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Miss Nancy Murry Spent 75 Years Of Life Here

The daughter of a colorful early day sheriff of Coke County, L. B. Murray, Miss Nancy Murry, 75 years a resident of this community, went to rest here after a long illness and was buried in Robert Lee cemetery Saturday afternoon.

Funeral was at the Robert Lee Baptist church, with the pastor, Rev. Bill Beaty conducting the service and Clift Funeral home in charge.

Death came at the Coke Memorial Hospital here Friday morning.

She is survived by four sisters, Miss Effie Murray, with whom she lived in Robert Lee, Mrs. Pearl Cave and Mrs. Trudy Johnson both of Prosser, Washington, and Mrs. Susan Warren of Arizona, and several nieces and nephews.

Miss Nancy and Miss Effie had lived here many years. All her sisters were with her in the last days, and had come from time to time to be with her in the long illness.

Her father, the pioneer sheriff, passed on in 1923. The family lived at Sanco for awhile in early days, but came to Robert Lee before the turn of the century.

Nancy Murry lived her quiet uncomplaining life to the end among friends she knew in childhood.

Derwood Coalson Is Top High Hurdles At State TAAF Meet

Derwood Coalson of Robert Lee, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Coalson, topped his own record to win first place in high hurdles in 15 flat at Lubbock, July 20, in a state-wide invitational tournament.

The Texas Amateur Athletic Federation staged the tournament which was open to all high school level tracksters in the state.

Coalson also placed in the low hurdles, third with 20.2, and fourth in the broad jump with a 21 ft., 1½ inch jump.

TEXANS GOT TOLD, BUT ENJOYED CALIFORNIA

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Sheppard have returned from a 8-day California tour — San Diego, Disneyland, Knott's Berry Farm, and other sights. They enjoyed the sea breeze — 75 was the hottest at San Diego.

In a tour of Balboa Park, San Diego, A. B. heard the bus driver compare the Longhorn cattle to Texans — like a Texan talking, he said, — a good point here, a good point there, and a lotta bull in between. A.B. didn't tell the man he was from Texas.

HOSPITAL NEWS

July 24 — Drexel Skipworth Mrs. R. C. Scudday admitted. Mrs. T. T. Torres and Melinda, Mrs. Jennie Bilbo dismissed.

July 25 — Osa Faries, Mrs. R. C. Russell, Bob Hatley admitted. Mrs. Pete Davis dismissed.

July 27 — Earl Roberts, Drexel Skipworth, Mrs. Russell McBroom, Jim Robertson dismissed. W. Thornhill, Mrs. Dan Middleton admitted. Miss Nancy Murry expired 8:30 a.m.

July 27 — Earl Roberts, Drexel Skipworth, Jim Robertson dismissed.

July 28 — Mrs. Hugh Lewis, Jr. admitted. Osa Faries dismissed.

July 30 — Mrs. R. C. Russell, Mrs. Dan Middleton dismissed.

Observations

(A Personal Word By The Editor)

It would be impossible to give credit to every person who puts time and thought and work and money into helping their community and their fellow men.

If it were not for them, it would be a miserable world indeed. We wonder if enough appreciation is shown the leaders who give so much time to your boys and girls. Ever stop to think how much worry and even time it saves you?

In the Little League, the Boy Scouts, and other activities of the community, the church, and the school, there are a few who find time to do this.

They have a living to make, same as you and I. They might want to go fishing, too, and certainly have errands to run. We do not pay these people for their work. They do not ask for pay. But appreciation doesn't cost any money. We would like to name names, but know if we did we would leave someone out who should be included.

You know who they are. They do not write or preach much about the evils of juvenile delinquency. They just put out the time and sweat to help keep it from happening.

We take these folks too much for granted, don't we? Give them a hand, folks, give them a hand.

Remember West Texas Boys Ranch, if you have a few culls you can spare. Any auction sale in San Angelo will sell them for you and turn the money over to Boys Ranch. J. O. Rudd would take money, too.

J. Edgar Hoover, head of the FBI, writes the newspapers that juvenile crime is getting to be alarming in the United States. It is almost bogging down law enforcement. We don't help it by howling about it. We do help it by doing something with and for boys and girls.

Revival services are on at the Baptist Church in Robert Lee. Getting something inside young folk, older ones too, helps. We need every Sunday School, Bible School teacher in town.

There's another group doing good work with young people—they are reaching young folks you and I can't reach. That's the workers at the Sanco Camp, meeting this week.

Youngsters are not all perfect. They that be whole have no need of a physician. Before casting criticism at ANYBODY who is working hard to help anybody, ask yourself "WHAT AM I DOING?"

DEVOLLS TO MEET AT STAMFORD SUNDAY

Ocie Devoll in Robert Lee Tuesday says that Hereford is on a big boom, with a 17 million dollar beet sugar refinery going in there, and an estimated four hundred more rent houses needed.

The Devoll family reunion is to be held at Stafford Saturday, with folks coming from New York, Oklahoma, California and Sanco.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Bilbo and Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Clark spent the weekend in San Angelo in the home of Mrs. Paul Brown. All nine of the Bell children, all of the children of the late Judge and Mrs. Bell, were together and enjoyed a reunion at the Brown home.

Local Firemen At School Learn Gas Masks Are Need

Buzz Sawyer and Delbert Shoemaker got back Saturday from the annual firemen's school at A & M College, College Station —thought to be the largest ever held yet in Texas.

There were 1,700 firemen attending, with 280 instructors. The two Robert Lee men were sent by the city. The town gets 3% off their fire insurance rate by sending men to the school.

Instruction covered use of equipment, all phases of the fireman's work, both volunteer and paid. One point emphasized was the need of gas masks in fighting fires in modern homes.

It was stressed that modern plastics and such materials, when burning in a fire, give off deadly poisonous gasses. Any fireman going inside any burning building today is apt to lose his life, unless he wears a gas mask.

Gas masks in fighting these fires is a must. Local firemen are considering means of getting this, and other items of equipment, and will appreciate everyone in the community giving it thought.

District Court Grand Jury Meets Monday, Non-Jury Civil Cases

Judge Joe Mayes of 51st District court will hear non-jury civil cases Monday as the August session of court opens here.

The grand jury will meet Monday morning, with the following as grand jurors: Bill Allen, Vaughan Davis, W. E. Jacoby, Bill Tom Roach, Charles Sims, Frank Wojtek, Charlie Boecking, Vernon Copeland, Marvin Corley, Edward M. Cumbie, Clark Glenn, J. P. Arrott, Elton Mims, A. J. Roe, and O. T. Colvin.

BROTHER OF MRS. LAKE SMITH DIES AT CLARENDON

Funeral services at Clarendon were held for John F. Cook, who died in a Clarendon hospital Sunday, July 21. Mr. Cook was a brother of Mrs. Lake Smith of Robert Lee. Mr. and Mrs. Smith and daughter, Mrs. Billy J. Blair, and son, Fennell, attended the funeral.

Mr. Cook, 67, was a retired Phillips Petroleum Co. employee.

HOUSEWARMING PARTY FOR R. C. PATTERSONS FRIDAY

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Patterson were given a surprise party Friday night, a housewarming at the former home of Mrs. Sid Ferrell, where they now live. About fifty guests were present.

Hostesses were Mrs. Tom Wiginton, Mrs. Buster Pierce, Mrs. J. D. Harmon, Mrs. J. P. Rives, Mrs. A. D. Fields, Mrs. Lowell Roane, Mrs. Bert Blaylock, Mrs. C. J. Brooks, Miss Gladys Waldrop and Mrs. Tom Rives.

EDITH HOMECOMING SUNDAY AUGUST 18, GREEN MOUNTAIN

The annual Homecoming at Edith is slated for the third Sunday in August at the Green Mountain community center. Miss Juanita Barger is working on the program now.

Tommy Williams, wife, and son, Allen, are now in Indianapolis, Indiana. Tommy, who has been in Stanton for the past few years, will be resident minister for the Church of Christ in Indianapolis.

Sanco Camp Will Close With Night Services Friday

San Angelo, Coleman, Shamrock and some other communities are represented in the delegations of young people attending the camp at Sanco this week.

Rev. Paul Smith, pastor of Concho Baptist Church, Coleman, is doing the preaching. Marcia Williamson of San Angelo is a special singer, Rev. Frank Beauchamp of Shamrock, boys counsellor, Mrs. Beauchamp, camp nurse, Mrs. Keeler of Shamrock, girls counsellor.

Recreation in the form of horseback riding, swimming, and a hayride, in addition to morning devotionals and Bible classes feature the days activities, while evangelistic camp service, camp meeting style, are conducted each night.

Rev. Ernest D. Dewitt, pastor of the Evangelical Methodist Church in San Angelo, is camp director, and Mrs. Dewitt is pianist and in charge of meals at the camp dining room.

