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LINDA KAY WINK



GAYLON PITCOCK

Gold Star Winners Named

Linda Kay Wink and Gaylon Pitcock were named recently as the winners of the Gold Star awards for Coke County.

Gaylon Pitcock, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Pitcock, of Sanco, a six year member of the Robert

TO HAVE EAR SURGERY

Hervey Latham, Robert Lee school superintendent, entered the Veteran's Administration Hospital, 4500 South Lancaster, Dallas, to have ear surgery on Dec. 26. He expected to be hospitalized about a week.

a second glance

By JOHN H. KING II

This week's edition of The Observer was printed early so the King family could have a little time to enjoy the Christmas holidays, too.

Thanks to you, our readers and advertisers, this past year has been a very good period of time in our lives. We are indeed grateful for all the cooperation and kindness that came our way in 1961. We will show our appreciation to you by trying every week to put out a much better newspaper than the week before — for the community.

There will probably be a great deal of interest generated by candidates for several county and state offices before the Democratic Primary election in May this year.

I have never been one to speak publicly about my New Year's resolutions; however, I'm going to make one for 1962 and that is every Tuesday of 1962 when — late news items about something that happened the week before are called in, when ad copy is late, when the printing machinery breaks down and the printing department is raising sand with the news and ad departments (which is Merle and John) on account of late copy, when the bill collectors are demanding their accounts be settled on Tuesday — I'm not going to let those things put me in a bad state of humor and make me haste to make waste.

In other words, I plan to enjoy life with and for you in 1962.

Lee 4-H club, has won numerous county and district awards with his prize calves and swine. Thirty ribbons, four reserve champions rosettes, 6 year pins, 6 county awards and four district awards are among his winnings. His most cherished awards are the first place district swine and agriculture awards, junior division, the four reserve champion awards from the county show and the coveted Gold Star award presented to him recently.

Linda Kay, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Wink, of Sanco, is in her 9th year in 4-H club and is a senior in Robert Lee school. Kay has been a junior leader and club officer for a number of years. She has won awards on clothing, livestock, swine, turkey, foods and vegetable preparation. Kay is the fourth member of her family to carry home the coveted award.

Gold Star is the highest county award presented to 4-H members. The award is given by the Texas Agriculture Extension Service, to one boy and girl in each county. The purpose of the award is to recognize outstanding achievement, leadership and contribution to the county 4-H program.

To win this award a boy or girl shall have completed at least three years of club work, be at least 13 years of age and must be an active club member the year the award is given.

Linda Kay and Gaylon, Mr. Wink, Mrs. Pitcock, Mrs. Sterling Lindsey and the County Extension Agents, Mrs. Fay Roe and Mr. Sterling Lindsey, were in San Angelo last week for the annual District 7, Gold Star Banquet. The West Texas Utilities honors the Gold Star winners each year with a banquet.

Local Church Presents Special Program

A special Christmas program was presented to the congregation of the Robert Lee Baptist Church Sunday night entitled "Through the Church Window."

This was an original presentation by the pastor, Robin Guess, which adapted Christmas carols with the reading of the Bible account of the birth of Jesus Christ. Dale Taylor of Corpus Christi taped the music and sang one of the Christmas hymns.

The Christmas story, "Through the Church Window," was approximately 20 minutes in length. There was an orchestral background music of favorite Christmas hymns during the reading of the Holy Scriptures.

Sun Oil Company Lays Two Mile Pipe Line

The Sun Company completed a four inch lateral pipe line from a feeder line on Lena Russell land to the Standard of Texas No. 1 Briscoe (Dickey) well. This line (about 2 miles in length) connects three wells on Menelle land east of Highway 208, the Tucker No. 1 I. A. Bird well and the Briscoe well with the six inch pipe line on the Aubrey McKinley lease.

Windham Welding and Pipeline Construction Company of Colorado City was the contractor for this project. Portable Welding Service, owned and operated by Ernest Clendennen of Silver, did the welding work that was required for the large pipeline.

Marshall Jennings, connecting foreman for Sun Pipe Line Co.,

A. C. C. Dean Speaks Here

Speaking at the annual banquet honoring the 1961 Robert Lee Steer football squad, Garvin Beauchamp, Dean of Students at Abilene Christian College, told the group "one of the most vital and necessary characteristics for a successful person was loyalty to his family, school, church, community, and nation."

