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## B Team Tourney Starts Today



**FRESHMEN FAVORITES** — Mike Percifull and Marion Hendry have been selected as Class Favorites of this year's freshman class of RLHS. Mike is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Percifull. He plays basketball



and football, runs track, is vice president of his class and a member of the FFA. Marion is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Hendry. She plays basketball and is a member of 4-H and FHA clubs.

### Basketball Teams Have Busy Week; Girls Finish Season with Win Over Wall

Robert Lee has had a busy time with basketball during the past week, playing two regular district opponents and making up games which were missed during bad weather.

Mason came here last Friday night and both boys and girls won from them.

The girls' win wound up with a 48-41 score. Audrey Walker was high pointer with 19; Nita Copeland with right behind her with 18; Rhonda Askins 9; Anna Rowoldt 2.

The boys took an easy victory with an 82-63 score. Bobby Mumford was leading scorer with 22; closely following was Rudy Abalos with 20; Johnny Wolfe had 16; Bill Rowoldt 14; Hervey Wink 6; David Beatty 2; Daryl Copeland 2.

The teams went to Mason Saturday for makeup games. The girls had easy time and finished on the long end of a 51-29 score. Askins and Walker tied for scoring honors with 20 each; Copeland

had 10; Rowoldt 1.

The boys won their game 63-53. Rowoldt was high with 21; Mumford had 15; Wolfe 13; Wink 10; Abalos 4.

Wall came here Tuesday night for three games. The girls won their final game of the season, while the boys lost to the Hawks, and the boys B team took a win.

Score in the girls game was Robert Lee 56, Wall 39. Askins was top scorer with 21; Copeland made 18; Walker 16; Rowoldt 1.

The boys' loss was on a score of 67-45. Leading the scoring was Rowoldt with 15; Wolfe hit for 10; Mumford 9; Wibby Millican 6; Wink 3; Darrell Copeland 2.

In the boys B team game Robert Lee took a 46-33 win. Lynn Sockwell was top scorer with 10; Craig Bessent had 8; Ardie Brasuel 7; Doug Herford 6; Bobby Large 4; Cliff Cole 4; Carl Bagwell 2; Don Sparks 2; Manuel Abalos 2; Jesse Eads 1.

The boys A team will travel to Sonora Friday night.

### Doctor Comes Here to Look Over Situation

Vic Wojtek, president of the board of directors of West Coke County Hospital District reported at the Tuesday meeting of the BCD that a Dr. Fisher of Fort Worth came out last weekend and looked over the local hospital as well as the Robert Lee community. The doctor is interested in locating here and setting up a practice in the community. He met with some board members and with Mrs. Truman Hines, hospital administrator, while he was here.

Wojtek said he seemed very well impressed with the community, hospital facilities and possibilities for establishing a practice here.

The hospital board chairman said, also, that some Air Force doctors were here last Tuesday checking on the prospects of setting up a three day a week practice here.

Wojtek said he felt there was little doubt that Robert Lee would be able to secure a doctor eventually, but added he felt it would take some time and effort.

Former Commissioner, Precinct 1, Fern Havins reported that preliminary plans for a show barn with recreation center and youth room were submitted to the Commissioners' Court Monday for consideration. Also submitted was the idea of building a recreation center for the Bronte area.

Havins said he felt that the almost \$60,000 received from the federal government recently would practically cover both projects, inasmuch as neither of them should cost much in excess of \$35,000.

It was also brought out that a dependable water supply for both Robert Lee and Bronte, as well as for the rural areas of the county, is under consideration by the Commissioners' Court.

Mayor S. E. Adams said the federal grant applied for last year to build a pipeline from Lake

Robert Lee basketball fans will be treated to their third tournament of the season this weekend. The annual B team tournament will be held Thursday, Friday and Saturday with eight boys and eight girls teams participating.

The tournament was scheduled earlier in the season, but was postponed due to cold weather and hazardous driving conditions.

The first game will be at 10 a.m. today (Thursday) when the Bronte and Lake View girls meet. First round games will continue every 1½ hours.

Boys teams entered include

### Thetford Named Draft Registrar

County Judge W. W. Thetford has been appointed registrar for the Tom Green-Coke-Irion counties draft board in this area.

Young men who reach the age of 18 can register in Robert Lee by calling on Judge Thetford at the courthouse.

