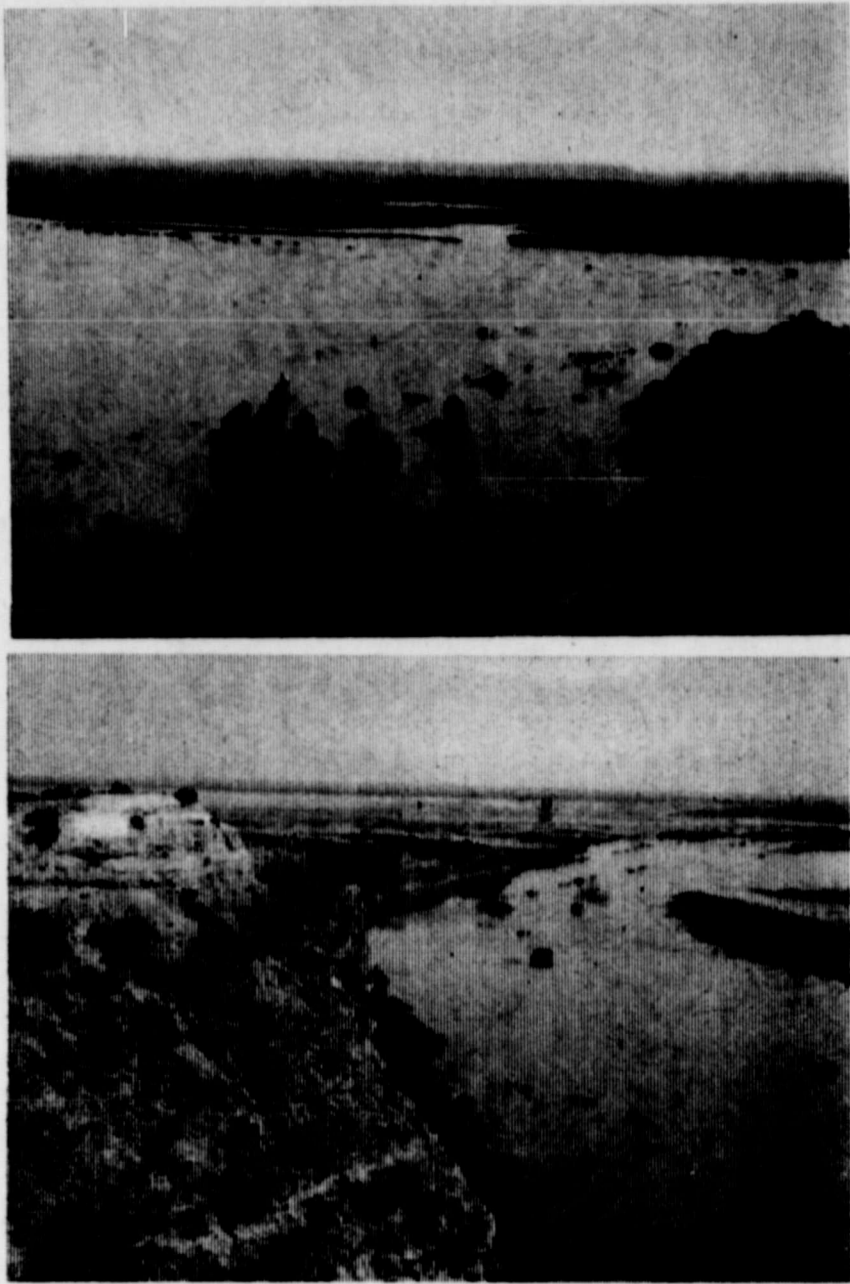


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Recent Rains Put Water in Lake Spence

## Plans Announced for Annual Sanco Homecoming on Saturday, June 1

O. R. Smith of Baytown, known in this area as Orville, but known in the Baytown area as Raymond Smith, has accepted the invitation of the Sanco Community Association to be master of ceremonies at the annual homecoming at Sanco, Sunday, June 1.

Marking the 81st year of the community, the oldest in Coke County still in existence, the homecoming is in a way a birthday occasion, since the post office was established July 10, 1888.

## Girls Place High In State Track

Six Robert Lee High School girls entered the state track meet held at Abilene last Friday and Saturday. The girls didn't bring home any first place honors, but they placed up among the winners.

Coach Clifford Wilson said the 440 and 880 relay teams had the best time they have ever done and he was "real proud of them."

The 440 team placed fourth in the meet with a 51.2. Members of the team are Jackie Conley, Sheri Pitcock, Linda Blair and Carolyn Thomason.

The 880 team made up of Pitcock, Blair, Conley and Elaine Fikes turned in a time of 151.8 for sixth place.

Jackie Conley also entered the 60 yard dash and turned in a 7.2 seconds in the preliminaries. Wilson said she had some trouble getting off in the finals and took fourth place.

Kathy Denman entered the discuss event.

The Robert Lee girls scored 14 points. Tulaso-Midway took top honors in the state meet with 76 points. Sunray won Class B with 46 points, while Borden County came in second with 42.

The observance will begin with a meeting at the community center, the former school building, Saturday night, May 31, to sing and visit and discuss old and new times, the new being occasioned by the lake, whose north shore line will for several miles follow the southwest boundaries of the historic community.

The program will consist of a ten minute devotional, songs, recognition of homecomers and making special awards.

Beef, barbecued on the grounds, will be furnished to go with whatever each person brings to spread basket dinner style at the noon hour.

The afternoon will be given to visiting.

Sanco was founded after Fort Chadbourne and just before Hayrick, both of which are no longer in existence as communities. J. L. Durham was the first postmaster, and submitted the name Sanco, which is thought to have been a shortening of the name of a well known Comanche chief, Saneco or Sanaco, who ranged through this area in the 1850s.

The Homecoming is sponsored by the Sanco Community Association. Ulmer Bird is president and Mrs. Zoeline Reid is secretary-treasurer. The Sanco Cemetery Association functions with the same officers, but with everyone who is interested in the cemetery eligible to be members.

