

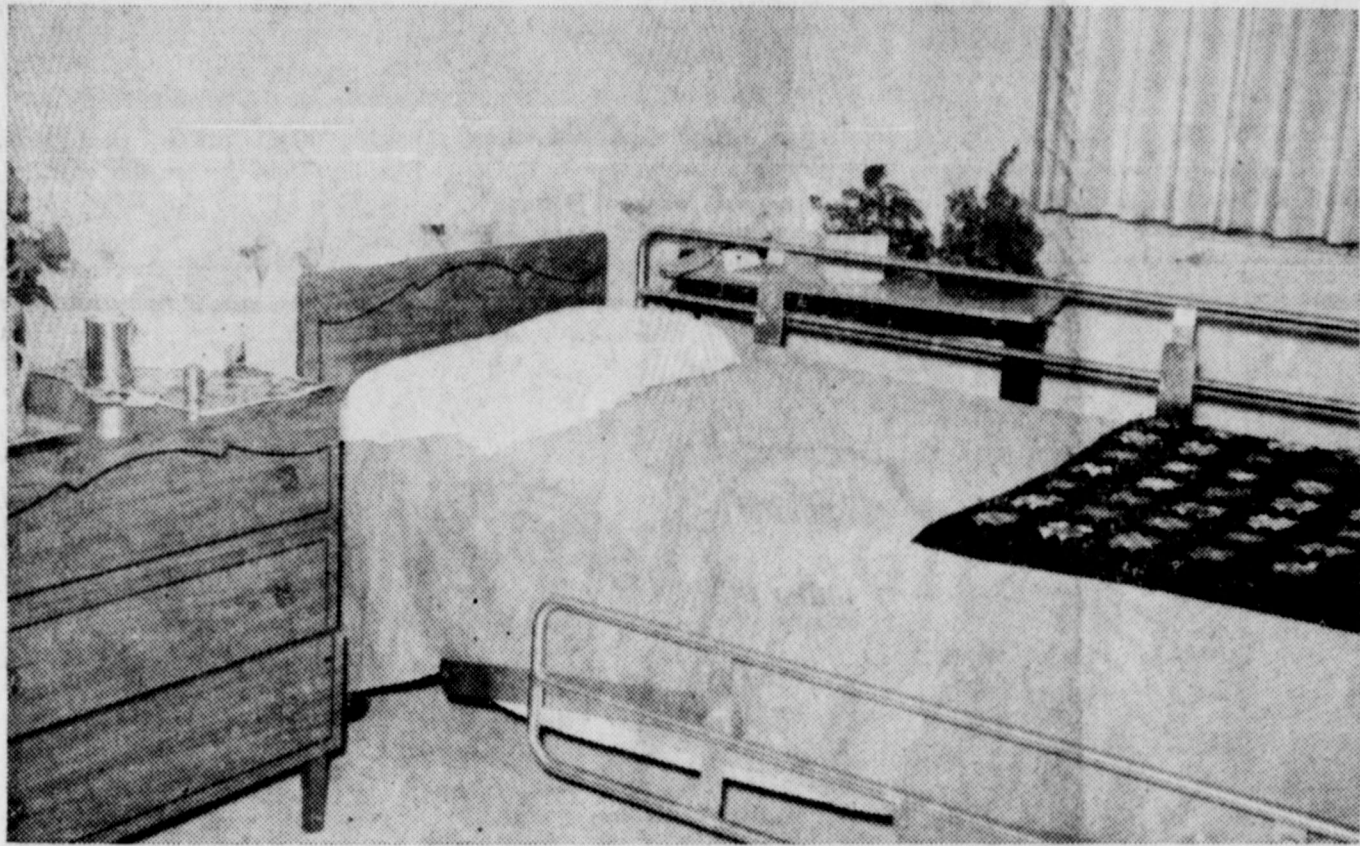
# Robert Lee Observer

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## Rains Come, Rationing Ends



A Typical Patient Room

## Nursing Home Sets Open House Sun.

Everyone in the area is invited to attend the open house Sunday which will mark the official opening of the enlarged and remodeled West Coke County Nursing Home. Hours for visiting and taking a tour of the facilities are from 2 to 5 p.m.

The main feature of the construction job is the enlargement of the nursing home. However, other new facilities were added and still others remodeled and renovated.

The nursing home part of the health care complex was increased from eight patient rooms to 29. Also included in the contract were a new recreation room, lobby and a large bath room.

Included in the remodeling and enlarging were the kitchen and dining room, X-ray room and an adjacent waiting room, laboratory and special therapy room with whirlpool equipment.

The spacious patient rooms of the nursing home are tastefully furnished and decorated to make them as homey as possible. The very latest in nursing home furnishings have been provided and the equipment is suitable for patients needing any type of care. Some of the rooms have connecting baths, part of them with showers and part with tubs.

The recreation room and surrounding grounds provide plenty of opportunity for activities by the residents. The room is equipped with a color television and a piano was donated by local citizens. Dry weather has slowed landscaping of the grounds but it is expected to get underway soon.

Rose & Sons, Inc., of Abilene was the prime contractor on the remodeling and addition to the

nursing home. Numerous other contractors were connected with various phases of the job.

Work began about the first of July last year on the home. Base bid was \$212,800. Financing was provided by a \$140,000 bond issue voted by citizens of Precincts 1 and 3, by a Hill-Burton grant of \$109,200.95 and by more than \$75,000 the hospital district had on hand. The hospital estimated the entire cost of construction and furnishing would run approximately \$326,000.

Members of the hospital district board of directors are Victor Wojtek, president; Jim Herford, vice president; J. E. Quisenberry, secretary; Bob Large and

### Williams Named New Water Supt.

A called meeting of the Robert Lee City Council last Tuesday night resulted in the discharge of Cecil Mayfield as water superintendent for the city. Another result of the meeting was the resignation of M. L. (Pete) Smith, a member of the council.

Sherman Williams was appointed water superintendent after the vote on discharging Mayfield. Mayor Wilson Bryan said both actions were decided unanimously after Smith resigned.

Mayfield began duties as water superintendent in October 1959. Williams has served several years as assistant superintendent.

Mayor Bryan said a successor for Smith probably will be appointed at a meeting in the near future.

Curtis Walker members.

Mrs. Truman Hines is administrator of the hospital and nursing home. Head nurse of the nursing home part of the unit is Mrs. Kenneth Lackey, while head nurse of the hospital is Mrs. Ivey Eubanks.

They all joined with the board of directors in inviting the public to the Sunday open house.

Other employees of the hospital are:

Licensed vocational nurses are Pauline Blair, Frances Denman, Tommie Phillips, Bill Trimble, Bobbie Wright and Ethel Green; nurses aides are Ruth Beal, Kathryn Smith, Zelma Reed, Jessie

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And more rain came over the past weekend, this time with Mountain Creek Lake, main source of Robert Lee's water supply, catching some badly needed runoff. Practically empty for several months, the lake caught about 250 acre feet of water, or about a year's supply.

Planned even before the rains but not announced was a decision by the City Council to repeal a water rationing ordinance passed several weeks ago. Mayor Wilson Bryan said the city completed a well before the lake was partially filled which would have allowed the council to res-

cind the rationing order.

Lake Spence was also a big gainer in the Monday and Tuesday rains. It was estimated Tuesday that the lake contained some 23,000 to 25,000 acre feet of water, a gain of some 13,000 to 15,000 acre feet with water continuing to come into the lake from creeks which feed the reservoir. For the first time water was standing at the intake gates.

Robert Lee received 3.91 inches of rain and Bronte reported from 2.8 inches to 4 inches in different parts of town. Sanco had 4 inches to bring the total in some parts of the community in the last week to 11 inches.

Other reports included: 4.4", Bryan Gartman, south of Sanco; 3.8", Douglas Gartman, southeast of Sanco; 3.8", Bob Gulley, west of Sanco; 2", M. C. Hendry at Silver; 5", H. L. Bloodworth, Silver.

