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Christmas Plans Completed



MOST HANDSOME — Mike Mumford was chosen Most Handsome in RLHS by his school mates. The son of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Mumford, Mike has had a busy career during his four years in high school. His activities include 5 years in the band, president in 1969-70; Bandsman of Year, 1970; president of sophomore class; vice president of junior class; second place in district tennis doubles 1970; football, lettered 4 years, captain 1970; basketball, all district 1968-69, all district and all area 1969-70, plus individual honors, captain 1969-70; track, 1st in district high jump, 2nd in regional high jump, entered state high jump 1970.



MOST BEAUTIFUL — Patti Ivey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cumbie Ivey Jr., was voted Most Beautiful in RLHS. She is closing out a busy four years in high school this year. Her activities include: member Beta Club; Future Teachers of America, 3 years; Future Homemakers of America, 3 years; band, feature twirler 3 years, won UIL twirling contest first place medals 3 years; UIL speech events 2 years; one-act play 2 years, made all-district east 1970; attended speech workshop at Angelo State University last summer and won medal for prose reading.

Final plans were made Tuesday for the BCD's annual Christmas Party. The party will be held Saturday, Dec. 12. Highlight of the party will be a visit by Santa Claus. He will arrive on the big red fire truck and will pass out candy to all the kids present.

The party will be held on the

parking lot behind the courthouse if weather permits. In the event of bad weather, the party will be held inside the courthouse.

Prior to Santa's visit, there will be a free movie for youngsters at the Alamo Theatre at 1 p.m. Just before Santa arrives, at 2:45, there will be a parade led by the

Robert Lee Steer Band.

Everyone in the area is invited to come to town on the day of the party and youngsters have a special invitation to come and talk to Santa Claus and receive a free bag of candy.

Robert Lee merchants will have a large line of gift items on display for those who want to do their Christmas shopping.

Decorations Contest

The BCD voted Tuesday to sponsor a Christmas decorations contest again this year. Three homes judged to have the best decorations will be awarded prizes of \$10, \$5 and \$2.50.

President George Newby appointed a committee made up of Melvin Childress, Wilson Bryan and Fern Havins to work up a slate of new officers for next year.

Mayor Wilson Bryan gave a brief report on water usage. He said the city is now using about one-third well water mixed with lake water. Meter readings for November showed four million gallons used, compared to 11 million in June and July.

The mayor also reported that city officials have been discussing street repairs in Robert Lee. He said seal coating is needed in several places and money will be budgeted for the work.

W. D. McAdams stated that work is progressing ahead of schedule on the addition to the nursing home. Remaining work is on the inside and weather should be no obstacle in completing the job. He said failure to receive materials should be the only factor which could slow down completion.

HAWLEY ALLEN HONORED ON 93RD BIRTHDAY

Hawley Allen, Coke County ranchman, was honored Sunday with a birthday dinner on the occasion of his 93rd birthday. Hosting the dinner were his son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald C. Allen.

Mr. Allen was born in Bell County in 1877. He has served as a peace officer in both Tom Green and Coke Counties, but has been engaged in ranching for a number of years.

Members of the family present for the dinner were his wife, the former Amelia Caraway, the Gerald Allens and Frank Allen, all of Robert Lee; the H. C. Allen Jr. family of Lubbock; two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Christmas Musical Program Planned

Music students in grades I through 6 will present their annual Christmas program Dec. 14 at 7 p.m. The program, entitled "Tell Me a Story," will be under the direction of Mrs. Wilson Bryan.

The elementary school music students have traditionally presented a Christmas program for Robert Lee residents and this will be the 1970 version. There will be no admission charge and the public has a cordial invitation to attend, Mrs. Bryan said.

R-Lee Band Gets Bid To Festival

A distinct honor has come to the Robert Lee Steer Band when it received an invitation to participate in the annual Buccaneer Festival April 30 and May 1, 1971, in Corpus Christi.

Invitations are extended only to school bands which have received Division I ratings in Interscholastic League competition.

Bands from Class A, AA, AAA and AAAA schools will participate in the music festival and will compete in their classes for honors.

After approval of the school board, the Robert Lee Band Club has agreed to assist the band in making the trip. Approximately \$1,500 will be needed to finance it.

Plans are being made by band members and club members for several activities to raise the necessary money. This will be the first time the band has undertaken a project of this size and the backing of everyone in the community is needed and requested.

The Robert Lee Band was the only Class A band in Region II to receive Division I rating at the UIL marching contest held recently at Sweetwater. The region extends through this area of West Texas from San Angelo to Wichita Falls.

