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Mr. and Mrs. Buster Pierce

Mr. and Mrs. Buster Pierce Celebrate Golden Anniversary With Reception

Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Pierce celebrated their golden wedding anniversary Sunday with a reception in the Recreation Center. Guests called from 2.30 to 5:30 p.m.

Hosts for the occasion were the couple's nieces, nephews and grandsons, including Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Denman of Robert Lee, Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Denman of Bronte, Mr. and Mrs. Orval Denman of Washington, D. C., Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Denman of Corpus Christi, and Douglas and Joe Pierce of Waco.

Mr. and Mrs. Pierce were married Sept. 27, 1919, in Quinlan. Officiating was the Rev. N. C. Hester. Mrs. Pierce was the former Gladys Ryan. The couple had two sons, one of whom died

Bickley Reports On Construction Of New School

Supt. Jim Bickley gave a progress report on the construction job at Robert Lee School at Tuesday's meeting of the BCD. He gave his report in addition to a few short reports on BCD business and other items of interest.

Bickley stated that school is in session, even though the building program is still going full swing. All classes have a place to meet and things are running along pretty smoothly in spite of the handicap of construction. He said the agriculture building, two classrooms and the lunch room are in use with only minor touch-up jobs remaining. The new band hall is expected to be ready for use in two weeks and remodeling of the old gym is expected to be completed in one week.

Even though the contractors have until February to complete the new \$700,000 addition, they hope to have it completed by Thanksgiving. A check by the architect's representative last Friday wound up with quite a long list, and a number of touch-up jobs are called for on construction which appears completed.

The superintendent said school officials believe work will go much faster in the next few months, due to the fact that workers will be inside out of the weather and able to work every day.

Bickley said the old gymnasium is being completely redone, except for the floors which are in good shape. New windows, doors, steel work, gutters and an

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when he was 13 months old. Their other son, Edward Earl Pierce, was killed in a traffic accident in June 1963.

The Pierces moved here in 1927 from Quinlan. He is a retired stock farmer and Mrs. Pierce is a licensed vocational nurse at West Coke Hospital.

Special guests at the reception were brothers and sisters of the couple. Mr. Pierce's sisters and brother are Mrs. Inez Russell of Dallas, Mrs. Calip Willis of Snyder, Mrs. Aine Morris of Petersburg and Clay Pierce of Terrell. Mrs. Pierce's sisters and brother are Mrs. Vera Deeweese of Quinlan, Mrs. Frank Mitchell of Quinlan and James Ryan of Dallas.

Other out of town guests were Mrs. Gwen Smith of Greenville; Mrs. Lula Pierce, Carroll Plunk and Mr. and Mrs. Bervia Plunk, Dallas; Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Denman and Dennis and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Leonard, Corpus Christi; Mr. and Mrs. Lanny Denman, Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Lee, Norton.

And Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Jackson, Kilgore; Calip Willis and Mr. and Mrs. Royce Clanton, Snyder; Mrs. Raymond Douglas, Waco; Mr. and Mrs. Howard Latimore, Earl Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Counts and Richard Denman, San Angelo; Walter Pate, Austin; Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Brice, Midland; Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Sheffield, Odessa; Mrs. G. A. Beeman, Sweetwater; Richard Denman, San Diego, Calif.

A total of 138 persons registered.

Commissioners Announce New Precinct Lines

Citizens of Precincts 1 and 3 may not know which commissioner precinct they live in now, as the commissioners court has announced changes in precinct lines to conform to a ruling of the Supreme Court of the United States that all precincts within a county must contain approximately the same number of people.

Since the county was first organized precincts 1 and 2 have had a preponderance of the county's population since they, respectively contained the towns of Robert Lee and Bronte. With the new redistricting precincts 3 and 4 contain about the same number of residents as precincts 1

and 2. The new lines give Commissioner Floyd Harmon of precinct 3 a hunk of Robert Lee which formerly all belonged to Commissioner Fern Havins of precinct 1. Likewise, Commissioner Jack Corley of precinct 4 took a sizeable piece of Bronte from Commissioner Howard Brock of precinct 2—all to even out the population requirement devised by the men in Washington wearing long black robes and who have the final say on all questions brought to their attention.

The revolutionary change which has or will affect a majority of counties all over the country, was brought about by former Mayor

Hank Avery of Midland, who objected to rural commissioners of Midland County controlling the county government. Avery took his case all the way to the Supreme Court and he won his point.

Towns Split

The redistricting split Robert Lee and Bronte approximately in half. Everything north of State Highway 158 in Robert Lee remains in precinct 1, while everything south of the highway, including the county courthouse, now is in precinct 3. In Bronte everything, except for a few jogs in the south part of town, which is west of Washington (Church) Street now is in precinct 4, while everything east of Washington remains in precinct 2.