And 5.5", south of Robert Lee, G. C. Allen ranch; 2.4", M. A. Cox, northeast of Robert Lee; 4.2", J. W. Service Sr., north of Robert Lee; 4", Issam Austin, north of Robert Lee; 4.5", Frank Allen, northeast of Robert Lee; 5", Gladys Waldrop, Hayrick; and 4", Cumbie Ivey Sr., northeast of town.

Five inch rain gauges ran over at the David Key, Bobby Baker and Gaylon Pitcock ranches in the Edith community and also at the ranches of T. M. Wylie and Mrs. Frank Clawson, northwest of Robert Lee.

### Benefit Golf Tourney Set

Area golfers are invited to enter a special 18 hole golf tournament Sunday, June 27, at the Mountain Creek Golf Course in Robert Lee. The single medal-play competition is sponsored by the Concho Valley Chapter of the National Myasthenia Gravis Foundation.

Entry fees are \$10, with proceeds going to the Myasthenia Gravis organization's research fund. Entry fees are tax deductible, according to Myrph Havins, chapter chairman.

Myasthenia gravis is a neuromuscular disease for which there is no known cure. The disease is characterized by extreme weakness of the voluntary muscles.

Tee off time for the tourney will be 1 p.m. Sunday, with a shotgun start. The first nine holes will determine flight competition for the last nine holes.

Prize for each of the flight winners will be a putter of the winner's choice and two dozen golf balls. Second place flight winners will win one dozen golf balls; third place flight winners, six golf balls.

Entry fees may be mailed to Mountain Creek Golf Course, Box 472, Robert Lee. Phone number is 453-2714. Contestants may also register in person before 6 p.m. Saturday. The tournament is limited to 64 players

### P.O. Going Under New Management

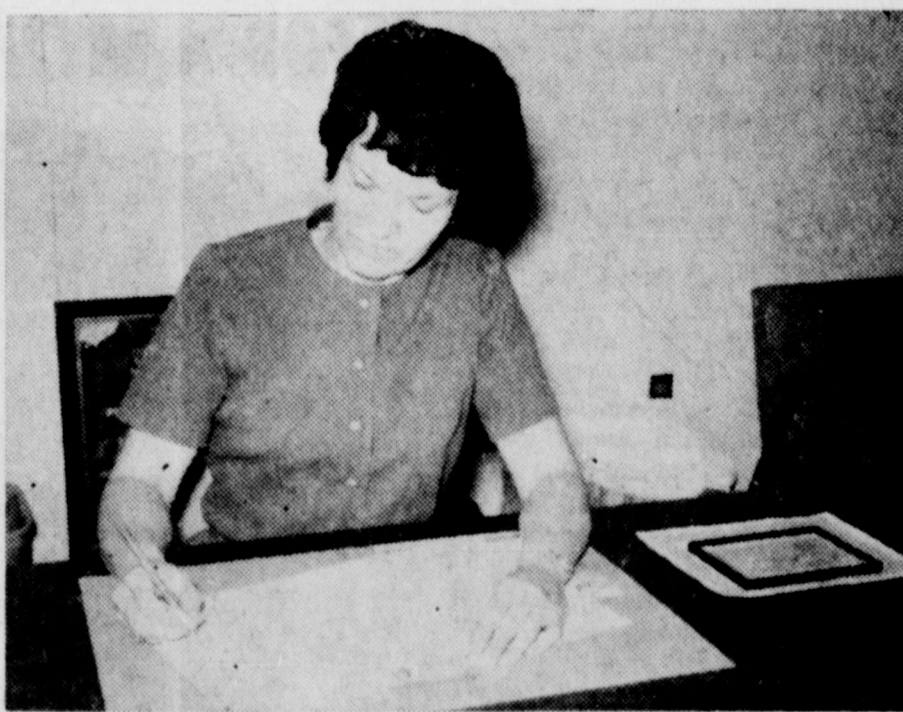
On July 1, the United States Post Office Department will fade into history after nearly 200 years of service to the American people. Its place will be officially taken by a new organization, The United States Postal Service, an independent establishment of the government formed to meet the changing needs of the society.

Presumably, it will provide better, faster, more dependable mail service. Plans are being initiated for a major mechanization program to streamline mail processing and special delivery.

To mark the inaugural date, the Postal Service will have a limited number of souvenir envelopes available free on July 1 only. In addition, for stamp collectors, a limited number of cancelled first day covers will be made available for the cost of an 8 cent stamp.

On July 1, at ceremonies in Washington, a new 8 cent stamp will be issued. It will carry the emblem of the United States Postal Service—a stylized eagle poised for flight. The stamp will be available simultaneously at all post offices.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Rolla L. Page were her sister and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. James R. Martin of Crystal City; also Mr. and Mrs. Bill Martin and Mrs. Betty Mae Edgar of San Angelo. Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. Walker Good of Wichita Falls and Mrs. Dona Sparks of Santo. The ladies are sisters of Mr. Page.



THE BOSS — Mrs. Truman Hines, administrator of the West Coke County Hospital and Nursing Home, is working on one of the many reports she is required to make.

Mrs. Hines is responsible for the overall operation of the hospital and nursing home. It's a pretty good job keeping up with all the details and supervising the 45 employees of the district.



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## FROGGY'S CAFE

### TWO POUND STRIPER CAUGHT AT LAKE SPENCE

The largest striped bass ever caught from Spence Reservoir was landed recently on a trotline baited with a minnow.

The fish, weighing almost two pounds and measuring 16 inches in length, was one of 34,500 stocked in the lake in 1969.

Texas Parks and Wildlife biologists say the stripers were growing slowly in Spence Reservoir because of the drought conditions in West Texas and the consequent low level of the lake.

The biologists say the big striper must be one which was large enough and hungry enough to keep abreast of the shad spawn, growing as the shad grew and finally ending up slightly larger than the other stripers released at the same time.

Only 3,000 stripers were released in Spence Reservoir in 1970, and the first seven inch fish of the batch was caught during a net sampling last week.

Striped bass are being stocked experimentally in several Texas lakes in an effort to find a predator fish which can reduce the number of gizzard shad and other small fish and at the same time offer the angler some sport.

The fish are actually a salt water species resembling the more common white bass. Stripers are reportedly doing well in other inland lakes in the United States.

Game limit on the stripers is one fish.

### PERSONALS

Mrs. Jimmy Killam and family were weekend visitors in San Angelo with Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Prine. Other visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Duke M. Prine and family of Kerrville and William Heard.

Mrs. Doyle Caulder and three children have moved back to Robert Lee from Groves, Tex. Her husband is an electrician and has been transferred to the coastal area. The family plans to live here near her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Walker, until he gets settled.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Walker were guests Sunday of their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Walker of San Angelo.

Sunday visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sloan Boone were their daughter and family, Mr. and Marvin Glasgow and children of Sweetwater. Another visitor in the Boone home is Fatima Dogget of Midland who is spending two weeks here with her grandparents.

Mr. and Mrs. Monte Trimble and baby spent last week here visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Trimble and Mr. and Mrs. Victor Wojtek. Phyllis Wojtek went home with her sister and will spend two weeks in the Trimble home.



TALKING IT OVER — Two of the clerical workers and the head nurse of West Coke County Hospital had some things to discuss about a patient when this picture was snapped. From left, are Mrs. Gerald Brasuel, office manager; Mrs. Ivey Eubanks, head nurse; and Mrs. Stanley Post insurance clerk.



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Robert Lee Observer



Dr. John D. McDaniel

**Dr. John McDaniel Came to Robert Lee When Original Hospital Was Built**

Dr. John D. McDaniel has been associated with the hospital and nursing home since the county hospital was first built, having practiced here more than 21 years. He is also the Coke County Health officer.

A general practitioner of internal medicine, Dr. "Mack," as he is familiarly known, is also a surgeon and performs surgery when needed by patients of West

Coke County Hospital. He was born in Siam of missionary parents and lived there until he was 14. He received his medical schooling at Iowa University of Medicine. He is a veteran of World War II, having served in the Pacific Theater of War. He went back to Siam in 1947 where he was a medical missionary. He established an orphanage in Bangkok and started a hospital there before returning to the States in 1949.

He moved, with his family, to Robert Lee in October of 1949, shortly before the Coke County Memorial Hospital was built.