Communications to either organization may be addressed to Mrs. Reid.

## AWARDS PROGRAM SET FOR MONDAY AT SCHOOL

Prin. Garland Davis announced this week that a special awards program will be held Monday at 2:35 p.m. in the school auditorium. Students who have had outstanding accomplishments of various kinds during this school year will be recognized. The public is invited.

# School Tax Vote Called For June 7

An election has been called by the Robert Lee School Board of trustees for a tax election to be held on June 7. The election was called at a board meeting on May 8 following presentation of a petition signed by 25 qualified voters of the district asking that the election be called.

Balloting will be held at Robert Lee School building with Horace L. Bloodworth as presiding judge and Mrs. Bobby Roberts and Mrs. Raymond Bloodworth as clerks. Miss Mildred Wallace, deputy county clerk, will serve as absentee voting clerk. Absentee voting will be permitted from the

20th day through the fourth day before the election.

The proposition to be voted upon would allow the school to levy a tax up to a maximum of \$1.50 per \$100 valuation for the purpose of maintaining and operating the school. It would also allow a maximum 50 cents per \$100 valuation to be levied for the purpose of retiring building bonds.

A complete text of the notice calling the election is being run in this week's issue of The Observer as a legal notice.

Those who will be allowed to vote in the election include qualified resident voters who have taxable property located within the school district and have rendered it for taxation.

Supt. Jimmy Bickley said last week that passage of the new tax is essential for continued quality education in the district. He mentioned that more tax money is needed to take care of rising costs in education, bond retirement and a decline in oil valuations in the district. He stated that the only alternative to passage of the tax rate increase is an increase of property valuations.

## End Of School A Busy Time

The end of the 1969 school term is rapidly drawing to a close for Robert Lee Schools, and students are busily winding up their year of work.

Main events yet ahead on the school calendar include the senior baccalaureate and commencement and junior high graduation program.

Junior high graduation will be held Thursday night of next week, May 22. Raymond E. Patton, manager of the Oak Creek power plant of West Texas Utilities Co., will deliver the graduation address. Honor students of the class are Steve Meadows, with a 93.80 average and Rosanna Boykin, who has a 93.75 average for the year.

Thirty-one seniors are looking forward to the two programs which will honor them. The baccalaureate program will be held Sunday night, May 18, at 8 o'clock.

The Rev. Bill Beaty, pastor of

Robert Lee Baptist Church, will deliver the baccalaureate address.

The Rev. Bobby Palmos, pastor of First Methodist Church, will give the invocation. Supt. Jimmy Bickley will introduce the main speaker. Rudell White, minister of South Side Church of Christ, will pronounce the benediction. Mrs. Leslie Copeland will provide processional and recessional music for the program.

## Commencement May 23

The seniors will receive their diplomas Friday night, May 23, when the commencement program is scheduled to begin at 8 o'clock. Dr. L. Harlan Ford, assistant commissioner for Teacher Education and Instructional Services of the Texas Education Agency, will deliver the commencement address. Superintendent Bickley will introduce him.

The welcome address will be given by Elaine Fikes, salutatorian of the class who has a two

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## Swimming Pool To Open May 24

The swimming pool in Robert Lee County Park will open May 24, according to an announcement this week by Lendy Devoll, park caretaker. Hours for swimming will be 2 to 6 p.m. daily.

Admission prices will be 15 cents for preschool and school children and 35 cents for adults. Season tickets for everyone will be \$5.00.

A rule for preschool age youngsters which will be enforced this year is that they must be accompanied by a parent. It was pointed out that chairs and benches are provided alongside the pool for their use.

There will be no charge for use of the kiddie pool.

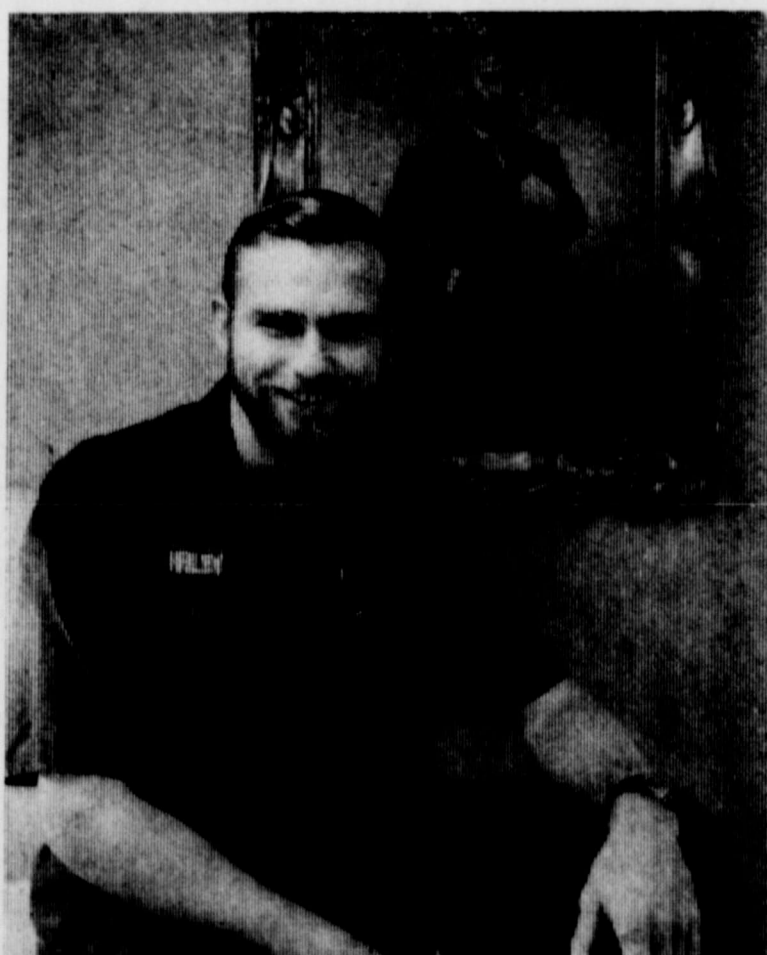
The swimming facilities in the park are owned and operated by Coke County.