The banquet was held in the school cafeteria which was decorated with dried arrangements of West Texas flora sprayed with golden paint. The tables were lined with miniature goal posts decorated in the school colors.

Master of ceremonies was Hervey Latham, superintendent of schools. Bringing the welcome was Garland Davis, assistant coach of the Steers, and entertainment was presented by Betty McGinley, accompanied by Marion Fikes.

The sweetheart of the 1961 squad was presented at the banquet by John Kinsey, one of the co-captains of the 1961 team. She is Miss Jeanette Higginbotham, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Higginbotham of Silver, who was presented a gold football necklace, with "Sweetheart—61" engraved on it.

Special guests of the banquet were the cheerleaders for 1961. These included Anne White, head cheerleader, Betty McGinley, Kay Havins, Beverly Higginbotham, and Carol Hester. Elaine Robertson, alternate cheerleader, was also present.

Letter packets were awarded by Coach John Malone to four senior co-captains. These included John Kinsey, Bill Ledbetter, Curtis Higginbotham, and Joe Roe, all district 6-B linebacker. Juniors receiving jackets were Comie Hallmark, Phil Lowder, Clark Godwin, Taylor Jones, Jimmy Caraway, and Dwain Walker, all district 6-B defensive end. Sophomores receiving jackets were Derwood Coalson, Bill Roach, Robert Holland, John Jacobs, Lynn White, Eddie Parker, and Jerry Craig. Freshmen receiving jackets were Ricky Hatch, Terry Thetford, C. L. Sparks, Mike Ledbetter, Charles Askins and Mike Malone.

Dan Turner, high school principal, concluded the program with a number of announcements.

As the line was being laid, James Herford and Johnnie Walker of Silver inspected the project. M. C. Wade of Sun Pipe Line Company was the master mechanic for the job. The line in feet measures 10,600.

A "Yellow Dog" pump kicks the oil from the Northeast I. A. B. field over the hill, with a capacity of 18,000 barrels per day. Should drilling continue, a more powerful pump could be installed to force considerably more oil than this to the main line which transports it to the Wendkirk field, on the Wendland ranch.

In this manner grows the network of pipe for gathering and

Local Bank To Close On Saturdays

Effective the first week in 1962, the Robert Lee State Bank will be open for business five days each week according to an announcement made this week by the bank's president, Gerald C. Allen.

The local bank's business hours will be from 9:00 a. m. until 3:00 p. m. Monday through Friday each week with the exception of 6 legal holidays in a calendar year. The State Banking Commission of Texas has approved this action. For the past several years the Robert Lee State Bank has taken 9 legal holidays and has conducted business 5½ days per week. The bank will be closed every Saturday beginning January 6, 1962.

Man Fined For Assault With Vehicle

A Temple man enroute to Tucson, Arizona sideswiped an east-bound truck that was loaded with a military helicopter 15 miles west of Robert Lee on Highway 158 at about 10:00 p. m. Saturday December 16.

Scott Holland, 44, was fined \$59.40 including court costs in County Judge W. W. Thetford's court for assault with a motor vehicle.

Driver of the J. H. Rose Transfer Co. truck, L. S. Crockett of Houston, reported the incident to Sheriff Melvin Childress at about 10:30 p. m. Saturday. Sheriff Childress found Holland sleeping in his severely damaged 1953 Hudson 8 miles east of Sterling City.

Childress radioed a message to Sterling County Sheriff Jim Cantrell.

Cantrell arrested Holland for illegal parking a motor vehicle without warning lights on a public highway. Holland pleaded guilty in Sterling City Justice of Peace Court to the charge and was fined \$32.00 including court cost.

Sheriff Childress brought Holland to Robert Lee where charges were filed against the Temple man for assault with a motor vehicle.

Holland was lodged in Coke County jail until December 19 when he paid his fine.

moving Coke County's most lucrative crop today. Clay Mullins, at Sun's Silver office, is district foreman in charge of this work.

Soon after the first of the year, it is expected that this line will be built on to Sanco and possibly further east to pick up oil now flowing into tanks at Standard No. 1 Marvin Simpson, Tucker No. 1 Mary Hays, and possibly Standard of Texas No. 1 Mary Hays now drilling as well as the Ila Adkins producer about a quarter of a mile further east.

