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On April 3rd

District Literary Meet Set



POLLUTION STOPPERS—The first grade class of Robert Lee School, taught by Mrs. Irene Newell, spend their spare time gathering up trash in the area

around the Robert Lee School campus. The youngsters are doing the cleanup job as their part in the fighting of pollution problems which are engulfing

the nation. Waste paper, tin cans, bottles and other trash are gathered up and deposited in the proper place.

Students Give Pointers On Fighting Pollution

Students in the high school chemistry class of RLHS have been making a study of ecological problems facing this country in preparation for Earth Day which is scheduled for early April.

Below is an article submitted by the class which lists some suggestions determined from their study:

As a result of our studies of ecology, the Chemistry Class of RLHS submits these helpful suggestions to those conscientious citizens who take the time to listen and maybe act:

A. Don't dump garbage in the open.

B. Don't litter our streets and highways.

C. Repair all water leaks.

D. Eliminate fire traps by cleaning basements and garages.

E. Be conscious of the peril of our wildlife.

F. Use as few household detergents as possible, and use those low in phosphates.

G. Tune up your car.

H. Buy throwaway bottles when possible.

I. Don't buy colored tissues. The dye pollutes the water.

J. Stop pouring waste down sinks; it adds to the already heavy organic load.

K. Use the minimum of electricity. Power plants are big polluters.

L. Do not use such pesticides as DDT, Aldrin, Dieldrin, Heptachlor, Endrin, Lindane, Chlordane.

M. Do not flush waste oil down the sewer. Haul it to a dumping place.

N. Do not waste water. Think whether or not you need it.

O. Support conservation groups and cleanup campaigns.

P. If you're a hunter or fish-

erman always bend over backward to be courteous to farmers and ranchers and to respect their rights.

If in some of these areas you are lacking and feel you would like to do your share in combating ecological problems, we hope you will be moved as well as prompted to do your part.

In the event that you are interested and would like to hear more facts on the problems of ecology which we face in Robert Lee, a series of articles of the various subjects will be printed each week until Earth Day in April.

Students of Robert Lee High School are busy making preparation for the district UIL Literary meet which will be held here April 3.

Schools which will take part in the district meet include Robert Lee, Bangs, Henard, Eldorado, Sonora and Mason.

Robert Lee's entries include: Debate: Richard Guerrant and Cookie Hinnard.

Informative speaking: boy—Jesse Eads; girl—Patricia Chacon.

Persuasive speaking: boy—Jim Jacobs; girl—Jana Mauldin.

Poetry interpretation: boy—

Pat Lewis; girl—Sheri Pitcock.

Prose reading: boy—Gary McDaniel; girl—Patti Ivey.

Ready writing: Beverly Shandley and Jamie Craig.

Spelling: Mary Donley, Margie Sanchez and Jo Adkins.

Number sense: Harvey Wink, Mark Matlock and Bill Rowaldt.

Science: Ricky Wilkes.

Slide rule: Becky Large, Harvey Wink, and Mary Lee McCoy.

Typewriting: Cookie Hinnard, Margie Sanchez and Sterling Allen.

Shorthand: Jo Adkins and Beverly Shandley.

7th and 8th Grade

Oral reading: boy—Craig Besant; girl—Elaine Millican.

Spelling: Dora Ybarra, Marena Johnson and Konney Service.

Ready writing: Mary Lackey and Jo Nell Ross.

Number sense: Marvin Simpson, George Abalos and Walter Flowers.

Practice Meet

In preparation for the district contest, the students went to Mertz on March 19 for a practice meet. Five local students took first place:

Beverly Shandley in ready writing; Rosanna Boykin, typewriting; Mary Donley, spelling; Jo Adkins, shorthand; Pat Lewis, poetry interpretation.

Taking second place were:

Jamie Craig, ready writing; Margie Sanchez, typewriting; Patti Ivey, prose reading; Gary McDaniel, prose reading; Jesse Eads, informative speaking; Patricia Chacon, informative speaking; Sheri Pitcock, poetry interpretation; Quincey Wright, persuasive speaking.

Third place honors went to:

Audrey Walker, number sense; Ricky Wilkes, science; Sterling Allen, typewriting; Terri Kinsey, poetry interpretation.

Services Held For Mrs. Wright

Funeral services for Mrs. Lorene Wright, 56, were held Sunday at 2 p.m. in Southside Church of Christ, Douglas Mays, local minister, officiated. Burial was in Robert Lee Cemetery, under direction of Newby Funeral Home.

Mrs. Wright died at 4:30 p.m. last Friday in West Coke County Hospital after a long illness.

She was born Jan. 17, 1915, in Anson, and had lived in Robert Lee since 1968. She was married to Charley A. Wright Nov. 9, 1935, in Roswell, N. M.

