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RL Dam Becomes Test for Rivers of Texas

Former State Head of Engineers Writes His View of Austin Letter

The "Letter to Austin," published last week in the editorial column of the Robert Lee Observer and on the editorial page of the Austin American, daily newspaper, brought favorable comment from several Austin people, outstanding among them being R. M. Dixon, engineer and water consultant, who was chairman of the Board of Water Engineers prior to Price Daniel's administration, and a member of that board, at or about the time that Daniel changed it to the Texas Water Commission.

Mr. Dixon would certainly know the background of the question he discusses.

See "Letter from Austin" on page two. Also see "Around the Rim," guest feature contributed by Joe Pickle, managing editor of Big Spring Daily Herald.

Golf Course Evergreens Gift Adds Beauty As Pipe to be Completed

The Mountain Creek Golf Course took on a new look this past week with the planting of 58 ever green trees, a gift from Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Adams of San Angelo. The trees (Christmas) line the number 2, 3, 4, and 5 fairways and greatly enhance the beauty of the course. "Members of the club and the people of this area are very grateful to the Adams

for their generous contribution, which has added so much to the beautification of the course and to Robert Lee," commented Cumbie Ivey Jr. club-president.

A drive over the bridge on highway and a look at the course, its trees, and greens, that was once a dry land cotton field, should bring a sense of pride to all persons from arid West Texas.

Further landscaping and beautification of the course is planned by the club as finances permit.

Two thousand feet more of usable pipe has been secured from Sun Oil Company leases for removing it, and is to be placed on three fairways and a new green that have not yet been watered.

This will almost complete the laying of pipe to water the entire course, according to announcement made Tuesday at the BCD meeting.

By Written Request Fire Department to Burn Weeds

The Volunteer Fire Department will burn weeds and trash for people wanting it done to reduce fire hazards, if the owner of the property involved will make the request in writing and turn it in at the city hall.

This announcement was made by H. S. Lewis, Jr., at the Tuesday meeting of the BCD. The reason for requiring a written request is to release the city and the fire department from any liability, Mr. Lewis explained.

DEVOLL WELL ON PUMP

Standard Oil Co. of Texas No. 1 Ocie Devoll et al, W. K. Simpson Survey 1, wildcat 9½ miles north of Robert Lee, is continuing to make pumping test. The well made 4 barrels of new oil and 14 barrels of water in 24 hours through Ellenburger perforations between 6,782-892 feet.

The Concho River Coon Hunters held a meeting Dec. 27 at the local park in or around the stock barns, according to the Observers coon reporter.

Public Invited to Session on Income Tax Preparation

"Now is the time to make sure you can find your way around in the 1964 Income Tax jungle," said Mrs. Fay C. Roe, local County Home Demonstration Agent, "you want to pay all you owe and stay out of trouble — yet you don't want to pay a nickel more than you owe! The best way to be sure you do this is to be informed on the latest tax revisions."

To help the people of Coke County do a better job if filing income tax returns Robert H. Kensing, Extension Area Farm Management Specialist, will conduct a program Tuesday, Jan. 26, at 2 p.m. The program will be held in the County Court room in Robert Lee.

Both men and women of the county are urged to attend the meeting to learn as much as possible about filing their income tax.

Mrs. Roe and Sterling Lindsey, local extension agents, will assist Mr. Kensing in the program.

Supt. Barbee Will Be Speaker Men's Day at RL Church

Mr. C. B. Barbee, Bronte School Superintendent, will be the guest speaker at 11:00 Sunday for Men's Day at the Robert Lee Baptist Church. The local men will be filling the choir, assisting with the music and participating in various ways. Four of the laymen will be giving talks on Sunday night. They are Frank Coalsen, Gerald Allen, Weldon Fikes and J. L. Carwile. The Brotherhood, Mark Chumley, president, sponsors the Men's Day each year.

The morning speaker, Mr. Barbee, has been school superintendent in Bronte since 1959. He is a native of Rule, Texas and is a graduate of Howard Payne College, Brownwood. He is an active church member, having served in many capacities in Sunday School and Training Union. Mr. Barbee was ordained a deacon in 1951. The Barbees have four children ranging in age from 6 to 13. The public is cordially invited to attend Men's Day. The schedule is: Sunday School at 10:00, Morning Worship at 11:00, Training Union at 6:00 and Evening Worship at 7:00.

Hospital Building Due To Start After March 1

Auditors report on the West Coke County Hospital operation for the past year, part of which is published this week, has been completed.

Architects plans are about ready for announcing bids on February 1, and about 15 contractors are expected to bid. They will have thirty days to complete and submit their bids, and about March 1, or soon thereafter, the Board of Directors are to meet to let the contract, after which construction can get under way.

It is now thought this may be some time early in March.

Fisher Supports Robt. Lee Site in Recent Telegram

January 12, 1965
TEXAS WATER COMMISSION
AUSTIN, TEXAS

I wish to be recorded as strongly favoring the approval of the Robert Lee site for the construction of a dam on the Colorado River. I am convinced that this project would not militate against the legitimate rights of others. The record shows that there is a substantial amount of flood water wasted, which could be captured at the Robert Lee site. The need for municipal water, plus requirements for other local uses, including irrigation, makes the Robert Lee project urgent and justified. This project will contribute to the stability and economic well being of a large number of people whose water requirements are now being neglected.

