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Bronte Wildcat Is Fifth In County

Dan Auld of San Antonio has given a contract to Ed Davis of Abilene to drill the No. 1 C. E. Rawlings wildcat test 1-2 miles west of Bronte. Contractors expected to begin moving in equipment this week.

Auld has turned to Hickok & Reynolds, of Cisco and San Antonio, an undivided one-half interest in his block of 1,700 acres near Bronte. The test will explore the Ellenburger.

A drillstem test Monday by Shamrock No. 2 H. G. Wendland wildcat, was from 2,243-2,339 feet and lasted 30 minutes. Recovery was 60 feet of drilling mud and 180 feet of sulphur water, with no shows of oil or gas. Location is nine miles southeast of Robert Lee.

Seaboard-Southern Minerals wildcat on the M. G. Reed place, two miles below the Shamrock test, was drilling ahead yesterday at 4,500 feet.

Algord's No. 1 Jack Lassiter was drilling Thursday at 1,300 feet. Contractors replaced some defective equipment and were making better headway. It was planned to set 9 5-8 inch pipe at 1,400 feet. Location is 2 1-2 miles northwest of Sanco on the old Sanco-Silver road.

M. J. Delaney Drilling company was rigging up on the Al Hill's No. 1 Harris wildcat and expected to spud by the end of the week. Location is in the upper end of the old Saul Ranch, now owned by the Ralph Harris estate. The location is a half mile east of No. 2 Central National Bank (trustee of Blanks estate) which Sun is drilling as an outpost in its newly discovered field on the south side of the Colorado River.

Jewelry Store Opens

Robert Lee now has a full fledged jewelry store and watch repair service H. A. Berry is proprietor of the business which opened last week first door north of the Alamo theatre. He is an experienced watch maker and is starting with a modest stock of watches, rings and other merchandise which will be increased during the year. Mr. Berry comes from Colorado City and served in the Air Corps during the war. His wife and children joined him here last week and they have living quarters in the rear of their store. Robert Lee folks welcome the Berrys and wish them every success.

Bronte Coming Sunday To Open Ball Season

The base ball season opens Sunday at 3 p. m. with Bronte crossing bats with Robert Lee on the local diamond. A hotly contested game is always in prospect when Bronte and Robert Lee get together, so be on hand to enjoy the big event.

Since considerable funds have been expended for new equipment, there will be a regular admission charge of 40 cents, which includes the federal tax. The teams will meet at Bronte the following Sunday and will be rounding in shape for the Concho Basin league opening May 2.

Robert Lee has a number of new players trying out for the team and indications are the Oilers will have a much improved club over last year. Otis (Judge) Campbell and Sam Chapman are co-managers.

Mary Pearl, small daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Smith, is recovering from a recent illness and was brought home Wednesday from the Bronte hospital.

His Honor



McNeill Wylie, former county judge, was elected mayor of Robert Lee at the biennial election Tuesday. He was unopposed for the office and succeeds W. B. Cliff, who served the past two years.

Wylie Heads New City Administration

Less than 100 ballots were cast in the city election here Tuesday in which McNeil Wylie was chosen mayor and Fern Havins and T. A. McMillan, councilmen. Theirs were the only names printed on the ballot, although there were a few scattering write-in votes.

The new city officials will meet this week to take over administration of municipal affairs. Retiring as city officials are Mayor Bruce Cliff and Councilmen W. T. Roach and A. J. Bilbo.

Mayor Wylie was Coke county judge for 14 years and is well qualified for the city office. He is now engaged in the poultry business and is producing 300 broilers for the market each week. Both Messrs. Havins and McMillan are good sound business men, who have had previous experience in public life. Robert Lee's municipal affairs will be in capable hands.

Bronte Elects Whitt

H. O. Whitt was re-elected mayor at Bronte this week, when a total of 74 ballots were cast in the city election. J. M. Rippetoe, a write-in candidate, was named as councilman, defeating Vernon C. Lammers. Other councilmen elected were D. K. Glenn and C. E. Bruton.

Clell Varnadore returned home Wednesday from the Bronte hospital where he was a patient for several days with a throat infection.

J. C. Snead, Sr. was taken to the hospital at Stanton the first of the week where he is undergoing treatment. His son DeWitt, came down from Stanton and took his father back with him. Mrs. Snead accompanied them.

Judge J. F. Hair of Austin has been in Robert Lee this week and is seriously considering come important investments in the community. Judge Hair has extensive property interests in Austin and San Antonio.

Commissioner T. R. Harmon motored to Dallas this week and was expected to return Thursday with his wife, who was a patient several weeks at Baylor hospital. Mrs. Harmon has had serious trouble with a fractured arm received last November.

R. S. Crum was returned to his home here Monday after a few days' treatment at the Bronte hospital. He is much improved and hopes to return to his office within a few days. Mr. Crum is justice of the peace and city secretary.