In addition to patients in the hospital, Dr. McDaniel also looks after the medical needs of the residents of the new nursing home.

**40 UNION TEXAS MEN COMPLETE SAFETY COURSE**

About 40 employees of Union Texas Petroleum Co. from Colorado City, Bronte, Robert Lee and Silver have completed a first aid course. It was taught by Sam Williams, assisted by Bill Matlock, Safety Plant employee at Silver. A total of eight sessions were conducted over the four weeks period in May.

First aid certificates were given to 26 of the 40 men. This was a new Red Cross course entitled "Multi Media."

**WELCOME**

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

Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship .... 11:00 a.m.  
Training Union ..... 6:00 p.m.  
Evening Worship .... 7:00 p.m.  
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Mrs. Richard Paul Lehr

**Margaret Flannagan, Richard Paul Lehr Recite Wedding Vows**

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Flanagan are announcing the marriage of their daughter, Margaret Ellen, to Richard Paul Lehr.

The couple was married in a double ring ceremony at St. Luke United Methodist Church in San Angelo last Saturday. The Rev. Jack Hooper officiated.

The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Lehr of Wall. He is employed by a construction company in San Angelo.

The bride is a 1971 graduate of Robert Lee High School. Both Mr. and Mrs. Lehr plan to attend Angelo State University this fall.

They took a short wedding trip to Mexico and are at home in San Angelo.

**LVN Classes Trained Here**

West Coke County Hospital has been the training ground for several classes of Licensed Vocational Nurses. The courses have been taught by Mrs. Kenneth Lackey, R. N., and Mrs. Ivey Eubanks, R. N.

The first class was graduated in March of 1965, with the members including Miss Irene Gloria and Mrs. Melvin Childress, Billy W. Roe and Richard Day.

Mrs. Turney Casey underwent surgery last Friday, June 18, in St. John's Hospital in San Angelo.

**Dale Hamby Weds Carolyn Stuckey In Abilene Rites**

Double ring vows were read for Carolyn Stuckey and Dale Hamby in the Elmwood Baptist Church, Abilene, at 8 p.m. June 18.

The bride is the daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. L. L. Stuckey of Abilene. Parents of the bridegroom are Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Hamby of Coleman.

The bride graduated from Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene and is presently teaching at Hunt. The bridegroom graduated from North Texas University in Denton and is attending graduate school at HSU. He is a teacher at Robert Lee.

Rev. Lewis Stuckey, Brownwood, uncle of the bride, officiated at the ceremony. Miss Elaine Fikes of Robert Lee played organ selections and accompanied soloist, Mrs. Frank Hamby, San Antonio, who sang "O Perfect Love" and "The Lord's Prayer." David Stuckey gave a reading.

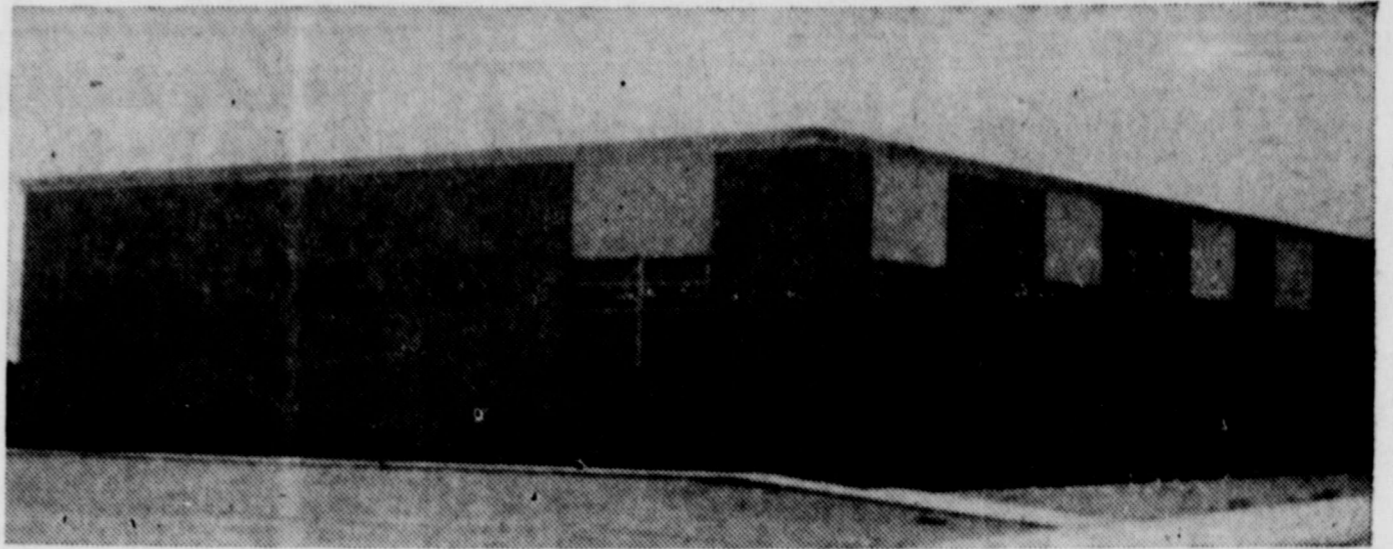
Rev. Frank Hamby, San Antonio, brother of the groom, served as best man. Willis Parker, Baird, and Gene Ward, Abilene, were ushers.

Miss Kathy Ricks of Snyder was maid of honor and wore a gown of deep rose peau d'asie featuring a lace bodice and lace sleeves. She carried a nosegay of varied shades of pink carnations.

The bride, presented in marriage by her father, wore an ivory peau d'asie gown designed with ruffled pleats on the collar, the sleeves and the hemline with each accented by alencon lace. The high waistline was accented with a bow belt of ivory peau d'asie. The floor length veil of silk illusion was edged in alencon lace. She carried a cascade of white and pink carnations with ivory streamers atop a white Bible.

Following the wedding, a reception was held at the church. Assisting were the bride's aunts, Mrs. J. L. Carwile, Robert Lee, Mrs. Aileen Conner, San Angelo and Mrs. Lewis Stuckey of Brownwood. Members of the houseparty were Mrs. Joe Howard of Omaha, Nebr., Mrs. Gene Ward of Abilene and Miss Pam Keith of Eastland.

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New Nameplate for Nursing Home

**Robert Lee BCD Items of Interest**

Mayor Wilson Bryan had some reassuring words for citizens of Robert Lee Tuesday at noon when the BCD met. Mayor Bryan felt better than he had in many weeks because he was able to report that Mountain Creek Reservoir had caught some water and he could announce that water rationing in the city was a thing of the past.

The mayor reported the city lake caught 250 acre feet of water Monday afternoon and night which will give the city about eight feet of water it can recover through the lake intake pipe. Bryan said it will be some time before the city starts to draw down on the city lake, because of the excessively large amount of brush and silt which came in with the water.

But the mayor did feel that Robert Lee had gained a year's supply of water from the rains Monday afternoon and night.

Believe it or not, he said, the City Council had called off water rationing at a special session Monday afternoon because the city had completed a well which would supply 460 gallons per minute. However, the rains which came after the meeting served to substantiate the move and also came in time to save the city the expense of placing a pump on the new well. The new source of water will be capped and remembered for future use.

Mayor Bryan also reported that construction of the new water tower in the north part of town is nearing completion. The mayor said the new tower will be left with its orange color and will sport black lettering which spells out Robert Lee. It is also planned that a local artist shall be contracted to draw a black Steer on the orange tank.

There was a short discussion of printing a new brochure to advertise the city. Chairman H. S. Lewis Jr. said that he and a committee composed of G. C. Allen and Bill Tom Roach have all the data assembled and can bring it to the next meeting of the BCD.

President W. D. McAdams said the BCD may now be able to call upon West Texas Utilities Co. to help with photos for the brochure, since Lake Spence now has quite a bit of water in it. Lack of water in the big lake has held up production of a new brochure for some time.

Garland Davis announced the golf tourney for this weekend at Mountain Creek Golf Course. Details are in another story. Principal Davis also announced that Robert Lee School is short three teachers at the present time.