SIGNED: O. C. Fisher
Congressman

To Recognize '64 Letter Men At Football Banquet

Football players and fans will hear announcement at the football banquet Saturday night, as to who are to receive jackets, lettering on the squad, with a review of the season and awards to players.

The Steers won all of their 8-B Conference games, losing only to Eden, a regional winner, in a pre-conference tilt, and finally to Wheeler in a close fought regional play after winning the bi-district against Throckmorton.

Max Bumgardner is speaker. Coaches are High School Principal Garland Davis and Assistant Coach Russell Coalsen.

Steers Lead in 83-B District Basket Loop

The Robert Lee Steers moved ahead in their determined campaign in 83-B basket ball district play when first moved to a 38-28 lead, then got clawed down by the Sterling City Eagles to a slim 3-point margin before they moved back out to a 7 point victory 47-40.

This was Tuesday last week, on the local floor. The Robert Lee High School girls also won over Sterling girls by 48 to 33, behind the scoring of Rhonda Gatman (23 points) and Kay Havins (18) points, and the fine defensive work of guards, Linda Heuvel, Betty Hughes, Jackie Counts, and Gayle Conley.

Steers Lead Loop

Two wins, one over Bronte, and the other over Sterling City put the Steers in lead, with Water Valley, Sterling City, Forsan, and Garden City each having one win and one loss, Bronte two losses.

The Forsan game Tuesday night this week was considered a possible decider in the closely matched race for the district championship.

Tomorrow (Friday) night at 6:30 between both boys and girls

Ten Counties Ask To Come In UCRA, Support R.L. Dam

As more and more leaders in public matters entered the public discussion on the permit to build a dam at Robert Lee it became more apparent this week that leading engineers and others closely connected with the crucial question of water for Texas municipalities were looking on the Robert Lee Dam as a test in the future allotment of water from the rivers of the state.

This was brought out in letters received by this newspaper as well as in a round table discussion at the BCD Tuesday by Gerald Allen, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Upper Colorado River Authority, if the permit is granted.

Mr. Allen said that from 10 counties in this section of Texas citizens groups asking that their counties be included in the Upper Colorado River Authority have declared their support of the Robert Lee permit.

He also noted that the Texas Water Commission had expressed the hope that Lower Colorado River Authority and Colorado River Municipal Water District would work out some sort of compromise in regard to this dam.

In the background loomed the possibility that if such a compromise is not worked out and the permit is granted, the LCRA may appeal the decision of the Commission to the courts.

Mrs. R. B. Vandiver entered Hendrick Memorial Hospital, Abilene, last week. She is under the care of a neurosurgeon, undergoing treatment for a serious back disorder.

JAN. 29 DEADLINE TO ORDER ANNUAL

If you haven't put in your subscription for this year's annual, don't delay. The deadline set for buying them is Jan. 29. Your "Corral" can be purchased from the following staff members: C. L. Sparks, Dennis Gartman, Linda Jacoby, Farrel Jean Fikes, Nancy Jacoby, Gary Parker, Marilyn Wallace, Glenn Roach, Mr. Hamby (sponsor). The price is \$4.10.

Letter from Austin

Mr. Ulmer S. Bird, Publisher
The Robert Lee Observer
Robert Lee, Texas

Dear Mr. Bird:

As a former chairman of the Texas Board of Water Engineers and later as a member under Price Daniel (He appointed Durwood Manford Chairman) I have more than a passing interest in the Colorado River Municipal Water District's case before the now Texas Water Commission, the name having been changed in accordance with Daniel's recommendations to the Legislature and at the outset I want to congratulate you on the letter to the editor of the Austin Statesman as published on January 14, 1965. Your logic is faultless but may I ask one question:

Will logic and fair play be given consideration where bureaucracy and politics hold sway? I need not have to go further with that statement for I suspect that you are fully aware of what I mean.

Now may I ask another question: Is it not time to get some of the background of some of these things out in the open so that the Legislature and the people will begin to understand? The laws have built in conflicts which provide much opportunity to appeal decisions on permits, to say nothing of the political arm twisting that is indulged in by the contestants and which increases as the Board (Commission) becomes increasingly political in the makeup of it. (It was once a Board of Engineers and politics held little sway but since water is getting in short supply and competition increases the atmosphere has changed with the accent being toward the lay member type and not the technical type that has guided the water administration of Texas since the Board was created in 1913.)

And now comes the Research League with a recommendation for a statewide water plan to distribute the waters of the state on a basis of need and they are aware that the political power structure has so fractionated the lines of authority in Texas regarding water that the likelihood of effecting implementation of the plan when it is developed is rather remote. If you are acquainted with the laws that the Legislature has put on the books in the creation of these river authorities and water districts and the powers and authority that those laws vest in those entities regarding water developments you are cognizant of what I mean. It is time for the Legislature to put the problem in focus and if it or the governor has the political courage to make the necessary changes to clear the cobwebs away then perhaps we can go ahead. But those boys won't give up easily, if at all.

Sincerely yours,
R. M. Dixon

Freshman Ag Boys Making Feed Troughs

The Freshman Ag 1 boys are nearing completion of one feed trough and one hayrack per pair of boys, using shop equipment and materials. The troughs and racks were built and then painted blue, with the words, Robert Lee F.F.A. painted on the sides.