Increased Development

Prospect for 1962 oil development in Coke County looked up considerably as 1961 drew to a close, particularly in the northern part of the County.

When Tucker Drilling Company set their drilling rig on their Ila Adkins No. 1, east of Sanco, oil operators began to look into their files again. Offsets due to be drilled and wells already spotted as locations on the maps showed a possible drilling program that would run well into 1962, indicated that several companies might drill ventures further east and south of Sanco during the new year.

The Tucker 1 Carter is drilling at 2,520 feet in shale.

Tucker 1 Burns is drilling at 4,694 feet in shale.

Robert Lee FFA Attends District Banquet at Angelo

The Concho District leadership banquet was held in San Angelo at Luby's Cafeteria. Attending from Robert Lee included: District Sentinel, Derwood Coalson; Chapter President, Bill Ledbetter; chapter members included Don Hester, Mike Hollis, Curtis Higginbotham, Royce Hood, Dick Waldrop, Robert Holland, Bobby Blaylock and Jerry Craig.

Kay Wink, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Wink, represented the Robert Lee F. F. A. Chapter as their official sweetheart. Kay was declared runner-up in the district competition.

High light of the banquet other than the Sweetheart election was entertainment of the triple trio of Eldorado and an address by Don McDonald, State Vice-President from Sterling City and presentation of district leadership awards.

Others attending from Robert Lee were Glen Waldrop, Elaine Robertson and Frankie Millican.

Other schools attending the banquet were Lake-View, San Angelo Central, Ozona, Eldorado, Bronte, Wall, Sterling City, and Garden City.

AIR FORCE FAMILY HERE

Captain and Mrs. Jack Snead and children, David, 5, and Angela, 7 months, of Dayton, Ohio, arrived in Robert Lee Thursday, December 20, where they will spend the Christmas and New Year holidays in the home of Captain Snead's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Snead Jr.

The Ohio family will also visit in the home of Mrs. Snead's mother, Mrs. Dan Middleton.

Your County Agents Report

Home Demonstration

I have had some calls for bulletins and information about drapery making and ideas for curtains. If you are interested, there are two new bulletins available from my office. "Making Pleated Draw Draperies" and "Beautify Your Windows and Glass Walls." These bulletins are helpful for finding yardage needed, techniques in construction and other things. I hope you will let me hear from you or call by the office for these bulletins.

If you've resisted enough of the pressures of holiday advertisements and lures of the stores, your purse may be full enough to allow you to take advantage of post-holiday clearance sales. These items particularly will be offered at reduced prices:

- Christmas cards and decorations
- Toys and games
- Winter sports equipment
- Handbags
- Blankets, quilts, and "White sale" items

Clothing, especially men's wear. Wouldn't it be nice to have these items already bought and paid for come next fall and Christmas?

Joins Husband in Germany

Mrs. David Calder, wife of U. S. Army Spec. 4 D. C. Calder, left Robert Lee Friday for Germany where she will join her husband who is stationed with the U. S. Army.

Mrs. Calder has been making her home in Robert Lee for the past 4 months with her mother-in-law, Mrs. Fred Smith.

VISITING FROM MARFA

Mr. and Mrs. S. J. McSpadden and grandchildren, Davis, Stevie and Dani Tarin Hill of Marfa spent Thursday and Friday in Robert Lee visiting relatives and friends.

Mrs. McSpadden, the former Vera Brown, visited her brothers, Chism and John Brown and her sister, Mrs. Russell McBroom.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Roe Jr., Daphne and A. J. III of Silver spent the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Roe's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Croslin at Paris, Texas.

Bobby Cowley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cowley, is home this week from his Navy base in Jacksonville, Florida.

Agriculture News

Cotton planted on April 3 in field trials at the McGregor Substation of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station in 1961 produced almost three times as much lint an acre as cotton planted on May 15. O. J. Tippitt, farm superintendent, said early planting has proved effective over the years when early insect control is carried out.

In 1961 tests, two varieties were used with little difference noted between them in yields when planted on the same date. The April 3 planting yielded 452 pounds of lint an acre compared with 158 for the May 15 planting. April 15 plantings produced 342 pounds of lint an acre compared with a yield of 274 pounds for May 1 plantings.

