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R-LEE STEERS TO HOST **ELDORADO** EAGLES OF

The Robert Lee Steers will be at home tonight (Friday) when they will host the Eldorado Eagles in a District 9-A game. Kickoff time is 7:30 p.m. The Steers are still looking for a victory in the district race, as they dropped their first two games in district play. The Junction Eagles defeated them 27-0 in the first district outing, and Mason squeezed by them 7-6 last Friday night. Robert Lee's season record of 3-2-1 is better than Eldorado's 1-5-0, but in District 9-A competition the Eagles are 1-1-0 while the Steers are 0-2-0.

In other 9-A contests last week, Wall and Menard remained the powerhouses of the district.

Carter Rites Held At Harlingen

Claude Edward Carter, 80, of Harlingen died Oct. 4 in Harlingen. Funeral services and burial were at Harlingen.

Mr. Carter was born April 19, 1897, in Coke County. He was the son of the late H.C. and Dovie Carter, early day settlers in this area. He was married to Dannie Adams in 1922.

Mr. Carter attended North Texas State College and the University of Texas. When World War I was declared, he and three of his brothers enlisted in the Armed Forces of the United States. He was promoted to lieutenant before the end of the war. He purchased the first airplane in this area and used it for barnstorming. He was elected to the Texas House of representatives in 1922, serving a district made up of Coke, Concho and Runnels Counties. He later moved to Harlingen where he practiced law until his death. Survivors include his wife, Dannie Carter of Harlingen; and a daughter, Kathleen Carter of Dallas.

Wall downed Junction 41-0 and Menard whipped Eldorado 14-0. Reagan County was open. THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

In other district games tonight, Reagan County will be at Menard, Ozona will play at Junction and Mason will travel to Wall.

HONOR ROLL ANNOUNCED

High School Principal Jerry Gibbs has released the following honor roll for the first six weeks:

Twelfth Grade: Debra Caulder, Betty Flowers and Richard Long.

Eleventh Grade: David Lackey and Cindy Walker. Tenth Grade: Joy English, Kerry Gartman, Jana Hood and Carolyn Simpson.

Ninth Grade: Dianna Tinkler. Eighth Grade: Susan Ash, Tanya Grun and

DeeAnna Key. Seventh Grade: Leigh Ann Runnion.

HOSPITAL NEWS

The following admissions and dismissals were reported by the West Coke County Hospital:

Oct. 3: Alma Adkins, Lula Brown and Opal Baker admitted. Weldon Little, Johanna Service and Cumbie Ivey Jr. dismissed.

Oct. 4: Sylvia Tinkler admitted. Lowell Roane dismissed.

Oct. 5: Ora Thornton, Sharon Valdez and Brandon C. Valdez admitted. No dismissals. Oct. 7: Mary Tubb admitted. Sylvia Tinkler dismissed. Oct. 9: Lena Russell admitted. Sharon Valdez and Mary Tubb dismissed. Oct. 10: George Mc-Caleb and Bertie Clift admitted. No dismissals.

Sterling City Thumps Dogies

The Robert Lee Dogies traveled to Sterling City last Thursday night for a game with the Sterling City Bullpups. The local lads came out on the short end of a 14-8 score.

The lone touchdown made by the Dogies came on a 35 yard run by defensive tackle Rudy Balderas after he stripped the ball away from a Sterling City back. Buck Duncan ran three yards for the extra points. This week's Dogies

game, played here Thursday night, was a contest with the Garden City Junior High team.

HAVE FISH FRY

Sixty persons enjoyed a fish fry at the Turney Casey home Saturday night. Guests were from San Angelo, Cisco, Ft. Hood, Bronte, Silver, at the Robert Lee Reand Robert Lee.

Sue Millican was in Abilene Sunday, Oct. 9, where she attended the Midwest Texas Florist Association Design School.

Voters Approve Bond Issue 4-1

Voters of the West Coke County Hospital District overwhelmingly approved a \$155,000 bond in an election held Thursday of last week. A total of 264 persons voted with 214 voting for and 50 against the bond issue, a majority of more than four to one.

Robert Vernor, administrator of the hospital district, said he and directors were extremely happy with the big majority in favor of the bond which will provide money for mak-

SENIOR CITIZENS TO MEET OCT. 20

West Coke County Senior Citizens will meet for their regular meeting creation Center at 11 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 20. Everyone is urged to come, bring a dish for lunch, eat and join in the fellowship and games.

ing improvements in the facilities of the hospital district.