Schools Name New Trustees

School matters in the Sanco district continue to be closely contested as will be noted from last Saturday's trustee election in which I. H. Devoll nosed out Guy Denman, incumbent, by a vote of 30 to 29. Holdover members of the board are B. D. Gartman and J. L. Carwile, Jr.

In the Silver Peak district F. C. Asher and W. A. Preston were elected to succeed E. E. Bussey and Robert Walker. Both Asher and Preston are resident employees of Sun Oil company at Silver.

The voters of Green Mountain elected Elbert Davidson and Finell Smith. Davidson is already on the board and Smith will succeed Homer Carwile.

A. L. Lofton was elected school trustee in Wildcat to succeed A. B. Sheppard, who is running for county commissioner.

Dog Bites Little Girl

Ida Mae Woods, 8 year old Robert Lee girl, was severely bitten in the face by a dog Monday afternoon. She was leaving the Baptist church after attending a study course and was attacked by the dog when she attempted to play with it. The animal, a well bred collie, is owned by the Fred McDonald, Jr. family. Ida Mae was rushed to the Bronte hospital where a number of stitches were required to close her wounds. She is the daughter of Mrs. Bertrice Lackey Woods.

Cartledge Lots Selling

L. W. Yeager has opened his office here to handle sale of the Cartledge lots, and among purchasers of some choice residential sites the first of the week were S. E. Adams, J. C. Strickland and Jack Lassiter.

H. L. Bloodworth, a well known Silver resident, is reported as resting comfortably at Shannon hospital where he has been a patient the past week. Physicians have not yet diagnosed his ailment.

Cotton Crop to Market; Some 16 Years Old

Seventy-seven bales of cotton were shipped to the compress at Ballinger this week, to clean up the entire output of 402 bales ginned by the Robert Lee Gin the past season.

Most of the lint cotton was sold earlier. The shipment of 77 bales was owned by Bailey & Carroll Russell, F. G. Seltz, B. G. Gartman, Carl Hurley and Eugene Wojtek.

The cotton will be tested and graded at Ballinger before it is sold. Fred McDonald, Jr., proprietor of the Robert Lee gin, recently purchased 15 bales of cotton from Eugene Brooks of the Valley View community. The cotton was raised away back in 1930-31-32 when it was worth only a few cents a pound on the market.

Mr. Brooks hauled his crop back home from the gin and stored it away, and in spite of the fact it was nearly 20 years old, the lint was in a good state of preservation and brought an average of 29 cents a pound.

McDonald says he never bought any cotton that old before, and it is doubtful if anyone else in these parts has ever kept a crop for that long a period. Brooks had the satisfaction of holding on until he got a good price, and it paid off well. Of course, he'll have to kick some of it in to Uncle Sam for income tax.

BCD Monday Night

Regular meeting of the Board of Community Development is scheduled for the district court room at 7:30 next Monday night. President G. C. Allen says several important matters will be up for discussion and a good turnout is expected. Robert Lee and Coke county have the opportunity of making a lot of progress in the next few years, and the help and cooperation of everyone is necessary for success. Attendance at the last two meetings was far from satisfactory.

194 Ballots Cast In Local School Election

Three new trustees were chosen by the Robert Lee Independent School District at the annual election Saturday.

Selected from a field of nine candidates were Frank McCabe, Wilson Bryan and Mrs. Marvin Simpson. They will succeed R. P. Ross, Turney Casey and Genie Baker, whose terms expire this week.

The election drew 194 voters to the polls, the most interest over a school election in several years. Last year only eight persons voted.

Robert Lee cast 151 votes for W. F. Fikes for county school trustee and 31 votes for R. S. Anderson.

Following is a result of the election:

Fred McDonald, Jr.	76
T. M. Wylie, Jr.	65
Wilson Bryan	99
Mrs. Marvin Simpson	97
Genie Baker	14
Turney W. Casey	25
Roy P. Ross	24
Mrs. McNeil Wylie	44
Frank McCabe	130

Canvass of the votes was to take place at the regular monthly school board meeting Thursday night of this week. After the old board winds up its affairs, the new members will be sworn in. The new board will elect a president and secretary and consider other matters of business.

Opens Bronte Store

Elsewhere in this newspaper appears an advertisement of the new jewelry store which is being opened at Bronte by Fred Tatum. Mr. Tatum and his family came from Lubbock and formerly resided in San Angelo.

Mrs. C. W. McCutchen underwent a serious operation at San Angelo last Friday. She is reported to be recovering very nicely.

Clerk Willis Smith and Judge Bob Davis made a trip to Cochran county Monday where they looked after official business. Coke county owns royalty under a considerable acreage in that county. The county officers will recommend that the commissioners court be in no hurry to accept the \$5 an acre lease bonus which has been offered.

Carroll Russell, George Taylor and Delbert Vestal left Tuesday for a fishing trip to the Devil's River.

Dan R. Campbell is much improved at the Bronte hospital where he was seriously ill the first of the week. He has been given three blood transfusions.

