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Silver Homecoming Planned

Mrs. Mary Chapman, Coke's Oldest Citizen, Dies At 100

Funeral services for Mrs. Mary Booth Chapman, 100, were held at 2 p.m. Monday in Robert Masie Funeral Home in San Angelo. Burial was in Divide Cemetery in Coke County. The Rev. Durward L. Rutland, pastor of First Baptist Church in Water Valley, officiated.

Mrs. Chapman died in a Fort Worth hospital at 12:05 a.m. Saturday.

Mrs. Chapman was born Dec. 12, 1868 in Tupelo, Miss. She was married to Anderson S. Chap-

man, Jan. 8, 1890, in Egan community. He died in 1924.

The couple lived in the Egan community before coming to Coke County in 1891 via covered wagon to settle in the Divide community. She was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Jim Booth, who settled in Texas in 1883.

Mrs. Chapman and her husband homesteaded land near Divide and ultimately acquired 1,760 acres of land at \$1 an acre — which was still in Mrs. Chapman's possession.

Survivors include three daughters, Mrs. Susie Shelton of Burleson, Mrs. Alice Lobb of Cleburne and Mrs. Nannie O'Neal of San Pablo, Calif.; two sons, Bill Chapman of Quemado and Cooper Chapman of Water Valley; 25 grandchildren, 43 great grandchildren and 21 great-great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were grandsons.

Spotted Showers Fall Over Area

Small amounts of spotted rainfall brightened the weather picture for this area Sunday night and Monday. Heaviest measurement reported of one-half inch was a long way from what the country needs for both moisture and to help break the extended period of high temperatures.

Robert Lee shared the spotlight with one report in the rural area, with .5 inch. County Agent Sterling Lindsey also reported .5 inch at his home northeast of town. Silver had .3 inch and Sanco had .2 inch.

A trace was reported south of Robert Lee but it was so small that a measurement was impossible.

Cloudy weather made things look a little cooler Tuesday, but high temperatures continued and humidity was exceptionally high, to make the weather muggy and disagreeable.

Most of the clouds were gone by the middle of Wednesday morning.

Walker Sisters Top Dress Revue

Rebecca and Audrey Dee Walker, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Walker Jr., took top honors in the 4-H Club dress revue held last Friday at the Robert Lee Recreation Hall. Rebecca took top honors in the senior division and Audrey was top winner in the junior division. The girls will represent Coke County in the District VII dress revue Aug. 14 in San Angelo.

Other blue ribbon winners in the Senior Division were Linda Blair and Sheri Pitcock.

Winning blue ribbons in the Junior Division were Myna Kay Roane, Cheri Baker and Jeania Tinkler. Red ribbon winners were Sheila Roberts, Wanda Prine, Kathy Deen, Mary Elaine Lackey, LaNell Flowers, Sharon Prince and Janice Bloodworth.

Other 4-H girls participating in the clothing program were Lucia Garza, Mary Cervenka and Valerie Baker.

Judges for the dress revue were Mrs. Juanita O'Conner, county home demonstration agent of Runnels County, Mrs. Neuman

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Texas Water Plan To Be Discussed

The gigantic Texas Water Plan will be discussed at next Tuesday's meeting of the Board of Community Development. G. C. Allen, chairman of the Upper Colorado River Authority and member of the Governor's Committee of 500, will present the program which will consist of a film and discussion of the proposal.

The public is invited to attend the meeting and there will be no charge except each visitor will have to pay the \$1.50 charged for the noon meal.

Garland Davis, president of the BCD, said the organization hopes a large crowd will be present to learn more about this important plan and the constitutional amendment which will make it possible.



Mrs. Mary Chapman

Jr. Golf Tourney Set for Aug. 15

A junior golf tournament is planned for Aug. 15 at Mountain Creek Golf Course and all boys who are interested in entering it are requested to have their names at the pro shop as soon as possible.

Three divisions will compete in the tourney: 10-12 years of age, 13-15 years and 16-18 years with high school eligibility. A small entry fee will be charged and trophies will be awarded to winners of each division.

More details on the tournament will be announced later, but those in charge are interested in getting a list of prospective entries in as soon as possible.

Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Jacobs left Saturday on a week's vacation trip touring Colorado, Wyoming and other states.

