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First In Many Months Good Rains Cover RL Area



Rev. Quay Parmer



Earl Ward

Cedar Hill Marker To Be Dedicated

Elton Mims of Water Valley will give the dedicatory address when an official Texas Historical Marker is dedicated Sunday. The marker will commemorate the old community of Cedar Hill and is located on Ranch Road 2059, the cut off between Highways 158 and 208, about six miles west of Silver at the intersection leading to Union Texas Petroleum Co.

The program will begin at 3 p.m. in the Silver Baptist Church, then move to the site of the marker for the dedication. Mrs. Bryan Yarbrough of Robert Lee, chairman of the Coke County Historical Survey Committee, will give a short history of the community and the Rev. Horace Bloodworth will give the invocation.

Made of cast aluminum with Swedish steel effect, the marker measures 18 by 28 inches and is sponsored by the Coke County Historical Survey Committee and Willie I. Tubb of San Angelo, native and long time resident of the area to be commemorated.

The inscription on the marker reads:

OLD COMMUNITY OF CEDAR HILL

The Cedar Hill area, settled by stock - farming homesteaders about 1890, was named for the nearby cedar-covered elevation.

A one-room school built in 1891 was located about 100 yards north of the cemetery, which remains. However, no post office or town ever developed.

Discouraged by droughts and the lack of conveniences, many people

had departed by 1904. The school closed after 1917.

30 years later, an oil boom swept the county. Cedar Hill area, supplying 2 big companies, now lies within one of West Texas' largest oil fields. (1970)

The name and location of the present marker will appear in the next edition of the Guide to Official Texas Historical Markers in order to stimulate tourist travel in this area, to arouse interest in historical tours, and to acquaint the people of this area with their unique heritage.

Parmer-Ward Team to Conduct Methodist Meeting

The Rev. Quay Parmer of Ft. Worth and Earl Ward of Waco, well known evangelistic team, will be in Robert Lee next week to conduct revival services at the First United Methodist Church.

The series of services will begin at the 11 a.m. worship service Sunday, April 25, and continue through Sunday, May 2. Week day services will be held at 7 a.m. and 8 p.m. with the Sunday morning services at 11 a.m.

The Parmer-Ward team conducted a revival meeting here last year.

Rev. Arthur Kendall, pastor of the church, said everyone is cordially invited to attend any or all of the services.

Coke Approved For CAP Grazing

As an emergency drought measure, Coke County has been approved for grazing of CAP land. Applications should be made to the ASC office in Robert Lee.

The ASC office has applied for the emergency hay and grain program but have no official word from Washington on this.

A telegram from Congressman Omar Burleson in Washington this week stated that Coke County has been designated for haying and grazing privileges.

Big news this week was the drought breaking rains which started last Thursday night. Up to 4½ inches of moisture have fallen in the Robert Lee area. The big part of the rain fell last Thursday night, but showers have added small amounts to the wonderful rain, down through Monday.

Robert Lee had a measurement of 3.72, while heaviest rainfall reported to the Observer was 4.5 inches on the J. O. Rudd Ranch south of town.

Water Rationing Tabled

Robert Lee City Council had set Sunday as the day to begin

water rationing in the city. However, the council met last Friday night (after the rain) and tabled the plan. Mayor Wilson Bryan told the Observer that Robert Lee's water problems are not over, by any means, as a result of the rains during the week, but at least a reprieve has been granted local citizens.

Robert Lee residents were disappointed that Mountain Creek Lake caught barely more than a foot of runoff, but the makeshift sources of water were replenished enough to last for at least a short time.

Mayor Bryan said the small reservoir on the river below the Robert Lee Dam was completely filled. He also noted that the increase of water in this reservoir will enhance the capabilities of the well which has been supplying a large portion of the city's water supply.

The mayor said, "The city council met and discussed and studied the situation since the rains, and none of us would even hazard a guess as to how long the new supply will last. One thing we do know is that we may have to recall the rationing program at any time."

The mayor continued, "We are going to have to play this thing by ear from day to day, and it is our aim to supply the city with water in the best way possible with the resources we have."

At any rate, Robert Lee residents will not have a water rationing program go into effect Sunday, and everybody is hopeful that the long drought is broken and more rains will completely relieve the desperate situation.

Farmers Jubilant

Farmers and ranchers were jubilant with the rains which have

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Cancer Crusade Set for April 27

Tuesday, April 27, is C Day in Robert Lee when a house to house drive will be conducted for contributions to the American Cancer Society.