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The board plans to use the money to build a clinic which will contain offices for a doctor and dentist and space for a drug store. The board already has already made arrangements to sell the bonds and directors will meet Tuesday night with Pat McMillon of San Angelo, area representative for Underwood-Neuhaus, the investment firm handling the transaction. Vernor said an estimated 45 days will be required between the time the bonds are sold and bids can be taken for the construction job. "We hope to open the bids some time between the first and middle of September."

MARILYN WRIGHT

TAKING AF TRAINING Airman Marilyn K. Wright, daughter of Edwin G. Wright of Robert Lee has been selected for technical training at Lowry AFB, Colo., in the Air Force avionics systems field. The airman recently completed basic training at Lackland AFB, and studied the Air Force mission, organization and customs and received special instruction in human rethis training earned the individual credits in applied science de

RLHS Classes Name New Officers

1977-78 officers for Student Council. Prin. Jerry Gibbs released the students selections this week. They are as Follows:

SENIOR CLASS President, Cindy Ash; vice president, Kristen Prather; secretary, Carla Wojtek; treasurer, Barry Clark, Debra Caulder, Vicki Gartman; business managers, Dallas Johnson, David Meadows, Betty Flowers; sponsors, Coach Roddy McIver, Miss Dorothea Wright. JUNIOR CLASS President, Buddy Wallace; vice president, Mike Wilkes; secretary, Cindy Walker; treasurer, Karen Rasco; sponsor, Danny Vaughn. SOPHOMORE CLASS President, Kerry Gartman; vice president, Renea Flanagan; secretary, Jana Hood; treasurer, Shery Caves; sponsor, Coach Ronnie Ruff.

Students of Robert Lee Marty Caston; secre-High School have elected tary, Kellye Percifull; treasurer, Dianna Tinkthe six classes and the ler; sponsor; Mrs. Pauline Coalson.

> 8TH GRADE CLASS President, Delight English; vice president; vice president, DeeAnna Key; secretary and treasurer, Darren Williams; sponsor, Clyde lations. Completion of Dukes.

7TH GRADE CLASS

President, James Clyde towards an associate Wright; vice president,

He was a brother-inlaw of Mayor S.E. (Skin- TRY A WANT AD TO SELL ny) Adams of Robert Lee. THINGS NOT NEEDED

CONSTABLE HAS PHONE Harry Palmer, the new constable in Precinct 1, now has a phone and can be reached by calling 453-2789. Anyone who needs his services should call this number, he said.

FRESHMAN CLASS President, Robbie Gartman; vice president, Quint Anthony; secretary, Debbie Cummins; treasurer, Martha Bickley; sponsor, Coach Max Anthony.

STUDENT COUNCIL

President, Betty Flowers; vice president, Buddy Wallace; secretary, Cindy Ash; treasurer, Karen Rasco; reporter, Carla Wojtek; sponsor, Kenneth Rasco. Class representatives are: 12th, Kip Prather and David Meadows; 11th, and Sabine. On their Cindy Walker and Waid Davis; 10th, Joy English and Kerry Gartman; 9th, Kellye Percifull and Steven Ray; 8th, DeeAnna Key and Scot Long.

gree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Airman Wright attended Robert Lee High School. Her mother, Mrs. Bobbie L. Phillips, resides in Grants, N.M.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Padgett and family re- , turned Monday from at five day trip to the Gulf coast area. They went sightseeing at Galveston, Port Lavaca return trip they stopped Sunday at Huntsville where they witnessed a performance of the famous prison rodeo, with the inmates as performers.



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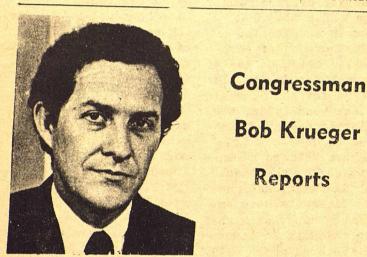
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Questions Raised About Military

By the time you read this, I will have conducted two high level military briefings in response to some serious questions that have been raised concerning both the ability of our nation's military to successfully engage in a major conventional war and the real possibility that billions of tax dollars are being wasted every year within our military complex- contracts are numerous es.

I have called for these briefings by various members of the military and the Department of Defense because I feel that there is no issue of greater importance than that of the public confidence that our nation's security is completely intact and that our tax dollars are not being wasted in any governmental area including our Defense Department. From the information that my staff has gathered and from what I am told by the many military people with whom I often speak

during my trips back to the 21st District. there seems to be two problems which command more thorough exploration.