A large crowd is expected for the combination homecoming and historical marker program which is scheduled for Sunday at Silver. The gathering will be held in the Silver Baptist Church fellowship hall and everyone is invited to attend.

The Silver Homecoming Association will furnish meat, bread and drinks for the noon meal, and women of the area are asked to bring covered dishes of vegetables, salads, desserts, etc.

Main event on the program will be the dedication of two historical markers at 2 in the afternoon. One marker will commemorate the pioneer settlement of the Silver community, and the other will be in commemoration of the Sun Oil Co. No. 1 Allen Jameson, the discovery well of Coke County's

first significant oil field.

A business meeting and short program will be held in addition to the marker dedication ceremony.

President of the Silver Homecoming Association is Ernest Clendennen and Mrs. Bob Odom is secretary.

The marker commemorating the discovery of oil at Silver has the following inscription:

FIRST PRODUCING OIL WELL IN COKE COUNTY

Sun Oil Company's Well — No. 1 Allen Jameson — was staked Sept. 1946 and struck oil Nov. 17.

Intermittent drilling had gone on in Coke County for 30 years, but this discovery began a county wide oil boom.

Drilled by the Dallas firm of Roberts & Hawkins, the well hit pay dirt at 6,230 feet in fossil-bearing limestone 280 million years old. In a 24-hour test it flowed 168 barrels.

Coke County recently ranked among the top quarter of oil-producing counties in Texas with its 18 fields exceeding 6.4 million barrels annually.

The other marker commemorating the establishment of the Silver community reads as follows:

COKE COUNTY CATTLE OIL AND GAS CENTER SILVER

A pioneer ranching center settled about 1880. Early land owners included S. M. Conner, W. G. James and W. R. Walker. Dr. J. E. Reed for 50 years was only physician here. R. B. Allen was outstanding civic leader.

Post office named for peak nearby was opened 1890 with Thomas J. Wiley postmaster.

School (2 mi. SW) was moved here and renamed Silver Peak.

Oil discovery, 1946, brought drilling, refining, employees' camps, much growth. The town became a busy oil-gas center.

After camps closed, 1966, the population declined.

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Mrs. Bryan Yarbrough, chairman of Coke County Historical Survey Committee, said the markers will be placed at the east edge of Silver near the intersection of Ranch Road 1672 and State Highway 208.

The markers measure 18 inches by 28 inches and are made of cast aluminum with Swedish steel effect. The markers and their location will appear in the next edition of the "Guide to Official Texas Historical Markers" in tourist guides and maps to stimulate tourist interest in this area, to provide interest in historical tours, and to acquaint the people of Coke County with their own unique historical past.

JONES HAVE NEW SON

Mr. and Mrs. Alton Jones of Carlsbad, N. M., have adopted a baby son. The baby was born July 17 and has been named Terry Dale. He weighed nine pounds, 14½ ounces.

Mrs. Jones is the former Joyce Cates. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Jones of Robert Lee and Mr. and Mrs. Dale Cates of Big Lake.

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Swim Lessons Completed

Large classes of beginner and advanced swimming students completed two weeks of instruction Friday. The ten lessons for both beginners and advanced pupils were taught under the direction of Coach Kenneth Rasco with Mike Mumford, James Fields, Ernest Herford, Cookie Hinnard and Jackie Conley assisting.

Beginners who completed their course Friday included the following 33 persons:

Marvin Doggett, Barry Preston, Valeri Robertson, Brantly Robertson, Richard Prentice, Terry Bryan, Wade Wallace, Eddie Calder, Stephen Miller, Theresa Clawson, Roy Clawson Jr., Jana Hood, Karen Preston, Danny Preston, Diana Tinkler.

Also Lynn Gulley, Monroe Killiam, Jo Ann Killiam, Larri Killiam, Sheila Pope, Darren Williams, Trey Womack, Kenda Rasco, Morris Wallace, Ricky Ross,

Buck Duncan, Eddie Hood, Jamie Sawyer, Denise Earls, Clay Bloodworth, Stevie Eldred, Jan Tartar and Shelly Hester.

Two pupils who enrolled as beginners and were moved up to the advanced course were Buddy Calder and Rosa Sanchez.

Forty advanced pupils who completed the advanced course were:

Doyle Doggett, James Doggett, Gayla Prince, Donna Ritter, Patricia Martin, Mike Martin, Tammy Hambright, La Johnna Dean, Vallery Dean, Scott Augustine, Stella Bickley, Karen Rasco, Debbie Calder, Jimmy Martin, David Meadows, Gary Womack, Cindy Walker, Debbie Askins, Pam Brice, Kay Brice.