Belles Winners At Roscoe Tourney

The Robert Lee Belles, woman's team, is playing at Winters today, Thursday, and will enter the tournament at Hamlin Saturday, August 3, after bringing back the first place trophy from the Roscoe tournament.

They won over Hermleigh 8-2 and over Roscoe 11-1. Dot Collins, Inez Gartman, Mable Walker, and Sue Wojtek were chosen all-tournament players.

Mrs. Jeff Dean Elected To Honor Group, Sul Ross

Kappa Delta Pi, Zeta Delta Chapter, at Sul Ross State Teachers College has announced that Lucille Dean (Mrs. Jeff Dean) of Robert Lee has been formally initiated into that scholarship honor society in education.

She is a graduate student at Sul Ross, and Robert Lee people will be gratified to know that Mrs. Dean plans to "enter the career of teaching", according to the formal press release!

Initiation ceremonies were held in the Holland Hotel in Alpine on Thursday evening, July 9th.

Mrs. Dean is working to complete her master's degree.

Did you ever learn why catfishes have whiskers? Or maybe you don't worry about things like that.

San Angelo High School, College Stars Play Twisters Sunday on Local Field

It was a sweet week for Robert Lee baseball enterprises, both here and hisn.

The girls, including Mama, brought back the trophy from Roscoe, and the boys in the Papa ages, led by Richard Dumas, who only allowed 4 hits and two runs, broke a scoreless game in the fifth.

Playing a Goodfellow Air Base team, the Twisters were tied up scoreless at the bottom of the 5th, when Dumas scored from second on Spieker's hit and an error. Then Spieker scored on Ed Pohel's single. Curtis Higginbotham came in for the third run in the 7th after a walk, stealing second, and homing on an error by the Goodfellow third baseman.

Early Morning Has Interest, Special Topics Announced

Would Robert Lee people go to church at 7:00 o'clock in the morning? You would say they wouldn't, but at that hour the morning service in the revival series now under way at the Baptist Church here.

The attendance grew from 27 on Monday to 46 Tuesday morning.

According to announcement made by the pastor, Rev. Bill Beaty, Bro. Truitt Rogers, the evangelist, will bring a message Wednesday night that will especially interest men. It is entitled "A Father Who Failed." Each father, along with others, are urged to be there and hear this message. The message Wednesday morning was on the Holy Spirit! on Thursday it is on Perseverance; and Friday, Sanctification.

Saturday night there will be an emphasis on the needs of youth. The message will be on "The Battle for Your Life." Following the service there will be a youth fellowship.

Sunday will be the closing day of the revival. At the 11:00 hour the evangelist will speak on "Three Crosses" and at the 8:00 hour on "Two Promises of Eternal Life." Invitation is extended to all to hear the gospel preaching of Bro. Truitt Rogers and the gospel singing of Bro. Kenneth Andrews.

4-H Girls Camp to Be in Robert Lee

Crafts, games and swimming will be the activities for the Coke County Girls 4-H Camp to be held Friday and Saturday. The event will be held in the Robert Lee Park beginning at 9 a.m. Friday.

Girls and adult leaders from all areas of the county are expected to attend.

Crafts will be taught by Mrs. Lowell Roane, Mrs. R. W. Smith, and Mrs. Fay C. Roe, County Home Demonstration Agent.

Traveling with the trend can be a dangerous business. It might mean joining the biggest mob, following the crowd with the biggest noise, accepting whatever gets the headlines without looking closer at the real issues.

Congressman O. C. Fisher is sending out a questionnaire to voters, giving them an opportunity to express themselves on questions now before the Congress and the country.

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PUBLIC RIGHT TO DECIDE

(Editorial, Standard-Times, San Angelo, Texas)

If a law or ruling of the court requires the suppression of legislatures, the setting aside of governors, or the supplanting of local government, it may be time to re-examine that law or that ruling of the court.

New York and some other states did not approve the Prohibition Amendment. New York didn't try to enforce it, some others didn't. Whether the amendment was right or wrong, the country finally saw that as a Federal law it was not feasible. It required the suppression of too many people who would have none of it.

So the amendment was repealed.

The people of the United States can decide what laws they want. If wrongly interpreted, then they can change and clarify the laws, or they can determine who and under what conditions shall interpret them.

Also as citizens of each state, they have their voices, with very good reason. It was considered that states as far apart as New York from Texas could not have freedom if their laws were made by a majority far removed from their soil.

This fact was recognized when the prohibition amendment was repealed.

Perhaps the people of this country will use the ways and means they have to speak up on issues confronting the nation today.

Herron Reunion In Robert Lee

Members of the family of the late E. M. (Mack) and Susan R. Herron met for their annual family reunion at the Recreation Hall in Robert Lee last Sunday, July 28.

Children of the couple present were Mrs. Alice Carlton, Vernon; Mrs. Esther Warner and R. H. Herron, Bronte; Jim Herron, Mrs. Nora Modgling and Mrs. Ernest Pruitt, all of San Angelo; Mrs. Edd Hickman, Robert Lee; and W. A. Herron, Brownfield. Two daughters not present are Mrs. Mattie Matlock of Mayfield, Okla., and Mrs. Carrie McDermon of Clovis, N. Mex.

Other relatives present included: Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Snyder, Jimmy and Ronny, Dumas; Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Leathers, John Robert and Ann, Odessa; Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Modgling, Nancy, Gail and Susan, Mrs. Hortense Jordan, San Angelo; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Labenske and Debbie, Snyder; Gerald Sandusky, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Hickman, David, Gena Lou and Johnny, Levelland; Mrs. W. A. Herron, Brownfield; Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Herron, Sweetwater; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hickman, Terry and Grant, Ozona; Mr. and Mrs. Billy Jud Herron and Bruce, Canyon; Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Carlton, Lancaster, California; Mrs. Minnie Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Donnie Gary, Vernon.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Percifull and children, Mr. and Mrs. Hadley Richards, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Trimble and Nancy, all of Robert Lee; Mrs. R. H. Herron, Mr. and Mrs. Noah Pruitt Jr. and Norma; Mr. and Mrs. Austin Sandusky Mr. and Mrs. Murl Andrews, James Vernon and Tricia, Mr. and Mrs. Noah Pruitt Sr., Mrs. Opal Beaver, Suzanne Pruitt, Mrs. Leatha Wrinkle, Mrs. Bill Wrinkle and Mrs. Florence Hart, all of Bronte.

Friends visiting during the day were Mrs. Ernest Moore, Bronte; Mrs. Dema Clark, Robert Lee; Mrs. W. N. Watson, Duncan, Arizona; Jewel Moore and Mary and Rena Floyd.

Our Home Circle

By Fay C. Roe
Home Demonstration Agent

I have a recipe for a delicious quick barbecue sauce that is good on chicken or beef or any meat you might care to barbecue. This recipe was obtained from Mrs. Bob Howell of Silver. I can say delicious! Mrs. Howell says any leftover sauce freezes well—as a time saver try a double recipe, use part of it now and freeze remainder for future use.

Barbecue — Quick Onion Sauce
Yields 1½ Cups

- ½ Envelope—3 Tbsp. onion soup mix
- 2 Tbsp. sugar
- ½ tsp. salt
- Dash pepper
- 1 Tbsp. prepared mustard
- ¾ cup water
- ½ cup catsup
- ¼ cup vinegar
- 1 Tbsp. lemon juice

Combine all ingredients and bring to a boil. Reduce heat and

simmer uncovered 10 minutes, stirring occasionally.

I still have my vacation ahead of me! After all the plans I had made, I did not go a place nor did I miss a day's work. A. J. got so busy trying to get our house ready for us to occupy that he did not find time for us to go anywhere. I will make up for the days he has worked on the house and I have worked at the office, when I start moving and arranging closets, cabinets, making and hanging drapes. I do plan to take off a few days later to move and to visit my parents, but I do not know when.

Schedule

- Aug. 1: Office
- Aug. 2 & 3: 4-H Girls Camp
- Aug. 5 & 6: Kerrville, H.D. Agents District Meeting
- Aug. 7: Office.

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MARRIAGE ANNOUNCED

Mr. and Mrs. M. K. Carson announce their marriage, performed by the Rev. Bill Beaty at his home, the Baptist Parsonage in Robert Lee, July 6.

Mrs. Carson, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Heseter of Robert Lee, is the former Sandra

Eester Breeding. Carson is the son of Mrs. Emma Carson, Recklaw.

