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Fire Destroys Lumber Yard

Man Wounded Mon. Morning

Ynes Lara, 19, of Robert Lee is hospitalized in San Angelo as a result of a shooting incident which occurred about 1 a.m. Monday. Sheriff Melvin Childress said an investigation of the incident by his office has been completed, but no arrests have been made.

The sheriff said he plans to present the matter to a 51st District Court grand jury as soon as it can be convened, probably in mid-March.

Childress said he, Deputy Sheriff Grady Coulter and Highway Patrolman Arthur Sikes were called to the home of Mrs. Jean Salmon about two miles north of Robert Lee at approximately 1 a.m. Monday.

The sheriff said they found Lara lying wounded in the front yard of the Salmon home. Apparently he had been shot at close range, about 15 feet, with a .45 caliber pistol.

Mrs. Salmon, a widow, lives with her daughter, Ginger, 15. The two had gone to bed before the incident occurred. Mrs. Salmon told Sheriff Childress that the shooting occurred after she heard a noise outside the bedroom window of her home and then heard someone in a hallway entrance to the house.

\$139,340 Low Bid On Housing Units

Robert Lee Housing Authority opened bids Tuesday afternoon on 12 new dwelling units which they propose to construct and operate along with the units already built. Four bids were received.

Apparent low bidder was C. C. Hoerster Construction Co. of San Angelo, who proposed to build the 12 units for \$139,340. Other bids included Rose Construction Co. of Abilene with a bid of \$149,900; Alston Construction Co. of Sweetwater, \$153,000; and Columbine Corp. of Midland, \$159,940.

The housing authority will study the bids before deciding which to accept. It will probably be next week before a decision is reached. Public Housing Authority officials also have to approve the bid before it can be accepted and contract awarded.

Participating in the bid opening were H. S. Lewis Jr., chairman; J. O. Rudd, Bill Allen, Weldon Fikes and W. T. Roach, directors. Also present was Mrs. Golda Smith, executive director for the housing authority.

HELP NEEDED ON MISSION

Anyone who wishes to help with the building of a mission for Mexican American residents of Robert Lee is asked to leave donations or items to be sold at a rummage sale at 1113 Childress.

Investigating officers called a Newby ambulance before they left town. The ambulance took the wounded man to West Coke County Hospital where he received first aid, and then transferred him to Shannon Hospital in San Angelo.

4-H'ers to Make Drive for Dimes

Robert Lee Future Leaders 4-H Club members will be ringing doorbells tonight (Thursday) and asking everyone to make a contribution to the March of Dimes.

The 4-H'ers will begin their door to door canvass at 6 p.m. and everyone is requested to be ready to open the door to them.

Anyone who will be out of town Thursday night may mail a contribution to the County Extension Office in Robert Lee, or donations may be left at Robert Lee State Bank. Since the rural area of the community will not be canvassed, rural area residents may mail contributions or bring them by the Extension Office or the bank.

The 4-H Club members urged everyone to be generous in giving to the March of Dimes, pointing out that the money will be used to fight birth defects. Funds are needed for research, patient services, professional education and public health education.

Birth defects are the nation's second greatest destroyer of life, claiming approximately 500,000 unborn babies and 62,000 children and adults each year. Every year, 250,000 American babies are born with birth defects. An estimated 15 million Americans of all ages have one or more birth defects which affect their daily lives.

The Future Leaders 4-H Club worked on this campaign last year and did a successful job.

Girls Lose to Eldorado In District Play-off Game

The Robert Lee girls lost a playoff game last Friday night to Eldorado, 52-39. The two teams finished district play in a tie, both having a 9-1 district record, and the playoff was to determine who would represent District 9-A down the line. The contest was played in San Angelo Central gymnasium.

Kathleen O'Harrow of Eldorado was high pointer for the game with 26. Linda Blair paced her team with 20 points and Jackie Conley had 11.

The Eldorado girls, by virtue

3 Elections Coming In Early April

Three elections of interest to Robert Lee and community citizens will be held in early April.

Trustees for the Robert Lee School, directors for West Coke County Hospital District and members of the City Council will be elected.

A complete roundup of the vacancies will be carried in next week's Observer. Candidates for any of the positions must file with the proper authorities at least 30 days before the elections.

Another election of interest to citizens of the school district has been called for March 13 when voters will decide if the school board shall be given the authority to raise the maintenance tax rate to a figure not to exceed \$1.50 per \$100 valuation.

Missouri Service For Dr. Jenner, 91

Funeral for Dr. El C. Jenner, 91, was held Wednesday in Independence, Mo. He was the father of Mrs. Lavina McDaniel of San Angelo, formerly of Robert Lee.

Dr. Jenner died Sunday in West Coke County Hospital after a short illness.

