

# Robert Lee Observer

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## RL Post Office Burglarized

FOOD SHOPPER HOME STUDY COURSE  
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### Foods Course Being Offered

Having trouble making that food money stretch? Are your meals hum-drum? Are you confused in today's supermarket?

If the answers to the above questions are yes or even maybe, Mrs. Fay C. Roe, County Home Demonstration Agent, has news that may interest you. The Coke County Extension Service will conduct a free correspondence course in food buying for homebound homemakers. "You—The Food Shopper." If you can't come to daytime classes because of young children, full-time work or lack of transportation, Mrs. Roe says this is the course for you. However, it is open to anyone who cares to enroll.

There will be a \$1.00 charge to cover the cost of materials supplied for participants. The enrollment will be limited so you will want to register at once.

Some of the topics to be covered in the course are: how to plan your food spending wisely; menu planning; what, where, when and how to buy; how to evaluate convenience foods in food shopping, and how you are protected as a food consumer.

If you are interested in taking the course or want further information, write or call the Coke County Cooperative Extension Services office, Box 14 Robert Lee, Texas 76945, telephone 453-2461, before Aug. 21.

The enrollment period will be Aug. 16-21. You may enroll anytime between now and Aug. 21. Enrollment will be limited, so do not wait too long, Mrs. Roe said.

Robert Lee's post office was burglarized sometime last Thursday night, July 30. The break-in was discovered Friday morning by Postmaster Hugh Lewis Jr. and Asst. Postmaster Ray Shandley.

According to Sheriff Melvin Childress, the break-in and robbery was a very professional job and few clues were found after several days of investigation by postal authorities and his office.

The burglary was discovered about 9 a.m. last Friday after Lewis and Shandley had already worked the mail for the morning. They went into the office as usual, put up the day's mail,

and opened the safe to take out their stamp drawers before the burglary was discovered. Shandley made the discovery when he opened the post office safe.

Sheriff Childress said Lewis reported the robbery to him about 9:15 a.m. and a call was put in to District Postal Inspector H. B. McConnell of San Angelo. L. H. Powell of Fort Worth was also notified. The two postal inspectors spent Friday, Friday night and Saturday investigating the crime.

The sheriff said the intruder apparently entered the post office by the front door and left by the back door. Constable Ollie discovered that the back door was open early Friday morning and closed it.

Among the loot taken by the burglar were money order forms, money order writing machine, several rubber stamps which mark the amount for which money orders are written, three cash drawers, a metal box which contained duplicate keys to post office locks, an estimated \$150 to \$170 cash, stamps of undetermined value, four certified letters which may or may not have contained money. A large number of money order blanks were overlooked, it was reported.

The sheriff reported Tuesday afternoon that nothing was torn up, which indicated the job was done by a professional. He said attempts were made to secure fingerprints, but that none had been matched up with any person. He added it was anybody's guess at what time the robbery took place.

### Grandson Dies in Hanging Accident

Jimmy Wayne Cox, son of Mr. and Mrs. Russell E. Cox of Hurst and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Cox of Robert Lee, died Friday after accidentally hanging himself.

The 12 year old boy was discovered by a playmate with his neck caught in a loop of a rope that once held a tree swing. The lad was rushed to Hurst General Hospital about 2:30 p.m. and it was thought he was dead on arrival. However, a doctor began massaging the youth's chest until a heartbeat was detected.

The boy was rushed to an intensive care unit at Arlington Memorial Hospital, but died at 9:15 p.m. He would have been a seventh grader at Harrison Lane Elementary School at Hurst this fall.

Survivors include his parents and grandparents; two brothers, Russell Jr. and Ricky; two sisters, Judy and Rhonda.

### Last Rites Held for Mrs. Alton Roberts

Funeral services were held at 3 p.m. last Friday for Mrs. Alton (Loretha) Roberts, 59. The services were held in Robert Lee Baptist Church, with the pastor, the Rev. Bill Beaty, in charge. Burial was in Robert Lee Cemetery under direction of Newby Funeral Home.

Mrs. Roberts died late last Wednesday at her home in Robert Lee, apparently of a heart attack.

Mrs. Roberts was born Feb. 20, 1911, in Collin County and came to Coke County in 1928. She was the daughter of J. E. Mitchell of Robert Lee and formerly of Bronte, and the late Mrs. Mitchell. She was married to Alton Roberts Dec. 24, 1931, in Robert Lee. She was a member of the Baptist Church and the Order of the Eastern Star.

Survivors include her husband; a son, Bobby Roberts of Robert Lee; her father, J. E. Mitchell of Robert Lee; two brothers, Marion Mitchell of Midland and James Mitchell of Abilene; five sisters, Mrs. Mildred Roach of Clovis, N. M.; Mrs. Irene Edwards of Garland, Mrs. Roy Braswell, Mrs. Marjorie Harwell and Mrs. Jerry Thomason, all of Robert Lee; and two grandchildren.

Pallbearers were J. W. Service Sr., Frankie Percifull, Hadley Richards, Ben A. Boykin, Homer Carwile and Cumbie Ivey Sr.