Following their wedding trip to Monterey and Laredo, the couple is at home at 508 E. 13th Street, Big Spring.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Proposed CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT NUMBER THREE ON THE BALLOT

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO BE VOTED ON AT AN ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 9, 1963.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 26 proposing an amendment to Article XVI, Section 62 of the Constitution of Texas, by adding thereto a new subsection authorizing all political subdivisions of Jefferson County, Texas, to provide retirement, disability and death benefits for all appointive officers and employees of all political subdivisions within Jefferson County; providing for the necessary election, form of ballot, proclamation and publication.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

Section 1. That Section 62 of Article XVI of the Constitution of the State of Texas, be amended by adding thereto a new subsection (c), reading as follows:

"(c) Each political subdivision within Jefferson County, Texas, shall have the right to provide for and administer a Retirement, Disability and Death Compensation Fund for all appointed officers and employees of all political subdivisions within Jefferson County, Texas; or said political subdivision may elect to join the County Retirement System of Jefferson County; provided that same is authorized by a majority vote of the qualified voters of such political subdivision and after such election has been advertised by being published in at least one (1) newspaper of general circulation in said county once each week for four (4) consecutive weeks; provided that the amount contributed by the said political subdivision to such Fund shall at least equal the amount paid for the same purposes from the income of each such person and shall not exceed at any time seven and one-half per centum (7 1/2%) of the compensation paid to each such person by the political subdivision.

"All funds provided for the compensation of each such person, or by the political subdivision of Jefferson County, Texas, for such Retirement, Disability and Death Compensation Fund, as are received by the political

subdivision within said county, shall be invested in bonds of the United States, the State of Texas, or counties or cities of this state, or in bonds issued by any agency of the United States Government, the payment of the principal of and interest on which is guaranteed by the United States, provided that a sufficient amount of said funds shall be kept on hand to be determined by the agency which may be provided by law to administer said Fund; and providing that the recipients of benefits for said Fund shall not be eligible for any other pension retirement fund or direct aid from the State of Texas, unless the Fund, the creation of which is provided for herein, contributed by the political subdivision is released to the State of Texas as a condition to receiving such other pension aid."

Section 2. The foregoing Constitutional Amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of this state at the General Election in November, 1964, at which election each ballot shall have printed thereon the following words:

"FOR the addition of subsection (c) to Section 62 of Article XVI of the Constitution, to authorize all political subdivisions within Jefferson County, Texas, to establish, after approval of its voters, a Retirement, Disability and Death Compensation Fund covering all appointive officers and employees of said political subdivisions."

"AGAINST the addition of subsection (c) to Section 62 of Article XVI of the Constitution, to authorize all political subdivisions within Jefferson County, Texas, to establish, after approval of its voters, a Retirement, Disability and Death Compensation Fund covering all appointive officers and employees of said political subdivisions."

Section 3. The Governor shall issue the necessary proclamation for said election to be held on the first Saturday after the first Monday in the month of November, 1963, and have notice of said proposed amendment and of said election published as required by the Constitution of Texas and laws of this state.

Hospital Is Three Sided Question With Editor On One Side, Everybody Else Around Here On 2 Other Sides

Coke Memorial Hospital opened in June, 1950, built with a bond issue and a Federal grant. At an election in July 1949, the voters of Coke County approved by a majority of nearly two to one a bond issue not to exceed \$75,000.

The actual issue was less than that, and it was paid off soon after the ten year option could be exercised.

The proposition to be voted on in Precincts 1 and 3 August 17 is to change it over from a county operated hospital to one operated by a district composed of those two precincts. County funds would no longer be available. The Commissioners Court would not control it—wouldn't have any further voice in it. A new tax would be levied.

When this proposition first came up, the Observer carried a full page appeal to form a hospital association, start a fund by voluntary capital to take over, enlarge, and operate the hospital by a private, non-profit organization.

This was a sort of trial balloon to see if anyone would be interested. Nobody was. It was a lead balloon. It didn't hit the ground with a thud. It never got off the ground far enough to fall.

When the hospital was being considered back in the 40's this writer believed then as he does now, that a better hospital could be built and operated with less storm with more chance for growth, by going that route.

He mentioned it timidly to a few, but got exactly the response locally to the idea as he got to forty dollars worth of full page ad given in the issue of March 28.

It has been done in some other places. But the only two people who showed interest were some friends who now live in New Mexico.

In these days what private capital won't undertake, government is doing where human need is concerned. We are far from criticizing others for preferring a tax-supported institution to one built and operated by private benevolence. By their actions, the citizens have unanimously shown lack of preference for the private benevolence route.

The proposed district would relieve some of the old problems, as Mr. Kirkpatrick has very ably pointed out. Whether it would bring on some new ones remains to be seen.

The board has always served without pay, and often with very little appreciation, sometimes with severe criticism. They have not held the purse strings. Their authority has been limited. They have given unselfishly of their time and thought.

The question before us is not who is or has been the best friend of the hospital, but whether it should remain a county hospital or be set up as a district hospital.

One thing each voter should know—that the \$8,000 new being paid annually out of county funds would no longer be available. It would go to some other purpose, to be determined by the court. Whatever support the hospital would get, if and when this district is approved by a majority vote, would come out of a new tax not now being collected.

Those who believe that the chance to enlarge and improve and make the hospital pay its way are good enough to justify this will probably vote for the district. Others may see considerable more expense with uncertain prospect of accomplishing the hoped for results and will vote to continue the county operation.

If anyone wants to know where the editor of the newspaper stands, it is exactly where he stood when he put forty dollars worth of full

page telling you, in the issue of March 28, this year.

There are three sides to the proposition. 1. Finance it with private endeavor. 2. Keep it County. 3. Or form the district. The writer has been on one side. Everybody else is on one of the other two.

My idea has not lost any ground. One man favored it in 1949. One man still favors it. At least we

are holding our own.

But one man without a heavy check book doesn't build hospitals. So I voted for the bond issue in 1949.

We now have a choice between two plans. Everyone has had full opportunity to investigate. The committee sponsoring the district is having every opportunity to explain the proposal in or out of print.

Absentee ballots are ready in the office of County Clerk J. L. Tinkler. The election date is August 17.—U.S.B.

Vacation Magic IS IN THIS LOVELY NEW COIFFURE GLADYS' BEAUTY SHOP Located in Back Of Barber Shop Telephone 453-4081 Closed on Monday

PUBLIC NOTICE

Proposed CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT NUMBER TWO ON THE BALLOT

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO BE VOTED ON AT AN ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 9, 1963.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 21 proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of the State of Texas, amending Sections 51-a and 51-b-1 of Article III so that the same shall consist of one Section to be known as Section 51-a; providing that the Legislature shall have the power to provide assistance to and provide for the payment of same to (1) citizens of Texas who are needy aged persons over the age of sixty-five (65) years, (2) needy persons who are at least eighteen (18) years of age and less than sixty-five (65) years of age who are permanently and totally disabled, (3) needy blind persons over the age of twenty-one (21) years, and (4) needy children under the age of sixteen (16) years; authorizing the Legislature to set up residence requirements for eligibility for such assistance; repealing the Constitutional limit on the amount paid out of state funds to individual recipients of Old Age Assistance and Aid to the Permanently and Totally Disabled; providing that the amounts for such assistance payments shall not exceed the amounts that are matchable out of federal funds for such purposes; providing that the amounts expended out of state funds for such purposes shall not exceed Sixty Million Dollars (\$60,000,000); providing for the acceptance of financial aid from the Government of the United States; providing for the necessary election, form of ballot, proclamation, and publication.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

Section 1. That Sections 51-a and 51-b-1 of Article III of the Constitution of the State of Texas be amended, and the same are hereby amended, so that the same shall hereafter consist of one Section to be known as Section 51-a of Article III, which shall read as follows:

"Section 51-a. The Legislature shall have the power, by General Laws, to provide, subject to limitations and restrictions herein contained, and such other limitations, restrictions and regulations as may be by the Legislature be deemed expedient, for assistance to, and for the payment of assistance to:

"(1) Needy aged persons who are actual bona fide citizens of Texas, and who are over the age of sixty-five (65) years; provided that no such assistance shall be paid to any inmate of any state-supported institution, while such inmate; provided that the Legislature shall prescribe the residence requirements for eligibility; provided that the maximum amount paid out of state funds to any individual recipient shall not exceed the amount that is matchable out of federal funds; and provided further, that the total amount of such assistance payments out of state funds on behalf of such recipients shall not exceed the amount that is matchable out of federal funds.

"(2) Needy individuals, who are actual bona fide citizens of Texas, who shall have passed their eighteenth (18th) birthday but have not passed their sixty-fifth (65th) birthday, who are totally and permanently disabled by reason of a mental or physical handicap or a combination of physical and mental handicaps and not feasible for vocational rehabilitation; provided that the Legislature shall prescribe the residence requirements for eligibility; provided further, that no individual shall receive assistance under this program for the permanently and totally disabled during any period when he is receiving Old Age Assistance, Aid to the Neely Blind, or Aid to Dependent Children, nor while he is residing permanently in any completely state-supported institution; provided that the maximum amount paid out of state funds to any individual recipient shall not exceed the amount that is matchable out of federal funds; and provided further, that the total amount of such assistance payments out of state funds on behalf of such recipients shall not exceed the amount that is matchable out of federal funds.

