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Hospital, County Budget Hearings Next Wednesday



KAY ROBERTS
intermediate

Kay Roberts of Robert Lee was first in the Intermediate group, Peggy Corley of Bronte, first in the senior, and Dixie Versyp of Blackwell in the ju-



PEGGY CORLEY
senior

niors when the Coke County Farm Bureau held their queen's contest recently. Kay is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Artell Roberts of Ro-



DIXIE VERSYP
junior

bert Lee. Jo Alice Evans, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Evans, Sanco ranch couple, senior, was runner-

up. It's budget time for county, school and hospital, with the hearing for the county set for September 4, which is Wednesday of next week. Any citizen interested in how the county is spending tax money may attend this hearing.

The Robert Lee Independent School District published the pro-

posed budget in the Observer, issue of August 15, with hearing on August 19. The grand total for the year is \$165,644.50.

The Silver Peak School board set a budget of \$109,376.25, with a tax rate of \$1.00, same as in last year.

The Board of Directors of the West Coke County Hospital District, newly formed since the recent election, has announced a hearing on the hospital budget to be held at the court house September 4, at 3:00 o'clock.

The county budget hearing is at 10:00 in the morning of the same day, so anyone interested can take a lunch and spend the day.

The hospital board met Tuesday afternoon to work on a proposed budget and on further details of taking over operation of the hospital.

Stroke Is Fatal To S. R. Young, Former Publisher

S. R. Young, former publisher of the Robert Lee Observer, and since then real estate and rentals dealer in Robert Lee, died here Saturday morning at Coke Memorial Hospital one hour and fifteen minutes after suffering a stroke at his home, at 4:20 o'clock.

Mr. Young moved from Miles to Robert Lee, and for five years published the local newspaper. He had previously published newspapers in Miles and at Lytle, Texas.

Lacking but a few days over a month of reaching his 80th birthday, he had been active up to the day of his death.

Samuel Randolph Young was born Sept. 29, 1883, in Jack County, Texas. He spent his boyhood in Ennis County, then moved to Miles, Texas in 1903. He married Hadda Homa Perry, of Miles, in 1909. He was a rural mail carrier at Miles for seven years, later engaging in real estate sales in the Winter Garden District of Texas.

Mr. Young published newspapers in Miles and Lytle, Texas and in 1939 moved from Miles to Robert Lee to publish the Robert Lee Observer for 5 years.

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He died Saturday, August 24, in Coke County Memorial Hospital, at the age of 79. Survivors include his wife, a son, Horace B. Young of Westfield, New Jersey, a daughter, Mrs. Victor Wojtek, of Robert Lee, two sisters, Mrs. R. A. Perry Sr. of Miles Mrs. Nannie Lindsay of Alice, Texas, and one brother, Robert L. Young, of Miles, and eight grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at the Baptist Church at 10 A.M. Monday burial in the Miles Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Homer Carlisle, Mark Chumley, Frank Coalson, Cumbie Ivey Sr., Hugh Smith, Fennell Smith.

Members of his Sunday School class were honorary pall bearers.

Grandchildren living in Robert Lee are Vicki, Mary, Beth, Charles, and Phyllis Wojtek; from Westfield, New Jersey are Randy, Vicki and Lessa Young.

HOSPITAL NEWS

Aug. 21 — Mrs. Matthew Basquez admitted. Martin Louis Basquez born at 9:40 p.m. Osa Faries dismissed.

Aug. 22 — Mrs. Theora Stewart, admitted. Gayle Lewis dismissed.

Aug. 23 — Mrs. C. E. Mathers, R. C. Scudday Jr. admitted. Mrs. Theora Stewart, Mrs. Matthew Basquez and son dismissed.

Aug. 24 — S. R. Young admitted. S. R. Young expired.

Aug. 25 — Mrs. J. O. Rudd admitted.

Aug. 26 — Mrs. Danny Webb admitted and daughter born. Roy Braswell admitted.

Aug. 27 — Martin Basquez, Larry Farris admitted. Mrs. C. E. Mathers dismissed.

LARRY FARRIS RECEIVES FREAK FLESH WOUND WHEN PISTOL FIRES ACCIDENTALLY

Larry Farris, visiting here, on an outing Tuesday, about mid-morning with a 22. Magnum pistol he was wearing holstered was fired, he thinks by a tree branch striking the gun.

The bullet, larger than the ordinary 22. caliber, passed down his leg, tearing a hole in the leather holster, and traveling just under the skin, lodging near the knee.

He drove the pick-up to town and to the hospital, where the bullet was removed.

Mr. Farris has been flying airplanes since he was 14, and is now employed by Delta Air Lines.

SILVER MAN EARNS DEGREE IN AGRICULTURE AT ETC

Charles O. Palmer of Silver, Bachelor of Science in technical agriculture, was one of over 500 listed to receive degrees at the Summer Convocation of East Texas State College, Commerce, on August 23.