Mrs. Gene R. Baker is chairman of the Coke County Crusade. "We want to wipe out cancer in your lifetime," she said, "but just as the cost of living rises each year, the cost of research jumps by eight percent. That means we must raise at least that much more money just to keep projects going."

Today there are 1,500,000 Americans cured of cancer because it was diagnosed early enough for treatment. Mrs. Baker urged everyone to learn the warning signals of cancer and then fight it with a checkup and a check when a volunteer comes around.

Earth Week Observed

Students of Robert Lee School are observing Earth Week April 19-23 and they wish more of their elders would join them in their drive to protect this planet from the horrors of pollution, waste and over population.

Kids in Robert Lee School have become intensely interested during this school year in ecological problems, which are the most serious ones facing the peoples of the earth.

They have come to recognize the fact that something has to be done to keep the earth from becoming a vast wilderness with billions of overcrowded and underfed human beings striving to survive.

Students of Robert Lee are doing their part to keep the earth from becoming a jungle of non-

returnable bottles, tin cans and waste paper. They have become aware that the thin layer of oxygen is rapidly being polluted with deadly carbon monoxide and other gasses which destroy life. They have learned that the water which supports marine life in this country is becoming polluted with deadly mercury, phosphates from detergents and other chemicals which turn lakes and streams into lifeless, and useless stagnant pools of stench.

They have learned that overpopulation is the greatest problem facing the world.

Teachers of Robert Lee School have cooperated in driving home all these problems. They have encouraged even the youngest students to go out and gather up the trash in the campus area and

dispose of it in a manner which will not damage the environment.

Program Planned

An assembly of the school will be held Thursday at 8:30 a.m. R. L. Flanagan of the Parks and Wildlife Department will be the main speaker.

The four high school classes have been engaged in a contest to see which one could collect the most tin cans. The seniors won the contest, which closed April 16, and received a cash prize for their efforts.

The elementary school had a poster contest to promote Earth Day and winners were:

Grand champion, Wade Wallace, from grades 3 and 4. Others included: kindergarten, Leigh Ann Rummion, 1st; Shirley Tor-

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Dr. John McDaniel Week Proclaimed

Friends of Dr. John D. McDaniel are planning to honor him with a dinner May 5 in the school cafeteria. Time for the affair to begin is 7 p.m.

Announcement was made at Tuesday's BCD meeting that the week of May 3-9 has been designated as "Dr. John McDaniel Week."

Tickets must be purchased by Tuesday, April 27. They are available at Roach's Dry Goods, Farris City Drug, West Way Grocery, Snead Pharmacy, Evelyn's Beauty Shop and Fran-Cilla Flowers.

Everyone is invited to attend the dinner.

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Austin — Steadily rising welfare costs will "bankrupt" the state government unless prompt braking is applied, Lt. Gov. Ben Barnes has warned.

Barnes — acknowledging that a tax bill which may climb to nearly a billion dollars is necessary to balance the Senate's \$6.99 billion version of the biennial state budget — named a special committee to recommend how to effect welfare economies.

Senate, meanwhile, approved the record budget while a subcommittee drafted a tax bill. The House is expected to move out this week with its appropriations bill.

Only one year of welfare financing is included in the Senate bill. With a half-way welfare budget, about \$668 million in new taxes will be needed this year. Appropriating for welfare in a later special session will require nearly \$300 million more, unless the federal government steps in with additional aid.

Barnes' staff calculates Aid to Families with Dependent Children rolls are increasing by 3.10 per cent per month. Where 288,826 AFDC beneficiaries are anticipated by Sept. 1 this year, 906,236 are seen by Aug. 31, 1973. The latter figures would bring the AFDC cost to \$76 million a year — \$16 million above the proposed new \$55 million annual ceiling to be voted on May 18.

The Lieutenant Governor also noted that Medicaid costs have increased from \$22 million in 1968 to an estimated \$144 million for next year. He said state medical services to the needy — financed through Blue Cross family insurance policies which will cost nearly \$72 per family next year — are better than those received by all but the very wealthy.

"I am convinced we are going to have to reduce the cost, or the state is going bankrupt," said Barnes.

OIL ALLOWABLE CUT — May oil production allowable will be cut to a maximum daily flow of 184,076 barrels.

Railroad Commission cited rea-

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sons for the cut as substantial stocks of crude oil on hand, overall reduction in demand, and rising imports.

Commission's decision trimmed the allowable from \$2.1 per cent in April to 77.2 per cent for next month.

May allowable, lowest in eight months, permits a maximum daily production of 3,637,654 barrels. Actual production is expected to be about 3,362,000 barrels daily, approximately what major buyers asked for.