And Katie Calder, Dennis Ivey, Marena Johnson, Dallas Johnson, Billy Matlock, Sharon Prince, Mary Hughes, Bobby Duncan, Phyllis Duncan, Tom Sawyer, Wesley Sawyer, Janice Blood-

worth, Mike Wallace, Kevin Poe, Lisa Devoll, Randy Prince, Ronnie Calder, Lori Martin, Mike Walker and Scott Augustine.

First week of the classes was spent in preliminary work such as learning strokes. The second week for the advanced students was used to teach them life saving. No first aid was taught this year; however plans for next year include it. Coach Rasco said the new lake here will create a real need for as many persons as possible to become proficient in life saving and first aid techniques.

The instructors were well pleased with the two weeks' of instruction for both beginners and advanced students, and said they hoped even more pupils will enroll next year. They had special praise for the progress made by the youngsters who took the beginner course.

Miss McCutchen Honored At Pre-Nuptial Events

Miss Rhea Jean McCutchen, bride-elect of Jonathan Michael Irish of Abernathy, has been the honoree at several social functions during the past week. The couple will be married Aug. 2.

Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Rudd entertained Miss McCutchen and Mr. Irish with a lawn party and barbecue Friday evening, on the back lawn of the Rudd home.

Center piece for the table was a unique arrangement of prickly pear with flowers of blue and gold, the chosen colors of the bride-to-be.

Guests other than the honoree were the bride-elect's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond McCutchen, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Fields, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Trimble, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Roach, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Vaughan, Mrs. D. P. Walling, Mrs. Marvin B. Simpson, Mrs. H. L. Scott, Misses Melinda Percifull, Kathy McCutchen and Christie Roach and Mr. Don Fields.

Out of town guests were Mrs. Doris Clements of Mason City, Iowa and Mrs. Palmer Leeper of Sanco.

Bridal Tea

Miss McCutchen was honored at a bridal tea from three to five p.m. Saturday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Trimble.

Hostesses for the party were Misses Trimble, W. T. Roach, D. P. Walling, Alfred Fields, J. O. Rudd and Marvin B. Simpson.

Assisting Mrs. Trimble and the honoree in receiving guests were the bride-elect's mother, Mrs. Raymond McCutchen, Mrs. J. L. Irish III of Abernathy, mother of the honoree's fiancé, Miss Kathy McCutchen and Miss Kathy Irish, sisters of the engaged couple.

Also in the house party were Misses Melinda Percifull, Christi Roach and Patti Ann Hearn, with Miss Percifull registering guests in the bride's book. Hostesses alternated at the serving table.

Forty guests registered. Gifts were on display in the gift room.

San Angelo Luncheon

A number of Robert Lee residents attended a luncheon given last week in honor of Miss McCutchen. Mrs. J. A. Arledge Jr. of San Angelo and Mrs. Palmer Leeper of Sanco were hostesses.

Robert Lee guests included the honoree's mother, Mrs. Raymond McCutchen, Mrs. Marvin B. Simpson, Mrs. D. P. Walling, Mrs. A. A. Kendall, Mrs. Alfred Fields, Mrs. Cumble Ivey, Mrs. Cumble Ivey, Jr., Mrs. J. O. Rudd, Mrs. G. C. Allen, Mrs. Doris Clements, Mrs. W. T. Roach, Mrs. William H. Allen, Miss Melinda Percifull and Miss Kathy McCutchen.

Other out of town guests were Mrs. Charlie Boecking of Bronte and Mrs. Jesse Cargile of Sweetwater.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Fort Stockton, Texas
To the Editor:

Voters of Texas will make an important decision on the future of our state when they vote August 5 on the Texas Water Plan Amendment — No. 2 on the ballot.

Should we fail to approve Amendment No. 2 it would mean that the Congress, federal agencies, and states of the lower Mississippi Basin, must assume that people of Texas are not interested in doing what is necessary to provide enough water to meet future needs of our state. It could also mean that Texans are not interested in any of the possibilities for getting needed water from outside our state.