"(3) Needy blind persons who are actual bona fide citizens of Texas, and are over the age of twenty-one (21) years; provided that no such

assistance shall be paid to any inmate of any state-supported institution, while such inmate; provided that the Legislature shall prescribe the residence requirements for eligibility; provided that the maximum amount paid out of state funds to any individual recipient shall not exceed the amount that is matchable out of federal funds; and provided further, that the total amount of such assistance payments out of state funds on behalf of such recipients shall not exceed the amount that is matchable out of federal funds.

"(4) Needy children who are actual bona fide citizens of Texas, and are under the age of sixteen (16) years; provided that the Legislature shall prescribe the residence requirements for eligibility; provided that the maximum amount paid out of state funds to any individual recipient shall not exceed the amount that is matchable out of federal funds; and provided further, that the total amount of such assistance payments out of state funds on behalf of such recipients shall not exceed the amount that is matchable out of federal funds.

"The Legislature shall have the authority to accept from the Government of the United States such financial aid for such assistance as such Government may offer not inconsistent with the restrictions herein set forth; provided, however, that the amount of such assistance out of state funds to each person assisted shall never exceed the amount matchable out of federal funds; and provided further, that the total amount of money to be expended per year out of state funds for such assistance shall never exceed Sixty Million Dollars (\$60,000,000).

"The Legislature may enact appropriate laws to make lists of the recipients of aid hereunder available for inspection, under such limitations and restrictions as may be deemed appropriate by the Legislature."

Sec. 2. The foregoing Constitutional Amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of this state at an election to be held on the first Saturday after the first Monday in November, 1963, at which election all ballots shall have printed thereon the following:

"FOR the Constitutional Amendment providing for assistance payments to the (1) needy aged, (2) needy individuals who are permanently and totally disabled, (3) needy blind and (4) needy children; authorizing the Legislature to set up residence requirements for eligibility; providing that the Legislature to make appropriations out of state funds for the payment of assistance grants on behalf of such recipients; providing for the acceptance of funds from the Government of the United States for the purpose of paying such assistance grants; providing that the amounts expended out of state funds on behalf of individual recipients shall not exceed the amounts that are matchable out of federal funds; and providing further, that the total amounts expended per year out of state funds for such assistance payments shall never exceed Sixty Million Dollars (\$60,000,000)."

"AGAINST the Constitutional Amendment providing for assistance payments to the (1) needy aged, (2) needy individuals who are permanently and totally disabled, (3) needy blind and (4) needy children; authorizing the Legislature to set up residence requirements for eligibility; authorizing the Legislature to make appropriations out of state funds for the payment of assistance grants on behalf of such recipients; providing for the acceptance of funds from the Government of the United States for the purpose of paying such assistance grants; providing that the amounts expended out of state funds on behalf of individual recipients shall not exceed the amounts that are matchable out of federal funds; and providing further, that the total amounts expended per year out of state funds for such assistance payments shall never exceed Sixty Million Dollars (\$60,000,000)."

Sec. 3 The Governor of Texas shall issue the necessary Proclamation for the election and this Amendment shall be published in the manner and for the length of time required by the Constitution and laws of this state.



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NOTICE OF ELECTION FOR THE CREATION OF HOSPITAL DISTRICT

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF COKE

TO THE RESIDENT QUALIFIED PROPERTY TAXPAYING ELECTORS OF COMMISSIONERS' PRECINCTS 1 AND 3 OF COKE COUNTY, TEXAS:

TAKE NOTICE that an election will be held on the 17th day of August, 1963, in Commissioners' Precincts 1 and 3 of Coke County, Texas to determine whether or not a hospital district shall be established and created in obedience to an ELECTION ORDER entered by the Commissioners' Court of Coke County, Texas, on the 17th day of July, 1963, and which order is as follows, to-wit:

ELECTION ORDER

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF COKE

ON THIS the 17th day of July, 1963, the County Commissioners' Court of Coke County, Texas, convened in special session at the regular meeting place thereof in the Courthouse at Robert Lee, Texas, the following members of the Court being present, to-wit:

- W. W. THETFORD, COUNTY JUDGE, Presiding; and
- FERN HAVINS, COMMISSIONER, Precinct No. 1;
- HOWARD BROCK, COMMISSIONER, Precinct No. 2;
- FLOYD HARMON, COMMISSIONER, Precinct No. 3;
- JACK CORLEY, COMMISSIONER, Precinct No. 4;

and among other proceedings had by said Court were the following:

WHEREAS, this Court deems it proper and advisable to order an election to be held in Commissioners' Precincts 1 and 3 of Coke County to determine if said Commissioners' Precincts shall be constituted a hospital district with the authority to levy taxes at a rate not to exceed twenty-five cents (25c) on the one hundred dollars' valuation of all taxable property within such proposed district, as provided by Section 9 of Article IX of the Texas Constitution, and House Bill 1013 enacted by the Fifty-eighth Legislature of Texas at its Regular Session in 1963; and this Court is empowered by said law to order such election on its own motion; therefore

BE IT ORDERED BY THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT OF COKE COUNTY, TEXAS:

That an election be held in Commissioners' Precincts 1 and 3 of Coke County, Texas, on the 17th day of August, 1963, which date is not less than twenty (20) nor more than thirty-five (35) days from the date of the adoption of this order, at which election the following proposition shall be submitted to the qualified property taxpaying electors in said Commissioners' Precincts for their action thereupon:

"SHALL a Hospital District with boundaries co-extensive with the limits of Commissioners' Precincts 1 and 3 of Coke County, Texas, be created and established with the authority to levy taxes at a rate not to exceed TWENTY-FIVE CENTS (25c) on the one hundred dollars' valuation of taxable property in said District for the purpose of meeting the requirements of the District's bonds the indebtedness assumed by it, and its maintenance and operating expenses"

THE SAID ELECTION shall be held under the provisions of the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas, particularly Section 9 of Article IX of the Constitution and House Bill 1013, Acts of the 58th Legislature, Regular Session, 1963, and all persons who are qualified property taxpaying electors of said Commissioners' Precincts 1 and 3 shall be entitled to vote at said election.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED

that the ballots for said election shall be prepared in sufficient number and in conformity with Chapter 6, V.A.T.C.S. Election Code, as amended, and that printed on such ballots shall appear the following:

"FOR THE CREATION OF WEST COKE COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT, THE LEVY OF A TAX NOT TO EXCEED TWENTY-FIVE CENTS (25c) ON THE ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100) VALUATION AND THE ASSUMPTION BY SUCH DISTRICT OF ALL OUTSTANDING BONDS AND INDEBTEDNESS HERETOFORE ISSUED AND INCURRED BY ANY CITY OR TOWN IN SAID DISTRICT FOR HOSPITAL PURPOSES"

"AGAINST THE CREATION OF WEST COKE COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT, THE LEVY OF A TAX NOT TO EXCEED TWENTY-FIVE CENTS (25c) ON THE ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100) VALUATION AND THE ASSUMPTION BY SUCH DISTRICT OF ALL OUTSTANDING BONDS AND INDEBTEDNESS HERETOFORE ISSUED AND INCURRED BY ANY CITY OR TOWN IN SAID DISTRICT FOR HOSPITAL PURPOSES"

AS TO THE foregoing proposition, each voter shall mark out with pen or pencil one of such expressions, thus leaving the other as indicating his or her vote on the proposition.

THE POLLING PLACES and presiding officers of said election shall be, respectively, as follows:

- Precinct Number 1: Courthouse, Robert Lee, Texas, Jessie Yarbrough.
- Precinct Number 7: School Building, Sanco, Texas, J. L. Carwile, Jr.
- Precinct Number 8: School Building, Silver, Texas, Robert Walker.
- Precinct Number 9: School Building, Edith, Texas, Finnell Smith.
- Precinct Number 5: Fred McCabe Ranch, Divide, Texas, Fred McCabe.
- Precinct Number 12: C. G. Munn, Walnut, Texas, C. G. Munn.

THE MANNER of holding said election shall be governed by the General Laws of the State of Texas regulating general elections, except as modified by the provisions of H. B. 1013, Acts of the 58th Legislature, Regular Session, 1963.

A COPY of this order, signed by the County Judge of Coke County, and certified to by the County Clerk of said County, shall serve as proper and sufficient notice of such election.

NOTICE OF SAID ELECTION shall be given by posting and publication of a copy of this order, at the top of which shall appear the words "NOTICE OF ELECTION FOR THE CREATION OF HOSPITAL DISTRICT". Said notice shall be posted in each of the election precincts and at the Courthouse door not less than thirty (30) full days prior to the date on which said election is to be held, and in addition said notice shall be given by publishing a substantial copy of the election order in a newspaper of general circulation in said proposed District once a week for two (2) consecutive weeks, the first publication to appear at least fourteen (14) days prior to the date established for the election.