The commissioners did leave the two west side precincts and the two east sides intact within themselves, making all the changes so as not to interfere with the boundary lines of the county's two hospital districts which follow the boundary lines of precincts 1 and 3 for the West Coke County Hospital District and the lines of precincts 2 and 4 for the East Coke County Hospital District.

Generally the precinct lines follow the same lines they have for years except for their approaches to, and the area within the two towns. Precinct 3 now follows a line from the west boundary of the county which runs east and west approximately two miles north of the Sterling City highway until it reaches the shores of Lake E. V. Spence; then it follows the south shoreline of the lake till it comes to the highway. From there it follows the highway till it intersects Robert Lee Dam; then it travels northward until it intersects the old Sterling City highway; then it follows the highway through Robert Lee and continues westward to a spot approximately at Seven Mile Hill, where it turns south to

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Barbecue, Scrimmage Set For Friday Night

Football fans will have an opportunity to help the Quarterback Club and enjoy a barbecue feast Friday evening at the football field. An additional treat will be in store for all those who attend the affair when the 1969 Robert Lee Steers meet the Ozona Lions in a football scrimmage.

Serving of the barbecue supper will begin at 6:30 and the scrimmage will start at 7 p.m. Ronnie Baker, secretary of the Quarterback Club, said Wednesday morning in case of rain at the time the barbecue is planned, it will be served in the new school lunchroom. Tickets are \$1.25 for adults and 75 cents for students.

Included on the menu are barbecued beef, potato salad, beans, onions, pickles, bread, tea and coffee. All the food except potato salad, will be prepared by the club. Wives of club members are requested to bring a bowl of potato salad.

The Quarterback Club is currently having a membership drive, and every football fan in the area is urged to join the organization. The club is the only group, outside of the school, which gives real support to the football team. Main item of expense for the club is filming football games, and making the films available to the team and coaching staff. Memberships cost \$3.00.

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Regulations Given On Dove Hunting

Dove season began Monday in this area had a large number of hunters already have been getting their share of the big crop of doves in the Coke County area.

Game warden R. L. Flanagan said this week that laws are pretty rough on violators, and that they will be enforced every time a lawbreaker is caught.

Flanagan said that hunting time is from noon until sunset and that 10 birds per day with 20 in possession is the limit. He also mentioned that hunters who are hunting outside their county of residence must have a current hunting license. The old rule of not shooting from a public road is still in effect.

Flanagan said that fines for violation of hunting laws have been raised since last season and violators should consider this when tempted to break the law. "We want everybody to have a good hunt and a good time, but the law must be enforced," he said.

New Pharmacy To Open Monday

A new pharmacy will open in Robert Lee Monday when Mr. and Mrs. DeWitt Snead open a drive-in store on Highway 158 next to Westway Grocery. Snead announced this week, also, that he will have a formal opening of the new business Friday, Sept. 12.

A drive-in window will be featured at the new store, allowing persons to drive in, give their orders for drug needs and have them filled without ever leaving their cars.

Snead has been a registered pharmacist since 1930 and told the Observer this week that since that time he has filled more than a half million prescriptions. He has worked in a large number of drug stores since that time, as employee, manager and owner. He came here from Fort Stockton where he was associated with his son in the operation of a phar-

macy. He was employed by Oswald's Pharmacy in Seminole for 12 years and prior to that time worked in San Angelo, Austin and Abilene.

Robert Lee Native

Snead is no stranger to Robert Lee, having been born and reared in this community. He is a brother of J. C. Snead Jr. and Miss Iva Snead of Robert Lee, B. D. Snead of Bronte and J. L. Snead of Roscoe. His mother is Mrs. John C. Snead Sr. of Robert Lee. The Sneads have two sons, Thomas Snead Jr., who operates a pharmacy in Fort Stockton, and John Snead who is a barber in Houston.

Snead said this week he will have a completely new stock of fresh drugs and pharmaceuticals which will enable him to fill any doctor's prescription. "I will fill any doctor's prescription just as

he prescribes it, either day or night," he said.

S&H Green stamps will be given with all purchases, Snead said.

The new tile building will be surrounded by a paved area, making it possible to get to the store in all kinds of weather.

Snead told the Observer that he had always thought Robert Lee was one of the best little towns in the country and "I know it is the best place in the world to live." He added that he and his wife decided to come back to his home town, establish a business to serve the people and spend the remainder of their lives here.

More information about the formal opening Sept. 12 will be carried in next week's Observer. Snead did say that he will have free prizes for both adults and children and free door prizes for lucky winners.



AUSTIN, Tex. — With the first special session of the Legislature a failure, Gov. Preston Smith called lawmakers back for a second try at writing a biennial budget and a balancing tax bill.

Midnight gavels fell August 26 with neither task accomplished after tax conference committees were unable to break a stubborn deadlock.