Since the death of his wife, Carrie, four years ago, Dr. Jenner had made his home with Mrs. McDaniel.

He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church at Independence and served as a deacon for many years. He was a Shriner, a Mason and a charter member of the Rotary Club in Independence. He was also a member of the Knife and Fork Club.

He practiced medicine in Independence and among his patients was Mrs. Bess Truman, wife of the former President.

Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. McDaniel and Mrs. W. E. Sanders of Kansas City, Mo.; seven grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

One of the worst and most spectacular fires in the history of Robert Lee occurred late last Thursday afternoon when the lumber shed of Brown Lumber & Supply was ignited from a grass fire on the vacant part of the block west of the yard. The lumber yard was owned by Mr. and Mrs. Dale Brown.

A total of 89,000 gallons of water was poured onto the flames in a successful effort to contain the fire. This was in addition to water carried in the trucks of fire departments who answered the call to help.

The fire was discovered shortly after 5 p.m. and the 100x200 foot structure rapidly was engulfed in flames. The building was about 75 to 80 feet in height and created a spectacular sight

as the flames rushed over it.

A 25 to 30 mile per hour wind was blowing at the time of the blaze and it was a battle for the firemen to keep the fire from spreading. The strength of the wind was attested to by the fact that cinders blew about two blocks to the back side of the courthouse square and set fire to dead grass there.

In spite of this one instance of the fire's blowing, firemen and other observers were surprised that more cinders didn't blow around and catch more nearby areas afire. The area behind the business buildings on the west side of the downtown business district caught fire for a time but firemen were able to extinguish the flames before they got to any of the stores.

Angelo Services For Jack Allard

Funeral services were held for H. E. (Jack) Allard, 50, Wednesday at 2 p.m. in the Johnson Funeral Chapel in San Angelo, with burial in the family plot at the Foster Cemetery in Sterling City.

He died Monday between 4 and 5 p.m. from self-inflicted gunshot wounds at his home in San Angelo. Mrs. Allard was gone from home at the time of the shooting and discovered the body when she returned home.

Mr. Allard was born Nov. 7, 1920. He married Ella Mae Vest April 29, 1939, in Bishop, Tex. He was a World War II veteran serving two years in the U. S. Army, and was wounded in the Battle of the Bulge in the European Theater. Following his release from a Veterans Hospital in 1946, the couple made their home in West Texas. They ranched at Colorado City, Sanco, Bronte, Barnhart, Christoval and Eldorado and moved to their present home in San Angelo in 1965. He had been employed by Handy Packing Co., but retired last year due to ill health.

Survivors are his wife; one son, Charles Allard; one daughter, Mrs. David Daniel, all of San Angelo; his father, H. H. Allard, and one sister, Mrs. E. J. Stockman, both of Colorado City, and three grandchildren.

Boy Scouts Going To First Aid Meet

Approximately 150 Boy Scouts from 19 units in the Tri-Rivers District are expected in Ballinger Saturday to participate in the District First Aid Meet which will be held in downtown Ballinger. The meet will start at 1 p.m. according to Sam L. Williams of Robert Lee, chairman of the district Health and Safety Committee.

A number of problems will be presented each patrol and the members will have a few minutes to study the problem and then solve it by using actual first aid techniques. The Scouts must use only the equipment, clothing, etc., that they have with them.

Scouts from Troop 461, Robert Lee, will be among those participating in the meet, under direction of Scoutmaster Gene Hinard.

son was 33 points.

Steer Bobby Mumford was also in the top 10 scorers in district play with a 10.6 average per game. The brothers had second best composite score in the district with an average of 34.5 per game. They were barely edged by Baty and Charles Adams of Eldorado who averaged 35.4.

District records looked like this at the close of the season: Mason with a 10-0 record; Sonora, 7-3; Eldorado, 5-5; Robert Lee, 4-6; Menard, 2-8; Bangs, 2-8.

of their win, met Cross Plains Tuesday night in a bi-district tilt. Their 63-49 win gave them a berth in regional play.

Mumford High Pointer

The Steers didn't come close to winning the district, but Robert Lee's Mike Mumford stacked up the outstanding scoring record for District 9-A play. Mumford had a big 23.9 points per game to edge Jerry Baty of Eldorado who had a 23.6 average. Mumford's consistent scoring was borne out by the fact that his high for any game of the sea-



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Austin — Legislators have cleared major emergency finance hurdles and are moving to other fronts to hold down the size of the tax bill.

A \$34.9 million appropriation bill to avert reduction in aid to needy families with dependent children passed both houses and went to Comptroller Robert S. Calvert for certification.

Before he would accept the bill, Calvert advised passage of another which would re-align priorities in the state's massive omnibus tax clearance fund. In effect, this would permit turning over to welfare some \$35 million that normally would go to the teacher retirement fund between April and August.