Crude oil stocks on April 9 came to 108.3 million barrels, a million more than the week before and 2.4 million more than the year before. Ten of 14 big crude oil purchasers asked for the same allowable next month as in April. Three asked less, and one requested more.

INSURANCE CHANGES VOTED — The Legislature had some good news for insurance purchasers last week.

A bill to create a special pool to guarantee coverage to property owners in "catastrophe areas" (subject to hurricanes, tornadoes and other disaster) won final passage. The pool will be effective May 14. A pool arrangement may be ordered later for fire and explosion insurance if that is found difficult to obtain in some areas.

Another major bill passed by the Senate would create a state-wide guaranty fund to assure payment of claims against insurance companies which go broke.

Hospital-medical insurance policyholders, under a House passed bill, could be reimbursed for treatment by any licensed, qualified practitioner of the healing arts—physicians, osteopaths, dentist, chiropractors, optometrists and doctors of podiatry.

COURTS SPEAK — State Supreme Court on May 12 will review the case in which an oilman sued the petroleum corporation which fired him after 13 months on the job because he did not find new supplies of oil to buy.

High Court also will hear on May 12 Abilene's appeal from a lower court decision that it must pay \$88,000 to an oil producer who claimed his oil recovery operations were interrupted by its airport extension.

Court of Criminal Appeals upheld the stiff prison sentences given two black militants for destroying merchandise in a Dallas supermarket.

Court of Criminal Appeals also upheld the life sentence conviction of a man charged with leaving another to die in a North Dallas field after stripping and

tying him.
HOSPITAL CONSTRUCTION RUSHED — A multi-million dollar construction program due for completion this spring will provide more and better facilities for Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation.

Other building by MH-MR will get under way in the next few weeks. When completed, the current program will provide added bed space at four state schools to accommodate 660 new students. Three state hospitals will have modern quarters for 600 mentally ill patients, and centers for specialized treatment of adolescents are contemplated. San Antonio, Austin, Terrell, Lubbock, Richmond and Corpus Christi institutions will get the new facilities.

DROUGHT AID SOUGHT — As drought stricken areas awaited major federal assistance, the Legislature called in Governor Smith to declare the drought a "grave public calamity" and to set up a joint committee on a relief plan.

Lieutenant Governor Barnes and House Speaker Gus Mutscher named seven senators and seven representatives to a panel to work on the state program for purchasing and distributing hay and to serve as liaison with state and federal agencies.

Sen. Wayne Connally of Floresville and Rep. Oscar Carrillo Sr. of Benavides head the Senate and House committee members. Governor, said the legislative resolution, can order a relief program administered by the Agriculture Commission.

Smith, meanwhile, said he expects to request emergency federal disaster relief benefits for 87 additional drought hit counties, bringing the total number to 147.

Short Snorts
 All Texas school children (with religious and health exceptions) will have to have shots for six diseases under a new law.

Legislators are aiming for local option liquor by the drink votes in all-wet areas on May 18, date of the constitutional amendments election.

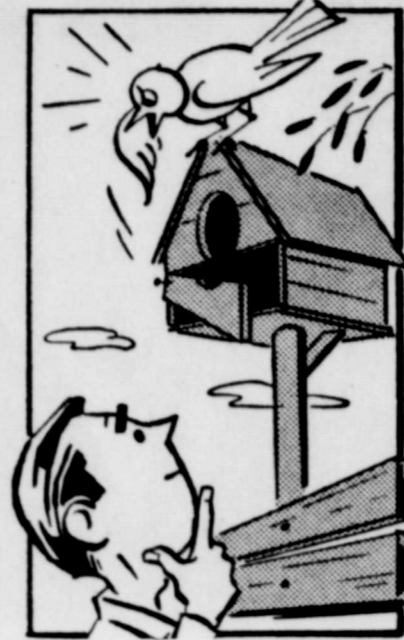
Senate approved the four year terms amendment for all statewide elective officials.

Fraud is no widespread problem in the Texas welfare program, according to Welfare Commissioner Burton G. Hackney.

Cigarette taxes increased from \$13.2 million in February to \$15.6 million in March.