## Master Charge Meeting Tonight

A meeting which was scheduled for Tuesday night to discuss the Master Charge credit card plan has been postponed until tonight (Thursday) at 7:30 o'clock.

Gerald C. Allen, president of Robert Lee State Bank, announced that all merchants who are interested in participating in the Master Charge plan are invited to attend the meeting which will be held in the bank building.

Master Charge is one of the most popular all-inclusive credit cards in the country today and the bank president said Robert Lee State Bank officers and directors "want to make every possible service available to our customers and friends."



**PATROL RESULTS** — Doyle Hayley of Robert Lee had the above picture taken following a beard growing contest aboard the USS Grant. The submarine crew conducted their contest while on several weeks of pa-

trol duty in the Pacific. Hayley is the son of Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Hayley and still has two years of a four year enlistment to serve. He expects to arrive in Robert Lee May 23 on leave.



## Notes From The Oil Field

Sun Oil Co. has announced a wildcat five miles northeast of Robert Lee, in the Hayrick area. No. 1 Ella M. Labenske is 660 feet from the north and 1,980 feet from the east lines of Section 387, Block 1-A, H&TC Survey. It is scheduled to test to 4,200 feet.

Reopening of the Edith Field, 10 miles west of Robert Lee, has been assured at King Resources of Midland No. 1 Hooper. Swabbing an estimated 18 barrels of oil per day, production was from perforations at 6,194-99 feet. Testing was continuing at last report.

## PERSONALS

Weekend guests in the homes of Mrs. Lillie Gaines and Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Eads were Jasper Gaines and girls of Midland. Other visitors Saturday were Mrs. W. J. Eads of Bronte, Mr. and Mrs. George Keith of DeLeon and Mrs. Tige Richards of Rising Star.

Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Prine of San Angelo were overnight visitors in the home of their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Killam Friday night.

Weekend visitors in the home of Mrs. Bonnie Robertson were her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Dumas, of Abilene.

## Hospital News

May 7 — John S. McGallion admitted. Mrs. Annie M. Cox, Mrs. Gabriel Soto dismissed.

May 8 — Mrs. H. C. Allen, Henry M. Stevens admitted. Mrs. Lena Russell dismissed.

May 9 — Miss Effie Murray admitted.

May 10 — Mrs. Ethel Green admitted. Miss Effie Murray dismissed.

May 11 — Joe David Key admitted. John S. McGallion dismissed.

May 12 — E. C. Davis, Mrs. R. L. Flanagan admitted.

## PERSONALS

Sunday guests in the home of Mrs. E. O. Higgins were her two daughters and their families, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Smith, Nancy and Layne, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Perry and Stevie, and Mrs. Floyd Higgins, Linda and Cindy, all of San Angelo.

Mr. and Mrs. Sloan Boone had all of their children and their families home for the weekend and a Mothers Day celebration on Sunday. Their children are Richard Boone of Casper, Wyo., Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Boone of Colorado City, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Glasgow and Ann of Sweetwater, Mr. and Mrs. Marion Hicks of Mesquite and Mrs. Peggy Doggett of Midland.

Mr. and Mrs. Tildon Jones and children of Amarillo spent the weekend here visiting his mother, Mrs. Laura Jones, and other relatives.

## ORDER FOR TAX ELECTION

THE STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF COKE  
ROBERT LEE INDEPENDENT  
SCHOOL DISTRICT

On this the 8th day of May, 1969, the Board of Trustees of The Robert Lee Independent School District convened in Regular session with the following members present, to-wit:

Douglas Gartman, President; Truman Hines, Secretary; J. W. Service, Jr., Lewis Heuvel, Earl H. Ivey, D. J. Walker Jr. Billy J. Blair and the following absent: None, constituting a quorum and among other proceedings had by said Board of Trustees was the following:

There came on to be considered a petition signed by 25 persons asking that an election be ordered upon the proposition hereinafter set forth, and

It appearing to the satisfaction of the Board of Trustees that said petition is signed by at last twenty resident, qualified, property taxpaying voters of said School District, who own taxable property in said District, and who have duly rendered the same for taxation, and is otherwise in conformity with law, the Board is of the opinion that said petition should be granted, and said election as prayed for should be ordered:

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF ROBERT LEE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT:

That an election be held in said School District on the 7th day of June, 1969, which date is sufficient to allow posting notice of said election for 10 days prior thereto and which date is also within thirty days from the date of this order, at which election, in accordance with said petition, the following proposition shall be submitted to the resident qualified property taxpaying voters of said School District for their action thereupon:

### PROPOSITION

"Shall the Board of Trustees of The Robert Lee Independent School District be authorized to assess, levy and collect an annual ad valorem tax of not to exceed \$1.50 on each \$100.00 valuation of taxable property in said School District for the further maintenance of the public free schools therein, as authorized by Article 2784e-1 of Vernon's Annotated Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, as amended, provided that such tax shall not exceed in any year the limits prescribed by law?"

That said election shall be held at the following place in said School District, and the following named persons are hereby appointed officers for said election:

(a) At Robert Lee School Building in Robert Lee, Texas, in said School District, with Horace L. Bloodworth as Presiding Judge, and Mrs. Bobby Roberts and Mrs. Raymond Bloodworth, Clerks.

Miss Mildred Wallace is hereby appointed Clerk for absentee voting. The absentee voting for the above designated election shall be held at County Clerk's Office within the boundaries of the above named District and said place of absentee voting shall remain open for at least eight hours on each day for absentee voting which is not a Saturday, a Sunday, or an official State holiday, beginning on the 20th day and continuing through the 4th day preceding the date of said election. Said place of voting shall remain open between the hours of 8 A.M. and 5 P.M. on each day for said absentee voting.