Teachers association and retirement fund leaders had no formal objection to the latter, although it would cost the retirement fund an estimated \$100,000 to \$600,000 in short-term interest. However, the fund will be repaid in full when the ultimate new tax bill goes into effect on Sept. 1.

While these measures were moving methodically through the House and Senate, the House passed a bill to establish a \$185 million bond plan to finance construction on eight new college campuses. Bonds would be repaid from tuitions, and would cost taxpayers little. Final approval of the plan in the Senate would relieve the tax bill of a

heavy load in order to build new institutions already authorized by the 1969 Legislature.

Still another potentially important money bill won quick Senate approval. It would require all cities and counties, population 10,000 and above, to report to the state all welfare spending for the medically needy. If federal officials will agree, Lt. Gov. Ben Barnes proposes subsequent legislation to require all these local funds be routed through the state treasury, where hopefully they would attract an extra \$100 million in two-to-one matching federal aid.

"PEOPLE'S LOBBY" FORMS — A new liberal group—including representatives of labor, ethnic and environmental interests—has organized an "issues oriented" people's lobby.

About 300 attended the organizational meeting. Former U. S. Sen. Ralph Yarborough and former U. S. Atty. Gen. Ramsey Clark were the main speakers.

Congressman B-b Eckhardt of Houston was named temporary chairman and State Sens. Barbara Jordan of Houston and Joe Bernal of San Antonio, temporary vice chairmen. Twelve steering committee members were chosen to work with them.

By a divided vote, the group decided to steer clear of candidate endorsement (although there was plenty of speculation at the meeting that Yarborough may run for governor in 1972) and concentrate on specific legislative goals.

COURTS SPEAK — Houston's Kirkwood Civic Club, which insures enforcement of deed restrictions and sponsors lawn beautification contests, is not exempt from the state franchise tax, says the State Supreme Court.

A letter terming a woman an

"undesirable" renter (filed with an apartment association) was a privileged communication and not libelous, High Court ruled in another Harris County case.

Third Court of Civil Appeals held that Humble Oil and Refining Co. is entitled to get back \$92,000 in taxes paid the state, plus interest, on oil and gas leases at Corpus Christi Naval Air Station.

Third Court agreed that Mertzson Independent School District had the right to annex Barnhart ISD.

OPEN MEETINGS AMENDMENT PROPOSED — A bill to require notice before and posting of minutes afterward concerning closed door meetings of public agencies was heard by the House State Affairs Committee.

Closed meetings now can be held legally to discuss personnel, real estate or security matters.

Bill by Rep. Dave Allred of Wichita Falls would not ban these meetings, but would require notice in advance that they are to be held. Within three days, under the bill, minutes sketching the action which took place in the closed meeting would have to be made public. Bill went to subcommittee for study.

Meanwhile, Sen. Mike McKool of Dallas introduced a bill (SB 314) to require publishers, broadcasters and billboard concerns to charge their "lowest" rate for political advertising. Bill proposes \$100 fine and recovery action for "excess charge."

FIRST BILL SIGNED — First bill of the legislative session — reopening voter registration through February — was signed into law by Governor Smith.

Voters who register this month cannot take part in elections before April 1. Those who registered before the close of the old

deadline, in January, can vote by March 1.

Short Snorts

Legislature has resolutions calling on U. S. Secretary of Agriculture to allow Texas more time to comply with federal meat inspection standards before taking over the inspection program.

Governor Smith offered the services of the Texas medical disaster team to earthquake hit California.

Senate approved constitutional amendments to require annual sessions of the legislature, repeal of the annual voter registration requirement and to allow 18 year olds to vote in all elections.

A fish kill (with rotenone) is scheduled at Lyndon B. Johnson Reservoir near Marble Falls, on March 27-28, to rid the lake of rough fish. Hundreds of fishermen are expected to be there with nets.

Public hearings on master plans for the initial development of five new state parks will be held here Feb. 24 and 26.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. (Dub) Wallace and family of Dallas visited here over the weekend in the home of her sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Add Davis, and other relatives.

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Dear Reader,

Recently in Viet Nam a top ranking military official was sentenced to three years imprisonment by a General Court Martial. He was charged with having in his possession, having used, and having given marijuana to others. Do you think this sentence was too heavy? What is three years of a man's life worth anyhow? Does it seem cruel that the very branch of service for which this man had tirelessly labored for the past thirty years would in turn reward one account of misconduct with three years imprisonment? Moreover, does the military want us to think this was the only such case in that war-torn country? Are they wanting us to believe that by sentencing this "old soldier" so harshly, that in reality, our boys are being protected?

