED McCABE SR., CHAIRMAN
J. E. QUISENBERRY, JR., SECRETARY
JAMES HERFORD, CLIFFORD WILSON, CURTIS WALKER, SR., DIRECTORS
AND WITH THE FOLLOWING ABSENT, TO WIT, NONE, CONSTITUTION A QUORUM.

when the following proceedings were had:

Mr. Walker introduced the following resolution:
A resolution calling an election for two directors of the West Coke County Hospital District; providing the time and place therefor; and enacting provisions incident thereto and moved its adoption. Mr. Wilson seconded the motion and upon the vote being called for, the motion carrying with it the adoption of the resolution, was unanimously adopted by all directors present.

MINUTES APPROVED THIS 15th day of February, 1968
Fred McCabe
Chairman, Board of Directors
West Coke County Hospital District
(District Seal)

A RESOLUTION CALLING AN ELECTION FOR TWO DIRECTORS FOR THE WEST COKE COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT; PROVIDING THE TIME AND PLACE THEREFOR; AND ENACTING PROVISIONS INCIDENT THERETO:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE WEST COKE COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT, COKE COUNTY, TEXAS:

SECTION 1: That an election be held on the 6th day of April, 1968, within the West Coke County Hospital District for the purpose of electing two directors for said district and said election shall be held under the General Laws of the State of Texas regulating general elections, except as the same are modified by Chapter 315, Acts of the 58th Legislature, Regular Session, and only resident qualified electors shall be entitled to vote.

SECTION 2: That the ballots for said election shall be prepared in sufficient number and in conformity with Chapter 6, V.A.T.S. and written or printed thereon shall be the names of the candidates who comply with the provisions of Chapter 315, Acts of the 58th Legislature, Regular Session.

SECTION 3: No person shall be eligible for the office of Director unless he is a resident of the District, owns land subject to taxation therein and unless at the time of such election he shall be more than 21 years of age.

SECTION 4: The polling places

where the election shall be held and the presiding officers at each of the said polling places are as follows:

POLLING PLACE: Courthouse, Robert Lee

PRESIDING JUDGE: Mrs. F. C. Clark

Community Center
Green Mountain

James Counts
Mildred Wallace is hereby appointed as Clerk for Absentee Voting at the Election herein ordered and Absentee Voting shall be conducted at the Courthouse, Robert Lee, Texas, and said clerk shall keep the office open between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. each day that is not a Saturday, a Sunday, or an official State Holiday, all in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 424, Acts of the 58th Legislature Regular Session, 1963.

SECTION 5: Notice of the election shall be given by publishing a substantial copy of this resolution one time in a newspaper of general circulation in the district,

the said publication to be at least ten full days prior to the election.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 15th day of February, 1968.

Fred McCabe, Sr.
Chairman, Board of Directors
West Coke County Hospital District

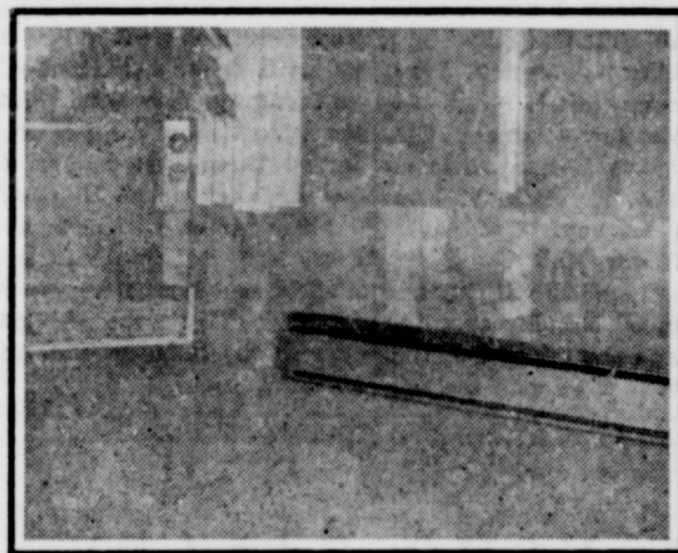
J. E. Quisenberry, Jr.
Secretary, Board of Directors
West Coke County Hospital District
(District Seal)