It needs also to be pointed out that while No. 2 authorizes 3.5 billion in bonds, the funds would be used over a period of 40 to 50 years, not all at once. No bonds could be sold without approval of 2-3 of both branches of the legislature, and would not be offered until the money is actually needed for construction. Repayments of principal and interest will be well underway long before all are sold. None would be used for gifts or grants. Those who use the water will have to pay for it, with interest.

Misunderstanding has been created by statements of some that the Texas Water Plan has been brought into being without thought or planning. Almost 12 years ago Texas voters adopted a constitutional amendment that created the Texas Water Development Board, and authorized the first bonds — 200 million. Twice since the plan has been expanded and continued by vote of Texans.

I voted, as a member of the Texas Legislature, to submit this amendment for the decision of Texas voters, and sincerely hope that they will give it their approval on August 5.

George Baker
State Representative, 66th District.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Teddy Pitcock and Sheri, Mr. and Mrs. Gaylon Pitcock and Mrs. Anna Mae Cox of Winters attended the Pitcock reunion Sunday in the community center in Abilene.

Bonnie Sue Mayfield spent last week here visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Lenzy McDorman. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Mayfield of San Angelo.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Wallace Jr. and children visited Sunday at Midland in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Wilks.

Keener Services Held in Ranger

Funeral services for Henry Edward (Buster) Keener, 64, of Graham, were held at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday at United Pentecostal Church in Ranger. The Rev. J. E. Lamb, pastor, officiated, assisted by the Rev. Virgil C. Miller of Graham.

Mr. Keener, brother of Harland W. Keener of Robert Lee, died at 3 a.m. Monday in a Graham hospital after a short illness.

Burial was in Evergreen cemetery in Ranger.

He was born April 2, 1905, in Erath County. He was married to Blanche Odell White July 20, 1935 in Ranger.

Survivors include his wife; six brothers, Harvey J. of Houston, Harland W. of Robert Lee, J. L. of Ranger, Ben of Graham, Claude of Bossier City, La. and Louis of LeFors; a sister, Mrs. Lon McDonald of Gorman.

Mrs. Velma Thomason underwent major surgery at Shannon Hospital in San Angelo Tuesday of last week. Relatives said that she is making a good recovery.

Donna Wallace is spending a few days this week at Silver visiting in the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Bloodworth.

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Hospital News

July 15 — E. C. Davis, La Donna Scott admitted. Miss Effie Murray, Richard Marquis dismissed.

July 16 — E. C. Davis, Dan Middleton dismissed.

July 17 — Maria Soto admitted. J. E. Terry, A. H. Pope, La Donna Scott dismissed.

July 18 — Raymond McCutchen admitted and dismissed.

July 19 — Baby girl Soto admitted. Mrs. C. J. Brooks dismissed.

July 20 — Daisy McCutchen admitted.

July 21 — Maria Soto and daughter dismissed.

On Tuesday there were four patients in the hospital and nine in the nursing home.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Hall, Judy and Dana of Columbus, Ohio, are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dave King this week.

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PERSONALS

Weekend visitors July 4th in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Turney Casey and Mrs. Pearl Schooley were: from Ft. Worth, Mrs. Schooley's son and family, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Schooley, Jack and Annie. Children of the Caseys present were Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Coulter, Nelson, Turney, Tim and Layne, San Angelo; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Casey, Silver and Pam Milligan, Roanoke. Jack Schooley remained for a week's visit. Mrs. Schooley accompanied him home and remained in Fort Worth for a visit with her son and family and also with her daughter and family in Springtown. Pam Milligan returned home to Roanoke with her grandparents after a two weeks visit. The Caseys enjoyed a few days visit with their daughter and family of Roanoke. They also visited the wax museum in Dallas. Nelson Coulter went with his grandparents to Roanoke. Sunday visitors in the Casey home were Mr. and Mrs. Dean Harper of San Angelo.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Connor of Costa Mesa, California arrived Sunday to spend several days here visiting her brother, Snipe Conley.