A registrar is maintained in the area so young men will not have to travel to the draft board in San Angelo to register.

All males are required to register under the draft law on their 18th birthday or within the period of 30 days prior to or following their 18th birthday.

### Commissioners Plan Water Study

Judge W. W. Thetford said this week that an engineer will meet with Coke County Commissioners' Court Monday to discuss the feasibility of creating a county wide water district which would supply water to Robert Lee and Bronte, and to as many rural residents as possible.

The judge said Bill Fox of San Angelo will be present to discuss the matter with the commissioners. Judge Thetford said a special invitation is extended to mayor and city councilmen of both Bronte and Robert Lee and to anyone else who would like to sit in on the discussion.

Bronte, Robert Lee Freshmen, Eldorado, Wall, Sterling City, Forsan, Mertzon and Robert Lee. Girls teams are Bronte, Lake View, Eldorado, Wall, Winters, Forsan, Mertzon and Baird.

Final game of the first round of play will begin at 8:30 p.m. Thursday.

Second round on the consolation side of the bracket will begin at 10 a.m. Friday and the final game of the day will be a second round bout for the championship beginning at 8:30.

Play will resume at noon on Saturday with the girls consolation finals, followed by boys consolation finals at 1:30. Girls game for third place will be at 3 p.m., followed by the boys third place contest at 4:30.

Girls championship match will begin at 6 p.m. while the boys game for the big trophy will start at 7:30.

Trophies will be awarded following the boys final game.

Everyone in the area is invited to attend the tournament and enjoy the excitement of good basketball.

### Jr. Hi, Freshman Teams Have Tilts

Robert Lee freshman boys played a team from Colorado City Monday night and were defeated 57-50. James Beatty made a big 28 points for scoring honors; Poly Abalos had 16; Mike Percifull 4; George Abalos 2.

The junior high boys and girls teams traveled to Winters Thursday night, with the girls winning and the boys losing.

The girls took an easy win with a final score of 38-20. Vicki Gartman was high pointer with 13; Stella Bickley had 9; Marilyn Wright 6; Kathy Deen 4; Cindy Ash 4; Virgilla Streng 2.

Score in the boys game was Winters 56, Robert Lee 37. Shell Williams was top point maker with 10; Micky Baker hit 7; Bobby Duncan 6; Anthony Percifull 5; Randy Bessent 3; Tim Rowoldt, Tom Sawyer and Billy Matlock 2 each.

The junior high bunch traveled to Roscoe Monday night and had two losses.

The boys game ended 28-22 in favor of the Roscoe lads. Williams was high with 8; Percifull had 6; Duncan 4; Rowoldt 2; Barry Preston 2.

Roscoe downed the local girls 23-16. Gartman and Bickley tied for scoring honors with 7 each; Wright made 2.

### City Council Calls April Election

Robert Lee City Council ordered a city election to be held April 7 when members met Tuesday night. Three aldermen will be elected. Candidates who wish to have their names on the ballots must file at the City Hall by March 7. Aldermen whose terms expire this year are Frank Hearn, Dale Wojtek and Robert Large.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Smith of Houston were overnight guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Smith, last Friday night.

### 'Wilderness' Show Due Here Today

"American Wilderness," an eye filling, scenic wildlife documentary, will show at the Allamo Theatre today (Thursday), Feb. 8. The movie will show one day only, at 4:30, 7 and 9:15 p.m.

The film is reported the result of six year of stalking and trekking from Alaska to Baja California.

The movie is strictly family entertainment and has many stunning scenes of wildlife seldom seen but made clear with telephoto lens. Some sequences evidently are added for their "cute-sie" effect—bear cubs tussling, sailfish swimming the bay and other playful shots.

Mr. and Mrs. Butch Winkler and children of Abilene were here over the weekend visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Gartman.

## WTU Gets Rate Increase

A request for the first general rate increase in West Texas Utilities Company 50 year history was granted by the Robert Lee City Council at the regular meeting Tuesday night. Local manager, W. D. McAdams announced that the request was granted.

WTU requested a six per cent increase in each step of the residential, commercial and industrial rates and the application of a fuel adjustment clause to municipal water pumping rates.