WELCOME

Robert Lee Baptist Church
West 11th and Chadbourne
Bill Beaty, Pastor

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Training Union 6:00 p.m.
Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday
Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

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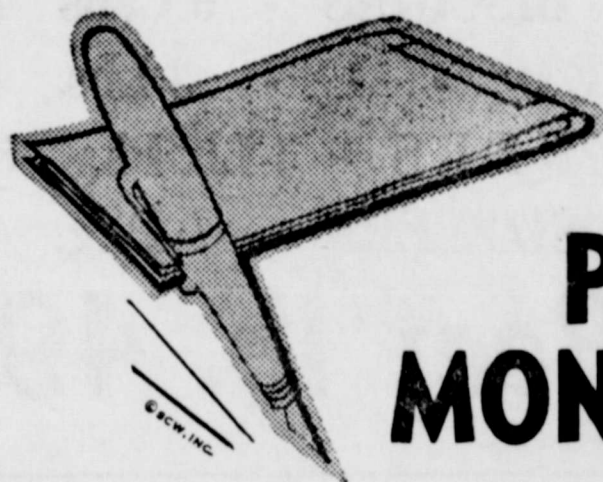
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Robert Lee State Bank

Robert Lee School News

Many Students Enter UIL Events

Nearly 25 R.L.H.S. students entered in University Interscholastic League Events this year and are working hard in anticipation of the district contests to be held at Merkel March 23. Contestants will be as follows:

9th Grade Oral Reading—Cristie Roach.

Persuasive speaking — Jackie Counts.

Poetry Interpretation — Vernay Vaughan.

Prose Reading — Kathy Perciful.

Ready Writing — Linda McDaniel, Gary Jack Thomason.

Spelling and Plain Writing — Jo Adkins, Kathy Denman, Bob Thomason.

Typing — Elaine Fikes, Debbie Shoemaker, Mike Mumford; Gary Jack Thomason (alt.).

Shorthand — Marilyn Wallace, Lois Heuvel; Vernay Vaughan, (alt.).

Number Sense — LaVina Yarbrough, Leslie Sanders, James Smith.

Science — Carolene Bethel, Jackie Counts, Thomas McBroom, Kathy Denman; Jean McDaniel, (alt.).

Elementary Contestants

About the same number of students are participating in the elementary division. They are:

Oral Reading — Patti Ivey; Marilyn McBroom, (alt.).

Spelling and Plain Writing (5th and 6th grades) — Theresa Hambright, Terri Kinsey; Phyllis Wojtek and Cinda Parker, (alts.).

Spelling and Plain Writing (7th and 8th grades) — Mary Donley, Rosanna Boykin; Linda Atkins and Rebecca Large, (alts.).

Ready Writing — Linda Parker, Patti Hearn.

Number Sense — Edwin Lindsey, Mark Matlock, Linda Atkins; Harvey Wink, (alt.).

Story Telling — Dennis Ivey; Virgeilla Streng, (alt.).

Picture Memory—Pamela Quisenberry, Valerie Baker, Ardenna Boone, Elizabeth Bickley, Jan Green, Mary Lackey.

Honor Roll

High School Principal Garland Davis announced Monday that the following made the honor roll this six weeks with a 90 or above in

all subjects.

Seventh grade — Rosanna Boykin, Ricky Wilkes.

Eighth grade — Linda Atkins, Mary Donley, Patti Ivey, Marilyn McBroom, Linda Parker.

Ninth grade — Jean McDaniel.

Tenth grade — John Counts, LaVina Yarbrough.

11th grade — Carolene Bethel, Quinn Conley, Kathy Denman, Elaine Fikes.