Gross returns per acre based on lint at 30 cents a pound were \$135.60; \$102.60; \$82.20 and \$47.40, respectively for the four different planting dates. Hoeing costs on the April plantings were 73 cents an acre compared with 55 cents for the May dates. All planting seed were treated with the systemic insecticide Thimet and the April plantings received three spray applications for early season insect application at a cost of \$5.25 an acre. The May plantings required only a single spray application at a cost of \$1.75, but all received three applications of insecticides for late season control at a cost of \$6.75 an acre.

All tests were planted, Tippitt said, on early, well-prepared seed beds, and 18 pounds of the Thimet treated seed were planted per acre. This rate meant that approximately 100,000 seed an acre were planted. The final stand count taken after the last cultivation showed an average of 45,780 plants an acre or 3 1/2 plants per foot in the row, well within the 3-4 plants per foot recommended.

The 60 acre field on which the tests were carried out was in grain sorghum in 1960 and was fertilized with 100 pounds of 16-20-0 an acre. Tippitt said root rot was not a factor in yield as only a trace occurred.

Plant Roses Now

A. F. DeWerth, head of the Department of Floriculture, Texas A&M College, gives some good pointers on roses in Texas. They may be planted in the fall or spring. In Texas, fall planting is generally preferred.

Aim for quality and you may also get quantity. Many gardeners try to grow too many varieties or too many plants. Given

careful attention, DeWerth says that 10 well chosen varieties will produce as many flowers and give far more pleasure than 50 poorly-tended plants.

Essentials for success with roses are: proper planting, a sunny location and well drained soil. Start with No. 1 grade plants, and have the ground ready when the plants arrive. Make sure roots are never exposed to sunlight or drying winds.

For details on selection, soil preparation, pruning and care of roses, get a copy of TAP-1-Roses for Texas and/or a copy of Roses for the Home from the County Extension Service Office.

Sheep and Lamb Outlook

The number of sheep and lambs on feed for market in the seven major feeding states as of November 1 totaled 2.4 million head, or 6% below the 1960 report. States showing increases included Texas.

Local: There is evidence that a sizable number of fine wool lambs were kept at home this fall. Good range conditions and adequate feed supplies would indicate favorable economic returns from these old crop lambs next spring—even at last year's prices. However, producers should make every effort to get these lambs off to market early to avoid competing directly with the heavy marketing of milk lambs which usually occurs in April and May. Old crop lambs often come out second best in price per pound in such competition.

This seems to fit: "When 9 horses reach a market with a 10 horse demand, the market is strong and rising. When 10 horses reach a market with a 9 horse demand, the market is weak and declining."

CARD OF THANKS

Deepest appreciation to all for the cards, flowers and visits during my stay in the hospital.

Marion Cox, Silver Itp

Murtishaw Family Holds Reunion

More than 48 persons gathered at the Coke County Recreation Hall in Robert Lee Sunday, Dec. 17 for the annual Claude Murtishaw family reunion that is usually held at Christmastime.

Family members attending were Mrs. Claude Murtishaw, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Wojtek, Mr. and Mrs. Otho Long, Dick and Punch, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Wojtek, Terry, Harvey and Carla of Robert Lee.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Eubanks and Darwin and Mr. and Mrs. Travis England of Midland.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Murtishaw, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Sharp and Cliffie of San Angelo, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Murtishaw and Mark of Bronte, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Byrline of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Sparks, Buddy, Tony and Linda of Colorado City, Mr. and Mrs. Dub Sparks of San Angelo.

Also Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Murtishaw, Johnny and Ginger of Bronte.

Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Bill McCutchen, Mrs. Lucy Service and Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Childess, Ada and Leslie Woullard of Eldorado, Mrs. Charlie Boykin, Mrs. Kenneth Bromax and Myra of San Angelo.

Report local news by calling Merle King at 453-4051 or 453-3501.

PINK AND BLUE SHOWER FOR MRS. FISHER

Mrs. James Fisher of San Angelo, formerly of Robert Lee, was named honoree at a "Pink and Blue" shower December 6th, in the home of Mrs. Roy Hood. Assisting with the hospitality were Mrs. Ethel Green, Mrs. Keith Hood and Mrs. Foy Moore of Bronte.

Coffee and rolls were served from a table holding a floral centerpiece featuring miniature babies and rattles. Favors were booties containing plastic baby bottles.