Lt. Gov. Ben Barnes blamed the first session impasse on House refusal to place beer and liquor under the sales tax. House speaker Gus Mitscher said that was a "smokescreen" masking other reasons for the Senate's refusal to come to terms with the Representatives.

A Senate proposal to place food under a 2.5 per cent (reduced rate) sales tax was batted down unanimously (147-0) by the House. Thereafter, negotiations never budged beyond that point.

In calling for the second session, Governor Smith laid it on the line. "We have been treated to a spectacle of petty quarreling, jealousies between houses, obstinate and self-serving positions, demagogic rhetoric, childish personalities and undue interference from the lobby," said the Governor. "I believe the people of Texas are sick and tired of it. I know I am."

Smith warned that every function of state government would be "paralyzed or thrown into a state of uncertainty and confusion" if the new session failed to come up with a certifiable revenue appropriation by September 1.

Legislature responded by banging through emergency 60-day proposals which would operate

COLLEGE STUDENTS

All families who will have a member in college this fall are invited to provide information about students to The Observer. You may bring it by, call in or mail it to us. Please give name, college, classification and major if known. We will run a story about the college kids in the next couple of weeks.

MR. AND MRS. V. V. WOJTEK TO HAVE 50TH ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. V. V. Wojtek will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary Sept. 14 with an open house from 2-4 p.m. in the Recreation Center in Robert Lee. All their friends are invited to attend.

The family will have a reunion on the Saturday preceding the anniversary celebration. It will be held at the Recreation Center, also.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Palmer and children moved to Robert Lee last week to make their home. They moved from Houston.

Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Casey of San Angelo visited Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Casey.

the state government through October 31 while members sought to reconcile differences over long-range finances.

SAFETY PLAN RESUBMITTED — Texas failed to meet federal requirements with its traffic safety program, but a new plan now has been submitted.

Highway Safety Bureau of the U. S. Department of Transportation is reviewing the second effort.

Governor Smith was notified by Robert Brenner, acting director of the bureau, that the plan presented last December, before Smith took office, was incomplete.

Comments on the new plan are encouraging, says Smith, but final action is not expected until fall.

Meanwhile, said the governor, safety efforts are continuing through the Texas Education Agency, the State Highway Department, the Department of Public Safety and the Texas Department of Public Health.

CRIME RATE UP — Col. Wilson Speir, Department of Public Safety director, says Texas' crime rate for the first six months of 1969 was 7.7 per cent higher than the comparable period in 1968.

Major crimes increased in all categories except murder and homicide, where the rate declined 8.8 per cent.

Greatest increase was in robbery...up 31.2 per cent. Aggravated assaults increased 20.9 per cent, auto theft 14.8 per cent, burglary 9.7 per cent, rapes 7.2 per cent and thefts 3.9 per cent.

Urban areas experienced the greatest increase — 8.5 per cent. In rural areas, the average hike was less than one per cent. In cities over 100,000, the increase was almost nine per cent. In those from 50,000 to 100,000, increase was 7.1 per cent and in cities of 25,000 to 50,000, 18.8 per cent.

BROTHER OF RI WOMAN BURIED IN SAN ANGELO

Funeral services for William Dennis Vickers, 55, were held Tuesday in Park Heights Baptist Church, with burial following in Lawnhaven Memorial Gardens.

Mr. Vickers died Sunday about 1:30 p.m. Judge Edd B. Keyes ruled that death was caused by self-inflicted gunshot wounds.

Survivors include his wife; a daughter, Angie, of the home; his father, Roy Vickers of Caddo, Okla.; two brothers, Benton Vickers of San Angelo and Jimmy Cochran of Irving; four sisters, Mrs. Curtis Sockwell of Robert Lee, and Mrs. Roy C. Elliott, Mrs. Johnny Fisher and Mrs. Faye Windham, all of San Angelo.

RAINFALL HITS 17.71" FOR YEAR IN ROBERT LEE

The .33 inch of rain which fell Tuesday night and Wednesday morning brought the year's rainfall in Robert Lee to 17.71 inches, according to the official gauge of the Soil Conservation Service.

The total rainfall for August was 2.66 inches.

KINDERGARTEN AND NURSERY
 AGES 2-6 — 3 DAYS PER WEEK
 REASONABLE RATES
 See **MRS. WAYNE DRENNAN**
 At School Music Room
 4-6 P. M. Friday and 1-5 P.M. Saturday
 September 5 - 6

On The Menu! Our FINER
Meat Buys

Choice
Round Steak lb. 89c

RUMP ROAST - - - - lb. 69c
DANKWORTH SAUSAGE - 2 lb. bag \$1.39

LIBBY VIENNA SAUSAGE - 4 cans 89c
HUNT'S CATSUP, 14 oz. bottle - 4 for 99c
 3 Lb. Can