W. B. (Bruce) Clift has been critically ill in a San Angelo hospital.

School Growth Seen As Fall Term Begins

With increased enrollment in the first grade and a larger Senior class than last year, and with the addition of a band director, the Robert Lee Schools begin their regular schedule today, Thursday, with assembly at 8:30, to which the public is invited.

BCD Hears Report On Pump Plant, School Band Plans

The Board of Community Development voted Tuesday to resume meeting on Tuesday noon of every week. During the summer months, the BCD had been meeting every other week.

Mayor Robert Vaughan reported that a storage room has been partitioned off at the pump plant for bottles of chlorine used in water treatment.

Storing the chlorine in the same room with the motors and electric switches is considered dangerous, and this eliminates the hazard, Mr. Vaughan said.

Supt. Dorman Thomas and Principals Douglas Dean and Garland Davis were present and spoke briefly. They said that high school periods had been arranged so that band instruction will not conflict with other responsibilities of those taking active part in athletics.

From grades 5 and 6 up through the high school effort is to give all students opportunity to take band. Mr. Davis said that 35 pupils have enrolled in the first grade, with several more expected.

6:30 FOR FOOTBALL PLAY

Time for the football scrimmage Friday night is 6:30, according to word from the Quarterback Club—one hour before the barbecue tomorrow, Friday, night.

Supt. Dorman Thomas said that the band would be given a green light on the schedule, starting with the 5th grade.

Both High School Principal Douglas Dean and Grade School Principal Garland Davis, while for several years in the local system, are new in the positions this year.

Both have attended universities during the summer in work toward masters degrees, Mr. Dean at Sul Ross, Alpine, and Mr. Davis at North Texas State, Canyon.

Superintendent Thomas is on his second year with the local schools, having succeeded Hervey Latham, resigned in August last year.

Former Captain In Air Force Coming As Band Director

Bill M. Williams, now living in Abilene will move to Robert Lee as the new School Band Director. Mr. Williams is a graduate of Hardin-Simmons University, and holds a major in the field of music.

Upon graduating from Newman High School in Sweetwater, Mr. Williams joined the United States Navy; when discharged from this branch of military service, he began his study in H-SU in 1946. In 1959 he went into the United States Air Force and held the rank of Captain, his base station being in Tampa, Florida.

The Williams household numbers seven: Norma, wife; Donna, David, Danny, Debra, and Daryl. The family holds membership in the Baptist Church.

Without a band director last year, the local school board has been negotiating throughout the summer for someone for this position. Mr. Williams accepted the place just a week ahead of the opening of school.

Vaughans Review Two Acres Of New Model Chevrolets

Mr. and Mrs. Robert O. Vaughan were among approximately 7,000 Chevrolet dealers and dealership executives in Detroit recently to attend the largest convention of its kind ever held in the auto industry.

While in the Motor City, dealers previewed the spectacular new lines of 1964 cars and trucks to be introduced early this fall.

Arriving in Detroit at the rate of about 1,400 a day, the dealer guests were welcomed by top Chevrolet officials including Semon E. Knudsen, a General Motors vice president and general manager of the division, and Larry Averill, general sales manager.

Citing Chevrolet's all-time high rate of sales thus far this year the two executives told dealers that the division expects to surpass in 1963 its record performance in 1962 when Chevrolet set new industry sales marks.

As a highlight of the convention programs, dealers were treated to an advance look at the new car and truck models in a gala stage revue the equal of a Broadway musical comedy production.

A further feature was a display of the new vehicles and other specially designed engineering and auto show exhibits which filled the mammoth two acre area of Detroit's Cobo Hall exposition center. An evening banquet with General Motors executives followed.

In addition to being described as the largest and most elaborate of its kind in industry history, the convention marked the first time since 1936 that dealers had been invited to Detroit for such an event by Chevrolet.

Mr. and Mrs. Vaughan flew from Dallas to Chicago and Detroit by American Strato Jet. Came back from Detroit by Delta Air Line by Way of Atlanta, Georgia, New Orleans and Dallas.

Bill Simpson, on leave from Camp Polk, Arkansas, is home for about ten days this week.

Quarterback Club Barbecue After Teams Scrimmage Friday At 6:30

The Quarterback Club is to meet tonight, Thursday for a business meeting, and tomorrow, Friday, night, will hold their annual football barbecue, a community get-together, proceeds for benefit of the maintenance and improvement work done by the club on the local field, and other activities of the Quarter-

back Club in support of the football team.

At tonight's meeting will be shown a special film of a game between the Bay Packers and New York Giants, at 7:30. Scrimmage at 6:30.

The football scrimmage play will start at 6:30 Friday night.



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A Thought for Labor Day

"Doing for people what they can and ought to do for themselves is a dangerous experiment. In the last analysis, the welfare of the workers depends upon their own initiative."

"Whatever is done under the guise of philanthropy or social morality which in any way lessens initiative is the greatest crime that can be committed against the toilers."

"Let so-called busybodies and professional 'public morals experts,' in their fads, reflect upon the perils they rashly invite under the pretense of social welfare."