## Gift May Put City In A Bind

Mayor Wilson Bryan said for Robert Lee at Tuesday's BCD meeting the same thing that is facing all segments of government in this country. The mayor brought out the need of more money to operate on when he called attention to the city sales tax election which will be held later this month.

At the same time Mayor Bryan called attention to the \$46,500 grant approved last week by Farmers Home Administration for improvement of Robert Lee's water system and said that the city has a problem of financing since it is a 50-50 proposition and perhaps the city cannot afford the improvements, even at one half of today's costs.

(Editor's note: Mayor Bryan reported Wednesday morning that the city council met Tuesday night and decided that every effort should be made to match the grant and use the federal money.)

The matter of financing the city's operations was brought out when the mayor said everything the city buys costs more than it did a short time ago. "Some equipment and supplies," he said, "cost double what they did a few years ago."

The mayor said he could not promise at all that passage of the one per cent city sales tax would provide enough revenue to

meet the rise in costs but "it would help." He added that the city may have to go another route whether or not citizens approve the tax.

On the matter of accepting the federal grant which was okayed last week for the erection of a badly needed new water tower and other improvements, the mayor said many matters have to be considered. The Upper Colorado River Authority already has committed itself to supply the matching funds, but the money has to be repaid.

Mayor Bryan mentioned the possibility of the city's need to tie on to Lake Spence for city water supply, and added that this would be an additional expense to the city.

President George Newby presided at the meeting and 11 members were present.

### Quarterback Club To Meet Monday

First meeting of the Quarterback Club for the 1970 season will be held Monday at 7:30 p.m. in Robert Lee School auditorium. All members of the club in years past, as well as anybody else who is interested in football and the Robert Lee Steers, are invited to attend the meeting.

Plans will be made for the club's annual barbecue and other matters will be discussed. The Quarterback Club is the only organization which provides funds to take care of needs of the team which are not allowed by the school budget. Biggest project financed by the club is filming of games. The films provide a tremendous help to coaches and players in correcting mistakes made during play.

## Fire Department Helps Citizens In Many Ways

Robert Lee residents probably are aware of the tremendous debt they owe members of the volunteer fire department for protecting their property when fire breaks out, but how many are aware of the other benefits provided?

How many residents of the city know how much the activities of the fire department lower their insurance rates?

How many people know that the fire department always is called in any kind of emergency—from hunting the body of a drowned person to rescuing a stranded cat from a high perch?

How many people know that the Robert Lee Fire Department tries all year long to prevent fires rather than fight them?

Buzz Sawyer, Robert Lee's fire marshal, invited attention of citizens this week to all these matters. Sawyer said, "Really our biggest job is not fighting fires, but taking care of these many other jobs which are required of a fire department."

The Robert Lee Volunteer Fire

Department has 25 members and operates three trucks. All these men and all this equipment are always available to serve the community. Their services are not limited to the city limits of Robert Lee, nor to any certain time of the day or night. They answer calls all the time from the rural areas of the community and are especially aware of their needs for service when grass fires occur on the rangelands of the county.

A communication from the Texas Insurance Commission, recently released, told the story about the rate situation. Robert Lee has a key rate of 43 cents for those who choose to insure their property. By comparison, Port Aransas, a city of similar size which has no fire department, has a key rate of 93 cents.

Sawyer said, "We don't like to be boastful about what we are doing, but we do feel the people of Robert Lee should know that our services save them a great deal on insurance premiums. He pointed out that

other towns in the area have higher key rates than Robert Lee: Sterling City has a rate of 54 cents and Bronte has a rate of 47 cents.

Sawyer said the Robert Lee Fire Department is tremendously interested in putting out fires but "we would like to promote a program that would cause people to call us and ask us to come to their homes and businesses and make a survey of what they could do to make the place less likely to have a fire."

In addition to Sawyer, who is fire marshal, the Robert Lee Volunteer Fire Department has the following officers: E. H. Ivey, fire chief; J. C. Wallace Jr., assistant fire chief; Sherman Williams, first captain; George Lomas, second captain; R. C. Sawyer, first lieutenant; M. L. Smith, second lieutenant; Leon Sockwell, president; Fred Beaty, vice president; Terry Bryan, secretary-treasurer; Gary Sam Williams, assistant secretary-treasurer.





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Austin — Campaigns are shaping up on some of the seven proposed constitutional amendments to be voted on by Texans at the General Election on Nov. 3.

While public interest centers on the liquor by the drink amendment, there are other major alterations in the state's laws to be considered by the voters.

In their order on the ballot, these are:

1. Enlarge the Judicial Qualifications Commission to censure or remove lower court judges and justices of the peace as well as district and appellate judges.
2. Authorize the legislature to enact a law on the sale of mixed drinks.
3. Provide for legislative establishment of a uniform method of tax assessment on ranch, farm and forest lands based on the capability of the lands to support the raising of livestock or production of farm and forest crops.
4. Make the State Building Commission a three-member appointive agency.
5. Permit counties to issue road bonds up to one-fourth of their assessed real property valuation on a majority vote.
6. Make town or city home-steads of \$10,000 and less exempt from forced sale (presently set at \$5,000).
7. Allow the legislature to provide for consolidating offices and functions of government and

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Texas voters have adopted 195 amendments to the 1876 constitution, over the years, and rejected 125.