The above and foregoing order having been read in full, it was moved by Commissioner Havins and seconded by Commissioner Brock that the same do pass. Thereupon, the question being called for, the following members of the Court voted "AYE": Commissioners Havins, Brock, Harmon and Corley; and none voted "NO".

PASSED AND APPROVED this the 17th day July, 1963.

Persons Voting for Hospital District Should Support Bond for Expansion

By A. J. KIRKPATRICK

If Coke County Memorial Hospital is taken over by a newly formed West Coke County Hospital District, it should be pointed out now that persons voting for the proposition should be willing to support a bond issue to enlarge the hospital and improve present facilities.

This is perhaps the most important reason for calling a special election August 17 when eligible voters of Precincts 1 and 3 will render their decision. If you are not willing to proceed with a program of improvement, then by all means don't vote for the change.

There is need for more hospital beds, and at times patients have to be cared for in the corridors, dining room and even x-ray and maternity rooms. During the past week 13 adult patients and two infants were in the hospital which has only eight rooms, four of which have two beds.

Another growing need is to provide facilities for older persons and future plans call for a certain number of rooms set aside for these people. State and federal funds are available to provide hospitalization for aged people without funds of their own.

An equally important phase of the future program is that efforts will be made to secure a second doctor. That is impossible now because the hospital is not large enough to care for more patients. Two doctors will thus increase the patient load, and a better medical service will be provided. A single doctor caring for a community of this size is on 24-hour duty. It's too much and he should have an associate to share that responsibility. It is believed another doctor will be willing to locate here if the hospital facilities are inviting.

With a 30-bed nursing home to be constructed in the near future, those patients will also require more or less medical care.

A rough drawing of a proposed addition provides for 12 more rooms, each with two beds and each room having private bath and toilet facilities. It would be constructed in a new wing to the east, with six rooms on each side of the corridor.

These plans can be changed and the addition reduced in size if desired. Cost is estimated at \$120,000 and one-half the cost is expected to be provided by a government grant under the Hill-Burton Act. To secure the grant it must be stipulated that space be set aside for care of older people.

Improvements to the present hospital will require attention in the very near future. It has been pointed out by the hospital board of trustees that the air conditioning plant will have to be replaced within a year, and kitchen equipment is wearing out after 13 years of use.

The entire program should be handled by a bond issue not to exceed \$100,000.

An act of the legislature permitting residents of Precincts 1 and 3 to take over the county hospital provides that the district hospital shall be governed by a board of directors of five members, who shall serve without pay. Each shall be a resident of the district, own real estate subject to taxation and be more than 21 years of age.

Upon creation of the district the commissioners' court shall appoint five persons as directors to serve until the first Saturday in April of next year, at which time five directors shall be elected. The three directors receiving the highest vote shall serve two years and the other two shall serve for one year.

The commissioners court has announced that four members of the present county hospital board have been asked to accept appointment on the new district board. They include Victor Wojtek, Cumbie Ivey Sr., Fred McCabe Sr. and Cecil Palmer, and are eligible because they reside within the district. A fifth member will also be appointed.

At a public meeting a few weeks ago most everyone agreed that a larger hospital with more patients would not require as much supporting tax money as the present county hospital with its limited facilities.

Precincts 1 and 3 have a combined taxing valuation of \$16,757,425 according to figures submitted

by County Auditor Weldon Fikees. That's more than two-thirds of the county's total tax value of \$23,921,805. It is also of interest to know that Precinct 1 has a valuation of \$14,497,195 and \$2,260,230 in Precinct 3.

Oil properties continue to account for 85 per cent or more of these valuations. In Precinct 1 land and personal property is assessed at \$1,628,640 and oil property at \$12,868,555. In Precinct 3 land and personal property is assessed at \$989,100 and oil valuations amount to \$1,271,130.

That's the reason Coke County has been able to achieve a number of outstanding improvements, including a new court house, hospital, two new school buildings, two county parks, many miles of new paved highways and all weather roads in every section of the county.

What will a district hospital cost the people of Precincts 1 and 3? It shouldn't be excessive. A levy of 10 cents would provide \$16,000, more than enough to operate the hospital under normal conditions. Less than that amount would retire a \$100,000 bond issue over the 10-year period.

Now both Precincts 1 and 3 are about to drop present road bond levies of 35 cents in Precinct 1 and 27 cents in Precinct 3. Thus a new levy for a bigger and better hospital would require but a portion of the money that has been going for road improvements.

A more specific report on the precinct road bonds will be taken up next week.

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- /s/ Floyd Harmon
Commissioner of Precinct Number 3
- /s/ Jack Corley
Commissioner of Precinct Number 4

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name officially and affixed the seal of the Commissioners' Court of Coke County, Texas, this the 17th day of July, 1963, pursuant to authority given by law and the above order of the Commissioners' Court of said County.

W. W. Thetford
County Judge, Coke County, Texas

ATTEST:
J. L. Tinkler
County Clerk and Ex-officio Clerk of the Commissioners' Court of Coke County, Texas (Com. Crt. Seal)

COUNTRYSIDE

By STERLING LINDSEY

We still lack a few herds to be able to recertify as modified brucellosis free in Coke County. We need tested 68 herds plus the 30 reactor and suspect herds found in the original test. Mr. Grueben, the tester, is working Coke County three days each week. If you would like to submit your herd for testing, let us know. We will attempt to secure his services on the day that is best for you.

The county sustained one confirmed screwworm case last week

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—on the March ranch, northeast of Water Valley. The state had 92 cases during the latest reporting period of seven days. Twelve of these were from the buffer zone, 80 from above the drop zone. The infestation rate is still running less than 10 per cent of the 1962 total to date.

We have a new inspector for the screwworm program. Mr. W. R. Miller of Ballinger will serve Coke and Runnels counties. He will contact operators with confirmed screwworm cases to make preparations for the fly drop and spraying the operator's cattle. Mr. Miller replaces Forrest Smith of Stelling City.

Several 4-H club members are getting in the sheep business again with lambs and/or breeding sheep placed on feed for the winter shows. Bob Wells, Barbara and Connie Blaylock have breeding sheep started. Wesley Ash, Ronnie and Donnie Devoll, John, Kathy and Jay Service, Ronnie Jimmy and Marsha Varnadore have lambs on feed already. Several others will be in the business

as soon as the lambs can be located.

If you should be going toward Colorado City in the near future, if you will, look at the top kill on the mesquite sprayed on the Spade Ranch recently. The Spade Ranch intersects the highway about six miles north of Silver. The sprayed area is on the left hand side of the road for the most part.

That area, if you will recall, had heavy rains last August. Their overall stored moisture situation was much better than was ours at mesquite spraying time. The expected top kill varies in this area, whereas the top kill is almost 100 per cent in the area that must have had the more sub-soil moisture.

We are anxious to see what difference there will be in the root or permanent kill in the two areas.

Visiting for a few days last week in the Elmo Bell home were Mr. and Mrs. Billie Gene Bell and daughter, Gwenda; Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Roberts and two daughters, and Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Bell. Billie Gene is a brother of Elmo. Mrs. Roberts is the former Nettie Bob Bell, and G. C. is the father of both Elmo and Billie Gene.

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Silver All Around The Peak

By MRS. GEORGE FUGATE

Stork Shower

A stork shower, honoring Mrs. Vernon Hale, was held at the Sun Recreation Hall, at 7:30 p.m., July 30th.

Refreshments of angel food cake squares, nuts, mints, coffee and punch were served to the guests.

Mrs. Hale was presented a baby stroller from the hostesses, Mmes. Lee Lisby, Phil Wall, Jerry Eubanks and Wayne Goodwyn.

Sub-District Meet

The Sub-District MYF meeting was held last Sunday at Christoval. Attending from the Silver Methodist church were Raymon Kincaid, Karen Fugate, Susan Newell, Keith Jones, Gayle Conley and Judy Kincaid.

A hamburger cook-out and a swimming party was given Saturday at Robert Lee, in honor of the Silver Pee Wee baseball team. Hosts were managers Jim Herford and Durwood Mumford. The parents of the boys also attended.

Members of the Teen-Ager baseball team and their families enjoyed an ice-cream supper and swimming party, also at the Robert Lee Park, the same evening.

Recent guests in Silver included:

David Mullins of Dallas, who was the guest of his parents for a month, Mr. and Mrs. Clay Mullins.

Mrs. Don Postlewaith and daughter, Donna of Sabine Pass were guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Jennings.

Mr. and Mrs. Elvin Haigood and daughters of Premont recently visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Haigood.

Visiting in the home of the George Fugates are her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hank Mason of Alameda, California.