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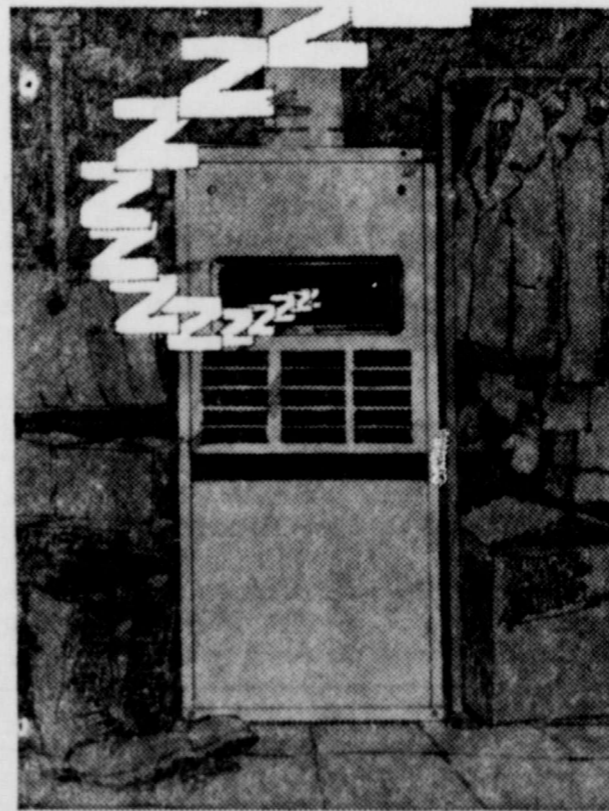
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Tuesday, April 27

Skillet dinner with cheese, English peas, cabbage and carrot slaw, hot rolls and butter, orange juice, oatmeal cookies.

Wednesday, April 28

Ranch style beans, potato salad, turnips and greens, corn bread and butter, milk, peach cobbler.

Thursday, April 29

Hot dogs with chili, buttered corn, cole slaw, potato chips, milk, banana pudding, orange juice.

Friday, April 30

Salmon croquets, buttered potatoes, combination salad, hot rolls and butter, milk, Jello with cream.

Hospital News

April 13: Mrs. C. J. Brooks, Mrs. Ruth Denman admitted. E. C. Davis, Vicki Lanier dismissed.

April 14: Mrs. Ray Mundell admitted.

April 15: Rex Rusler, Mrs. Lora Richards, Henry Varnadore admitted. Mrs. C. J. Brooks, Velma Thomason dismissed.

April 16: Ben Jones admitted. Mrs. Ruth Denman, Mrs. Ben Bessent, Mrs. Ray Mundell dismissed.

April 17: Velma Thomaon, Jacinto Cruz admitted.

April 18: James Austin admitted. Rex Rusler, Mrs. Lora Richards, Velma Thomason dismissed.

April 19: J. W. Service Sr. admitted. Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Eubanks, Jacinto Cruz dismissed.

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Robert Lee BCD Items of Interest

Mayor Wilon Bryan gave a report on the current water situation before members of the BCD Tuesday noon. Water rationing, scheduled to go into effect April 25, has been postponed for the present and the proposed ordinance calling for rationing was tabled at a meeting of the city council last Friday night. The recent rains were credited with the postponement.

He said, however, that it may still be necessary to ration water and that the emergency still exists due to the fact that no runoff water was caught in the city lake. He also said that the water is now of better quality because of pumping directly into the plant from the Mot well. He expressed hope that more rains would come on the watershed before rationing becomes necessary.

W. D. McAdams, president, presided at the luncheon meeting and commented on the successful cleanup campaign. He said more trash has been picked up and hauled to the dump in the last few days.

A cemetery work day was announced for Saturday, April 24. It was also announced that the week of May 3 through 9 has been proclaimed "Dr. John McDaniel Week" and that a dinner in his honor is planned for Wednesday, May 5.

Two guests were present for the meeting, Carlos Paredes of Dallas and Bill Crews of Seattle, Wash. They are Baptist missionaries and were guests of Rev. Bill Beaty.

Crows showed slides of Washington, the Pacific Northwest and points of interest in the region, including industry, Boeing Aircraft Plant, the irrigated farmland of East Washington and Oregon, the Columbia River and its related industry. He said that Washington's economy has been hit hard as Boeing had dropped from 75,000 employees to 35,000, due to the cutback on the STP plane.

Girls Track Team Second in District

Robert Lee girls track team scored second in the District 21-B meet held here Tuesday. They had 121 points, but Eldorado scored 186 to take the meet. Sonora followed with 75 points, Wall had 64, Blackwell 38, Christoval 7 and Mertzon 1.

The meet was slated to be held in Eldorado but was changed to Robert Lee because of wet grounds.

Scoring points for Robert Lee were: Shot, Cookie Hinnard, 1st, 34-6/8; long jump, Jackie Conley, 1st, 17-3/4; 440 yard relay, Robert Lee, 1st, 51.6; 440 yard dash, Linda Blair, 1st, 64.8; 60 yard dash, Conley 1st, 7.0 (new record); 80 yard low hurdles, Sheri Pitcock, 3rd, 12.2; 880 yard relay, Robert Lee, 2nd, 1:52.7; 100 yard dash, Conley 1st, 11.0 (new record).