Twelfth grade — Ross Adkins, Jackie Counts, Jeannie Hatch, Lois Heuvel, Thomas McBroom, Jeffrey McCabe, Linda McDaniel, Vernay Vaughan, Marilyn Wallace, Bobby White.

Golf Team to Brady

The following golf team members will be entered in a tournament at Brady this Saturday: Gary Parker, Ronnie Devoll, Bobby White, Gary Williams, Jeffrey McCabe. The district golf tournament will be held at Sweetwater April 8th and 9th. Prin. Garland Davis is the golf instructor.

F.H.A. Girls to Attend Meet

Robert Lee Chapter of the Future Homemakers held a short business session Monday to discuss plans for attending the Area meeting to be held Saturday in Midland. About eight girls are to make the trip along with Mrs. Eloise Guarrant, sponsor. Martha Kinsey was elected by the group as voting delegate. The girls will report on the meeting at a later date.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Walker and family of Odessa and Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Wayne Walker and family of San Angelo visited over the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Walker.

Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Elliott visited over the weekend at Katy with their son, Delmo Elliott, and family. Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Goff and family of Mason joined them there. Mrs. Goff is a daughter of the Elliotts.

Mrs. James L. Kheen of Childress, Mrs. Patricia Harris of San Angelo and Mrs. Elva Jameson of Colorado City were weekend visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Mathers.

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School Bond Election, Saturday, March 16

Qualified voters of the Robert Lee School District, before you cast your vote Saturday, March 16th, at the Robert Lee School, please read the following data concerning your school district. After reading the facts, should there be skeptics who would vote against the impending bond election, let him examine the existing school facilities.

The main objective of any school district is to provide, for its students, facilities and staff of the highest quality commensurate with the ability and desire of the citizens and taxpayers of the area to finance. The main handicap in the Robert Lee School lies in the inadequacy of physical facilities. The school needs facilities for classrooms, library, physical education, food service, homemaking, and vocational agriculture.

It is with these thoughts in mind that the following statements and recommendations, all of which are necessary, are presented.

Existing Facilities

A. THE MAIN SCHOOL BUILDING, constructed in 1954, is a modern one-story semi-fireproof building containing facilities for both elementary and high school, separated by an auditorium (seating 504) common to both. Physically the building is in good condition, mechanical and electrical systems are in good condition, lighting level in classrooms is good. Evaporative cooling has been added to all classrooms and to the auditorium. The building is in need of general painting and caulking.

1. THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL contains 8 classrooms opening onto two single-loaded open corridors and one classroom opening into the enclosed intercommunicating corridor. This latter room was originally designated for Visual Education and is presently being used for the school library. One of the classrooms is utilized strictly for music education. Also, included in this area of the building are the administrative offices, storage and work rooms and toilet facilities for the elementary division.

2. THE HIGH SCHOOL contains 5 general classrooms, 2 rooms for business education, one large science laboratory and lecture room with large storage area (originally planned as Library Study Hall), separate administrative offices for High School and the School District, storage and work rooms and toilet facilities for the high school division.

B. THE OLD HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING, originally constructed in 1923 as a two story masonry building with wood floor and roof construction, later reduced to one story in height, is now being utilized in part as dressing rooms for boys' physical education and athletics, the remainder of the building being idle. Physically this building is in deplorable condition; heating is accomplished with unvented or poorly vented gas and gas-steam heaters. The lighting level is poor, and the plumbing is in very poor condition. It is a "wreck."