Water Systems Bids Announced

Bids were opened Tuesday afternoon of last week for improvements to Robert Lee's water system. Included in the improvements are a new 100,000 gallon overhead water storage tank, laying of new water mains and the addition of some fire plugs.

Separate bids were taken on the new tank and on the other improvements. Two lowest bids amounted to \$72,811.31.

James Goode of San Angelo submitted a bid of \$27,371.31 on the water lines and related improvements and Pittsburg-Des Moines Steel Co. submitted a bid of \$45,440 on the new tank.

Apparently contracts will be awarded to these two firms. However, their bids will have to be approved by state and federal agencies before the final contracts can be awarded.

The City of Robert Lee received a \$45,000 federal grant in July to help finance this project and the remainder of the cost will be financed through the Upper Colorado River Authority.

Goode's bid was almost \$10,000 lower than the next low bid and slightly less than \$20,000 lower than the high bid.

2 Youths Charged In Tire Slashing

Charges have been filed against two juveniles in connection with the tire slashing episode which took place in Robert Lee, Saturday night, Nov. 21.

Sheriff Melvin Childress said the hearing for the youths will be held in juvenile court on charges of damaging public property.

A total of 34 tires were damaged in the escapade, 22 of them on school buses. Also damaged were tires on a Robert Lee fire truck and several privately owned vehicles.

Robert Lee, Wall Exes to Play Game

Everybody just thought the football season was over. There is one more game on schedule at the local stadium. Robert Lee exes will play Wall exes Saturday night in a contest sponsored by

the Quarterback Club.

Everybody in the area is invited to attend this post season encounter which promises to have plenty of action. Proceeds of the game will be used to take care of expenses of the Quarterback Club which have been incurred in helping the Robert Lee Steers. Time is 7:30 p.m., Saturday, at the local field.

Robt. Lee School Honor Roll Given

The Robert Lee Elementary School honor roll for the second six weeks was released this week by Prin. Clifford Wilson, as follows:

Third Grade

Clay Bloodworth, Russell Chacon, Roy Clawson, Victor Conner, Lisa Devoll, Renea Flanagan, Kerry Gartman, Lynn Gulley, Jana Hood, Monroe Killam, Sue Lyn Mathers, Gayla Prince, Wade Wallace.

Fourth Grade

Lisa Bessent, Lynnette Boykin, Waid Davis, David Lackey, Donnie Killam, Karen Rasco, Terry Ross, Cindy Walker, Audrey Williams, Brian Wright.

Fifth Grade

Micky Baker, Glenn Davis, Emil Chacon, Betty Flowers, Vicky Gartman, Tammy Hambricht, David Meadows, Randy Prince, Debbie Smith.

Sixth Grade

Gary Womack, Virgilla Streng, Morris Wallace, Marilyn Wright, Randy Bessent, Lori Killam, Tim Rowoldt, Bobby Duncan.

Lane Beaty, student at Cisco Junior College, spent the Thanksgiving holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred L. Beaty.

FRAN-CILLA CHRISTMAS OPENING SUCCESSFUL

Fran-Cilla Flowers and Gifts had a very successful open house Saturday when more than 40 persons attended the annual opening for the Christmas season.

Mrs. Gay Sawyer won the door prize presented after the drawing Saturday. Out of town visitors came from Colorado City, Whitney and San Angelo.

Basketball Going Strong

Robert Lee's A teams split a couple with Forsan last Tuesday night when the teams traveled to the Howard County school.

In spite of the scoring expertise of Gloria Dodd of Forsan, the Robert Lee girls came out on the long end of a 64-57 score. However the A boys team lost, 64-45, and the Forsan B boys outdid Robert Lee, 33-14.

In the girls game the local gals teamed up to outscore Gloria Dodd. Linda Blair was leader with 31; Jackie Conley made 20 and Kathy Prince had 13.

In the boys game, leading scorers for Robert Lee were the Mumford brothers, Mike with 20 and Bobby with 14.

Nine of the B team's 14 points were made by Mike Pierce.

Bronte Goes Down

Robert Lee's teams made a clean sweep of three contests with teams from Bronte Tuesday night of this week.

The A girls swamped the visitors, 68-36. Blair was high pointer with 32, followed by Conley with 25 and Prince with 11.

The B girls slipped by Bronte, 34-32. Audrey Walker had 19, Rhonda Askins made 13 and Susan Prentice 2.

In the A boys contest the Steers won, 54-41. Bobby Mumford had 17 and Bubba Duncan 12.

This weekend the A teams will be in a tournament at Winters while the B team will go to Forsan for a tourney.

