

# Robert Lee Observer

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**BLAIR FAMILY REUNION**—Shown above are Mrs. S. J. Blair and nine of her children who attended their family reunion in Robert Lee Sunday. First row, left to right, Mrs. Eudell Patterson, Snyder, Mrs. Frances Greathouse, Lubbock, Mrs. Blair, Mrs. J. W. B. (Samantha) Robertson, Robert Lee, and Mrs. Fred (Verna) Robertson of Colorado City. Back row, Jim and Jeff Blair of Robert Lee and Raymond, Bill and John Blair of Sterling City. New story on inside page.

## Virginia Jay Case Coming To Trial

The case of Mrs. Virginia Jay, charged with misappropriation of funds while serving as Robert Lee's city secretary, is scheduled to come up for trial Monday before a jury in 51st District Court.

She was indicted by a grand jury a year ago on two separate counts, involving around \$100 each, but had previously made restitution of an alleged shortage of \$1,002.48.

Mrs. Jay resigned in April of last year after serving many years as city secretary, and Jimmy M. Mathis was appointed to the position. Later an accountant from Ballinger was called in to check city records and is alleged to have found the said shortage in water funds.

City officials said they had no intention of prosecuting, but a grand jury was called to make an investigation. Mrs. Jay was not a witness before the grand jury and will have her first opportunity to defend herself next week.

Mr. Jay, who held the position of water superintendent for a long time, was discharged by the city commission because of his wife.

Three persons indicted by the grand jury two weeks ago will also be called into court during the session which starts Monday.

Judge Joe L. Mays will preside and Justin Keever, district attorney, will handle the prosecution. Mrs. Jay has retained Royal Hart of San Angelo as her attorney.

Names of 42 persons, two of them women, have been called as jurors to report at 10 a.m. Monday.

The jury list includes the following:

A. J. Roe Jr., L. E. Wink, R. C. Sawyer, W. W. Millikin, Joe McCutchen, Ben Oglesby, J. F. McCabe Jr., Douglas Gartman, N. C. Pentecost, J. P. Arrott, Sam Gray, Preston Davis, Raymond Bloodworth, Will Percifull, J. B. Walker, Jr.

Leonard Fletcher, J. B. Mackey, Mrs. T. A. Davis, W. H. Robertson, R. C. Patterson, John Brown, Claude Beaver, Walter Phillips, Frank Coalson, F. C. Clark, Lena Roberts, Mrs. Turney Casey, Carl Hurley, Garland Spencer, C. E. Bruton.

Homer Carwile, Ralph Walker, O. E. Kresta, Howard Preslar, Fred McCabe, E. C. McArthur, Francis Seltz, Earl Frank Glenn, Lowell Roane, Tom Rives, J. D. Blair, W. D. McDonald.

## Trustees Hire Three Teachers

At special meetings of the Robert Lee School board last week three teachers were hired to fill vacancies in the faculty.

Mrs. Virginia Griffith Walling, Mr. Dale Hamby, and Mr. Jim Anderson were hired to teach in the upper elementary grades and junior high school. Mr. Anderson will also be the band director.

Mrs. Walling has previously taught in the Robert Lee Schools. She holds her bachelor's degree from Texas Women's University, and presently she and her husband live on their ranch north of Bronte.

Mr. Hamby received his bachelor's degree from North Texas State College and this will be his first year to teach. His home is in Coleman, Texas.

Mr. Anderson, a graduate of Stephen F. Austin State College, was hired to replace Mr. Robert Jay as band director. Mr. Anderson received his Bachelor of Music degree this past spring, and has worked this summer as a counselor at Camp Stewart, Hunt, Texas.

## TWISTERS NOW TIED FOR FIRST IN LEAGUE PLAY

Robert Lee Rabbit Twisters moved up to a first place tie in the Concho Basin League Sunday by defeating Ozona 12 to 2.

At the same time Brownwood Colts walloped Goodfellow Skyhawks and Brownwood National Guard routed Kirby of San Angelo by a 13 to 1 score.

Ozona nicked Twister hurler Richard Dumas for 11 hits, one of them a circuit clout by center-fielder Boyington. Manager Byron Stuart, who is 42 years old, was short of players and filled in at the left garden. He poled two victories, and his long fly in the ninth inning with two mates on base was pulled in at the center-field fence by Bennie Corley.

Robert Lee garnered 13 hits off Red Henning, Corley getting a double and two singles. Jerry

Tinkler cracked out two singles.

Goodfellow got a 6-1 lead on the Brownwood Colts but gave away before some heavy hitting in the later innings.

Kirby secured only three hits off Frazier Low on the mound for the National Guard club. Brownwood's Stanley Owen got a two-run homer.