Guests of the D. H. Caldwell's are their daughters, Mrs. Robert Teague of Irving and Mrs. Dave McKinnon and daughters of Mesquite.

Recent guests of the O. F. Bradhams were Mr. and Mrs. V. N. Dale and Sheila and Miss Nell

Coffman, all of Novice, the Joe Breedens of Snyder, and Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Sharp and children of Tuscola.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Hendrix were week-end visitors in Brenham. They returned their nephew, Bubba Moore, to his home after staying several weeks with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne McCabe and Fredda recently spent five days in Ruidosa, New Mex.

Mrs. Phil Wall was the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Hazlewood of Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Hughes, Susan and Holly spent the weekend in Waco with Mrs. Hughe's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Farmer. Holly remained with her grandparents for a week.

Mrs. John Clifton is spending a week with her daughter and family, the Martin Bowmans of Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Jones and sons, Keith and Scott, are visiting in Wichita Falls this week with the Fred Wilcoxes. They will also spend a week in Junction at the "Triple R" Guest Ranch.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Paul, Bill and Larry are on a two weeks vacation, visiting Mrs. C. T. Pierce of Dallas, Mr. John Paul of Mirando City and Mrs. J. T. Booth of Jourdanton.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Palmer and daughter, Ruth, are on a three weeks vacation visiting in New York with their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Palmer.

JERRY HURLEY IN PORT AFTER EIGHT MONTHS ON SEVENTH FLEET DUTY

USS WEDDERBURN (FHTNC) Jerry M. Hurley, radarman second class, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hurley of Robert Lee, Tex., is serving aboard the destroyer USS WEDDERBURN which recently returned from eight months duty with the Seventh Fleet in the Far East.

Her operational schedule during the cruise ranged from night carrier planes guarding in Northern Pacific waters to patrolling the Formosa Strait.

Ports of call visited by the WEDDERBURN include Olongapo, Philippines; Yokosuka, Beppu, Kobe and Kure, Japan; Kaohsiung and Keelung, Taiwan; and Hong Kong, British Crown Colony in China.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Robert Lee Observer
Robert Lee, Texas

I am an old timer from Coke County. My grandfather was Dr. J. E. Reed. I heard there was a homecoming at Silver while I was in California. Would you be so kind as to send me the clipping from your paper about it?

I would like to have my name on the list next time they have one. Sincerely,

Thelma McAuley
2235 Florida
Monahans, Texas

Mrs. Buster Farris spent the last week in Brownwood, visiting relatives and friends.

Drexel Skipworth is home after spending a few days in Coke Memorial Hospital.

The Observer, Robert Lee, Texas

Aug. 1, 1963

MISS LA FORTUNE HONORED

Miss Pam La Fortune, bride-elect of Floyd Williams of Odessa, was honored with a gift shower last Thursday night given by Mrs. Jack Geist.

Guests were Mrs. W. T. Roach, Mrs. Dale Wojtek, Mrs. Jake Jacoby, Mrs. Ava Lou Hanna, Marion Fikes, Nancy Jacoby, Betty Hughes, Linda Heuvel, Mary Alice

Wojtek and Cindy Mundell.

An out of town guest was Mrs. Elaine La Fortune, mother of the future bride, of Odessa.

Mrs. Herman Carwile and daughters, Helen and Vernell, from Carlsbad, New Mexico, spent Friday and Saturday with relatives, Mrs. Fannie Carwile and Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Carwile.

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NOTE: EVENING SHOWS NOW START AT 6:30

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PEANUT BUTTER, Skyway - 3 Lb. Jar 99c

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CORN, Whole Kernel, 12 Oz. Can - 6 for 87c

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On These Things

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And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him. -- Hebrews 5:8-9.



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Drive Shifts from Rights of Man to Push for Power

Fisher Writes Negroes Have Their Share Federal Jobs; Leaders Say They Will Storm House, Senate

By Congressman O. C. Fisher

While the sponsors of rigid civil rights legislation are basing much of their appeal on unemployment among negroes, that argument is not valid in government employment. According to the 1960 Census, negroes represented about 11 per cent of our population. In June, 1962, negroes held 13 per cent of all federal jobs—9.1 per cent of all "white collar" jobs and 15.1 per cent of all postal jobs. Here in Washington, negroes held 22.3 per cent of all government jobs.

The 1963 Fiscal Year, which ended last week, resulted in another deficit year to the tune of \$8 billion. Indications are that during the current Fiscal Year the deficit will be even higher. Despite this fact, pressures are mounting on Capitol Hill for Congress to increase spending for expanded welfare and similar purposes.

The civil rights contest is supposed to trigger a massive negro march on Washington in August. The latest reports here are that up to 300,000 demonstrators will participate. Some of the leaders have indicated they plan to strong-arm their way into the very Floors

of the House and Senate while they are in Washington. Spearheaded by Martin Luther King and A. Philip Randolph, these agitators are calling this one an "emancipation march." They are also encouraged by Congressman Adam Clayton Powell who has boasted that the colored people now have the white people in this country "on the run!"

The big battle in Congress during this session are yet to be fought. An intensified drive for socialized medicine, a half billion dollar mass transportation aid plan for the big cities, federal aid to education, a domestic Peace Corps, an expanded WPA program, and a multitude of others, are on tap, yet to be debated and be disposed of.

The big battle, however, will probably be over civil rights proposals, almost sure to provoke a filibuster in the Senate.

The Administration has now moved from tax legislation to civil rights as the number one nation's problem. In any event, it looks as if the Congress will be in session until long after frost this fall.

As a bonus to our regular subscribers and a special offering to the increasing number of people who in other counties and other states who have read editorials and features from the Observer lately, we have compiled this collection of news features and editorial comment.

Those of you who have missed some of the articles in previous issues may find them here in a more complete coverage of questions of vital interest.

Also they have been arranged in this form for the convenience of those who have been asking for copies of papers with these stories and features.—Editor.

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By MRS. GEORGE FUGATE

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Refreshments of angel food cake squares, nuts, mints, coffee and punch were served to the guests.

Mrs. Hale was presented a baby stroller from the hostesses, Mmes. Lee Lisby, Phil Wall, Jerry Eubanks and Wayne Goodwyn.

Sub-District Meet

The Sub-District MYF meeting was held last Sunday at Christoval. Attending from the Silver Methodist church were Raymon Kincaid, Karen Fugate, Susan Newell, Keith Jones, Gayle Conley and Judy Kincaid.

A hamburger cook-out and a swimming party was given Saturday at Robert Lee, in honor of the Silver Pee Wee baseball team. Hosts were managers Jim Herford and Durwood Mumford. The parents of the boys also attended.

Members of the Teen-Ager baseball team and their families enjoyed an ice-cream supper and swimming party, also at the Robert Lee Park, the same evening.

Recent guests in Silver included: David Mullins of Dallas, who was the guest of his parents for a month, Mr. and Mrs. Clay Mullins.

Mrs. Don Postlewaith and daughter, Donna of Sabine Pass were guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Jennings.

Mr. and Mrs. Elvin Haigood and daughters of Premont recently visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Haigood.

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Guests of the D. H. Caldwell's are their daughters, Mrs. Robert Teague of Irving and Mrs. Dave McKinnon and daughters of Mesquite.

Recent guests of the O. F. Bradhams were Mr. and Mrs. V. N. Dale and Sheila and Miss Nell

Think

On These Things

Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered;

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Coffman, all of Novice, the Joe Breedens of Snyder, and Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Sharp and children of Tuscola.

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Mr. and Mrs. Wayne McCabe and Fredda recently spent five days in Ruidosa, New Mex.

Mrs. Phil Wall was the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Hazlewood of Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Hughes, Susan and Holly spent the weekend in Waco with Mrs. Hughe's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Farmer. Holly remained with her grandparents for a week.

Mrs. John Clifton is spending a week with her daughter and family, the Martin Bowmans of Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Jones and sons, Keith and Scott, are visiting in Wichita Falls this week with the Fred Wilcoxon. They will also spend a week in Junction at the "Triple R" Guest Ranch.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Paul, Bill and Larry are on a two weeks vacation, visiting Mrs. C. T. Pierce of Dallas, Mr. John Paul of Mirando City and Mrs. J. T. Booth of Jourdanon.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Palmer and daughter, Ruth, are on a three weeks vacation visiting in New York with their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Palmer.

JERRY HURLEY IN PORT AFTER EIGHT MONTHS ON SEVENTH FLEET DUTY

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Her operational schedule during the cruise ranged from night carrier planes guarding in Northern Pacific waters to patrolling the Formosa Strait.

Ports of call visited by the WEDDERBURN include Olongapo, Philippines; Yokosuka, Beppu, Kobe and Kure, Japan; Kaohsiung and Keelung, Taiwan; and Hong Kong, British Crown Colony in China.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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I would like to have my name on the list next time they have one.