Next Tuesday, Dec. 8, the A and B boys and A girls will travel to Roscoe for hardwood contests.



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Austin — Car owners in Texas got the expected bad news when the staff of the State Board of Insurance recommended a 23.4 per cent average increase in auto insurance rates.

Board took no immediate action, but will set new rates by Jan. 1.

If the agency holds to its past policy of allowing no increase in any line of coverage greater than 25 per cent, the staff proposal may be scaled down to an effective 18.6 per cent boost.

Earlier the regulatory body committed itself to a new rate making formula taking into account investment income of companies and guaranteeing profit underwriting after taxes.

Staff recommendations would

build into the rate base a 4.7 per cent profit on policy writing and an 8.7 per cent allowance for state and federal taxes.

Industry representatives, still not satisfied, argued their case for a 27.7 per cent average statewide increase and removal of the arbitrary maximum change limitation of 25 per cent for any line. They claimed serious underwriting losses of \$45.7 million over the last decade.

Proposals brought angry rumbles from legislators. Sen. Oscar Mauzy of Dallas predicted that lawmakers "will not allow this economic miscarriage of justice to stand unchallenged." Rep. Joe Allen of Baytown also called the proposed rate increases "tragic abuse of government regulation and free enterprise system."

Texas AFL-CIO has called on drivers to appeal to the Legislature for a change in the rate system, and reportedly is studying possible legal action.

WELFARE CHANGES URGED — A raise in welfare benefits, removal of the constitutional ceiling on payments, reorganization of the Department of Public Welfare and a new approach to problems of needy families with dependent children were re-

commended by the blue ribbon Senate Welfare Study Committee.

Committee said the state must aim at development of children rather than simply maintaining them on aid rolls to break the poverty cycle.

These additional recommendations were included in the 85 page report:

A constitutional amendment to permit garnishment of wages for court ordered child support.

A vendor drug program to supply medicines to Medicaid outpatients.

Renaming the Welfare Department the Department of Human Resources and reorganizing it with a head named by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate.

Complete overhaul or streamlining of department administration with increased use of computer methods.

Committee Chairman William P. Hobby Jr. said the Legislature next January will have to pass an emergency appropriation of more than \$40 million just to carry the welfare program at present levels to the end of the biennium.

AG OPINIONS — County jury wheels must be refilled from tax renditions, as well as voter registration lists, Atty. Gen. Crawford C. Martin has held.

In other recent opinions, Martin concluded that:

* Penal code provision requiring a \$25 license fee for fish farm operators who grow fish for sale is constitutional.

* Estate of a deceased state employee should be paid for the same number of days to which he would have been entitled had he lived and claimed his vacation and sick leave, beginning the day following his death.

APPOINTMENTS — Gov. Preston Smith named his former executive assistant Harold K. Dudley chairman of the Texas Employment Commission, succeeding Mrs. Nancy Sayers, TEC's first woman chairman.

Smith also appointed Charles Weldon Kirk of Sweetwater as district judge of the 32nd district, effective Jan. 1.

He picked Frank Ginzler of Colorado City, county attorney of Mitchell County, to replace Kirk as 32nd district attorney.

Bill Doggett of Brownwood was confirmed as deputy commissioner for mental health of the Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation.

Dr. Bill R. Walker of San Angelo was appointed superintendent of the Austin State School replacing Larry W. Talkington.

J. W. (Bill) Irwin, Denton State School business manager since 1960, will succeed Walker in San Angelo.

TRAFFIC SAFETY PROMOTED — Legislative measures to get more problem drivers, especially drunks, off Texas highways were urged at the second annual Governor's Traffic Safety Conference.

Col. Wilson Spair, Department of Public Safety director, said the 12 month minimum suspension law for drunk driving now opens the door to an excessive number of probated sentences. He suggested a 60 to 90 day mandatory suspension without probation.

DPS head also proposed statutory fixing of .10 per cent blood alcohol level as the presumptive test of intoxication, broadened support for driver education, prescribed safety equipment for motor cycles and updating of the uniform traffic code.

RETURNS CERTIFIED — Official canvass of returns of the general election showed Democrat Lloyd Bentsen beat Republican George Bush for U. S. Senate by 155,334 votes and Governor Smith defeated GOP Paul Eggers by 158,675. Total turn-

out exceeded 2.3 million. There was one upset in the canvass. A constitutional amendment allowing the Governor to appoint a three-member State Building Commission, believed to have passed, actually was defeated by 6,337 votes.

Short Snorts
 Traffic deaths on interstate highways, down early in the year, took a big jump in recent weeks — seven per cent above 1969 — according to the Department of Public Safety.