The increase will not apply to minimum bills, fuel adjustments, municipal rates and power interchanges with other utility companies. "As a result," McAdams said, "the increase in the company's total revenue will be less than five per cent."

The increase will add about 2½ cents per day to the average

residential bill, according to McAdams, who also pointed out that since 1952 the average residential cost has dropped from 3.64 cents per kilowatt hour to 2.59 cents, a decrease of 29 per cent. During the same time, the average residential usage has increased more than 3½ times.

While this is WTU's first general rate increase, the power company manager noted that WTU had voluntarily reduced rates 14 times. The firm's last major rate reduction was in 1964.

In asking the City's approval of the new electric rate schedules, the WTU manager said that the new rates would be applied to bills rendered on or after March 1, 1973.

McAdams pointed out that almost every electric utility company in Texas has found it neces-

sary to request rate adjustments and that WTU is one of the last to make such a request.

"The spiraling cost of nearly everything we buy or use to provide electric service makes the rate adjustment essential," the local manager said. "The increase is the minimum needed and nothing more."

He emphasized that WTU had been caught in the "cost squeeze" as a result of the increases in the cost of equipment, services and labor, cost of new power plants, lines, and environmental controls.

With interest costs more than doubled, he pointed out that the cost of borrowing money was one of the major problems. To supply future needs, the company expects to spend about \$77 million for new facilities in the next five years.

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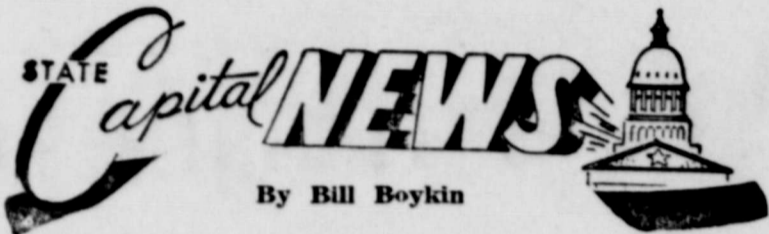
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By Bill Boykin

Austin —The Texas Legislature swept away some of the clouds last week and made important moves toward "government in the sunshine."

In addition to passing the revised "open meetings" law — patterned after Florida's famous "sunshine law" — House committees approved a new "open records" law for Texas and placed on the House calendar a "free flow of information" bill.

Changes in the Texas open meetings law will allow the public and press to be informed of all "quorum" meetings of public bodies. It was approved 132 to 13 by the House of Representatives and moved over to the Senate Jurisprudence Committee.

Closed meetings will be held to a minimum under the exemptions

in the new law. It was authored by Rep. Carl Parker of Port Arthur and submitted as a part of House Speaker Price Daniel Jr.'s "reform package."

A marathon five hour hearing by the House Judiciary Committee — chaired by Rep. DeWitt Hale — was held on the "free flow of information" measure. This proposal is H. B. 10, sponsored by Rep. Dave Allred of Wichita Falls.

It grants a "news source" confidential privilege, and allows Texas journalists to get more information about governmental, law enforcement and other matters important to the public.

The House Judiciary Committee approved the bill 16 to 4 and sent it to the House floor for debate this week.

H. B. 6, the "open records"

measure, will allow the public and press access to most all records of government, city, county and state, that are not closed by state statute. A few restrictions were placed on the bill — sponsored by Rep. Lane Denton of Waco.

All of these "government in the sunshine" measures follow the pattern of new House rules which open committee meetings, and follow the trend toward "openness."

PEOPLE'S WATCHDOG PROPOSED — AGAIN — Legislators from Houston and Fort Worth have introduced legislation proposing to create the office of "Ombudsman" in the State Government in Texas.

The idea has been put before the legislature in previous sessions only to receive a cold shoulder. The Ombudsman would be an independent and politically neutral office with the sole duty of investigating and recommending action on citizen complaints about state government administration, under the proposed legislation.

The two sponsors, Reps. Hawkins Menefee of Houston and David Finney of Fort Worth, said the Ombudsman would be able to protect individual citizens by giving them recourse for their grievances against unfair or abusive administrative practices.

The Ombudsman, however, would only have the power to criticize and publicize, but not reverse, undesirable administrative actions.

PRAY QUIETLY PLEASE — Sen. Walter Mengden, Republican state senator from Houston, has dropped a bill in the legislative hopper to allow local school boards to establish periods of silent prayer or meditation at the beginning of each school day.