Boys included in the "mass production" were Ross Adkins, Alfred Blair, Ronnie and Donnie Devoll, Larry Casey, Tooter Fields, Jeffrey McCabe, Rony Mathers, Gary Parker, Roy Ivey, Danny Smith, Eric Samuelson, Craig Thomason, Gary Sam Williams, Edward White, Keith Waldrop, Ronnie Varnadore, Eddie Meredith, Randy Hall, and Douglas Thetford.

Our Home Circle

By FAY C. ROE

Mrs. Bob White of Blackwell and Mrs. Fred McCabe Jr. of Divide are busy with record books to be entered in the Soil Conservation Homemakers Contest. The records will be entered in Regional Contest following judging in the county.

Both ladies were in the office last week to discuss their records with me.

The Home Demonstration clubs are studying about wool and mohair in the January and February meetings. The yearbook committee that planned the programs wanted club members to know more about products produced in Coke County and to use them when possible. The January meeting will give the production and making of yarn from shorn wool and the February programs will be on fabrics and uses of wool and mohair fabrics. All club members are urged to attend and

visitors are welcome.

Schedule

- Jan. 21-22 — Sub-district meeting, San Angelo
- Jan. 25 — Bronte Zeta Delta H.D. club, 9 a.m., Mrs. Kenneth Reed
- Jan. 26 — Income tax meeting, 2 p.m., Courtroom, Robert Lee
- Jan. 27 — 4H clubs

Murtishaw Family Gather Here For Year-End Reunion

(Intended for last week)

It was the first time in five years for all the children of Mrs. Grace Murtishaw's family to be together, when they met for their Christmas get-together here, their annual party, dinner, and all the trimmings.

The family enjoyed picture taking in the afternoon, along with showing of pictures taken in former years.

The brothers and sisters, with wives and husbands here for the reunion were: Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Wojtek of Robert Lee; Mr. and Mrs. Alex Eubanks and Darrell, Maljamar, New Mexico; Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Murtishaw, Bronte; Floyd Murtishaw, Show Low, Arizona; Mrs. W. D. Sparks, Linda and Tony of Colorado City; Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Sparks and Cliffie, San Angelo; Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Murtishaw of Bronte, Johnny, and Ginger.

Other near relatives: Mr. and Mrs. Dale Wojtek, Terry, Harvey, and Carla, Robert Lee; Mr. and Mrs. Otho Long, Dickie, Othal, and Coy; Mr. and Mrs. Dub Sparks and Shelley of San Angelo.

Friends visiting with the family group were Mr. and Mrs. Tom Wiginton of Robert Lee, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Augustine of Sterling City, Mrs. Effie Roberts of Bronte, Leslie and Ada Woullard of Eldorado.

Honor Roll Listed For First Semester In RL High School

Honor roll for the first semester in the six grades of the High School was announced this week by Principal Garland Davis.

Following are those who made the honor roll in both Junior and Senior Hi grades, for the third six weeks of the first semester, and for the entire first semester.

Third Six Weeks

7th — Mike Stephens, John Counts, Debra Vosburg.

8th — Ronald Adkins, Andy Cole, Larry Wojtek, Carroll Green, David Gossett, Judy Gartman, Elaine Fikes.

9th — Marilyn Wallace, Kaye Roberts, Linda McDaniel, Jeffrey McCabe, Thomas McBroom, Lois Heuvel, Jackie Counts, Ross Adkins.

10th — Sherry Cole, Della Dean, Marsha Dodson, Rhea McCutchen, Glenn Roach, Pauline Sparks, Rinda Wojtek.

11th — Robert Wink, Linda Jacoby, William Hood.

12th — Raynelle Bloodworth, Linda Heuvel, Betty Hughes, Linda McBroom, Rita Tillman, Dennis Gartman.

First Semester

7th — Mike Stephens, John Counts, Debra Vosburg.

8th — Larry Wojtek, Carroll Green, David Gossett, Judy Gartman, Elaine Fikes.

9th — Marilyn Wallace, Kaye Roberts, Linda McDaniel, Jeffrey McCabe, Thomas McBroom, Lois Heuvel, Jackie Counts, Ross Adkins.

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County Attorney Frank Dickey, Sr., has a new secretary in his office. She is Lydia Soto, of San Angelo.

Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Landers, of Midland, were guests in the Freeman Clark home Sunday afternoon. Mr. Landers, a former teacher in the Robert Lee school, is superintendent of one of the schools in Midland. Mrs. Landers and Mrs. Clark are sisters.

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VAN CAMP'S SAUSAGE - - 5 for \$1.00

HUNT'S FRUIT COCKTAIL - No. 2 1/2 43c

WALDORF TISSUE - - 4 Roll Pk. 39c

TIDE - - - Reg. Size 29c

MACARONI or SPAGHETTI 2 BOXES 25c

ALL 6 BOTTLE PK'S. DRINKS 39c

Market Items

ROAST, 7 Bone - Lb. 49c

SLAB BACON - Lb. 53c

Wallace Grocery & Market

On sale now through April 30th! Big travel bargain for cities along Santa Fe

It's Chico Bargain Fare time again on the Santa Fe—through April 30, 1965.

For example, a regular round-trip ticket costing \$100 will be sold at the off-season bargain fare of \$80. Round trips costing \$75 now will be only \$60, and similar reductions will apply for round-trip tickets from all stations except for local trips within the State of California.

