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Jaycees Back Plan For Fire Equipment

A second enthusiastic meeting of the newly organized Junior Chamber of Commerce was held at the Club cafe Friday night, with more than 40 present. A set of by-laws were adopted and it was voted to hold regular meetings on the second and fourth Monday nights of each month.

Elected as directors were Rev. Fred Blake, A. E. Latham, Jack Looney, G. C. Allen and J. D. Black. Other officers previously elected will also serve on the board of directors. Judge Bob L. Davis is president of the club.

The matter of procuring adequate fire equipment for the community has been adopted as the No. 1 project of the Jaycee organization and a committee was named to study the needs and suggest plans for financing the purchase of equipment. Members of the committee include Gerald Allen, chairman, Willis Smith, Bill Tom Roach, C. S. Brown, Chas. Vowell and Palmer Leeper.

Starting with an initial membership of 28 paid up, ten new ones were secured at the last meeting. A membership committee named to make a one week's drive and report by next Monday night includes Morris Varnadore, chairman, A. E. Latham, Paul Good, Dick Skipworth and Hubert Buchanan. Dick Skipworth reported the middle of the week he had signed two new members.

During the dinner some good old time tunes were played by Homer Cornelius and Joe Wilson of Bronte, fiddle and accordion artists. Rev. Estes, E. C. Davis and Calvin Wallace were named to have charge of entertainment at the meeting next Monday night. Dinner will be served at the Club cafe and reservations should be made early Monday.

Ray DeRusha and Fred Jennings of Abilene were present at the meeting last week, and further assisted in preliminary organization details connected with the Robert Lee club.

Claud Lawrence of San Angelo held services here last Sunday at the North Side Church of Christ.

Mrs. L. W. Campbell of Sanco spent last week with relatives in Abilene.



REV. C. R. BLAKE

Blake Bros., Ministers, Exchange Pulpits For Day

Next Sunday Rev. Fred D. Blake, pastor of the Baptist church of Robert Lee, will exchange pulpits with his brother, Rev. C. R. Blake of Bronte.

The evening service at the Robert Lee Baptist church will be featured by moving pictures entitled, "Romance of a Century." The films will depict 100 years of Baptist church work in the United States. The evening service begins at 7:30.

Robert Lee Methodist Church

Throughout Methodism the second Sunday in February will be observed as Race Relations Sunday. Rev. Estes reports that Sunday morning's service will be devoted to a discussion of some of the forces now operating in human society that are capable of benefiting all men.

Go to Church Sunday. A welcome awaits you and yours.

Sheep Dog Show

An effort is being made to have a special exhibition of sheep dog trials in connection with the Coke County Livestock Show here Feb. 24-25. A. B. Sheppard is fostering the project and owners of trained sheep dogs are requested to contact him.

Marcus Turner and wife went to Norton Saturday to attend the funeral of Mrs. Walter Stubblefield, a close friend of the Turner family.

Fred Jameson Test Nearing Pay Depth

Drilling operations have progressed satisfactorily the past week at the Sun Oil Company's test on the Fred Jameson place near Silver, and a depth of 6,066 feet had been reached at noon Thursday.

Spec Edmiston, driller in charge of the day shift, said yesterday that they were making from 15 to 25 feet of hole each 8 hour shift. Drilling was going ahead in black shale with occasional streaks of lime.

The Fred Jameson test is a quarter of a mile south of the Allen Jameson producer brought in by Sun company early in the winter. Oil saturated limestone, known as the Strawn section of the Pennsylvania, was reached at 6,210 feet and the hole was bottomed at 6,250.

Geologists say the new test is showing formations very similar to those found in the Allen Jameson strike. Operators have been advised to begin taking cores again at 6,170 feet and present plans are to drill through the Strawn and on into the Ellenburger for exploration purposes.

The Fred Jameson hole has a 9 5-8 inch casing down to a depth of 1,250 feet which was set inside a 12 1-2 inch hole. The present hole is 8 3-4 inches in diameter, and will allow the setting of a 7 inch casing. The test will reach the depth of the Allen Jameson producer within the next two or three days.

The Allen Jameson well is flowing regularly, catching up with some shut-ins caused some time back by lack of storage facilities. The entire production is being hauled to Bronte where it is loaded into railroad tank cars and shipped to western Canada. L. T. Pate, former Robert Lee man, has taken over contract of moving the crude oil to Bronte and Mike Davis is operating his transport truck.

Mildred Meek Is Bride Of Young Oklahoma Man

The marriage of Miss Mildred Odessa Meek of Robert Lee and Mr. Everett T. Withers of Hollis, Okla., took place Jan. 27, with the county judge at Guthrie, Texas, officiating.