Swift's Jewel Shortening 49c

NABISCO CRACKERS - 1 lb. box 33c
 1 LB. BAG
NABISCO'S OREO COOKIES - 2 for 99c
FIRESIDE VANILLA WAFERS - 1 1/2 lb. 25c

5 Qt. Bucket
Gandy's Ice Cream \$1.69
GANDY'S FROZAN - 1/2 gal. crt. 39c
MORTON'S TV DINNERS - ea. 39c

6 Bot. Crt.
Pepsi Cola 43c
 + Deposit

OXYDOL (12c Off Label) - gt. box 75c
 17 OZ. BOMB
CREW BATHROOM CLEANER - - 59c
KLEENEX, 200 ct. box - - 4 for 99c
KOTEX, Regular Size - - 2 boxes 89c
 1 Lb. Can

Maryland Club Coffee 73c

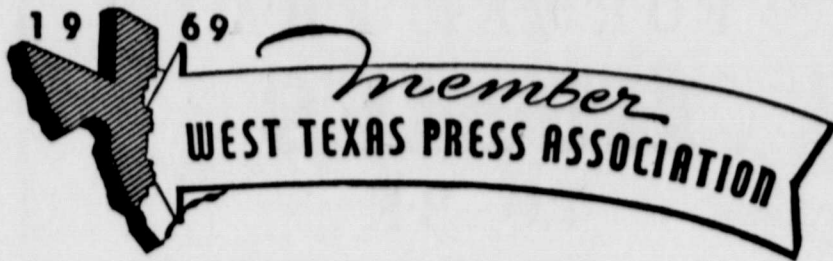
RUSSET POTATOES - 10 lb. bag 39c
CARROTS, 1 lb. bag - - - 2 for 25c
CABBAGE - - - - lb. 8c

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MRS. HERFORD RECEIVES DEGREE FROM SUL ROSS

ALPINE — The first graduating class at Sul Ross to receive diplomas with the institution's new name, Sul Ross University, was graduated last week.

Degrees were awarded to 147 Summer graduates of the class of 1969. The university conferred 33 master's degrees and 147 undergraduate degrees.

Among the graduates was Annie Laura Herford of Robert Lee, who received a Master of Education degree.

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Millican have received word from their son, Bobby Dale, that he and his sister, Mrs. Harmon Carter, and children, had arrived in Honolulu, Hawaii. The 16-year-old Bobby is making his home there with his sister and family and attending school. Mr. Carter is on a construction job in Hawaii.

PERSONALS

Mrs. Pearl Schooley of Robert Lee and her granddaughter, Alice Ann Schooley of Fort Worth visited in Odessa in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Benny Ellis and attended the wedding of Benny Ellis, Jr., Friday, Aug. 22. Alice left Saturday by plane returning to her home in Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Bloodworth of San Angelo visited Monday in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Bloodworth at Silver.

Weekend visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Robertson were their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Robertson and baby of Abilene.

Labor Day weekend visitors in the Sloan Boone home were their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Boone of Colorado City.

Lunchroom Menu

Monday, September 8
 Meat and cheese sandwiches, vegetable soup, lettuce, tomatoes, milk, cinnamon rolls.

Tuesday, September 9
 Minute steaks and gravy, green beans, creamed potatoes, celery sticks, hot rolls, butter, milk, raisins.

Wednesday, September 10
 Pinto beans with salt pork, turnips and greens, potato salad, corn bread, butter, milk, peach cobbler.

Thursday, September 11
 Meat loaf, buttered rice, lime jello salad, hot rolls, butter, milk, pineapple upsidedown cake.

Friday September 12
 Barbecue chicken, buttered potatoes, garden salad, hot rolls, butter, milk, peanut butter, honey.

SGT. WALDROP ARRIVES FOR DUTY IN SPAIN

Torrenjon de Ardoz, Spain — U. S. Air Force Sergeant James R. Waldrop, son of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn R. Waldrop of Edith Route, Robert Lee, has arrived for duty at Torrejon AB, Spain.

Sergeant Waldrop, an accounting specialist, is assigned to a unit of the U. S. Air Forces in Europe. He previously served at Blytheville AFB, Ark.

The sergeant, a 1964 graduate of Robert Lee High School, attended Angelo State University and San Angelo Business College prior to entering the Air Force.

His recent bride, Debra, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Truman Hines of Robert Lee.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Clawson, Benny, Jo Ann and Johnny Jr. of Baytown were Labor Day weekend visitors in the home of his mother, Mrs. Frank Clawson.

How many tax deductions have you lost by paying with cash instead of writing a check?

Deductable expenses paid by a Robert Lee State Bank Check are not overlooked at tax-return time...and they can always be proved.

Robert Lee State Bank

Robert Lee Quarterback Club Annual Barbecue

Friday, Sept. 5

6:30 P.M.