Mrs. Wright was a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors are her husband of Robert Lee; two sons, Charley A. Wright Jr. of San Angelo and Edwin Wright of Robert Lee; two daughters, Mrs. Eva May Stephens of Robert Lee and Mrs. Mary Catherine Lewis of Pecos; one brother, Raymond Faulks of Big Spring; five sisters, Mrs. Paul Duren of Dalhart, Mrs. Bernice Carson of Nacogdoches, Mrs. Clyde Berry, Mrs. Cassie Miller and Mrs. H. C. Keese, all of San Angelo; and seven grandchildren.

Special Services at Church of Christ

A special series of studies will be held this weekend at Northside Church of Christ in Robert Lee.

G. B. Shelburne Jr. of Amarillo will present an account of his recent tour of Bible Lands. The studies will consist of a showing of groups of color slides and discussion of them as they relate to Biblical subjects.

Mr. Shelburne made this tour in 1969 with a group which visited many points of interest in the Middle East and Holy Lands. Following the tour, he left the group to visit in Malawi, Africa, with his son, G. B. Shelburne III, who has done missionary preaching in that area for several years.

The public has a special invitation to attend this series of meetings to be held at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday and at 10 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Sunday.

Cleanup Campaign Planned Here Soon

Plans are in the making for the Cleanup Drive which is sponsored each spring by the BCD. The civic group discussed the drive at their weekly meeting Tuesday.

Commissioner Fern Havins was appointed chairman of the campaign and Mayor Wilson Bryan was named assistant.

The BCD hopes to secure the cooperation of everyone in the city and community in cleaning up the entire area.

The drive has a two-fold purpose: to reduce health and fire hazards and to make the city more attractive.



BAKER GETS GAVEL—Speaker Gus F. Mutscher (left) presents traditional symbols of leadership in the Texas House of Representatives to George Baker of Fort Stockton (right) and Frank Lombardino (center) of San Antonio. Lombardino and Baker serve as chairman and vice chairman, respectively, of the House Engrossed and Enrolled Bills Committee during the 62nd Legislative Session. Baker's district includes Coke County.

Hospital District To Have Auction

An auction sale will be held Monday, March 29, at 2 p.m. to sell some excess equipment and materials owned by West Coke County Hospital District. The sale will be in the Buz Sawyer Building on Main Street.

The merchandise to be sold is no longer needed by the district since it has been replaced during the construction of the new addition to and remodeling of the nursing home which is operated in conjunction with the hospital.

The auction will begin at 2 p.m. but doors will be opened at 1 p.m. in order for buyers to inspect the items for sale.

A variety of merchandise will go on the auction block, including a large number of doors, windows, hospital beds, chests, chairs, plumbing fixtures, electric fans and heaters and other miscellaneous items.

The public is invited to attend the sale and bid on the items being offered.



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Austin — Welfare beneficiaries late last week got the bad news they had been expecting — there will be substantial cuts in their assistance payments on May 1.

Level of aid will be reduced to Aid to Families with Dependent Children by about one-third, according to Welfare Commissioner Burton G. Hackney. Board of Public Welfare scheduled a meeting Monday (March 22) to place its inevitable approval on the reduction.

"The hard fact," said Hackney, "is that no more state money is available under the present constitutional ceiling on welfare expenditures. The Legislature has

appropriated all that it can appropriate."

Average AFDC grant last month, based on PWD's formula of 75 per cent of "budgeted needs," was \$118.

Hackney estimated the average level will drop on May 1 to about \$80 a month.

In addition to steep cuts, about 4,500 families will be dropped from the rolls altogether, since at the newly-contemplated 50 per cent level of "budgeted needs," they will no longer be eligible for aid. Their income will meet the "standard of need" PWD must recognize with the limited funds available.

As of last month, there were 87,616 Texas families with 263,809 children receiving AFDC benefits. Rolls for the last five months have been increasing at a rate of almost 11,500 a month, according to Hackney.

A proposed constitutional amendment to increase the \$85 million a year ceiling on aid to aged, blind, disabled and AFDC will be voted on May 18.

Almost simultaneous with PWD's announcement of the cut (actually first predicted by Hackney last Nov. 12), Texas Citizens for Welfare Reform announced start of its active campaign to win approval of the amendment (Proposition 3) on the May 18 ballot.

SENATE PASSES LIQUOR BILL — Senate voted 22-7 approval of the local option liquor by the drink bill and sent it to the House.

Biggest battle in the Senate was whether retail package stores or wholesalers would sell to bar operators. Package stores won out, over the protest of Sen. Joe Christie of El Paso, author of the bill (SB 346).

Measure now calls for \$2,500 license fees for mixed beverage licenses, with \$2,500 first renewal fees after one year, \$500 thereafter.

Bars would be able to serve drinks in one ounce mini-bottles or standard size containers. Senators rejected by 16-13 a "dram shop" amendment to hold liquor dispensers liable for damages of their intoxicated customers.

Rep. L. DeWitt Hale of Corpus Christi said he will ask for a hearing next week and expects an early floor debate.