It may surprise you to learn that those words, quoted above, were spoken by the late Samuel Gompers, generally regarded as having been the father of the organized labor movement in this country.

We do not know of a more statesmanlike Labor Day message.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Proposed CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT NUMBER ONE ON THE BALLOT

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO BE VOTED ON AT AN ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 9, 1963. SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1

proposing an amendment to Sections 2 and 4 of Article VI of the Constitution of the State of Texas so as to repeal the provision making payment of the poll tax a requirement for voting and so as to authorize the Legislature to provide for the registration of all voters.

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

Section 1. That Sections 2 and 4 of Article VI of the Constitution of the State of Texas be amended to read, respectively, as follows:

"Section 2. Every person subject to none of the foregoing disqualifications who shall have attained the age of twenty-one years and who shall be a citizen of the United States and who shall have resided in this state one year next preceding an election and the last six months within the district or county in which such person offers to vote, shall be deemed a qualified elector; provided that any member of the Armed Forces of the United States or component branches thereof, or in the military service of the United States, may vote only in the county in which he or she resided at the time of entering such service so long as he or she is a member of the Armed Forces; and provided further, that before offering to vote at an election a voter shall have registered if required by law to do so. The Legislature may authorize absentee voting. This Amendment shall take effect on December 1, 1963.

"Section 4. In all elections by the people the vote shall be by secret ballot. The Legislature shall provide for the numbering of ballots and make such other regulations as may be necessary to detect and punish fraud and preserve the purity of elections, and may provide by law for the registration of all voters. Should the Legislature enact a registration law in anticipation of the adoption of this Amendment, such law shall not be invalid by reason of its anticipatory character."

Section 2. The foregoing Constitutional Amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of the state at an election to be held on the first Saturday after the first Monday in November, 1968, at which election all ballots shall have printed thereon the following:

"FOR the amendment of the Constitution of the State of Texas so as to repeal the provision making payment of the poll tax a requirement for voting and so as to authorize the Legislature to provide for the registration of all voters."

"AGAINST the amendment of the Constitution of the State of Texas so as to repeal the provision making payment of the poll tax a requirement for voting and so as to authorize the Legislature to provide for the registration of all voters."

Section 3. The Governor of the State 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 as required by the Constitution and laws of this state.

OBSERVATIONS

Here's a note we missed a couple of weeks ago. Russ Mathers who lives near San Angelo now, with his son, Elton, was in Robert Lee. Russ says he has a good crop of pecans this year. With Mr. and Mrs. Ern Mathers, Robert Lee, and their daughter, Chrystelle, Rus and Elton attended the Mathers reunion at Roswell.

Letha was in the hospital at San Angelo.

SAMMY JOE DUNCAN BACK TO DUTY IN MASSACHUSETTS

Temperature in Massachusetts has been 50 degrees, where Sammy Joe Duncan has returned to his station at Westover Air Base, after attending a service school at San Antonio several months and visiting recently with home folks here.

Sammy Joe, his wife, Nancy, and their little Jeanie Kay, made the trip back to Massachusetts recently.

VIRGINIA MAN KILLED IN COLLISION WITH TRUCK MOVING TEACHER HERE

Russell H. Coalson, who is assistant coach and math teacher for Robert Lee High School arrived early this week, after being delayed on the road by a tragic accident.

A young man, Pearson S. Shin III of Annandale, Virginia, driving a small Sunbeam convertible, was killed in a collision with a truck loaded with Mr. Coalson's household supplies, about ten miles east of Ranger on U.S. Highway 80.

SPECIAL ON FORD TRACTORS

Farmers will be interested in ads run last week and this week by the Ford Tractor dealer in Colorado City. He writes that he will take in just about any old tractor on a new Ford at a good price.

The Chinese have a story: Two Chinese coolies were arguing heatedly in the midst of a crowd. A stranger expressed surprise that no blows were being struck. His Chinese friend replied "The man who strikes first admits that his ideas have given out."

Last year the average income for white American families was \$6,000. For Negro American families, it was \$3,300. This must be about the difference between skilled and unskilled. If they figured it net, some of us are over on the colored side, at that.

THERE'S NEWS IN THOSE ADS.

Advertising has told Americans the story of America's progress. It is business news for those who buy, those who sell, and those who build. More and more as time goes on, the advertisements in this newspaper will carry information every reader will find worth while.

Think

On These Things

"Be not Deceived; God is not mocked for what so ever a man soweth that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the spirit shall of the spirit reap life everlasting. Galatians 6: 7 and 8.

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Observations

(A Personal Word
By The Editor)

We will state opinions on public questions from time to time, fully realizing that no man's opinion is ever the last word on anything, not even for himself if he will keep studying and keep his mind open to new facts.

All we ask of any person is to consider what facts appear in what we write in as fair and friendly a spirit as we try to write them.

The problems of today are too big and wide and deep and have too many complicated phases for any one person to be right on everything all the time.

To condemn or harshly criticize those of differing opinions may give one a certain sort of satisfaction, but it can be costly.