No matter where you travel on Santa Fe trains, round-trip bargain fares will save you approximately 20%. Tickets on sale every day with a return limit of 30 days. Yes, bargain fares apply for both round-trip coach and first-class tickets.

Now you can leave the car at home and save money traveling by Santa Fe.

See the Santa Fe Agent in your home town for complete information



AROUND THE RIM

BACK OF THE APPLICATION

(GUEST FEATURE)

After years of preparations and weeks of hearings, the matter of whether the Colorado River Municipal Water District will get a permit to impound an 11-county supply in a reservoir at Robert Lee rests with the Texas Water Commission.

Four years ago when this was first submitted in the form of an original application, there was no more than a ripple from downstream irrigators. With a decision to seek a location 20 miles downstream and impound an additional 85,000 acre-feet of water, the present application was met with a fusillade of opposition, much of it not on the surface.

What stirred all this opposition? One was the change in the location which understandably disappointed Mitchell County residents, and which caused some concern by the Upper Colorado River Authority to see that communities in Sterling, Coke and Rannels counties would have an opportunity to have their water needs met.

The poker which stirred the hornets' nest was none of the CRMWD's doing. This was the series of events which resulted first in a "presentation" (tying up priorities for a study) for one dam location and proposals for several others — all above the Lower Colorado River Authority's Highland Lake chain. Thus, the CRMWD proposal which normally would have received a minimum of contest was met with the full treatment by LCRA — and then some, including unseen pressures and maneuvers.

Under "rainbow permits" which cover everything without any specific showing of need or use, the LCRA and the City of Austin have old grants to use up to nearly 2,000,000 acre-feet of water annually from the Colorado River. The State Board of Water Engineers and its successor, the Texas Water Commission, has recognized the moral element in this over the years in granting upstream permits.

It is important to understand that the CRMWD application falls within that area of the state which has 75 per cent of the geography, yet only 25 per cent of the water. It is important, too, to understand that this area has 51 per cent of the population in the Colorado River Basin, but it has only 18 per cent of the water resources.

For the purposes of the application, the area's growth rate of the past 40 years was halved. On that basis, the new supply would last until about 1980. Halve the rate again and the supply would last until only the early 1990s for municipal use is growing at six to 10 per cent a year. Last year CRMWD cities alone used more than the safe yield of Lake J. B. Thomas which now is only half full.

Despite the smoke screen of attacking use of waters temporarily in surplus for use in oilfield waterflood, the point of need is not subject to refutation. Nor is it true that the lowland irrigators, who are using not the specified three acre-feet per annum and limited acreage of rice but eight acre-feet and expanded acreage, would be appreciably affected. Therefore much of the attack came in the creation of a distorted and unwarranted picture of a

devastated Highland Lakes region if the permit is granted.

For instance, newspapers proclaiming in bold headlines that the "Proposed Dam on the Colorado Would Wreck Economy of the Highlands Lake Area" were put in every seat of the big hearing room. "Lake Buchanan would have been a mudhole" had the Robert Lee Lake been built, they said. In the same breath, it was noted that the proposed lake would be "of primary benefit to the oil interests of West Texas," while the "Highland Lakes have provided some of the nation's finest recreation, fishing and water sports." One witness attained the acme of assaninity in predicting the Highland Lakes would become a "grand canyon." Officials, including the congressman and chamber manager, expressed ridiculous "fears" that the lake would ruin the economy of the Highland area. Of course, no responsible, informed person honestly believes that to be so.

The truth is that the proposed lake would benefit Lake Buchanan by less than six per cent. The truth is that the Highland Lakes are drained of 1.5 million acre-feet a year for the genera-

tion of cheap electric energy, and this is 200 times what the CRMWD uses in diminishing oilfield contracts. Yet the latter produces nearly half as much revenue as the former.

The truth also is that this area must have more water, and that it can have it without penalizing the Highlands area which is to be admired for its good fortune but not promoted to a water overlord sustained by upstream vassals. Naturally this area feels that in the spirit of fair play and understanding, the supply should be authorized at not one penny expense to the state or federal government. — JOE PICKLE

Neighborhood News

Mr. and Mrs. Freeman Clark went to Medina last weekend to visit Mr. and Mrs. Bill Craddock and children, Ann and Frank, and also to attend the fat stock show at Medina. Ann and Frank did very well with their stock, winning several first and exhibiting three champions.

Sheila Roe, who is attending Draughon's Business College in Abilene, came home last weekend to visit her family, the Jimmie Roes.

Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Elliott visited relatives at Mason and Katemcy last weekend.

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A guest in the H. L. Scott home during the weekend was their son, Maj. Horace Scott, of Tacoma, Wash. He flew to Abilene, via Dallas, and the family met him at the airport.

Last week Mrs. Fred McDonald, of San Angelo, was an overnight guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Roach and family.