"I don't think there is any question but that we will pass a bill of some kind," said Hale. "The fight is not over final passage but what's in the bill."

TAX HEARINGS BEGIN — Hearings on the tax bill were to begin in the Senate late this

week and continue probably through most of next week.

Lt. Gov. Ben Barnes called on all interests to present their case and on all senators to ready their amendments or substitutes for the House-passed \$492.5 million sales tax-franchise tax-tuition increases.

Barnes expressed hope for more orderly floor consideration of amendments with revenue estimates and amendments prepared in advance rather than at the last minute as usual.

OIL ALLOWABLE SAME — For the third month in a row, Texas Railroad Commission set the oil production allowable at 82.1 per cent of potential. That will allow maximum production of 3,763,658 barrels a day in April. Actually, about 3,411,000 barrels probably will be the output. Oil company executives said all evidence points to the need for a big effort to locate "massive new supplies of crude."

WATER OPINIONS — Texas Water Quality Board cannot force the owner of a solid waste disposal dump to post bond for a license, Atty. Gen. Crawford Martin has held.

In other recent opinions, Martin concluded that:

- * Legislature would have to vote authority for a county to lease its property.
- * City and county may cooperate to establish an ambulance service by joint contract.
- * Juvenile court has jurisdiction to declare males delinquent after 17th birthday and females after 18.
- * Sheriffs are not bound to furnish county auditors a monthly inventory of supplies, menus and bills for feeding prisoners.
- * Highway Department can award federally involved highway contracts which do not contain the general prevailing rate of per diem wages in view of the presidential emergency proclamation.
- * Ward County may maintain a golf course on land owned by the City of Monahans.
- * If county commissioners make final selection of a bank as the county fund depository, selection may not be retracted.
- * Contract for delinquent tax collection entered by commissioners without notice to the county attorney should not be approved.

STUDY DROUGHT PROBLEM — Governor Smith led a state-federal delegation to Alice late last week to investigate the increasing drought problem in South Texas.

Governor met with local officials, farmers and ranchers. He was accompanied by Agriculture Commissioner John C. White, disaster relief officials and legislators.

Smith said he is exploring the possibility of requesting that the region be designated a disaster area for federal aid in the form of low interest loans and emergency livestock feeding programs.

Short Snorts
Governor Smith in ceremonies at Texas Tech University, Lubbock, signed a bill authorizing \$185 million revenue bond program for building eight new higher education facilities.

There were 21,116,000 out of state and foreign visitors to Texas last year, who spent \$1.469 billion, according to State Highway Department calculations.

Senate passed and returned to the House with amendments a bill increasing tuitions of out of state students in Texas tax supported colleges from \$200 to \$500 a semester. (Students already enrolled would be exempt.)

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"Sweet Purple," local singing group, will appear on KCTV, Channel 8, on Blackie Crawford's program at 5 p.m., Thursday, March 25.

The group is made up of four girl singers and three accompanists. Singers are Beverly Shandley, Jean McDaniel, Jan Havins and Peggy Green. Accompanists are Jo Adkins at the piano, Ernest Herford on bass guitar, and James Fields on lead guitar.

Hospital News

March 16: Mrs. Odessie Clawson, Myna Kay Roane, T. D. Snead dismissed.

March 17: Mrs. M. W. Farris, Mrs. Roy Walker, Mrs. Lennie Allen, Mrs. Bessie Walker admitted. Mrs. Mabel Mundell, Mrs. Velma Thomason, Leslie Copeland, Keith Hood, Mrs. Roy Hood dismissed.

March 18: Mrs. Roy Hood, Wilburn Wrinkle, Andrew Johnson admitted. Mrs. Mary E. Dean dismissed.

March 20: W. O. Eubanks admitted.

March 21: Mrs. Robert Hollway, Eugene Montgomery admitted.

March 22: Mrs. H. C. Allen, Mrs. Johnny Ruth, Perry Mullis, Mrs. Robert Hollway, Eugene Montgomery, Mrs. Roy Walker dismissed.

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

WOJTEK FAMILY GATHERS

The children of Mr. and Mrs. V. V. Wojtek met here over the weekend for a family gathering.

Those attending were: Mr. and Mrs. Vic Wojtek, David, Vicki, Rex and Mike, Oklahoma City; Mr. and Mrs. V. V. Wojtek, Kathy and Junette, Midland; Mr. and Mrs. Troy Montgomery and Gene, Mr. and Mrs. Gregg Williams and Shelly, Don Poe, and Mr. and Mrs. David Burk, Shannon and Brant, all of Lubbock; Mrs. J. C. Wojtek, Slaton; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wojtek, Donna and Joe, Eden; Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Cobb and Joyce, Mrs. Gene Williams, Kenneth and Billy, Mr. and Mrs. Marlo Wojtek and Stacey, Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Wojtek and Joan, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Johnston and Debra, and Mr. and Mrs. James Bryson and Windy, all of San Angelo.

