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Hospital Tax Vote Saturday

EDITORIAL

The fate of West Coke County Hospital will be in the hands of voters living in commissioner precincts 1 and 3, Saturday, when they go to the polls and decide if they are willing to pay any more taxes to keep the hospital and nursing home in operation.

Voters will decide if they are willing to permit the hospital's board of directors to raise taxes to not more than 75 cents per \$100.

Nobody wants to pay more taxes, but heavier taxation is the order of the day, as citizens

Services Held For J. R. Johnson, 88

Funeral services were held in Brady Monday, July 3, for James Randolph Johnson, 88, of Melvin, former long-time Coke County resident. The services were at 3:30 p.m. conducted by Henry McBroom, minister, in the 4th and Bridge St. Church of Christ. Burial was in Rest Haven cemetery.

Mr. Johnson died Saturday, July 1, at 9:30 p. m. in Sam Houston Memorial Hospital in Houston.

He was born July 25, 1878, in Taylor and was raised near Gatesville in Coryell County. He was married to Nola Brim, May 21, 1901 in Goldthwaite. They moved near Bronte in 1909 and lived in this area until 1956 when they retired to their Melvin residence. Mr. Johnson was a farmer and stock farmer.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, James N. of Waco and J. Sewell of Houston; two daughters, Mrs. Lois Mae Smith of Robert Lee and Mrs. Mildred Mitchell of Melvin; 14 grandchildren; 31 great-grandchildren; one sister and two brothers.

Pee Wees Take Win From Bronte

Robert Lee's Pee Wee A team, the Bluebirds, took another victory last Thursday when the A team from Bronte visited here. The game ended with a tight 15-14 score in favor of the locals.

The score was tied 14-14 in the waning minutes of the contest, when Morris Wallace got a hit and brought in a run from off base to make the winning score. Mike Percifull slammed three home runs, while Bobby Duncan socked one homer for earlier scores.

The two Robert Lee Pee Wee teams tangled Monday night with the A Bluebirds outdoing the B Redbirds, 12-5. Bobby Duncan was the winning pitcher, assisted by Tim Rowaldt, and Mike Percifull was catcher. Percifull also slammed a homer for the Blues.

The Bluebirds will play Sterling City there this Thursday (tonight).

Cary Salter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dempsey Salter of Eldorado is here spending a week with a friend, Sterling Allen.

demand more and more services from various taxing agencies. The hospital district is no exception. Nobody who goes to West Coke Hospital as a patient would want the institution to cut corners which would lower the quality of services and treatment, just to save a few dollars a year for most taxpayers.

The welfare of the patient is the first consideration in the operation of a hospital. Good hospital care requires expensive equipment, expensive payrolls and expensive monthly bills for merchandise and services bought.

Most everyone in Robert Lee is proud of the beautiful new hospital and of the services it renders to the ill and injured of this area. Its value cannot be marked up in dollars and cents; for who is to say how many lives have been and will be saved by having this fine facility right here at home? No price can be placed on this service, nor on the piece of mind it gives to residents.

The Observer feels that this humanitarian function of the hospital is sufficient to cause everyone to vote to keep it open.

However, if there are those who wish to consider this matter only from a dollar and cents view, they might consider that they have an investment of approximately one-third of a million dollars, which needs to be protected.

The hospital district is liable to the \$110,000 bond issue which was voted and placed with federal money to build and equip the present plant.

These bonds must be retired, whether or not the hospital stays open. To make bond payments on a closed hospital would be about as distasteful as making air conditioner payments in winter time.

We believe that voters must think on these two major considerations before they vote Saturday: (1) the world of relief and care which is given to those who need it, and (2) financial loss which would accrue to taxpayers if the hospital should be closed.

If you think on these things with an honest mind, and with no prejudice, we believe you must for YOUR hospital.

A big turnout is expected Saturday when qualified voters of precincts 1 and 3 go to the polls to cast their ballots on the proposition of whether directors of West Coke County Hospital will be authorized to increase taxes levied by the district to not more than 75 cents per \$100 valuation.

A bill passed by the recent session of the Texas Legislature authorized levying of the increase provided it is approved by voters of the district.

Qualified voters in this election are residents of the district who are 21 years of age or older, have registered to vote, and have rendered property in the district for taxation.

Directors of the hospital became aware of financial difficulty several months ago and requested passage of the bill authorizing the increase in taxes by the Texas Legislature.

Directors and Mrs. Truman Hines, hospital administrator, say the need for additional money has been brought about by increase in prices of all goods and services used by the hospital, by increased costs brought on by the introduction of Medicare, and by the new minimum wage law which required salary increases for most employees.

Mrs. Hines said it is a "simple matter of arithmetic. There just isn't enough money coming in

under the present tax setup of 25 cents per \$100 plus patient charges to pay the cost of operation and debt retirement."

The administrator told the Observer that collections have been exceptionally good all this year, "or we could not have operated this long." She added, however, that quite a large amount of money is still owing the hospital from back when it was a county hospital.