Top three places in each event will advance to the regional meet which will be held next Tuesday, April 27, in Robert Lee.

CHARITY BALL PLANNED TO BENEFIT CENTER

The fourth annual Candlelight Charity Ball is again being sponsored by the West Texas Therapy Center board and the Women's Auxiliary of the center. It will be held in the San Angelo Coliseum from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m., May 1.

There will be a cocktail buffet during the evening. Tickets may be purchased from the area chairman, at the door, at Central National Bank in San Angelo, or from Mrs. Keene Williams, ticket chairman, 2609 Vista Court, San Angelo. Price of tickets ranges from \$15 to \$50 per couple.

This annual affair makes up a large part of the operating costs of the center. This past year, 4,400 speech and physical therapy treatments were given to children and adults in Tom Green and surrounding counties. Also, Dr. Thomas Zion, prominent child neurologist of Houston, has held monthly clinics for all area children referred by physicians.

Area chairman for Coke County is Mrs. Cumbie Ivey Jr. She may be contacted for tickets.

BOECKING OPEN HOUSE SCHEDULED FOR SUNDAY

An Open House will be held at the new home of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Boecking in Bronte Sunday, April 25. Open House hours will be from 2:30 until 6 p.m.

The public is invited to attend and the Boeckings asked that no gifts be sent. The home, located at 212 Briarwood Drive, is a Gold Medalion, all electric home. Martin Lee, Bronte contractor, built the new house.

Buddy Vosburg and Jim Franks, students at Abilene Christian College, were guests during the Easter holidays in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lomas at Klamath Falls, Ore.

MRS. JACK DENMAN NEW CLUB PRESIDENT

Mrs. Jack Denman was elected president of the '64 Study Club when it met April 13 in the Recreation Hall. Mrs. Jimmy Bickley and Mrs. W. T. Roach were hostesses.

Other new officer to serve during the 1971-72 club year include: Mrs. Bill Beaty, first vice president; Mrs. Glen Womack, second vice president; Mrs. Tom Sawyer, third vice president; Mrs. Arthur Kendall, secretary; Mrs. Jimmy Bickley, treasurer; Mrs. Charles Sims, parliamentarian; Mrs. O. B. Jacobs, reporter; and Mrs. Garland Davis, historian.

Mrs. Davis gave the program for the meeting on the use and abuse of drugs.

Trackmen Take 4th in District

Robert Lee took fourth place in the District 9-A track meet held here last Saturday. Sonora Bronchos racked up 167 points to far outdistance Mason with 115 points, Eldorado with 94, Robert Lee with 54, Bangs with 33 and Menard with 14.

Big point man was Archie Nixon of Eldorado who took first places in shot put, long jump and high jump and then added a second place in the discus throw.

Bruce Kerbow of Sonora took two first places and tied for a third. Steve Street of Sonora had a first, a second, a sixth and helped to take a first in the 440 relay.

In the mile run Larry Geistweidt of Mason edged Harvey Wink of Robert Lee by running a 4:44.4 over Wink's 4:45.5.

In other events Robert Lee placed as follows:

Shot put, James Fields, 2nd, 47-4; long jump, Abalos, 6th, 19'; discus, Fields, 4th, 123-3/4; pole vault, Bobby Mumford, 2nd, 10-6, and Abalos, 3rd, 10'; 440 relay, Robert Lee, 4th, 47.0; 330 intermediate hurdles, Abalos, 5th, and Kenneth Prine, 6th; mile relay, Robert Lee, 4th, 3:33.5.

Top two finishers in each event will advance to the regional meet in Denton on Saturday, April 24. Going to regional for Robert Lee will be Wink, Fields and B. Mumford. Kenneth Rasco is local track coach.

Graveside Service For J. Q. Barnes

Graveside services were held at 10 a.m. last Thursday for James Q. Barnes, 74, of Hatch, N. M. Burial was in Robert Lee Cemetery under direction of Newby Funeral Home.

Mr. Barnes died Sunday in El Paso where he was hospitalized for a day.

Funeral was held in the First United Methodist Church in Hatch at 2 p.m. last Tuesday.

Mr. Barnes was born May 2, 1896, in Marlin. He was a Methodist, a Mason, a Shriner and a veteran of World War I.