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Robert Lee BCD Items of Interest

A report on Boy Scout work in Robert Lee during 1970 was given at Tuesday's BCD meeting by Scoutmaster Gene Hinnard. He pointed out that it is time to re-charter the local troop and that the BCD has been local sponsor for many years. The charter has to be renewed by the end of March.

Eight Robert Lee adults make up the troop committee which also serves as a board of review, the scoutmaster said.

Hinnard said he had 35 boys registered at the beginning of 1970 and had a total of 42 reg-

Trackmen Place At Bangs Meet

James Fields was the only Robert Lee trackman to hit first place honors when the team went to Bangs meet last Saturday. He took blue ribbon honors in discus competition with a 119 foot toss. Fields also took second place in shot put, throwing the heavy ball 44 feet, 10 inches.

Another second place winner was Harvey Wink, who covered the mile run in 4:47.3.

Rudy Abalos and Kenneth Prime tied for fourth place in pole vault, clearing the bar at 10 feet, 3/4 inch.

Also taking fourth place was the mile relay team. The team is made up of Tony Abalos, Rudy Abalos, Tim Millican and Alex Costillo.

The 440 relay team came in sixth. Members are Costillo, T. Abalos, Frank Box and R. Abalos.

The trackmen will go to San Angelo Relays Friday and Saturday.

Girls Win Second At Wink Meet

Robert Lee's girls track team took second place at the Wink meet last Saturday. The local girls scored 87 points, and were nosed out of first place honors by Garden City who had 88 points.

The results:

Field Events

Cookie Hinnard took first in shot put with a toss of 34 feet 10 1/2 inches. Jackie Conley took first in broad jump with a leap of 16 feet, three inches. Hinnard was fourth in discus with a throw of 75 feet, six inches. Taking fifth in triple jump was Debbie Hendry with a 31' 5 1/4". Karen Bagwell was sixth in high jump with a 4' 0".

Track Events

Jackie Conley was in her usual stride and took first in the 100 yard dash with an 11.0, and first in the 60 yard dash with a 7.1. Debbie Hendry also took blue ribbon honors in the 80 yard hurdles with a 13.2.

The 440 relay team came in second with a time of 52.2. Team members are Pam Heck, Sheri Pitcock, Linda Blair and Conley. The 880 relay team was fourth with 1:58.1. On this team are Pitcock, Blair, Hendry and Jane Hughes.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Fambrough of Big Lake were overnight guests Saturday in the home of their aunt, Mrs. Velma Denman. Sunday visitor in the Denman home was Denman Pate of Denver City.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Wallace Jr. and family and Pam McMullen of Abilene spent the weekend visiting their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Jackie Smith of Lubbock.

istered during the year. Due to moving, drop outs, etc., he has 25 of the boys left in the troop. One boy has moved up from Cub Scouting into Boy Scouting making the total now registered stand at 26.

Robert Lee Scouts earned a total of 140 merit badges during 1970, Hinnard said in reviewing the Scouts' accomplishments. Two Scouts from the troop and one from the Explorer Post made Eagle Scout during the year.

Prin. Garland Davis told the BCD members about the ecology project now being worked on by a high school chemistry class. Davis said the study is being made purely because of the interest of the students in the subject. In another story in this week's Observer, a list of some 16 suggestions are given, all of which were determined from the study made by the class. Davis pointed out that the students are seriously interested in the environment in which we live and are determined to do their part to protect it from the pollution and excesses which are now making it less and less habitable.

Along the same line, members of the BCD held a round table discussion about their annual cleanup campaign in the city. Everyone agreed it is time to get the campaign underway. Commissioner Fern Havins was appointed chairman of the cleanup drive and Mayor Wilson Bryan was named assistant.

It was brought out that everyone in the city and community is urged to clean up his premises. Another story in this issue of the Observer tells more details about the cleanup campaign.

Figures Given On Coke Crime

Figure on crime in Coke County during 1970 have been released by Sheriff Melvin Childress. The figures were taken from his annual report to the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

The figures show that burglary was the chief offense of a major nature. There were 35 burglaries known to police, with 19 of them cleared up and one committed by a person under 18 years old. Thirty-two of the burglaries were by forcible entry and three were by unlawful entry.

There were four assault cases, two aggravated and two not aggravated. One case of larceny was referred to juvenile court, while there was a total of 17 cases of larceny (over \$50) known to police. Seven cases of larceny (under \$50) were reported and two of them cleared.

One auto theft was referred to juvenile court. There was one arrest for vandalism and one for forgery or counterfeiting.

The report shows 39 cases of DWI, 13 violations of liquor laws and 20 arrested for drunkenness. Three persons were arrested for disorderly conduct, three for vagrancy and nine for all other offenses (except traffic).

Totals show 108 persons arrested and charged, 91 found guilty, 10 referred to juvenile court and seven disposed of in some other manner.