Directors say passage of the tax increase is a "must" if the hospital is to keep operating. They have studied needs of the hospital district and say that an increase to 40 to 50 cents per \$100 valuation should be sufficient to get the institution back "in the black." One director predicted that there is a good possibility that the rate might even be lowered somewhat below that estimate, after the deficit is cleared up. However, none of the hospital governing body felt that the rate could be lowered back to its present level of 25 cents.

BOOKS ARE OPEN

Mrs. Hines said the books of the hospital are out for inspection by any interested person. "I will be glad for anybody who is interested to come by and see the figures on our income and expenditures. A look at the books will convince voters that something has to be done," she said.

Polling places will be set up in the courthouse in Robert Lee and at Green Mountain Community Center. Mrs. W. E. Jacoby will be election judge in the Robert Lee box and Fennell Smith will be judge of the Green Mountain box.

Directors urged everyone who is qualified to vote Saturday. "We would like very much to see the election carry," they said, "But even if it does not, we would like to have the decision made by all the voters instead of a few."

60 Persons Enroll For Swim Lessons

A big class of 48 beginning swimmers started lessons Monday at the pool in Robert Lee County Park. Twelve persons signed up for advanced lessons.

James Fields and Ronnie Devoll are serving as instructors for the classes. They are being assisted by Charlotte Foster of Sterling City.

Both beginner and advanced courses will consist of ten lessons over a two weeks' period. Beginners classes are held each day from 9 to 10 a.m., and advanced classes are held from 10 to 11 a.m.

The only cost for the lessons is the regular admission price to the pool: 15 cents for children and 35 cents for adults.

Anyone else who is interested in taking the lessons should call Mrs. Yvonne Devoll at 453-2171.

Terry Thetford returned from Houston recently and is attending the second summer semester at Angelo State College in San Angelo.

Rinda Beth Wojtek is visiting in Odessa with her sisters, Mrs. Monty Trimble, Mrs. Mike Hollis and their husbands.

Bank's Assets Over \$3 Million

For the first time in its history, total assets of Robert Lee State Bank exceeded \$3 million at the time of a bank call. On a call June 30, the banks total

assets had reached \$3,048,286.16.

This figure is a considerable jump from the \$2,566,243.45 which was listed on the bank's statement a year ago, amounting to \$482,042.71. It is also a rise of \$164,036.36 over the \$2,884,249.80 which was listed as the bank's total assets on April 25, 1967, just slightly more than two months ago.

An increase in deposits makes up the growth. The \$2,853,412.38 on deposit June 30 is \$165,799.08 above the \$2,687,613.30 on deposit April 25, and \$463,547.16 over the \$2,389,865.22 on deposit a year ago.

Loans which the bank has out have also showed a similar steady growth. On June 30, loans amounted to \$1,253,411.69, an increase of \$45,046.56 over Apr. 25, and \$186,847.63 over the \$1,066,564.06 on June 30, 1966.

HOME FROM GERMANY

Carlton Boone is home visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sloan Boone, after completing a three year enlistment in the U.S. Army. He was stationed in Germany with the combat engineers most of the three years.

His mother said he had made no plans presently but would rest and visit relatives. He received his discharge last week.

History Group To Meet With BCD

Coke County Historical Survey Committee has scheduled a joint luncheon meeting with the Robert Lee Board of Community Development at 12 noon Tuesday, July 18, during the BCD's regular meeting in the Recreation Hall in the park.

Brief facts concerning the history of Robert Lee will be presented and a gift of historical significance will be presented to the City of Robert Lee.

Persons wishing to attend the luncheon should make reservations by Monday afternoon. Tickets for the luncheon are \$1.25 each.

To make reservations call the BCD secretary, Mrs. J. M. Prime Jr. at 453-3501 (Observer office), BCD President Jim Bickley or Mrs. Bryan Yarbrough, chairman of the Historical Survey Committee at 453-4671.

Bickley and Mrs. Yarbrough urge all BCD and HSC members and other interested persons to attend.

Oilers Completed In North Coke

Considerable oil activity has been taking place in the north part of the county during the past several days.

A well was completed 16 miles northwest of Robert Lee, in the Panther Gap North pool, in Nolan County.

It is Humble No. 1 George B. Arledge. Location is 990 feet from the north and 560 feet from the west lines of Section 235, 1A, H&TC.

No. 1 Arledge had a daily potential of 256 barrels of 46.9 gravity oil.

The hole was drilled to a total depth of 5,857 feet and plugged back to 5,820 feet.

Gas-oil ratio was 1,120-1.

Third producer and a ½-mile west extension was assured to the same field with the flowing of 197 barrels of oil in 14 hours at Tucker Drilling Co., Inc. and Peter Henderson of San Angelo, No. 5-A Foster S. Price, in 234-1A-H&TC, 4½ miles northeast of Silver.

The project was scheduled as a stepout to the Bloodworth, Northeast (5,750 Canyon) field. Tucker and Henderson staked two locations in the Panther Gap North Field. Both have proposed depths of 6,200 feet with rotary. They are located on the Foster S. Price lease.

No. 1-C Price spots 1,011 feet from the north and 700 feet from the east lines of Section 234, 1A-H&TC.

No. 2-C Price is located 2,850 feet from the west and 2,223 feet from the north lines of Section 234.