1964-65 FOOTBALL BANQUET

TICKETS ARE \$1.50

At the SCHOOL, FROGGY'S, ROACH'S, SPARKS TEXACO STATION

For Saturday This Week

COME

West Coke County Hospital District

BALANCE SHEET

as at

SEPTEMBER 30, 1964

ASSETS

Current Assets

Cash on Hand	\$ 77.54	
Cash in Bank (Operating Fund)	1,544.81	
Cash in Bank (Social Security Fund)	2,294.32	
Accounts Receivable	\$18,422.96	
Notes Receivable	6,797.45	
	<u>\$25,220.31</u>	
Less Reserve for Doubtful Accounts	11,973.04	13,247.37
Interest Receivable		407.61
Due from Tax Collector		1.98
Delinquent Taxes Receivable		249.08
Inventory		12,216.88
Total Current Assets		\$ 30,039.59

Fixed Assets

Land	\$ 1,000.00	
Buildings	77,796.28	
Air Conditioner	5,153.00	
Equipment	31,831.70	
Total Fixed Assets		115,780.98
TOTAL ASSETS		\$145,820.57

LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS

Current Liabilities

Accounts Payable	\$ 1,602.51	
Withheld Income Tax	354.90	
Accrued F. I. C. A. Taxes	612.19	
Total Current Liabilities		\$ 2,569.60

Surplus 143,250.97

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS \$145,820.57

O. H. (Judge) Campbell

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Your Listings Appreciated

Lunchroom Menus

Monday, Jan. 25
Hot dogs with chili, buttered corn, combination salad, potato chips, milk, applesauce cake.

Tuesday, Jan. 26
Hamburger patties and gravy, creamed potatoes, green beans, hot rolls and butter, milk, fruit cocktail.

Wednesday, Jan. 27
Vegetable beef soup, peach jelly on lettuce, stuffed celery, crackers, cinnamon rolls, milk.

Thursday, Jan. 28
Roast and gravy, roast potatoes, lettuce, tomato slice, hot rolls and butter, jelly and or peanut butter, milk.

Friday, Jan. 29
Fish sticks with tartar sauce, buttered potatoes, garden salad, hot rolls and butter, milk, apple cobbler.

FRIENDSHIP WHD CLUB

The Friendship W.H.D. Club met Thursday, January 14, in the home of Mrs. Linzy McDorman for the first meeting in 1965.

Mrs. Pat Rives who succeeded Mrs. Willis Smith as president of the club presided at the meeting which was attended by 11 members.

Plans for the club meetings in 1965 were discussed and made. A report from Council was given.

Secret pal names were drawn. Mrs. McDorman served refreshments of cheese crackers, nuts, cake, coffee and cokes. Next meeting will be Jan. 28 at Mrs. Vera Allens.

Observations

(A Personal Word
By The Editor)

A letter from R. M. Dixon, an engineer and water consultant of long experience who once headed what is now the Texas Water Commission, published elsewhere in the Observer, shows a trend in Texas water matters that will make it harder to secure a permit on the Robert Lee dam the longer it is delayed.

Some readers may remember that we recommended at the time of the first postponement that it would be easier politically to kill it after the election. The delay gave time for this present campaign to get under way.

As Mr. Dixon points out, it is being pushed into politics as fast as possible. What those who are making it a political issue may not realize is that West Texas is going to get some help from a lot of places and a lot of people that will surprise those who are trying to have it decided on the basis of politics rather than merit.

If the Texas Water Commission had voted on the question back in October, there is no question about what the decision would have been. The trend Mr. Dixon points out is, if they want to continue deciding these questions on their engineering merits, the board may be changed or the authority taken out of their hands.

His suggestion that the question be taken to the public and to the legislature certainly has merit, if efforts to tie the hands of the Texas Water Commission continue.

We have another letter from Austin saying matters that have been "swept under the rug"

should be brought to public attention. This is certainly not to criticize the commission, but to counter any efforts to destroy them as a real body with real freedom to exercise their responsibility.

Mrs. Annie Sparks returned to her home in Robert Lee last Saturday after spending some time at Stephenville in the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Garvis Swanson.

Another new home in the vicinity of Robert Lee is the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Rives, located on the Bronte Highway near the lake. The Rives have bought the Gunnels acreage, on which the house is located.

NOTICE
The people who were issued doe permits for the 1964 hunting season are asked to return them to the sheriff's office as soon as possible. They can be mailed in or you can drop them off at the office on a trip into town. This request is from the office of Sheriff Melvin Childress.

Byron S. Griffith, son of Mrs. J. K. Griffith and the late Dr. Griffith, flew to Texas from his home at Eureka, Calif., and spent several days last week in Robert Lee visiting his mother and his sister, Mrs. Delbert Walling. Also joining them for a family reunion were Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Wells, of Quanah and Mrs. D. W. Parrish of Abilene.

Heard At Sanco

By Zoeline Reid

Mrs. Vertna Sherrod of Snyder visited among kinfolk at Sanco and Robert Lee last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam McGallian and Mrs. Foy Askins went to Fort Worth last weekend to be with their son and brother, Raymond McGallian who underwent major surgery. They report that he is doing fine.

Mrs. Douglas Gartman recently spent some time in the hospital for treatment.