Last week's results sent the Rabbit Twisters to the top in a tie with Goodfellow, each with 9 victories and 4 defeats. Kirby was dropped to third place, their record now standing at 8 wins and 5 losses. All three of the top teams have a chance for the championship, since there are two more league games on the schedule.

Manager Chilly Tinkler says the Twisters have tough opponents, with Brownwood National Guard playing in Robert Lee next Sunday and the final game will be against Kirby the following week in San Angelo.

Fans are assured of a real battle here next Sunday starting at 3 p.m.

## COUNTY STOPS BOUNTY MONEY FOR RATTLERS

Coke County will cease to pay a 50c bounty on rattlesnakes after next week. An order passed by the Commissioners Court in session Monday designated Aug. 20 as the final day for the payments.

Bobcat, coyote and rabbit bounties will be continued.

Approximately \$8,000 has been paid out in bounties since Coke County started paying in the spring of 1959. County officials felt the money had been well spent, but it has resulted in larger drain on the county treasury than had been anticipated.

Most of the bounty money has gone for rattlesnakes. During ten months of last year rattler payments amounted to \$3,173.50. At 50c per rattler, that meant 6,347 snakes. Last year bobcat and coyote bounties at \$12.50 each amounted to \$387.50, while payments for rabbit ears at 5 cents a pair was \$268.85.

More rattlers than ever have been killed this year. Up to Tuesday morning \$4,351.50 had been spent by the county since Jan. 1 for the rattlers from 8,503 snakes.

J. L. Tinkler, county clerk, who pays the bounty money, gave the following figures on the number of rattlers paid for by months so far this year:

January	954
February	980
March	961
April	1087
May	1483
June	1757
July	1044
August (8 days)	239

## CITY REPORT DELAYED

City officials announce the annual financial statement has not been published since the report was held up until the final contract for spillway repairs at Mountain Creek Dam was filled and approved. Since then the accountant at Lubbock, who audits city records, has been unable to complete his work because of illness in his family. He has promised his report delivered in the near future. State law provides for publishing an annual financial statement, and it covers a period of one year ending last March 31.

## A MESSAGE TO THE PEOPLE OF COKE COUNTY

We feel privileged to have the opportunity to serve the good people of Robert Lee, Silver and all of Coke County with the Robert Lee Observer.

It is our sincere desire to be of service to you, the people of this area, in any way possible.

As for an editorial policy it will be simply this: We will report the news as accurately as is humanly possible. When, and if, there is a major issue we will present both sides of the issue as clearly as we have facts and knowledge to do so. Principally, our policy will be to report the news...not to lead it.

We invite each one of you to help us the opportunity to help you in any project that is for the betterment of Coke County.

Mr. A. J. Kirkpatrick has given us an excellent newspaper for the past 15 years, and we know that it is a tremendous challenge for us to try to "fill his shoes", but we are certainly going to try.

It has been our wish for a long time to have the opportunity to publish a good newspaper such as the Robert Lee Observer in a

progressive town like Robert Lee. We are most happy this opportunity presented itself in West Texas.

## AN INVITATION TO MR. KIRK

Mr. Kirk, last week in your column, SMALL TALK, you mentioned that you would continue to write SMALL TALK if there was an invitation from the new editor. Well, sir, you now have the invitation to write SMALL TALK on any subject that may come to your mind. From what I have heard, I've really left the door open now.

I invite you to continue to use SMALL TALK to express your thoughts and opinions. I might add...that what you write in SMALL TALK will be your opinions and not necessarily those of The Observer.

It is quite possible that I may be like our neighbor to the east and wish that I had sanctioned what you will write, but heck, everybody in Coke County will recognize your writing; so, there is no use in me trying to get on the band wagon.

Keep the SMALL TALK coming, Mr. Kirk.



## DATE SET FOR QUARTERBACK CLUB'S ANNUAL BARBECUE

It was decided at the first meeting of the forthcoming football season's Quarterback club that the annual barbecue for the Robert Lee Steers would be held August 26 from 6:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

The price for the barbecue will be \$1.00 for adults and 75c for pre-school children and students.

Bruce Allen was nominated to head the committee for procuring the meat for this year's affair.

Lew Heuvel, Fagan Parker and J. L. "Chilly" Tinkler comprise the nominating committee for new officers of the club for the coming year.

The proposed schedule for the Steers is the following: September 2 at Menard, Sands at Robert Lee

September 9, September 16 is open, September 23 at Melvin, September 30 Baird at Robert Lee, October 7 at Eldorado. From October 14 through November 11 are conference games. The dates and places of the games are as follow: October 14 at Roby; October 21, Hermleigh at Robert Lee; October 28, Trent at Robert Lee; November 4 at Loraine and November 11 Bronte at Robert Lee.