The ballots for said election shall have written or printed thereon the following:

"FOR MAINTENANCE TAX"  
"AGAINST MAINTENANCE TAX"

Each voter shall mark out one of the above expressions, thus leaving the other as indicating his vote.

None but resident qualified property taxpaying voters of said School District who own taxable property in said School District and who have duly rendered the same for taxation shall be allowed to vote at said election.

The Secretary of this Board of Trustees shall forthwith issue a notice of said election stating in substance the content of this election order and the time and place of said election, and said Secretary shall post a copy of such notice at three different places within the boundaries of said School District, which posting shall be done not less than ten days prior to the date fixed for said election.

Immediately after said election has been held the officers holding same shall make returns of the result thereof to the Board of Trustees of said School District, and return the ballot box to the Secretary of said Board for safekeeping.

The manner of holding said

election shall be governed, as near as may be, by the Texas Election Code, and this Board of Trustees will furnish all necessary ballots and other election supplies requisite to said election.

The above order being read, it was moved and seconded that same do pass. Thereupon the question being called for, the following members of the Board voted AYE: All, and the following voted NO, None.

Douglas Gartman  
President, Board of Trustees  
ATTEST: Truman Hines, Secretary

## Alamo Theatre

Fri. - Sat., May 16-17  
"Angel in My Pocket"<sup>G</sup>  
Sun. - Mon., May 18-19  
"Hook, Line & Sinkers"<sup>G</sup>

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## Consolidated Report of Condition of ROBERT LEE STATE BANK

of Robert Lee in the State of Texas and Domestic Subsidiaries at the close of business on April 30, 1969.

### ASSETS

Cash and due from banks (including \$ None unposted debits)	\$ 587,764.64
U. S. Treasury securities	650,253.55
Securities of other U. S. Government agencies and corporations	830,000.00
Obligations of States and political subdivisions	228,903.56
Other loans	1,477,193.83
Bank premises, furniture and fixtures, and other assets representing bank premises	36,872.33
Other assets	93.75
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$3,811,081.66</b>

### LIABILITIES

Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	\$1,103,643.44
Time and savings deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	1,261,308.70
Deposits of United States Government	16,160.18
Deposits of States and political subdivisions	1,164,285.18
Certified and officers' checks, etc.	10,677.04
<b>TOTAL DEPOSITS</b>	<b>\$3,556,074.54</b>
Total demand deposits	\$1,479,863.43
Total time and savings deposits	\$2,076,211.11
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>\$3,556,074.54</b>

### RESERVES ON LOANS AND SECURITIES

Reserve for bad debt losses on loans (set up pursuant to Internal Revenue Service rulings)	\$ 17,895.00
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<b>TOTAL RESERVES ON LOANS AND SECURITIES</b>	<b>\$ 17,895.00</b>
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### CAPITAL ACCOUNTS

Common stock—common par value (No. Shares authorized 500) (No. shares outstanding 500)	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus	150,000.00
Undivided profits	37,112.12
<b>TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTS</b>	<b>\$ 237,112.12</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES, RESERVES, AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS</b>	<b>\$3,811,081.66</b>

### MEMORANDA

Average of total deposits for the 15 calendar days ending with call date	\$3,584,758.16
Average of total loans for the 15 calendar days ending with call date	1,472,166.22

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:  
Victor Wojtek  
G. C. Allen  
Wm. H. Allen } Directors.

State of Texas, County of Coke, ss:  
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 8th day of May, 1969, and I hereby certify that I am not an officer or director of this bank.

Kenneth Lackey, Notary Public  
My commission expires June 1, 1969.



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## BIRTHS

Cristi Raylene is the new daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Aldredge of Grand Prairie. She was born April 25 and weighed five pounds, 13 ounces. Mrs. Aldredge is the former Leta Faye Robertson.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Warren Aldredge of Jal, New Mexico and Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Robertson of Robert Lee.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Robertson spent the weekend in Grand Prairie visiting their daughter and family and making the acquaintance of their new granddaughter.

## Lunchroom Menu

Monday, May 19

Barbecue beef on bun, buttered corn, combination salad, potato chips, milk, banana pudding.

Tuesday, May 20

Italian spaghetti with cheese, blackeyed peas with snaps, cole slaw, hot rolls and butter, chocolate chip cookies.

Wednesday, May 21

Fish sticks with tartar sauce, buttered potatoes, sliced tomatoes, lettuce, hot rolls and butter, milk, ginger bread.

## CRMWD Lakes Catching Water

Rains the forepart of last week have added somewhat to two lake levels for the Colorado River Municipal Water District.

Lake J. B. Thomas reached elevation 2229.45 Wednesday of last week, a gain of 1½ feet. Lake E. V. Spence, the new district reservoir above Robert Lee, was at an elevation 1819.90 and the river was still flowing briskly as far up as Silver. Beal's Creek was emptying into the river at a good clip. This represents a gain of 8.1 feet or about 15,000 acre feet.

Mrs. Eunice Olsen and Mrs. Naomi Powell took their second grade students on a field trip on Thursday of last week. They made a tour through Gandy's Creamery, Fort Concho Museum and Central Fire Station, then had a picnic lunch in the Park in San Angelo.

## WELCOME

Robert Lee Baptist Church  
West 11th and Chadbourne  
Bill Beaty, Pastor

Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.  
Training Union ..... 6:00 p.m.  
Evening Worship ..... 7:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Prayer Meeting ..... 7:00 p.m.

## CRMWD Has Bid Opening Tuesday

Directors of the Colorado River Municipal Water District were scheduled to open bids Tuesday in Big Spring for the construction of three pump stations. These proposals covered the structures only because contracts were awarded months ago for the pumps, motors, controls and starters.

The first units to be constructed will be at Big Spring, at McWhorter station on the Howard-Martin line, and at the Martin County pump station. Three others will be up for awards soon.

The board was also expected to firm plans for the dedication of Lake E. V. Spence and the Robert Lee Dam on June 14. Cong. Omar Burleson will be the speaker and a large number of top city and state officials have been invited to attend. The Odessa Chuck Wagon Gang will serve the luncheon, and tickets soon will be available in cities connected with the district as members or customers.