In the first place, the one doing the condemning is assuming that he and only he knows everything worth knowing on the question. In the second place, he is losing the chance to convince the person he is condemning. In the third place, he is losing the chance to have a friend.

The old style of speaking and writing on public questions in which everyone on my side is a hero or a saint, right as the angels in heaven, while everyone on your side is a devil and a heel and fit to be consigned to hell—that was colorful and interesting and a sort of a sport among men who understood each other, went at it like a prize-fight, and then shook hands when it was over.

But there is very little to be gained by anybody in harboring a seething bitterness on any issue, local, state, national, or world wide.

We can persistently plug away at convincing others of our viewpoint, and we will do good at it provided while we are doing it we study our own position, if new evidence arises, accept it, and think it over real good three times for every time we say it once.

But to slice away, "allatime

combate," can do much harm. It might pay just to leave our fight-in' razor at home most of the time.

One of the greatest problems facing mankind today is how to keep his pants up.

For those skinny brethren whom it don't do any good for them to eat, it may not be so serious—more like draping a gunny sack over a gnarled stump. But for men who have any visible evidence of ever having eaten a good meal, it is a constant question of whether you will or you won't.

One well known citizen of this community said he had been following another well known citizen around for several years aiming to pick up his pants when they fell off.

A man's hips never were much to hang anything on, and whenever he begins to appear the least bit thrifty, it's a downhill slide all the way.

Some enemy of the human race a century or so ago got the idea that by wrapping a leather strap around the middle, generally known as a belt, or maybe a twine string, you could manage.

In the good old days back in the 90's they used straps—they went over the shoulders and fastened to the trousers, front and back. These were known by the now forgotten, word, "suspenders."

They did what they were designed to do—they held the breeches up—kept the waist around the waist instead of down, down, down. Anything so completely useful must be improved upon. So suspenders became obsolete, old fashioned, out of date.

As I was saying last time you were listening, when you take it day in and day out, and especially in hot weather, one of the most insoluble problems facing mankind in society today is keeping his pants up.

Visiting last week with Mr. and Mrs. Teddy Pitcock were his sister, Mrs. Willie McCarty of Anson and a niece and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Cockrell, Nancy and Jeanenne, of Ft. Worth.

Countryside

By STERLING LINDSEY

We have not qualified or rather re-qualified for certification as a modified-certified brucellosis-free county. We still lack a few herds. I do not have the exact count, but a close estimate is that we need (minimum) five or ten more of the herds that were free on the first go round three years ago and 15 of the suspect and reactor herds. We hope we can get these before this fall.

The regulations in the law state that for recertification we must submit 20 per cent of the herds from the previous test that were brucellosis free and all of the suspect and reactor herds. So far Mr. Gruehen has tested about 95 per cent of the required free herds and about 50 per cent of the suspect and reactor herds.

Several Coke County 4-H Club members completed and submitted records on their projects or demonstrations this year. Several of these entered in the district awards program judging.

We had two boys to place among the top three in the division and program in which they were entered. John Service, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Service Jr., Robert Lee, placed third in the Junior Achievement awards program. Jerry Parker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Truman Parker, Bronte, was one of four members selected to receive a Junior Santa Fe Award.

Our other entries included: James Bird Pentecost, Senior Santa Fe; Gaylon Pitcock, Senior Agriculture; Darrel Pitcock, Junior Agriculture; Maxie Evans Jr., Beef; Nicky Arrott, Jr., Texas Sheep and Goat, Wool and Mohair.

The girls are making head way in some of the fields that at one time were entered only by boys. We had one such entry. Sharon Walker has the top county entry in swine. I was surprised when I read the results of the district judging; the top three records in the senior beef program were girls' records.

When salt is withheld from the diets of animals their growth is impaired. Salt is used in the synthesis of protein in the animal's body and thus should be provided free choice to all animals daily.

The use of mulches on vegetables has long been recognized as beneficial in preventing moisture losses and soil crusting. Mulches also prevent weed growth, results in cleaner vegetables, and holds down soil temperature. Such materials as leaves, rotted hay, straw, paper and plastic may be used.

About half of the most seriously destructive pests now found in this country are recent immigrants from Europe, Asia, South and Central America. Modern, rapid transportation has enabled these insects to hitch-hike to all parts of the world.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Thomas of Mineral Wells, with Terry and Susan, were weekend guests in the home of Supt. and Mrs. Dorman Thomas.

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JUANITA GODWIN, Sec.

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IRA M. BIRD ENTERING TEACHING PROFESSION IN MISSION HIGH SCHOOL

Ira M. Bird, known to some by his World War II nickname of "Bing," received his A. B. degree in history at the summer convocation, Pan American College, this week, and is to teach history in Mission High School, starting immediately.

He was one of the first to head a radar school in World War II, following combat duty as navigator out of Port Moresby, New Guinea. Following the war, he ranch-ed at Sanco and operated a radio-television repair at Robert Lee, la-

ter moving to establish a similar business at Mission.