The U. S. Supreme Court says a school district cannot dictate to a class of students the wording of a daily prayer. Mengden says his bill would "get around that ruling through this bill which authorizes private prayer, not as a religious service or exercise, but an opportunity for silent prayer or meditation on either the anticipated activities of the day or — by those so disposed — on a religious theme."

DWI IS A NO-NO-OR ELSE — Baytown Rep. Joe Allen has introduced legislation to require a mandatory minimum 30 day suspension of operator's license upon first conviction for driving while intoxicated, and a mandatory one year sentence on second conviction.

Rep. Allen says Department of Public Safety officials tell him "almost a third of all fatal rural accidents were the direct result of drunk drivers. Statewide figures are almost as high."

"Over 700 people were killed on the highways of Texas by drunk drivers in 1971. Consider that nearly 200,000 accidents that same year were caused by drinking and driving and that rate goes up every year, and you get a good idea of the size of the problem," says Allen.

Allen says he has DPS support for his bill, partly because "juries hesitate to suspend a driver's license for a whole year. Consequently, our officers make the arrests, but can't get the driver off the road for any significant length of time."

Short Snorts

Leading communicable disease in the state was influenza and other flu-like illnesses, the State Health Department reports. The leading communicable disease nationwide in 1972 was gonorrhea, which ranked second in Texas with 58,404 reported cases.

Some 4,000 Texas junior and senior high school students and their teachers are to converge on Austin March 16-17 for the 46th annual convention of the Interscholastic League Press Conference.

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By MRS. FAY O. ROE

## What's New?

In need of a new iron? The very latest is a self-cleaning model engineered to keep steam vents open and functioning at peak efficiency. Under pressure from a side button, the 39 sole-plate vents will emit water and steam to flush out debris, including scorched lint particles and even mineral deposits left by most water. Those brownish spots on clothing that sometimes occur as a result of ironing may become a frustration of the past.

Coats and sportswear are being given a skin like softness via a cotton backed polyurethane called Deauville that features the look and feel of luxurious Cabretta leather. In addition to its glamour status the material is totally practical. It reportedly allows easy movement, is "cooler" than vinyl, water-resistant and keeps its luxurious look with sudsy-sponge wiping.

The latest in "stick-ups" is a line of bathroom accessories including a soap dish, toothbrush and tumbler holder, toilet tissue holder, towel bars, twin hook and towel rings. The peelback self-ad-

hesive on each makes these hold-alls easy to attach. Choose from white, harvest gold or avocado.

Mix and match goes a step forward in a collection of bed sheets woven of a no-iron blend with a Scotchguard finish. The finish helps keep the sheets and pillowcases from attracting oily stains and helps them clean more easily. The colors are brilliant solids in bottom sheets, topped with a selection of tri-colors or a choice of two-color-coordinated prints. The depth of tones is indicated in the names: pagan pink, plum purple, turf green, forsythia, peacock blue, midnight blue and paprika. Matching coverlets, dust ruffles and bath towels are also available.

## "Keep It Clean" Tips

Synthetic hair needs almost as much washing as real hair. Hairpieces, falls and wigs should be shampooed after eight to twelve wearings — more often if hairspray is used.

Many people assume that because of the very location of plastic shower curtains, they don't get dirty. Take a look. Then pop them in the washing machine for four minutes, setting dials for a gentle cycle and warm water. Use a non-precipitating conditioner instead of soap or detergent. Dry in the dryer on an air setting.

Public health experts report

that homemakers must wash their hands with soap and water after handling raw meat and poultry and before touching other foods. This reduces the hazard of transferring bacteria.

When was the last time your makeup bag was dunked in the suds? Even women who are extremely careful about their complexion and hair care, sometimes forget that dirt accumulates in the pouch that holds the grooming aids. The soiled eyebrow brushes, dusty combs and grimy sponges go on under the illusion of "freshening up."

## Hospital News

Jan. 30: Helen Fowler, Janis Fowler, Dona Bryan admitted.

Jan. 31: Dona Bryan dismissed.

Feb. 1: No admissions, no dismissals.

Feb. 2: Henry Varnadore, Joyce Wilson admitted. Ruth Clift, Malindy Hickman dismissed.