ENJOY A FINE MEAL

Barbecue Beef, Potato Salad, Beans, Onions Pickles, Bread, Tea and Coffee

(All Quarterback Clubs Wives Are Requested to Bring a Bowl of Potato Salad)

ENJOY THE FOOD & FELLOWSHIP

In Event of Rain Friday Evening, the Barbecue Will Be Served In the New School Lunchroom

There Will Also Be A

Football Scrimmage

Robert Lee Steers

vs.

Ozona High School

At 7:00 P.M.



Mrs. Jimmy Wayne Millican

Miss Martha Gaylene Eldred, Jimmy Wayne Millican Repeat Wedding Vows in Baptist Church Ceremony

Miss Martha Galene Eldred and Jimmy Wayne Millican exchanged wedding vows Saturday at 8 p.m. in Robert Lee Baptist Church. Reading the ceremony was the pastor, the Rev. Bill Beaty.

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Eldred of Robert Lee and Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Millican of Silver.

Wedding music was presented by Miss Joy Adkins, pianist, and Misses Beverly Shandley, Kay Cole, Peggy Green and Jean McDaniel, all of Robert Lee.

Matron of honor was Mrs. Rayford Pack of Merkel, aunt of the bride. Serving her as bridesmaids were Miss Margaret Flanagan of Robert Lee and Miss Sandra Eldred, sister of the bride, Miss Shonna Dooley of Lubbock was flower girl, and ring bearers were Steve Eldred, brother of the bride and Joey Millican, brother of the bridegroom. Candelighters were Jay Millican, brother of the bridegroom, and Bill Grant of Bronte.

Ricky Whitaker of Silver was best man. Groomsmen were Johnny Millican of Silver, brother of the bridegroom, and A. B. Jennings of Lubbock, cousin of the bridegroom. Ushers were Mike and Randy Browne of Merkel, uncles of the bride.

The bride's gown, made by her mother, was of peau de soie, featuring an empire bodice and cowl collar, overlaid with chantilly lace. The same lace formed the long full sleeves with heart shaped buttons and lace ruffles trimming the deep cuffs. The formal length skirt tapered into a chapel train with self double bows down the back of the skirt and train.

The three tier elbow length illusion veil fell from a headpiece of illusion petals with pearls and aurora borealis beads. She carried a white Bible and a cascade of yellow daisy poms.

The matron of honor wore a lime green crepe formal length gown, a version of the bride's, with full long sleeves of nylon chiffon. It was also made by the bride's mother. Her headpiece was a green crepe bow and nylon chiffon veil. She carried a cascade of yellow daisy poms.

Bridesmaids dresses were the same as the matron of honor, except they were street length. They carried cones of yellow daisy poms.

The flowergirls formal length gown was of yellow peau de soie, featuring an empire waist line with a self ruffle around the bottom of the skirt and short sleeves.

A reception was held in the fellowship hall following the ceremony. White lace covered the serving table with a floor length dust ruffle of acetate taffeta. The centerpiece was an arrangement of candles and yellow daisy poms. Silver and crystal appointments were used. The three tiered cake was decorated with yellow and green. Round mirror reflectors were used beneath the cake, punch bowl and centerpiece.

In the houseparty were Mrs. Bob Duncan, Mrs. Pete Prentice, Mrs. Royce Hood, Beverly Shandley, Jo Adkins, Peggy Green, Kay Cole and Jean McDaniel, all of Robert Lee.

The bride's going away dress was made by the bridegroom's mother. It was an A-line of pink novallure. Pink lace ruffles trimmed the front with a buttoned stand up collar.

Mrs. Millican attended Robert Lee High School and is presently attending a beauty college in San Angelo.

Mr. Millican is a graduate of Robert Lee High School and has attended Angelo State University. He plans to attend the University this fall and work in San Angelo, where the couple will live.

MORE THAN 100 PRESENT FOR HAVINS REUNION

Annual Havins reunion was held at the Robert Lee recreation center August 23 and 24 with over 100 persons attending. There was a basket supper Saturday evening and a barbecue lunch Sunday.

Most of those who attended were members of families descended from the late Milton H. and Clara Havins, who were pioneers of this area.

Attending the two-day affair from San Angelo were Mr. and Mrs. George Grim, Greg and Melissa, Travis Roberts and Marla, Mr. and Mrs. Cleo Havins, Mr. and Mrs. Oswell Brightman, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Havins, Billy and Angi, Mike Havins, Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Olsen, Suzie and Cathy Pierce, Mr. and Mrs. Randy Summerlin and Samantha, Pat Thiemman, Mr. and Mrs. Lorin Thiemman, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Brownfield, Paul and Cereta, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Roberts.