Judge W. W. Thetford announced that a meeting of the equalization board for the county regarding oil and industrial valuations was held last week. The judge said that oil property valuations were way down. However, he said he didn't expect any raise in property valuations at

this time. George Newby, Robert Lee and Bronte funeral home and ambulance service operator, called attention to a new law which states that any town which has less than 50,000 population is required to have an ambulance service supported either by a hospital, county or individual. Newby pointed out his request for help from the county several months ago has resulted in no action. Apparently Coke County will have to do something to help pay for the losing business of operating an ambulance service in this area.

**28 Nurses Aides Complete Course**

Twenty-eight nurses' aides were pinned and awarded certificates in a ceremony Tuesday night in the recreation hall. About 100 persons attended the program.

Mrs. Melvin (Essie) Childress, instructor, welcomed guests and introduced Mrs. J. W. (Margaret) Martin of Bronte, Coke County representative of the Community Action Program, sponsors of the course, who served as mistress of ceremonies.

Rev. Horace Bloodworth, retired Baptist minister, gave the invocation. Nita Gaye Copeland, accompanied at the piano by her mother, Mrs. Bonita Copeland, sang "Our Task."

Coke County Attorney Roy L. Ford gave the address.

Mrs. Childress presented the pins in a pinning ceremony and Mrs. Kay Lackey, R. N., presented certificates to the class. The Rev. Arthur Kendall, pastor of First United Methodist Church, gave the benediction.

Refreshments were served after the program. The table was laid with a gold cloth, and silver and crystal appointments were used. Green slushy punch and cake were served. At the refreshment table were Mrs. Nell Hines, administrator of West Coke County Hospital, and Mrs. Peggy Gilmore of the San Angelo CAP office.

Mrs. LaVelta Eubanks, R. N., registered guests. Guests included members of the families of class members; also Judge W. W. Thetford, Mrs. Fay Roe, Miss Gladys Waldrop, Mrs. Gilmore, Revs. Bloodworth and Kendall and Attorney Ford.

Class members were: Georgia Ackerman, Henrietta Baker, Charlene Barnes, Aletris Blair, Dawn Boykin, Nancy Casey, Mary Beth Dodson, Sara Duncan, Dale Fields, Lucy Gloria, Babe Gregston, Ann Jordan, Polly Large.

And Judith Lykins, Ann Martin, Thelma Preston, Margaret Roane, Ruby Robertson, Pasquella Sanchez, Cindy Self, Ray Self, Wanda Smith, Eva Stephens, Mary Streng, Bonnie Walker, Jewel Wallace, Ruth Robertson and Ruth Williams.

**LOCAL MEN INDUCTED**

Dennis Gartman, Lynn White and Charles Vandiver left last Tuesday from Abilene for Fort Polk, La., where they will take basic Army training following induction.

Their parents are Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Gartman, Mr. and Mrs. O. L. White of Henderson, formerly of Robert Lee, and Mrs. Julia Vandiver of San Angelo.

**Mrs. Waldrop New Matron of OES**

Mrs. Barton Waldrop was installed as Worthy Matron of Robert Lee Chapter No. 187, Order of the Eastern Star, in a regular meeting in the Masonic Hall in Robert Lee.

Officers were installed by Mrs. Joe Forester of Ballinger; Mrs. K. W. Cook of Winters served as installing Marshal; Mrs. John J. Swatchesue, Secretary Pro-Tem; Mrs. Lad Havlik of San Angelo, Chaplain; Mrs. Olive Keeney of Bronte, Chaplain; Mrs. Ollie Hogue of Blackwell, Warder; and Charlie Ragsdale of Bronte, Sentinel.

Other officers installed included W. T. Roach, Worthy Patron; Mrs. Tom Sawyer, Associate Matron; Tom Sawyer, Associate Patron; Mrs. Bobby Roberts, Conductress; Mrs. Billy W. Roe, Associate Conductress; Mrs. W. T. Roach, Secretary; Bobby Roberts, Treasurer; Mrs. Jeff Blair, Chaplain; Mrs. Dan Middleton, Marshal; Mrs. O. B. Jacobs, Organist; Mrs. Earl Salmon, Adah; Mrs. W. E. Jacoby, Ruth; Mrs. G. C. Allen, Esther; Mrs. M. A. Runnion, Martha; Mrs. R. S. Crum, Electa; Alton Roberts, Warder; and Jeff Blair, Sentinel.

A salad supper preceded the installation with several out of town guests present for both occasions.

Otis Carroll Robertson of Fairfield, Calif., spent the weekend with his father, Jim Robertson. A friend, Howard Williams, was with him.

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## Proclamation

WHEREAS, licensed nursing homes and related facilities in our community are providing dedicated, concerned care to our aged and ill, and

WHEREAS, these long term health care facilities have assumed a leading role in upgrading the standards of services for these elderly, chronically ill and convalescent persons, and

WHEREAS, many of these patients have outlived family and friends and need community contact and understanding, and

WHEREAS, the recently enlarged nursing home in this city and its staff are providing the highest quality care for its patients, as exemplified in their theme, "Nursing Homes: We Care," for National Nursing Home Week, June 20-26.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Wilson Bryan, as mayor of this city of Robert Lee, Texas, urge all residents to show that they care about the elderly and ill in this community by visiting the nursing home of West Coke County Hospital District during its Open House Sunday, June 27, 1971.

Wilson Bryan  
Mayor  
City of Robert Lee,  
Texas

## Roe and Wallace Get Service Pins

Two Robert Lee men were recipients of 15 year service awards during the annual recognition barbecue given by Charles N. Prothro. The barbecue and program were held on the lawn of the Prothro home in Wichita Falls last Wednesday evening. The event honors all employees of both Perkins Prothro and Perkins Timberlake of Texas and Oklahoma.

Present to receive his award was A. J. Roe Jr. Royce Wallace was unable to attend, but received his 15 year award. The awards were tie tacks with a ruby for each five years of service. Both men are employees of Perkins Prothro Oil Company in Silver.

Others of the Silver employees receiving recognition were Dale Wojtek, 5 years; Jack Nance, superintendent, 10 years; and Wayne Dodson, engineer, 5 years. Nance and Dodson reside in Colorado City.

Also attending the event were Mr. and Mrs. John Conley, Mrs. Dodson, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Gartman, Mr. and Mrs. Hays Prince and Sharon, Mr. and Mrs. Zeddie Beal and Debra, B. R. Duncan, Mrs. Wojtek, Mrs. Roe and Deone Derrick.

Following the program, the 350 persons attending played bingo.

Mrs. Pearl Schooley returned home Wednesday after a three weeks' visit in the homes of her daughter, Mrs. B. D. Taylor, and family in Springtown; and with her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Schooley in Fort Worth. While there, she attended the graduation of her grandson, Charles Taylor, and also her granddaughter, Alice Ann Schooley, then the wedding of Alice Ann to Bobby McMillen. Mrs. B. N. Chesney and Cindy came home with her for a few days' visit in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Turney Casey, and other relatives.

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**THE FOOD FIXERS** — Preparing meals for a bunch of people three times a day, seven days a week is a big job

and here is one shift of the cooks who take care of this job at West Coke County Hospital and Nursing Home. From

left, they are Mrs. Bessie Hallmark, Mrs. Nola Harmon and Mrs. Pauline Thompson.

## Hospital News

June 15: Perry Mullis admitted. Sarah Duncan dismissed.

June 16: Bessie Caston, George Braswell admitted. Perry Mullis dismissed.

June 17: Mrs. Ruth Sandusky admitted. Miss Lizzie Brock dismissed.

June 18: Mrs. Zelma E. Brooks, Sam McGallion, George Braswell dismissed.

June 19: Mrs. Allie Childress, George McCaleb admitted.

June 20: Mrs. Olga Robledo, Jay Lynn Service admitted. Allie Childress dismissed.

June 21: Mrs. Ethel Green, Mittie Kuykendall, Mrs. Rhonda Varnadore, Jimmy Walker, Mrs. Anna Marie Lara admitted. Mrs. Julia Gloria, Mrs. Bessie Caston

dismissed.