The bride is the popular young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Millard Meek of this city. The bridegroom's home is at Hollis, Okla., and he was employed here last year on highway construction work.

The young couple will make their home at Canadian, Texas, where Mr. Withers is employed by the Bell & Braden Construction Co.

Gift Shower Planned

A shower for the Henry Varnadore family, whose home and all their clothing and household effects were destroyed by fire, will be held next Monday from 5 to 8 p. m. at the Baptist church. Sponsors of the affair are Mrs. Sam Jay, Mrs. J. N. Baugh and Mrs. A. W. Littlefield.

W. O. W. Installation

Robert Lee's Woodmen of the World camp will hold public installation of officers on Friday night, Feb. 14. Supper will be served free to the public and installation ceremonies at the district court room will follow. The Robert Lee Woodmen camp recently donated \$50 to the Rabb relief fund.

A little want ad will sell it.



D. I. DURHAM

Rites Held Saturday For Judge Durham, 77

David I. Durham, 77, former Robert Lee attorney who had lived in San Angelo the past 22 years, died Friday noon in that city at his home at 326 E. Twohig Ave. He had been in failing health for some time and suffered a stroke on Wednesday prior to his death.

Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon from the Robert Massie chapel with the Rev. Nt Johnson officiating. Interment followed in the Robert Lee cemetery. Pallbearers included Judge McNeil Wylie and Gerald Allen of Robert Lee and J. B. Hart, Thomas B. Hill, Ralph Logan and Will Drake, all of San Angelo.

Mr. Durham was born June 3, 1870, in Jackson county, Alabama and came to Texas in 1890 after graduating from Ohio Northern University. He was county judge in Nolan county from 1896 to 1904 and then moved to Robert Lee where he spent the next 20 years.

He served a number of terms as county attorney and county judge of Coke county, moving to San Angelo in 1925 where he had since practiced law. He was married to Miss Lena Smith in Robert Lee Dec. 20, 1905.

Survivors include the widow, one son, Jesse R. Durham of San Angelo; a daughter, Mrs. E. L. Dorn of Colorado City, and two brothers, Emmett of Moran and Jesse of Atlanta, Ga.

Mrs. Durham is a sister of Mrs. Fred O. Green and Frank Smith of Robert Lee and Tom Smith of Ozona.

Miss Mozelle Turney came from New London Saturday to attend the funeral of her uncle, D. I. Durham.

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Two More Homes Destroyed By Fire

Two more residence fires in the past week and loss of a business building at Bronte, made a total of five disastrous fires in Coke county during the past month.

Most recent losses were the F. A. Whitt farm residence 2 miles northwest of Silver, which burned Saturday forenoon, and the farm home of County Commissioner Henry Varnadore, 6 miles west of Robert Lee, which burned to the ground Monday morning. An account of the fire which destroyed the McGuire blacksmith shop at Bronte appears in another column in The Observer.

Previous fire losses include the Otis K. Rabb farm home, west of town, in which Mr. Rabb and his two little daughters were fatally burned, and the McNeil Wylie poultry plant in Robert Lee which represented a property loss of more than \$7,000.

Members of the Whitt household were at home when the fire was discovered and it is believed to have started when an oil stove got out of control. Members of the family and neighbors directed their efforts toward putting out the blaze, but were unsuccessful and only a few household effects were saved.

The Whitts have another house on their ranch which was occupied by relatives and they are making their home there.

No one was at home when the Varnadore fire was discovered about 9 a. m. by E. W. Smith and son, R. T., who live a quarter of a mile away. Other neighbors soon arrived but most of the house was enveloped in flames and it was possible only to save the mattresses and bedding from three beds.

Mrs. Varnadore had accompanied her husband to Robert Lee in the morning to spend the day at the home of her son, Clell. Henry says he turned off the oil stove some time before they left and there was little or no fire remaining in the wood stove. It is thought a defective chimney may have caused sparks to ignite the roof. They \$400 insurance.

The Varnadores are making plans to rebuild just as soon as possible, and are making temporary headquarters with their son, Clell, and family.

McCutchen-Blair

The marriage of Miss Charlene McCutchen and Mr. Joseph Curtis Blair occurred here Saturday, with the Rev. J. H. Estes performing the ceremony. The bride is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim McCutchen and is one of the community's most popular young ladies. The bridegroom is a son of Mrs. S. J. Blair of Blackwell. He recently returned from service in the armed forces and has a position at Sweetwater where they will make their home.

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