C. THE OLD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, as originally constructed in 1937 by Public Works Administration, contained 6 classrooms and a combination gymnasium. In 1954 the classroom wing was converted to band use except one classroom which was converted to a girls' P. E. dressing room area. The exterior walls, corridor and gymnasium floors of this building were constructed of reinforced concrete, the classroom floors and all roof areas of wood. The old wood floors which have been covered with asphalt tile have rotted and warped. The gymnasium floor approximately 45' x 80', also covered with asphalt tile, is below standard in size for competitive games. The seating capacity in the gymnasium, including some bleachers set in the old stage area, is about 200. The toilet and dressing room facilities serving this gymnasium are sub-standard in quality. The roof of this building is in good shape. The plaster on both interior and exterior walls is in poor condition, some ceiling tiles have fallen, the windows and doors need replacing, and the building is in need of general painting and caulking. The heating system is new and working well; the lighting level is fair.

D. CAFETERIA. This building was originally constructed as a temporary army barracks or supply building prior to World War II and was moved to the site and converted to cafeteria use. The seating capacity of about 100 is small for efficient use; the kitchen equipment is fair. This frame building is located such that all children must walk approximately 200 feet with no protection from inclement weather. The evaluation by the architects of this structure is as follows: "The lunchroom personnel are doing a fine job in this area under adverse conditions." This building is a disgrace.

E. HOMEMAKING. This frame residence is not the latest in facilities, and for this important subject, is inadequate.

F. SHOP BUILDING, approximately 2500 square feet in floor area, is a masonry building in fair condition and inadequate for present day vocational requirements. This building will be retained for storage and maintenance.

TEMPORARY BUILDINGS. Three temporary frame buildings, which were moved from Silver, serve as five makeshift classrooms. They are sub-standard and undersized. Two temporary rooms have been made by partitioning the band hall. The vocational agriculture classroom, the Homemaking cottage, the Lunchroom and library are used for study halls.

School Plant Requirements

Certain standards and principles have to be maintained to be an accredited school in Texas. Robert Lee School will be visited by the accreditation division March 28, 1968. The last official accreditation visit to our school from the state department was in 1956. We

are expecting certain deficiencies to be evident—physical facilities being the most obvious weakness in the system.

It is the hope of the administration of the school that the result of the approaching bond election will be indicative of the community's support of its school. The following excerpts are from Bulletin 560 (Revised) 1967 "Principles and Standards for Accrediting Elementary and Secondary Schools":

"Principle I — There is a community setting conducive to the operation of a high quality educational program."

"Principle I, Standard 1 — The community has a financial plan in operation which ensures adequate support for the educational program."

The superintendent and the board of trustees have developed a budget to provide an adequate educational program, with a tax program of valuation and collection that brings in the amount of money needed to ensure the program outlined.

The community supports a financial plan for the educational program with an adequate tax rate, a realistic percentage of property value for tax purposes, and periodic re-examination of property valuation.

"Principle VI, Standard 21 — Physical facilities are commensurate with the school instructional program, enrollment, number and types of material, and the age of pupils to be served."

Whose Responsibility?

State Law requires education and provides for an educational system, but Robert Lee, as all districts are, is charged with the responsibility to provide the permanent physical facilities.

Our children need not have to wait to see what might be in the future. Our children should benefit from a good school now. There seems to be some little concern about consolidation and centralization. The trend has been in that direction. Should centralization be required let this school be prepared to be the outstanding educational center of the area in the vicinity of the largest lake west of Possum Kingdom.

Time waits for no one. The patrons of this district should not hesitate to improve the facilities. There is a great urgency and need for the program outlined by the school board.

The people of the Robert Lee Independent School District have many reasons to be optimistic about the future of Robert Lee. The new reservoir will definitely be an attraction to this area. We have reports that the oil industry is on an upswing. Let us provide a school that will be equal to the times. To make exact predictions of what will be ten or twenty years hence is impossible, but we do know the situation now. Without a dream and ambition man would still be living in caves. Now is the time to build. It seems that we have been waiting for some-

thing in this district for a long time. Time has passed us — now, we must attempt to catch up. Necessity dictates the need to build. The students, teachers, and parents have been very patient and understanding with the crowded, deteriorated condition of the physical plant during the past years. The district can well afford adequate facilities for an excellent educational program. There is no excuse!

