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Mrs. Ruby Pettit For County Treasurer



Mrs. Ruby L. Pettit this week announces her candidacy for re-election to the office of County Treasurer of Coke county, subject to the action of the democratic primary.

Serving her first term, Mrs. Pettit has made an enviable record as a capable official. Her office is one of the best kept at the court house, her bookkeeping is of highest type, and the efficient discharge of the duties of the office gives her high rank in Coke county's official family.

In making her announcement for a second term, Mrs. Pettitt makes the following statement to the voters of Coke county:

"In announcing my candidacy for a second term as County Treasurer of Coke County, I desire to again thank the voters for the excellent support I have received in the past and the many courtesies that have been shown me during my term of office.

"It has been my desire from the beginning to perform the duties of the office with a high degree of faithfulness and efficiency. I invite you to examine my record and let it be your guide when you go to the polls to choose your County Treasurer for the next term, and if you see fit to again entrust me with that responsibility, I pledge you my best efforts to serve you to the full extent of my ability and assure you that any aid you may be able to give toward my re-election will be deeply appreciated."

Buys City Cafe

Consummating a deal last week with G. L. Lord, Jodie Williams is the new owner of the City Cafe and is now in charge. One of the best cooks in West Texas, Jodie is greeting his host of friends. He will be assisted by Mrs. Williams in the operation of this popular cafe.

Honoring Dr. Griffith

Next Sunday afternoon, 4 to 6 o'clock, in the parlors of the Methodist church, open house will be observed, honoring Robert Lee's beloved physician, Dr. J. K. Griffith, chairman of the church board of trustees, on his 80th birthday. A cordial invitation to all is extended. Refreshments will be served. No gifts.

E. W. Smith this season started his 64th trapping year. So far he has bagged 74 pelts.

Willis Smith For County Clerk

Yielding to a continued barrage of solicitations from every part of the county, Willis Smith this week consented to become a candidate for re-election to the office of District and County Clerk of this county.

That Mr. Smith has made a most enviable record as a public official cannot in the least be disputed. Few county or district clerks can rank with him in the knowledge of law. His office is one of the best kept and managed offices in West Texas, and his cordial treatment of the public, from the very day he took oath of office, has won for him the highest of popularity. Strictly business, sincere, obliging, public-spirited, and a man of integrity, Willis Smith will continue, if elected, to serve the county with the same type of service he has always given.

In entering the race for re-election, Mr. Smith's record is an open book. He solicits and will be grateful for your support in the democratic July primary.

Arrives Home

After overseas service in the Philippines with the armed forces, Delmar D. Walker was discharged at Fort Sam Houston, Dec. 9, and arrived home last Sunday.

They Collected

Texas' 21 congressmen are enjoying their congressional recess. Before leaving Washington for home for the holidays, every one of them collected the special \$2500 expense allowance that the House voted last spring, except Hatton Summers who voted against the measure when the bill passed on roll call vote, 229 to 124. Nine other Texas congressmen voted against the bill, but all cashed in their vouchers for the increase. They were Representatives Fisher, San Angelo; Gossett, Wichita Falls; Lanham, Fort Worth; Mahon, Colorado City; Johnson, Austin; Pickett, Palestine; Poage, Waco; Russell, Stephenville; and Thomason, El Paso.

Lee R. Latham was a business visitor in San Antonio this week.

Mrs. Mattie Bell Keyes has accepted a position with the Robert Lee State Bank.

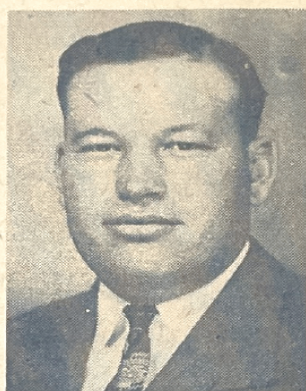
The good news comes that Eddie Roberts, who has been critically ill in a San Angelo hospital, from a heart attack, at this writing (Thursday) his condition is considerably improved.

The Mayor Of Edith Says



Perhaps the bride could make the bread like your mother used to make, if the groom provided the dough like papa did.

Lee R. Latham Enters Race For Sheriff



Lee R. Latham this week announces his candidacy for the office of Sheriff, Tax Assessor and Collector of Coke county, subject to the action of the July democratic primary.

Born and raised here, Lee is a graduate of Robert Lee high school, attended John Tarleton college, entering the army in Dec. 1941. While in the army he was stationed in the San Francisco area and served on military police duty. It was during this time he became interested in law enforcement, and after his discharge was offered a position with the homicide squad of the San Francisco police but declined as he wished to return to West Texas.

While in service he became an aviation cadet, received his pilot's wings, and a first lieutenant's commission. He spent 11 months overseas in the South Pacific area as a P-38 fighter pilot. Married, he is the father of a two year old daughter.

Lee is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Latham of this city. Always a popular boy because of his considerate, genial and friendly disposition, he is qualified for this important office. Notwithstanding the fact that he knows practically everybody in the county, he expects to make an effort to see each voter before election day. He respectfully solicits and will appreciate your vote, and if elected will faithfully discharge the duties of the office.