Texas Hospital Association applauded the U. S. Senate finance committee amendment authorizing waiver of the requirement that Medicare hospitals have a registered nurse on duty 24 hours a day.

Lt. Gov. Ben Barnes said the state tax bill next year may be the highest in Texas history, but he will make an all-out effort to get the Legislature through with its job in 140 days.

BIRTHS

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Conner are parents of a baby girl born Nov. 18 in the Shannon Hospital. She was named Wednesday Che and weighed 5 pounds, 2 ounces. Mrs. Conner is the former Tony Varner. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Conner of Robert Lee and Mrs. Mildred Godwin of San Angelo.

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Washington — During the recent political campaigns much was said about inflation, unemployment, high interest rates and tight money. Everyone knows the effects of these conditions but few discussed remedies. Perhaps it is just as well since even the experts disagree on causes and remedial action.

There is, however, one fundamental factor involved which seemingly can not be ignored as the taproot of the problem—productivity.

This is not necessarily a political question but one within the scope of action by us as individuals.

No doubt inflation is due in part to the fact that the Nation has spent \$69 Billion more than the national income during the decade of the 1960's.

It is also true that the reluctance of the Congress to curb spending and stay within our income contributes heavily to the continuing increase in prices.

The unemployment situation has been aggravated by an uneasy economy and the fact that defense cutbacks have eliminated more than 300,000 jobs. The recent General Motors' strike cost an estimated \$90 Million a day in lost business. This is a key part of productivity as related to income and prices.

Productivity is the factor that has made the working man in America unique. His ability to use tools and knowledge to out-produce all others has made American goods competitive all

over the world.

Productivity of the American worker has made the price of things he bought for his own needs and pleasures, a reasonable proportion of his own pay check. It has provided the producer with the highest income in the world and the highest standard of living.

Things get out of going when wage settlements reached in major industries have no relationship to output but are only designed to pay higher prices for goods and services. The higher prices in turn are created by the decreasing production of the individual.

This has brought an increasing demand from certain industries for tariff and quota protection. The Japanese for instance are able to outsell us in our own markets because they produce in quantity for a lot less than we can produce the same items in this country.

This is why Washington can not have all the answers to this matter of high prices and all the side effects going with it. In the long run the final answer seems to lie in a free enterprise economy, with wage and price controls created and related to productivity. No government has yet been able to repeal the natural law of supply and demand in a free flowing economy.

PERSONALS

Weekend visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Bloodworth of Silver were her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Todd of Weatherford; her brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Todd and Vic of Goldthwaite; her sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Prosser and children of Valley Mills.

Mr. and Mrs. Sarge Martin and Jimmy visited recently in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Martin of Houston.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jameson and daughter, Natalie, of Corpus Christi visited last weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Jacoby. Natalie remained here to spend the week with her grandparents.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Shandley and children spent Thanksgiving Holiday weekend visiting her sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. John Gaddy, at Roswell, N. M.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Smith and family of Odessa, Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Smith of San Angelo and Mrs. Lowell Roane and Myna Kay were guests Thanksgiving day in the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Smith.

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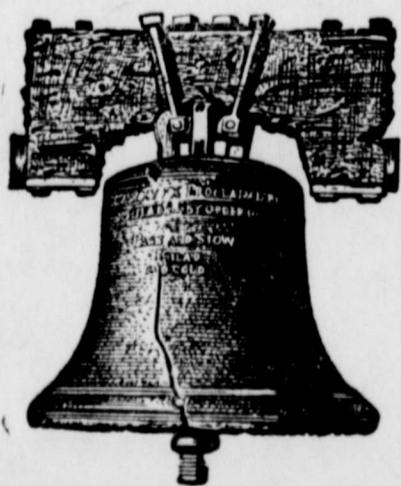
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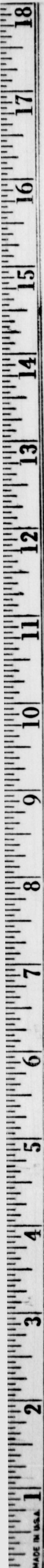
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Mrs. Gary Dale Parker

Miss Dianne Baker, Gary Dale Parker Exchange Vows Saturday During Ceremony in Bride's Parents' Home

Miss Dianne Baker became the bride of Gary Dale Parker during a ceremony Saturday in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Baker.

Parents of the bridegroom are Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Parker. The bride's grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Gene Baker and Mrs. Claude Dean.

The Rev. Bill Beaty, pastor of Robert Lee Baptist Church, officiated at the wedding.

Honor attendants of the couple were Miss Patty Hughes of Abilene and Bobby White of Lubbock.