Coke countians should be interested to know that there were no arrests in the county during 1970 for murder, manslaughter, forcible rape, robbery, arson, fraud, embezzlement, carrying weapons, prostitution and commercialized vice, sex offenses, narcotic drug laws, gambling, and offenses against family and children.

MONTY TRIMBLE RECEIVES AWARD FOR SELLING JOB

Monty Trimble, sales representative for Texas Electric Service Co. in Odessa, was recently presented a President's Award trophy at a meeting of company executives and managers in Ft. Worth.

Trimble received the award from Burl B. Hulsey Jr., company president, "in recognition of his continuing excellence in sales during the year." He was named as one of two top salesmen of 1970 for the Western Division of the company, which includes Odessa, Midland, Monahans, Andrews and several other towns in this area.

Trimble is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Trimble of Robert Lee.

Nurses' Aide Classes Planned

A course to train nurses' aides will begin in Bronte City Hall April 5. Any person in Coke County between 18 and 65 is eligible to apply for admission to the course.

Classes are being scheduled for two hours twice weekly, tentatively on Mondays and Fridays. There is a possibility of changes being made in the schedule after consultation with the enrollees.

Mrs. Dora Allen, R. N., will be instructor for the 72 hour course of study. Mrs. Allen is currently employed at Bronte Hospital. Previously she was instructor at Coleman Multipurpose Center for nurses' aide class for three years.

This program is being sponsored by Bradford Multipurpose Center, Tom Green County Community Action Council, Office of Economic Opportunity. Coke County is one of the target areas served by Bradford Center.

The only cost for the course will be for purchase of a textbook and spiral notebooks for the student's use.

After the conclusion of the course, pinning ceremonies will be held for those who finish the course.

All persons who wish to participate in the course are asked to enroll with Mrs. Margaret Martin, representative of Bradford Center, at Bronte City Hall on Friday, March 26.

The class is open to all those who qualify and any person is eligible to make application for enrollment.

THESE HOME TOWN NEWS IN THE HOME TOWN ADS

Claudia Ann McGinley, Stanley Post to Wed

Mr. and Mrs. J. O. McGinley are announcing the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Claudia Ann, to Stanley Post, son of Mr. and Mrs. Perry Post of LaVerne, Okla.

Miss McGinley is a 1970 graduate of Robert Lee High School and is attending Commercial Business School in Abilene. The prospective bridegroom graduated from Colorado City High School in 1963. He served two years in the U. S. Army, at Camp Pickett, Va., and Ft. Mead, Md., from 1966 to 1968. He is employed by Union Texas Petroleum Plant at Silver.

The couple will be married Saturday, April 24, in Robert Lee Baptist Church.

Mrs. Curtis Wayne Walker and Kevin of San Angelo spent last Thursday visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Gartman at Sanco. Other visitors in the Gartman home last week was Mrs. Alice Preslar of Divide Route.

Iraan Takes Win At Golf Tourney

Iraan took the honors at the golf tournament held here last Friday afternoon. The visitors from Pecos County had a low team score of 300. Sonora came in second with 328 and Eldorado was third with 347.

Iraan took medalist honors, also, with the top three golfers on their team. Ross Wortham had a 70, Ricky Cox 74, and Ky Laffon 76.

SS REPRESENTATIVE DUE

John Grammer, field representative for the San Angelo Social Security Office, has scheduled his April visit to Robert Lee. He will be at the Coke County courthouse on Thursday, April 1, from 1 to 2 p.m. Anyone who wants to file a claim for benefits, get information, or transact other business with the Social Security Administration may contact him at this time.

Isaac Eubanks of Odessa was scheduled for surgery in Houston Monday.

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BIRTHS

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Craig Taylor of San Angelo are parents of a son born at 4:56 p.m. March 3 in a San Angelo hospital. Kevin Shane weighed 11 pounds at birth. Mrs. Taylor is the former Sharon McCutchen of Bronte. Grandparents of the baby are Mr. and Mrs. Joe McCutchen of Bronte and Mr. and Mrs. Massey E. Taylor Sr. of San Angelo. Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Lasswell of Bronte and Mrs. Daisy McCutchen of Robert Lee, and Mrs. Mary Lasswell of Bronte is his great-great-grandmother.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis McDonald of Gatesville were Sunday guests in the home of Mrs. Thelma Mauldin.

FAMBROUGHS NEW FAMILY

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Fambrough and family are new residents of Robert Lee. They moved here from Odessa recently and are making their home in the north part of town on the old Sanco road. He is the new custodian at Robert Lee School.

The family has two school age sons and two small daughters who are pre-schoolers.

PERSONALS

Robbie Jane Smith spent last week here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Willis Wayne Smith. A student at Angelo State University, she was home for spring vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Lehmborg of Mason were recent guests in the home of Rev. and Mrs. Arthur Kendall. Mr. and Mrs. D. O. Hodges and son, Guy, of San Angelo were Sunday guests of the Kendalls and attended morning church services.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Irish of Lubbock were weekend visitors in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond McCutchen.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Aldridge and baby daughter of Jal, N. M., were weekend guests in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Robrtson.