Gene Hinnard, secretary of the club, reported that a balance of \$65.73 carried over from last year was in the treasury.

J. E. Quisenberry, current president of the club, asked Garland Davis to list the football players that are prospects for the 1960 high school team.

Seniors that are prospects are: James Blankenship, David Drennan, James Harmon, Pat Lomas, Richard Sims, Jerry Quisenberry, Donny Robertson, Mack Tubb and Carlton Boone. Junior prospects are Tommy Allen, Curtis Higginbotham, John Kinsey, Bill Ledbetter, Royce McInturff and Joe Roe.

The next scheduled meeting of the Quarterback will be at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, August 9.

## Revival Is Planned At Silver Church

A 24 hour prayer vigil at the First Methodist Church in Silver will start a week's revival service.

The prayer vigil will begin at 9:00 p. m. Sunday, August 14, and will continue through Monday, August 15 at 8:00 p. m. Evening services will be held each evening at 8:00 Monday through Sunday, August 21.

Rev. Carl Israel of First Methodist Church of San Bonita, Texas

will be the evangelist for the revival. He is the former pastor of the Angelo Heights Methodist Church of San Angelo, Texas.

The singing will be led by Rev. Warren Ellis. The music will be under the direction of Mrs. Billy Jones.

Miss Mary Beth Walker will play the organ. Mrs. Jones will accompany Miss Walker at the piano.

There will be group prayer meetings at the various camps around Silver each morning at 9:30 Tuesday through Friday.

Everyone is invited to attend this revival service at the First Methodist Church in Silver.

## PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Walker returned to their home in Robert Lee Wednesday after an absence of six weeks. Mrs. Walker underwent treatment for a month at Christoval, and for the past two weeks was a patient in St. Johns hospital at San Angelo. Her many friends will be happy to learn that she is much improved.

E. W. Olson returned to his home here early last week from a San Angelo hospital where he underwent major abdominal surgery. He is making a good recovery. Mr. Olson recently retired as a Sun pumper at Silver. He bought one of the Sun residences which he moved to Robert Lee and he and Mrs. Olson now reside here. Mrs. Olson is a teacher in the Robert Lee school.

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## Homecoming At Edith Set For Aug. 21

Edith Homecoming has been set for Sunday, Aug. 21, at the Green Mountain community center. The annual event takes place on the third Sunday in August.

Everyone is invited to come and bring a basket lunch. Ice and coffee will be furnished free by the committee.

Program chairman is Mrs. Sam Powell, who has been connected with the homecoming for many years.

Many former residents are expected to come for the event and enjoy the pleasures of renewing old friendships.

## DEATH OF MRS. B. U. SMITH

Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Fikes and daughters returned the fore part of last week from Bridge City in South Texas where they were called by the death of Mrs. Fikes' aunt, Mrs. B. U. Smith. She died July 28 after 4½ years of bedridden illness. She was a former resident of Coke County when her husband was a school teacher at Sanco and Robert Lee. Mr. Smith died in 1937. Mrs. Smith, 86 years of age, is survived by a daughter, Mrs. F. C. Garner. A son lost his life in World War II. Otis Campbell of Robert Lee is a nephew of the deceased.

Mr. and Mrs. Genie Baker and daughter, Sandra, and their grand daughter, Dianne Baker, are on vacation this week. They departed Monday with Red River, N. Mex. as their probable destination.

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## Proposed CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT NUMBER ONE ON THE BALLOT

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO BE VOTED ON AT AN ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 8, 1960.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 19 proposing an amendment to Article IX of the Constitution of the State of Texas by adding thereto new Sections to be known as Sections 6, 7, and 8, so provide that the Legislature may authorize the creation of Hospital Districts co-extensive with Lamar County, Hidalgo County, and County Commissioners Precinct No. 4 of Comanche County, having certain stated powers and duties and subject to certain stated limitations; providing that enabling Acts shall not be invalid because of their anticipatory character; providing for an election; prescribing the form of ballot and providing for the necessary proclamation and publication.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

Section 1. That Article IX of the Constitution of the State of Texas be, and the same is hereby, amended by adding the following Sections which shall read as follows:

"Section 6. The Legislature may by law authorize the creation of a Hospital District co-extensive with Lamar County, having the powers and duties and with the limitations presently provided in Article IX, Section 5(a), of the Constitution of Texas, as it applies to Wichita County, except that the maximum rate of tax that the said Lamar County Hospital District may be authorized to levy shall be seventy-five cents (75c) per One Hundred Dollar (\$100) valuation of taxable property within the District, subject to district taxation.