A reception was held in the home following the ceremony.

Mrs. Parker is a 1968 graduate of Robert Lee High School where she was a member of Beta Club, Future Homemakers of America and 4-H. She was also a cheerleader. She attended Angelo State University and is currently employed by Timex Corp. in Abilene.

The bridegroom is also a 1968 graduate of Robert Lee High School where he was a member of Future Farmers of America and was on the football, basketball, baseball, golf and track teams. He also attended ASU and is presently attending Draughon's Business College in Abilene. He is employed by a farm and ranch supply firm.

The couple will live in Abilene.

Last Rites Held For Mrs. Pentecost

Mrs. W. S. Pentecost, 82, of San Angelo died at 7:35 p.m. Tuesday of last week in Shannon Hospital in San Angelo following a short illness.

Funeral services were held at 3:30 p.m. Friday in Johnson Funeral Home Chapel with burial in Fairmont Cemetery. The Rev. John Syrlis of First Evangelical Methodist Church in San Angelo and the Rev. Joe Temple of Abilene Bible Center officiated.

Mrs. Pentecost was born Betty H. Ferguson April 29, 1888, in Stockdale. She was married to W. S. Pentecost in 1914. He died in September 1949.

The family moved to Coke County and lived in Sanco and Edith communities for 10 years, from 1927 to 1937. They lived several years in Brown County and moved to the present home in San Angelo in 1942. Mrs. Pentecost was a member of the Methodist Church.

Survivors include two sons, Nolan Pentecost of Sand and Bill Pentecost of San Angelo; three daughters, Mrs. Loma Preslar and Mrs. E. H. McCulloch, both of San Angelo, and Mrs. William Casselberry of Alamo-gordo, N. M.; a sister, Mrs. Edith Cheek Miller of San Antonio; four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Melvin Childress and T. K. Whiteside, both of Robert Lee, Marvin Moehnke of Ballinger; Albert Roe Jr., Don Miller and Dr. Jack Self, all of San Angelo.

Funeral Held for Mrs. Madie Ray

Funeral services for Mrs. Madie L. Ray, 87, were held last Wednesday in the Newby Funeral Home Chapel, with burial following in Mule Creek Cemetery southwest of Tenneson.

Mrs. Ray died Tuesday of last week at 1:15 p.m. in West Coke County Hospital. She was admitted only a few hours before her death.

Mrs. Ray was born Jan. 15, 1883, in Amity, Ark. She had lived in Tom Green County for two years before moving to Coke County a few months ago to live with her sister, Mrs. Rupert Manley of San Angelo (Route). She was a Baptist.

Survivors include three sisters, Mrs. Manley, Mrs. Pattye Irwin of Plaquenice, La., and Mrs. R. D. Martin of San Jose, Calif., and several nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were nephews.

Mr. and Mrs. Jackie Smith of Lubbock visited over the Thanksgiving holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Wallace Jr.

Lunchroom Menu

Monday, Dec. 7

Hamburgers, lettuce, tomatoes, onions, pickles, buttered corn, potato chips, milk, chocolate pudding.

Tuesday, Dec. 8

Tamales and chili, buttered rice, fruit Jello on lettuce, milk, biscuits, and butter, pineapple upsidedown cake.

Wednesday, Dec. 9

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

Thursday, Dec. 10

Beef stew, potatoes and onions, English peas, carrot and coconut salad, hot rolls and butter, milk, pink applesauce.

Friday, Dec. 11

Barbecue chicken, creamed potatoes, garden salad, hot rolls and butter, milk, apricots.

Visitors Monday in the home of Mrs. A. L. Lofton were her sister, Mrs. E. A. Boykin of Brownwood, and her daughter and husband, Col. and Mrs. R. M. McBride of Washington, D. C.

Holiday visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Roy McDaniel were their daughter, Linda, and her friend, Phylis Petrovick. The girls are students at Abilene Christian College.

Hamilton Service At Goldthwaite

Mrs. Grace Jane Hamilton, 73, of Goldthwaite, died Friday in Childress Hospital after a long illness. She was a sister of Mrs. A. J. Roe Sr. of Robert Lee.

Funeral was at 2 p.m. Sunday in Wilkins Funeral Chapel at Goldthwaite with burial in Oakview Cemetery at Mullin.

Mrs. Hamilton was born April 16, 1897, in Gilmer and was married to Walter Lee Hamilton April 7, 1912, at Winters. She moved to Goldthwaite from Winters in 1935. She was a member of Jehovah's Witnesses.