Younger brother of the Observer Editor, Ira M. lives at 1201 Keralum Ave., Mission. He and his wife, Helen, have five children. Gordon, the oldest son, has spent the summer with relatives at Sanco, returning to Mission last week for the opening of school.

Buddy Thomas, son of Supt. and Mrs. Thomas, was taken to the hospital for some stitches above his eye as a result of a fall when a horse he was riding slipped on slick ground, and is reported doing ok.

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Check Law In Effect; Attorney Outlines Procedure

(Editor's note: The following article was written by County Attorney Frank C. Dickey as a matter of public information in order to acquaint readers with a new check law which went into effect August 24.

By FRANK C. DICKEY
Concerning Worthless Checks

The Legislatures of the several States have devoted much time and effort to the enactment of laws defining and prescribing punishment for the issuing and passing of worthless checks. Texas has contributed her share of legislative effort. A very short Bill of Rights (Art. 1 Sec. 18) included in the Constitution of 1876: "No person shall ever be imprisoned for debt" limits the scope of operation to no small degree. The question as to whether the giving and passing of a worthless check constitutes a crime or a debt is difficult at its best.

In the beginning the criminal laws regulating fraudulent transactions were relied upon as regulatory of the passing of worthless checks; and, the remedy provided by the old fraud statutes is thought by some jurists to be superior to the prevailing remedy. Our rules of criminal procedure such as burden and degree of proof, character and sufficiency of evidence, presumption of innocence and many other safe-guards, which "we the people" have established, render prosecution for special offenses as worthless checking difficult and tedious.

Writing laws that would send a seventeen year old boy to the penitentiary for writing a third worthless check for the amount of twenty-five cents is a shocking example of commercial influence reflected in such a criminal law; yet, we have had for the past several years such a law in our penal code. On the 24th day of this month a further statute of recent vintage, will be activated which, when construed with the provisions of Art. 61 of our Penal Code, will allow a seventeen year old boy to

be sent to the penitentiary for a period of thirty years, if it be shown that he has been two or more times previously convicted for issuing a worthless check for any amount.

Whatever the inequities of the new law, it does put the offense of issuing a worthless check definitely in the category of crimes; and, in doing so, it obviates the necessity of observing the laws relating to the instigation of prosecution.

It has long been a matter of common knowledge that an officer is prohibited by law from accepting restitution for property stolen or wrongfully disposed of as satisfaction for a penal offense. Such an offense under the law requires the removal of the officer from office and subjects him to a heavy penalty. The fundamental principle of law involved being that the right to restitution is a civil right and the injured party's recourse is by civil action. The violation of a penal statute is an offense against the State and the injured party has no special right in an action for enforcement.

Under the new law, a party damaged by receiving a worthless check; as far as collecting is concerned, must look to his civil remedy. Peace officers and prosecutors are prohibited from engaging in the process.

Prosecutors are required to take complaints for such offenses as constitute violations of the penal laws. All such worthless check offense complaints must be processed in the courts having jurisdiction the same as other offenses of like gravity.

Article 380a Penal Code makes it an offense for any Justice of the Peace, Sheriff, Constable or Peace Officer to receive for collection or undertake the collection of any claim for debt for others except by authority or writ or process of law, and fixes the punishment for a violation at a fine from two hundred to five hundred dollars and the removal from office.

The prohibition, under penalty, of complainants and prosecuting witness from influencing or attempting to influence withdrawals of complaints or dismissal of prosecution is in keeping with the principle that the criminal laws must not be resorted to for the purpose of collecting a debt. (Art. 567b Sec. 6, P. C.)

Some of the precautions recommended to keep down losses from accepting worthless checks as cash are:

1. Know the drawer of the check or obtain an endorsement by a reliable person before acceptance.
2. A check signed "John Doe by Richard Roe" will rarely ever support a prosecution.
3. A post-dated check or a pre-dated check will not support a prosecution.
4. A check given in payment of a debt will not support a prosecution. (The Statute provides a seeming exception in the case of a check given for the performance of labor or personal service; however the law has been held inoperative where the check was given in compliance with a promise to pay.)
5. The check must be presented to the drawee in due course. (An exception seems to lie where proof is made that the check would not have been honored had it been presented in due course.)
6. The full address of the drawer should be written on the check.
7. When a check is returned on account of insufficient funds, a written notice should be sent to the drawer by registered mail to "the address written on the check" advising him that the check has been returned for lack of funds. The check should be immediately sent back to the drawee.
8. A study of the Worthless Check Law keeping in mind that public officers have been completely taken out of the field of collections, should be of benefit.
9. After complying with suggestion "7", if one wishes to prosecute, let him appear before the County or District Attorney in the County in which the check is given and make complaint.
10. If the offense complained of constitutes a misdemeanor, the County Attorney may institute prosecution on complaint and information; or, he may refer the matter to the Grand Jury.
11. If an offense is of the grade of a felony, the complaint may be made before a Justice of the Peace and referred to the Grand Jury. Felonies can only be prosecuted on an indictment and the prosecution must be conducted by the District Attorney.