**DESEGREGATION SUITS THREATEN** — Federal negotiators report that only a few of the 38 Texas school districts, called on the carpet concerning segregation, had satisfactory plans for complying with U. S. guidelines. They conducted a two-day conference with school officials here and gave most of them another week to try and work out something or face a lawsuit by the U. S. Justice Department.

Negotiators suggested "pairing" of adjoining neighborhood school districts to get better racial balance.

Lufkin, Marshall, Midland and Katy found no ground for agreement with the U. S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare and Justice Department negotiators. Some complained that federal officials raised a new issue — that of integrating Mexican-Americans, as well as blacks. Most want to continue their efforts to find a way to comply with suggested plans.

Palestine reached a tentative agreement on pairing plans involving two grades in each school requiring limited busing.

**COURTS SPEAK** — Alcoholic Beverage Commission's rules governing private clubs are headed for a U. S. Supreme Court test after the highest state court finally upheld the agency's regulation. Club operators claim "kings-x" against the rules while their appeal is "diligently pursued."

Texas will be among the first states to challenge constitutionality of the new federal act extending voting rights to 18 year olds.

State Supreme Court, splitting 5-4, held that a businessman could not collect a \$10,000 libel judgment against a Denton newspaper for a story, based on an accurate statement made at a city council meeting where it was erroneously reported that the man had declared bankruptcy.

La Raza Unida Party brought a mandamus suit in the Supreme Court to require its candidates' names to be placed on the general election ballots in three South Texas counties (Dimmitt, LaSalle and Zavala).

Supreme Court agreed with an intermediate decision that judges cannot grant occupational

drivers' licenses just so those whose licenses have been suspended can get to work.

**LOOPHOLE COSTS** — State has lost millions in land revenue due to an old loophole in the law, which was temporarily closed last year.

State Land Office has been forced to sell submerged land for \$1 an acre to any navigation district that wanted it. Another law permitted district to declare land so acquired surplus to their needs—and sell to the highest bidder.

So, Aransas County Navigation District, for example, acquired 604 acres near Rockport (in Little Bay) for \$1 an acre then resold to a corporation. Some 165 acres of property now is selling for \$33,098 an acre.

Now, no more state owned beaches, islands or submerged land may be sold or leased until the Interagency Natural Resources Council makes its final report to the legislature — or until May 31, 1973 — whichever date is first. Unless the legislature takes a permanent step, the Land Commissioner once more could be forced to sell land requested by navigation districts for \$1 an acre.

**GAS PRICE RISE URGED** — Federal Power Commission at hearings on natural gas prices in the Permian Basin was urged to end pricing controls or raise rates fast and substantially.

Commission examiner reopened the Permian Basin rate case that resulted in the establishment in 1965 of ceiling rates at well-head.

Witnesses, including producers and political officeholders, called upon the commission also to halt "two-price" system for wells drilled before 1961 and new wells.

Some called the 1965 regulation a dismal failure that led to the current shortage in gas reserves.

Atty. Gen. Crawford Martin pledged full resources of his office against any effort at federal regulation of Texas intrastate gas market. FPC now regulates gas moving interstate.

**AIR POLLUTION END SEEN** — and end to "visible" air pollution in Texas in less than a decade has been predicted by the director of the State Air Control Board.

ACB Chief Charles Barden so forecast at a budget hearing for his agency.

Board, revealed Barden, now is working on a state regulation to control pollution from vehicles. Regulation will be in effect before the year is out.

**FEDERAL GRANTS** — Recent federal grants include \$200,541 to Southwest Educational Development Laboratory for continuation of Head Start Pilot Program in McAllen; \$240,000 for alcoholic counseling and recovery program in San Antonio; and \$21,340 for planning assistance to Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council.

**Short Snorts**

District Judge Herman Jones of Austin was named by Gov. Preston Smith as presiding judge of the Third Administrative Judicial District, succeeding D. B. Wood of Georgetown.

New York World's Fair dinosaurs have been donated by Sinclair (Atlantic Richfield) to Dinosaur Valley State Scenic Park at Glen Rose.

More than two million hunting and fishing licenses are being shipped to local distributors this week (for fiscal 1970-71), reports Parks and Wildlife Commission.

Half the nation's potential oil and gas reserves remain to be discovered, say geologists.

Twenty-seven applications for permits to sell \$31.9 million worth of securities in Texas were filed with the State Securities

Board last week.  
Joe H. Jones, special research associate with the UT Bureau of Business Research, reports a recession in Texas economy was clearly in evidence through the first half of 1970, with prospects for a significant economic recovery within the next six months appearing unlikely.