Sincerely,

Thelma McAuley
2235 Florida
Monahans, Texas

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Drexel Skipworth is home after spending a few days in Coke Memorial Hospital.

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MISS LA FORTUNE HONORED

Miss Pam La Fortune, bride-elect of Floyd Williams of Odessa, was honored with a gift shower last Thursday night given by Mrs. Jack Geist.

Guests were Mrs. W. T. Roach, Mrs. Dale Wojtek, Mrs. Jake Jacoby, Mrs. Ava Lou Hanna, Marion Fikes, Nancy Jacoby, Betty Hughes, Linda Heuvel, Mary Alice

Wojtek and Cindy Mundell.

An out of town guest was Mrs. Elaine La Fortune, mother of the future bride, of Odessa.

Mrs. Herman Carwile and daughters, Helen and Vernell, from Carlsbad, New Mexico, spent Friday and Saturday with relatives, Mrs. Fannie Carwile and Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Carwile.

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Drive Shifts from Rights of Man to Push for Power

Fisher Writes Negroes Have Their Share Federal Jobs; Leaders Say They Will Storm House, Senate

By Congressman O. C. Fisher

While the sponsors of rigid civil rights legislation are basing much of their appeal on unemployment among negroes, that argument is not valid in government employment. According to the 1960 Census, negroes represented about 11 per cent of our population. In June, 1962, negroes held 13 per cent of all federal jobs—9.1 per cent of all "white collar" jobs and 15.1 per cent of all postal jobs. Here in Washington, negroes held 22.3 per cent of all government jobs.

The 1963 Fiscal Year, which ended last week, resulted in another deficit year to the tune of \$8 billion. Indications are that during the current Fiscal Year the deficit will be even higher. Despite this fact, pressures are mounting on Capitol Hill for Congress to increase spending for expanded welfare and similar purposes.

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(OUR WASHINGTON NEWS LETTER)

By Congressman O. C. Fisher

PRESIDENT KENNEDY'S civil rights message last week, calling for unprecedented extension of federal power and control, shocked Capitol Hill and set the stage for months of wrangling and debate.

Under the President's plan if, for example, a small innkeeper should choose not to give a night's lodging to a Negro, the proprietor could be sent to jail or forced to close his business.

Of doubtful constitutionality, this is but one of the many radical recommendations in the Kennedy civil rights package. One editorial described the move as "political panic."

Because of the extremity of the proposals, observers have tried to figure out why the Kennedy brothers decided to "go for broke" in a bold bid to hold the Negro vote in the next elections. It became a matter of weighing the value of the Negro vote in certain pivotal states against losses they might expect elsewhere. There was some soul searching and agonizing decision-making as top Frontier strategists met night after night to whip a program into shape and take advantage of the psychological timing brought by recent demonstrations and riots.

IT WILL BE RECALLED that last January the President asked Congress to outlaw literacy tests for voting in the several states, along with a few other enactments to bolster the Attorney General's hand in filing suits in behalf of Negroes. New Frontier strategists believed then that would placate the NAACP and would not endanger the President's legislative program by stirring up inter-party strife and a possible filibuster.

Then the unexpected happened. On January 31 Republicans in Congress sponsored an unusually radical civil rights program, and shamed the President for his timidity. It was an attempt to put the Administration on the defensive, in the perennial battle for the Negro vote.

It worked. The move knocked the Kennedys off balance. On March 30 Roy Wilkins, NAACP's top spokesman, blamed the Kennedys for offering too little, too late, and threatened to pull loose.

Next came the strife in Alabama, stirred up by Martin Luther King who went to Birmingham from Washington for that avowed purpose. The tension he whipped up there overflowed into Mississippi, and resulted in a Negro leader being assassinated in Jackson.

That tragic event, along with other well-timed racial demonstrations over the country, served to set the stage for the President's civil rights package.

(End of Fisher letter.)

LETTER TO SENATOR TOWER

Hon. John Tower of Texas
Senate Office Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Tower:

This is an open letter. It is being published. Your reply will also be published.

Its purpose is to inquire if you had any part in, or if you repudiate, the action taken by Republicans in Congress some time ago proposing a radical slate of "civil rights" legislation and criticizing the Administration for not having already submitted it.

Sincerely yours,

ULMER S. BIRD

Editor Robert Lee Observer

PUBLIC RIGHT TO DECIDE

(Editorial, Standard-Times, San Angelo, Texas)

If a law or ruling of the court requires the suppression of legislatures, the setting aside of governors, or the supplanting of local government, it may be time to re-examine that law or that ruling of the court.

New York and some other states did not approve the Prohibition Amendment. New York didn't try to enforce it, some others didn't. Whether the amendment was right or wrong, the country finally saw that as a Federal law it was not feasible. It required the suppression of too many people who would have none of it.

So the amendment was repealed.

The people of the United States can decide what laws they want. If wrongly interpreted, then they can change and clarify the laws, or they can determine who and under what conditions shall interpret them.

Also as citizens of each state, they have their voices, with very good reason. It was considered that states as far apart as New York from Texas could not have freedom if their laws were made by a majority far removed from their soil.

This fact was recognized when the prohibition amendment was repealed.

Perhaps the people of this country will use the ways and means they have to speak up on issues confronting the nation today.

DIM VIEW OF WELFARE STATE

(Guest editorial from The Frontiersman, Palmer, Alaska, Issue of June 20, 1963)

Congressman Walter Norblad of Oregon's First District periodically polls his constituents on current legislative controversies. Tabulation of his latest poll provides some interesting food for thought. Among the findings:

Opinion as to the wisdom of federal income tax reduction is nip and tuck, with 51.8 per cent saying Yes, and 48.2 per cent saying No.

Sentiment in favor of bringing labor unions under the antitrust laws is overwhelming, with 90.5 per cent in favor of it.

The proposal that large cities be given federal aid for development of their local transportation systems has even less support—93.5 per cent of the respondents answered No.

Federal aid for school construction and teachers' salaries received a No vote. At the same time, a majority approved the proposal that parents of college students be permitted to claim their tuition, books, and other educational costs as an income tax deduction.

One Swallow doesn't make a summer, and a poll of one Congressional district doesn't prove a national trend. But Mr. Norblad's findings are in consonance with others emanating from widespread areas of this nation. To put it simply, the American public at large is taking a dimmer and dimmer view of the Welfare State—with all its costs and bureaucracies and, more important, its relentless aggression against the liberties and responsibilities of the individual citizen and local government.

BLIGHT IN AFRICA, TWO BILLION AID PRICE TAG TO CINCH CONTROL IN UNITED STATES

(The following is from the Chicago Tribune, March 5, 1963, reprinted in the Publisher's Auxiliary, June 15, 1963, quoting Arthur Veysey, journalist, who was one of 200 newspaper men to make a news writing tour of Africa.)

Mr. Veysey found decay all around him. Telephones fall silent, the mail limps, roads fall apart, weeds take over fields, buildings yield to dirt and rot . . . morals and religion are impaired, and public graft is commonplace.

American aid of 2 billion dollars has gained only hostility and abuse. Mr. Veysey reports that it is hopeless to expect that it will accomplish social or economic improvement. An American African "expert" from Washington told Veysey:

"We back the new black governments for a simple reason—to try to win the American Negro vote. The Democratic Party has, since Franklin Roosevelt days, been strong with the northern Negro. If the Kennedy regime can strengthen that and get the Southern Negroes, the Democrats should be able to win elections for as long as anyone can see, no matter what else happens.

(End of quotation from Tribune.)

What Should The Rest of Us Do About It?

(An Observer Editorial)

FIRST, WE CAN TAKE A STRAIGHT FAIR LOOK at it in the light of recent events.

Suppose one state in the United States had more population than all the rest of the 50 states, and that state could always elect the Congress and the President.

Would it be right then, for that one state to take over not only the National government, but to dictate what laws every other state should make and how they should be enforced?

Or suppose FIVE states had enough population combined to do the same thing. The country has states for this very reason, so that self government could be preserved.

IN REGARD TO THE RACE QUESTION, the Southern people have furnished more education for Negroes than any other people ever did in all the history of mankind, and probably more employment.

The leaders of the main agitation are largely Harlem-grown, a city of colored people that is a part of greater New York. They have not been segregated by law. They vote, and they elect a colored Congressman, Adam Clayton Powell.

Openly working at controlling the United States by trading on the Negro vote, when one demand is met, they make two more. Where they get equality, they demand preference.

It is one thing to do away with school segregation by law. It is another thing to force by law children to be taken out of schools in their neighborhood to attend a school of different color just to FORCE mingling of the races.

It is one thing to put Meredith into Mississippi University with bayonets. It is going a far piece further to threaten that if Congress doesn't pass the laws that Harlem wants 300,000 people will march on Washington, and if Congress still doesn't go along they will make it "dangerous for the nation" a bald threat of red revolution.