It is time to face the facts about drug abuse. Although bad, drugs are no more condemned and destructive, humanely speaking, than the use of alcohol. The very military that court martialled this man has clubs where alcoholic beverages are both purchased and consumed. Many of our military men, ready to retire from active duty, have been alcoholics for years; and, this is with the sanction of those for whom they work. Why condemn drugs and have a "hands off" attitude toward alcohol? Could it be that those making our laws are "down-on" drugs while being "up-on" alcohol?

Certainly I do not sanction the use of either alcohol or drugs but I would like to see both dangerous enemies treated with equal respect. Our divorce courts and insane asylums stand as living testimonials against the use of alcohol. Notice, I didn't say the abuse of alcohol. The very use, internally, is its abuse. Twenty-eight thousand Americans died in 1968 from Cirrhosis of the liver. Webster's Medical Dictionary defines this condition as: "A disease of the liver... caused by... toxic substances circulating in the blood... Chronic alcoholism is one of the outstanding causes of cirrhosis." One man has said, "there is none so blind as he who will not see." Let's open our eyes to the danger of alcohol and drugs.

Douglas Mays, Church of Christ, Robert Lee, Tex., Ph. 453-2696

Hospital News

Feb. 9: Maria Soto, Sid Wooten admitted. T. M. Wylie Sr., Mrs. R. M. Lykins dismissed.

Feb. 10: Perry Mullis, Willie Barnett admitted. Mrs. Malinda Heckman dismissed.

Feb. 11: E. C. Jenner, A. J. Roe Sr., Mrs. Bert Blaylock, Hadley Richards admitted. Oda Benton, Mrs. C. J. Brooks, Darwin Gregston, Mrs. Lenzy McDorman dismissed.

Feb. 12: Mrs. Marshall Bevan, E. H. Ivey admitted. Perry Mullis, Robbie Jane Smith, Frank Avila dismissed.

Feb. 13: George Conner, Cumbe Ivey Jr. admitted. Mrs. Marshall Bevan, Maria Soto dismissed.

Feb. 14: Mrs. Marshall Bevan admitted.

Feb. 15: Mrs. Pearl Sheppard admitted. E. H. Ivey, Mrs. Bert Blaylock, Mrs. Marshall Bevan dismissed.

Tuesday morning there were 13 patients in the hospital and six in the nursing home.

SERGEANT COLE ASSIGNED AIR FORCE DUTY IN GUAM

TSgt. Jimmie L. Cole, son of Mrs. Everett Ackerman of Robert Lee, has graduated from the U. S. Air Force Noncommissioned Officer Academy at Norton AFB, Calif.

Sergeant Cole, who received advanced military leadership and management training, is an air operations supervisor. He is being assigned to Andersen AFB, Guam.

The sergeant, who served 12 months in the Republic of Korea and completed a tour of duty in Vietnam, attended Stockton High School, Stockton, Calif.

rites held in Lubbock for Hubert N. Tucker

Funeral services were held in Lubbock Feb. 8 for Hubert N. Tucker, 85 a long time resident of Lubbock County. He was a former Coke County resident.

Mr. Tucker died Feb. 5 in West Texas Hospital at Lubbock. He had been a resident of Lubbock County since 1918.

He is survived by his wife; four daughters, three sons, 16 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

PERSONALS

Stanley Post and Ann McGinley visited over the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Perry Post at LaVerne, Okla.

Mrs. Beesie Walker was released Sunday from Shannon Hospital and returned to her home in Robert Lee. She had been a patient for two weeks.

Weekend visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Javan Vosburg were their son, Buddy, and two of his friends, Terry Hawkins and Jim Franks, all of ACC, and her sister, Mrs. Jack Raymond, and children of Waco.

Pam McMullen of Wylie was a weekend visitor in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Wallace Jr.

Sunday visitor in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Roberts was their son, Travis Roberts of San Angelo.

Notice Taxpayers

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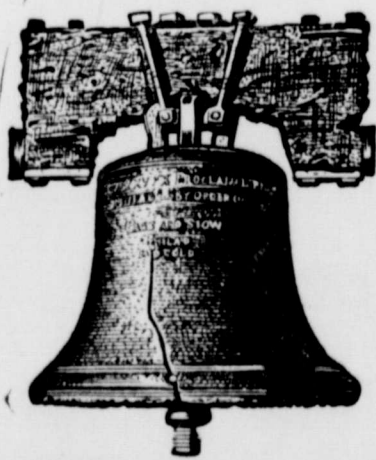
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We wish to thank our many friends for their help in fighting the lumber yard fire. Our deep appreciation to San Angelo firemen and Emergency Corps personnel, Sterling City, Bronte and Robert Lee firemen with their fire trucks; J. D. Harmon for use of the dozer for making fire guards; and county commissioners for their help. We really appreciated the help from the local businessmen and all other local help, including the boys and school students who pitched in and helped. Also, our special thanks to the ladies and men who brought food and drinks for everyone. Words alone cannot express our thanks.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Brown and Employees
 Itc

CARD OF THANKS

A note from the Robert Lee Volunteer Fire Department expressing their appreciation to everyone who helped during the fire at Brown Lumber. We wish to thank everyone who brought sandwiches and coffee for the men fighting the fire, and assisted them in any other way.