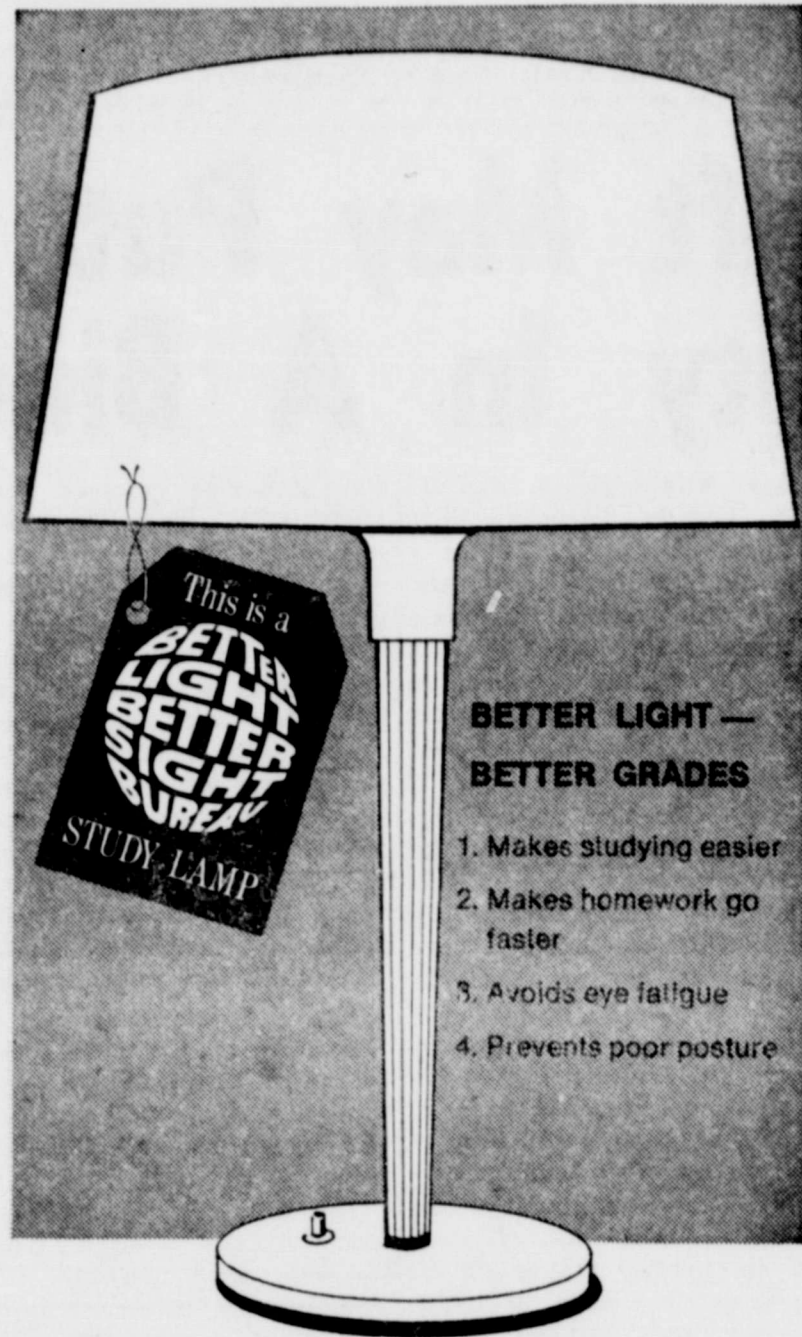
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Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Caston and children returned home Sunday from a vacation trip to New Mexico where they visited Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Martin at Carlsbad and toured the caverns. They also visited White Sands and Ruidoso. They returned to Texas and visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Davis, at Roscoe. Other visitors in the Davis home were her sisters and families, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Gossett of El Paso and Mr. and Mrs. Gary Barton of Stephenville, and her brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Davis and children of Sweetwater. The Caston children, Maudie and Kimberly, stayed for a longer visit with their grandparents.

### PERSONALS

Mrs. Pauline Lofton and Mrs. Fannie Barton visited in Odessa Sunday in the home of Mrs. Lofton's son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Lofton.

Visitors this weekend in the homes of Mrs. Bessie Caston and Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Caston were Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Copple of Santa Anna. Other visitors last week were Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Caston, formerly of Odessa. They were enroute to their new home in Kuwait, a small country near Saudi Arabia in Southwest Asia. They will live overseas for one year. He is an employee of Cooper Bestman Co.

Mrs. Willie I. Burleson of Slaton was a guest in the home of her sister, Mrs. R. S. Anderson, last week, and attended the Silver homecoming. Other visitors in the Anderson home during the weekend were her niece and family, Mr. and Mrs. K. O. Cardwell, of Odessa.

Mitchell Davis had surgery at Houston Monday of last week. He was released Friday and returned home. Relatives report he is making a fast recovery and is doing fine.

Paula Vaughan of Dallas is at home visiting for a few weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Vaughan, before the fall school term gets underway.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Prine Jr. and Wanda and Brenda Adams attended the Hall, Devoll and Baker family reunion held at Stamford Sunday. Attending the gathering were family members from California, New Mexico, Arizona and Texas. Visitors in the Prine home this week are a brother, Leon Adams, and his son, Greg, of Torrance, Calif.

### WELCOME

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

Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship .... 11:00 a.m.  
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By MRS. FAY C. ROE

Foliage for arrangements during the winter months may be preserved by using glycerin. The leaves of many plants may be used to make interesting arrangements when flowers are not available from the garden.

The procedure is simple. All you need to do is stand the stems or leaves in a mixture of one part glycerin and two parts water.

Midsummer is a good time to get started on this project. The leaves will be in an active stage of growth and will rapidly absorb the glycerin. This usually takes about two to three weeks.