## MISS COUNTS HONORED AT TWU ASSEMBLY

DENTON, Texas (Special) — Jacquelin Beatrice Counts, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Q. Counts, Sterling City, was recently honored at the annual Honors Day Assembly at the Texas Woman's University.

She was one of three freshmen nursing students who were given a subscription to Nursing Clinics of North America, for maintaining the highest scholastic average possible, a 3 point average.

She is a member of Omega Rho Alpha, freshman English honor fraternity, and Alpha Lambda Delta, freshman honor fraternity, and was among those honored by the Delphi Society, an upperclassmen honor society, for scholastic achievement in high school.

She was one of six finalists in the Freshman Writers' Contest and winner of one faculty award.

## BRIDGE CLUBS MEET AT COUNTRY CLUB

The Tuesday and Friday Afternoon Bridge Clubs met recently for a luncheon and bridge party at the San Angelo Country Club. Mrs. Bill Allen and Mrs. Gerald Allen were hostesses for the gathering.

Mrs. Sherman Williams and Mrs. Palmer Leeper won high prizes and Mrs. Arthur Rynnion and Mrs. Bruce Clift won second high.

The Tuesday Afternoon Club will meet next on May 20 in the home of Mrs. Vaughan Davis.

Observer want ads are very effective and cost very little.

## ANNIVERSARY SPECIALS

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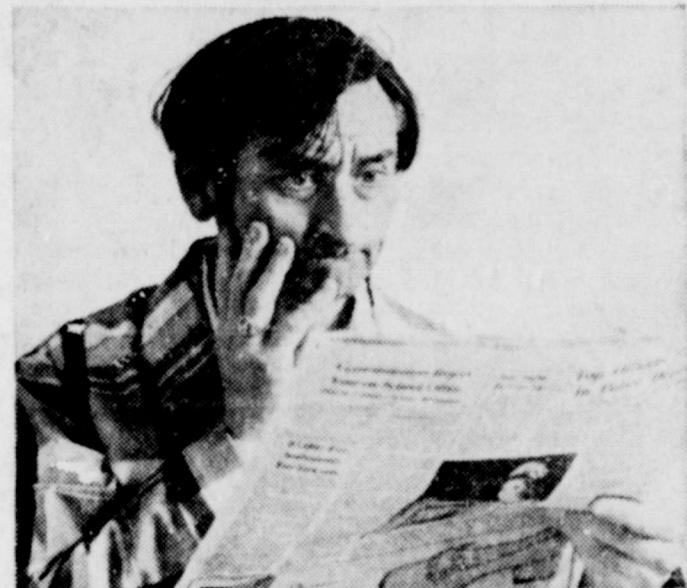
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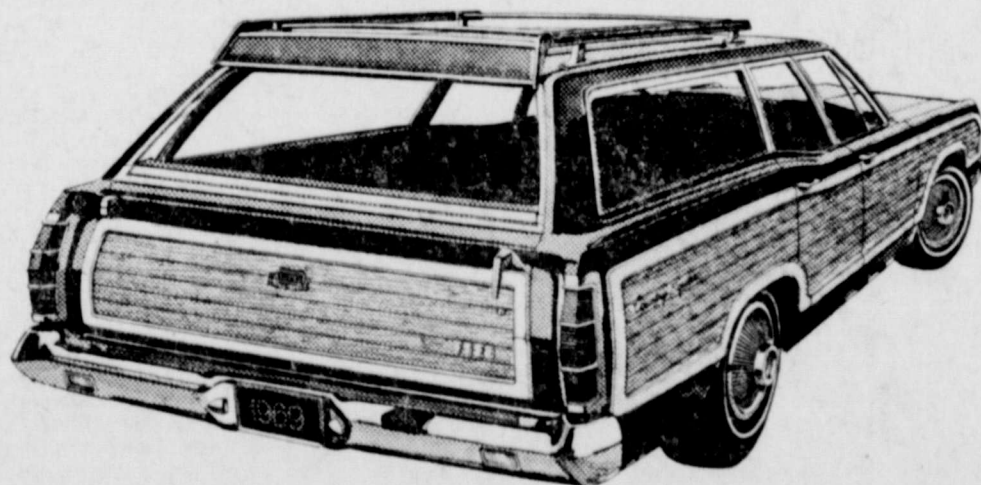
We're very concerned about Uncle Charlie!

You see, being concerned is about as far as Uncle Charlie ever goes. He worries about this...he gripes about that...but actually getting out and doing something to solve some of those problems...well...that never occurs to him. So, the problems remain...some get worse...new ones arise...and good old Uncle Charlie always has plenty to voice concern about.

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**Coke SS Payments \$39,000 a Month**

A record \$39,000 in monthly social security benefits was being paid to residents of Coke County at the end of December, 1968, according to Ted F. Moellering, district manager for social security. Throughout the country, monthly benefits payable at the end of 1968 amounted to nearly \$2.1 billion, some \$350 million higher than at the end of 1967," Mr. Moellering continued. "Approximately three-quarters of the increased monthly amount resulted from higher benefit rates authorized by the 1967 Amendments to the Social Security Act. The remainder of the increase was due simply to a greater number of beneficiaries."

By the end of May, 1969, social security will be paying monthly benefits to more than 25 million people — one out of every eight Americans. Although retired workers comprise the largest group of beneficiaries, almost one-fourth of all people receiving benefits are under 60. There are currently more than 3.8 million children and .5 million young widowed mothers receiving payments. Yet the public continues to think of social security as a program for old people.

In Coke County, 76 people under 60 are receiving benefits. That figure breaks down into 40 under 18, 8 from age 18 to 21, and 28 from age 22 to 59.

Many students would have been unable to continue their educations, Moellering said, were it not for the 1965 Amendments to the Social Security Act which extended survivors and dependents insurance benefits to students until their 22nd birthdays. In 1968, that program resulted in continuing benefits for 470,000 students.