Mrs. Milton Rogers and little daughter, Michelle, of Burbank, Calif., were recent guests of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Grimes. They were enroute to New York City to join Mr. Rogers, who is a trumpet player in the Woody Herman orchestra. Mr. Grimes is a driller for Ray-Harris.

Mrs. Marcus Turner was in San Angelo on Monday where she was a dental patient.

Sun To Continue In Arledge Field; Stake 3rd Location

Sun Oil company has staked No. 3 Arledge, a 1,320 ft. south offset to No. 1 Arledge, discovery producer in the Marble Falls section at a depth of 6,600 feet. Ray-Harris will move to the No. 3 location as soon as No. 2 Arledge is completed.

Sun this week was hoping to shut off water and complete a producer in the Marble Falls of its No. 2 J. W. Arledge test, six miles northwest of Sanco. No. 2 Arledge plugged back to 6,546 feet after getting sulphur water in the Ellenburger at 7,000 feet.

Thirty feet of pay section was perforated and a later test showed all salt water and no oil. The perforations were squeezed with 100 sacks of cement in an effort to shut off water, and work was to be resumed Thursday night.

Another Ellenburger failure was No. 6 Homer Jameson which found sulphur water after drilling to a depth of 7,135 feet. The hole was plugged back to 6,395 where operators hope to complete in the Pennsylvania.

Morris & Hamilton's rotary equipment will move to No. 1 H. L. Bloodworth when it is released from No. 6 Homer Jameson.

No. 1 Central National Bank, trustee of Blanks estate, was drilling Wednesday at 7,145 feet in shale and lime. The test had not reached the Ellenburger.

No. 9 Homer Jameson was drilling at 5,500 feet in shale.

No. 4 C. E. Mathers was reported at 4,600 feet Wednesday in shale.

No. 2 Central National Bank was drilling in shale at 2,626 feet.

No. 8 Homer Jameson was drilling in shale at 1,818 feet.

No. 1 Ellwood Estate on Spade Ranch in Mitchell county was drilling at 4,317 feet.

Sun has staked No. 2 J. B. Walker, a diagonal offset to No. 1 Walker, discovery producer in the South Jameson field across the river. No. 4 Willie I. Tubbs has also been staked as a 1,320 foot offset to No. 2 Tubbs.

A pumping unit had been rigged up at No. 6 Fred Jameson and was reported Wednesday to be pumping 30 barrels of oil and 35 barrels of water daily.

1948 Auto Licenses Ahead of Last Year

A total of 1,309 motor vehicle licenses for 1948 have been issued in Coke county, compared with 1,071 at this time a year ago, according to records in the office of Sheriff Paul Good.

While exact figures are not available it is estimated that total fees from car and truck tags are near \$24,000, more than twice the amount taken in in 1947.

This will mean a big boost for the county fund since all auto license fees remain in the county up to \$50,000. A large number of autos and trucks engaged in oil activities in Coke county are responsible for the big increase.

Harris & Latham Truck Co. paid over \$1,100 in registration fees on three new heavy duty trucks, while J. J. Willis paid more than \$1,300.

Clyde Stayton and wife spent the weekend at Andrews with her mother, Mrs. J. A. Pettis, and other relatives.

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(From files of The Coke County Rustler, Mar. 26, 1898)

Born on Monday, March 14, to Mr. and Mrs. Will Hutto, an 8 pound girl This is number three for Dr. Collins within a week. This plan suits our ideas of immigration and it is a better way we suppose than advertising for foreigners to come in and settle the country.

E. L. Green and Miss M. E. Preslar of Coke county were married Saturday by Judge Goodwin at Colorado City. It was said to have been an elopement.

We are sorry to learn that Mrs. Lizzie Reed, wife of Rev. John Reed, will have to remain in Ballinger for medical treatment for three or four weeks.

J. R. Arrett while at Ft. Worth bought five or six hundred heifers, at \$9.50 for ones and \$11 for two year olds.

In this issue appears the announcement of J. F. Deats for the office of tax assessor. He is well known and has been in business here for some time.

J. R. McCullum of San Angelo was here this week looking over our town and surrounding county with a view of opening a large mercantile establishment.

L. H. McDorman was in town Thursday and reports that the freeze did not injure his wheat but he thinks all fruit is killed.

Rev. Gid Graham is being favorably spoken of as suitable county judge material. Squire B. P. Byrne is also being strongly urged to enter the race.

J. W. Knapp of the Divide country sold last week to Kansas buyers 800 head of steers, from 1s to 3s and some eastern 4s at \$16 a head.

The M. H. Davis two story hotel building is assuming house proportions.

On Friday of last week J. M. Williams of Bronte died of heart disease. He was one of our most representative citizen and leaves a wife and several children.

In this issue appears the name of J. G. Walton who is a candidate for county treasurer.

Paving In Sterling County Starts Soon

STERLING CITY, April 8—Prospects for an early start on construction of the Sterling County segment of the east-west Robert Lee-Sterling City Highway (Farm No. 387) were evident Friday.