Notice Taxpayers

Starting Jan. 11 I will be at Robert Lee Mon., Tues. & Wed., and at Bronte Fri. & Sat. to assist in preparing your 1964 Income Tax Returns. 20 Yrs. Experience in All Types Tax Accounting REASONABLE RATES
O. T. COLVIN
Blackwell, Tex.
Phone 282-2291

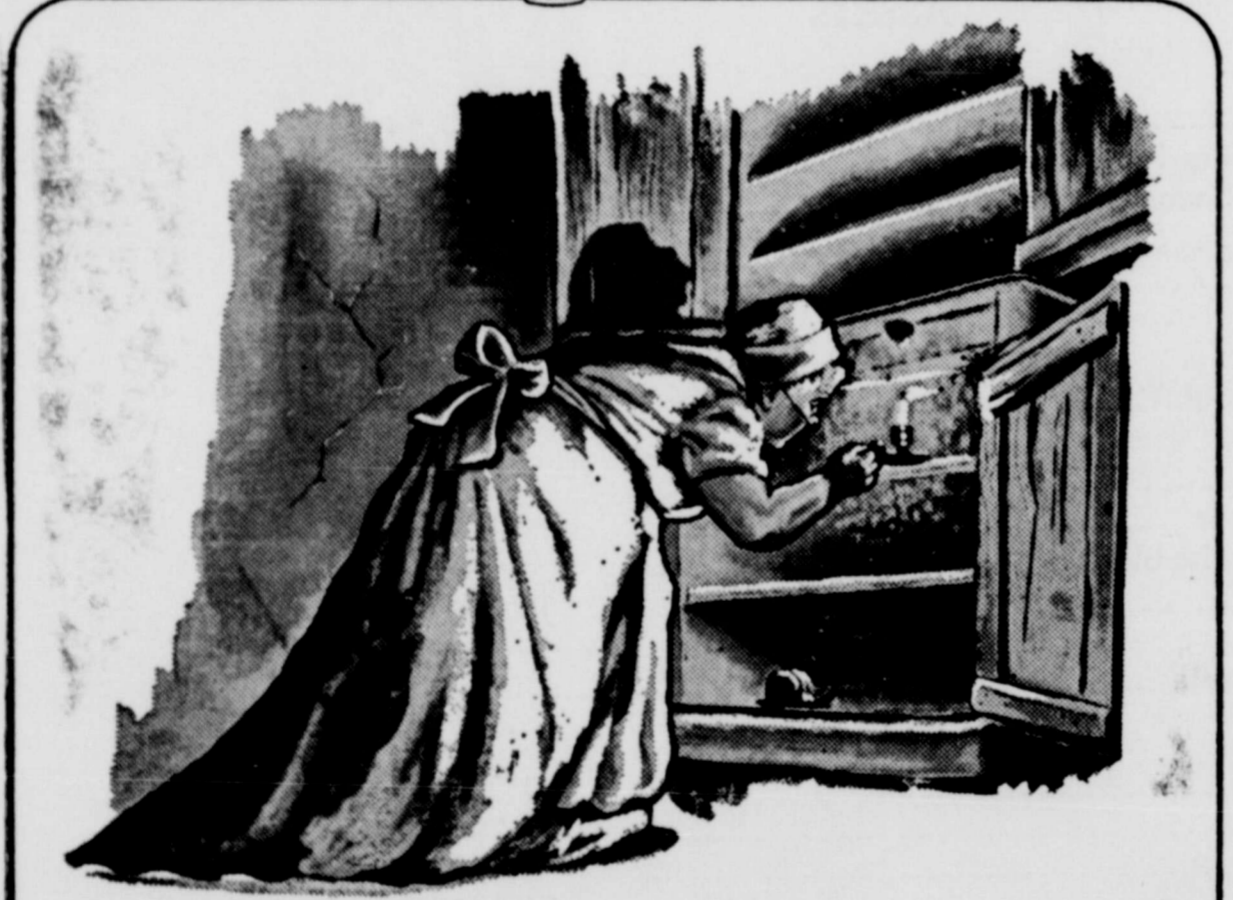
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Economical, Convenient



No need to stand and wait for hot water to travel from a distant water heater. Flameless electric water heaters can be installed conveniently near the point of use. No flue or vent is required for clean, quiet, flameless electricity. And now, with WTU's new low rate, a separate meter is unnecessary.

SPECIAL 1¢ RATE

The 1¢* rate in effect for residential customers of West Texas Utilities using an electric water heater adds up like this—the first 300 KWH used are calculated at the regular rate. The next 400 KWH used are calculated at the special 1¢* rate. Ask for details at any WTU office.

* Plus Fuel Cost Adjustment and Sales Tax.

FREE WIRING — to customers served by WTU who purchase an approved Electric Water Heater from a local appliance dealer or local plumbing supplier. Ask about this FREE WIRING at your local WTU office.

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All Around SILVER

By Mrs. George Fugate

Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Bradham of Silver announce the approaching marriage of their daughter, Rosalind Ann, to Airman Second Class David Keith Fuller of Jacksonville, Florida.

The prospective bridegroom is the son of Chief Warrant Officer and Mrs. Charles H. Feaselman of Jacksonville, North Carolina.

Wedding vows will be exchanged January 30 in the Silver Baptist Church.

Miss Bradham is a graduate of Robert Lee High School and is presently attending San Angelo College. Mr. Fuller is a research analyst at Goodfellow Air Force Base, but will leave soon for a tour of duty in Northwest Cape, Alaska.

Don Swinney P-TA Speaker

The Silver P-TA met Tuesday evening, Jan. 12, at 7 p.m., at the school with Mrs. Fred Beaty presiding.

Want Ads

NOTICE: Anyone on my property without permits will be considered trespassing and prosecuted accordingly. Foster S. Price. tnc

HAVE KNAPP SHOES FOR SALE, both men's and women's. B. E. Modgling, Bronte.

