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ROBERT LEE SCHOOL TO OBSERVE PUBLIC SCHOOLS WEEK MARCH 3-7

Supt. Frank Coalson of the Robert Lee School system has announced a varied and interesting program during the week March 3 through 7. On the night of Friday, March 7, a special program will be held at the school building at seven o'clock.

At that time parents will go through a short program following the schedules of their children meeting their classes and getting acquainted with the teachers.

Then, at the close of this period, parents will pass to the auditorium, where they will hear a panel of students discuss the history of education in Texas. Also, Mrs. Dean will present her choir of children's voices singing "Texas Our Texas," our state song. Later Mr. Coalson will discuss the status and operation of the Robert Lee school system.

Teachers and students hope that people of Robert Lee will avail themselves of this opportunity of acquainting themselves with our school program and at the same time meet and know personally our fine teaching staff.

Texas Citizens' Committee on Public School Week has urged that all schools participate in the state-wide program, which is held annually.

Mrs. Dean Heads Coke Teachers

Mrs. Jeff Dean of Robert Lee was elected new president of the Coke County Teachers Association when the organization met in Bronte Monday night. A steak dinner was served, courtesy of the Bronte school.

Other new officers named were: Mrs. Vetal Flores, Bronte, 1st vice-president; P. E. Webb, Robert Lee, 2nd vice president; Mrs. Otto Wojtek, Robert Lee, secretary; and Vetal Flores, Bronte, treasurer.

A film from the National Education Association was shown. A fair representation from Coke County schools was present.

Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Hail left Thursday for their home at DeKalb after a visit in Robert Lee with their son, Hershall and family, and at Midland with a daughter, Mrs. Lawrence, and family.

IVEY BUYS RANCH

Cumbie Ivey, Sr. has purchased the Burt Smalley 1,400-acre ranch, a few miles northeast of Robert Lee. It lies on the north side of paved highway 158. The exact price is not reported and 90% of the mineral rights are included in the sale. The place has a ranch house and other buildings and at present is all in pasture. Mr. Smalley has owned the property nearly 20 years. He will retire from active ranching.

TALENT SHOW WINNERS

Robert Lee high school students won more than their share of honors at a Talent Show Friday night at Lakeview high school. First place went to the Bachelors Quartette composed of Jerry Dean, Don Weathers, Ronnie Sims and Richard Sims. Richard Sims was awarded 2nd place on his vocal solo, and Ronnie Sims took 3rd individual honors with a piano solo.

P-TA NEWS

Robert Lee Parents-Teachers Association met Thursday afternoon at the school auditorium when Mrs. Sam Powell served as program chairman.

Mrs. Dean's second grade music class presented an interesting program, with the pupils being in costumes of Indian braves and squaws.

Mrs. Watterson, third grade teacher, gave a history of the P-TA organization and Mrs. Robert Vaughan reported on the 1957 State Workshop on Youth Development.

First prize for the largest percent of parents and grandparents in attendance went to the second grade. First graders won the second prize.

A committee to nominate new officers was named to include Mrs. Raymond McCutchen, chairman, Mrs. Glenn Waldrop and Mrs. Jerry Thomason.

Proceeds of \$65 were reported from the bake sale held Feb. 15.

Next meeting will be a Family Night on March 20 at 7:30. Program will be featured by a film, "A Desk for Billy." A fellowship hour will follow in the school cafeteria with refreshments.

All parents are urged to attend and bring their families.



REV. TRAVIS MCNAIR

Rev. McNair To Preach At Silver Church

Rev. Travis McNair, pastor of the Robert Lee Methodist Church, has been named to preach at the Silver Methodist Church for the remainder of the conference year ending June 1.

He will succeed Rev. Charles Camp, who was released from the Silver Church to accept a pastorate at Midkiff.

Rev. McNair will preach at Silver at a 9 a. m. service every Sunday and return to Robert Lee for 11 o'clock services. Sunday School at the Silver church will be held at 10 a. m.

GREEN MT. MUSICAL

The public is advised that the monthly musical at Green Mountain Community Center will be held Friday night, Feb. 28. A good show is being arranged and everyone is invited to attend.



WILL WED—Miss Carolyn Box of Robert Lee will marry Dwight Clark of San Angelo in a ceremony at 6 p.m. March 7 in the Robert Lee Methodist Church. The Rev. Travis McNair, pastor, will officiate.

ELEVEN ATTEND SAC

SAN ANGELO, (Special) — Eleven Robert Lee students are among the approximately 700 enrolled at San Angelo College for the spring semester.

The eleven include Ben Wayne Bessent, Mary Jo Clawson, Harold Dane Clendennon, Edwin Gene Davis, Waymond Copeland Davis, Alta Fay Eubanks, Bobby Jack Gray, Jerrel Clint Harmon, William Lee Havins, Noel Scott, and Carolyn Simpson.

Miss Simpson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Simpson, recently became a member of Lambda Tau sorority. She is a freshman majoring in elementary education.

Farm Outlook Is Brighter In Coke

Cage Season Ends With Wins Over Norton

Robert Lee high school closed out the basket ball season with a twin victory over Norton on the local floor Friday night.