Recommendations

After a survey by the Texas Education Agency; the architectural firm of Wilson, Patterson, Sowden, Dunlap, and Epperly, and much study by the school board and administration; the following recommendations are presented to the qualified voters for their consideration on March 16, 1968, at the school. The following additions are recommended:

CLASSROOMS. Add five classrooms to the elementary school (three of which are under construction now). Add six classrooms to the high school. (As is mentioned elsewhere in this article, we are now using ten different areas that are either sub-standard temporary buildings or facilities that are for other purposes; and, therefore, are not satisfactory for study.)

LIBRARY WITH MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM. The school does not have a library. A classroom is used for a makeshift library.

SHOP BUILDING. The present shop does not meet minimum standards in size or quality.

HOMEMAKING COTTAGE. The present Homemaking department does not meet minimum requirements in size or quality.

CAFETERIA. A cafeteria with a seating capacity of 254, centrally located to both elementary and high school is recommended.

GYMNASIUM. A gymnasium with seating capacity of 684, four dressing rooms, lobby, concession area, restrooms, and storage is recommended. The Gym will double for a field house.

BAND HALL and OLD GYM. Rehabilitate band hall and old gym. The gym will be used for physical education classes. Four dressing rooms will be built on to this building.

TENNIS COURTS and TRACK. Tennis Courts and outdoor play area are planned. A track is recommended to complete the school's stadium.

General Consideration: Acquisition of property for parking is recommended. Demolish and remove from the premises the old high school building (the present dressing room area.) Sell and remove from the premises the existing cafeteria building, homemaking cottage, temporary classrooms, and two metal storage buildings.

Manner Of Payments

A major concern to taxpayers is the cost of school buildings. Several factors will determine the annual cost in payment of bonds.

The length of the bond payment schedule chosen will affect the annual payments. The longer the pay-off period, the smaller the payment, but the greater the total interest cost would be. The shorter the schedule the greater the annual payments would be; the shorter the schedule, the smaller the interest payments would be.

The general consensus of the school board is to choose a fifteen year schedule with the larger payments in the beginning.

If the fifteen year schedule is chosen, the tax rate on the present values would need to be a few cents over the \$1.50 tax limit to cover the operation of the school and to make the bond savings. It is possible with a small value increase for the tax rate not to exceed the \$1.50 limit. This is planning pretty close to our taxing limit under the present law, but by choosing a short bond schedule, the district could save from ninety to hundreds of thousands of dollars according to the schedules compared.

Space does not allow to explain all the possible alternatives that are available in choosing a bond schedule. The school board will make the best possible choice for the district.

Should there be those who would like further information concerning the financial or any other phase of the building program, please visit with the school superintendent.

District's Ability To Pay

This district is blessed with natural resources which few districts enjoy. Another factor which patrons of this district should greatly appreciate is the incentive aid payments from the state foundation program. Receiving these funds is the exception rather than the rule.

Available Resources For The Proposed Bond Program:

40% Incentive Aid.....	\$280,000.00
45% Oil Revenue	315,000.00
15% Local Tax Roll.....	105,000.00
100% Total Bond Principal.....	\$700,000.00

Even with the loss of the taxable property to the Robert Lee Reservoir last year, there was a natural increase in tax values of \$1,000,000. Twenty-one new oil wells will be added to this year's tax roll plus several residences and other taxable property.

Compared to our neighboring schools, Robert Lee has an extremely light tax burden. With similar property valuations the following schools have the rates listed below compared to Robert Lee's \$1.48. Twenty-five cents of this \$1.48 was budgeted this year for construction of three classrooms:

Sterling City	\$1.76
Bronte	\$1.84
Water Valley	1.70
Lorraine	1.80
Roscoe	1.70

San Angelo's rate is \$1.47 and Colorado City's rate is \$1.50, but their value is assessed on 65% and 45% respectively of market value. Robert Lee's value is listed at 33 1/3%.