A. F. Moursund, district engineer of the State Highway Department, said that the making of bond by C. Hunter Strain, San Angelo contractor who was low bidder, and the issuance of work orders out of Austin would precede launching of the project which has been termed important to the current Coke County oil field development program.

Strain's bid was \$78,406 for grading, structures, case and asphalt surfacing from Sterling City 12.15 miles east to the top of the Divide. The project will carry the new highway to within about three quarters of a mile of the county line.

A survey now is being made for location of the Coke County end of the highway.

Traffic can move over existing county roads from the end of the Sterling segment to Robert Lee. Heavy traffic would come down the river and cross the Colorado on the San Angelo-Robert Lee highway bridge just south of Robert Lee.

Spring Cleanup Urged For Week April 4-11

Austin, Texas, Mar. 24.—"A good old fashioned spring house cleaning in every city and community in Texas would do a great deal toward furthering good health in this state," Dr. Geo. W. Cox, State Health Officer, said today, in urging all communities and cities in the state to cooperate in Texas Clean-Up Week April 4-11.

A general clean-up program of state-wide proportions with the objective of bettering health conditions for our citizenship should include surface cleaning, drainage, the graveling of steets and alleys, the cleaning of all parks and playgrounds and the clearing off of weeds and rubbish from vacant lots.

"The destruction of mosquito breeding places and rat harborage, the proper disposal of garbage and trash and the general cleaning up of all premises will be, said Dr. Cox, "of inestimable value in helping to keep down summer health hazards such as dysentery, typhoid and poliomyelitis. Good community housekeeping and ordinary sanitary measures require the prompt removal of all waste matter in and around yards and homes in order to abate the danger of such diseases, and insure good health protection throughout the State."

Dr. Cox stressed the fact that many dangerous diseases are filth-borne, and the only possible way to control them is to eliminate the unsanitary conditions responsible for their spread.

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SILVER NEWS

By Juanice Jameson

There's never a dull day in West Texas as to weather. From overcoats to sun suits in a weeks span to say nothing of lovely sandstorms. Those were probably to make one thankful for the still days which may follow.

Bro. H. L. Bloodworth is in the Shannon hospital, San Angelo and is to undergo surgery sometime this week.

Mrs. J. B. Walker, Jr. is at home after major surgery at Loraine and is doing nicely. Her mother, Mrs. Verna Allen, who has been with her since the operation was called to Sweetwater Monday where her son, Alvin, had undergone an operation.

Joan Adams has measles. Her twin brother Gene has just recovered.

New residents of this community are Mr. and Mrs. Fred Jones and Freddie Lee Jr. from Odessa. Mr. Jones is mechanic for Baker-Taylor drilling company.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Wheeler from Houston. Mr. Wheeler is employed by Sun Oil Co. in the construction of the office building.

Donald Ray Moore recently visited Weldon Wiley of Colorado City.

Visiting with the Herbert Conners of Colorado City is his sister, Mrs. Ed Gray of San Antonio. Mrs. Gray will also visit her mother, Mrs. Sue Conner of Robert Lee and her sister, Mrs. Russ Mathers of Silver.

Mr. C. D. Freeman of Dallas visited in the Silver community last week while here on business at the Sun camp.

Last week the W.O.W.'s were hosts to a picture show given at the Silver school showing Uniform Ranch and two comedies.

Mr. Fred Asher and Bill Preston are new school trustees. Both men are employed by Sun Oil Co.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Robertson and daughter Virgie of Colorado City visited with the L. R. Pierces Sunday.

Bill Preston was in San Angelo for medical checkup Monday.

Paul Michel spent the weekend with his parents in Wichita Falls.

John Ebey was a weekend visitor in San Angelo.

SANCO NEWS

By Mrs. Sam Fowler

Mrs. Ernest Adkins went back to Bronte hospital Saturday for a checkup, and will have to stay in bed another month.

Billie Dove Allen is out of school because of illness.

The Mosleys have moved to Sweetwater. They had been living for the past month in the Prime apartment.

Mrs. Truman Gartman is to go to the Bronte hospital Thursday for a blood transfusion and undergo an operation Friday. Her sister-in-law is coming to take care of the children.

* Sanco Sewing Circle will meet Monday, April 19. Members are requested to bring two articles for the grab bag and pay 10c to grab. Funds derived will go into the treasury to buy gifts for the sick.

Leroy Bell and wife of Colorado City were down for a visit last weekend.

Jimmie D'ickey recently completed his pre-law course at Sul Ross college and with his wife and children arrived last week for a visit in the parental Frank C. Dickey home. Jimmie has not yet decided where he will take his legal training. For the next few weeks he will help his parents who are remodeling some residential properties.

The Genie Baker family spent Sunday with relatives at Winters, and Mr. Baker went on to Abilene on a business mission.