STILL, WHAT CAN WE DO ABOUT IT?

If the U. S. Army is as handy in Washington, D. C., as it was in Mississippi and in Alabama, there won't be any revolution, not now, anyway.

But meantime, here are some suggestions for whatever they might be worth. First, to those who supported the Kennedy-Johnson ticket, write Democrats of influence whom you know personally, especially those who represent us in Congress.

Say to them plainly what you think. Consider this: Freedom for one man or race will not be helped by invading the freedom of another. The preservation of state laws is our safeguard against being dominated by people in states far removed from us, who know nothing of our interests and often care just as little. The states must not be reduced to the status of territories. LOCAL GOVERNMENT BY LOCAL PEOPLE IS BASIC TO ALL THE RIGHTS OF MAN.

Congressman O. C. Fisher, Washington, D. C., is our representative from this district. Senator Ralph Yarborough, Senate Office Building, Washington, D. C., is the Democrat who represents Texas in the Senate.

Those who have supported a Republican candidate in the past might write Senator John Tower, Senate Office Building, Washington, D. C., the Republican who was elected in the most recent senatorial election in Texas.

Let him know for certain that Republicans cannot hope to get very far in Texas next election if, in 1963, they have promoted a radical "civil rights" program, then in 1964 come down to Texas opposing it.

That little trick is just about used up.

HERE IN COKE COUNTY, TEXAS, WE ARE NOT HAVING FIRST HAND RACE PROBLEMS NOW. But if the present racist movement gets by with running a bluff on Congress, then they or some of their fellow travelers will soon be down here using every chance to stir up trouble among friends -- us and the Latin Americans, who now are living together in peace.

Of course there are more things yet to be done to make the Negro's lot in life better, and for Whites too, for that matter. But those who have lived close to the problem know that integration by law is no solution now, and it never will be.

The better part of brotherly love respects the inward things of man, including the right to choose his companions, and to live among his own. Segregation can be softened in its legal phases, but it will remain, not by law, but by choice, or by the force of circumstances no law alone can greatly change.

AS TO HOMES AND LIVING CONDITIONS, the black races have never built themselves very good homes or very splendid cities when left alone.

There might be found land outside most cities where colored people who have the ambition and the ability and who wish to do so could build subdivisions with the cooperation of the white community. But to require by law that white people must come and live there, too, or send their children to school there would be the worst sort of tyranny.

In the matter of places to eat for colored people traveling across the nation, where a motel or restaurant is right on an interstate highway, joining the right of way, the interstate commerce clause in the constitution would justify a Federal law requiring that they accommodate colored people. But a law to require them to eat at tables with the white people would be intolerable tyranny.

NOW ABOUT THOSE WHO ARE SO OPPRESSED THAT THEY ARE READY TO GO out into the street and stir up a fight, if they are so oppressed in this country, there are vast undeveloped resources and lands in the Congo. The United States is pouring two billion dollars in aid over there. Why not use a little of this money in giving free transportation to the oppressed? Train them in skills needed and let them move to a country where they can live under rulers of their own race, under the benevolent guiding hand of the United Nations.

I have spoken in Negro churches in Texas on invitation, and to a colored congregation in Princeton. In the dim evening of a Sabbath in Luxembourg, I opened the Bible and spoke to a company of colored soldiers, invited by their first sergeant, colored. The company was building a telephone line through Luxembourg to Trier, Germany, before that city had been taken, and they did it with all the vim I ever saw put into any job -- with an esprit de corps such as I had not often seen in a white unit and never in a mixed group. In 4 years in the Army I never passed up a chance to visit with a colored soldier.

When my uncle died in Mississippi a few years ago, the colored folks came, with tears running down their faces to pass by his casket.

The hates of Harlem would inflame these to march in red revolution.

It is a time to be calm and sure, and no time at all to rage and rave. But it is not a time for inaction. We must not let this reach the point where a desperate, bitter white supremacy wave will arise.

SOLID, CONSTRUCTIVE, SENSIBLE THINKING CITIZENS SHOULD MAKE THEMSELVES HEARD -- RIGHT NOW.

ordinary mail, a report from a well-known pastor who lived many years in the former Belgian Congo on "Our Protestant Belgian Calling in the Congo." It is good, but unhappily in French. I suppose that you may get the essen-

tial of it, and that it may help.

Here we are always very busy. My wife teaches religion in a European school, and I give some ten lessons a week at the Protestant Seminary, where I am dean. We are leaving for a short holiday in Switzerland. (He is a native of Switzerland, son of one of

the great Protestant evangelists of that country.—USB).

We do keep a wonderful souvenir of Sanco and our time with our beloved friends.

With our very best wishes,
William Thomas

P. S. Many thanks for the copies of the "Robert Lee Observer."

FARM BUREAU WORKING AT MORE MARKETS FOR U. S. FARM PRODUCTS ABROAD

Walter Meyere, Texas Farm Bureau Commodity Director, is on a trip to England and various European countries, to study export possibilities in the countries being served by the Farm Bureau's

Trade Development office in Rotterdam.

Through active promotion and merchandising by the Rotterdam staff, several markets have been opened up for American farmers that never existed before.

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God's Way -- Plant Your Own Vine; Respect Others

"And they shall sit every man under his vine and fig tree."

And many nations shall come and say, Come and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord and the house of Jacob; and he will teach us of His ways, and we will walk in his paths: for the law shall go forth of Zion, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

And He shall judge among many people, and rebuke strong nations, afar off; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks: nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

But they shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig tree; and none shall make them afraid; for the mouth of the Lord of hosts hath spoken it. Micah 4:1-5.

WHEREVER A PROPHET WOULD SPEAK OF peace, he told of people at home, on their own property, enjoying the fruit of their own toil. In both Old and New Testaments there are references to a time to come when the actual administration of government will be in the hands of God himself.

We wouldn't here try to make an exact definition of the Kingdom of God, the Kingdom of Heaven, the Kingdom of Christ, or to say just how or when it comes or is brought about in its application to our outward lives. Whether Christ in person comes back from outer space to establish it, or man strives to put its meaning into effect on earth, certain attributes stand out, nevertheless as God's way of business in economics and in government.

Contentment, peace, good government, have families of men living on their soil, free from invasion of their rights by corrupt judges, meddling officials, or evil associations of men.

In our time some have come along to force it or a devilish imitation of it by taking from others, starting out to give to many and finishing by taking from all. That false kingdom deceives many until it has them so firmly in its grasp there is no escape on earth.

If we would have an economic order as near that of God's own rule as possible in this present world, then this is our model and our pattern: The homesteader holding his own land, the family farmer on his own, the home owner secure wherever he may be—this is the basic economic and social unit as outlined by the prophets and by Christ himself.

Whatever we can do in fairness and in justice to all to keep that right intact—the householder with his own garden, his own grape vine growing in his own back yard, or patio, eating the fruit of his own planting is basically God's way and God's plan.

WHEREVER IN ANY WAY BY ANY LAW OR ACTION we intrude upon his right or make it harder for him to live in that state of tranquility, unmolested and unafraid, to that extent we are departing from God's blue print of how man is to live most securely and most happily here upon this earth.

The poor and the humble, the great and the influential, or those who improve the lot of any, if we are to have a happy land, must always keep that in mind.

Those who look for Christ's return will not be hurt if they hold this as an ideal in practical, earthly affairs of society and government.

It is also for whoever prays, "Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven."

If we consider that kingdom a thing within the heart and spirit, then it also has its external environment, its house in which it lives, either in its present form or in its final culmination.

Those clergymen who are distraught over colored children being turned away from playgrounds where white children play have influence enough among members of wealth enough to lead the way in BUILDING good playgrounds for those denied, where white and colored may play together if they like, without their being driven, organized, or used as political weapons.

Let those pastors lead their people in building playgrounds, not infringing upon those already built, in establishing new stores where all may eat or buy, not crashing into those built by others. If they do a little of that, the idea will catch on soon.

Let them, with all the influence they now command, start a nationwide movement to show the way with new enterprise, find land and build upon it good houses soundly financed, where the colored may grow more vines and tend more fig trees.

Let these militant ministers put into their crusade the same constructive enterprise that others put into building what has already been built. The playgrounds they struggle for, the stores they besiege were not built by people marching in the streets.

There is room in the land for more vines and fig trees and the genius now being put into demonstrations could organize, finance and build. But let it be under law and justice, and not for any man or race or band to tramp across the other man's hedges, or sit down by force under his vine, or to strip the leaves from his fig tree.

Such ministers as those who are marching, violating local laws, and going to jail and to court can spend their zeal much better by encouraging capital already among their members to go and build or buy motels and operate them where both white and colored may find accommodation—a better way than to lead their congregations into the street waving banners.

This is one important difference between the Kingdom of God and the "dictatorship of the proletariat."