There have been numerous reports, inspired by efficiency experts, congressional committees what they should be. and members of the media, allegations of waste, tax dollars allocated to military expenditures are wasted, that cost overrides on defense that our systems of allocating defense dollars are too broad and inefficient. During my years in Congress, I have worked hard to try to fully understand the systems we use and to balance the very desirable trait of being able to direct military projects to the people of Texas but at the same time working to make certain that spending controls prevent waste. Now we have another report -- the result of a 2-month investigation by the Associated Press -- indicating that in spite of the tremendous amounts

of money we spend on defense that we may not be capable of fighting a major conventional COMPTROLLER REP. war, a war in which the effectiveness of ground and air troops will be a crucial determining factor.

So the situation we are faced with is on the one hand having detailed allegations of waste, while on the other having to respond to accounts of ineffectiveness in terms of being able to defend our interests. I fully understand that in the area of nuclear technology that we must never fall behind our potential enemies. Only through obvious strength can we be assured of peace. But at the same time I am deeply concerned about these allegations -- most of them made by high-ranking military officers themselves -- revealed in the series.

Specifically, the investigation maintained that the Army has only half of the tanks it needs in central Europe, that some war reserve depots in Europe are bare, that the Air Force does not have an adequate supply of airto-air missiles it would need to fight enemy planes should we be attacked, and that our reserve forces are not These, along with the are but only a few of the serious questions being posed and which I will take up in military briefings this week. Next week I will follow that up with personal inspections of a series of military bases in my Congressional district and I will specifically discuss the problems I have mentioned with commanders at those bases.

It is disturbing to me as a Congressman, as it is to you as a private citizen, that this type of inquiry is necessary, and I am hopeful that the answers I get from the military people put aside my gravest concerns. But if it does not, than I assure you that I will take to my colleagues in the Congress very specific proposals. to eliminate waste and duplication, and to ensure that not only will this nation be secure in the nuclear weapons field but that we shall also be capable of standing firm in the face of a military confrontation where superiority in conventional warfare

is apt to determine victory or defeat.

TO BE IN COUNTY

Anyone who has a question about, or needs assistance with, state taxes should circle Oct. 17 on the calendar. On that date a representative from the State Comptroller's office will be in Coke County to help anyone who needs it.

The representative will be in the conference in the Courthouse at Robert Lee, beginning at 11 a.m., and will be in the City Hall at Bronte beginning at 1:30 p.m.

America has a high incidence of infant mortality. Of the 42 nations reporting, the U.S. ranks 16 in the number of infant deaths. Counties."

Hicks Accepts FmHA Position

Perry L. Hicks has accepted the post as assistant county supervisor for the Farmers Home Administration for Nolan and Coke Counties.

Hicks graduated from Tarleton State University in 1975 with a B.S. degree in Agribusiness. While there he was a member of Alpha Zeta and Alpha Chi honor fraternities. Hicks also attended the University of Texas law school for one year before beginning work with FmHA in Oct. 1976 in the Tahoka office.

He is a native of Childress and is single. Hicks said, "I am looking forward to working with the people in Nolan and Coke

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It's the closest the Steers had ever played the Mason Punchers since going into District 9-A competition and again with just a little more here and a little more there, it would have been a victory for the Steers. The Steers showed again they are not to be taken lightly but evidently it's just not meant to be. Mason edged them 7-6.

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1ST QUARTER The Steers received the opening kickoff at their 7 with a return to their 29. The Steers make a quick 1st to their 44 but then Mason holds and Long punts to the Mason 19. The Steers then halt the Punchers and they punt to the Steer 40 with a return to the Mason 47. Then Mason halts the Steers again and they punt to the Mason 15 with a return to the Mason 27. Mason then makes a first at the Steer 47, but then fumbles with Clark recovering at the Mason 48. But at the 13, the Steers fumble and Mason recovers. The Steers hold at the Mason 20 and they punt to the Steer 45 with a return to the Mason 41 as the 1st Quarter ends.

2ND QUARTER Mason held the Steers at the Mason 47 and Long punts to the Mason 5. Mason then makes a big 1st at their 45 but then the Steers halt them and they punt to the Steer 10. The Steers Martin, Kim, Jenny, makes a 1st then Mason halts the Steers and they punt to the Mason 16. Mason can't move and Hinton at West Coke they punt to the Steer 49. The Steers make a 1st at the Mason 38, then home, Saturday and they fumble and Mason recovers at the Mason 41. Mason makes a 1st at the Steer 47 with 25 seconds left and they call time out. They try a pass when time starts and Richard Long intercepts it at the Steer 40 and returns it all the way for a TD. The

try for extras fails and it is 6 to 0. The Steers kickoff and Mason fumbles it around and Wes Sawyer recovered it at the Mason 17. The Steers get one play off and the half ends.