Fikes Re-elected As County School Trustee

W. F. Fikes of Precinct 1 was re-elected a member of the county board of school trustees last Saturday, while new members were chosen from Precincts 2 and 3.

Mr. Fikes polled 157 votes in Robert Lee and 31 at Sanco for a total of 188 votes. He was opposed by Sherman Anderson of Silver who received 31 votes in Robert Lee, 28 in Sanco and 35 at Silver for a 94 vote total.

P. W. Millican was the new trustee elected in Precinct 3 which is composed of the Wildcat and Green Mountain districts. Millican got 14 votes, while Raymond Schooler received 11 and W. M. Millican 11. The latter has served on the county board for a number of years and did not seek reelection.

In Precinct 2 Noah Pruitt of Bronte received 286 votes and was unopposed. He will succeed Frank Keeney, who was not a candidate again.

Important Notice

It is extremely important that this office be advised by next of kin with the name, rank and serial number of all persons whose lives were lost in World War II. This information is urgently needed by the Veterans Affairs Commission and should be turned in even though blanks have already been filled out for the return of the body for burial. Thus far only slight response has been received to a prior notice, and the cooperation of all is earnestly requested in order that the families can be contacted personally.—Bob L. Davis, County Judge.

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Folks You Know

Mrs. O. W. Dudley arrived Wednesday for a two weeks' visit with her brother, Rev. J. H. Estes, and family. She is enroute to her home in Danville, Va., after spending the winter in Phoenix, Ariz.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Neil and daughter, Doris, were down from Dumas the last of the week for a visit in the Homer Garvin home. They were accompanied by Mrs. Richmond Stroud and daughter, Timey Ann, who visited with the Frank Percifulls.

Mrs. Bill Craddock and daughter, Robbie Ann, are spending the week with the former's mother, Mrs. F. C. Clark, while the men folks are on a fishing trip.

Mary Beth, nine months old daughter of E. J. Thomason and wife, was brought home Sunday from the Bronte hospital where the child was a patient the last of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Lem Cowley accompanied the Otis Smiths of Bronte on a recent business trip to Portales, N. Mex.

Mrs. J. H. Fields and son-Hawley, spent the weekend with relatives in San Angelo.

C. L. Hallmark and M. C. Casey made a business trip to Colorado City on Sunday.

Gerald Ivey was a weekend guest of friends in Eden.

New Office Assistant

Charles Blake, son of Rev. and Mrs. C. R. Blake of Bronte, has accepted appointment to the position of deputy county superintendent under Judge Bob L. Davis. He began his new duties this week and succeeds Mrs. Joe Ed Scott, who resigned. Mrs. Scott is the former Wilma Roberts. Blake is a graduate of Bronte high school and was discharged last fall after a two year enlistment in the Navy.

Church Group Luncheon

The Home Makers class of the Baptist church enjoyed a luncheon on Tuesday at the home of Mrs. Gerald Allen. Yellow snapdragons were used as a table centerpiece and the rooms were decorated with bowls of pansies. During a program which followed the luncheon Mrs. Claud Dean gave a bookreview on "The Poet and the Women," by Grace Nall Crowell. Twenty-two guests were present.

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Ironing wanted. Mrs. J. A. Childress.

For Sale—Three rooms and bath, frame construction, butane gas, close to school, only \$2,250. Maurice S. Cole. 1p

For Sale—Deep freeze box, over 15 cubic ft. capacity, nearly new; suitable for cafe, market or ranch. Inquire at Black's Grocery. 1c

For Sale—Electric chick brooders. Leeper Supply Co.

For Sale—8-room modern house on lot 90x150 ft., one block from Robert Lee business district. Good income property. Immediate possession. Price \$3,500. J. C. Strickland. 1c

For Sale—4 year old registered Hereford bull, excellent herd sire, from Hughes Ranch breeding. A. B. Sheppard. 1c

For Sale—New 2-bedroom home, hardwood floors, built-in kitchen, modern in every way, with water, lights and butane gas. Fronts pavement northwest. \$5,250. Maurice S. Cole. 1p

For Sale—Three 25-lb. ice boxes; also four used kerosene cook stoves. See J. C. Strickland.

Lost—Spare tire and wheel from GMC pickup, between Silver and Robert Lee. Finder please advise D. M. Millican at Silver. 1p

For Sale—Good residence property, well located, hardwood floors, built in cabinets, grass and shrubbery. Immediate possession. Inquire of Henry Childress. 40fc

Political Announcements

The Robert Lee Observer is authorized to announce the candidacy of the following persons, subject to the 1948 Democratic primaries:

For Congress, 21st District:

O. C. FISHER

(Re-election)

HOWELL E. COBB

For State Representative

W. H. RAMPY

For County Judge and School Supt.:

BOB L. DAVIS

(Re-election)

JEFF DEAN

For County Treasurer:

RUBY L. PETTIT

(Re-election)

For District and County Clerk:

WILLIS SMITH

(Re-election)

For Sheriff, Tax Collector and Assessor:

PAUL GOOD

(Re-election)

For County Attorney

FRANK C. DICKEY

For Commissioner, Precinct No. 1

H. C. VARNADORE

(Re-election)

J. C. STRICKLAND

J. W. SERVICE

For Commissioner, Precinct No. 2

OTIS SMITH

(Re-election)

For Commissioner, Precinct No. 3

T. R. HARMON

(Re-election)

A. B. SHEPPARD

RALPH GARVIN

A Western-Holly

"Town and Country"

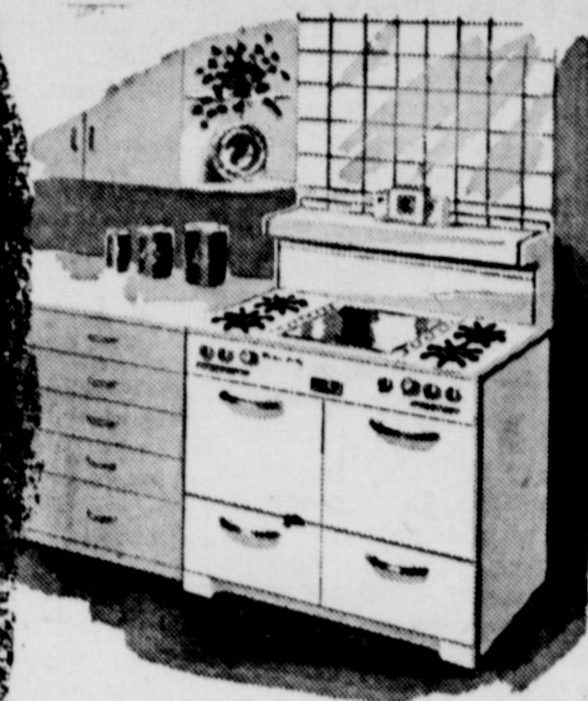
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Twin features throughout

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The New "Forty-Five"

With twin tops, twin oversize ovens, twin "Modern-Way" broilers, 4 burners, 18 inch square griddle, 46 inch plate warming shelf

Priced at \$340

Ivey Electric Co.

Home Appliance Store

Robert Lee, Texas

Announcing

the Opening of

Bronte Jewelry Co.

Bronte now has a completely new, modern and up-to-date Jewelry Store, which features a full and complete line of Watches as well as many more of your jewelry wants.

It is located right on Main Street in the building formerly occupied by White Auto Store.

Guaranteed Watch Repairing by Fred Tatum, who has many years of successful experience.

We are now open for business and invite you to come in and get acquainted.

Bronte Jewelry Co.

FRED TATUM, Owner

We Haul Everything

ROUND TRIPS DAILY
To and From San Angelo

LINZY McDORMAN - WESLEY KINSEY
Owner Driver

Committee Named To Study School System

Senator James E. Taylor, chairman of the Gilmer-Aikin Committee has notified the following persons of their appointment to membership on the Coke County Advisory Committee to Study Education. At the time of notification, each member was mailed a copy of the Committee handbook, "Lets Look at Our Local Schools in Texas" as a guide to the countywide study of the public school system.

The names of the person appointed membership on the local committee were submitted to the Gilmer-Aikin Committee by local service clubs, civic organizations and local school officials.

These committees are being established in every county in Texas primarily for the purpose of making a careful study of the local schools to ascertain the facts concerning the local schools for the benefit of the local citizens. Through the cooperative study, these facts, together with recommendations, can be transmitted to the state wide committee for consideration in making recommendations for improving the public school system of Texas.

The Coke county committee includes the following: Jeff Dean, C. N. Webb, Mrs. Jessie Yarbrough, Victor Collett, Fred D. Blake, Frank Keeney, Nell Flores, R. B. Allen, Bob L. Davis, M. G. Hannaford, Mrs. Naomi Powell, W. F. Fikes, Mrs. McNeil Wylie L. Y. Harrell and L. T. Youngblood.

Mrs. H. C. Allen was taken to Shannon hospital Saturday where she was treated for bronchial pneumonia.

CARD OF THANKS

To our many thoughtful and generous friends throughout Coke county. We gratefully offer our heartfelt thanks and sincere appreciation for the many items of clothes, gifts and liberal donation of money. Our rehabilitation since our recent loss by fire has been so suddenly made brighter and more hopeful, that we hardly know how to express our thanks.—Mr. and Mrs. Paul L. Hoglund and Family.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our friends and neighbors for their many acts of kindness, their gifts, cards and friendly visits to our daughter, Mrs. Homer Garvin, and we are sure these things have played an important part in causing an improvement in her condition.—Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Neil, Dumas, Texas.

The C. E. Mathers family spent Sunday with their daughter and sister, Mrs. J. L. Kuhn, and family in Cisco.

Record Bronte Vote Elects Glenn Ticket

BRONTE, April 8—President D. K. Glenn and two teammates were elected trustees in Saturdays Bronte independent school district election. Glenn received 273 votes and 274 each went to W. H. Maxwell, Jr., seeking re-election, and Francis Pruitt, up for the place of Otis Smith, who did not run.