Sec. "6" of the Penal Statute should be very carefully observed by complainants, peace officers and prosecutors. It should be kept in mind that criminal actions and civil actions are very definitely separated. The enforcement of the provisions of Art. 576b will be extremely difficult because of their inapplicability to our fixed rules of evidence, burden of proof and procedures; however, prosecutions may be aided materially by the exercise of care and caution in the acceptance of checks.

When a worthless check has been issued in violation of the law the injured party or any credible witness has the right to file a complaint or appear before a Grand Jury. When a complaint has been made or information furnished, dismissals are neither to

be sought nor requested of the prosecutors or judges. All prosecutions for issuing worthless checks lie either in the County or District Court. The costs are heavy and where not collectable from the accused, they are paid by the tax-payers. All cases are now appealable to the Court of Criminal Appeals. It is possible for a prosecution for the passing of a worthless check, drawn for the amount of twenty-five cents to cost the County and State more than one thousand dollars.

CLOSING BUSINESS

Due to Circumstances Beyond My Control,
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The TRIMBLE LAUNDRY

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Mrs. Kreyer to Begin Fall Term in Robert Lee Sept. 5

Mrs. E. R. Kreyer announces the opening of the Fall term next week in voice and piano instruction. This year lessons will be given each Wednesday in place of Tuesday, at the regular piano studio, in the Robert Lee School auditorium, west room off stage. Students desiring the special nine months rate are urged to make their enrollment as soon as possible for choice of period. Mrs. Kreyer will be in Robert Lee Tuesday afternoon, to book students and make out the program for the coming year. Please leave names with Mrs. Charlotte Wojtek, School secretary or Mrs. Lucille Dean, music instructor.

Adv.

TAKE A LOOK AT THE ADS.



MISS VALERIE BARBER
Oakland, New Zealand

MISS KAY KELLEY
Thames, New Zealand

We're a little mixed up, reporting a reporter, but one of the two above, whose name came from Ireland by way of New Zealand (Kelley is the name), is from the Thames Star, Thames, New Zealand. (Pronounced Temmes, just like the Thames River in London.)

Kay Kelley she is, even if her talk does sound more like Queen Elizabeth than the Irish. Her Irish blue eyes sparkle, however, when the talk is of New Zealand and of newspapering.

Just after a swim and not out to have their picture taken, the two girls were guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Hughes on the ranch north of Robert Lee. They were friends of Mrs. Hughes in New Zealand before she became Mrs. Hughes and moved with her husband from the southern hemisphere.

Miss Kelley's traveling companion is Miss Valerie Barber (She pronounces it Bah-buh), a friend from Oakland, New Zealand. The news girl's father is managing director (we would say "publisher") of the Thames Star. She started on the Oakland Star, after vowing earlier that never a reporter would she be.

Now on her father's newspaper, she is on leave from her regular work, first as police reporter, and now as writer of whatever women do in New Zealand — the Women's Page, covering the peninsula

country adjacent to the city of Thames.

She can tell you that New Zealand exports more wool than any other country except Australia, that small clothing factories in their circulation area make up the Merino wool into clothing for the New Zealanders, also exporting wool to the United States, some of which is made into woollens in the U.S. and sold back in the finished product in New Zealand.

At Wellington, the capital, when Averill Harriman was down there at a meeting to complete the Anzus — Australia-New Zealand-U.S. treaty, Miss Kelley met him at a press conference and was impressed with his evident sincerity, ability, and personality.

The big island, which is her country, is 1,100 miles up and down and 150 miles wide, but none of it, never a place on it where the wind cannot be felt from the sea.

Reporter Kelley may have something to write for the Thames Star about July weather in Robert Lee, far, far from those cooling breezes — a country where the grass is always green.

(Boys, its a long trip down there.)

It was winter coming on when the two left "down under", for a tour of the U.S. and a stay of several months at Vancouver, Canada, where Miss Kelley is on loan to a daily newspaper for the fall and

early winter. They came out of winter into summer with an ocean voyage between, and will leave from winter into summer again on the return.

On their bus tour of the United States, the friendliness and hospitality which greeted them everywhere impressed them most about the United States.

SCHOOL EDITION NEXT WEEK

Next week the Observer will give special recognition to our teachers, administration, football, new faculty members, and scholarship aims of the schools at Robert Lee and at Silver.

Each teacher is invited to bring by or mail in a brief biographical sketch, along with notes on your summer activities.

Edwin G. (Butch) Davis and family are moving to San Angelo this week, where he is to work with Del-Tex, a wholesale distributing firm. He has been at Sweetwater with C and H, also a wholesale establishment.

Want Ads

Classified Advertising Rates: Minimum charge 75c per insertion. First insertion 5c per word; subsequent insertions (with no changes in copy) 3c per word. Initials, abbreviations and figures (except telephone numbers, house numbers and post office box numbers) count as one word. All classified advertising is payable upon publication.