Many kinds of leaves may be preserved by the glycerin process. Magnolia, oak, peach, eucalyptus and poplar leaves are satisfactory. Of the shrubs, try barberry, forsythia, summac, privet, rhododendron and rose leaves. The leaves of many perennial herbaceous plants may be used such as aspidistra, canna, coral bell, genaniums, iris and devil's ivy. Leaves of small herbaceous plants may be submerged completely in a half and half glycerin-water solution.

Select only perfect specimens and wash the foliage with water to remove dirt or spray residue. If the material has woody stems, cut off the lower inch with a sloping cut before starting the treatment. Then stand the stems or leaves upright in a jar of the glycerin solution.

The leaves will change color as the solution is absorbed, and good air circulation and warm weather will speed up the absorption. Wipe the leaves occasionally with a cloth dampened with the solutions as this will help prevent drying before the glycerin reaches the edge of the leaves.

Leaves preserved by glycerin should be stored in boxes to protect them from damage and dirt. Check the boxes frequently during the first few weeks to be sure there is no leakage from the leaves which might cause mold.

### Home Accidents

Home accident deaths totaled approximately 27,000 in 1969. Four million persons were disabled in home accidents, at a cost, including wage losses, medical expenses and administrative and claim settlements of insurance, of \$1.6 billion.

There are about 12,000 people who die annually, just from household falls alone. Countless others are seriously injured each year.

Two of the most common household hazards that result in disastrous falls are a slippery bathtub and an uncarpeted stairway. A small investment in non-skid tapes could prevent or less-

sen the danger of slipping. The tape comes in rolls, strips or patches. Some is very decorative in bright colors and shapes.

Strips of tape protect effectively, especially when applied at right angles to the probable direction of the fall. Both strips and patches can be used in bathtubs. Many people prefer the patches as they seem to give somewhat better protection and are more attractive.

Few tapes will adhere to damp, porous surface, so before applying strips or patches to a bathtub, clean and thoroughly dry the tub. It should be allowed to stay dry for several hours after applying the tape.

Tests have shown that tape adheres best to varnished or sealed wood surfaces, and tape of a textured surface with embedded particles of grit are the most slip resistant for slippery walking surfaces.

Get rid of these hazards in your home by using these inexpensive methods, so that you can reduce your chances of becoming one of this year's statistics.

### McDANIEL PREACHED

Leo McDaniel of Abilene preached Sunday at Southside Church of Christ, at both morning and evening services. He also visited in the Lee Roy McDaniel home. The two men are brothers.

## PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Burl Robertson and family and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Sallers and family, all of Lubbock, spent the weekend with their father, J. L. Robertson.

Mrs. Lila Autin returned home last week from a trip to Plainview and Tulsa where she visited friends and relatives. She visited her sister, Mrs. J. W. McCracken in Amarillo and a sister-in-law, Mrs. Eli Austin, at Sayre, Okla.

Mrs. Edna Havins, Linda and Jan and Mildred Wallace recently spent a week at Ruidoso, N. M. They report seeing lots of rain and very nice cool weather. Mrs. Havins spent last week visiting a sister and her family, Mr. and Mrs. Travis Allen at Arlington.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Aldredge, Steven, Andy and Martin of Jal. N. M., were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Aldredge.

Mr. and Mrs. G. C. McAuley and two grandsons, Billy Joe and Tim Moore, all of Monahans, attended the Silver reunion. Mrs. McAuley is the former Thelma Martin, granddaughter of the late Dr. J. E. Reed. Her two grandsons are fifth generation descendants of the pioneer Silver physician.

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## Mark Matlock Winner of Junior Golf Tournament

Some good scores were turned in by young golfers who participated last weekend in the Second Annual Junior Golf Tournament. The contest was held last Friday on Mountain Creek Course. Mark Matlock of Robert Lee had the low score for the tourney, with a 71. He was in the 16-17 year old group.

Other winners included:

### 10-11 Year Olds

1. Billy Matlock, Robert Lee, 105; 2. Tom Sawyer, Robert Lee, 106; 3. Tie, Wayne Coalson, Bronte, Mickey Baker, Robert Lee, 112; Coalson won the play-off.

### 12-13 Year Olds

1. Mark Carter, Ballinger, 80; 2. Wayne Alexander, Bronte, 87; 3. Joe Terrazas, Ballinger, 94.

### 14-15 Year Olds

1. David Dodson, San Angelo, 80; 2. Tom McConnell, San Angelo, 81; 3. Rell Rice, San Angelo, 82.

### 16-17 Year Olds

1. Mark Matlock, Robert Lee, 71; 2. Steve Taylor, San Angelo, 75; 3. Tim Stuerzenberger, Abilene, 76.

Garland Davis was in charge of the tournament.

### NEW GULF STATION SET TO HAVE OPENING AUG. 15

Work is nearing completion on the new Gulf service station on Commerce Street and an opening is planned for Aug. 15. The station will be operated by Bennie Boykin, and will be known as Bennie's Gulf Service Station.

Boykin plans to keep the station open daily from 6 a.m. until 9 p.m. He will handle a complete line of Gulf petroleum products as well as tires and accessories. He also will operate a wash and grease service for his customers.