Mrs. Roy Walker had surgery at West Coke Hospital last Thursday. She is reported to be improving. Her daughter, Mrs. Wayland Drennan of San Angelo has been here visiting.

Visitors in the Curtis Walker home Wednesday were Mrs. Walker's brothers and their wives. They are Mr. and Mrs. John Palmer of Colorado City, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Palmer of San Angelo and Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Palmer of Robert Lee.

Mrs. Add Davis had surgery Wednesday of last week in Shannon Hospital in San Angelo. She is reported to be making a good recovery.

Weekend visitors in the home of Mrs. J. C. Harwell were her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. David Dixon and children of San Angelo.

Crime-Stop Numbers

If you notice suspicious circumstances or suspicious persons that could be connected with a crime, call one of the phone numbers listed below:

ROBERT LEE

Sheriff Melvin Childress, Office -----453-2717

Home -----453-2646

Constable Ollie Roe -----453-2529

BRONTE

Highway Patrolman Bobby Hart -----473-2751

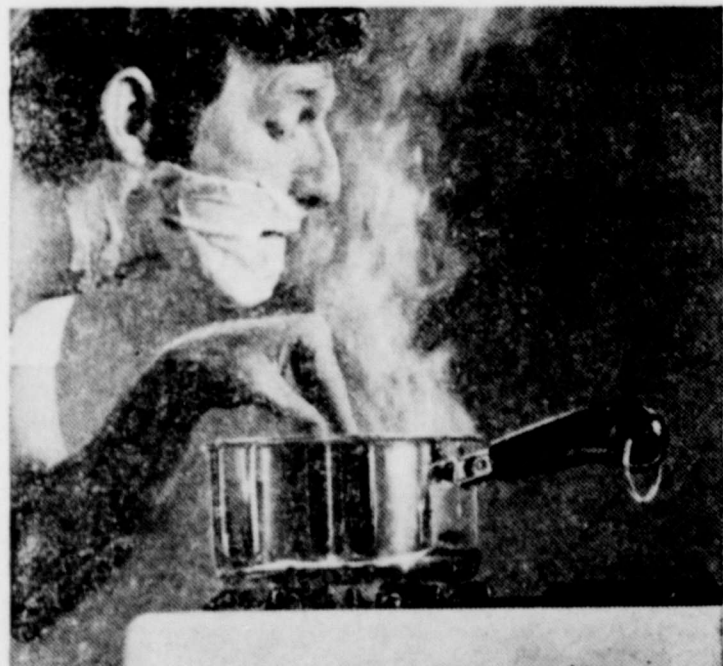
Deputy Sheriff Grady Coulter -----473-2901

Constable M. C. Sissom -----473-3081

In case you can't get anybody at the above numbers, call the following San Angelo number:

Dept. of Public Safety -----655-7357

When you promised to share and share alike, did that mean your wife could use up all the hot water?



You could get up earlier. Then you'd be sure to beat her to it. Of course she wouldn't be too impressed with your chivalry.

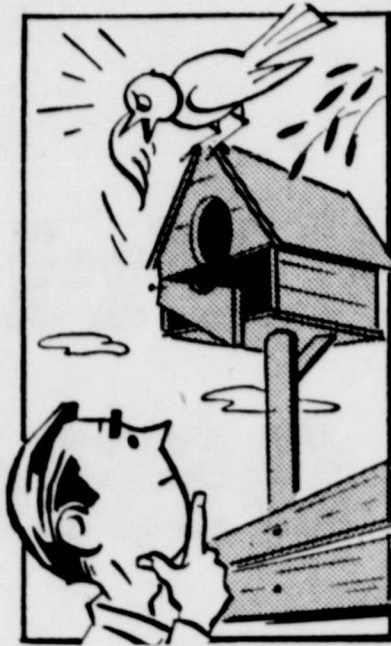
Another alternative is a larger gas water heater. Gas water heaters are easy to buy, easy to install, and recover hot water up to twice as fast as comparable electric models.

So stop competing with your better half. Get a larger capacity hot water heater. For fewer fights and lots more hot water.



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WASHINGTON

"As it looks
from here"

OMAR BURLESON

Congressman
17th District

Washington — We saw a street a few days ago by the name of Idyllia. A curiosity developed and finally the word was looked up in the dictionary. It seems the source of the word goes back to the Roman poet, Theocritus, who wrote of pastoral life in Sicily. As related to music it seems to call for a pastoral composition.

Where it starts and ends was not determined but some romanticist must have been inspired to give the street its name.

At this time of year, with some dreary days of winter and tax-paying time coming next month — with other things going on which disturb us, probably everyone yearns to find a place to escape it. A voyage to Idyllia would be as much as life on earth could offer.