CARD OF THANKS

For all the many acts of kindness and sympathy upon the passing of our loved ones, including food, flowers, cards and to Dr. McDaniel and nurses at West Coke County Memorial Hospital, we want to express our deepest thanks.
May God bless you all.
The Family of S. R. Young

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FOR SALE — 4 bedroom home on corner lots. Low equity. Mrs. Marvin Jones. Box 307, Robert Lee. 2tp 8-29

ENGINEERS WANTED: High school students undecided on a career might be interested in the following:

Personnel officers prowling universities in search of talent are offering the highest starting salaries to graduates in electrical engineering, \$756 per month.

FOUND: A fishing tackle box. Owner may have same at the Observer office by describing box and contents and paying for this ad.

FOR SALE—Slide trombone, good condition. Mrs. Dan Middleton Rt. 1, Box 37, Bronte. 35-tfc

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING GAME AND FISH COMMISSION TO BE HELD SEPTEMBER 12

Notice is hereby given by the Game and Fish Commission that a public hearing will be held at 8 p.m. on September 12, 1963 at the County Courthouse at Robert Lee, Coke County, Texas for the purpose of gathering information concerning proposed hunting, fishing and trapping regulations for the above mentioned county.

Charles Copeland Marks 90th Year, 59th At Blackwell

Charles Copeland, ranchman who has lived in Blackwell community since 1903, had nearly 100 neighbors, relatives, and visiting friends to congratulate him on his 90th birthday, meeting at the ranch home of his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. B. L. McCarley Thursday night.

Mr. Copeland came to the Blackwell country from Williamson County. He and Mrs. Copeland were married in 1904 and expect to celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary next year.

Besides their daughter, Rhoda (Mrs. McCarley), their son, Sha-

ler, from Strawn and another son, Charles Vernon, who ranches nearby, were present to greet guests in the open air occasion at the McCarley ranch.

Crime: Advocates of legalized gambling will be unhappy to know that Nevada led the nation in crime last year. It had the highest per capita rate of all states in crime last year. It had the highest per capita rate of all states in larceny, auto thefts, and forcible rape, second highest in murder and non-negligent homicide. Gambling attracts the worst in transients, frequently brings out the worst in people.

Mrs. Billie M. Jones of Silver entered Coke Hospital Tuesday.

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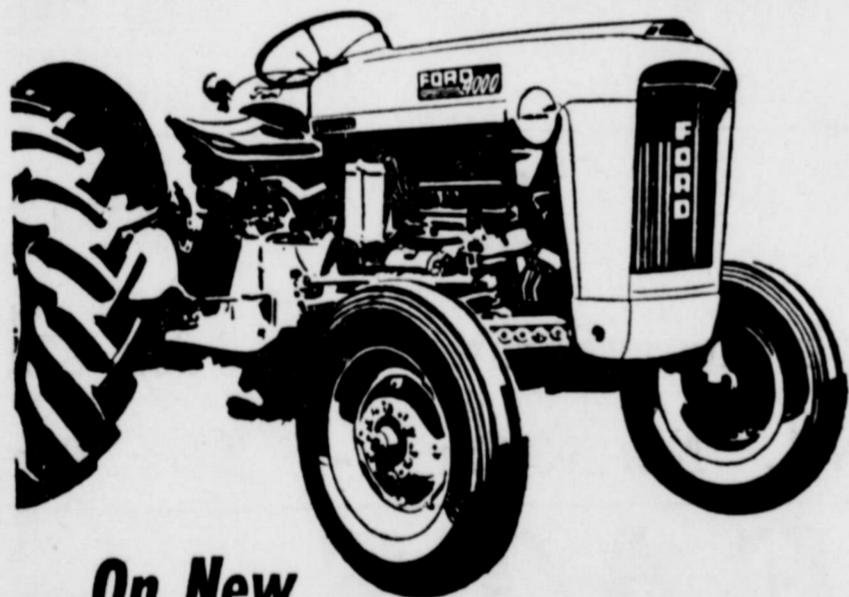
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SEN. YARBOROUGH COMES OUT FOR TAX REDUCTION, SPENDING

(Editorial)

In his news letter received last week dated August 16, Senator Yarborough writes:

I am still working on a bill for tax reduction; a bill for health care of the aged; a bill extending our Area Redevelopment program so vital to large areas of Texas; my GI Bill for our cold war veterans; a bill to renew aid to impacted school areas where a heavy in-flow of federal military families has over-burdened local schools; a bill for final action on funds for harbors and rivers; for bills to turn back the rising tide of unemployment.

On the back side of the same sheet is a picture of Senator Yarborough with rural letter carriers, for whom he was working for pay increases.

In Senator Yarborough's letters from week to week, most of them have named measures for the expenditure of large sums of money for which he is working.

He also has come out for cutting down on foreign aid to countries now prospering but reports from Congress do not show enough reduction in foreign aid to pay for a fraction of the expenditures being proposed, with the taxes we now have, much less with any considerable reduction of taxes.

These things could not possibly be done without doing them with borrowed money.

In a speech at Beaumont, Senator Yarborough pointed out that the Federal government has been spending in Texas more money than it receives from Texans in taxes, but did not say how much of that was borrowed money on which American taxpayers, including Texans, will be paying interest for many, many years to come.