Feb. 3: Bessie Hallmark dismissed.

Feb. 4: Joyce Wilson dismissed. Tuesday morning there were four patients in the hospital and 27 in the nursing home.

Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Smith of San Angelo visited Monday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Roane.

## Today's Health News

Published by the American Medical Association

"Sudden infant death syndrome" (SIDS) is the name given to an elusive killer that claims between 10,000 and 20,000 babies a year in this country alone. Few people have heard of the condition because very little is known about why these infants die. They seem quite well on being put to bed, and are found dead without any signs of struggle or of having suffered any pain.

Even coroners and physicians, ignorant of current knowledge on SIDS, have at times gone along with the idea that the parents were guilty. More than one mother has been indicted for manslaughter when her child was in reality a victim of this insidious and puzzling disease.

SIDS occurs all over the world. Its victims range in age from no more than a few days to as old as nine months, though most are from four to six months old. The victims sometimes are relatively undernourished, but this is by no means the rule. Also, SIDS tends to strike poorer families more often than rich families, though again this is only a trend.

The latest evidence suggests it may be related to a low-grade res-

piratory infection. It occurs more often during colder weather, and occasionally the infant had a sniffle or signs of a minor cold in the days preceding his death. It is definitely not caused by milk allergy or some of the other real or imaginary conditions such deaths have been attributed to in the past.

In addition to the tragedy of losing these youngsters, SIDS can be far more devastating for parents than losing a child from a better known disease. Because the child had been so healthy, they can't get it out of their minds that they are somehow to blame. If they heard the child cry in the night, but didn't go to him, they are torn by remorse.

Other relatives and friends may hesitate to accept a diagnosis they have never heard of, and so create a network of suspicion around the bereaved parents by implying that their carelessness, rather than sickness, was at fault.

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**PERSONALS**

Mrs. R. L. Page, Mrs. J. C. Boatright and Mrs. Fay C. Roe, County Extension Agent, attended the District VII Planning Meeting in Eldorado Tuesday. Mrs. Boatright, Coke County THDA Chairman, is a member of the State Health Committee. Plans were completed for the District meeting to be held in Llano April 19.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave King went to Austin Monday and visited their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Anderson. They also visited the Jerry Andersons and Tommy Andersons and got acquainted with their new great-granddaughter, Fadra Dawn Anderson.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Askins and Chuck of Eules were weekend visitors of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Foy Askins at Robert Lee and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Bloodworth at Silver.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Otho Long during the weekend were his brother and family Mr. and Mrs. Joe D. Long of Forb Worth, Mrs. Woodie and Roy Long of Snyder.

Visiting over the weekend in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Fields were their sons and daughters-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Tooter Fields of Odessa and Mr. and Mrs. James Fields of Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Behan of Abilene and Mr. and Mrs. Tooter Fields of Odessa were visitors during the weekend in the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Heuvel.



**ERNEST HERRING DIES  
AT MELROSE, NEW MEXICO**

Funeral services for Ernest Herring were held early in January at First Baptist Church, Melrose, N. M. He died at his home in Melrose and burial was in the Melrose Cemetery.

Mr. Herring died at his home following a long illness.

He ranched for about 30 years in the Divide area, moving to New Mexico about 1947, first to Corona, then for a short time to Belen, and finally locating at Melrose. He was a long time member of the Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife, the former Ida Owens, and several nieces and nephews.

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4:30 - 7:00 - 9:15 — SORRY NO PASSES

AIC Leroy Casey is at home on three weeks' leave from Bolling Air Force Base at Washington. He is visiting his wife and daughter and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Casey. He has been permanently assigned as an equipment operator with the 1100th Civil Engineers Squadron and recently was among the U. S. Air Force personnel who participated in inauguration activities on Jan. 20.

**DOCTOR VISITS HERE —**  
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Spence to Robert Lee evidently has been tabled, as there has been no response to the request.

There were 16 members present and guests of Sheriff Melvin Childress were Highway Patrolmen Bobby Hart and Richard Dodson.

**TRUST FUND SET UP TO PAY MEDICAL COSTS**

A trust fund has been set up for Brenda Adkins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. R. "Tutor" Adkins of San Angelo. The 18 year old high school senior recently underwent brain surgery in Galveston.