"Section 7. The Legislature may by law authorize the creation of a Hospital District co-extensive with Hidalgo County, having the powers and duties and with the limitations presently provided in Article IX, Section 5(a), of the Constitution of Texas, as it applies to Hidalgo County, except that the maximum rate of tax that the said Hidalgo County Hospital District may be authorized to levy shall be ten cents (10c) per One Hundred Dollar (\$100) valuation of taxable property within the District subject to district taxation.

"Section 8. The Legislature may by law authorize the creation of a Hospital District to be co-extensive with the limits of County Commissioners Precinct No. 4 of Comanche County, Texas.

"If such District is created, it may be authorized to levy a tax not to exceed seventy-five cents (75c) on the One Hundred Dollar (\$100) valuation of taxable property within the District; provided, however, no tax may be levied until approved by a majority vote of the participating resident qualified property taxpayers who have duly rendered their property for taxation. The maximum rate of tax may be changed at subsequent elections so long as obligations are not impaired, and not to exceed the maximum limit of seventy-five cents (75c) on One Hundred Dollar (\$100) valuation, and no election shall be required by subsequent changes in the boundaries of the Commissioners Precinct

No. 4 of Comanche County. "If such tax is authorized, no political subdivision or municipality within or having the same boundaries as the District may levy a tax for medical or hospital care for needy individuals, nor shall they maintain or erect hospital facilities, but the District shall by resolution assume all such responsibilities and shall assume all of the liabilities and obligations (including bonds and warrants) of such subdivisions or municipalities or both. The maximum tax rate submitted shall be sufficient to discharge such obligations, liabilities, and responsibilities, and to maintain and operate the hospital system, and the Legislature may authorize the District to issue tax bonds for the purpose of the purchase, construction, acquisition, repair or renovation of improvements and initially equipping the same, and such bonds shall be payable from said seventy-five cent (75c) tax. The Legislature shall provide for transfer of title to properties to the District.

"(b) The Legislature may by law permit the County of Comanche to render financial aid to that District by paying a part of the expenses of operating and maintaining the system and paying a part of the debts of the District (whether assumed or created by the District) and may authorize the levy of a tax not to exceed ten cents (10c) per One Hundred Dollar (\$100) valuation (in addition to other taxes permitted by this Constitution) upon all property within the County but without the County Commissioners Precinct No. 4 of Comanche County at the time such levy is made for such purposes. If such tax is authorized, the District shall by resolution assume the responsibilities, obligations, and liabilities of the County in the manner and to the extent hereinabove provided for political subdivisions having boundaries co-extensive with the District, and the County shall not thereafter levy taxes (other than herein provided) for hospital purposes nor for providing hospital care for needy individuals of the County.

"(c) Should the Legislature enact enabling laws in anticipation of the adoption of this amendment, such Acts shall not be invalid because of their anticipatory character."

Sec. 2. The foregoing Constitutional Amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of this State at the general election to be held the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1960, at which election all ballots shall have printed thereon:

"FOR the Constitutional Amendment authorizing the Legislature to create a Hospital District co-extensive with Lamar and Hidalgo Counties, and co-extensive with County Commissioners Precinct No. 4 of Comanche County."

"AGAINST the Constitutional Amendment authorizing the Legislature to create a Hospital District co-extensive with Lamar and Hidalgo Counties, and co-extensive with County Commissioners Precinct No. 4 of Comanche County."

Sec. 3. The Governor shall issue the necessary proclamation for said election, and have the same published as required by the Constitution and laws of this State.

## Want Ads

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## Silver News

Suplt. and Mrs. Guy Wheeler spent the weekend at Menard with School Supt. C. R. Brace and family. Mr. Wheeler coached at Menard several years before coming to Silver.

Sun pumpers on vacation include the following: E. C. McArthur, 4 weeks, George Fugate, 3 weeks, and George Lomas, 2 weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Patterson recently made a trip to Laverne, Okla., where they made the acquaintance of a new grandchild.

C. G. Walker has returned to work as a Sun pumper after a vacation period of three weeks. He and Mrs. Walker visited relatives and friends at various points in Texas.

Saturday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Buster Jones were Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Bankhead of Greggton and Mrs. Bankhead's sister, Mrs. Ruby LaGrose of Roscoe. They were former neighbors in East Texas.

Betty Gilbert has returned from a girls camp near Kerrville where she served as an assistant counselor. Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Gilbert motored to the camp and brought their daughter home the last of the week.

J. D. Mumford is having a week's vacation from his work at Jameson gasoline plant. He and his family are visiting relatives at Van and Tyler.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Wood and son, Henry, of Monroe, La., are guests of Mrs. Wood's sister, Mrs. Perry Post, and family.