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Coke County Quarterly Statement

From April 1 To June 30, 1969

Fund	Balance April 1, 1969	Receipts	Disbursements	Balance June 31, 1969
Jury	\$ 28,191.16	\$ 350.00	\$ 309.27	\$28,231.89
General	76,664.83	2,768.71	30,058.31	49,375.23
Officers Salary	13,485.44	7,990.42	16,480.40	4,995.46
Road & Bridge	25,949.06	38,924.42	25,247.69	39,625.79
Farm to Mkt. & Flood Control	33,462.63	427.47	16,619.53	17,270.57
Social Security	16,182.32	0	4,372.27	11,810.05
Road Bond No. 1, Ser. 1959	24,357.82	305.93	0	24,663.75
Coke County Park Bond	37,076.73	97.52	30,450.00	6,724.25
TOTAL	\$255,369.99	\$50,864.47	\$123,537.47	\$182,696.99

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF COKE ss

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority appeared Jerry Thomason, County Treasurer of Coke County, Robert Lee, Texas, who being duly sworn, says the within and foregoing is a true and correct statement as taken from the Quarterly Report of the County Treasurer of Coke County, Texas.

Jerry Thomason
County Treasurer, Coke County, Texas

Opal Jacoby
Notary Public in and for Coke County, Texas

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CLASS OF 1949 HAS ANNUAL REUNION

The graduating class of 1949 held their 20th year reunion at the Coke County Recreation Hall last weekend. There were 13 members of the class of 22. Three other members who attended school with the class were present.

Saturday night, the group had sandwiches and cookies and showed pictures that had been taken at past reunions.

Sunday was enjoyed with good food, visiting and more picture taking for the next reunion.

Attending from out of town were Mr. and Mrs. Russell Cox, Ricky, Russell Jr., Rhonda, Jimmy and Judy, Bedford, Tex.; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Brock, Jackie, Darral and Kay, Austin; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Jones, Debbie and Kathy, Abilene; I. H. Devoll Jr., Kerrville; Mr. and Mrs. John L. Bruton, Paula and Patti, Midland; and James Jackson, San Angelo. Mrs. Edna Havins, Linda and

Members and families from Robert Lee attending were Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Walker Jr., Sharon, Rebecca, Audrey and Cindy, Mr. and Mrs. Fred McCabe Jr., Doyle, Melvin and Mendy, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Percifull, Danny, Dee Anne, Theresa, Mike, Anthony, Joel, Kelley, Pat and Amy, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Baker Mary and Sherri, Mr. and Mrs. Les Copeland, Gaye and Daryl, Jan, Mr. and Mrs. Hershall Hall and Randy, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Tinkler, Walter, Jeania, Clark and Diana, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Blair, Roy and Linda.

Visitors were Darrel Pitcock, Judy Gartman, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Ruth, Mrs. Eula Smith, David, Johnny Frank and Gina Lou Hickman, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Dean, Gaye and Elaine, Kurt Hall, Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Millican, Elaine and Tim.

Mrs. Millican was the only teacher who attended.

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AUSTIN, Tex. — It starts all over again (July 28). Legislators will be back at the capitol, finishing up the finance chores they left dangling in their regular session.

Gov. Preston Smith, who called the special session after he rejected the lawmakers' no-tax, one-year budget and insisted on adoption of a balanced biennial appropriations bill, apparently will spell out his recommendations on opening day.

Smith has been conducting a series of talks with business and industry leaders, exploring tax ideas. Legislators are expected to have to come up with a revenue measure totalling \$300 million or more.

Governor abandoned the idea of waiting until after the August 5 vote on an \$80 million welfare spending limit and other proposed constitutional amendments. Advisors and legislative leaders told him lawmakers will need everyone of the 30 days allotted for the special session to complete the big money job at hand.

Key legislative leaders have done some spadework on a \$5.6 billion two-year budget for the fiscal period extending through August 31, 1971. No major difficulties are anticipated here, although some hitches could develop.

New court bills also are being drawn up in preparation for special session effort to enact a measure to replace the courts measure vetoed by Smith last month as reaching his desk too late.

WATER FOR TEXAS — Another state has offered Texas an option to purchase its surplus waters, State Water Development Board Director Howard Boswell revealed recently.

Boswell spoke in answer to criticism of Constitutional Amendment 2 on the August 5 ballot to authorize \$3.5 billion in bonds to finance a master water plan for the state.

Campaigns for and against the proposed amendment are heating up as election date nears. Proponents led by the Governor's Committee of 500 argue that its failure would be "catastrophic" for the state and that the bonds will prove to be money makers for Texas as well as permitting orderly development of water resources.

Opponents, sparked by State Sen. Charles Herring of Austin, wildlife conservationists and strict-economy groups, contend that cost of the contemplated program would be tremendous, that delay for a year or two of added study would be justified.