On Tuesday, June 22, 12 patients remained in the hospital and 29 in the nursing home.

### LARGE CROWD ATTENDS BILBO ANNIVERSARY

About 125 guests registered at the Open House in honor of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Bilbo's 50th wedding anniversary on Monday of last week. Out of town guests were present from San Angelo, Bronte, Big Spring, Stanton, Rockport, Mercury, Midkiff, Sandoz, Silver, Colorado City, Sweetwater, Alpine, Baird and from Oklahoma, Bakersfield and Long Beach, Calif., and Hatch and Causay, N. M.

Mrs. Mary Large is a patient in the Bronte Hospital. She was admitted Tuesday of last week.

## Kitchen, Dining Hall Serve All Hospital Patients

The shiny kitchen and spacious dining room facilities at West Coke County Hospital and Nursing home are part of the structure which has just been remodeled, enlarged and partially refurbished. They are equipped to take care of the maximum number of patients who are in the nursing home and hospital.

In addition to regular meals which are enjoyed by most patients, the cooks also carefully prepare special diets for patients when the doctor prescribes them.

Employees in the kitchen include Inez Roe, Gladys Slaton, Nola Harmon, Nadine Burgess, Pauline Thompson, LaRue Harmon and Bessie Hallmark.

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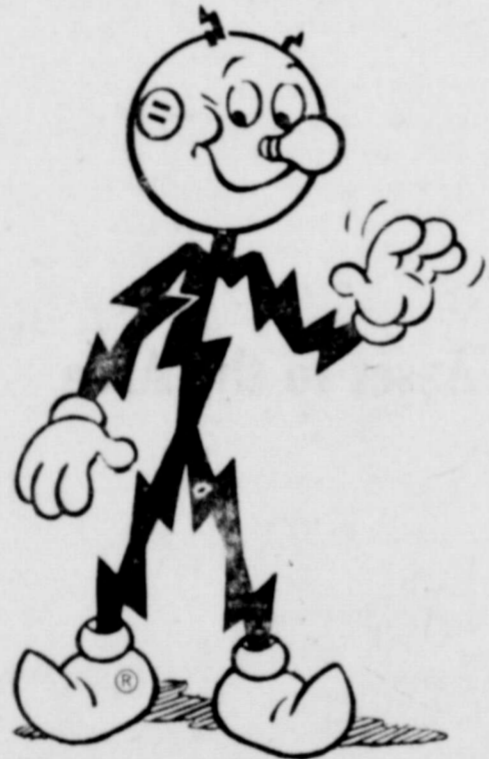
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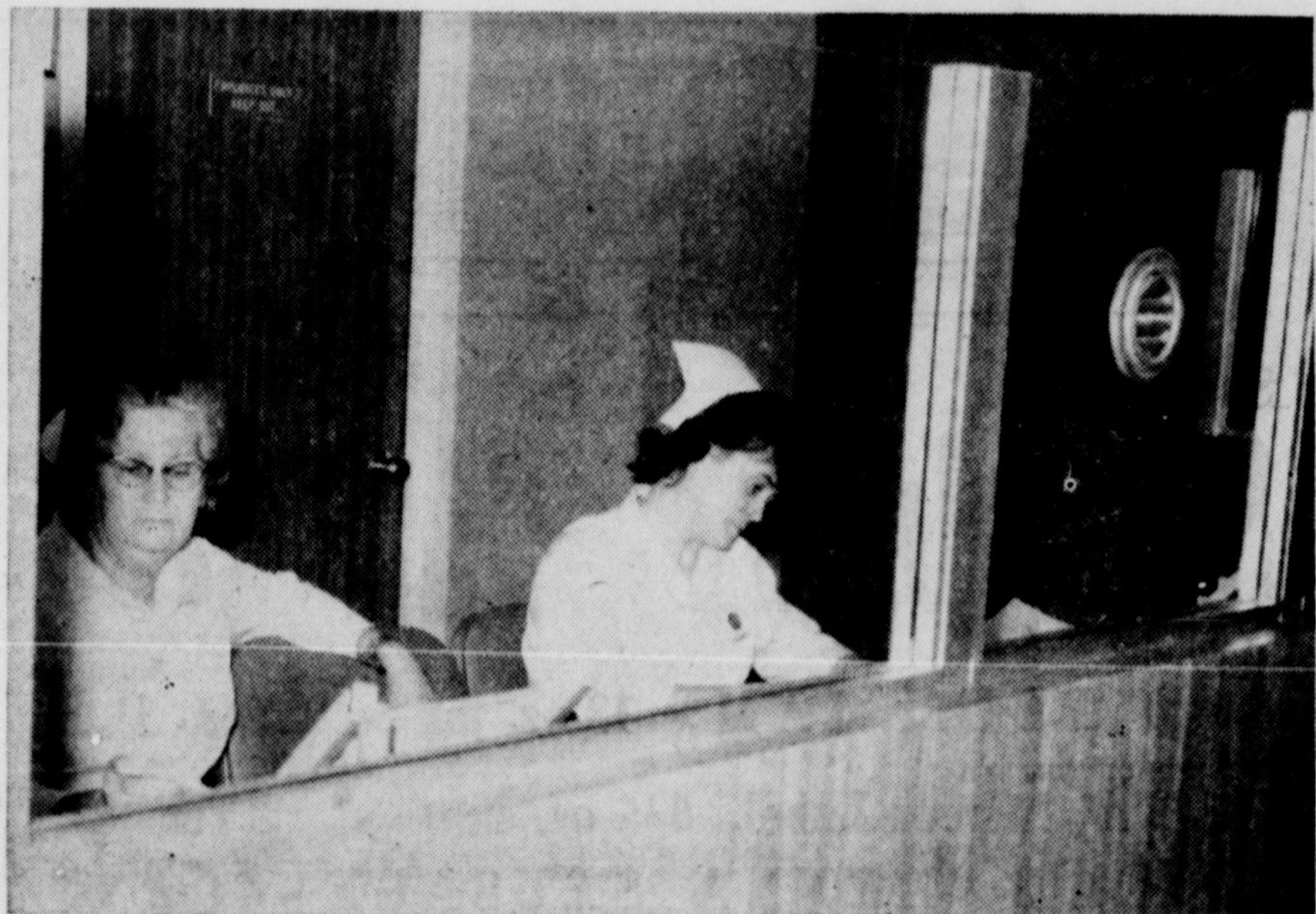
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**CONSTANT JOB** — Filling out charts and keeping records on patients is a never-ending job at West Coke County Nursing Home. Here at the nurses station are Mrs. Clarence Mitchell, left, an LVN, and Mrs. Kenneth Lackey, R. N. Mrs. Lackey is head nurse on the nursing home side of the hospital district's big operation.

Mrs. J. C. Harwell returned home Friday from a two weeks' vacation trip. She accompanied her daughter and family, the M. J. Dexons of San Antonio, to Florida. They then went up the coast to Virginia and came back through West Virginia and other states along a more northerly route.

**PERSONALS**

Mrs. Minnie Randall of Rockport, Mrs. Virgie Bilbo of Long Beach, Calif., and Mrs. Reba Fisher of Bakersfield, Calif., are guests this week in the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Bilbo. Mrs. Bilbo and Mrs. Fisher are also spending some time with their sister, Mrs. Lillian Middleton, who is seriously ill in West Coke County Hospital.

Pam Millican is spending the summer in Robert Lee. She is caring for the children of Mr. and Mrs. Rocky Heffernan, while Mrs. Heffernan works in the office at the Harris Clinic in Bronte.

Mrs. Patsy Owens and daughter, Lori, returned to their home at Pilot Point Tuesday after spending a week with Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Capps. Mrs. Owens is a niece of Mr. Capps.

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## NOTICE OF BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETING

In obedience to an order of the Board of Equalization, regularly convened and sitting, notice is hereby given that said Board of Equalization will be in session at the Commissioners board room in the county courthouse in the Town of Robert Lee, County of Coke, Texas, at 10:00 o'clock A. M., on Wednesday and Thursday, the 30th day of June, 1971, and the 1st day of July, 1971, for the purpose of determining, fixing and equalizing the value of any and all taxable property situated in Robert Lee Independent School District, Coke County, Texas, for taxable purposes for the year 1971, and any and all persons interested or having business with said Board are hereby notified to be present.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION.