3RD QUARTER Mason receives the kickoff at their 25 with a return to their 37. Then they start a disastrous time consuming drive which they score on from the 8 yard line. They kick their extra point and the score is 7 to 6. The Steers received the kickoff and start at their 30. Then with exchanges of the football on downs, Sawyer recovers another fumble at the Mason 20. The Steers move to the Mason 12 as the 3rd Quarter ends.

4TH QUARTER The Steers make a 1st down at the 8 yard line but Mason stiffens and the Steers try a field goal. The attempt fails and Mason gets the ball at the 20 yard line. Then Mason starts another time consuming drive with 4 1st downs to the Steer 34. Then the Steers hold and take over on downs at the Steer 25. Mason then holds and the Steers punt to the Mason 25. Mason makes another 1st at the 47 and the Steers then hold and Mason punts to the Steer 10. The Steers then makes a 1st at the 20 as the game ends.

Sgt. and Mrs. Dennis Cindy and Vincent visited his grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Johnny County Nursing Home and in the Turney Casey Sunday. They have just returned from Germany after three years. He is in the U.S. Army and will be stationed at Ft. Hood.



Mrs. Lillie Gaines returned home Saturday after visiting since July 27 in Levelland with her son, Jasper Gaines, and her granddaughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Larry (Joyce) Allen, and helping care for her new great-grandson, Shane Allen.

WORSHIP WITH US AT THE Southside Church of Christ EVENING WORSHIP ... 6:30 P.M. BIBLE STUDY 10:00 A.M. WED. BIBLE STUDY 7:00 P.M. WORSHIP ... --- THE FRIENDLY CHURCH ----WHERE THE BIBLE IS TAUGHT

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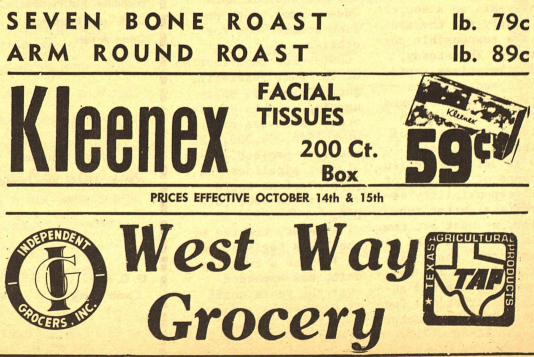
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New Recreation Center



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CRMWD Seeks Permit for Dam on Colorado River

The Colorado River Municipal Water District the State grants a con-Tuesday filed an application for a permit to impound a 554,000-acrefoot lake on the Colorado River near the Concho-Coleman County line. The new reservoir is sought as a source of municipal and industrial water needs in the region. Numerous cities and agencies have endorsed the project.

Site for the reservoir is 19 miles north-north- miles and lifting water east of Eden.

John L. Taylor, Big Spring, CRMWD vice pres- tions. ident, C.H. Ivie, Big Spring, general manager, and James Rosser, Snyder, legal counsel for the District, were in Austin this morning to file the permit request. Cost of the project, including pipelines, will be financed by revenue bonds payable solely from water sales contracts.

Construction of a dam to impound the multicity water supply is contingent upon a favorable decision by the Texas Department of Water Resources, which first will call a public hearing on the application. The CRMWD is prepared to act promptly when a permit is issued, said P.C. Harbour, Odessa, president of the District.

"It is imperative that we move to obtain this additional source of water if the imminent and future water and energy needs of a large section of West Texas are to be met," said Harbour. "The U.S. Study Commission, the Texas Water Development Board in the Texas Water Plan, and the Governor's Long Range Water Plan have pinpointed this site for many years as a source of supply for the area we are responsible for serving. The steady, and often-times rapid, development of this territory has narrowed seriously the margin between safe yield of existing reservoirs and actual consumption. Because of this and of our responsibility as a regional water supplier, we must act now. Even in the best of circumstances, there is a critical time lag between planning and actual construction. Consequently, this sector of West Texas will need the water by or well before the time we are

able to deliver after

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struction permit." Harbour said that arrangements have been made for financing, particularly in the res- and Mrs. Whatley and ervoir phase of the pro- Aaron of Grape Creek. ject, so that the District is prepared to proceed with final engineering and contracts when a permit is issued. By that time, plans likely will be firmed for a pipeline stretching approximately 140 1,460 feet through a series of pumping sta-

Engineering details, outlined by S.W. Freese, Fort Worth, of Freese and Nichols, consulting engineering, include: LOCATION---On the Colorado River immediately below the confluence with the Concho River, 19 miles north-northeast of Eden.