Survivors include his wife, Ila Ruth Turley Barnes of Hatch; two sons, James Q. Barnes Jr. of Hatch, and Donald J. Barnes of Santa Susana, Calif.; three sisters, Mrs. N. A. Collier of Brenham, Mrs. Jake C. Lister of Lovington, N. M., and Mrs. C. E. Kingsbery of Santa Anna; three brothers, W. F. Barnes of Santa Anna, B. H. Barnes of Bryan and Dr. M. C. Barnes of Waco, and a grandchild.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Varnadore and baby of Bryan, Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Pitcock of Brownwood, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hardin and Phil of Dublin and Mrs. David Humphries of Stephenville were Easter guests of Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Walker Jr.

Daylight Time Starts Sunday

It's that time of year again! Daylight Saving Time will go into effect at 2 a.m. Sunday, April 25. All clocks should be set one hour later at that time, or before retiring Saturday night.

A valiant effort by West Texas legislators to exempt Texas from DST failed in the Texas Legislature a few weeks ago.

Notaries Must Apply for Renewal

Secretary of State Martin Dies Jr. announced that all qualified Notaries Public desiring appointment for the new term which begins June 1, 1971, and ends June 1, 1973, must pay the required fee and file a new oath and bond with the County Clerk between May 1, 1971, and May 15, 1971, inclusive.

Dies further stated that any person not now a Notary Public who desires appointment for the beginning of the new term should apply to the County Clerk before May 14. The required application forms may be obtained from the office of Mrs. Winnie Waldrop, Coke County Clerk.

Dies emphasized that Notaries Public should not send requests for appointment or for commissions directly to the Secretary of State inasmuch as the law specifically requires that the County Clerk approve Notary Bonds and forward copies of the application to the Secretary of State.

CEMETERY WORKING SET FOR SATURDAY

There will be a community cemetery working next Saturday, April 24, at the Robert Lee Cemetery. Work will start at 8 p.m.

Persons interested in cemetery improvement and beautification are asked to come and bring their own tools.

ATTEND CONVENTION

Mrs. Mary May Wylie and Mrs. Iris Conner attended the Big Country Florists Convention at Abilene last Sunday.

Mrs. Wylie had her handmade paper mache candle holders on display and the process of making them was demonstrated. One of the candle holders was awarded as a door prize.

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Wallace are visiting in the home of his brother and sister-in-law, the Gilbert Wallaces at Pecos.

BROTHER OF ROBERT LEE WOMAN DIES IN AUSTIN

John McIntyre of Austin died at 7:30 p.m. April 17 in an Austin hospital. Funeral services were held there Monday at 4 p.m.

He is survived by his wife; two daughters, Mrs. Glenda Williams of San Antonio and Mrs. Una Rutter of Austin; two sisters, Mrs. Herman Benningfield of Denver City and Mrs. Annie Mae Benningfield of Robert Lee; and one brother, Dave McIntyre of Round Rock.

Mrs. Annie Mae Benningfield and a niece, Mrs. Irene McIntyre of San Angelo, attended the funeral.

PERSONALS

Weekend visitors of Mrs. P. E. Mahon were her grandson, L/Cpl. Bill Mahon of Brooke General Hospital at San Antonio, his wife, Jeanie of Eagle Lake, and Mrs. Jackie Mahon of Weimar. They all visited other relatives and friends while here.

Ed Hickman of Killeen visited here over the Easter weekend with his mother, Mrs. Ed Hickman, and with Mr. and Mrs. Hadley Richards and other relatives.

Guests in the home of Mrs. J. C. Harwell last week were Mrs. May Williams of Odessa and Mrs. Myrtle Harwell of Corpus Christi.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Preston spent the Easter holidays in Killeen visiting in the home of her sister, Mrs. W. M. Brown. Mrs. Brown returned home with them for a visit.

Mrs. Fannie Carwile was admitted last Thursday to the West Coke County Nursing Home. She had been a patient several weeks in Colonial Nursing Home in San Angelo.

Visitors during the Easter holidays in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Boykin were their daughter and her family, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Highsmith and baby daughter of San Antonio.

Recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Bilbo were their children and their families, Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Kay and children of Alpine, Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Evan and family of Mertzon and Mrs. Peggy Gilmore and children of San Angelo. Also, a granddaughter, Kathy Boren and her friend, Trent Wouson, both of North Texas State University at Denton, visited them.

Recent guests in the home of Rev. and Mrs. Arthur Kendall were Mrs. Sam Eckert, Mrs. Victor Lehmburg, Mrs. Victor Peterman and Mrs. Ernest Lehmburg.



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WASHINGTON
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Washington — The insurance industry, covering life, health, accident, fire and other disasters—particularly automobile, is coming under scrutiny of the Federal Government.

