

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. Each week, we will include items from the archives.

# The Robert Lee Observer

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W. C. (Bill) McDonald.

Just a line to let you know that I shall be deeply grateful for your support in the election Saturday.

W. C. (Bill) McDonald  
Candidate for  
51st District Attorney  
Pol. Adv.

### Sanco Camp Meeting

The Sanco Camp meeting has been in full swing this week. A traditional revival time for this part of West Texas, the scene is typical of olden times and a reminder of days that have gone by. The crowds have been reduced on account of present day conditions but quite a bit of interest is still maintained. The old fashioned barbecue still draws a crowd.

### To Foreign Fields

Bobby Lee Davis of San Antonio spent last week end visiting his parents and friends in Robert Lee before leaving on foreign duty. Bob is in Civil Service and will be stationed somewhere in the British West Indies, as a supervisor of Boobkeeping Machine operator.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Dixon of San Angelo visited in the home of Mrs. Lizzie Davis first of week.

### Third Clinic Held in Bronte

H. E. Smith, Coke County Extension Service Agent.

The Coke County Live Stock Association, is rendering a much needed service to the livestock producers in this county by sponsoring the Livestock clinic, the third clinic being held in Bronte Saturday afternoon.

The Association has made arrangements with Dr. Charles Koberg a licensed Veterinarian to visit the county periodically on Saturday afternoons, alternating the visits between Bronte and Robert Lee.

This service will help the producers to save many valuable animals and also many dollars that would otherwise be spent for transportation etc. The next clinic will be held in Robert Lee Saturday afternoon Aug 1st. If you have any horses with bad teeth, cows with cancer eyes, any ruptured animals such as pigs, or any of the various troubles that are common to live stock bring in the animal and have its trouble corrected. For information concerning the clinic contact your County Agent, Vocational Instructor, or any director of the Association.

### Keep 'em Working

Mrs. Homemaker, faced with the probability that she soon will be unable to buy new electrical appliances, is reminded by the West Texas Utilities that her sweeper, iron, food mixer and the like will last longer if kept in good repair.

Even new parts are becoming scarce and harder to get, says H. A. Springer WTU local manager. Practically all the factories, which once made household appliances, now have been converted to war production of some kind. For instance, a plant that used to make vacuum sweepers now is making gas masks.

The company, as a means of helping to "keep 'em working", has worked out a plan whereby appliances can be kept in useful condition for the duration.

"By spending a little now" Mr Springer said, "you may save a lot and keep 'em working".

### Notice

Evangelist Wm. H. Taylor of San Angelo, will be in a meeting with the Church of Christ here from Aug. 20 to 30. Everyone is extended a special invitation to hear him through these series of meetings. No collections will be taken and all Bible questions will be cheerfully answered.

### Local Items

Mrs. Jack Duncan is in Quemado Valley visiting home folks.

A card from Ray V. Stark stated they arrived at Chanute Field all right side up, and to send their paper to 1104 W. Clark St., Urbana, Ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Taylor of Dunn, visited in the home of her brother T. A. Richardson and family last week.

Mrs. Steve Moore and Madelle and Mr and Mrs. Walker Cobb of San Angelo were in Robert Lee Wednesday to attend the Calder funeral.

Mrs. Claud Dean and daughter Nora, of Chicago, left Tuesday for the Pacos country to visit Mrs Dean's daughter Mrs. D.H. Kingston and Mr. Kingston and new granddaughter.

Bruce Clift received word that his brother Ray who lives at Corpus Christi was seriously ill.

W. A. Scott and wife of Lubbock spent the week end with Mrs. Lizzie Davis.

Robert Lee and surrounding country was visited with a refreshing shower Tuesday.

### Navy Needs Men

It's not too late to volunteer for the Navy even after you have received your Selective Service induction orders, that is the latest orders received by chief Signalman V. L. Ryan of the San Angelo Navy Recruiting SubStation.

Even though you have had your local physical examination and have received your induction orders you still have a chance. A recruiter is on the third floor of the post office building every day of the week.

### Rites For Mrs. Delzie Calder Wednesday

Funeral services for Mrs. Delzie Calder, 75 who died at 11:25 a.m. Tuesday at her home in Robert Lee, was held at 4 p. m. Wednesday from the residence. Burial in the Robert Lee cemetery.

Mrs. Calder moved to Coke County 26 years ago from Mills County.