NOTICE OF SALE

By virtue of the authority vested in me by the Commissioners Court of Coke County, Texas, as shown by the Order of said Court, dated the 4th day of March, 1968, and recorded in the Minutes of said Court, I will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash all of the right, title, and interest held by Coke County in and to the Southeast one-third (SE 1-3rd) of Block "Y", Austin & Northern Land & Cattle Company, Addition to the Town of Robert Lee, described by metes and bounds as follows:

Lying and being situated in the County of Coke and the State of Texas, and being described as follows:

BEGINNING at the SE Corner of said Block "Y";

THENCE N along the E line of said block, 300 ft. to a stake and stone mound for corner;

THENCE W parallel with the S Line of said block, 300 ft. to a stake and stone mound for the NW Corner of this tract;

THENCE S parallel with the E Line of said block, 300 ft. to a stake and stone mound in the S Line of said block;

THENCE E with the S Line of said block, 300 ft. to the place of beginning.

The sale of such land is to be subject to the mineral reservation set out in deed from Louise Cartledge Harwood, et al, to Coke County, dated April 20, 1950, recorded in Vol. 122, Page 590, Deed Records of Coke County, Texas.

Such property will be offered for sale on the 26th day of March, 1968, at 10:30 A.M. at the North Door of the County Courthouse in the town of Robert Lee, Texas.

FRANK C. DICKEY
SPECIAL COMMISSIONER FOR SUCH SALE
(Publish 3 weeks)

Track Team Looks Good At Brady

Robert Lee High School trackmen racked up 34 points last Saturday at Brady invitational track meet. Coach Kenneth Mitchell reported that times of the local lads were better than the week before and he feels they are making good progress.

Randy Hall set a new school record of 52.3 in the open 440, but it was good enough only for a third place. Tooter Fields marked up his best time for the year in the 120 high hurdles with a 15.2, but it was good for a third place.

Quinn Conley was perhaps the surprise of the meet with a 41.9 in the 330 yard intermediate hurdles. This was his first time to try at them and was only .6 second below the school record.

The mile relay team, made up of Roy Blair, Quinn Conley, Randy Hall and Mike Bagwell, lowered their time to 3:38 from a 3:42 the week before, to take a sixth place.

The 880 relay team set a school record with their time of 1:37.1, for a sixth place.

Takes First in Shot

Ricky Whitaker was the only first place winner from Robert Lee as he took top honors with his 47'6" toss of the shot put. James Fields placed sixth in the same event.

The track team will go to Eldorado this Saturday. They expect some stiff competition.

GIRL SCOUTS SAY THANKS

Junior Girl Scouts of Robert Lee released a "big thank you" to everyone in the community for help received in their recent cookie sale. They issued a special "thank you" to the business firms of the town.

Club is now headquartered in Robert Lee, the affair has been continued and has grown each year. In 1967, more than 750 persons enjoyed the food and show. This year's goal is 1,000.

About 75 adults plus members of the county's 4-H clubs will combine their efforts to provide the food and another 50 persons will be on hand to entertain the crowd.

Proceeds will be used by the Lions to help the blind and underprivileged and for other community projects and by the 4-H members to finance their activities in the county.

Five Candidates In Council Race

Another candidate announced late last Wednesday for city councilman, making five candidates who are seeking two spots on the city's governing body. The same two candidates are running for mayor as reported last week.

Delbert Shoemaker is the new candidate for councilman, and others who had previously announced for council jobs are A. B. Sheppard, Grady K. Bagley, Jack R. Denman and Will Perci-full.

Two for Mayor

O. H. Campbell and Wilson Bryan are the two candidates for mayor. Campbell is presently serving as a councilman, and, if elected mayor, will have to resign, leaving his position vacant. It would have to be filled by appointment.

The city election will be held April 6. Absentee voting will start Monday.

Buddy Vosburg, a student at ACC in Abilene, was home for the weekend. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Javan Vosburg.

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