The girls contest resulted in a score of 48-35, with Doris Sparks getting 16 points. Other scorers were Pat Fowler 10, Bonnie Butcher 9, Lavina McDaniel 6, Eunice Blair 3, Kenney Sawyer and Jo Ann Hood 2 each.

Mary Ann Harris accounted for 30 points for the losers.

Robert Lee Steers won their game 51-25. The scorers were Dennis Blair 19, Tom Sawyer 12, Monty Trimble 10, Jerry and Paul Tinkler 5 each. Mannie Turner made 14 points for Norton.

The District 20-B championship went to Wall after their playoff win over Miles Saturday night. Wall continues its winning ways, taking its bi-district game from Fonsan Tuesday night. Wall next goes into the regional meet at Brownwood.

Robert Lee boys will now devote attention to base ball and track.

Moisture amounting from 2½ to 3 inches all over Coke County was received the past weekend. It resulted from a steady downfall starting Friday and continuing until Saturday night. There was no runoff and as a result the ground is well saturated to a considerable depth.

It boosted the total February rainfall to 2.83 inches and 4.62 since the first of the year. The first two months of 1957 brought moisture of only 1.79 inches.

Farmers and ranchers say it is the best winter rain received here in many years, and optimism continues that the long drought is finally broken.

Grain fields will be benefitted immediately and weeds in pastures will furnish additional grazing. Oat fields have furnished excellent winter grazing in this locality and many farmers are now looking forward to harvesting a grain crop.

However, farming operations in Coke County will not be as extensive as in previous years since a considerable acreage has gone into government soil bank and reserve programs.

J. E. Quisenberry, county SAC secretary, advises that 21,000 acres of Coke farm land is in the 5-year conservation program, which pays \$8.00 an acre.

The county's cotton allotment for 1958 is 7,971.3 acres. The soil bank got 1,483 acres of cotton land during the first four days of the signup period, and the quota of \$27,616.93 was taken up. Payments on cotton land range from \$14 to \$20 an acre, with an average of \$17.

Many other farmers wanted to put their cotton land in the soil bank, and steps are being taken in Washington to increase the acreage.

Mr. Quisenberry says he has a waiting list of 2,387.5 acres to go in the soil bank if allotments are increased. These additional acres would mean government payments of \$42,978.56.

Mr. Quisenberry announced the district Garden Club convention will be held in Cisco March 12 at Cisco Junior College. Members were advised that reservations must be made by March 5.

Garden Club Members Enjoy Travelogue

Members of El Valle Garden Club were entertained Feb. 14 in the home of Mrs. S. E. Adams in San Angelo, with Mrs. J. N. Adams and Mrs. H. S. Lewis, Sr. as co-hostesses.

An interesting program was given by Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Adams, who showed colored slides and spoke of their travels in Old Mexico.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. Claude Carter and Mrs. Stanley Adams.

Guests included Mrs. Carter and Mrs. Lynn Brown of Harlingen, Mrs. Cecil Kemp of Bronte, Mrs. J. S. Walker, Mrs. Effie Roe, Mrs. Marvin Simpson, Jr., and Carolyn Simpson of Robert Lee. Mrs. Frank McCabe, club presi-

ROBERT LEE HIGH SCHOOL BAND Mid-Winter Concert

February 28, 1958

7:30 P. M.

Programme

El Gaucho	March
Prelude in G Minor	by Rachminoff
La Macerena	Solo on Trumpet by Ronnie Sims
King John	Tone Poem
Washington Post	March
Colorama	Color Fantasy
Jabberwalkie	Solo on Baritone by Jackie Thomas
Presentation of Awards	Latin Special
Calypso Joint	New Composition
Summer Holiday	Trumpet Trio
Trumpets Wild	Ronnie Sims, Mae Tubb, Jimmy Bell
Wait for the Wagon	Folk Song
Tocatta for Band	Modern
Parade of Iceles	March Novelty
Crowning Glory	Concert March
All proceeds will go to pay for the Band Jackets.	

Band Personnel

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| Clarinets | Trumpets |
| *Vicki Wojtek | *Ronnie Sims |
| Ann Smith (Librarian) | Mae Tubb |
| Laura Bird | Jimmy Bell |
| Mary McNair | Barbara Gray |
| Jerry Quisenberry | Kenny Smith |
| Carolyn Parker | Trombones |
| Gladys Rives (tw.) | *Jerry Dean |
| Joe Roe | Martha Humphrey (h.tw.) |
| Prescilla Wylie | Jimmy Caraway |
| Flutes | Baritones |
| *Richard Sims (D.M.) | Sam Ed Skipworth |
| Lexie Lewis | Gayle Lewis (sec. tw.) |
| Kay Humphrey | French Horns |
| Alto Clarinet | *Brenda Cowley (tw.) |
| *Bernice Seltz | Brenda McDorman |
| Bass Clarinet | Glenda Blair |
| Kay Wink | Carol Hester |
| Bassoon | Bass Horn |
| Ann Carwile | Joe Jones |
| Saxophones | Ronnie Reid |
| *Don Weathers (Pres) | Percussion |
| Marilyn Weathers | *Jerry Don Caulder |
| Sharon Kincaid | Taylor Jones |
| Tympani | Patty Gray |
| Gay Hollis (Sec.) | Sharon Knapp |
| | Clark Godwin |
| | Keith B. Farris, Band Director |

The (*) indicates section leaders.