SIZE---The lake will impound a maximum of 554,339 acre-feet of storage (an acre-foot is 325,829 gallons of water) and will cover 19,149 surface acres, making it 1.13 times larger than Lake E.V. Spence when filled.

YIELD---Safe yield is estimated to be sufficient to meet annual total demands of 119,-000 acre-feet.

SERVICE AREA---As an integral part of the CRMWD system, water will help meet needs within an area from Ballinger-Coleman to Sweetwater, Snyder, Odessa, San Angelo. Service outside this area would be considered should an urgent need

for water arise. PIPELINE---Approximately 140 miles of pipeline, up to 45 inches in diameter, may be laid from the lake to the Midland-Odessa area, with online connections for others. COST---For construction of the dam, reservoir, including land, engineering, rights of way, etc., estimates range up to \$46,000,000; the complete project, including pipelines and pump stations would approcimate \$90,000,-000. The CRMWD, created by the Texas Legislature in 1949 as a two-city unit, has expanded over the years until it now serves a dozen West Texas cities directly or indirectly from two reservoirs (Lakes Thomas in 1953

and Lake Spence in 1969). Lunchroom Deliveries to all customers approximate 20 billion gallons a year.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Carwile of Carlsbad, N.M. spent Thursday night and Friday with Henry and Effie. Other recent guests in the Carwile home were Mr.

CALL IN YOUR NEWS

Menu

Monday, Oct. 17: Macaroni and Cheese; Burritos; Blackeye Peas; Celery Sticks; Biscuits and Butter; Ice cream and Milk. Tuesday, Oct. 18: Meat Loaf; Creamed Po-

tatoes; Green Beans; Hot Rolls and Butter; Fruit and Milk. Wednesday, Oct. 19:

Pinto Beans with Salt Pork; French Fries; Brussel Sprouts; Cornbread and Butter; Fruit Cobbler and Milk.

Thursday, Oct. 20: Hot Dogs with Chili; Cole Slaw; Corn; Potato Chips; Gingerbread and Milk. Friday, Oct. 21: Roast Beef and Gravy; Buttered Potatoes:

Garden Salad; Hot Rolls and Butter; Jello and/ or Peanuts and Milk.

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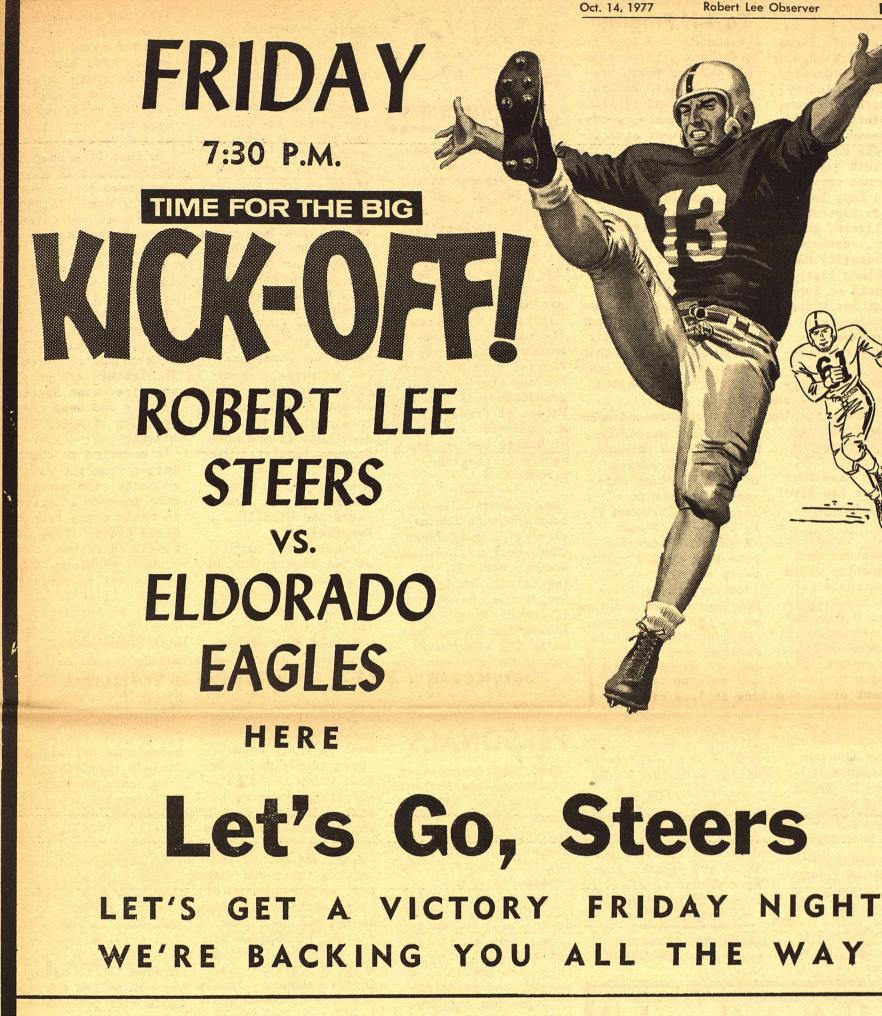
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ALPHA OMICRON NU HAS BUSY MEETING