Steve Badley, Mrs. Vernon Lammers and Ed Nunnally received 10 votes each.

Noah Pruitt was elected Precinct 2 county trustee, taking the place of Frank Keeney, not a candidate.

A record turnout of 299 voters was recorded.

More REA Contracts Scheduled This Week

San Angelo, April 7.—Contract is to be let by the Concho Valley REA here on April 7 for 200 more miles of construction, scattered over Coke, Concho and Tom Green counties, Carroll Land, manager, related here Wednesday. Four hundred miles have been approved, and another contract will be coming up as soon as wire is available Land said.

Wire is scheduled to arrive here for poles that are up covering 100 miles in Coke county. The contractor left out after putting up the poles and he is expected to return now to complete the wiring portion.

There has been allocated to the REA here \$995,000, Land said. REA crews do a considerable amount of construction.

Hayrick HD Club

The Hayrick WHD club met recently in the home of Mrs. C. L. Robbins. Members answered roll call with various subjects and joined in singing the club song.

Miss Bearden talked on the principles of house planning, and a report on the recent council meeting was given by Mrs. L. C. Robbins.

Present were Mesdames L. C. Robbins, J. W. Labenske, W. G. Cresah, Orbie Denman, Vera Mitchell, Ray Coalson and Mary Dean Cresap, Gladys Waldrop and Miss Bearden.—Mrs. Ray Coalson.

Mrs. J. R. Watson of Wingate spent Sunday with her daughter, Mrs. A. N. McIntyre, and family.

Vernon C. Lammers

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Let us do Your Building of Lumber, Concrete or Masonry

Lammers & Lammers Constr. Co.
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Butchering

We have purchased the Robert Lee Slaughter House and will be open for custom butchering on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. Now is the time to fill up your lockers with fresh meat for summer.

NOTICE—We also have dressed beeves and hogs for sale, whole or halves.

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F. H. BUSSEY

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Everything In Furniture
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I have a good line of
Coolers, Bathroom Fixtures
and Rough-in Materials

LESLIE LOFTON

Fisherman's Headquarters

See us for Rods and Reels and Tackle of all kinds. Good stock on hand, and more coming in soon.

Just Received

A nice Remington .22 Rifle. Who wants it? We have .22 shorts and 4.10 shells. Pocket knives. Also Dormeyer Electric Mixers with juice extractors.

Enamelware Sale

Our stock of high grade enameled Double Boilers must be reduced. These splendid \$2.75 values

Reduced to \$1.49

Dinnerware Sale

Don't miss this special on Hollywood Ware. Attractive and high quality 20-piece sets, regular \$7.50, now

Only \$4.95

Garden Tools

A full line of tools now in stock

Pabco Linoleum Rugs
Pittsburgh Paint & Varnishes

Leeper Supply Co.

Cartledge Property Now On Sale

As stated previously in this newspaper we have been appointed to act as agent in selling the Robert Lee property owned by Mrs. N. I. Cartledge, and are happy to announce that we are now selling lots.

An office has been opened in the rear of the Masonic Building and will be open for business every day.

Abstracts of title have been brought up to date and passed upon by a competent attorney, so that everything is now ready to go.

Persons interested in the purchase of certain pieces of property are invited to call in soon and we'll try and accommodate you.

From all indications Robert Lee is facing a period of wonderful development, and now is the time to get hold of some this city property before the price goes higher.

Every piece of property owned by Mrs. Cartledge is being offered for sale at this time, and we feel that the prices are reasonable indeed. Some excellent business lots are available as well as several hundred residential sites.

L. W. Yeager

Folks You Know

Leaving early Sunday on a fishing expedition on the Devil's River were F. C. Clark, Bill Craddock and Allie Bilbo. They were to be joined by Dr. J. K. Griffith, who took his wife to Uvalde where she is visiting the D. P. Wallings.

Mrs. O. V. Looney visited over Sunday in San Angelo with her son, Jack, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Lackey of Robert Lee are the parents of a son born March 25 at a San Angelo hospital.

Mrs. Josie Keithley and daughter, Doris Woodmansee, were here from Crane the last of the week visiting relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Byrd of Silverton have been guests the past week of Coke county relatives and friends. Wiley says the crops up in the Panhandle are looking good.

Mrs. Charlie Boykin and family of San Angelo were Sunday guests in the J. I. Murtishaw home.

Mrs. W. M. Summers spent several days last week at Colorado City in the home of her daughter, Mrs. E. W. Wright.

Mr. and Mrs. Roland Coppin of San Angelo were here Sunday and enjoyed a dinner honoring Mrs. Coppin's birthday in the home of her mother, Mrs. S. B. Plumlee.

James Page of Odessa spent Sunday with Robert Lee relatives.