Monthly payments to the family of a worker who dies leaving a widow and two or more children range from \$82.50 to \$434.40 a month, depending on

the worker's average earnings under social security. Payments to the young family of a worker who dies at an early age could total as much as \$85,000 to \$100,000.

Mr. Moellering also pointed out that by the end of 1968, about 90 percent of Americans 65 and over were either receiving cash benefit or would have been eligible for such benefits if they or their spouses had not been working.

In terms of Medicare, almost all people in the country 65 or over are eligible for hospital insurance benefits. Likewise, 95 percent of all older persons in the country have elected coverage under the voluntary supplementary medical insurance plan which pays physicians' fees.

Anyone with questions is asked to contact the Social Security office at 3000 West Harris Avenue in San Angelo, or contact the representative when he makes his monthly visit to this area.

**F.H.A. OFFICERS INSTALLED**

Next year's F.H.A. officers were installed at a meeting at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday of last week. Debra Vosburg is the new president.

Other new officers are Kay Cole, first vice-president; Sharon Hughes, second vice president; Angela Reed, third vice president; Peggy Green, fourth vice president and Donna Wallace, fifth vice president.

And Linda Parker, corresponding secretary; Jackie Conley, recording secretary; Kay McGinley, treasurer; Janet Brasuel, parliamentarian; Deone Derrick, historian and Beverley Shandley, pianist.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Salvato and Mrs. Gail Britt, all of San Angelo, were weekend visitors in the home of Mrs. Daisy McCutchen.

**VISIT FACTORY OPENING**

Mrs. Floyd Harmon and Mrs. Elton Millican visited recently in the home of their son and brother, Jerry Harmon and family in Lewisville.

They attended the grand opening of the Lewisville Glass and Tile Company, owned by Jerry Harmon and Curly Cross.

Jerry is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Harmon. He graduated from Robert Lee High School in 1957. He has three children, Jeanette Lee, Darwin and Damon. He has been owner of Jerry Harmon Tile Co. of Lewisville for eight years. The town is located 20 miles north of Dallas.

**KATHY DENMAN GETS READER'S DIGEST AWARD**

Kathy Denman, valedictorian of the 1969 graduating class of Robert Lee High School, has been given the annual one-year subscription award to the Reader's Digest, it was announced today by Principal Garland Davis.

Reader's Digest is presenting the awards in senior high schools throughout the United States to the highest honor student "in recognition of past accomplishments and in anticipation of unusual achievement to come."

The award to Kathy, who is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Denman, was made possible through the cooperation of Davis and his teaching staff. They selected Miss Denman to receive the award, designed to stimulate scholarship, citizenship, and continued contact with good reading after graduation.

Mr. and Mrs. Salis Angel and Mr. and Mrs. Andy Anderson, all of Houston, Mrs. Nina Slough and Mrs. Mary Voden of Midland were weekend guests in the home of Mrs. Elsie Latham.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**Proposed CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT NUMBER THREE ON THE BALLOT (SJR31)**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:**

Section 1. That Section 24, Article III, Constitution of the State of Texas, be amended to read as follows:  
"Section 24. The Lieutenant Governor and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall each receive from the Public Treasury an annual salary in an amount to be fixed by the Legislature, not to exceed one-half the annual salary of the Governor. Each other member of the Legislature shall receive from the Public Treasury an annual salary to be fixed by the Legislature, not to exceed the annual salary paid to a district judge from state funds. Members of the Legislature shall also receive a per diem of not exceeding Twelve Dollars (\$12) per day during each Regular and Special Session of the Legis-

lature. No Regular Session shall be of longer duration than one hundred and forty (140) days.

Sec. 2. The foregoing constitutional amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of this state at an election to be held on August 5, 1969, at which election the ballots shall be printed to provide for voting for or against the proposition: "The constitutional amendment providing that the Lieutenant Governor and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall receive a salary fixed by the Legislature, not to exceed one-half the salary of the Governor; providing that the Legislature shall fix the salary of the other members, not to exceed that received by a district judge from state funds; and removing the 120-day limitation on per diem for regular sessions."

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**Proposed CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT NUMBER SEVEN ON THE BALLOT (HJR4)**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:**

Section 1. That Section 51-d, Article III, Constitution of the State of Texas, be amended to read as follows:

"Section 51-d. The Legislature shall have the power, by general law, to provide for the payment of assistance by the State of Texas to the surviving spouse and minor children of officers, employees, and agents, including members of organized volunteer fire departments and members of organized police reserve or auxiliary units with authority to make an arrest, of the state or of any city, county, district, or other political subdivision who, because of the hazardous nature of their duties, suffer death in the course of the performance of those official duties. Should the Legislature

enact any enabling laws in anticipation of this amendment, no such law shall be void by reason of its anticipatory nature."

Sec. 2. The foregoing constitutional amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of this state at an election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in August, 1969, at which election the ballots shall be printed to provide for voting for or against the proposition: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the Legislature to provide for payment of assistance to surviving spouses and minor children of governmental officers, employees, and agents, including members of organized volunteer fire departments and certain organized police reserve units, who have hazardous duties and are killed in the performance of those duties."

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**Proposed CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT NUMBER FIVE ON THE BALLOT (SJR8)**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:**

Section 1. That Section 51-a of Article III of the Constitution of the State of Texas be amended, and the same is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

"Section 51-a. The Legislature shall have the power, by General Laws, to provide, subject to limitations herein contained, and such other limitations, restrictions and regulations as may by the Legislature be deemed expedient, for assistance grants to and/or medical care for, and for rehabilitation and any other services included in the federal laws as they now read or as they may hereafter be amended, providing matching funds to help such families and individuals attain or retain capability for independence or self-care, and for the payment of assistance grants to and/or medical care for, and for rehabilitation and other services to or on behalf of:  
"(1) Needy aged persons who are citizens of the United States or non-citizens who shall have resided within the boundaries of the United States for at least twenty-five (25) years;  
"(2) Needy individuals who are totally and permanently disabled by reason of a mental or physical handicap or a combination of physical and mental handicaps;  
"(3) Needy blind persons;  
"(4) Needy dependent children and the caretakers of such children.