Survivors include two sons, Miles Calder, Muller and O R. Calder, Leaday; and three daughters, Mrs. Era Sibes, Mrs. D V. Wojtek, and Mrs. W. R. Tomason, all of Robert Lee. Thirty-one grandchildren and sevengreat grandchildren survive.

### Business Changes Hands

Allie Bilbo has purchased the Robert Lee Drug Store and took charge Tuesday. He needs no introduction. Mr. Bilbo expects to make several changes for better service. He and his family have lived in San Angelo for several months but have moved back to the Dr. Turney home.

### Word from Elmer Hurley

Excerpts from a letter of Elmer Hurley, who lived in Coke county but enlisted at Lubbock, to his family, Mrs. Susie Hurley and boys, the first since May 25th. He gives a day by day report of his trip from U. S. to some unknown destination by ship at sea. Much has been censored, however, he writes quite a bit of experience, says he never saw as many sick folks at one time, but finally recovered. The sea was very rough at times and so hot you had to be protected from the sun. At the last writing he was nearing some port.

### Time Short

O. C. Fisher is going down the home stretch, having done all that he could to improve the voters of vital conditions facing them, and the people will give their verdict Saturday.

### Relief Program

The plan devised by the county judge and others was a success from some angles. It furnished ample funds for the present needs and those who felt able at this present time made contributions. It may be necessary to press this program later, in that case those who did not make contributions will be given an opportunity to do so.

### Texas Petroleum Industry

Nearly one million Texans get their entire living from the Texas petroleum industry.

This is shown by a study of Texas petroleum employment and payroll just completed by the Texas Mid-Continent Oil and Gas Association, research and service organization of Texas operator.

The employees of the Texas petroleum industry numbered 240,223 last year, and the workers paid \$89,732,884 in direct state and local taxes.

### ELECT



RALPH LOGAN

District Attorney  
Sincere  
Capable  
Efficient

Pol. Adv.

### Enlisted In The Navy

Three Coke Countians, Edward J. Thompson, Lawrence E. Higgins both of Robert Lee, and Henry Lee Ivy of Edith this week completed their applications for Naval enlistments through the San Angelo Navy Recruiting Sub station. Thomason and Higgins left Monday for final examinations in Dallas.

### CARD OF THANKS

We want to use this means of thanking our many friends for your expression of kindness during the sickness and death of our dear mother, Mrs. J. W. Calder Children and Relatives.

### Locals

Mrs. Nora May of Chicago, employed by the American Airways as dietician, is visiting her father and mother Mr. and Mrs. Claud Dean and family.

Dorothy Simpson of Miles is visiting Ada Bell Fish for a few days.

Miss Jamfe Smith of San Antonio visited relatives in and around Robert Lee for the past several days returning to her home Tuesday.

Word was received that Raymond Dean, son of Mr. and Mrs. Claud Dean had been missing since the fall of Corregidor.

Miss Nina Barger is at home for a ten-day visit with her parents and friends.

Preston Fitzhugh left Monday to begin his training as an Army officer.

Mrs. Ray E. Goode and baby of Ponca City, are visiting home folks in Robert Lee.

J. S. Gardner renews Observer, a reader of ye olden times.

N. B. Bolinger, W. K. Denman and Roy of Richland Springs, were in the city last Wednesday.

Mrs. Horace B. Young from Greenville, Miss., is here visiting the editor and folks for a few weeks. Horace B. has gone to Hartford Conn., to take a course in training for propeller parts in air plane work.

Mrs. Anna Sparks is in Arizona visiting her daughter, who is quite ill.

Miss Norma Wojtek 3009 Bryan Street, Dallas will read Observer

## ALAMO THEATRE

"THE BEST IN SCREEN ENTERTAINMENT"

ROBERT LEE TEXAS

Friday, Saturday and Sunday July 24-25-26

"GO WEST YOUNG LADY"

PENNY SINGLETON-ANN MILLER-GLEN FORD

Bob Wills and his Texas Playboys

Also Three Stooges News

Wednesday only Money Nite July 29

THE BUMSTEADS IN

"BLONDIE GOES TO COLLEGE"

Also Two Reel Comedy

## TEXAS THEATRE

BRONTE TEXAS

Friday and Saturday July 24-25

"BARNACLE BILL"

WITH

WALLACE BERRY-MARJORIE MAIN-VIRGINIA WEIDLER

Comedy and News

Tuesday only Money Nite July 28

"BLONDIE GOES TO COLLEGE"

WITH

Your favorite Family "The Bumsteads"

Also Two Reel Comedy