The Alpha Omicron Nu sorority of Beta Sigma Phi met for its regular meeting last Wednesday, in the home of Audrey Duncan, with nine members present. Gayle Bolding served as cohostess. The sorority welcomed back Peggy McCutchen who gave birth to a baby boy, Courtney in September. Sheri Millican, social chairwoman, announced that the sorority Halloween Costume Party would be held on Sunday, and skills overnight. Oct. 30, at her house. Gayle Bolding, service chairwoman, announced that the sorority was to give the October birthday party for the residents of the role. West Coke County Nursing Home on Tuesday, Oct. 11. She also made the motion to donate \$25 to the water tank fund of the Robert Lee Fire Dept. The motion carried.

Kathy Post, president, reminded members that the next meeting would be Pledge Rituals for Audrey Duncan, Cynthia Metcalf and Sharon Kelton. This meeting will be in the home of Lana Clendennen on Oct. 19, at 7:30 p.m.

Following the business meeting, Nita Gaye Williams gave the program on "Child Rearing." She reviewed the article from Parent's Magazine on "To Spank or Not." The women gave various opinions on this subject.

The amount of petroleum used in the manufacture of a synthetic wardrobe for one American for one year is less than that required to fill an automobile tank --just once.

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Volunteers Key To 4-H Program

Volunteer 4-H leaders are the key to successful 4-H and youth programs, points out Mrs. Fay C. Roe and Sterling Lindsey, county agents with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. 4-H leaders have the opportunity to help young people develop into responsible and productive individuals. But, young people don't develop their understanding, attitudes They need and want guidance and encouragement as they discover their own abilities, and this is where volunteer leaders can play a major

However, more and more leaders are needed to work with 4-H members as the youth program of the Extension service continues to reach youth between 9 to 19 years of age. Right now there are more than 20,000 volunteers serving as 4-H leaders for the 125,-000 Texas youth enrol1ed in the 4-H program.

Working with youth is exciting and challenging. If an individual has interest in young people, wants to share his skills, talents and hobbies, and is willing to learn and grow through experience, he can volunteer to be a leader in the 4-H program.

Why not contact the county Extension office today and find out more about the opportunities as a volunteer 4-H leader in Texas in Coke County.

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LOOK WHO'S NEW *****************

Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Valdez are parents of a son, Brandon Claude, born at 7:27 p.m. Wedsday, Oct. 5, in West Coke County Hospital. He weighed 7 pounds, 11 3/4 ounces and was 20¹/₂ inches long. The paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Steve Valdez of Brownwood. The maternal grandmother is Mrs. Ynes (Doris) Lara of Robert Lee and the maternal grandfather is James A. Watson of Fredericksburg. Mr. and Mrs. R.D. Powell of Robert Lee are the baby's great-grandparents.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Jacobs announce the arrival of a son, James Chad, born at 10:10 a.m. Monday, Oct. 10, at the Clinic Hospital in San Angelo. He weighed 10 pounds 3¹/₂ ounces and is 221/4 inches long. He is the new grandson of Mr. and Mrs. V. M. Box and Mr. and Mrs. O.B. Jacobs of Robert Lee.

PERSONALS

Mrs. Reba Buchanan of Dublin and Lee Buchanan of Groveland, Calif., visited Wednesday of last week with their nieces and cousins, Mrs. Evah Mahon and Mrs. Jessie Hearrell.

Mr. and Mrs. G.W. Anderson have returned from a week's visit in Eudora, Ark., where they were guests of his parents and other relatives. Mr. and Mrs. Larry Anderson and children made a trip to Six Flags and other points in the Dallas area. The Andersons closed their Little Freezer restaurant while they took off a few days. They were planning to be open for business Wednesday.