"The Legislature may prescribe other eligibility requirements for participation in these programs as it deems appropriate.  
"The Legislature shall have authority to enact appropriate legislation which will enable the State of Texas to cooperate with the Government of the United States in providing assistance to and/or medical care on behalf of needy persons, in providing rehabilitation and any other services included in the federal laws

making matching funds available to help such families and individuals attain or retain capability for independence or self-care, to accept and expend funds from the Government of the United States for such purposes in accordance with the laws of the United States as they now are or as they may hereafter be amended, and to make appropriations out of state funds for such purposes; provided that the maximum amount paid out of state funds to or on behalf of any needy person shall not exceed the amount that is matchable out of federal funds; provided that the total amount of such assistance payments only out of state funds on behalf of such individuals shall not exceed the amount of Eighty Million Dollars (\$80,000,000) during any fiscal year.

"Supplementing legislative appropriations for assistance payments authorized by this Section, the following sums are allocated out of the Omnibus Tax Clearance Fund and are appropriated to the State Department of Public Welfare for the period beginning September 1, 1969 and ending August 31, 1971: Three Million, Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$3,600,000) for Old Age Assistance, Two Million, Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,500,000) for Aid to the Permanently and Totally Disabled, and Twenty-Three Million, Nine Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$23,900,000) for Aid to Families with Dependent Children. Such allocations and appropriations shall be made available on the basis of equal monthly installments and otherwise shall be subject to the provisions of currently existing laws making allocations and appropriations for these purposes.

"Provided further, that if the limitations and restrictions herein contained are found to be in conflict with the provisions of appropriate federal statutes, as they now are or as they may be amended to the extent that federal matching money is not available to

the state for these purposes, then and in that event the Legislature is specifically authorized and empowered to prescribe such limitations and restrictions and enacts such laws as may be necessary in order that such federal matching money will be available for assistance and/or medical care for or on behalf of needy persons.

"Nothing in this Section shall be construed to amend, modify or repeal Section 31 of Article XVI of this Constitution; provided further, however, that such medical care, services or assistance shall also include the employment of objective or subjective means, without the use of drugs, for the purpose of ascertaining and measuring the powers of vision of the human eye, and fitting lenses or prisms to correct or remedy any defect or abnormal condition of vision. Nothing herein shall be construed to permit optometrists to treat the eyes for any defect whatsoever in any manner nor to administer nor to prescribe any drug or physical treatment whatsoever, unless such optometrist is a regularly licensed physician or surgeon under the laws of this state."

Sec. 2. The foregoing Constitutional Amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of this state at an election to be held on the first Tuesday in August, 1969. At the election the ballots shall be printed to provide for voting "FOR" or "AGAINST" the proposition: "The Constitutional Amendment providing for assistance to and/or medical care on behalf of the needy aged, the needy blind, the needy disabled, and the needy dependent children and their caretakers; establishing Eighty Million Dollars (\$80,000,000) as the maximum amount that may be paid per year from state funds for assistance only; allocating and appropriating additional sums supplementing current legislative appropriations for assistance grants; and authorizing the Legislature to enact such laws as may be necessary in order that federal matching money will be available for assistance and/or medical care."

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**Proposed CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT NUMBER EIGHT ON THE BALLOT (HJR50)**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:**

Section 1. That Article III, Constitution of the State of Texas, be amended by adding a new Section 50b-1 to read as follows:

"Section 50b-1. (a) The Legislature may provide that the Coordinating Board, Texas College and University System, or its successor or successors, shall have authority to provide for, issue and sell general obligation bonds of the State of Texas in an amount not to exceed Two Hundred Million Dollars (\$200,000,000) in addition to those heretofore authorized to be issued pursuant to Section 50b of the Constitution. The bonds authorized herein shall be executed in such form, upon such terms and be in such denomination as may be prescribed by law and shall bear interest, and be issued in such installments as shall be prescribed by the Board provided that the maximum net effective interest rate to be borne by such bonds may be fixed by law.  
"(b) The moneys received from the sale of such bonds shall be deposited to the credit of the Texas Opportunity Plan Fund created by Section 50b of the Constitution and shall otherwise be handled as provided in Section 50b of the

Constitution and the laws enacted pursuant thereto.

"(c) The said bonds shall be general obligations of the state and shall be payable in the same manner and from the same sources as bonds heretofore authorized pursuant to Section 50b.

"(d) All bonds issued hereunder shall, after approval by the Attorney General, registration by the Comptroller of Public Accounts of the State of Texas, and delivery to the purchasers, be incontestable and shall constitute general obligations of the State of Texas under this Constitution.

"(e) Should the Legislature enact enabling laws in anticipation of the adoption of this Amendment such acts shall not be void because of their anticipatory nature."

Sec. 2. The foregoing constitutional amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of this state at an election to be held on the first Monday in August, 1969, at which election the ballots shall be printed to provide for voting for or against the proposition: "The Constitutional amendment authorizing the Legislature to provide for additional loans to students at institutions of higher education under the Texas Opportunity Plan."

### Soil Stewardship Week Being Observed

Soil Stewardship Week, a nationwide observance which places emphasis on man's obligation to God as stewards of the soil, water and other related sources, will be celebrated locally, May 11-18, according to J. W. Service, Sr., Chairman, Coke County Soil and Water Conservation District.

This year's observance with the theme "Confronting The Issues", underscores the responsibility which each citizen has in dealing forthrightly with current issues involving stewardship of renewable natural resources. The Coke Conservation District and some 3000 companion districts throughout the nation along with their state and national associations are sponsoring the event for the 15th consecutive year.

The Coke County Conservation District will distribute, upon request to churches of all faiths, program blanks, bulletin inserts, posters, and booklets created particularly for this year's observance.