Also, Mr. and Mrs. Randall Wyles, Deana and Dean, Bethany, Okla.; Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Winans, Gary, Richard, Randy and Kristi, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Winans, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Havins and Marvin Roy, all from Oklahoma City; Mr. and Mrs. Ed Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. Fern Havins, Mrs. Edna Havins, Jan and Linda, Mr. and Mrs. Otis Watson, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Havins and Wells, all of Robert Lee; Mrs. Mae Winans, Howard Winans, Mr. and Mrs. John Buckholts, Mrs. Jessie Brant, Mrs. Patricia Kelly, Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Winans, Charlotte and Melody, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Winans, Mrs. Melinda Matson, all of San Antonio.

Mr. and Mrs. Terry Havins and son, Dennison; Mr. and Mrs. Otto Havins and Elizabeth, Wichita Falls; Bruce Havins, Fort Worth; Mrs. Kelley C. Mears and Janice, Copperas Cove; Mr. and Mrs. Dee T. McCleskey, Mrs. Eva Vowell, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Havins, Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bogusch and Charlie, Wortham.

And Mr. and Mrs. Milton Havins, Paula and Milton Ray, Omaha, Texas; Mr. and Mrs. David Reed, Riverside, Calif.; Mr. and Mrs. Troy Havins, Escondido, Calif.; Mr. and Mrs. Freddie Hightower, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Havins, Midland; Becki and Lori Bilbo, Richardson; Mr. and Mrs. Dale Ray Brant, Arlington; Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Jackson, Odessa; Mr. and Mrs. Paul J. Kelly, Paul Jean, Carl, and daughter, Eules.

Visiting with the family were Mrs. Jessie Yarbrough, Mrs. Daisy McCutchen, Gordon McCutchen, Robert Lee; and Jimmy Gray and Mrs. Olsen of San Angelo.

Relatives gathering at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Palmer at Colorado City last Saturday for a fish fry were Mr. and Mrs. Bill Palmer and family and Mr. and Mrs. Curtiss Wayne Walker and children, all of San Angelo, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Brooks, Mr. and Mrs. Curtiss Walker, and Mrs. Doyle Caulder and children, all of Robert Lee.

Robert Lee students attending Abilene Christian College began school Tuesday. They are Linda McDaniel and Marilyn Wallace, sophomore, Buddy Vosburg, who is a junior and Carroll Grene, a freshman.

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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**Ronald Reid Marries
Linda Laman Aug. 23**

Sanco Baptist Church was the setting for the Sunday, Aug. 23 marriage of Miss Linda Laman to Ronald Reid. Officiating was the Rev. John E. Early, pastor of Sanco Baptist Church.

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Roy Laman of San Angelo and Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Reid of Sanco.

Presenting wedding music was Mrs. Ulmer S. Bird. The music was a composition of the bride's great aunt.

Miss Glenda Laman, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and Mike Von Willer was best man.

The reception was held in the church.

Mrs. Reid is a graduate of Odessa Business College and is employed as a bookkeeper of a San Angelo motor company. Mr. Reid is a graduate of Angelo State University and works as assistant manager of a chain store in San Angelo.

Hospital News

Tuesday, Aug. 26 — Paul Burns dismissed.

Wednesday, Aug. 27 — Mrs. Richard Reyes admitted.

Thursday, Aug. 28 — Mrs. Daisy McCutchen, Mrs. Ruth Sandusky admitted.

Friday, Aug. 29 — Mrs. V. V. Wojtek, Hadley Richards admitted. Mrs. Richard Reyes dismissed.

Saturday, Aug. 30 — Mrs. Eddie Shropshire dismissed.

Monday, Sept., 1 — Hadley Richards, Mrs. V. V. Wojtek dismissed.

On Tuesday, Sept. 2, six patients remained in the Hospital and nine were in the nursing home.

**\$58,400 Allocated
For Coke Hiways**

San Angelo, Texas — The Texas Highway Commission has approved the expenditure of \$58,400 for State Highway safety and betterment and farm to market road improvement work in Coke County during 1970.

The work authorized includes the following projects:

Loop 229 between F. M. 1904 and State Highway 208 — Asphalt Seal Coat.

U. S. 277 from Runnels County Line to State Highway 70 — Asphalt Seal Coat.

State Highway 158 from Sterling County Line East 13.5 miles — Asphalt Seal Coat.

F. M. 1904 from State Highway 208 West a distance of 1.3 miles — Asphalt Seal Coat.

R. M. 2034 between State Highway 208 and 13.0 miles Southwest — Asphalt Seal Coat.

District Engineer J. A. Snell of San Angelo said that the projects in Coke County, which will involve 30.6 miles, will be under the supervision of R. N. Jennings, District Maintenance Engineer of San Angelo.

Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Thomas and Linda of Irving, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Valdez and Margaret of El Paso, Mrs. Ocie Duncan of Fort Stockton, Mrs. Clinton Hood of San Angelo, Mr. and Mrs. Royce Hood, Eddie and Jana, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hood and Mr. and Mrs. Keith Hood, all of Robert Lee, met at Lake Brownwood for a Labor Day weekend of camping, boating, fishing and water skiing.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Smith of San Angelo were Monday visitors in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Smith.