Brenda is a great-niece of Mrs. Pauline Coalson of Robert Lee.

The W. M. U. of Robert Lee Baptist Church is collecting items for a weekly garage sale which will be held in San Angelo. The money derived from the sale will be put into the trust fund. Anyone who has some items to donate is requested to bring them in on call Rev. Bill Beaty or some W. M. U. leaders if the items need to be picked up.

Anyone who would like to make a gift to the fund should send it to the trust department of First National Bank in San Angelo.

Ernest Jones had major surgery last Friday at St. John's Hospital in San Angelo. He is reported to be making a fast recovery.

**BIRTHS**

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Blair of LaPryor are parents of a son born Jan. 20 in a hospital there. He has been named James Allen and weighed 7 pounds, 12 ounces. He has three sisters and one brother, Mindy, Ella, Pam and Hulen. Mrs. Blair is the former Genevieve Ray. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Glen Ray of San Angelo and Mrs. Jim Blair of Robert Lee. Mrs. Fannie Muston of Robert Lee is a great-grandmother.

Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Anderson of Austin are parents of a baby daughter born Sunday, Jan. 7. Fadra Dawn weighed 7 pounds, 1½ ounces. Mrs. Anderson is the former Christina Lee Beckman. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Harry Anderson. Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Dab Anderson of Midland and Mr. and Mrs. Dave King of Robert Lee.

**PERSONALS**

Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Turney Casey were their daughter, Mrs. G. L. Coulter, and boys of Bronte. Mr. and Mrs. Claude Ditmore of Bronte were Monday visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. Perry Mullis spent the weekend visiting at Goldsmith in the home of their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Mullis.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred L. Beaty were weekend visitors of their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Crowder of Midland. They also visited Mr. and Mrs. Lane Beaty in San Angelo.

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**FIREMEN CALLED OUT**

Firemen were called out last Thursday at 12:15 p.m. to fight a grass and trash fire on the lot between the V. M. Box home and the Catholic Church on Austin Street. High winds hampered their efforts but the firemen were able to extinguish the flames.

Mr. and Mrs. Teddy Pitcock spent the weekend visiting at Lubbock with their daughter, Sheri, who is a student at Texas Tech, and in the home of a sister-in-law, Mrs. Lorene Pitcock.

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**Proof Positive... Sheep and Lamb Feeding Down... Vegetable Value Increases... Not Just Chicken Feed...**

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to increase production, contrary to claims of some consumer groups which have charged that cattlemen are holding back on production to keep prices on the increase.

The Texas Crop and Livestock Reporting Service notes that in Texas the number of cattle on feed as of Jan. 1 is up 26 per cent from a year ago. Cattle on feed Jan. 1 of this year totaled 2,245,000; a year ago the total was 1,781,000.

In addition, cattle placed on feed in Texas feedlots from Oct. 1, 1972, to January 1, 1973, was up 12 per cent from placements of a year ago. Cattle marketed out of Texas feedlots was 16 per cent above marketings of a year ago.

Feedlot operators report intentions to market 1,257,000 cattle between now and March 31. This would be 33 per cent more than marketed during the same period a year ago.

Nationwide, the trend for upward production in beef continues. Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market on Jan. 1 in 23 major feeding states is estimated at 13,920,000 head, four per cent above a year ago. Cattle feeders throughout the nation plan to market about 6,917,000 head between now and March; this would be seven per cent higher than those actually sold during the same per-

iod last year. WHILE cattle feeding increased, the numbers of Texas sheep and lambs on feed as of Jan. 1 was down 15 per cent from a year ago, but this is still 61 per cent above Nov. 1, 1972.

Sheep and lambs on feed are those intended for slaughter being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates or on succulent pastures and expected in the next three months to produce a carcass that will grade good or better.

Numbers of sheep and lambs on feed in Texas as of Jan. 1 totaled 339,000 head. Marketing of sheep and lambs can increase now through February because additional lambs may be placed on feed early in the period and marketed later during this period.

Nationwide, sheep and lambs on feed as of Jan. 1 in 26 states totaled 2,873,000 head, nearly the same as a year ago. Sheep and lambs on feed in the seven major feeding states—Texas, California, Colorado, Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska, and South Dakota — were down three per cent from a year ago.