Chairman of the Board  
 Arthur Rynnion

## BUDGET HEARING

Robert Lee Independent School District Board of Trustees will meet at 8 p.m., July 6, at the Robert Lee School for the purpose of setting a budget for the 1971-72 school term. All interested persons are invited to be present.

## ORDINANCE RESCINDING THE ORDINANCE OF MAY 17, 1971, RATIONING THE USE OF WATER, AND THE ORDINANCE OF JUNE 1, 1971, AMENDING THE SAME; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROBERT LEE, THAT:

Section 1: Effective immediately, the ordinance of May 17, 1971, rationing water in the City of Robert Lee, and the ordinance of June 1, 1971, amending the same, be, and is hereby rescinded.

Section 2: The fact that the City Council considers the passage of this ordinance to be an emergency, the rule requiring ordinances to be read at more than one meeting is hereby suspended, and this ordinance shall take effect from and after its passage.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 21st day of June, 1971.

Wilson Bryan  
 Mayor

Attest:

Edna Havins  
 City Secretary  
 (Seal)

## NOTICE OF MEETING OF BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

The Board of Equalization for the City of Robert Lee will convene in City Hall, Monday, June 28, 7 to 9 p.m. Anyone having business with this Board is hereby requested to meet with the same.

Edna Havins  
 City Tax Assessor-Collector

## OPEN HOUSE —

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Mae Hurley, Yvonne Conner and Daisy Hughes.

LVN's for the nursing home are Maxine Fields, Dianne Hambricht, Deane Kinsey, Jean Quisenberry, Gladys Pierce, Essie Childress and Lois Mae Smith; nurses aide; include Aletris Blair, Mattie Braswell, Sara Duncan, Zola Hatley, Violet Kirkpatrick, Annie B. Mitchell, Ruby Robertson, Ruth Robertson and Mary Streng.

Delores Roe is X-ray technician and Elton Hull is lab technician. Housekeeping and maintenance employees are Inez Gartman, Edwin Wright and Ray Self. Cooks include Inez Roe, Gladys Slaton, Nola Harmon, Nadine Burgess, Pauline Thompson, LaRue Harmon and Bessie Hallmark.

Office employees are Pat Brasuel, Margaret Whitaker and Ann Post.

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# Potatoes 10 lb. bag 59c

FRESH CUCUMBERS - - - 2 lbs. 25c

LETTUCE, firm heads - - - lb. 15c



SEVEN BONE

# ROAST lb. 59c

SLAB BACON - - - - - lb. 55c

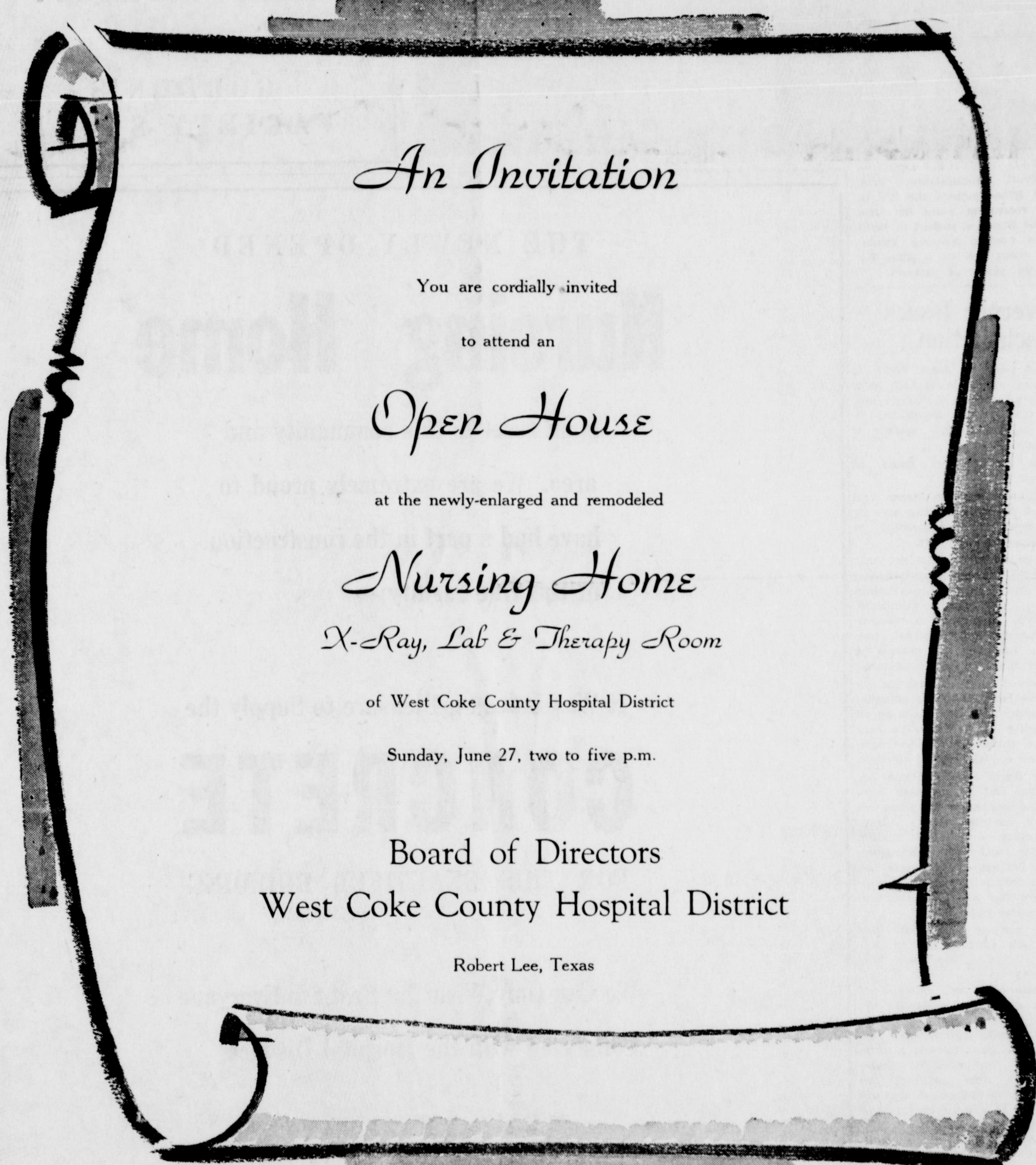
LONGHORN CHEESE - - - lb. 83c

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Our Very Hearty Congratulations and Best Wishes to the West Coke County Nursing Home

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A decorative border in the shape of a scroll, drawn with a thick black line. It starts at the top left with a circular flourish, goes down the left side, across the bottom, and up the right side, ending with a flourish at the top right. There are some grey smudges or shadows along the scroll's path.

*An Invitation*

You are cordially invited

to attend an

*Open House*

at the newly-enlarged and remodeled

*Nursing Home*  
*X-Ray, Lab & Therapy Room*

of West Coke County Hospital District

Sunday, June 27, two to five p.m.

Board of Directors  
West Coke County Hospital District

Robert Lee, Texas



**TOTAL SERVICE, TOO, —**  
Hospital Administrator Mrs. Neil Hines adjusts the TV in the recreation room for Miss Lizzie Brock, a patient in West Coke County Nursing Home. The room also has a piano for the enjoyment of patients.

### Governor Issues Proclamation

The week of June 20-26 is Nursing Home Week all over Texas as well as in Robert Lee, and Gov. Preston Smith has issued a proclamation making it official.

The proclamation reads as follows:

"Licensed nursing homes and related facilities for the care of the aged and convalescent in Texas now number 894.

These facilities offer not only medical, nursing and personal care, but also provide rehabilitation, restoration, recreation, physical, speech and occupational therapy, and spiritual programs designed to provide a "fuller life" for senior citizens.

Licensed nursing homes not only have broadened their potential for service and have taken on an increasing role in the health care of the chronically ill, the aged and the convalescent of all ages.