Good reports come from Alvin Butcher, who had a cataract removed from his eye by a San Angelo specialist last week. The injury occurred a few months ago when the youth was struck in the eye by a BB shot. Alvin is the younger son of Mrs. C. E. Butcher, former Silver resident who now resides in San Angelo.

Wayne Reed, Jameson plant maintenance foreman, is on vacation this week.

Fred Theis, Sun Pipeline Co. district gauger, is taking a vacation of four weeks.

Leaving Monday for Beaumont was Cecil Palmer, assistant Sun Pipeline foreman, who will attend a training school pertaining to automatic crude oil gathering devices which are being installed by his company.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Allen and children, Vicki and Glenn, came from Sweetwater for a weekend

visit. They were joined by his brother, R. D. Allen and son, Butch, of Van Court. The men looked after their ranching interests on the place owned by their uncle, W. L. Carr.

Weekend guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Odom were Mr. and Mrs. Walter Jones and children and Mr. and Mrs. Finis White, all of San Angelo.

Mrs. Bunyan Millican and sons, Jimmy, Johnny and Jay, and Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Jennings of Colorado City, visited recently with the John Ogden family at Livingston. Mrs. Millican and Mrs. Jennings are sisters of Mrs. Ogden.

Mrs. Frank Mullican left Monday to visit a sister at Overton.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Jameson were called to Big Lake early last week to attend the funeral of Joe Elliott, who died suddenly at Ruidoso. He was the father of Mrs. G. A. Jameson.

Mrs. G. A. Brown has been a medical patient the past ten days in Coke Memorial Hospital at Robert Lee.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Sorrells and Gene spent a few days recently with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Holcomb, at Denton.

Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Johnson of Waldron, Ark., arrived Saturday for a visit with their daughters, Mrs. F. C. Millican and Mrs. Bunyan Millican. They were accompanied by a son, Jerry Johnson and his wife.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Vincent and daughter, Carolyn, returned Friday to their home at Sour Lake after a week's visit with Silver friends. They were guests in the Earl Lindsey home.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Bloodworth returned the last of the week from

a ten days trip. They visited their son, Allen Bloodworth, and family at Stillwater, Okla., and also visited in Fort Worth.

Mrs. Lee R. Brown and daughter have been in Dallas visiting their son and brother, Leroy Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Moss of Fredericksburg are guests of their daughter, Mrs. Earl Lindsey, and family.

Maurice Duncan is taking a two weeks' vacation from his work at Sun Jameson gasoline plant. Mr. and Mrs. Duncan and their children, Marsha and Bubba, are spending some time at their cabin on Oak Creek Lake and also visited in Lamesa with his father, Vernon Duncan.

Mr. and Mrs. Ramie Jameson and children left Monday on a week's vacation trip to El Paso and points in New Mexico.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Walker Jr. and family are vacationing and visiting relatives in New Mexico.

Mrs. Mildred Livensparger and children, Richard and Susan, will depart the last of the week for their home in Mansfield, Ohio, after a summer visit with their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Anderson.

A son born recently to Mr. and Mrs. Buzzie Thorp at Throckmorton lived only seven days and died Tuesday morning of last week. The mother, the former Billie Fred Jameson of Silver, is reported to be convalescing satisfactorily. Mrs. Jahew Jameson, who has been with her daughter, is expected to return to her home here early this week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Mathers left Thursday to attend the Mathers family reunion at Truth or Con-

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sequences, New Mex.

Mr. and Mrs. Mrs. Arch Mathers and Robert also went to New Mexico for the gathering. Arch is taking a vacation from his work with J. P. Jameson and with his family visited the fore part of last week with Mrs. Mathers' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thad Walls in Grand Prairie.

### MYF ELECTION

The Youth Activities Week at the First Methodist Church closed Sunday night with the re-establishment of the MYF and the electing of the following officers:

President, Mary Beth Walker;

vice president, Beverly Higginbotham; secretary, Raymon Kincaid, treasurer, Jeanette Higginbotham.

The group chose as their leaders Mrs. Jack McCallie and Mrs. Oscar Higginbotham.

Thursday of last week the group enjoyed a swimming party at the Robert Lee pool and Tuesday they were guests of the Silver Lions Club.

There was an average of 24 young people each evening and everyone has sincerely enjoyed the week.

# NOTICE

By order of the Commissioners' Court, the bounty on rattlesnakes will be discontinued as of August 20th, 1960, in Coke County.

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## 92 Relatives Gather Here for Annual Reunion of Mrs. S. J. Blair's Family

Fifth annual reunion of the Blair family was held Sunday in the County Park at Robert Lee. Because of a mixup in reservations for the air conditioned community building, the group used the Boy Scout hut and patio.