Fourteen guests played "Pin-the-Diaper-on-the-baby."

Mrs. Fisher was presented a nylon comforter from the hostesses and received many other gifts.

Mrs. Ellis Eubanks, mother of the honoree, was a special guest.

Robert Lee Church of Christ

SUNDAY SERVICES

Bible Study, all ages, 10:00 a.m.
 Worship 11:00 a.m.
 Young People's Meeting 6:30 p.m.
 Worship 7:30 p.m.
 Tuesday, Ladies Bible Class 9:30 a.m.
 Wednesday, Midweek Bible Study 7:30 p.m.
 FOY L. MOORE, Minister
 Bronte Phone GR 3-4421

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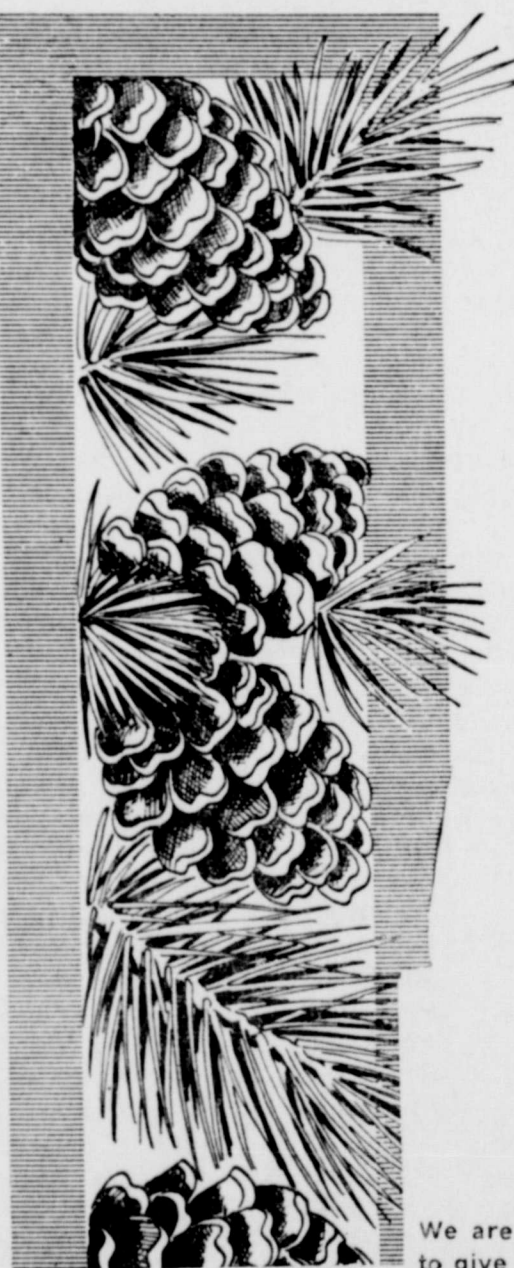
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Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Good and Kevin of Carthage, Texas, spent the Christmas holidays in Robert Lee with her mother, Mrs. Lee Roberts.

Mr. and Mrs. Mack Tubb and Tammie of Abilene spent the holi-

days here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Tubb and sister, Mrs. Ava Lou Hanna.

Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Gartman of Sanco had their children as Christmas Day guests. They included Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Winkler of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Walker of San Angelo, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Gartman of Silver, and Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Piteock and family of Sanco.

Christmas day visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Linzy McDorman were their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Mayfield of San Angelo.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Sawyer and family of Delmita, Texas, spent the Christmas holidays in Robert Lee with their parents Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Sawyer and Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Hollis.

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Letters to The Editor

Dec. 19, 1961
Kingsville, Tex.

Mr. King,

Please renew our subscription to the Observer. We enjoy reading about our friends in Robert Lee. May all have a Happy Christmas.

Thank you,
The McArthurs
916 So. 16th St.
Kingsville, Tex.

NAVY MAN MISSING

Richard Wayne Crain, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil H. Crain of Blackwell, was reported to have left Great Lakes Naval Training Center on authorized Navy leave on or about December 12 for his home in Blackwell, but last week when this newspaper was printed he had failed to show up in this area. Crain is married to the former Linda Mayberry of Bronte. Crain has orders to report to the U. S. Navy aircraft carrier Wasp at Quonset Point, Rhode Island, on or about December 30, it was said.