Harold Sheppard and Bud Harmon spent Sunday in Rankin with the Delmir Morris Sheppards. They made the trip by motorcycle.

Mrs. Lillian Turney of Alpine has been a guest of Robert Lee relatives the past few days.

Mrs. W. H. Bell returned last Friday from Big Spring where she was called two weeks ago by the death of her son-in-law, J. W. Garrett. Mrs. Garrett accompanied her mother home and is spending the week in Robert Lee.

Mrs. Minnie Buchanan and Mrs. P. E. Mahon spent Sunday in San Angelo.

Mrs. Jack Goldsmith and daughter, Barbara, were expected to arrive Thursday of this week for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Taylor. They reside in Akron, Ohio.

Maurice Yarbrough and wife of Abilene spent Sunday here with her sister, Mrs. B. B. Pierce, and family.

Bob Fields and wife spent the weekend with friends at Ft. Worth and Weatherford.

ALAMO THEATRE

Robert Lee, Texas

FRIDAY and SATURDAY, APRIL 9-10

"Springtime in the Sierras" in Color With Roy Rogers-Andy Devine-Jane Frazee Also comedy and News

SUN., MON., TUES., APRIL 11-12-13

Sunday Matinees at 1:30 and 3:25

Tyrone Power-Alice Faye-Don Ameche in Irving Berlin's "Alexander's Ragtime Band" Also Cartoon

WEDNESDAY-THURSDAY, APRIL 14-15

Ann Sothorn-Barry Nelson in "Undercover Maisie" Also Cartoon

Crystal White

Soap 3 bars 25c

Castle Haven

Mixed Vegetables, No. 2 can 2 for 23c

Trellis Peas, No. 2 can 2 for 21c

Jack Spratt

Whole Kernal Corn, 12 oz. can 2 for 33c

Hearts Delight Bartlett Pears, No. 2 47c

Kirks Coco

Hardwater Castile Soap, 3 bars 25c

Baby Lima

Beans with pork, No. 300 can 2 for 23c

Hersheys Cocoa, 1/2 lb. box 20c

Val Vita Sardines, No. 1 tall can 15c

Tru-Sweet Seedless Raisins, 2 lb pkg 25c

Campbells Tomato Juice, No. 2, 2 for 25c

Schilling Coffee, 1 lb. can 53c

Johnson Glo Coat, 1 qt. 88c

We will be closed Sunday April 11

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Humble Oils, Gas & Accessories

FOR SALE!

1st Year Mebane and Qualla Cotton Seed

I am taking orders for

Maize - Hegari - Sudan Seed

I have the following prices now on Certified Seed with the Blue Tag:

HEGARI - \$6.75

MAIZE - 6.75

SUDAN - 10.50

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See our display of Clocks, Spot Lights, Fog Lights, Mirrors, Windshield Washers, Kleenex Dispensers, Bumper and Fender Treads, Radios, Heaters, Seat Covers, Etc.

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MARKET

Lean, Center Cut
Pork Chops, lb. 59c

Skinless
Weiners, lb. 43c

Armours, light choice
Slab Bacon, lb. 65c

Home Killed, Beef
Battery Raised Fry's

Ready to Serve
Colored Oleo

Vel or
Dreft, pkg. 31c

Tea, Liptons, \$1.09

Tiny, Whole, No. 2 can
President Beans 21c

Good Housekeeping Approved
Cocoa Marsh
Chocolate Syrup, lb 19c

Nile Brand No. 10 can
Peaches 73c

McCormicks Banquet
Tea, 1/2 lb. 27c 1/2 lb. 53c

My-T-Fine
Tapioca Pudding, 2 pkgs. 15c

Lard, Hormels Pure, 4 lbs. \$1.09

Bluebonnet
Salad Dressing, quart 39c

Tak-A-Taste, Peach or Apricot

Preserves 2 lbs. 39c

Peaches, Ch. Evaporated, 1 lb. 19c

FRANK'S FOOD STORE

American Sardines, Flats 10c

Trellis Corn, 2-17 oz. cans 25c

LIGHTCRUST FLOUR
25 lbs. 1.89
50 lbs. 3.69

Apple Juice, Motts, qt. 10c

Monarch No. 2
Pork & Beans 19c

Monarch Vegetable No. 2 can
Cocktail 10c

Sunny Slope 46 oz.
Tomato Juice 25c

C.H.B. Tomato
Catsup 14 oz. 17c

300 Ct.
Kleenex 25c

Candies

Coconut
Haystacks lb 45c

Planters, 5 1/2 oz tin
Cashew
Candy 15c

Peppermints
12 oz. 25c

Lemon Drops
12 oz. 25c

Hard Mix
12 oz. 15c

Angelus 6 oz Marshmallows
15c

Household Items

Choice 5 designs
Shelf Paper 9ft. 9c

16 Pads
Steel Wool 10c

Swan 80 Count
Paper Napkins 15c

Victor
Mousetraps 3 for 10c

American Made
Clothespins 2 Doz 25c