More information about the opening will be carried in next week's Observer.

### FIREMEN BUSY

Robert Lee firemen have answered three calls during the past week. They were called to Red Day's residence last Wednesday about 8 p.m. to put out a trash fire. However, the family had it under control by the time the truck arrived.

They fought a grass fire at Frank Dickey's residence Friday, also about 8 p.m., and were called Saturday to the Mexican-American section of town to extinguish another grass fire.

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Miss Susan Newell

Susan Newell Engaged to Pat Mouser of New Home; Wedding Is Planned for August 21 in Robert Lee

Mrs. O. W. Newell of Robert Lee announces the engagement and approaching marriage of her daughter, Susan, to Pat Mouser of New Home.

Miss Newell is a senior at Texas Tech University where she is majoring in Clothing and Textiles—Merchandising. She transferred to Tech last fall from Mississippi State College for Women.

Mr. Mouser, son of Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Mouser of New Home, is a 1970 graduate of Texas Tech where he received a B.S. degree in Physical Education.

The couple plans to be married in Robert Lee on Aug. 21.

# Opening Soon

## Bennie's Gulf Service Station

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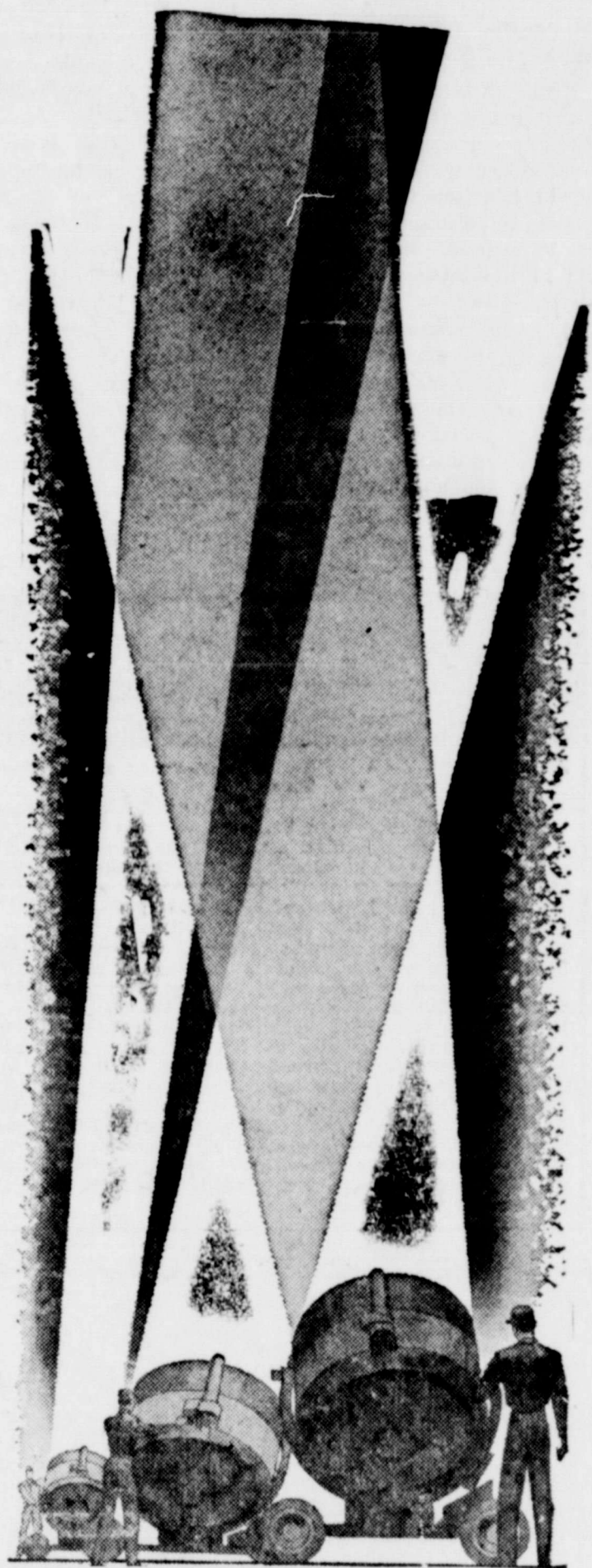
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Washington—John Nance Garner advised new members of Congress, "You don't have to explain that which you never said."

Nowadays it seems everyone in public life thinks he has a few words of wisdom which the country is entitled to hear. It is called our "open society" — and thank goodness we have it.

On the other hand, our enemies must get comfort and, doubtless, a great deal of benefit, from information we give them in public statements.

We have gotten to the point that it is demanded of the President, in televised news conference, that he discuss matters we once thought of as being classified in the interest of national security. Now, if he does not do so, he is accused of not informing us. In committees of the Congress, demands are made of military officials and others in sensitive positions to reveal highly secret information. A few years ago members of Congress on certain committees were privileged to high confidence but

something has happened. The "something" is that a few — a very few, which is too many — could hardly wait to see a newspaper reporter. What was supposed to be highly confidential statements were available in the press in the night edition.

This is our "open society" but how open should it be? While trying to let our own people know what is going on, the question of revealing so much to those who would destroy us, is the dilemma.