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Notice is hereby given that a maintenance election will be held in the Robert Lee Independent School District on March 13th, 1971, at the places and on the proposition set forth in the following substantial copy of order for maintenance tax election adopted by the Board of Trustees of said School District on the 15th day of February, 1971:

WHEREAS it is advisable and to the best interest of said School District to submit to the electors qualified to vote in tax elections the maintenance tax proposition hereinafter mentioned.

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

That an election be held in said School District on the 13th day of March, 1971, at which election the following proposition shall be submitted to the resident, qualified, electors of said School District, who own taxable property therein and who have duly rendered same for taxation for their action thereupon:

PROPOSITION

Shall the Board of Trustees of The Robert Lee Independent School District be authorized to levy, and cause to be assessed and collected an annual ad valorem tax of not to exceed \$.50 on each \$100.00 valuation of taxable property in said School District for the further maintenance of the public free schools therein?

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

At Robert Lee School Building in Robert Lee, Texas, in said School District, with Mrs. Bobby Roberts as Presiding Judge, and Mrs. Raymond Bloodworth and Mrs. Freeman Clark, Clerks.

The polls at the above designated polling place shall on said election day be open from 7 o'clock A.M. to 7 o'clock P.M.

Mrs. Juanita Trimble is hereby appointed Clerk for absentee voting. The absentee voting for the above designated election shall be held at Robert Lee School Tax Office within the boundaries of the above named District and said place of absentee voting shall remain open for at least eight hours on each day for voting which is not a Saturday, a Sunday, or an official State holiday, beginning on the 20th day and continuing through the 4th day preceding the date of said election. Said place of voting shall remain open between the hours of 8 A.M. and 5 P.M. on each day for said absentee voting. The above described place for absentee voting is also the absentee clerk's mailing address to which ballot applications and ballots voted by mail may be sent.

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

Place an "X" in the square beside the statement indicating the way you wish to vote.

For
 Against } Maintenance Tax

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

John D. Mumford
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Mayor Urges City Attention To Fire Hazards

Mayor Wilson Bryan told members of the BCD Tuesday that the city fire marshal and other city officials have been busy this week making a survey of possible fire hazards in the city.

The need for care in fire protection was brought home in last week's disastrous fire at Brown Lumber & Supply. The mayor asked for the cooperation of everyone in the city in an effort to eliminate fire hazards, particularly dead vegetation and other trash close to buildings.

He urged, also, that residents of the city use covered containers for burning trash, and pointed out that butane tanks must be at least 10 feet away from buildings and 50 feet away from service stations.

The mayor emphasized the seriousness of fire threat which is especially dangerous now while everything is so dry.

Along this same vein, he mentioned that the city is not gaining much on its water problems, "but I think we are holding our own." He said city officials feel the method now being used of pumping water into the city lake is the best way to keep a reservoir of water on hand in case of emergency. By moving the water into the lake instead of directly into the water plant, he said, city workmen would have some time to make repairs or find other water sources, in case of emergency.

Supt. Jim Bickley announced that Robert Lee has been selected as the site for two bi-district basketball contests. Wall and Forsan girls were scheduled to meet here Tuesday night, and Forsan and Miles boys will play here March 2. In addition, Forsan and Mozelle will have a practice game here Friday night.

Postmaster Hugh Lewis Jr. recognized Mrs. Bryan Yarbrough, chairman of Coke County Historical Survey Committee, and thanked her for the observance held last week at the time of the 80th birthday of the Robert Lee Post Office.

Vice President W. T. Roach presided at the meeting this week. Guests present were Richard Dodson, license patrolman with the DPS, who was a guest of Sheriff Melvin Childress, and E. H. Sheffield of the Texas Industrial Commission, who was a guest of Mayor Wilson Bryan.

ATTEND FUNERAL

Mr. and Mrs. Virgle Hendley returned home Sunday from East Texas where they attended funeral services for her brother, Jim H. Kellis of New Orleans, La.

Mr. Kellis was discovered dead in bed by his wife Feb. 9. Services were held Feb. 11 in New Orleans with burial following at Canton, Tex.

Survivors are his wife, Alma, and one son, Jonathan Jim, 11, and four sisters.

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Washington — In football the only sure way to break up a forward pass is to block the passer. Iran, one of the heaviest producers of opium, has applied this tactic to dope peddlers with what they say is maximum effects.