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GARAGE SALE — Ditmore Laundry building in Bronte. Friday and Saturday, Sept. 5 & 6 from 10 to 5. 1tp

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BUILDINGS FOR SALE

Robert Lee Baptist Church will receive bids until 4:00 P.M., Sept. 10, 1969, on three buildings to be moved from church grounds after new building is occupied. Buildings may be seen at church. Rights reserved to accept or reject any or all bids. Mail bids to Robert Lee Baptist Church, Robert Lee, Texas.

FOR SALE — Refrigerator and washing machine, color green; 69 Honda 350 Scrambler, all practically new. Have left town. Call 453-2716 after 5 for information.

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**HEARD AT
SANCO**

Visitors over the weekend in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Pitcock were Harold Lanham and Larry Doss from Texas Tech in Lubbock, friends of Mr. and Mrs. Gaylon Pitcock, who also visited their parnets. Darrel Pitcock was home from Howard Payne College in Borwnwood. Miss Sharon Walker of Abilene visited them on Sunday.

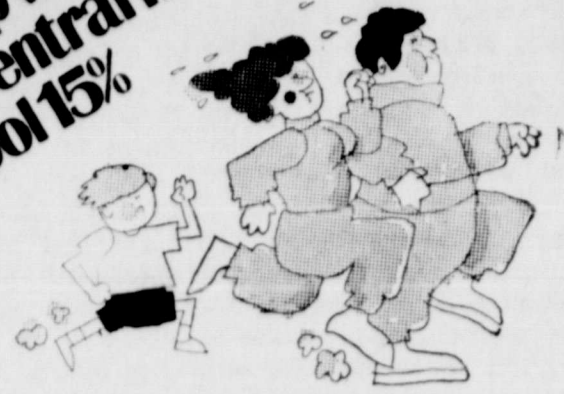
Judy Gartman was home over the weekend from Abilene where she is attending business school. She visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Gartman.

Mrs. Jim Maddux of Abilene visited five days last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Prine Jr. Her husband came down for the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Askin and Chuck of Lubbock spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Bloodworth. Other visitors in the Bloodworth hme Monday were Rev. and Mrs. Allen Cartright of Brownwood.

Visitors over the weekend in the homes of Mrs. W. D. Mullis and Mr. and Mrs. Perry Mullis were Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Mullis of Archer City and their grandson, Tommy Cargill of Euless.

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HERE FOR FUNERAL

Out of town relatives here for the funeral of Mrs. Roy Conner included:

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Alldredge of Goldthwaite; Mr. and Mrs. Cayce Alldredge and Mrs. Betty Falls of Clyde; Mr. and Mrs. Joe Pounds and Mrs. Ruth Adair of Lamesa; Wayne and Ollie Alldredge and families of Isaan; Katie Rice, Roswell, N. M.; Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Alldredge of Oklahoma; Mrs. Emma Alldredge, Goldsmith; Mr. and Mrs. Horner Conner, Glen Rock, Wyo.; Mr. and Mrs. Pearl Petty, Brownwood.

Also, Mrs. Pauline Wilkerson, Mr. and Mrs. Vaughan Benbro, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Browder, Carlsbad, N. M.; Eldon Mathers, Los Angeles, Calif.; Mrs. Verna Davis, Richardson; Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Green, Big Lake; Mr. and Mrs. Garland Green and family, El Paso; Mrs. Joyce McBride and Scott, Big Spring; Mrs. John Davis, Richardson; Mr. and

Mrs. Robert Berry, Austin; Mrs. Carol Huff, Odessa; Doyle Mathers, Houston; Mrs. Bill Wiggins, Roswell, N. M.; Mr. and Mrs. Arch Mathers, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Herndon, Big Spring; Mr. and Mrs. Glen Gray, Winters; Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Brown and Ronnie, Snyder; Mr. and Mrs. Grover Brown, Vincent.

And, Tannie Bell Anderson, Dr. K. Anderson and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Glenn, Abilene; Mrs. Lenata Langford, Ruidoso, N. M.

From San Angelo were Mrs. Bonnie Barefoot, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Walters, B. F. Alldredge, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Gray, Mrs. Johnny Crammer, Letha Mathers, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Nickson and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Conner and Harold Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Page, Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Page, all of Odessa, and Mr. and Mrs. James Page of Abilene were weekend guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dave King.



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AUSTIN, Tex. — Legislators battled wearily toward a conclusion of the second special session, with some indications of a conclusion developing.

A Senate-written version of the tax bill came within six votes of adoption in the House. But representatives balked at the Senate's compromise \$357.6 million tax bill which included a new "destination allocation formula" designed to collect a corporation franchise tax on out-of-state industries selling products in Texas.

Senate first turned a deaf ear to the House request for a new conference committee.