Rain Is Needed For WT Wildlife

Know any good rain dancers? Hunters in West Texas may need one if we don't get some precipitation soon.

Range conditions at the moment are poor and their ability to sustain wildlife without rain in the next three to four months is questionable. Already deer southwest of San Angelo are dying from pure and simple starvation on the parched rangeland. "If we don't get a sizeable rain (and I don't mean these heat showers we've been getting, but a rain of two to three inches) before the first of November, we could lose over half our deer herd in the more densely populated deer areas," said Herb Kothmann, game biologist for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

"At present, north of San Angelo, the deer are still in pretty good shape," he said. "We had a good spring this year and have produced deer with some fine antler growth. But if this dry weather continues, hunters may find themselves harvesting deer with big racks but not much meat on their bone." Deer aren't the only game which could be affected by a prolonged drought. Turkey and quail could be hit as well.

Quail and turkey are holding their own right now, mainly because of their ability to switch to insects as a food source. Biologists in the field have noticed a lot of turkeys chasing grasshoppers lately and have observed quail feeding on insects as well.

"But I don't know how long they will be able to sustain themselves under the pre sent conditions," Kothmann said. "A sudden dry cold spell could spell disaster for all the wildlife in this area."

Air Force Unit To Play Santa

The men and women of Detachment 2, 11th Weather Squadron, Eilson AFB, Alaska, are getting ready to give Santa Claus a hand with his mail, as they have been doing for the past 22 years.

In that time they have helped children share Christmas joy by returning some 165,000 letters to youngsters through the Santa's Mailbag program.

The program involves taking letters sent to Det. 2 by the children's parents, written in the guise of Santa Claus, and mailing them back to the children. The letters are personalized with Santa's picture and bear the postmark of North Pole, Alaska.

In addition to the letter from the child to Santa, the parents must include a letter to their child from Santa Claus, along with a self-addressed, stamped envelope. When the letter is received by Det. 2, it is placed in the self-addressed envelope, embellished with Santa's picture and delivered to the North Pole Post Office for mailing back to the child. Major Mike Fox, Det. 2 commander, urged parents to be sure to include the letter from Santa to their children and the selfaddressed, stamped envelope. "We handled more than 16,000 letters last year, and a continual problem was that many had no letter from the parents to be

sent back to the child. This triples processing time and more than once we had to pass the hat to get postage funds when parents did not include the stamped envelope."

Letters may be mailed to Detachment 2, 11th Weather Squadron, Santa's Mailbag, Eielson AFB, AK 99702. Major Fox urged parents to mail early to insure Santa's letter arrives in time for Christmas.

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Mr. and Mrs. Roy Blair and children, Tracie and Joe, have moved from Gonzales to Sterling City where he began his job as Highway Patrolman in the Sterling City area Oct. 1. He was also a patrolman at Gonzales. Blair is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Blair and his wife is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Gartman. They formerly in Robert Lee.

ACCIDENT CONTROL The daily toll of fires in the U.S. involves 2,225 homes and apartments, 97 school or college buildings, 15 churches, 86 health care units, 238 stores and offices, 73 restaurants, 145 industrial plants, 188 storage facilities and 84 farm buildings, reports the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

An "unschoolish" approach to math may help, suggests a family life education specialist. "Weigh or measure fruits and vegetables, count window panes, multiply one times the number of family members to find the dinner count, or find the number of square feet in the carport."



ANTLERLESS DEER PERMITS TO BE ISSUED

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Permits to hunt antlerless deer will be issued Green of Tennyson will Thursday, Oct. 27, for Coke County residents who wish to purchase them. The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department has announced that one permit will be issued for each 190 acres of

land in the area, which includes all of Coke County except a small portion south of Highway 87 in the southwest corner of the county.

The permits will be issed at the Courthouse in Robert Lee.

Comparison-shop--even at sales, says a consumer information specialist. Even though a sale may offer a saving, the same merchandise may be cheaper at another store, the specialist says.