Through the 1969 theme and in the attractively illustrated booklet, emphasis is placed upon confronting today's issues in this complex world.

For example, the booklet points out: "In a million small worlds, as well as in the great one, our lives become evermore complex. Our attitudes toward natural resources, as toward so many other values, are changing. We are increasingly worried about resource quality. We become more particular about resource uses. And out of these growing concerns an array of issues has emerged requiring judgment. We must consider these issues."

### Vacation Bible School June 2-6

A Vacation Bible School will be conducted June 2-6 by Robert Lee Baptist Church, it was announced this week. Classes will be held each day from 8:30 to 11 a.m. A preparation day, including a parade, is planned for Saturday, May 31.

Superintendents of departments are: beginner, Mrs. Joyce Dodson; primary, Mrs. Bill Beaty; junior, Mrs. Pete Prentice; intermediate, Mrs. C. F. Patterson.

Boys and girls, ages 3 to 16, as of Sept. 1, 1968, are invited to attend the school.

### HEARD AT SANCO

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Walker and sons of San Angelo visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Gartman last weekend.

Rev. Wilson Carwile of San Angelo visited his mother, Mrs. J. L. Carwile Sr. last Sunday.

Lvon and Ronnie Reid, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Sword and Ruthann; also a friend, Linda Jones of San Angelo, visited Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Reid and James last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Luie Frizell and Sharolett, also Mrs. Kent Hucklebridge and Marsha, all of Sweetwater, visited their mother and grandmother, Mrs. Lura Reid, last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. William Hood of San Angelo visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Gartman Sunday.

### Good Turnout for Cemetery Working

A large turnout of 31 persons were present for the working May 10 at Paint Creek Cemetery. Following the work session in the morning, a covered dish lunch was served at noon.

In the afternoon business session, D. P. Key was elected new president of the association and Mrs. Finis Harmon was reelected secretary-treasurer.

Plans were made to pipe water to the cemetery from the new lake as soon as enough water is caught to make the project feasible. Mrs. Harmon stated the estimated cost of the pipeline would be \$850. The next work day was set for Saturday, Nov. 22.

Money may be sent to Mrs. Harmon or Key by anyone who wishes to contribute to the pipeline project. When the cemetery association was formed, it was voted to assess families who have relatives buried there \$5 per year for improvements and upkeep.

### INCOME TAX SERVICE

Beginning Monday, Jan. 6th, I will be in my office in Robert Lee on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, and at Bronte Friday and Saturday, to assist you with your Income Tax Returns. Over 20 years experience all types tax accounting.

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year average of 94.84. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Fikes. Miss Kathy Denman, valedictorian of the class, will give the valedictory address. She has an average of 95.05 and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Denman.

Prin. Garland Davis will present the graduating class and verify that they have completed requirements for graduation. Diplomas will be presented by Superintendent Bickley and by School Trustees Billy J. Blair, Douglas Gartman, D. J. Walker Jr. and Truman Hines.

Mr. Beaty will give the invocation and Mr. Palmos will give the benediction. Mrs. Copeland will play for the program.

**Graduation Edition**

The annual graduation edition of The Observer will be issued next week. It will contain pictures of the seniors, along with the class prophecy, will and history. Friends of the class among Robert Lee business and professional people will have their names carried in advertising congratulating the seniors.

**BCD Has Film On Education**

President Garland Davis presided at the Tuesday noon meeting of the BCD and showed a film entitled "Within Our Grasp." The film was on the Texas Educational legislative program and told of a bill in the legislature for improving school systems of Texas.

The film brought out that Texas is below the national average in teachers' salaries as well as in several other respects. Robert Lee, it was pointed out, is above state level in salaries, with \$4734 per year for a young teacher just out of college with a bachelor's degree.

Another aspect of the bill for improvement include setting up salaries on a 10-month basis rather than nine, since most teachers have to spend some time after school is out winding up the year's work and must also start preparation in the summer several weeks before school starts.

Other features sought in the new proposed law would make some changes in the teacher contract law and provide for five days sick leave per year.

Mayor Wilson Bryan announced that the city has purchased a new tractor and shredder. He said as soon as they are delivered, city employees should be able to accomplish more clean up work in Robert Lee.

Twelve members were present for the meeting.

**FINNELL SMITHS ATTEND ELECTRIC COOP MEETING**

Mr. and Mrs. Finnell Smith flew to Washington last week on a business trip for the Concho Valley Rural Electric Cooperative, of which Smith is a director.

Mr. and Mrs. James Arrott of Bronte also made the trip.

The Coke County people joined a charter flight at Dallas for the trip to the nation's capital. They were in Washington from Sunday until Wednesday of last week.

**County SCD Wins Regional Honors**

Fourteen persons from Coke County went to Fredericksburg Tuesday night of last week for a regional soil conservation awards banquet and program. The Coke County Soil Conservation District was first place winner for its accomplishments during the past year and received \$300 along with the honor.

Included among those attending the dinner were directors of the district and their wives: Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Hendry, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Service Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Joe Rawlings and Jimmy, and Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Fikes; also District Conservationist W. E. Jacoby and Mrs. Jacoby; Range Conservationist Rex Brand and C. E. Arrott, winner of the Outstanding Coke County Conservationist award, and Mrs. Arrott.

This region, in which the county district won the top award is comprised of 50 soil conservation districts and extends from Central Texas to El Paso.

Mrs. Louis Collins of Balmorhea was a recent visitor in the home of her sisters, Mrs. Lois Burns and Mrs. Floyd Harmon.

**WANT ADS**

**CARD OF THANKS**

To those who expressed their sympathy in so many beautiful ways during our recent bereavement, we extend our heartfelt thanks.

The Family of Earl Roberts

**CARD OF THANKS**

I am truly grateful and thankful to the many good friends who visited me while in Robert Lee Hospital. Also to Dr. McDaniel and all the nurses for their kindness and thoughtfulness. Opal and Gene join me in saying Thanks and May God Bless You in a special way.

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