Poppy farmers in Iran are under Government supervision. The acreage devoted to poppy raising is allotted and all production is sold to the Iranian Government at a fixed price. As would be expected there is also a large amount grown outside that allowed. It is sold illegally at a higher price than that sold under regulation. The same situation exists in Turkey, where there is even larger poppy production.

Poppies sold on the black market are crudely processed in clandestine plants in Iran and Turkey. The rough product is then taken to France where, again, it is illegally refined into heroin and other drugs for illicit sale, a large amount of which finds its market in the United States.

Our country's representatives have been in consultation with Turkey and Iran in efforts to curb the illicit traffic of drugs to this Country. A subsidy to farmers of both countries to reduce acreage has been considered, with the U. S. contributing.

In the meantime, we are discussing with France her responsibilities of taking action against dope refineries. It seems some headway has been made but certainly more needs to be done.

Iran itself has a narcotics problem and has recently invoked the death penalty against peddlers convicted of a second offense. Iranian officials say that since a number of peddlers have faced a firing squad, their drug problem has come under control.

The drug problem in this country is common knowledge. Even one addict is a problem to someone—himself and to the family. Multiplied by two million or more—and no one knows for sure—it becomes a crisis. To make the matter more sad and alarming is the fact that addiction has spread to grammar school children. This is known to be hap-

pening here in Washington and is declared to be the case in a number of our large cities.

Murder in the first degree, since the beginning of time, has been the most serious offense under any kind of legal order. In this century the murder of the soul of a child might well be considered a more dastardly crime than the killing of the physical body of a man.

The dope addict not only becomes the victim of the drug seller but a menace to all society. A victim in the awful grip of addiction is under compulsion to satisfy his habit which may run to a cost of \$100 or more a day. As a result a huge percentage of the crimes of violence are committed to obtain money to buy drugs. Our nation's capital is an appalling example.

Vast sums of money are being spent for the care and treat-

ment of narcotic victims. The numbers continue to grow — the results in treatment appear doubtful.

This is not a dissertation on the moral question of the death penalty—a subject of many dimensions. It is, however, an issue currently debated in many state legislatures. Also debated is the distinction for punishment between the possession of narcotics by the user and the possession by the dope pusher. There is obviously a great difference if it can be identified.

The observation of President Thomas Jefferson might be appropriate when he noted that "the choice of two evils is often a necessity of political life." The most severe penalty on the dope peddler, as between the conversion of school children to drugs, is the lesser of evils. It is not a matter of the care of the criminal but rising to the defense of children.

For thousands of years, man has defined crimes against property and against his physical person. It remained for the scientific 20th century to produce crimes against the soul.

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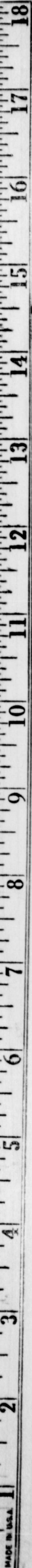
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Mr. and Mrs. John L. Heck and daughters returned home Tuesday from Daisetta, Tex., where they attended funeral services for his grandmother, Mrs. E. M. Crow, 77. She died Saturday in a rest home and funeral services were held Monday afternoon.

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MRS. REVELL HONORED WITH BRIDAL SHOWER

Mrs. Lee Ray Revell was honored Saturday from 2 to 5 p.m. with a bridal tea in the home of her sister, Mrs. David Fernandez. The honoree is the former Susan Calder.

Hostesses for the affair were Mrs. Gary Jones and Mrs. Jay Jones of Sterling City.

Yellow and beige were accented in the decorations. The table was laid with a beige linen cloth with a miniature bride dressed in yellow, called the loving bloom, for a centerpiece.

Punch, cake, coffee, mints and nuts were served by Mrs. Gary Jones and Mrs. Tommy Blair to the 40 guests who called to view the gifts on display.

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BIRTHS

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Price of Goodhue, Minn., are parents of a daughter, Amanda Louise, born Feb. 5. She weighed 6 pounds, 5½ ounces. She has a sister, Lerra, who is one year old. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Price of Akron, Colo., and Mrs. Walter Goelz of Minnesota. Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Bloodworth of Silver and Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Price of Brownwood.

Lennie Bloodworth of College Station was home for a weekend visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Bloodworth of Silver.

RUNNELS BAPTIST YOUTH RALLY SET SATURDAY

The monthly youth rally of the Runnels Baptist Association will be held Saturday at First Baptist Church in Bronte, beginning

at 7:30 p.m. All young people of this area are invited to attend the rally. "A real fine program is planned and could prove to be an evening well spent," said James M. Gehrels, youth director of Winters.