Nine amendments will be voted on August 5. Major interest centers on water bonds and a proposal to raise the welfare spending ceiling. Annual sessions of the legislature and higher pay for lawmakers are among other amendments to be decided. A "Nine for Texas Committee" is leading a campaign for the entire package.

OIL ALLOWABLE SLASHED — For the second consecutive month, Railroad Commission cut

the statewide oil allowable, setting the August figure at 53.1 percent of potential.

Top production would be 3,310,997 barrels a day. Allowable was lowered from 63.5 percent of potential in June to 54.7 percent in July. Nine major producers requested the same allowable as July, three sought less and only two asked for more oil during August.

Visitors in the home of Mrs. E. O. Higgins Sunday were her three daughters and their families, Mr. and Mrs. Francis L. Smith and son, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Terry and children, all of San Angelo and Mr. and Mrs. John L. Bruton of Midland.

DEATH OF JAMES REED

A telegram was received at the Observer office Monday stating that James I. Reed died in his home at 11 p.m. Sunday in Fresno, California. Funeral services were held in Steven and Dean Funeral Chapel there at 2 p.m. Tuesday, July 22. Burial was in a local cemetery.

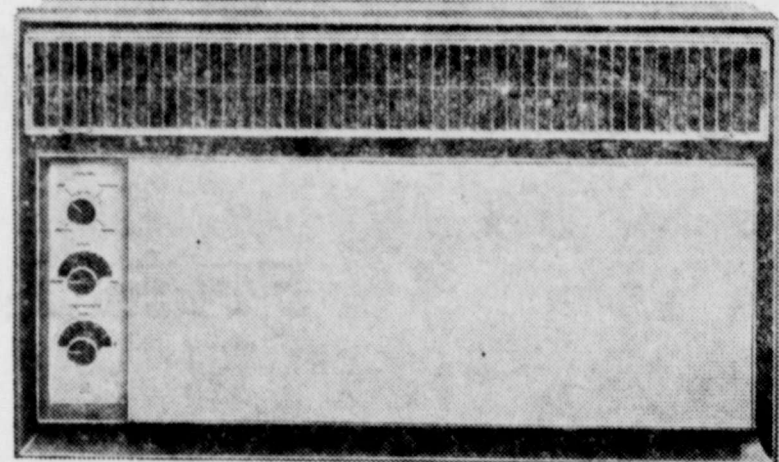
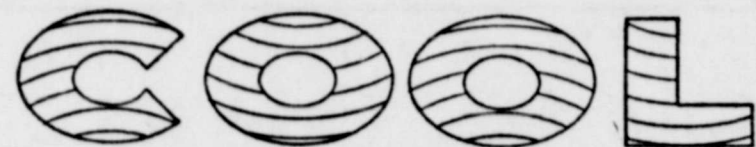
Mr. Reed was a former resident of the Silver community. He is survived by several children and grandchildren.

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 8:00 p.m.

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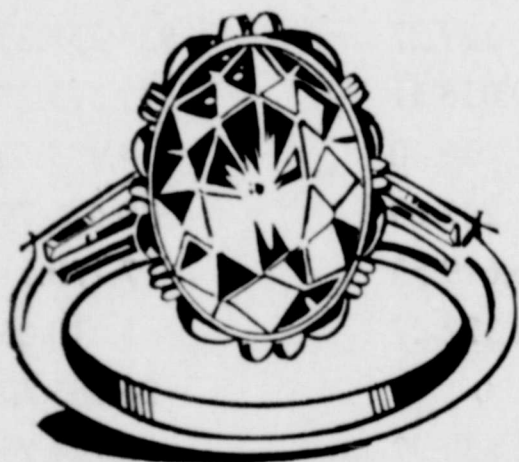
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Miss Percifull, Jacky Preslar to Meet

Two high school students from Coke County will travel by chartered bus Tuesday, July 29, to Baylor University in Waco where

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By MRS. FAY C. ROE

CHARGE ACCOUNT WARNING

Although a new law requires creditor to state finance charges, their actual interest rate can range from 18 to more than 36 percent.

The difference lies in which method they use to compute the charge: previous balance or adjusted balance.

The usual monthly service charge of one and one-half percent on revolving charge accounts must be labeled as 18 percent under the new Truth-in-Lending law.

