Since 1889, newspapers have served Coke County beginning with the Coke County Rustler. In the 1980s, the Bronte Enterprise and the Robert Lee Observer combined to become The Observer/Enterprise. The history told in these publications is fascinating and we want to share it with our readers of today.

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MASONIC INSTALLATION

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New officers were installed by
both the Robert Lee and Bronte
Masonic Lodges at a joint meeting at Robert Lee Friday night.
Officers of Hayrick Lodge No.
696 of Robert Lee are as follows:
Lee A. Weigel, W. M.
J. D. Jett, S. W.
E. W. Taylor, J. W.



MRS. JESSIE NEWTON YARBROUGH , popular school teacher retires

Teacher Retires After 48 Years

has retired from teaching after The well known and highly respected Robert Lee woman got her first experience as a school tacher at Valley View. That was back in 1909 and she was only 16 years of age.

She retired early this month after teaching the past 11 years at Lake View. The Lake View parents-Teachers Asociation presented her with a life membership and pin. As the school year ended she was honored by Lake View teachers at a coffee. They preteachers at a coffee. sented her with a silver pitcher to match a silver tray which was gift of pupils of grades 3 to 6. Mrs. Yarbrough and her husand, Bryan, will take things easer now. They have a comfortable home in Robert Lee and own a farm a few miles southeast of town where they raise crops and livestock. She will have monthly ncome from Texas Teachers Re-

J. R. Wilkins, Native Son Of Robert Lee, Dies

Jessie Ray Wilkins, who grew Ip in Robert Lee, died June 22 at lafayette, La., after a brief illness. Funeral rites and burial occurred the following day at Lake Charles, La.

News of his death was phoned y his sister, Mrs. J. J. S. Smith f Sweetwater, to their cousin ere, Mrs. P. E. Mahon.

Wilkins was engaged in oil eld work and was about 60 years age. He is survived by his ife and a son and daughter.

Another sister, Mrs. J. E. Keean, resides at Canyon, and there te three brothers. A sister, Mrs. were married in 1920.

Continued on page 2 Los Angeles two years ago.

Daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Newton, Mrs. Yar-brough is a native of Coke County and was born in the Edith locality Her parents later moved to Rob-ert Lee and lived for a time at Loraine and Sweetwater. Her father was editor of The Observer for a year or two and Jessie and her sisters helped in the office. She was only 8 years old when she learned to set type for the newspaper. When 10 years of age she worked in the shop for George Cowan and made \$10 a month.

Graduating from high school at the age of 16 she attended summer normal in San Angelo and received a certificate to teach. Two teachers were employed at Valley View that year and there were 60 pupils John Stroud was the second teacher. Her wages were \$40 a month for the 6-months term and of the \$240 earned, \$50 was paid to the Houston family for her board and

ext year she taught in Robert Lee at an increase of salary, then to a rural school 8 miles south of Paint Rock. Later she taught at Graham Valley, north of Robert Lee, driving a horse and buggy from her home here.

She attended Southwestern Texas Normal School at San Marcos where she earned a life teaching certificate in 1914. In succeeding years she attended summer school at the University of Texas and at Sul Ross. She obtanied a Bache-lor Degree at Sul Ross in 1936 and a Master Degree at the same

school in 1953. Her teaching career included 26 years in rural schools, 3 at Amarillo 8 in Robert Lee and 11 at

Miss Newton and Mr. Yarbrough Lake View. were married in 1920. They taught Continued on page 2

Delbert Shoemaker, S. D. Pete Prentice, J. D. Atton Roberts, Chaplain. Lenn Roberts, Tiller. H. E. Ivey, S. S. A. H. Jones, J. S. **Humble Moves**

Its Roustabout

E. W. Taylor, J. W. Chism S. Brown, Secy. Bill Allen, Treas.

Gang From Area Humble Oil & Refining Co. is moving out its roustabout crew which has been located at Robert Lee the past two years. Four families are involved.

Affected by the new company order is Robbie Cunningham, maintenance foreman or gang pusher, R. D. Sample, Bennie D. Rogers and L. H. Spencer.

Silver Lions Silver Lions

Cunningham is being transfer-red to Hobbs, N. Mex., and will be assigned to the Eunice area. He leaves this weekend. Sample goes to Monahans and Rogers to Big Spring where he will be em-ployed in the Howard-Glasscock

Spencer will remain in Robert Lee for some time and be used as a relief pumper. Rogers left for his new post Monday and Sample will leave this week, too.

Spencer built a nice new home

here last year and Rogers owns his home in the Riverview addi-

Humble has 80 producing wells largely in the I.A.B. (Menielle field northwest of Robert Penn(Lee. It is a well known fact the company has proven territory there but further drilling activities for this year have been abandoned and they have not drilled a hole since late in 1959.