Gov. Preston Smith and Lt. Gov. Ben Barnes pressed hard for House adoption of the Senate amendments to HB 4, but Speaker Gus Mutscher said the measure remained a "bad bill."

Only really-new idea in the compromise was the destination allocation formula.

Otherwise it called for a quarter per cent increase (to 3.5) in the state sales tax and inclusion of beer and liquor under its base; five cents a pack raise on cigarettes; 50-cent (to \$3.25 per \$1,000) raise in corporation franchise tax rate; one half per cent (to 7.5 per cent of value) hike in natural gas tax; and 10 cents a drink tax on alcoholic beverages sold in private clubs and on airlines.

Rep. John Allen of Longview denounced the big-city members for failure to support the tax bill. He pointed out that of 19 members from Harris County, only one voted for the tax bill. And this is the county that gets 20 per cent of the state spending, Allen said.

Allen noted that other big-city delegations voted against the bill, except for the Dallas delegation, and that 54 of the 68 votes cast for the bill, were from members from rural or small-city areas.

He pointed to the coming reapportionment after the 1970 census and asked: "How will we ever pass a tax bill when Houston gets 24 members and only one of them will vote for a tax bill?"

This rural-urban split in the House was just one of many developments as the weary legislators fought to put a majority of each house together on a tax package to sustain state government during the next two years.

Senate first enacted, then backed down on it unusual proposal to levy a \$1 per ticket tax on "dirty movies." Original bill would have designated the Commissioner of Bureau of Labor Statistics (who supervises boxing and wrestling) to review all movies coming into the state and determine those which should be rated "X" for adult audiences only. The latter were targeted for the tax. After thinking it over, Senate bowed to the advice of members who argued that the regulation of sexy movies should be left to a separate bill, not a tax measure.

Increases in teachers' and state workers' pay, expansion of the college and university system, and improvements in the care of the mentally ill account for most of

the increase in state spending.

But how to put together a tax package to provide the money was the question which troubled the legislators in the second week of the second special session.

GUEST RULE DELAYED — Tough new rules of the Liquor Control Board to curb temporary guest card abuses at private bottle clubs cannot be enforced pending appeal of a court test case here.

District Judge James Meyers concluded that LCB rules are valid, but they should not be put into full effect until final disposition of the case on appeal.

In the lawsuit, Dallas clubs

claimed the rule would close 75 per cent of Texas private clubs, many of which aren't so private. Rule would require guests to be personally introduced or physically accompanied by a club member. Bills would have to be paid by members on monthly statements, not in cash by guests.

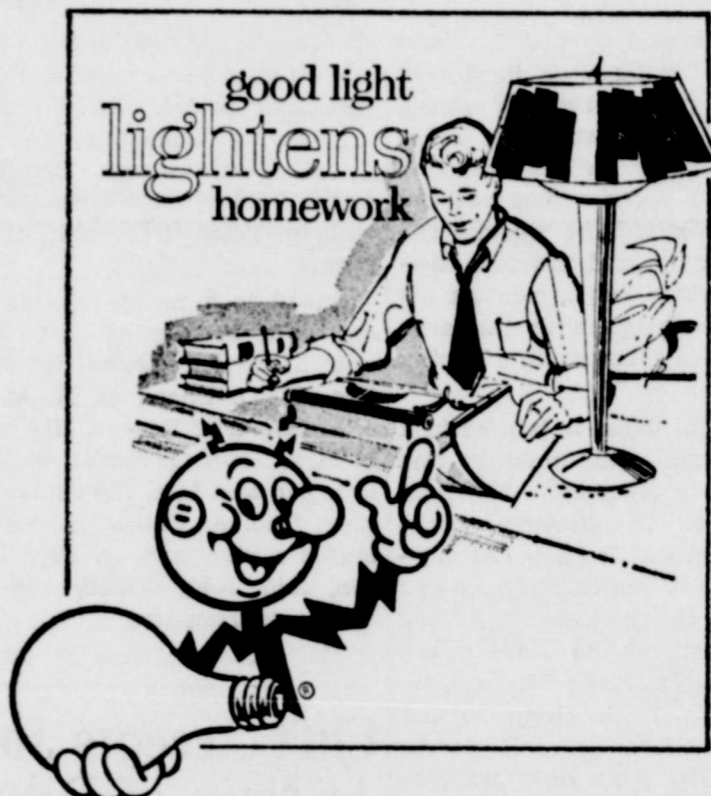
LCB said applications for late hours (2 a.m.) drinking permits for clubs and taverns are being screened carefully. Only 18 were approved in the week before the new curfew-stretching law went into effect September 1.

Elaine Fikes of Hardin Simmons University in Abilene spent the weekend here in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Fikes.

Mr. and Mrs. Don R. Miller of Kissimmee, Florida, were guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Ray Prine for several days last week.

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Wednesday Prayer Meeting 8:00 p.m.