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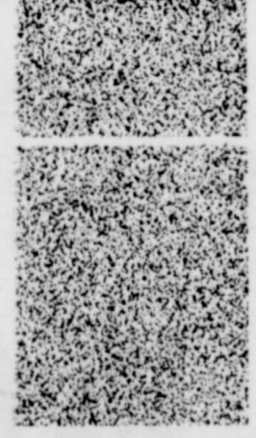


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PUBLIC NOTICE
 Proposed CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT
 NUMBER FOUR ON THE BALLOT (SJR 17)
 Special Election May 18, 1971

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
 Section 1. That Article III of the Constitution of the State of Texas be amended by adding thereto a new Section 49-d-1 to read as follows:
 "Section 49-d-1. (a) The Texas Water Development Board shall upon direction of the Texas Water Quality Board, or any successor agency designated by the Legislature, issue additional Texas Water Development Bonds up to an additional aggregate principal amount of One Hundred Million Dollars (\$100,000,000) to provide grants, loans, or any combination of grants and loans for water quality enhancement purposes as established by the Legislature. The Texas Water Quality Board or any successor agency designated by the Legislature may make such grants and loans to political subdivisions or bodies politic and corporate of the State of Texas, including municipal corporations, river authorities, conservation and reclamation districts, and districts created or organized or authorized to be created or organized under Article XVI, Section 59, or Article III, Section 52, of this Constitu-

tion, State agencies, and interstate agencies and compact commissions to which the State of Texas is a party, and upon such terms and conditions as the Legislature may authorize by general law. The bonds shall be issued for such terms, in such denominations, form and installments, and upon such conditions as the Legislature may authorize.
 (b) The proceeds from the sale of such bonds shall be deposited in the Texas Water Development Fund to be invested and administered as prescribed by law.
 (c) The bonds authorized in this Section 49-d-1 and all bonds authorized by Sections 49-c and 49-d of Article III shall bear interest at not more than 6% per annum and mature as the Texas Water Development Board shall prescribe, subject to the limitations as may be imposed by the Legislature.
 (d) The Texas Water Development Fund shall be used for the purposes heretofore permitted by, and subject to the limitations in Sections 49-c, 49-d and 49-d-1; provided, however, that the financial assistance may be made pursuant to the provisions of Sections 49-c, 49-d and 49-d-1 subject only to the availability

of funds and without regard to the provisions in Section 49-c that such financial assistance shall terminate after December 31, 1982.
 (e) Texas Water Development Bonds are secured by the general credit of the State and shall after approval by the Attorney General, registration by the Comptroller of Public Accounts of the State of Texas, and delivery to the purchasers, be incontestable and shall constitute general obligations of the State of Texas under the Constitution of Texas.
 (f) Should the Legislature enact enabling laws in anticipation of the adoption of this amendment, such Acts shall not be void by reason of their anticipatory character."
 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 Tuesday, May 18, 1971, at which election all ballots shall be printed to provide for voting for or against the proposition: "The constitutional amendment to authorize the issuance of One Hundred Million Dollars (\$100,000,000) bonds to provide financial assistance to cities and other public agencies for water quality enhancement purposes, providing for the improvement and continuance of the water resources program, and establishing an interest ceiling on Water Development Bonds at 6% per annum."

PUBLIC NOTICE
 Proposed CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT
 NUMBER THREE ON THE BALLOT (SJR 5)
 Special Election May 18, 1971

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

in these programs as it deems appropriate.
 "The Legislature shall have authority to enact appropriate legislation which will enable the State of Texas to cooperate with the Government of the United States in providing assistance to and/or medical care on behalf of needy persons, in providing rehabilitation and any other services included in the federal laws making matching funds available to help such families and individuals attain or retain capability for independence or self-care, to accept and expend funds from the Government of the United States for such purposes in accordance with the laws of the United States as they now are or as they may hereafter be amended, and to make appropriations out of State funds for such purposes; provided that the maximum amount paid out of State funds to or on behalf of any needy person shall not exceed the amount that is matchable out of federal funds; provided that the total amount of State funds paid for assistance grants for needy dependent children and the caretakers of the children shall not exceed Fifty-Five Million Dollars (\$55,000,000) during any fiscal year.
 "Provided further, that if the limitations and restrictions herein contained are found to be in conflict with the provisions of appropriate federal statutes, as they now are or as they may be amended to the extent that federal matching money is not available to the State for these purposes, then and in that event the