Survivors include her husband; three sons; four daughters; one brother; four sisters; 18 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Attending the funeral from Robert Lee were Mrs. Roe, Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Roe, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Roe Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Roe; also Joe L. Roe of Brownwood.

Mrs. Bryan Yarbrough attended the funeral of her nephew, Bruce Newton, Tuesday afternoon in Loraine. His parents were former residents of Coke County, having lived here in the early 1900's.

Observer want ads are very effective and cost very little.

PERSONALS

Jay Weldon Phillips spent several days here visiting his mother, Mrs. Effie Phillips, during the holidays. He is stationed for two weeks at Dyess Air Force Base, Abilene, for special training before being sent to Korea.

A. J. Roe III, student at Texas State Technical Institute in Waco, spent the Thanksgiving holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Roe Jr.

Lonnie Bloodworth of College Station, a Texas A&M student, spent the Thanksgiving holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Bloodworth of Silver.

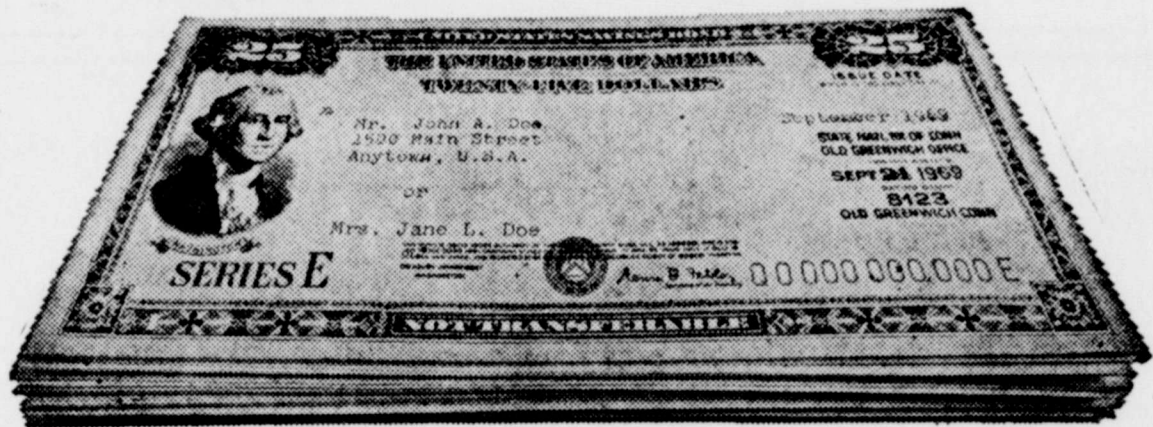
Visiting here over the Thanksgiving holidays in the home of Mrs. Ramona Woody were her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Seal of Midland.

Out of town Thanksgiving visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Bryan were two of her children, Kitten Dean who is a student at the University of Texas at Austin, and Tony Dean of Henrietta.

Mrs. Perry Mullis visited in Del Rio over the holidays in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Wheeler.

Thanksgiving holiday guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Flanagan were Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Mullis and family of Montezuma Creek, Utah, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mullis of Kermit and Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Biggs of Fort Worth.

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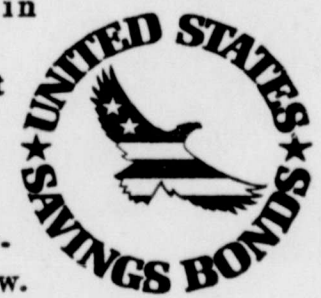
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THANKSGIVING GUESTS

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Havins and Wells had a pleasant Thanksgiving with visitors in their home, including Mr. and Mrs. Cleo Havins, Mrs. Jack Brownfield, Cereeta and Paul, Lorin Thifeman and Mark and Mr. and Mrs. Randy Summerlin, Samantha and Blake, all of San Angelo; Mr. and Mrs. Milton R. Havins, Paula Faye and Ray and Mr. and Mrs. Terry Havins and Tommy, all of Pasadena; Mr. and Mrs. John L. Davis, Johnnie, Milton and Melissa of Kingsland; Otto Havins of Wichita Falls; and Mr. and Mrs. Vic Collett and Fern Havins of Robert Lee.

PERSONALS

Mrs. Homer Jameson had as her Thanksgiving guests her children and grandchildren and their families. They were Mr. and Mrs. Merle Jameson, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Jameson and children and Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Jameson and children, all of Colorado City; Mr. and Mrs. Ramey Jameson and family of Silver; and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jameson and Natalie of Corpus Christi.

Weekend visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Williams were her mother, Mrs. Vera Allen and Melvin and Susie Graham of Waxahachie, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Allen and children of Kermit and Mr. and Mrs. Matt Hamilton of San Angelo.