Unfortunately the law permits department stores and other creditors such as oil companies and bank card plans to compute the finance charges by two methods. One can be quite a bit more expensive than the other.

Look for the words "Previous Balance" on the sales slip. In this method consumers are not credited with payments or returns. The one and one-half percent charge is applied to the previous month's balance.

This system works like this: on a \$300 purchase that a \$50 item was returned and \$100 was paid during the billing cycle \$4.50 was added to the account. The total bill the next month would be \$154.50 if no other purchase was made.

The actual annual percentage rate is 36 percent. It may be even higher in other cases.

"Adjusted Balance" means the consumer gets credit for returns and payments before the one and one-half percent is added to his bill.

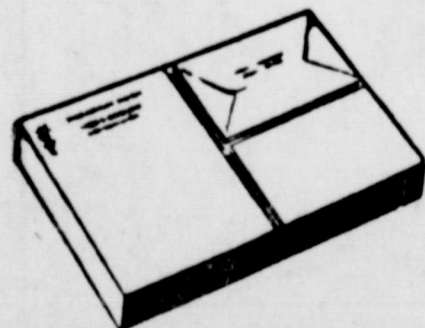
The same transaction of \$300 with the return of a \$50 item and payment of \$150 would have a charge of \$2.25 added to next month's bill. The total would then be \$152.25. That is a difference of \$2.25 for the same services in different stores.

The customer's copy of the charge slip tells him to pay the total amount in a certain number of days and have a finance charge added to the next month's bill.

A person that uses a revolving charge account in stores using the costlier method of computing the percentage rate will pay much more for the use of credit.

A little shopping for the stores that have the cheapest plan can make a big difference in the amount of money spent over a period of time.

At least the Truth-in-Lending law does require a creditor to explain his method of finance charges on every month's bill.



PERSONAL STATIONERY

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they will attend a Citizenship Seminar July 29-Aug. 2 conducted by the Texas Farm Bureau.

They are: Dee Ann Percifull, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wayman Percifull of Bronte, and Jacky Preslar, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Burns of Robert Lee.

The Coke County Farm Bureau is sponsoring the local students at the four-day training school. Some 390 students from 140 counties across the state will be attending the session.

Four outstanding, nationally known lecturers will address the Waco training school, according to Wayne Arrott of Bronte, president of the Coke County Farm Bureau.

They are Dr. C. L. Ganus, president of Harding College, Searcy, Ark.; Dr. C. L. Kay, assistant president of Lubbock Christian College; John Noble, Muncy, Pa.; author of "I Was a Slave in Russia;" and W. Cleon Skousen, Salt Lake City, author, lawyer, educator and former FBI agent.

In addition, a young former narcotics addict and ex-convict from Dallas will relate the tragic story of his life as an addict and criminal. At the conclusion of the seminar on Aug. 1, 18-year-old Miss Mary Rando of Friona will give her rendition of "I Am the Nation," a patriotic recitation that helped her win the Freedom Foundation's George Washington Honor Medal.

Purpose of the seminar is to give the student a better understanding of the American system and way of life. Emphasis will be placed on the economic, moral and social aspects of the American society. Instruction will consist of lectures, films, and panel discussions.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

All peace officers and county attorneys are pledged to enforcement of this law.

"Necessity of Protective Headgear, VCS Art. 6701c-3 sec. 2;

After December 31, 1967, no person may operate a motorcycle on a public street or highway of this state unless he wears protective headgear which has been approved by the Department of Public Safety, nor may any person carry a passenger on a motorcycle on a public street or highway of this state unless the passenger wears protective headgear which has been approved by the Department of Public Safety, nor may any person ride as a passenger on a motorcycle on a public street or highway of this state unless he wears a protective headgear which has been approved by the Department of Public Safety.

Violations; penalties, VCS Art. 6701c-3 sec 7:

A person who violates Section 2 of this act is guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction is punishable by a fine of not less than \$10 nor more than \$50.

Act 1967, 60th Leg. p. 788 ch. 329, ef. Aug. 28, 1967."

Very truly yours,
Frank C. Dickey
County Attorney

Mrs. W. R. Denman returned home Monday from a three weeks vacation trip touring New Mexico and Colorado. She accompanied her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Denman of Baird.

Mrs. Artie Gibbons of Clyde spent the weekend in Robert Lee visiting in the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Ell Hatley and Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Hughes and with her mother, Mrs. Eva Hayley, at West Coke Hospital.