Legislature is specifically authorized and empowered to prescribe such limitations and restrictions and enact such laws as may be necessary in order that such federal matching money will be available for assistance and/or medical care for or on behalf of needy persons.
 "Nothing in this section shall be construed to amend, modify or repeal Section 31 of Article XVI of this Constitution; provided further, however, that such medical care, services or assistance shall also include the employment of objective or subjective means, without the use of drugs, for the purpose of ascertaining and measuring the powers of vision of the human eye, and fitting lenses or prisms to correct or remedy any defect or abnormal condition of vision. Nothing herein shall be construed to permit optometrists to treat the eyes for any defect whatsoever in any manner nor to administer nor to prescribe any drug or physical treatment whatsoever, unless such optometrist is a regularly licensed physician or surgeon under the laws of this State."
 Sec. 2. The foregoing constitutional amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of this State at an election to be held on May 18, 1971, at which election the ballots shall be printed to provide for voting for or against the proposition: "The constitutional amendment removing the limitation on the total State appropriations for assistance grants for the needy aged, the needy disabled, and the needy blind, and setting a limitation on total State appropriations during any fiscal year for assistance grants for needy dependent children and the caretakers of such children."

Robert Lee Included in State Industrial Program; Citations Given to Helpers

Twelve Robert Lee business and civic leaders received citations Tuesday from the Texas Industrial Commission and Gov. Preston Smith for having made a significant contribution to Texas' industrial development.

The citations were presented by E. H. Sheffield of the commission staff in a meeting culminating nearly a year's work towards incorporating pertinent industrial location information on Robert Lee into the nation's most sophisticated computerized site location data bank.

Local persons receiving citations were: Hugh S. Lewis, Wilson Bryan, W. D. McAdams, Garland Davis, Edna Havins, W. W. Thetford, George Newby, C. R. Mayfield, Otis H. Campbell, Juanita Trimble, O. B. Jacobs and

Willis W. Smith.

Out of town contributors recognized were Furst M. Moore, J. B. Goss of General Telephone Co., Lonnie Hudson of Valley Copperstate Freight Lines, Bennard Fird of Curry Motor Freight, and Clifford Daniel of Lone Star Gas Co.

Called "Insta-Site," the computer program has already received two distinguished awards itself from the Southern Industrial Development Council, a professional society covering 16 Southern states.

Participation of local leaders in gathering information for "Insta-Site" means that information on Robert Lee industrial assets will be instantly available to all industrial firms considering new plant sites in Texas.

Sheffield presented Mrs. Havins, who served as the commission's local coordinator for the project, a massive 88 page printout containing 1444 items of information on the Robert Lee area. Local award recipients collected data for 393 items of information on the printout and the balance was collected for the community by the commission staff.

The local group will review the information and make necessary changes, and then a Community Analysis Report will be available which shows how Robert Lee compares with other cities of similar size as a place to locate an industry.

E. H. IVEY SUFFERS BROKEN LEG IN ACCIDENT

E. H. Ivey, owner and operator of Ivey's Mobil Station in Robert Lee, suffered a broken leg Friday afternoon when he was pinned against a work bench by a car on which he was working.

Ivey was working on the carburetor of the car and had the transmission in drive when the emergency brake failed to hold and the car pushed him into the bench.

Hilario Rodriguez, who is employed at the station, backed the car away from the injured man and called a Newby ambulance to take Ivey to West Coke County Hospital. He remained there for treatment from Friday afternoon until Monday.

ARIZONA FUNERAL FOR KIN OF RL RESIDENTS

Funeral services for Rufus Franklin Vowell were held Feb. 4 in Yuma, Ariz. Death was caused by an explosion in his mobile home on Feb. 1. He died enroute to the hospital.

Mr. Vowell was born Jan. 20, 1915, in Robert Lee, a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John H. Vowell. He was a veteran of World War II and a member of the Methodist Church.

Survivors include two daughters, two brothers, and two sisters. Also surviving are uncles and aunts, Mrs. Victor Collett, Mrs. Lem Cowley, G. C. Casey and Martin Casey, all of Robert Lee, and Nealy Pond of San Diego, Calif.

None of the local relatives was able to attend the funeral.

SISTER DIES

Mrs. Melva Grimes of Paul's Valley, Okla., died Feb. 13, apparently of a heart attack. She was a sister of Mrs. Lenzy McDorman of Robert Lee.

Mrs. Grimes was the former Melva Ellison and was reared in Coke County. Mrs. McDorman was unable to attend the funeral because of illness.

Lunchroom Menu

Monday, Feb. 22

Charcoal steaks and gravy, creamed potatoes, combination salad, hot rolls and butter, milk, pink applesauce.

Tuesday, Feb. 23

Barbecue beef on bun, buttered corn, lettuce wedge with French dressing, potato chips, milk, banana pudding.

Wednesday, Feb. 24

Ranch style beans, buttered potatoes, spinach, corn bread and butter, milk, peach cobbler.

Thursday, Feb. 25

Skillet dinner with cheese, English peas, cabbage and carrot salad, hot rolls and butter, milk, catmeal-raisin cookies.

Friday, Feb. 26

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