Spending Thanksgiving weekend with Mr. and Mrs. George Lomas were their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Lomas and Lisa, and Mr. and Mrs. Hershall Calender, all of Midland.

Holiday visitors in the home of Mrs. Dona Bryan were her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Paul Good and sons of Longview.

Hospital News

Nov. 24: Mrs. Madie Ray, Mrs. James Isbell, Wallace Ross admitted. Mrs. Madie Ray dismissed.

Nov. 25: Mrs. Sharon Minnick and baby girl dismissed.

Nov. 26: A. J. Roe Sr. admitted. Wallace Ross dismissed.

Nov. 27: Mrs. F. C. Millican admitted. Mrs. Chester Derrick dismissed.

Nov. 28: A. J. Roe Sr. dismissed.

Nov. 29: Mrs. C. J. Brooks, Mrs. Lena Russell admitted, Mrs. James Isbell dismissed.

Nov. 30: Mrs. Lennie Allen, Mrs. F. C. Millican dismissed.

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

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Pfc. and Mrs. Charles Askins and Chuck are here visiting with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Bloodworth and Mr. and Mrs. Foy Askins. Pfc. Askins has been stationed at Ft. Ord, Calif., and is to report to Chicago, Ill., Dec. 14.

Visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Russell McBroom during Thanksgiving were their three children: Linda who is attending Law School in Austin; Tom, a student at Angelo State University; and Robert who is attending Illinois Institute in Chicago.

Robert has been doing research at Stanford University in California. He has been working at the Stanford Linear Accelerator Center since June in preparation for writing his master's thesis. He will return to Chicago in January to begin the spring semester.

PERSONALS

Spending Thanksgiving day with Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Bloodworth of Silver were Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Bloodworth and Kathy Harris of San Angelo; Mr. and Mrs. Jackie Smith of Lubbock; Lonnie Bloodworth and Charles, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Bloodworth, Janice, Clay and Patty, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Bloodworth and Lori Ann of Silver; Pam McMullen of Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Wallace Jr., Jacky, Donna, Susan and Buddy of Robert Lee.

Mrs. Ruth Denman is spending this week at Baird visiting in the home of her son and family, the Bill Denmans.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Schoeler of Mosca, Colo., are here for several days this week, visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Finis Harmon.

Visitors Thanksgiving day in the Jett Hood home were Mr. and Mrs. Dwain Williams and children of Snyder, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Hood and family and Mr. and Mrs. William Ray Hood, all of San Angelo, and Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Hood and J. B. Hood, all of Brownwood.

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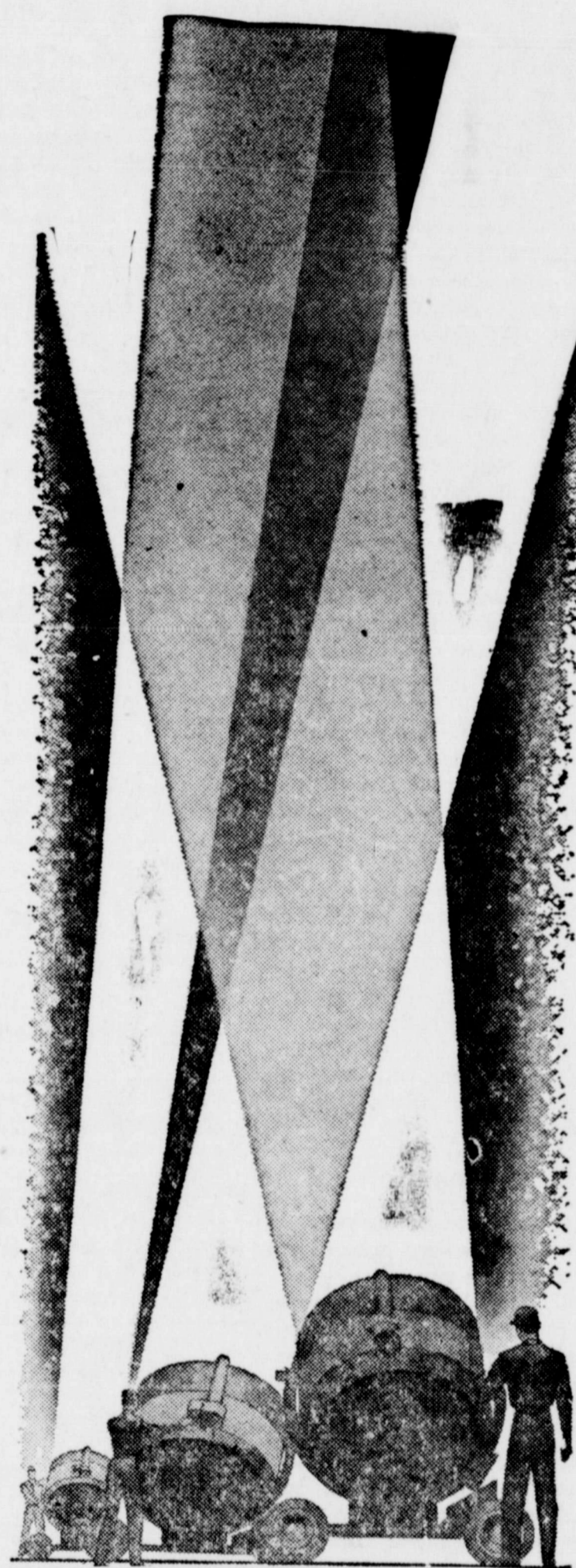
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Conference Held On Farm Program