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Mr. and Mrs. Tom Green Mr. and Mrs. Green to Celebrate 50th Wedding Anniversary Sunday

Mr. and Mrs. W. Tom be honored Sunday at an open house in celebration of their 50th Wedding Anniversary. The couple's children and grandchildren will host the affair which will be held at their farm home one mile south of Tennyson. Mr. and Mrs. Green were married Oct. 10, 1927, in Dallas. She is the former Betty Paige Brown. They have three children, two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Their children are Mrs. Joe Edd (Dorothy) Harrell of Sonora, Mrs. Douglas (Grace) Ditmore of Robert Lee and William (Bill) Green of Tennyson. Mr. and Mrs. Green are now retired. During the early years of their marriage he was engaged in oil field

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work and the couple lived at Big Lake, Mc-Camey, Fort Stockton, Iraan, Houston and Tennyson. They have operated the general store and Phillips 66 Station at Tennyson for over 30 years. She served as Tennyson postmaster for 30 years before her retirement. Mr. Green has also been engaged in stock farming. Both of them are active members of the Tennyson Baptist Church where he is a deacon. Mrs. Green is active in the Eastern Star and home demonstration club work and he is a member of the Masonic Lodge. Sunday will be their children, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Harrell, Mr. and

Mrs. Doug Ditmore and Bill Green, and their grandchildren, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Harrell and Ms. Karen Harrell, all of Corpus Christi. An invitation has been issued to all their friends and relatives to attend the open house, but the

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Y.J.'s MARINA

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Lee, 6 channel cat to 5 1bs.

Wesley Wallach, Midland, 1 striper 4 3/4lbs., (trolling).

Jess Bowers and Party, Sanderson, 12 striper from 2¹/₂ to 8 lbs.; 7 black bass to 44 lbs.; 20 white bass.

Jess Bowers, Sanderson, 1 striper 64 1bs. James Connally, Odessa, 1 striper 3¹/₂ 1bs. Nell James, Odessa, 1 striper 2¹/₂ 1bs. Van Ritter, Lubbock,

9 channel cat to $3\frac{1}{2}$ 1bs.

Dair and Y.J. Sherrell, Robert Lee, 17 black bass to 2 lbs.

TRIANGLE GROC. Betty Taylor and Robbie Kilgore, Lamesa, 2 crappie; 15 white bass to 1 1b.

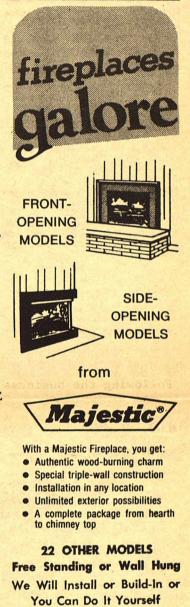
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ESCAPING TOMORROW'S FIRE Fire Prevention Week is Oct. 9-15, and this is a good time to think about what would happen if a fire started in your home at night. Unless your family has an emergency escape plan, the result could be tra-Hosting the celebration gic, emphasizes a safety engineer. With fire destroying or damaging more than 1,800 homes in the U.S. every day, family escape plans and fire drills are a necessity.

FISHING REPORT from Lake Spence

Lee, 3 black bass to 12 1bs.

HILLSIDE GROC. Larry Miller, Sterling City, 36 channel cat to 4 lbs.; 3 stripers to 6 lbs.; 4 black bass. M.F. Chambliss, Odessa, 15 channel cat 3 lbs.; 2 stripers to 6 lbs.



-GONTACT-JACK LEE Bronte Phone 473-5751



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In celebration of their Diftieth Wedding Anniversary Betty and Jom Green, their children and grandchildren would like to invite all their friends and relatives to join them on Sunday afternoon, the sixteenth of October, 1977, from two-thirty until five o'clock at the farm home south of Tennyson

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couple did request that no gifts be brought.

ACCIDENT CONTROL Current statistics show the leading causes of fire (in declining order) to be electrical, smoking and matches, heating and cooking equipment, open flames and sparks, lightning, and chimneys and flues, notes the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

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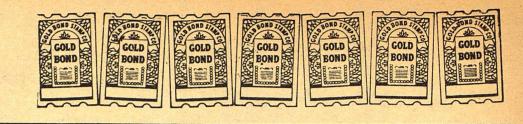
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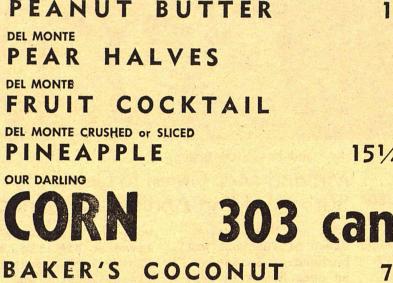
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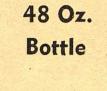
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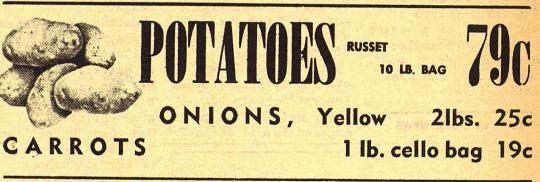
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