There are those who would set Federal standards by which state regulatory agencies must comply or the government itself would step in. The process would be the same as that now applied to certain safety standards — the same as now in effect for meat inspection.

More and more the idea of setting Federal regulations as a substitute for State regulations is being talked and advocated in the name of protecting the consumer.

As our society becomes more compact and State lines less distinguishable, uniformity in matters of safety, pollution and other problems not especially peculiar to any community or State, may become desirable, if not necessary, to be efficient and effective. On the other hand, this trend toward Federal direction is further eroding States' authority and control.

Take automobile insurance as an example. It is not the fault of the local agent that our automobile insurance is high and seems to be getting higher. His rates are fixed and he can do nothing about it. Complaints of cost increases and difficulty in settlement of claims is nationwide.

Secretary of Transportation John A. Volpe established the Administration's position favoring a modest start in the "no-fault" insurance concept. This concept provides that no matter who is at fault in an automobile accident the claimant collects. This, it is reasoned, would provide faster adjustments, reduce bureaucracy and court litigation in many cases. The theory is that it would eliminate costs all along the line and thus trim cost of insurance.

Actually, there is little experience to provide guidance for this idea. Massachusetts, from which State Secretary comes, has had "no-fault" insurance since last January. A number of States have the matter under consideration by their Legislatures. Senator Hart of Michigan has offered a bill which would in fact, nationalize the idea. His Committee has held a series of hear-

ings on the proposition and will likely hold more.

These hearings have developed evidence that "no-fault" insurance for small accidents would formalize what is already a policy of some companies. To look further, however, the issue is not quite that narrow. The wider and longer range view touches on the moral question of what personal responsibilities a driver assumes for the privilege of using the highways and streets. It raises the question of whether safe drivers would not, in the end, subsidize the unsafe ones. Further, under proposals now being considered in the U. S. Senate, a disturbing aspect of the "no-fault" idea is that citizens in lesser accidents would be compelled to waive rights to use the courts to settle a claim they thought to be unjust.

Another troublesome element in the "no-fault" system is the groundwork it lays for a broadening concept to cover accidents

of greater seriousness. It would seem to imbed in State or Federal laws the principle that government can establish an arbitrary value upon the emotions, the bodies and time of a citizen of the United States.

For several years, there have been pending in the Congress proposals to indemnify the victim of crimes. If you are burglarized or robbed, the Federal government would make restitution. There seems to be some parallel between these ideas. Would it encourage irresponsibility, sometimes maybe on the part of the victim as well as the trespasser?

Whatever may develop toward a more equitable system of auto insurance or indemnity for the victims of crime, nothing to reward the wrongdoer should be included.

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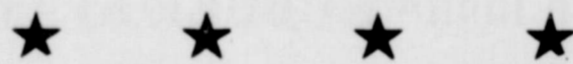
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**FEDERAL LAND BANK
REDUCES INTEREST RATE**

R. H. Emery, manager of the Federal Land Bank Association of San Angelo, announced today that the Federal Land Bank of Houston will reduce the interest billing rate on variable rate loans to 7½ per cent. "This reduction will be effective on installments maturing on or after July 1, 1971 and affects more than \$110 million in variable rate loans to over 3200 Texas farmers and ranchers," Emery said.

The variable rate loan, which was introduced by the Houston bank in July 1969, lets the interest rate "float" over the variations in the money market. This is the second time since Jan. 1 that the billing rate has been reduced and the third such reduction in the past year. Emery said, "This action is in line with the bank's policy in providing farmers and ranchers credit at the lowest possible cost consist-

tent with sound business practices."

The Federal Land Bank of Houston makes long term real estate loans on farm and ranch lands throughout Texas. The bank has over \$540 million in volume of loans outstanding.

The local association makes and services loans in Coke, Irion, Reagan, Runnels, Sterling and Tom Green Counties. Members of the local board of directors are Bill Pfluger, president; Paul Pruitt, vice president; C. E. Arrott, Clyde Flanagan, Arnold Fuchs, David Glass and A. J. Sefoik, members.

Weekend visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Wojtek were their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Otho Long and children of Lubbock, and Richard Long of Angelo State. Other visitors in the Wojtek home Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Dale Wojtek and children.

McADAMS ATTENDS SCHOOL

W. D. McAdams, West Texas Utilities Co. local manager recently attended a WTU appliance service training school held in San Angelo.

Purpose of the school was to aid the local manager in keeping current in appliance repair techniques and to assist servicemen in maintaining quality appliance repair for customers.