\$20,000 Deal Deed Filed For Record

W. A. Payne to J. C. Strickland, north 90 feet of Lots 4, 5, 6, Block 25, Robert Lee. Consideration \$1250.

H. G. Wendland to Claude M. Anderson, 500 acres, Caldwell Co. School Land Survey, Valley View community, consideration, \$20,000.

Cecil N. Landers et ux to Otis Smith, Lots 18, 19, Bronte.

Lola Adkins to C. E. Benningfield, Lot 6, Block 26, Robert Lee, consideration, \$500.

Frank Keeney to Wojtek Bros., Lot 10, Block 41, Bronte, consideration, \$200; C. C. Holder to Wojtek Bros., Lot 9, Block 41, consideration, \$225; J. W. Anderson to Wojtek Bros., Lot 8, Block 41, Bronte, consideration, \$200.

Drive on to Robert Lee.

Team Wins Trophy At Tournament

At the invitational basketball tournament in Sterling City last Saturday, the Robert Lee high school team won top honors, bringing home the pretty gold trophy. Defeating Garden City by a score of 8 to 36, the locals in the semi-finals trounced Sterling City 32 to 9. In the finals Millersview went down before Robert Lee in a score of 35 to 26.

Jarvis Littlefield won the gold award for being the best guard in the tourney.

In volley ball the Robert Lee girls defeated Garden City by a score of 57 to 14. Water Valley defeated Robert Lee in the semi-finals. Yvonne McCutchen was chosen on the all tournament volley ball team.

Supt. Geo. L. Taylor informs us that his basketball boys go to Eden to an invitational tournament.

Louise Stewart

Heartfelt sadness mantled this entire area Tuesday when the news came that Miss Louise Stewart, 21, had passed away in St. John's hospital in San Angelo at 8:30 o'clock Monday night.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon in the Robert Lee Baptist church, of which she was a devoted member, by Pastor Fred Blake, interment being made in the Robert Lee cemetery, Clift Funeral Home directing.

The daughter of Marvin Stewart, deceased was reared here. A graduate of Robert Lee high school, class of '41, this beloved girl was voted the most popular student in school.

To mourn her homegoing, she leaves her father, and one sister, Mrs. Weldon Fikes, and a wide circle of friends. The bereaved ones will have the condolence of ali in this sad hour.

Childress Reunion

The Christmas season was celebrated in high at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dean Childress, Mesa, Ariz. They had with them their four children and their families which includes Mr. and Mrs. Jack Gilmore and two sons, Melvin Dick and Dean, and their daughter, Lynda Mae of Avondale, Ariz.; Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Childress and daughter, Joy Ruth, Mesa, Ariz.; Mr. and Mrs. Daryl Childress, Phoenix, Ariz., and Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Childress and daughters, Bonita Juanice and Carolyn of Robert Lee.

Dwight served 18 months with the U. S. 9th Army in the European theater. He now has an honorable discharge.

Daryl served in the U. S. Navy 16 months overseas, serving one year of that time on the Island of Guam.

As will be noted in the Robert Lee State Bank statement in this issue, the bank is having a fine growth. Deposits have soared to over \$606,000.00—and brother that ain't hay.

McNeil Wylie For County Judge



We are authorized to announce the candidacy of McNeil Wylie, re-election, to the office of County Judge and County School Superintendent of Coke county, subject to the action of the democratic primary.

Judge Wylie submits his candidacy upon his record as a county official. That he has made an enviable record is without gainsay. His work in behalf of roads and schools has won for him the recognition that he is one of the best posted and most capable county judges in West Texas. When he entered office there were seven state highway projects to be secured for Coke county, namely, the Abilene road, the Ballinger road, Sweetwater-San Angelo Highway 70, Bronte-Robert Lee road, San Angelo-Robert Lee highway, Colorado City-Robert Lee road (to be completed this year), and the Sterling City-Robert Lee road, which is now our Project No. 1. Other roads which will have his future attention are the Bronte-Winters road, Water Valley-Robert Lee road, and any other highways beneficial to our people.

In school aid matters Judge Wylie has made it his policy to give each child an equal chance in educational matters.

His office is well kept, and as chairman of the commissioners court, his kindly, courteous methods and policy of fair play, has won for him the confidence of not only the commissioners but the county as well. Judge Wylie has shirked no task in the war efforts, having served cheerfully in practically all of the undertakings made in behalf of Coke county. He is in every way qualified, as has been amply demonstrated.

Judge Wylie respectfully solicits and will be grateful for your vote and influence in the July primary.

Walter King, who recently purchased Blakeney Downs, south of San Angelo, is starting operations on the resort, which will be known as King Downs, Bud Jones informs us. Bud has accepted a position there and will oversee racing and training, while Aubrey Jones and Bud Fields will look after rodeo features. Bud is now training five of his own horses, as well as animals for others. The big 88x300 foot rock barn on the premises will be converted into an indoor arena, wherein future rodeo events will be staged.