Suppose we locate Idyllia lying east of Alpha Centauri in the Pledonians. It may be described as the only perfect place in the world, having blues and greens, the air and water both crystal clear and pure.

The Idyllians are handsome people of skin coloring running from golden through rich reds, tawny blacks and shades of brown and yellow, one as admirable as the other.

The people are gentle, loving and kind. They have only one simple requirement, which really does not need to be a law — "Thou shall not hurt anyone else." It is never violated except by accident and there are seldom accidents. Their politics are simple too. Each year they elect some individual — it can be either man or woman. When chosen he or she rules for a year with the title of "The Poor Dear." At inauguration the folks gather around and consolingly whisper "The Poor Dear."

During the year, "The Poor Dear" performs menial chores such as digging a ditch, taking out the garbage and bringing in water. In Idyllia the people consider these chores to be the only function of government.

A little imagination suggests that the word for "family" is the same as the word for "all" and that they live in true brotherhood.

There is, of course, no want, which removes envy and avarice among them. Their forests produce an unlimited supply of fruits and vegetables of thousands of flavors and varieties. The climate is perfect — warm, soft rains and caressing sunshine — which eliminates the need for shelter and clothing. Having no need for machinery of any kind, they don't have to build, work or repair anything. There are no traffic jams, strikes or pollution. Disease is unknown and war is unthinkable. Really, all they have to do is sing, dance, eat, splash in the surf and love one another. They are without crime,

poverty or any sort of hangups. With this perfect society, there is no need to talk about building a better world.

There is just one little concern about all this. From all indications, the life span of the Idyllians is very short. Few live beyond the age of 21 but occasionally one might be found to have reached 23 or 24. It seems those who live beyond 21 are those who might have developed some nervousness or be a bit more adventuresome than others. For this reason, they lived longer than those who do no work, have no worries and no responsibilities but who die early from boredom.

Well, back to the old routine, commonly referred to as the "rat race." Back to all the problems which weigh heavily and haunt us from morning to night. Back to figuring out how we are going to pay next month's bills, send the kids to school and there is likely to be an operation com-

ing up pretty soon. Back to facing the deadline for making out that tax return. Back to the bickerings, the struggle for this and that and seeing and hearing of this imperfect world — except Idyllia.

Lunchroom Menu

Monday, March 29

Vegetable beef soup, pear half with cottage cheese on lettuce, milk, crackers, cinnamon rolls.

Tuesday, March 30

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

Wednesday March 31

Corn dogs, navy beans, pineapple, cheese, Jello on lettuce, cornbread and butter, milk, oatmeal cookies.

Thursday, April 1

Italian spaghetti with cheese, English peas, cabbage and carrot slaw, biscuits, milk, apple cobbler.

Friday, April 2

Baked ham, scalloped potatoes, combination salad, hot rolls and butter, milk, pink applesauce.

Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Shandley of Odessa were weekend guests in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Shandley.

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TELEPHONE DIRECTORY
LISTING NOW
OR LIVE WITH IT
THE WAY IT IS
FOR A YEAR



This is also the time to let us know if you want an additional listing in this year's directory. One for your wife. Or a separate listing for a nearly-grown-up daughter. All it takes is a call.

General Telephone

Auction SALE

The West Coke County Hospital District

WILL HOLD AN AUCTION
AT THE BUZ SAWYER BUILDING
ON MAIN STREET
ROBERT LEE, TEXAS

March 29, 1971 at 2:00 p.m.

We Will Be Open at 1:00 P.M.

Following is a list of items to be sold:

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| 8 24" hollow core doors | 5 Electric Heaters |
| 3 30" hollow core doors | 1 Small Electric Fan |
| 4 32" hollow core doors | 1 Small White Stand |
| 3 36" hollow core doors | 1 Small Stool |
| 10 44" hollow core doors | 1 Gooseneck Lamp |
| 1 40" old glass-paneled outside door with hardware | 1 Typewriter Stand |
| 1 39" outside door, approximately 5 years old, aluminum frame, with hardware | 1 Small Refrigerator, Sink and Stove Combination |
| 1 36" turquoise formica Dutch door, solid core, 5 years old | 3 Old Commodes |
| 1 59 1/2" window, frame and screen | 5 Sinks |
| 5 Hi-Lo Hospital beds with mattresses and bedside rails (6 sets of rails) | 1 Bathtub |
| 8 Bedside Tables | 1 Secretarial Chair |
| 8 Four-drawer Chests | 2 Medium-Sized Chairs |
| 10 Large Lounge Chairs | 1 White Stand on Rollers |
| 8 Straight Chairs | 2 Stands on Rollers |
| 10 Metal Wastebaskets | 1 Hat Rack |
| | 1 IV Stand |
| | 1 Stretcher |

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O. T. Colvin
Martin N. Lee

**LIONS CLUB BROOM SALE
COMING UP MAY 15**

Robert Lee-Silver Lions Club's annual mop and broom sale will be held Saturday, May 15. The Lions request that citizens keep the date in mind and plan to purchase household and business cleaning supplies from them.