Coke County Sheriff Melvin Childress has issued an all points missing persons bulletin for Seaman Crain. Anyone knowing of his whereabouts is asked to contact the Coke County Sheriff's office.

LOCAL NEWS

Mrs. Betty Ferrell drove to Shreveport, La., where she was a holiday guest of her son and family, Capt. and Mrs. Paul S. Ferrell.

Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Davidson and sons, Davy, Mickey and Casey, of Rising Star, spent the holidays here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Davidson. Lynn Davidson is a high school coach at Rising Star.

Jerry Tinkler was home from Lubbock where he is a student at Texas Tech for a holiday visit with his parents and sister, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. "Chilly" Tinkler and Betty.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Childress had holiday guests, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Wallace, Debbie and J. W. Jr., from San Antonio. Joining them were Mr. and Mrs. Add Davis and family of the city.

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Gray Wins Letter At Sul Ross

Jack Gray, son of Mrs. Gertrude Gray of Robert Lee was among twenty-nine Sul Ross State College football players who won letters during the 1961 season, announced David Slaughter, athletic director and head coach, on Monday.

Gray is a senior physical education major at Sul Ross.

This is the first Lobo letter for 12 of the lettermen, the second for 10, the third for 6, and for one, Captain Oscar Boeker of Cotulla, it is the fourth.

By class, 13 of the lettermen are juniors, nine are seniors, four sophomores and three are freshmen.

Senior lettermen are Jim Hollingsworth, Vernon; Jerry Cantrell, Ranger; Clinton Humphreys, Eastland; Frank Brocato, Alpine; Pat Hamilton, Wichita Falls; James Stanford, Breckenridge; Jack Gray, Robert Lee; Rance Smith, Midkiff; and Boeker.

Juniors are Dick Martin, captain from Snyder; Bill Thetford, Whitharral; Joe Crousen, Breckenridge; Clegg Fowlkes, Marfa; Richard Russell, Laredo; Jerry Burleson, Dell City; Tony Brocato, Cameron; Bruce Trotter, Plain-

view; Eljio Hernandez, Alpine; Frank Wilson, Cameron; Shirley Russell, Laredo; Jack Geron, Roscoe; Archie English, Seminole.

Sophomores are John Roberts, Van Horn; Mickey Hamilton, Wichita Falls; Marvin Agnew, Eastland; and Ted Benton, Midland.

Freshmen are Paul Pasqua, Dallas; A. C. Lex, Boerne; and Ronnie Stephens, San Angelo.

Coaches David Slaughter and Joe King have just completed their third season at the helm of the Sul Ross team, showing improvements each season, but having lost heavily in the Lone Star Conference this year. Reserves and replacements are being contemplated in the near future, in time for Spring training in April.

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Bids Submitted on Kickapoo Dams

A low bid of \$140,779.30 was submitted Tuesday on the first two dams of the Kickapoo flood prevention project. The bid was submitted by Lyles & Davis of Childress. The bids were opened at 2 p. m. Tuesday when directors of the Coke County Water Control and Improvement District met.

Eight bids were received on the project. Second low bidder was T. L. Free Co. of Ballinger which submitted an offer of \$152,053.02. The other bids ranged upward to the high bid of S. A. Construction Co., of Dallas which submitted a bid of \$189,163.60.

F. S. Higginbotham, president of the water district said Tuesday afternoon that construction on the dams will start about Jan. 15. He said 318 working days will be allowed for their completion.

Located on land belonging to Barton Waldrop and W. D. (Pete) McDonald, the two dams will be the first of six dams to be constructed in a flood control project which is expected to cost approximately \$1 million.

The project was deemed feasible several months ago after a thorough survey was made and it was determined that the area had suffered more than \$2 million from flooding in the past 30 years.

A move was made after a flood in 1953 and effort was renewed after another deluge in 1957 to promote a project to control flooding on the two creeks which run through Bronte. The local Lions Club took the job of sponsoring the formation of the water district, and it was created in 1959 by an act of the state Legislature. Since that time the directors have been steadily making progress toward the realization of actually having the dams built.

Directors include Higginbotham, D. K. Glenn, Austin Sandusky, Preston Davis and J. A. Percifull.