The Texas Nursing Home Association and its members have provided leadership and made important contributions to raising the quality of care with modern facilities and new techniques, the dedication of its people has earned this progressive and rapidly growing profession our confidence and respect.

The nursing homes in this state are participating in National Nursing Home Week, June 20-26, 1971.

Therefore, I, as Governor of Texas, do hereby designate the week of June 20-26, 1971, as Texas Nursing Home Week and urge our citizens to visit a nursing home and acquaint themselves with the patients, the staff, the facilities, the services rendered, and the progress and potential for the future."

Land D. Wall of Lubbock, president of the Texas Nursing Home Association, joined the Governor in inviting everyone to visit facilities and see for themselves what the modern nursing home of today has to offer the senior citizens of this state.

He predicted over two million persons will visit nursing homes this week, and added, "It is important that our residents know that the community is concerned about their welfare."

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**We're Proud —**  
Of the **NEW**  
**NURSING HOME**

Best wishes to the board of directors and staff of this fine addition to our community. You all have done a fine job.

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# **We Are Proud . . .**

## **The Nursing Home**

is a wonderful addition to our county and the entire community. Care for the elderly and chronically ill is a major concern which is facing public officials over the entire country. We must say that West Coke County Hospital District has done a fine job for the citizens of this area.

### *Congratulations*

**TO THE STAFF & ADMINISTRATOR  
TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
TO THE CITIZENS OF THE DISTRICT**

**W. W. Thetford**  
County Judge

**Weldon Fikes**  
County Auditor

**Melvin Childress**  
Sheriff

**Fern Havins**  
Commissioner Precinct 1

**Mrs. Winnie Waldrop**  
County & District Clerk

**Floyd Harmon**  
Commissioner Precinct 3

**O. B. Jacobs**  
Tax Assessor-Collector

**Roy P. Ross**  
Justice of the Peace

**Roy Ford**  
County Attorney

**Ollie Roe**  
Constable

# Hospital History Tells Of



Entrance to West Coke County Hospital After 1966 Expansion

The modern and up to date hospital and nursing home facility in Robert Lee didn't come about overnight, but was the result of lots of work by lots of people over lots of years.

The 16 patient rooms in the hospital part of the complex and 29 rooms in the nursing home, along with the many auxiliary rooms necessary for the operation of a modern medical center, are a far cry from the humble beginnings of a hospital in this area.

Forerunner of the present day hospital and nursing home was a county hospital which became a sure thing July 16, 1949, when voters of the county voted 728-404 for a county bond issue of \$75,000. Actual cost of construc-

tion and equipping the original unit was about \$90,000. However, the federal government approved a grant for one-third of the construction cost.

The original structure contained eight patient rooms, four single and four double, for a total of 12 beds. It also had an operating room, delivery room, kitchen, X-ray room, emergency treatment room and nursery, as well as storage facilities.

Joe B. Tharp of San Angelo was contractor. Members of the first board of directors were: Byrl Austin, chairman; Frank McCabe, vice chairman; C. N. Webb, secretary-treasurer; C. S. Brown and Arnold Ball, members.

Dr. John D. McDaniel was on

the original staff of the hospital, having moved to Robert Lee in October 1949. He has served continuously as the only doctor here since that time. Caswell Haselden was administrator at the time of the opening of the hospital.

Things rocked along for several years, until it became obvious that an eight room hospital wasn't big enough. It was decided perhaps the best plan for enlarging the hospital would be to form a hospital district. In May 1963, a bill was passed by the Texas Legislature creating the West Coke County Hospital District if it was approved by a majority of the voters of Precincts 1 and 3.

The election was held Aug. 17, 1963, and carried 227-139. It was soundly defeated in the rural areas, but a big majority in Robert Lee insured passage of the measure.

Plans started taking shape for the expansion program, but things moved rather slowly. On April 27, 1965, bids for the addition were opened. Low bidder

was BDK Construction Co. of a bond issue of \$110,000 and a federal grant of \$117,000. Included in the construction were 20 patient rooms, operat-

**OUR THANKS**  
to the people of West Coke  
County Hospital District  
for our brand new —  
**NURSING HOME**

**We Wish Every Success**  
**For This Fine Project**

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We are so proud of the new addition to our Nursing Home, along with all the other facilities provided by West Coke County Hospital District.

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**SUNDAY, JUNE 27**

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# Steady Growth Since 1949

ing room, doctors and nurses lounges, administrative offices, nursery, labor room, visitors lobby, laboratory facilities and central supply.

In addition to the new facilities, the contract called for complete remodeling and renovating of the old original part of the hospital, including new equipment for the kitchen and dining room.

The work was completed in the summer of 1966 and formal opening was held in September.

Directors who supervised the addition were: Fred McCabe Sr., chairman; Jim Herford, vice chairman; J. E. Quisenberry, secretary; Fagan Parker and T. A. Richardson, members. Mrs. Truman Hines was administrator of the hospital, having taken over the job during the summer of 1966 from R. B. Vandiver. Mrs. Ivey Eubanks was head nurse, a position she still holds.

The 1966 project got the hospital district into the nursing home business. The old part of the hospital was remodeled and turned into a nursing home, with



Original Coke County Hospital

a capacity of eight beds. It continues until the present construction job was completed.

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## *Congratulations*

To the People of West Coke County

To Dr. John McDaniel

To the Nurses and Hospital Staff

and

To the Hospital Board of Directors

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# Nursing Homes Provide Total Resident Care

Nursing homes provide total patient care or resident care, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Nursing homes are the major elements in the government's two chief health care programs—Medicare and Medicaid.

In Texas there are 896 licensed homes with some 64,053 beds. Between 1960 and 1965, nursing home facilities almost doubled in Texas, and since 1960, more new homes have been built in this state than any of the other 49.

One type of nursing home is the extended care facility under the Medicare program. It is called extended care because the services provided closely approximate post-operative and recuperative care formerly available only in hospitals. It's a half way house between hospital and home for people who need nursing supervision, but who do not need the critical standby equipment found in the hospital. The patient receives the convalescent and rehabilitative care he needs without paying for services he doesn't need and doesn't use.

Cost is a major factor in health care. Hospital charges already are averaging close to \$100 a day in many areas of the country. Charges in extended care facilities, or ECF's as they are called, average less than one-fourth the cost of hospital care. Obviously, the potential for ECF's to hold down costs is substantial. Just to give you an idea, by using ECF's for convalescence rather than hospitals, the Medicare program alone saves some \$3 to \$4 million a day—or about \$1 billion dollars a year.

Another distinct type of facility is the skilled nursing home. This level of care is correlated to the government's Medicaid program. Generally speaking, skilled care is very similar to extended care with the exception that the degree of nursing supervision is not quite as intense. Patient stays in skilled nursing homes are generally longer than in ECF's, largely because their disabilities are a chronic, long term nature. And, by the same token, because less intensive nursing supervision is required, the cost is less.

Under Department of Welfare standards, a "skilled nursing care" patient requires care necessitating skilled nursing techniques and/or medical therapy of intensive degree on a long term basis. Nursing homes are reimbursed at a rate of \$13.50 per day.

The third major type of nursing home is called the intermediate care facility—or ICF. It usually provides a combination of some nursing care with personal care, such as bathing, eating, dressing, taking medication—things which most people take for granted, but which can present major problems to the elderly. In Texas, there are two levels of intermediate care.

Intermediate III care is described as care necessitating licensed supervision and/or services and/or medical therapy of complex, yet specific, nature on a long term basis. These homes are reimbursed at a rate of \$11.20 per day.

Intermediate II Care is care necessitating personal and social supervision and/or services and/or medical therapy of simple, yet specific, nature on a long term basis. For this level of care, the custodial home is reimbursed at a rate of \$7.90 per day.

For all levels of care, the standards specify that nursing homes will cover total care and

includes all such care, regular, special or supplementary diets, non-legend drugs, medical accessories, equipment and supplies necessary to meet the current health needs of the recipient-patient-resident.

The long term care situation is quite different from hospitals where the national average for a day in a hospital, according to the American Hospital Association, is \$67.59. In some parts of the country, it's \$100.00 a day and is expected to be \$200.00 a day by 1975.