**Deadline Nears
On License Tags**

Workers in the office of County Tax Assessor-Collector O. B. Jacobs estimated Tuesday that they were two-thirds, or less, finished with their sale of 1971 license plates.

Jacobs urged everyone to "come on in" as new car tags must be installed before next Thursday, April 1.

This year's tags for passenger cars have black letters and figures on a white luminous background.

WANT ADS

CARD OF THANKS

To all dear friends who have brought beautiful flowers and sent nice cards, I want to say a big "Thank You." I appreciate it so much.

Gratefully,
Mrs. Claud Dean

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**Outstanding Teens
Named for RLHS**

Four Robert Lee High School students have been selected as Outstanding Teenagers of America for 1971, according to Garland Davis, principal

Selection for the Outstanding Teenagers awards program automatically qualifies these students for further state and national scholarships and honors. Local nominees are: James Fields, Beverly Shandley, Sheri Pitcock and Ernest Herford.

Nominated by a faculty committee, the Outstanding Teenagers of America are chosen from individual schools across the country for excellence in community service and academic achievement.

The local students will now vie for the Outstanding Teenager of the Year Trophy to be presented by Gov. Preston Smith. Similar trophies will be presented to winners in other states.

From among the 50 state winners, one boy and one girl will be chosen for the national scholarship prize of \$1,000 to attend college.

**Rex Brand Given
Driving Award**

Rex C. Brand, range conservationist with the Soil Conservation Service in Robert Lee, received a coveted five year safe driving award this week from W. E. Jacoby, district conservationist with the SCS in Robert Lee.

"This kind of outstanding safe driving record doesn't just happen," Jacoby said in presenting the award to Brand. "It's the result of careful and defensive driving. You have set a day-to-day driving example that all of us should try to follow."

This award for the excellent safety record was approved by Clyde W. Graham, SCS state conservationist. In forwarding the award to Jacoby for presentation to Brand, J. L. (Cy) Richmond, area conservationist, SCS, San Angelo, asked Jacoby to extend his congratulations to Brand. The Soil Conservation Service is cooperating in the "ZERO IN on Federal Safety" program whereby federal agencies are placing emphasis on eliminating major causes of employee injuries during calendar years 1971 and 1972.

**Services Held
For J. G. Snow**

J. G. Snow, 55, of Deming, N. M., and son of Mrs. Daisy Henderson of Blackwell, died March 20 at his home in Deming.

He was born April 3, 1916, in Blackwell. He married Alene Burgess of Robert Lee in Robert Lee. He was employed by El Paso Natural Gas Co. at the time of his death.

Funeral services were held at Deming at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday. Graveside rites and burial were set for 10:30 a.m. Thursday in the Old Fort Chadbourne Cemetery. Newby Funeral Home was in charge of local arrangements.

He is survived by his wife; three sons, James Snow of El Paso, Wayne Snow of California and Doug Snow of the home; one daughter, Mrs. J. M. Rekart of Alamogordo, N. M.; one sister, Mrs. Carrie Bruce of Deming; three half brothers, G. B. Henderson of Toprock, Ariz., Oscar Henderson of Monument N. M., and Bobby Henderson of Denver City; and one half sister, Mrs. Buddy (Doris) Clements of Roscoe.



Carrots 2 for 25c

CELERY - - - - - cello bag 39c

TURNIPS purple top - - - - - 2 lbs. 25c

FRESH GREEN ONIONS - - - - - 2 bunches 25c

CRISCO 3 lb. can 89c

TOMATO JUICE, Del Monte - - - - - 46 oz. can 39c

MEAD'S BISCUITS - - - - - 3 for 29c

PREMIUM CRACKERS - - - - - 1 lb. box 39c

DEL MONTE
Pineapple - Grapefruit Juice, 46 oz. can - 3 for \$1.00

CHIFFON
PAPER TOWELS, big roll - 3 for \$1.00

BAMA
PEACH PRESERVES, 18 oz. jar - 2 for 85c

DOG FOOD, Kenl Ration, 15 oz. can - 6 for \$1.00

GANDY'S
Frozan 1/2 gal. 39c

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

NEW
AJAX LIQUID DISH WASHING SOAP - - - - - 22 OZS. 55c

CHEER DETERGENT - king size \$1.23

HORMEL OLEO, 1 lb. quarters - 3 for 67c

MORTON'S CHICKEN POT PIES - 4 for 89c

MORTON'S TV DINNERS - - - - - each 39c

FROSTY ACRES FROZEN
Orange Juice 3 for 99c



SEVEN BONE
ROAST lb. 59c

GOOCH'S FRANKS, All Meat - 12 oz. 53c

SLICED SLAB BACON - - - - - lb. 49c

LONGHORN CHEESE, Wisconsin - lb. 79c

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