Silver News

WILSON—Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Edwin Wilson announce the arrival of a son, Clifford Edwin Wilson Jr., December 8th in the Rankin Hospital. The baby weighed six pounds and five and one-half ounces. Mrs. Wilson is the former Susie Jameson. Mr. Wilson, formerly of San Saba, teaches in the Rankin school system.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. J. Jameson of Silver and Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Wilson of San Saba.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave McKinnon and children of Dallas have been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Caldwell.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Vaughan, Paula and Vernay, spent Saturday in Eastland with Mr. and Mrs. Norman Watson and children. They had Mr. and Mrs. Ben Bessent and children as their house guests Christmas Day. The Bessents also visited his mother, Mrs. Lou Ella Bessent.



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HOSPITAL NEWS

Dec. 6 — Mrs. C. E. Mathers admitted. Mrs. J. O. Rudd dismissed.

Dec. 7 — Brenda Cowley admitted. Mrs. C. E. Mathers dismissed. Mrs. J. S. Gardner ex-Gayle Lewis admitted. Mrs. W.

Dec. 8 — Sherman Anderson, Gayle Lewis admitted Mrs. W. B. Clift dismissed.

Dec. 9 — Mrs. Ethel Green dismissed.

Dec. 10 — Mrs. R. C. Russell admitted.

Dec. 11 — Mrs. B. B. Pierce admitted. Mrs. R. C. Russell, Gayle Lewis dismissed.

Dec. 12 — J. E. Quisenberry, Jr. admitted. Brenda Cowley, Sherman Anderson dismissed.

Dec. 14 — J. E. Quisenberry Jr., Mrs. Belle Parker dismissed.

Dec. 15 — Dianna McClure admitted.

Dec. 16 — Mrs. B. B. Pierce dismissed.

Dec. 17 — Mrs. J. E. Roane admitted.

Dec. 18 — Mrs. Donald Walker, George E. Hall, Will Woods admitted.

Local Druggist Receives Award

Mr. T. W. Farris, owner and pharmacist of Farris City Drug Store, was awarded a Certificate of Achievement by the Texas State Board of Pharmacy last week for serving the pharmacy profession for more than 50 years.

LEGAL NOTICE

Pursuant to an order of the Commissioners Court passed on the 11th day of December 1961, notice is hereby given that at 10 o'clock a. m. on the 19th day of January 1962, W. W. Thetford, a special commissioner appointed by said Court, will hold and preside over a public auction and sale wherein the following described land in Coke County, Texas, to-wit: Being a strip of land conveyed by Henry Briscoe and wife Ora Briscoe to Coke County by Deed dated Nov. 6, 1929, recorded in Vol. 51 at page 22 of the Deed Records of Coke County, being the land covered by the Right of Way of the public road on the northerly part of the land formerly held by Henry Briscoe and now held by Frank C. Dickey Jr., in H&TOC Ry Sec 170, Block 1-A, described in said deed as follows: Beginning at a point the E. side of a 28 acre tract in the West part of the R. McRea Sur. No. 1596 at a point in the center of the old road and also in the center of the new highway 413 feet N. and 10 degrees E. from the S. E. Cor. of said 28 acre tract Thence in a North-westerly direction, at 450 feet cross the line of said McRea Sur and Sec. 470, and continuing in the same direction to the West Boundary line of said Sec. 470; Reserving and excepting full and complete easement covering entire strip of said land for road purposes.

Reserving and excepting full rights in the surface of said strip of said land, to-wit: an easement for road purposes.

for the purpose of clearing title to the minerals in on and under said road and right-of-way.

Right to reject any and all bids is reserved.

This 19th day of December, 1961.

W. W. Thetford
Special Commissioner

Mrs. Lem Cowley was hostess for members of her family Christmas. Those attending the affair were Mr. and Mrs. Pete Rumpy of Millersview, Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Cowley of Midland; Mr. and Mrs. Otis Smith and Mrs. Jean Sheppard and children of Bronte; Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Fox of Abilene and Gary Ledbetter of Fort Collins, Colorado. Attending from Robert Lee were Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Sparks, the Ralph Walker family, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Fields, Mrs. Gary Ledbetter and the Jack Cowleys.

Mrs. Jeff Dean and children, Kitten, Jerry and Tony left Thursday to spend the holidays with Mrs. Claude Dean at Weatherford.



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