Barbecue featured the picnic dinner served at noon and a total of 92 guests were present.

Honored guest was Mrs. S. J. Blair, who observed her 76th birthday Aug. 5. Her son, Jim Blair of Robert Lee, also had a birthday on the 5th. He was 59.

Mrs. Blair and her late husband moved in 1904 to their ranch home in Nolan County, five miles west of Blackwell. Mr. Blair died in July of 1949, and she then came to Robert Lee to make her home.

Nine of Mrs. Blair's 12 children and their families were present. Unable to attend were a daughter, Mrs. Lida Gryder of Lubbock and two sons, Curtis and Ralph Blair of Robert Lee.

Also present were Mrs. Blair's brother and sister, Sampson

Moore and Mrs. Lina Ford Murdock of Clovis, N. Mex., a sister-in-law, Mrs. Fannie Holland and husband of Nolan, a niece, Mrs. Jack Berry of Waco, and a nephew, Clarence Blair of Maryneal.

Out of town relatives: Mr. and Mrs. Sampson Moore and Lina Ford Murdock of Clovis, N. Mex.; Mr. and Mrs. Oland Holland and Helen Hawart of Nolan; Mr. and Mrs. Joe Armontrout and children, Frances Greathouse, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Robertson and children, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Robertson, all of Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Blair and Alene Wilhelm, Mr. and Mrs. John Blair and Gwen, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Blair, Mr. and Mrs. Billy D. Blair of Sterling City;

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Blair and children of Eldorado; Mrs. Verna Robertson of Colorado City; Mrs. Eudell Patterson and children of Snyder; Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Blair of Odessa.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Keel and children, Mr. and Mrs. Dwain Blair, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Blair and children, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Martin, all of San Angelo; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Berry of Waco; Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Blair and son of Maryneal.

Robert Lee relatives: Mr. and Mrs. Jim Blair, Dennis and Frank, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Blair and Jerry, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Joe Blair, Ray and Linda Sue, Mr. and Mrs. Ray White, Lynsey and Edward, Mrs. J. O. McGinley, Betty, Ruth Ann, Kay and Terry, Mrs. Ralph Blair, Carolyn, Glenda, Tommy and Stevey.

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 Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.  
 Young People's Meeting ..  
 ..... 6:30 p.m.  
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### FIELDS FAMILY REUNION

Relatives of Mrs. J. H. Fields gathered in Robert Lee on Sunday, July 31, for a family reunion at the County Park community building. Mrs. Fields has one daughter and five sons, all of whom were present. They include Mrs. Elbert Davidson of Robert Lee, Bob and Carlton Fields of Sterling City, Dick Fields of Mertzon, Hawley Fields of Abilene and A. D. (Buster) Fields of Robert Lee. Also present was a sister of Mrs. Fields, Mrs. A. H. Arnett and husband, and their daughter, Mrs. Archie Harper of Lubbock, and a cousin, Tom Clifton and family of Big Spring. A few Robert Lee friends were also guests at the enjoyable affair.

### BENNIE SMITH MOVES

To The Observer:  
 We moved to 1409 Christine St., Wichita Falls, on July 26. I am now pastor of Hillcrest Baptist Church of this city. We still enjoy The Observer and wish you to send it to this address. We think of the people of Robert Lee a lot, and find The Observer our best means of keeping contact with the community. — Thanks, Bennie Smith.

Linda and Wade Arledge have gone to Houston to spend a few days with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Arledge. Mr. Arledge is undergoing X-ray therapy at M. D. Anderson hospital.

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## Eastern Star To Observe Founders Day

A program honoring our founder, Dr. Rob Morris, will be given at the stated meeting of the Order of Eastern Star, Thursday night at 8 o'clock in the Masonic Hall. Dr. Rob Morris was born August 31, 1818, and died July 31, 1888. He became a Mason in 1846 and it was at this time that he became interested in an idea that the female relatives of Master Masons should share in a measure

the benefits of knowledge of a great fraternal order.

In 1850, or about that year, started the organization of the Eastern Star.

Thursday night is also Ballinger night for our chapter, and the Ballinger chapter has been invited to attend.

All members of the Eastern Star are cordially invited and urged to attend the meeting Thursday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Houston Hill Midland were weekend guests of the Bryan Yarbroughs. Mrs. Hill and Mrs. Yarbrough are sisters.

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## BIBLE SCHOOL TO BE HELD AT ROBERT LEE CHURCH OF CHRIST

For the first time in several years, a Bible School is to be conducted at Church of Christ in Robert Lee from August 15 through August 19.

The Bible School will be under the direction of Mr. Marion H. Hays, Minister of Church of Christ at Sterling City. Mr. Hays has directed Bible Schools in Sterling City, Clyde and other towns for the past 15 years.