LOST — 1 angus bull. Branded Lazy A on right hip. If found, or whereabouts known, please notify Cumbie Ivey.

FOR SALE: Magic Chef full size gas range. Can be used on either Gas or Butane. Excellent condition. \$30.00. R. D. Vaughan, Vaughan Chev.

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Mrs. Tyrus Davis read the poem, "Children Learn What They Live." Mary Donley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Merton Donley, played a piano solo.

During the business session, Mrs. Jerry Eubanks reported on plans for the concession at the Silver Basketball Tournament to be held Feb. 4 and 6. Mrs. Tyrus Davis, chairman, Mrs. Charlie Davis and Mrs. Billy Jones were elected to serve on the nominating committee.

Mrs. Durwood Mumford was elected delegate to the 16th District Spring Conference to be held in Big Spring on March 19. Mrs. Ross Lambert was elected alternate.

Don Swinney, junior high math teacher, spoke to the group on the new math program. He also showed tapes prepared by the Texas Education Agency. Aim of the program was to inform parents as to why changes were needed in the program and in what ways it has been changed. Textbooks were on display.

Farewell Coffee Fetes Eubanks
Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Eubanks, who have been transferred by the Sun Oil Co. to Longview, were honored with a community farewell coffee Wednesday morning, Jan. 13, at the Sun Recreation Hall.

The serving table was covered with an olive green cloth centered with an arrangement of autumn flowers. Silver and crystal appointments were used.

A maple telephone table and knitting stand were presented to the couple from Silver friends.

Mrs. Eubanks was also guest of honor at a bridge party Tuesday evening when the Silver Bridge

Club and the Thursday Luncheon Bridge Club met together. The clubs presented her with a deck of cards.

MYF Attends Sub-District Meet

Bill and Larry Paul, Karen Fugate, Charles and Sue Kennedy, Cynthia and Phyllis Davis, Joyce and Pattie Allen, and Gayle Conley, all members of the Silver MYF attended a sub-district meeting, Sunday, Jan. 17, at the First Methodist Church in Eldorado. Mrs. Billy Jones, sponsor, accompanied the youth.

Junior Rifle Club Report

High scorers:
Gene Kincaid — 39
Rose Ann White — 35
Ricky Whitaker — 35
Ernest Herford — 33
Quinn Conley — 33
Pro-marksman — Larry Sockwell
Marksman — Mike Parish, Donnie Higginbotham, and Larry Sockwell.

Jerry Tinkler, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Tinkler, has recently been promoted to SP4, serving as legal clerk in Headquarters Co., 25th Inf. Div. Support Command, stationed at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. Jerry received a B.B.A. degree from Texas Tech in June, 1963, and entered the army the following September.

The Tinklers' younger son, Paul, is now a 3rd Class Petty Officer in U.S. Naval Aviation. His fighter squadron operates off of the Carrier Independence, which sails with the NATO forces. Paul entered the navy in 1961. His wife and children live in Alameda, Calif., where he was

Officers Named For HD Council

By MRS. FAY C. ROE

New officers and committee members were welcomed Tuesday in the January meeting of the Coke County Home Demonstration Council. New officers introduced by Mrs. Glenn Waldrop, chairman, were: Mrs. J. P. Rives, vice chairman; and Mrs. J. C. Boatright, secretary-treasurer. 1965 committee chairmen are: yearbook, Mrs. Linzy McDorman; finance, Mrs. C. E. Arrott; 4-H, Mrs. Truman Parker; E.E.E., Mrs. Curtis Walker and recreation, Mrs. Floyd Harmon.

Club and committee reports were given and accepted by the Council. During the business session, the concessions and lunches sold on January 11 at the stock show were discussed. Club members were commended for the fine cooperation. Mrs. Waldrop appointed a committee composed of Mmes. R. L. Page, Walker and B. J. Luckett to study and revise the standing rules of the council.

Important coming events were announced by Mrs. Fay C. Roe, H.D. agent, as follows:

Income tax meeting, Tuesday, Jan. 26.

Clothing leader training, Jan. 29, 2 p.m., agent's office.

Foods Leader training, foreign foods, Feb. 5, agents office.

Council committees, 10 a.m., Feb. 9, agents office.

The roll call was answered by twelve members.

Mrs. Waldrop led the group in recreation after adjournment.

HOSPITAL NEWS

Mrs. Lena Russell admitted 10-22; remained.

B. B. Pierce admitted 1-6; dismissed 1-16.

Mrs. Jack Cowley admitted 1-8; remained.

Mrs. James R. McClure admitted 1-8; remained.

Mrs. J. E. Quisenberry admitted 1-10; dismissed 1-18.

Mrs. Delmir Sheppard admitted 1-10; dismissed 1-13.

Frank Abalos admitted 1-11; dismissed 1-16.

Hugh Lewis Jr. admitted 1-11; dismissed 1-13.

Drexel Skipworth admitted 1-11; dismissed 1-15.

Nancy Trimble admitted 1-12; dismissed 1-14.

Mrs. Mabel Mundell admitted 1-12; dismissed 1-19.

Sam Williams admitted 1-12; transferred to Shannon Hospital 1-18.

Mrs. James Terry and baby admitted 1-13; dismissed 1-15.