VALUE of commercial vegetables — potatoes, sweet potatoes and strawberries — produced in Texas during 1972 totaled \$148,827,000; this is an increase of five per cent from the year earlier.

Leading crops in value of production in 1972 were onions, carrots, watermelons, cabbage and cantaloupes.

Texas ranked third in harvested acreage for fresh market vegetables. Only California and Florida outranked Texas.

Texas ranked first in the nation in harvested acreage for these crops: cabbage, spinach and watermelons. It is second in harvested acreage of carrots, onions, cantaloupes, honeydews and cucumbers.

## Lunchroom Menu

Monday, Feb. 12: Sausage whirls, vegetable soup, peach with cottage cheese on lettuce, milk and applesauce cake.

Tuesday, Feb. 13: Meat loaf, buttered rice, Jello salad on lettuce, hot rolls and butter, milk, and peach upsidedown cake.

Wednesday, Feb. 14: Pinto beans with salt pork, French fries, spinach, corn bread and butter, milk and apple cobbler.

Thursday, Feb. 15: Skillet dinner with cheese, English peas, combination salad, hot rolls and butter, milk and jelly.

Friday, Feb. 16: Hot dogs with chili, buttered corn, cole slaw, potato chips, milk and banana pudding.

THERE'S HOME TOWN NEWS IN THE HOME TOWN ADS.

Mrs. C. B. Croslin returned Tuesday to the West Coke Nursing Home in Robert Lee after a two week stay in the Clinic Hospital for treatment of a broken hip. Mrs. A. W. Gibson returned to her home in Dallas after being here to help care for her mother while she was in the hospital. Mrs. Croslin is making a good recovery and is able to be up several hours each day.

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Notice is hereby given that Atmospheric Incorporated of 5652 East Dayton, Fresno, California 93727, who holds License No. 2 of the State of Texas intends to engage in an operation to change or attempt to change by artificial methods the natural development of atmospheric cloud forms for and on behalf of the Colorado River Municipal Water District located at P. O. Box 869, Big Spring, Texas 79720, and will conduct the program of weather modification designed to increase precipitation by means of the aerial application of silver iodide and other artificial nuclei as follows:

1. The area over, or in which, equipment may be operated shall include the counties of Lynn, Garza, Kent, Dawson, Borden, Scurry, Fisher, Martin, Howard, Mitchell, Nolan, Glasscock, Sterling and Coke.

2. The target area, within which the precipitation is intended to be enhanced can be described as follows:

The boundary may be described by a line beginning at a point of origin at Big Spring, Texas, and running along Highway 87 in a northwesterly direction to Lamesa, thence north-northeast on Highway 87 to the north border of Dawson County, thence east along the north border of Dawson, Borden, and Scurry Counties to Highway 84; thence southeast along Highway 84 to Roscoe, in Nolan County; thence south-southeast to Maryneal; thence southwest to Silver in Coke County; thence south-southwest to Highway 87 at a point approximately 13 miles northwest of Sterling City; thence northwesterly along Highway 87 to the point of origin at Big Spring, Texas.

3. The equipment, materials and methods to be used in conducting the operation within this area of approximately 3500 sq. miles include a 3cm radar system, cloud seeding aircraft, and the application of silver iodide ice nuclei, hygroscopic nuclei or other nuclei considered appropriate to the artificial nucleation of clouds on weather systems.

4. The program will be operational during the period from April 15, 1973, through October 15, 1973.

5. Any persons who feel they may be affected in some adverse way by this program may file a formal complaint to the Texas Water Development Board, P. O. Box 12386, Austin, Texas 78711.

Signed:

THOMAS J. HENDERSON  
 President  
 Atmospheric Incorporated 3tc

### CONTRACTORS' NOTICE OF TEXAS HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION

Sealed proposals for constructing 0.151 miles of Widen Bridge & Approaches Oak Creek Bridge, 1.5 Miles SW of Runnels Co. Line on Highway No. US 277, covered by C 407-1-13 in Coke County, will be received at the Highway Department, Austin, until 9:00 A.M., February 21, 1973, and then publicly opened and read.

Plans and specifications including minimum wage rates as provided by Law are available at the office of W. B. Hoppe, Resident Engineer, Ballinger, Texas, and Texas Highway Department, Austin. Usual rights reserved. 2tc



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