The Bible School will begin at 9:00 and close at 11:00 each morning Monday through Friday.

There will be a minimum of two teachers for each class so that parents can be assured their children will receive maximum attention.

Mr. Bernard Petty and Mr. Marion Hays will be the teachers for students that are in the 8th grade through high school; Mrs. Foy Moore, Mrs. Russell McBroom and Mrs. W. E. Jacoby will be in charge of the intermediate grades; Mrs. Bernard Petty and Mrs. Lawrence Higgins will be the instructors for children that are in second through fourth grades in school; Miss Carole L. Hooper, Mrs. Richard Day and Mrs. A. D. McClellan will be the teachers for children that are 5 and 6 years of age; Mrs. James Craig and Mrs. Lynn P. Hammack will be the teachers for the children that are 2 to 4 years of age.

Everyone is invited to attend the Bible School.

Mr. and Mrs. Palmer Leeper and Mrs. Calla Mae Cargile left Monday for points in South Dakota to look after ranching interests for their brother, Joe Arledge.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Wheeler and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Pickett and their children came to Robert Lee over the weekend to visit the ladies' mother, Mrs. Ernest Lowrance.

GOOD Today,  
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### Weekly Meditation

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## HOSPITAL NEWS

Aug. 2 — Mrs. Ell Hatley admitted.

Aug. 3 — Mrs. Ernest Lowrance admitted. Son born to Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Wayne Walker. O. D. Adkins, Mrs. T. W. Farris dismissed.

Aug. 4 — Mrs. Oscar Collett, Mrs. Lillian Caraway dismissed.

Aug. 5 — Larry Bell admitted.

Aug. 6 — Mrs. L. C. Gunnels, Mrs. L. M. Service, Mrs. John W. Kinsey admitted. Mrs. Ell Hatley, Mrs. R. C. Sawyer dismissed.

Aug. 7 — Mrs. Ernest Lowrance, Mrs. Curtis Wayne Walker and infant son dismissed.

Aug. 8 — Oscar Collett, Sam Ed Skipworth admitted. Mrs. Lena Davis dismissed.

## BIRTHS

WALKER—Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Wayne Walker (Annice Gartman) are parents of their first child, a son born at 12:10 p.m. Aug. 3 in Coke County Memorial Hospital. The child weighed 8 pounds, 8½ ounces and has been named Douglas Wayne. The father is employed in San Angelo at present. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Walker and Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Gartman.

BAHLMAN—Mr. and Mrs. Nelan Bahlman are parents of a daughter born at 7:09 a.m. Aug. 4 in the Bronte hospital. She weighed 7 pounds, 13 ounces and has been named Cheryl Lynne. She has a sister, Tonya Gayle, two years old. The father is owner of Bahlman dry cleaning establishment in Robert Lee. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Fred Damron of Ballinger and Mr. and Mrs. Otto Bahlman of Sweetwater.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Franklin of Colorado City came Sunday for a visit with their friends, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Briscoe, who are patients in Coke County Memorial Hospital.



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## Proposed CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT NUMBER TWO ON THE BALLOT

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO BE VOTED ON AT AN ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 8, 1960.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 4 proposing an Amendment to Section 49-b, Article III of the Constitution of Texas, increasing to three and one-half percent (3½%) the maximum permissible interest rate on bonds hereafter issued by the Veterans' Land Board; providing for an election and the issuance of a proclamation therefor.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

Section 1. That Section 49-b, Article III of the Constitution of Texas, be amended by adding thereto the following:

"The foregoing notwithstanding, bonds hereafter issued by the Veterans' Land Board pursuant to the authority of this Section 49-b of the Constitution may bear a rate or rates of interest not to exceed three and one-half percent (3½%) per annum.

"This Amendment shall become effective upon its adoption."

Sec. 2. The foregoing Constitutional Amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of this state at an election to be held throughout the State of Texas on the first

Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1960, at which election all ballots shall have printed thereon the following:

"FOR the Amendment to Section 49-b of Article III of the Constitution of Texas by adding thereto a provision authorizing the Veterans' Land Board to issue the bonds authorized under such Section to bear interest at a rate or rates not to exceed three and one-half percent (3½%) per annum."

"AGAINST the Amendment to Section 49-b of Article III of the Constitution of Texas by adding thereto a provision authorizing the Veterans' Land Board to issue the bonds authorized under such Section to bear interest at a rate or rates not to exceed three and one-half percent (3½%) per annum."

If it appears from the returns of said election that a majority of said votes cast were in favor of said Amendment, the same shall become a part of the State Constitution and be effective from the date set forth in said Amendment, and the Governor shall issue a proclamation in keeping therewith.