FORMERLY OF EDITH, MRS. PATTERSON HERE FROM ARANSAS PASS

Mrs. Eva Patterson of Aransas Pass, Texas, is visiting with her niece, Mrs. Pauline Coalson. Mrs. Patterson is the former Eva McLaughlin, who lived in the Edith community many years ago. She is spending some time in Blackwell, with her sister, Flora Patterson and niece, Edna Snead.

Mrs. Patterson came in for copies of the Observer which contained a picture of a baseball team that included Neal McLaughlin, who played baseball with Marvin Stewart in 1906. Neal McLaughlin passed on some 20 years ago, and was Mrs. Patterson's brother.

THEY DO DRILL 'EM IN SOME WONDERFUL PLACES

When locations for oil wells are plotted in the office on the map, they are sometimes hard to find on the ground.

Recently one was pin-pointed on the map, and when an oil company employee hunted it down, it was up on the side of Horse Mountain, accessible mostly to mountain goats, a few sheep and a few humans addicted to mountain climbing.

Maybe a bulldozer could be dropped by helicopter, if there was a way to tie it down.

TAKES PART IN SCOUT TRAINING

Mr. Hale Kincaid of Silver, Neighborhood Chairman of Scouting, is taking specialized training in Leadership Training at the Philmont Volunteer Training Center which is operated by the Boy Scouts of America at the Philmont Scout Ranch in the Sangre de Cristo range of the great Rocky Mountain chain in northeastern New Mexico.

National Scouting leaders are instructors for the 1,500 persons who will attend the 22 conferences being offered this summer at the 137,000 acre national Scout camp.

Participating in the family program at the Volunteer Training Center are Mrs. Kincaid, Judy and Gene.

In addition to the Training Center, Philmont, the largest boys' camp in the world, will be the scene of 12-day expeditions of 15,000 Explorers and older Boy Scouts this summer.

Mr. Kincaid has been active in Scouting for 16 years and is Production Foreman, Sun Oil Co.

TRIMBLE LAUNDRY TO CLOSE FRIDAY OF THIS WEEK, AUG. 30

Friday, August 30, Mrs. Bill Trimble is closing her Self-Service Laundry in Robert Lee, after 17 years in the business, according to announcement published elsewhere this issue. She is now working part time at the hospital.

Mrs. Trimble in August 1946 bought half interest in the laundry from I. N. Eubanks, who with his sister, her sister-in-law, Mrs. Jack Trimble, had been operating it for some time.

MORGANS AT EDITH

Among those at Edith Homecoming were Ralph and Ruth Morgan (Mr. and Mrs.) of Colorado City. Mrs. Morgan's mother was formerly Ada Lamb, sister of Albert Lamb, who by the way is still definitely living. He was a printer here and once edited the Observer, now lives in Colorado City.

LOCAL NEWS

The Robert Lee Future Homemakers of America will sponsor their annual Back-to-School ice cream supper Thursday, August 29, at 6:00 p.m. in front of the gym. All high school faculty and students are invited to attend and are encouraged to bring their annual for a combined Autograph party.

Mrs. Fannie Carwile with Henry and Effie attended the wedding of her granddaughter and their niece, Helen Hayes Carwile at Allen Gwinn at Hillcrest Baptist Church, Carlsbad, New Mexico, Saturday night of last week, returning Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Gwinn is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Carwile, of Carlsbad.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Farris and son, Mark, of Ft. Worth, have been visiting in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Buster Farris.

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WELL, YES, YOU MIGHT SAY ITS A BIT SNAKY

Doyle Robertson wasn't out hunting rattlesnakes, but within fifteen minutes of each other he encountered and killed two at the old Neal place in Friendship community, totaling 87 inches.

The largest measured 51 inches and trailed twelve rattles, with some evidently lost. Another, with

nine rattles was about three feet long.

For not hunting snakes on a hot August day, he thought it was something of a record for number of inches of snake in that length of time, and he brought the two reptiles to the newspaper office to prove it.

In case of fire Dial 453-4291.

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NO. 2 1/2 CAN

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GREEN BEANS, No. 303 Can - 2 for 63c

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Cutlets 1b. 65c

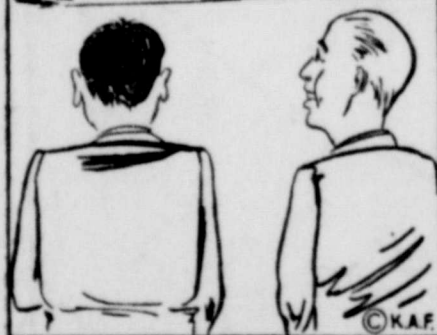
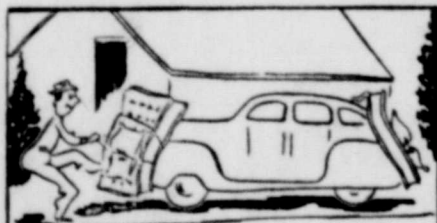
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