PERSONALS

The King reunion will be held Saturday, July 26, at the recreation center. Friends of the family are invited.

J. T. Brice of Bronte visited Sunday in the home of his son and family, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Brice.

Mr. and Mrs. Alton Jones of Carlsbad, N. M. and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Jones visited over the weekend in the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Lester McCarty and Mr. and Mrs. Joe D. Cates at Weatherford.

Sherry Pitcock and Rebecca Walker are visiting in Abilene with Sherry's aunt, Mrs. Melva Winkler.

Yale Canfield of Abilene was guest speaker for both morning and evening services Sunday in the Northside Church of Christ.

Mrs. W. T. McAdams of Wellington visited relatives in Robert Lee Sunday. Her children, Vicki and Glen, remained here to visit a week in the home of their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Mitchell and Mr. and Mrs. W. D. McAdams.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Jones and Mr. and Mrs. Chism Brown visited the weekend of July 18 in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Burk Calhoun at Pasadena, Texas and attended two baseball games in the Astrodome. The games were between the Astros and Cincinnati and the Astros and Los Angeles.

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BCD Meet Covers Subjects of Interest

BCD President Garland Davis, who is also high school principal, announced at Tuesday's meeting that school would not start this year until Sept. 2, the day after Labor Day. This is the first time in many years that the school has not started in late August. The delay is due to the construction now underway at the school.

Davis said the building program is coming along fine, and some of the new structures will be ready for use when the school term opens. However, it will be some time after Sept. 1 before the job is completed. One vacancy exists on the school faculty and some applications for the job have been received, Davis said. He added that the vacancy probably will be filled at the next meeting of the school board.

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Smith of Ballinger and Miss Larne Eggemayer of Ballinger, Seventy persons attended the revue. Mrs. Fay C. Roe, Coke County home demonstration agent, presented awards to the girls. Miss Suzanne McBurnett was commentator.

Included among the adult leaders in the program are Mmes. T. E. Pitcock, D. J. Walker, Jr., Billy J. Blair, W. E. Burns and Larry Jameson, Misses Pitcock, Blair and Walker are junior leaders.

The president also announced the Silver homecoming and marker dedication which will be held Sunday.

Cumbe Ivey Jr. reported the company which has an order for printing reproductions of the proposed highway signs on the city's highways has had a machinery breakdown but has assured him the job will be completed this week.

City Councilman Jack Denman said a communications company plans to meet with the city council next week to discuss a cable TV franchise. The city in exchange for the franchise would receive a gross receipts tax from the company.

Commissioner Fern Havins reported on progress which has been made in resetting county precinct lines to comply with a supreme court ruling that county precincts have to be divided according to population.

Football practice starts Aug. 18, Davis announced and some pre-season scrimmages are planned. Early High School will come here for the Steers' first scrimmage. Davis said school officials are looking for a "fair football club" this year. There will be lots of new boys and much of the season will be spent in rebuilding.

Next week's BCD program will be presented by Gerald C. Allen, who will present a film and discussion on the Texas Water Plan. More information on this program will be found in another story in this week's Observer.

Anyone who plans to attend the BCD luncheon and program should call Mrs. Mary L. Prine, secretary-treasurer, and make a reservation. She can be reached at the Observer office, phone 453-2433.

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SWIFT'S JEWEL SHORTENING - - - - 3 lb. can 49c

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SUNBEAM VANILLA WAFERS - 29c Bag 23c

MISSION DRINKS, asst. flavors - ea. 10c

KIM FACIAL TISSUES - 200 ct. 23c

Gain Detergent gt. size 79c

VAN CAMP PORK & BEANS, No. 2 can - 2 for 39c

KRAFT BARBEQUE SAUCE - 18 oz. bot. 39c

BEST MAID PICKLES, Sliced Dill - - - - qt. jar 39c

ZESTA CRACKERS - - - 1 lb. box 33c

TOWN HOUSE CRACKERS - 1 lb. box 39c

Coca-Cola 6 bot. ctn. 49c

GANDY PURE ICE CREAM - 1/2 gal. crt. 79c

GANDY FROZAN - - - 1/2 gal. crt. 39c

MORTON FROZEN DINNERS - each. 39c

FROZEN FRENCH FRIES - 2 lb. bag 31c

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