Sec. 3. The Governor of the State of Texas shall issue the necessary proclamation for said election, and shall have the same published as required by the Constitution and laws of the state.

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## SMALL TALK

By A. J. K.

### WELL, NOW!

We're gosh awful glad to reprint this editorial written last week and published in the Bronte Enterprise:

This week marks the end of an era in Coke County's journalistic history. A. J. Kirkpatrick has sold The Robert Lee Observer to John King II of Big Spring. We have been closely associated with Kirk during the past 12 years and both he and we have had our ups and downs in the business of putting out Coke County's two newspapers.

We consider it a distinct privilege to have been associated with him during these years. He is a good newspaperman, pretty much of the old school, and even though we feel pretty seasoned by now, he no doubt considered us pretty wet behind the ears when we came to Bronte in July of 1948. He never tried to tell us how to run The Enterprise, but by simply reading his paper we gained lots of valuable information on what a small weekly paper should be, because he has always put out a good one.

During these dozen years, Kirk has written lots of things that we wished we had written first. And, he has written some things that we are gosh awful glad we didn't write. However, we firmly believe that he always wrote the news as he saw it.

Kirk's selling out is not like it is when most newspapers change hands because he is not moving on to another paper. He is retiring and will continue to make Robert Lee his home. So we expect to continue to see him and enjoy his friendship.

Now, as dean of active newsmen in Coke County, we would like to welcome John King and his family. He is a young man, full of vigor and ambition and will un-

doubtedly put out a good paper for his subscribers. He has had many years of experience working for various types of publications and for the past 10 years has been national advertising manager for the Big Spring Herald. Welcome to the weekly ranks.

### THANKS, BRO. ROBIN!

Dear Mr. Kirk:

Let me express my sincere appreciation to you for your varied and impartial coverage of local news in Coke County. As editor of The Robert Lee Observer you could not be surpassed.

As a personal friend to me and my church, I am indebted. You will be missed at the helm of our paper, but I am very grateful you will be making this your permanent home.

God bless you. You have blessed us. — Sincerely, Robin Guess.

### ANOTHER GOOD FRIEND

Dear Mr. Kirk:

I was over on business but the office was closed. Mr. Kirk, it makes us feel sad because you are out of the business as you have been a true friend to our family. We appreciate you so much. All of our boys love you and we wish Mr. King much success.

Tommy is in Seoul, Korea, and is a member of the Eighth Army Honor Guard. He don't have much time to write home.

I am sending \$3.00 as we don't want to miss our paper. Please keep writing your Small Talk. Sometimes I would call it pretty much Big Talk.

So may the Lord bless you and yours. — Best wishes, Mrs. Coke Austin and Family.

### VISITOR FROM CALIFORNIA

Mrs. James Cotten of Los Angeles, Calif., has been a visitor in the home of her daughter, Mrs. Ben Brooks and Mr. Brooks of Bronte.

Attending a family gathering in the Brooks home Saturday were three other daughters of Mrs. Cotten, Mrs. Dick King, Miles, Mrs. Hoyt Craig of Killeen and Mrs. Bill Abernathy of Pampa.

Ending a three week visit here, Mrs. Cotten accompanied Mrs. Abernathy to Pampa Sunday and will leave by plane for her return trip to Los Angeles from Amarillo.

If you don't get The Observer, you don't get the NEWS.

## W. F. Tinkler Family Visit In Robert Lee

Mr. W. F. Tinkler, his wife and daughter, visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Wink in Robert Lee Tuesday. Mr. Tinkler is an uncle of Mrs. Wink and J. L. "Chili" Tinkler.

This is the first time Mr. W. F. Tinkler has visited with his niece and nephew in 22 years.

The Tinklers stopped in Robert Lee and in the home of Robert Large in San Angelo on their return to their home in Edinburg from Colorado.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Alley of Sterling City were Robert Lee visitors Sunday, coming to see her grandmother, Mrs. Joel Johnson, who is hospitalized. Mrs. Alley is the former Bonnie Ruth King and is a sister of Mrs. Bernard Petty.

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Larry Bell underwent an appendectomy last Friday in Coke County Memorial Hospital. He is the 13 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Elmo Bell.

Mrs. G. A. Brown returned Tuesday to her home near Bronte after being a patient the week in Coke County Memorial Hospital. She is much improved.

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## NOTICE

Effective between August 10th and September 1st, Dr. J. D. McDaniel will have no office hours. He will be available at Hospital mornings as usual.

In case of emergency call or go to the Hospital and they will contact him.

The Doctor is feeling the need of a change and some free time. Since he usually doesn't take vacations, he asks for your understanding and cooperation in this matter for the next three weeks.

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