During the appliance service training school, the local managers disassembled each appliance and then re-assembled it piece by piece, restoring it to perfect operating condition. During the week, they worked on washers, dryers, refrigerators, ranges and dishwashers.

Instructors at the schools were WTU personnel from the Service Training Department in Abilene and Frigidaire Regional Service Representatives from Ft. Worth.

Have you tried a WANT AD?

The Observer, Robert Lee, Texas

April 22, 1971

**Robt. Lee School
Honor Roll Given**

The following students were listed on the Robert Lee Elementary School honor roll recently released for the last six weeks by Prin. Clifford Wilson:

Third Grade

Clay Bloodworth, Russell Chacon, Brett Clark, Lisa Devoll, Renea Flanagan, Kerry Gartman, Lynn, Gulley, Jana Hood, Monroe Killam, Gayla Prince, Carolyn Simpson, Wade Wallace, Sephen Welsh.

Fourth Grade

Lisa Bessent, Lynnette Boykin, Waid Davis, David Lackey, Karen Rasco, Terry Ross, Susan Rowoldt, Wyndell Skinner, Cindy Walker, Buddy Wallace, Audrey Williams, Brian Wright.

Fifth Grade

Emil Chacon, Stella Bickley,

Patti Cole, Micky Baker, Glenn Davis, Betty Flowers, Vicki Gartman, Tammy Hambricht, Billy Matlock, David Meadows, Randy Prince.

Sixth Grade

Janice Bloodworth, Lorri Killam, William Simpson, Virgilla Streng, Morris Wallace, Gary Womack, Marilyn Wright.

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The Family of
 Lorene Wright

CARD OF THANKS

We want to offer our sincere thanks to all our friends who have helped us since we lost our home in a fire. Our special thanks to all who sent money, food, clothes and furniture, and to the Robert Lee Fire Department for their help and assistance. Words cannot express our thanks for all of the many kind expressions of concern.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Reid
 and James
 Mrs. Lura Reid

CARD OF THANKS

The kindness of our friends during our sorrow has meant so much to all of us. For every act of kindness shown us, the cards, letters, phone calls, food, flowers, memorial gifts and the many prayers offered in his behalf, we are so very grateful. May God bless each of you is our prayer.

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Sat. 7:00 — Sun. 1:30
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Don Knotts in
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RAIN — Continued from Page 1

fallen in the past week. Stories were heard of ranchmen who had taken stock to San Angelo Thursday night for sale Friday and who just refused to sell. They simply hauled them back home Friday morning.

Grass and weeds are expected to be peeping through within days and be big enough to provide grazing within a matter of weeks. Some stockmen have reported small grain crops which were apparently dead are very much alive since they received needed moisture. They will provide more badly needed grazing.

Rain Measurements

Some other rain measurements reported to the Observer included 3.5 inches at the Sloan Boone place at Edith; 2.9 inches at the R. S. Anderson place at Silver; 3.6 inches in the Sanco area; 4.2 inches to the east was reported by Mrs. T. B. Childress; M. A. Cox had 3.5 inches on his place northeast of town.

Unofficial reports say that Lake Spence caught over 1,000 acre of water from the runoff. Local observers said the difference in the water in the big lake is evident, but the addition was really only a drop in the bucket, since Lake Spence still lacks hundreds of thousands of acre feet of water to be full.

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res, 2nd; Lupe Torres, 3rd. First grade: Matt Wilson, 1st; Kenda Rasco, 2nd; Darren Williams, 3rd. Second grade: Joel Percifull, 1st; Edwin Wilson, 2nd; Dewayne Fambrough, 3rd. Third grade: Wade Wallace, 1st; Lisa Devoll, 2nd; Vic Conner, 3rd.

Fourth grade: Lisa Bessent, 1st; Brad Lamier, 2nd; Audrey Williams, 3rd. Fifth grade, David Meadows, 1st; Billy Matlock, 2nd; La Johnna Deen, Eloy Torres and Carla Wojtek, tie for 3rd. Sixth grade: Janice Bloodworth, 1st; Kathy Deen, 2nd; Lorri Killam, 3rd.

Dr. and Mrs. Dennis George Pennington and family of Oklahoma City visited one day this week with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Mathers. A licensed M. D., Dr. Pennington and his family spent the Easter holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Pennington, in Midland.

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BANANAS - - - - - 2 lbs. 25c

Pork Chops 1 lb. 59c

DANKWORTH SLICED BACON - - - lb. 53c

Whole Fryers 1 lb. 29c

GOOCH BEEF STEAKS, Frozen - 1 lb. pkg. 79c

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