A national conference on farm programs for the 70's is being held in Washington, D. C., Nov. 30 through Dec. 3. It was called by the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, farm program agency of the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Some 12 members of the state committee and other officials are attending the meeting.

High ranking government officials will address the conference on a variety of current topics, with interest expected to center on new farm legislation which now awaits the signature of President Nixon.

Broad, long range agricultural questions also will be discussed by Secretary of Agriculture Clifford M. Hardin, Under Secretary J. Phil Campbell, Assistant Secretary Clarence D. Palmby, AS-CS Administrator Kenneth E. Erick and other USDA officials.

On the opening day of the conference, Oklahoma Congressman Page Belcher of the House Agriculture Committee will be luncheon speaker. A featured speaker that afternoon will be Attorney General John Mitchell.

"Most of the conference will be devoted to information on the new farm legislation," ASC Committee Chairman Clarence A. Danklefs said. "The legislation is a significant change in American farm policy and programs. It is designed to give farmers more opportunity to manage production for market demand and increase farm income. It provides farmers more freedom in management of their farms than any previous farm program legislation," he added.

He stated it was his understanding that producers could look forward to learning details of the new farm programs in the near future. "The National Conference on Farm Programs for the 70's is the first step in acquainting farmers with the new directions of farm programs," Danklefs said.

HUNTERS REPORT KILLS

Deer and turkey hunters reported the following kills to the Observer this week:

J. M. Prine Jr., 10 point buck; Finis Harmon, two bucks, 8 and 6 points, and 1 gobbler; William Joe Harmon, 7 point and 1 gobbler; Jacky Wallace, 10 points; Lee Roy McDaniel, 8 points; Eddie McDaniel, spike; Roy Hood, 6 points; Randy Flanagan, two with 4 and 7 points; Ramona Woody, doe; Garland Davis, 8 points; Add Davis 18 point Blacktail.

Weekend visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Wallace were their daughter and her family, Mr. and Mrs. Travis Atten, Margaret and Mira of Arlington, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Wallace of Pecos, Mr. and Mrs. Donny Bradford and Sammy of San Angelo and Tilden Jones of Amarillo.

Mrs. Joe Ross and children spent Thanksgiving holidays with her mother, Mrs. Laura Jones, at Christoval. Other guests in the Jones home were Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Jones of Houston and Tilden Jones and boys, Tom and Glenn, of Amarillo.

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GARAGE SALE: TV, vacuum cleaner, furniture, junk. Thursday and Friday at Marvin Corley home, Bronte. 1tc

FOR SALE: My home in Robert Lee. Hadley Richards. Phone 453-2985.

HOUSE FOR SALE: Corner lot, 810 W. 11th. 2 bedroom, gas air conditioning and heating, fenced back yard, foundation for bricking. Balance of loan 6% interest. 453-2673, G. E. Conner. tnc

FOR SALE: 20 gauge pump shotgun. Nearly new. \$65.00. Ernest Jones. tnc

WANT TO BUY: 2 Gas Heaters. Phone 453-2762, Ann Jordan. 1tp

POSTED: My ranches are posted. Trespassers will be prosecuted. Nolan Pentecost. 7tp

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DEL MONTE SPINACH, 303 can - - 2 for 39c

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TOP WAVE TUNA - - - - - each 29c

MEAD'S

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SILK BATHROOM TISSUE - - 4 roll pkg. 39c

WESSON OIL - - - - - 38 oz. bottle 89c

LIQUID THRILL - - - - - 32 oz. bottle 63c

Folger's Coffee 89c

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FROZEN CUT CORN - 20 oz. poly bag 35c

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