While three distinct types of facilities have been described here, it is important to note that a single nursing home may, and often does, provide more than one type of care. That is, a home may have a wing devoted to ECF patients, a wing for skilled care patients, and a wing for ICF patients. Just as the levels of care vary, charges to the patient, or his family, or the government agency responsible for patient, will vary, according to the services provided. Public funds are available for patients in all types of facilities and programs. Of course, many patients or their families pay for their own care.

ECF's are used in the Medicare program, a federally financed hospital and medical insurance plan for people 65 or older. Skilled nursing homes are used in the Medicaid program, a system of medical assistance for persons of all ages, financed jointly by federal and state governments. Intermediate care facilities are used for the aged, blind or disabled in a program very similar to Medicaid.

Now, many people have the idea that government funded programs—Medicare, in particular—have been responsible for dramatic changes which have taken place in nursing homes. This is only partly true.

When Medicare first came into being, the Social Security Administration estimated that 2,000 nursing homes could qualify as ECF's. But Social Security officials were wrong. In July 1967, after the Medicare ECF program was operating for only six months, more than 4,000 ECF's were participating in the program. The fact is that nursing homes, over a long period of years, had been upgrading themselves to provide the kind of care needed, and wanted, at realistic rates.

What Medicare and Medicaid did was to focus attention on nursing homes. These programs were made possible, in fact, because nursing homes had developed the techniques and staffing that could be used by people of all ages for convalescence or for long term chronic illness.

Of course, the upgrading process has been many years in the making. Most experts agree that it began in 1949 when a group of nursing home owners and administrators got together to establish what is now known as the American Nursing Home Association, to which more than 7,350 homes belong. Of this number, 528 homes, with nearly 35,000 beds are also members of the Texas Nursing Home Association. The original purpose for getting together was to help establish legal standards for licensing of nursing homes. In 1950, many states had no licensing laws. The field was fragmented. Many nursing homes were little more than old private dwellings that once were boarding houses. As guests aged, the boarding houses, of necessity, became small nursing

care homes.

Today, all this has changed. Through the work of the American Nursing Home Association and its state associations, every state in the union has a nursing home licensing law. In addition, most states have adopted nursing home administrator licensing laws.

The Texas Nursing Home Association was extremely involved in developing the administrator licensure law in this state. All administrators must have a license by July 1, 1970. The Texas act was signed into law on June 2, 1969, by Gov. Preston Smith, who appointed the licensure board on Nov. 5, 1969.

As Land Wall, president of the Texas Nursing Home Association, stated, "Our administrators must complete a comprehensive course covering a minimum of 200 hours and pass a state board exam. I am certain that our profession will be upgraded and that we have gained the professional status we have long worked for."

It is significant to note that long before the administrator licensure law was created in this state, the Texas Nursing Home Association was concerned with

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Extending Our Very Best to

## THE NURSING HOME ADDITION

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Hospital District  
On a Job Well Done

Robert Lee Recreation Center  
Mr. and Mrs. Jack Trimble

# A Telephone Salute to the West Coke County Nursing Home

Congratulations to the West Coke County Nursing Home on the inauguration of this facility. We at General Telephone recognize the importance of all phases of the health and medical programs, and we are always glad to see these facilities expand to provide the needs of the area they serve.

## GENERAL TELEPHONE

**NURSING HOME CARE —**  
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educating its members. Since 1967, TNHA workshops have educated over 20,500 persons. The state association and its members have long realized the importance of education in attaining professionalism.

President Wall said, "The Texas Nursing Home Association members are realistically attempting to embrace the theory of peer review. We think this is a professional approach to self-improvement." Wall continued, "We know that the future of long term care in nursing homes, as we desire it to be, will necessitate a constant upgrading of standards of environment and patient care and this is one of the primary objectives of our organization. Upgrading of standards and services must parallel adequate reimbursement."

To emphasize the point, President Wall stated, "In the State of Texas, we are delivering skilled nursing care, TOTAL CARE, at a rate of 56 cents per hour, and our intermediate care at 47 cents and 33 cents per hour. This leads us to believe that perhaps the health care dollar from the private segment of society and the state and federal dollar is truly being utilized in the long term care spectrum."

Nursing homes today find themselves in a real dilemma. There exists within within the nursing home profession the desire and necessity for maintaining high standards of physical environment and patient care. The nursing home profession has promoted high standards and has worked closely with state agencies to this end. The public and the patients expect and deserve the highest possible level of quality patient care. The state and federal governments expect high

levels of care and have set the standards accordingly. The dilemma exists because of the maintenance of high standards and the rise of health costs.

Nursing homes are the only provider of health care that has controlled health care costs. Also, in recent data regarding the utilization and cost of providers of health care, it is significant to note that only nursing home costs have increased in direct correlation with actual cost of living increases. Other health care costs have increased at a much larger percentage. The value of the nursing home in curtailing the cost of health care was recognized by the federal government in the Medicare program. This program specifies that the patient can be removed from the hospital to the nursing home in order to convalesce and yet continue to receive skilled nursing care at a substantial reduction in cost.

Wall continue, "Long term care still exists in a competitive environment with complete freedom of choice for the health care consumer. If doctors and families who recognize that quality care is not being rendered would move the patient and state agencies who are charged with the responsibility of enforcing standards do their job, then any low quality facilities which now exist will pass from the scene and quality facilities will survive.

This is how it should be."

Economists, urban planners, and health care planners are looking to nursing homes as models for future development of health care services. Many new kinds of health care facilities will begin following the nursing home example of keeping available all the personnel and equipment needed, creating new facilities for specific needs, and offering levels of care directly related to the level of need of the patient. Regardless of future developments in the profession, the main objective will remain the same—to take care of and take an interest in each one of the patients or residents.

The percentage of elderly in this country is increasing yearly and, as science gives us the ability to live longer, there will be a greater need for nursing homes in the years ahead.

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### Lab Procedures Act As Radar for the Doctor to Determine Right Treatment

The most modern laboratory equipment available helps the doctor guard the health of patients of West Coke County Hospital and Nursing home. Lab procedures might be compared to radar installations which watch and guard the borders of the country. Information gathered by lab tests tells the doctor just what kind of invaders of the human body he is fighting.

Elton Hull of Sterling City comes to Robert Lee three times a week to perform lab work for the local hospital. He is on call all time and makes special trips whenever the situation calls for it. Mrs. Dolores Roe is X-ray technician and is in charge of the new facilities completed in the recent building project.

If a patient complains of pain, tests are run partially as diagnostic procedures and partially to determine the seriousness of the illness.

To find whether a pain is due to an infection, a white blood count is done—as the body defends itself by speeding up production of these little scavengers, which destroy harmful bacteria.

A high count means an infection is somewhere in the body. A red blood count and hemoglobin determination tells the doctor whether the infection or illness is a chronic thing and if there has been a steady blood loss, a drop in blood production or a lack of materials out of which blood is made, producing what is known as anemia.

This also tells him if the body is strong enough to fight this infection.

The questions of how extensive is the disease and is tissue being

destroyed are answered by a sedimentation rate test. Determining the rate at which cells fall through the fluid vehicles of the blood, while a simple procedure, is a very important one in ascertaining where to point the guns in disease control.

A urinalysis is a quick way of telling if the trouble is or isn't in the kidneys.

Maybe the larger guns of the doctor's armory must be used, so X-ray is brought into position. A chest film quickly tells the story of pneumonia, tuberculosis, lung cancer and many types of heart disease.

To see the inside of the digestive tract, a metallic dye called borum is used. The procedure, though uncomfortable, quickly gives a great many answers to the doctor when he fluoroscopes the patient and makes permanent records of these discoveries when pictures are made.

An electrocardiogram is a painlessly taken but permanent picture of the health of the heart muscle, based on the fact that there are two electrical starters and definite paths of electrical conduction in healthy hearts.

With these aids, the trouble is localized, identified and the best in medical treatment can be instituted to bring about a quick recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard S. Chacon of Houston spent several days last week as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Emil Chacon and family.

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A little time spent in reading them is time well spent.

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