Just having seen Pearl Harbor after having been there during World War II, 27 years ago, is a reminder that the Japanese didn't send us a postal card advising they were going to attack our ships tied up at that port, the masts of some still showing above the water.

Should the commander-in-chief of the United States be required, either by the demands of some members of Congress or the news media, to tell our enemies what we will do or not do on the battlefield?

We are in a "limited" war in Southeast Asia. We are faced with a festering war in the Middle East. We are threatened with the possibility of a war of global proportions by nations who have made clear their aim to dominate the world.

In the name of "tell all" Hanoi is more comfortable to know exactly our intents.

Would their rulers be less comfortable if we had not ruled but air attacks on their vital installations? Would they be less comfortable if we had not ruled out the destruction of the harbor of Haiphong and the bombing of the dikes holding back the mighty Red River?

Bit by bit, piece by piece, in officials statements, in hearings before Congressional Committees, and particularly Senate inquiries, the enemy has been told the exact details of our plans.

Whether they are ever used or not, our options should be left open. The enemy has revealed none of his and we know little about him.

He acts without news conferences, interviews or global discussions.

He acts with a confidence that slowly but surely the United States will not use its power and that he can eventually be certain of victory.

In a declared war our free and open society has no hesitancy in invoking voluntary restraints of sources of information which might aid the enemy. In today's explosive world situation such voluntary restraints are no less desirable. It should be practiced by all who come into possession of sensitive information.

The best kept secret in our history was the development of the atomic bomb. More than \$2 billion dollars was laid out for its production. Only about a half dozen people really knew what it was all about.

We are living in a world of dictators and totalitarian governments who can part their hair on the other side tomorrow morning. We compete in literally a life and death atmosphere.

To sum up, this deadly game cannot forever be successfully played with cards face up only on one side of the table.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**Proposed CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT**  
**NUMBER THREE ON THE BALLOT (SJR15)**  
 General Election Nov. 3, 1970

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:**  
 Section 1. That Section 1-d, Article VIII, Constitution of the State of Texas, be amended to read as follows:  
 "Section 1-d. The Legislature shall have the power to provide by law for the establishment of a uniform method of assessment of ranch, farm and forest lands, which shall be based upon the capability of such lands to support the raising of livestock and/or to produce farm and forest crops rather than upon the value of such lands and the crop growing thereon."  
 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 November, 1970, at which election the ballots shall be printed to provide for voting for or against the proposition:  
 "The constitutional amendment to authorize the Legislature to provide by law for the establishment of a uniform method of assessment of ranch, farm and forest lands, which shall be based upon the capability of such lands to support the raising of livestock and/or to produce farm and forest crops."

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**Proposed CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT**  
**NUMBER SEVEN ON THE BALLOT (HJR 22)**  
 General Election Nov. 3, 1970

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:**  
 Section 1. That Subsection (a), Section 64, Article III, of the Texas Constitution, be amended to read as follows:  
 "Section 64. (a) The Legislature may by special statute provide for consolidation of governmental offices and functions of government of any one or more political subdivisions comprising or located within any county. Any such statute shall require an election to be held within the political subdivisions affected thereby with approval by a majority of the voters in each of these subdivisions, under such terms and conditions as the Legislature may require."  
 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 November, 1970, 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 consolidating governmental offices and functions and allowing political subdivisions to contract for performance of governmental functions in any county."

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**Proposed CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT**  
**NUMBER TWO ON THE BALLOT (SJR10)**  
 General Election Nov. 3, 1970

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:**  
 Section 1. That Subsection (a), Section 20, Article XVI, Constitution of the State of Texas, be amended to read as follows:  
 "(a) The Legislature shall have the power to enact a Mixed Beverage Law regulating the sale of mixed alcoholic beverages on a local option election basis. The Legislature shall also have the power to regulate the manufacture, sale, possession and transportation of intoxicating liquors, including the power to establish a State Monopoly on the sale of distilled liquors."  
 "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 November 3, 1970, at which election the ballots shall be printed to provide for voting for or against the proposition:  
 "Repeal of the prohibition against open saloons found in Section 20, Article XVI of the Constitution of the State of Texas."

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**Proposed CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT**  
**NUMBER SIX ON THE BALLOT (SJR32)**  
 General Election Nov. 3, 1970

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:**  
 Section 1. That Section 51, Article XVI, Constitution of the State of Texas be amended to read as follows:  
 "Section 51. The homestead, not in a town or city, shall consist of not more than two hundred acres of land, which may be in one or more parcels, with the improvements thereon; the homestead in a city, town or village, shall consist of lot, or lots, not to exceed in value Ten Thousand Dollars, at the time of their designation as the homestead, without reference to the value of any improvements thereon; provided, that the same shall be used for the purposes of a home, or as a place to exercise the calling or business of the head of a family; provided also, that any temporary renting of the homestead shall not change the character of the same, when no other homestead has been acquired."  
 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 November, 1970, at which election the ballots shall be printed to provide for voting for or against the proposition: "The constitutional amendment increasing the value of the homestead which is exempt from forced sale."

