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# Robert Lee Observer

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MRS. JESSIE NEWTON YARBROUGH  
... popular school teacher retires

## Teacher Retires After 48 Years

Mrs. Jessie Newton Yarbrough has retired from teaching after 48 years. The well known and highly respected Robert Lee woman got her first experience as a school teacher 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 Association presented her with a life membership and pin. As the school year ended she was honored by Lake View teachers at a coffee. They presented her with a silver pitcher to match a silver tray which was a gift of pupils of grades 3 to 6.

Mrs. Yarbrough and her husband, Bryan, will take things easier 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 income from Texas Teachers Retirement Fund.

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

Jessie Ray Wilkins, who grew up 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 by his sister, Mrs. J. J. S. Smith of Sweetwater, to their cousin here, Mrs. P. E. Mahon.

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

Another sister, Mrs. J. E. Keenan, resides at Canyon, and there are three brothers. A sister, Mrs. Clyde (Cora Belle) Warren, died in Los Angeles two years ago.

**MASONIC INSTALLATION**  
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.  
Chism S. Brown, Secy.  
Bill Allen, Treas.  
Delbert Shoemaker, S. D.  
Pete Prentice, J. D.  
Alton Roberts, Chaplain.  
Lenn Roberts, Tiler.  
H. E. Ivey, S. S.  
A. H. Jones, J. S.

## Humble Moves Its Roustabout 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. Cunningham is being transferred 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 employed in the Howard-Glasscock field.

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 addition.

Humble has 80 producing wells largely in the I.A.B. (Menielle Penn) field northwest of Robert 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 roustabout work may be contracted.

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

## 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.

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



VAUGHAN S. DAVIS  
... Lions club president

Robert Lee Rabbit Twisters defeated the Brownwood Colts here 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 Paul 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 frames.

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 Robert 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. 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 tagged Pearce coming into second.

### 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 Havins 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 Andrews Baptist Church.

The couple left on a week's trip to Colorado after which they will be at home on the Casey farm, a few miles southeast of Robert Lee.



PATRICIA ANN HANNA

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

An invitation to her graduation was received by her two half-brothers, Jerome and Vincent Hanna Jr. and their mother, Mrs. Ava Lou Hanna.

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