Mrs. J. A. Childress admitted 1-13; remained.

Ralph Garvin admitted 1-13; dismissed 1-17.

Mrs. Henry Childress admitted 1-14; dismissed 1-18.

Mrs. Jerry Sirus admitted 1-16; dismissed 1-18.

Willie B. Skipworth admitted 1-16; remained.

David O. King admitted 1-17; remained.

Keith Hood admitted 1-18; remained.

Julian Valenzuela admitted 1-18; dismissed 1-19.

Mrs. David Sanchez and baby admitted 1-19, remained.

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Pushing Plans to Mark Coke Points of Interest

The Coke County Historical Survey Committee, meeting at the court house Saturday afternoon, worked on the continuation of the program in Coke County.

County Judge W. W. Thetford, recently announced the appointment of the committee for 1965: Mrs. Bryan Yarbrough, chairman; Royce Fancher, Mrs. C. E. Arrott, Ben Oglesby, Ulmer Bird, Bill Allen, Sterling Lindsey, Mrs. Fay Roe, Mrs. Thelma Odom and Elton Mims.

"Every county has a history all its own, and Coke County is no exception," said Judge Thetford. "Our County Historical Survey Committee has unlimited possibilities for doing us great service in the fields of preserving our history for future generations, as well as seeing that this history is attractively displayed and marked for our citizens and visitors."

State leaders pointed out that the tourist trade, stimulated by history seeking travelers will be an aid to those counties that mark and preserve the points of historical interest.

Since this committee was established some two years ago, markers have been placed on the court house lawn, at the Y by the Bronte hospital, on the City Hall plaza at Bronte, and the marker near the Fort Chadbourne cemetery where the highway to Abilene crosses Oak Creek

has been moved to where travelers stopping on the highway have better access to it, and has been re-set in an improved location.

The court house granite stone with iron plaque commemorates establishment of Coke County. The one at the Y in Bronte commemorates the founding of the Bronte community, and that one on the city hall plaza the establishment of old Fort Chadbourne.

Funds for these came from the state and from the budget of the committee, and from funds raised by Bronte people for their city marker.

Plans for 1965 include continuing work toward marking of Confederate and Union veterans' graves, marking of other unmarked graves with some identification, medallions marking the Masonic building in Robert Lee and the First National Bank building in Bronte, as well as other historic community sites in Coke County.

Also the Highway Department is to be requested to put up signs at river and creek crossings with the name of the stream, and other points of interest, such as Panther Gap and the Butterfield Stage Line crossings on Highways 158 and 208.

One possibility is for a marker in Robert Lee giving the dates and facts on the founding of Robert Lee.

To finance these, Texas Historical foundation is issuing memberships from \$5.00 up. A "Texian" card is issued with voting privileges for each individual contributing \$5.00.

For those contributing more, there is a sustaining membership from \$25.00 to \$99.00.

These memberships may be obtained from Elton Mims, Mrs. Thelma Odom, or further information from Mrs. Bryan Yarbrough, chairman.

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Miss Jeanie McGrath, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Ross, of Robert Lee, and Mike Morgan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Morgan, of Waco, were married Dec. 31 in San Angelo by a justice of the

peace. The bride attended Robert Lee High School. She also attended Jolley Beauty School last summer. Mr. Morgan is a grandson of Mrs. Jolley, who operates the beauty school.

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REPORT OF CONDITION OF ROBERT LEE STATE BANK

of Robert Lee in the State of Texas at the close of business on Dec. 31, 1964.

ASSETS

Cash, balances with other banks, and cash items in process of collection	\$ 682,646.80
United States Government obligations, direct and guaranteed	471,772.34
Obligations of States and political subdivisions	221,053.09
Other bonds, notes, and debentures (including \$50,000.00 securities of Federal agencies and corporations not guaranteed by U.S.)	50,000.00
Loans and discounts (including \$1,933.00 overdrafts)	1,028,291.42
Bank premises owned \$39,925.00, furniture and fixtures \$5,093.91	45,018.91
(Bank premises owned are subject to \$ None liens not assumed by bank)	
Other assets	563.46
TOTAL ASSETS	\$2,499,346.02

LIABILITIES

Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	\$1,049,021.75
Time and savings deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	689,019.40
Deposits of United States Government (including postal savings)	16,423.64
Deposits of States and political subdivisions	573,534.75
Certified and officers' checks, etc.	10,427.21
TOTAL DEPOSITS	\$2,338,426.75
Total demand deposits	\$1,520,407.35
Total time and savings deposits	\$ 818,019.40
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$2,338,426.75

CAPITAL ACCOUNTS

Capital: Common stock, total par value	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus	100,000.00
Undivided profits	10,919.27
TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	\$ 160,919.27
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	\$2,499,346.02

MEMORANDA

Assets pledged or assigned to secure liabilities and for other purposes (including notes and bills rediscounted and securities sold with agreement to repurchase) \$ 390,000.00

I, Willis W. Smith, Cashier, of the above-named bank do solemnly swear that this report of condition is true and correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Willis W. Smith

Correct—Attest:

Vaughan S. Davis }
Willie I. Tubb } Directors.
Victor Wojtek }

State of Texas, County of Coke, ss:

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 13th day of January, 1965, and I hereby certify that I am not an officer of this bank.

Kenneth Lackey, Notary Public

My commission expires June 1, 1965.