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**Proposed CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT**  
**NUMBER FIVE ON THE BALLOT (HJR28)**  
 General Election Nov. 3, 1970

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:**  
 Section 1. That Section 52, Article III, Constitution of the State of Texas, be amended to read as follows:  
 "Section 52. (a) Except as otherwise provided by this section, the Legislature shall have no power to authorize any county, city, town or other political corporation or subdivision of the State to lend its credit or to grant public money or thing of value in aid of, or to any individual, association or corporation whatsoever, or to become a stockholder in such corporation, association or company."  
 "(b) Under Legislative provision, any county, any political subdivision of a county, any number of adjoining counties, or any political subdivision of the State, or any defined district now or hereafter to be described and defined within the State of Texas, and which may or may not include, towns, villages or municipal corporations, upon a vote of two-thirds majority of the resident property taxpayers voting thereon who are qualified electors of such district or territory to be affected thereby, in addition to all other debts, may issue bonds or otherwise lend its credit in any amount not to exceed one-fourth of the assessed valuation of the assessed property of such district or territory, except that the total bonded indebtedness of any city or town shall never exceed the limits imposed by other provisions of this Constitution, and levy and collect taxes to pay the interest thereon and provide a sinking fund for the redemption thereof, as the Legislature may authorize, and in such manner as it may authorize the same, for the following purposes to wit:  
 "(1) The improvement of rivers, creeks, and streams to prevent overflows, and to permit of navigation thereof, or irrigation thereof, or in aid of such purposes.  
 "(2) The construction and maintenance of pools, lakes, reservoirs, dams, canals and waterways for the purposes of irrigation, drainage or navigation, or in aid thereof.  
 "(3) The construction, maintenance and operation of macadamized, graveled or paved roads and turnpikes, or in aid thereof."  
 "(c) Notwithstanding the provisions of Subsection (b) of this Section, bonds may be issued by any county in an amount not to exceed one-fourth of the assessed valuation of the real property in the county, for the construction, maintenance, and operation of macadamized, graveled, or paved roads and turnpikes, or in aid thereof, upon a vote of a majority of the resident property taxpayers voting thereon who are qualified electors of the county, and without the necessity of further or amendatory legislation. The county may levy and collect taxes to pay the interest on the bonds as it becomes due and to provide a sinking fund for redemption of the bonds."  
 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 November, 1970, at which election the ballots shall be printed to provide for voting for or against the proposition: "The constitutional amendment authorizing any county, on the vote of a majority of its qualified property taxing electors, to issue road bonds in an amount not to exceed one-fourth of the assessed valuation of the real property in the county."



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### 4-H Girls Winners Of Red Ribbons

Local 4-H girls, Linda Blair and Cheri Baker, were red ribbon winners in the District VII 4-H Dress Revue held in San Angelo Thursday. Linda, a senior, experienced participant judging where the girls judged each other. Votes and record score determined the total score for the girl. Linda is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Billy J. Blair of Robert Lee.

Cheri entered the Junior Division in the Revue. She was judged by a panel of judges including Mrs. Larry Jameson of Silver; Mrs. Odus Wittenburg, San Angelo; Miss Betty Moldenauer, Texas Tech senior; and Miss Louise Kiesling, Texas Tech senior.

Cheri, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Baker, was winner of \$12.50 as second place winner in the Cotton Division. The award was given by the Rolling Plains Cooperative Compress.

Others from Robert Lee attending the Revue were Mrs. Fay C. Roe, local County Home Demonstration Agent, Mrs. Blair, Diane Baker and Gladys Waldrop.

### Hospital News

July 28: Elsie Latham admitted. Mrs. Velma Thomason dismissed.

July 29: Joe Slaton admitted. Mrs. Mary Payne, Mrs. Gladys Pierce dismissed.

July 30: Mrs. Zeldia E. Brooks, Mrs. Allie Childress admitted. Mrs. Terry F. Bryan, Mrs. J. Quisenberry Jr. dismissed.

July 31: Mrs. Roy Ross admitted. Mrs. Gorman Walker dismissed.

Aug. 1: Mrs. Jim Ybarra, Mrs. Mary Payne admitted. Mrs. Zelma E. Brooks dismissed.

Aug. 2: Mrs. Jesse Garcia and baby boy admitted. Mrs. Norman Wolfe admitted. Mrs. Allie Childress, Mrs. Jim Ybarra dismissed.

Aug. 3: Mrs. Verna Donaghue admitted. Mrs. Jesse Garcia and baby boy, Mrs. Norman Wolfe dismissed.

As of Tuesday morning there were nine patients in the hospital and eight in the nursing home.

### MR. AND MRS. CHACON NEW RESIDENTS HERE

Mr. and Mrs. E. Chacon and their three children are new residents in Robert Lee. They moved last weekend into their new home on North 12th Street. The place was purchased from Stanley Adams.

The three children of the Chacon family will enroll in Robert Lee School this fall.

The Observer joins the rest of the community in welcoming this new family to Robert Lee.

Weekend visitors in the home of Mrs. P. E. Mahon were Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Johnson, Ellna Bryan Russell of Eagle Lake and Mrs. Bobby Mahon and son, Roy Paul, of Weimar. Roy Paul has just returned from Vietnam and will report to Fort Hood for duty. He is a grandson of Mrs. Mahon.

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