No announcement has been made as to Humble's plans for servicing its producing area. There is speculation that the roust-

about work may be contracted.

Four pumpers for Humble remain here. They are J. H. Craig,
A. D. McClellan, H. H. Steelman and Tom Holley.

Triple Play Features Robert Lee's Victory Here Over Brownwood Colts



VAUGHAN S. DAVIS

Silver Lions **New Officers**

Silver Lions Club new officers were installed the night of June 21 with Deputy Dist. Gov. Lewis Carothers of Big Spring in charge of the installation. The officers

Vaughan S. Davis, Pres. John Q. Conley, 1st V-Pres. Chas. J. Green, 2nd V-Pres. Zeddie Beal, 3rd V-Pres. W. W. Paul, Lion Tamer. Ernest Clendennen, Tail Twister. Hale Kincaid, Secy-treas. L. Coffman, R. K. Beggs,

new directors. Allan Cartrite, Charles Simpson, holdover directors.

The officers term extends from July 1, 1960 to June 30, 1961.

Inducted into the club as new members were Jerry Eubanks, Mullins and Rev. Warren

A board of directors meeting yas set for 6 p.m. June 28 at Odom Cafe.

Accompanying Mr. Carrothers here from Big Spring was Lion Wayne Bartlett.

Milburn Wink came from Ft. Hood for a weekend visit with home folks. He is due for a dis-charge in a few weeks after completing two years of army service

Sunday afternoon by a score of 7 to 2. It was a thrilling game, complete with heavy hitting, some great fielding and a triple play.

Robert Lee scored twice in the second inning without making a safe hit. The scores resulted from a walk, three errors and a hit batsman. Another tally came in the next frame after two men were out on a double killing. Ed Poehls poled a double and John Conley drew a pass. Poehls scored when Ronnie Baker dropped a Texas

leaguer into center for two bases. The Twisters added another score in the fourth when Pau Tinkler went home on a hit by Norman Roberts. Brownwood narrowed its 4-0 deficit in the fifth inning by scoring twice on three singles and an error. That completed the visitors scoring. Richard Dumas on the mound for Robert Lee, had not permitted a hit until then, and scattered three singles during the last four

The home club annexed three more runs in the seventh. Roberts was hit by a pitched ball and scored when Poehls crashed a homerun over the centerfield fence. Bennie Corley walked and went to second on a sacrifice by Ron Murphy. Corley scored when the third baseman threw Tommy Allen's grounder into the dugout. Robert Lee made a total of 10 hits. Jerry Tinkler had a pair of two-baggers and brother Paul got

two singles. Poehls had a double and homer. He missed another circuit clout in the eighth inning, when Lynn Davidson leaned over the fence to pull down his great clout which was high as well as long. Davidson is a former Rob-ert Lee resident who lives in Brownwood.

John Conley saved a couple of trips to the chiropractor when he was hit in the back by pitches in the first and fourth innings.

The triple play occurred in the eighth when Fryer, Brownwood 3rd sacker, was issued a walk. ard sacker, was issued a walk. Pearce singled to left with Fryer going to third. Catcher Smith's fly to right was taken by Murphy, who threw home. Dumas took the throw and cut off Fryer at the plate, then threw to Jerry Tinkler who the same of the plate. who tagged Pearce coming into

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our friends and neighbors for their many acts of kindness during our time of sorrow. The flowers, cards, food and many other expressions of sympathy and concern were deeply appreciated.—Edna Mae Hav-ins and Daughters, The Havins and Wallace Families.

Mrs. Hamilton, Cleve Casey Are Married

Mrs. J. F. Hamilton and Cleve Casey, well known Robert Lee residents, were married last Friday, June 24.

The ceremony took place at 3 p.m. in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hamilton Jr. at Andrews. Officiating was the minister of

The couple left on a week's trip to Colorado after which they will

Daughter Of Vincent Hanna To Graduate

Patricia Ann Hanna of Elmira New York, daughter of the late Vincent A. Hanna, is graduating this week from Elmira Free Academy.

Patricia is 18 and has made the Honor Roll most of the past year; she hopes to obtain a scholarship. During her school years she has been a member of the various groups: The Glee Club, Choir, Ushers Club and H-Y Club. She served as president and treasurer of the Hi-Y Club.

Patricia hopes to enter Alfred Tech at Corning, New York, this fall. For the past two years she has been employed after school and during the summer at the Y. M. C. A. She is presently employed at the Community Chest.

Patricia and her brother, Robert Earl, also son of the late Vincent A. Hanna, reside in Elmira, Ava Lou Hanna.



PATRICIA ANN HANNA

New York, with their mother, Mrs. James De Nerio.

An invitation to her graduation the Andrews Baptist Church. was received by her two halfbrothers, Jerome and Vincent Hanna Jr. and their mother, Mrs. be at home on the Casey farm, a