Humble completed a well 16 miles northwest of Robert Lee in the Bloodworth, Northeast Field. It is No. 2 Foster S. Price. Daily potential was 29 barrels of 42.7 gravity oil. It is pumping from perforations at 5,693; 5,697, 5,707, 5,714 and 5,723 feet.

Location is 2,154 feet from the north and 1,860 feet from the east lines of Section 306, 1-A-H&TC.

PERSONALS

Mrs. Harvey Reid returned home Saturday after a two weeks stay at Burnet helping care for her mother, Mrs. Urden Arbuckle who has been seriously ill in the hospital there.

Mrs. Jerry Thomason and Jack left Monday for Dallas, where Jack was scheduled for major surgery Wednesday morning at the Baylor hospital at 3500 Gaston Ave.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerald Brasuel and children were weekend visitors in his parents home, Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Brasuel at Odessa.

Mr. and Mrs. Bascom Chesney and Cindy and Pam spent the fourth of July weekend with the Turney Caseys. Cindy and Pam remained for a longer visit with their grandparents. While here they are taking swimming lessons.

Marsha Dodson is attending summer school in San Angelo this summer. She is staying in the home of her uncle, Jodie Williams. She is taking a computer-programmer course at Central High School and advanced typing at San Angelo Business College.

Mrs. Leah Morris of Santee, Calif., Mrs. Aileen Bishop, Ronnie, Jerry and a granddaughter, Mary of Mendote, Calif., visited in the homes of their nieces, Mrs. Floyd Harmon and Mrs. W. E. Burns, one day last week.

16 4-Hers Compete In Horse Show

The Second Annual Coke County 4-H Horse Show was held at the Coke County Roping Club arena in Bronte Friday night, July 7. Sixteen club members exhibited 21 horses, sharing honors in the 15 classes. The show was divided into Senior and Junior divisions with eight club members competing in each division. Judges for the show were J. F. McCabe, Jr. and Bob Fields of Robert Lee.

Championship honors were well divided with several competitors taking home the prized rosettes. In the mare classes, Senior division, Redwing, shown by Charles Bloodworth, of Silver, was selected top animal. Missy, shown by Joy Cervenka, of Maverick, was reserve champion. In the Junior division, Jeanie Tejas, shown by Michael Davis, of Robert Lee, was named champion and Sugar, shown by Richard Scott, of Blackwell, was the reserve champion.

The gelding competition found Ball, shown by Sharon McCutchen of Bronte, tops in the Senior division. The reserve champion honors went to Jackwell Jet, shown by Marshall Millican, of Robert Lee.

The Junior division gelding winners were Nuggets, shown by Troy Millican, of Robert Lee, and Snuffy, shown by Buri Davis, also of Robert Lee.

Three club members were double winners in the performance class of the show. Marshall and Troy Millican won both the Western Pleasure and Reining Classes of their respective divisions. Marshall was competing on Jackwell Jet while Troy used Nuggets.

Marvin Ensor, of Bronte, was tops in the other two Junior division performance classes, Pole Bending and Barrel Racing, riding his speedy horse, Poncho. The other two senior winners were Teddy Millican, of Silver, winning the Pole Bending race, riding T-Mack and Sharon McCutchen with top time in the Barrel Racing while riding Friday.

The complete results of the show will not be run until next week, because of space limitations.

Lt. Col. Bryan Retires After 20 Years Service

Lt. Col. Frank D. Bryan, who was reared in Robert Lee and was formerly in the grocery business here, retired from active duty in the United States Army June 30, after more than 24 years of military service.

At the time of his retirement, Colonel Bryan was stationed at Oakland Army Base, Oakland, Calif., as Chief transportation Division.

Bryan served as an enlisted man from November 1942 to May 1943. He was commissioned a second lieutenant May 28, 1943, upon graduation from Quartermaster OCS and served on active duty until Feb. 16, 1946. He was recalled to active duty on Sept. 4, 1950, during the Korean Conflict, and has had continuous service since that date. He achieved the rank of lieutenant colonel Dec. 31, 1964.

A communication from the base commander said:

"During his honorable and faithful service, Lieutenant Colonel Bryan served in the United States and overseas as company commander, Reception Center, Fort Sam Houston, Texas; commander and Headquarters commander, Headquarters Company, Southwest Command, Otsu, Japan; Post Transportation officer, Valley Forge Army Hospital, Phoenixville, Pa.; commanding officer, 78th Transportation Company, Bussac, France; Chief, Plans and Intelligence Branch, 37th Transportation Highway Transport Command, Orleans, France; Army advisor, 245th Transportation Bn., 45th Infantry Division, Ardmore, Okla.; and transportation officer, USAR-AL Yukon Command, Fort Wainwright, Alaska."

He continued, "Lieutenant Colonel Bryan's devotion to duty throughout many years of faithful service reflects the highest credit upon himself and the military service of the United States. All members of this command extend best wishes to him on the occasion of his retirement."

Colonel Bryan is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bryan and is married to the former Doris Simpson, daughter of Mrs. Vic Simpson and the late Mr. Simpson. They have one daughter, Pat, 18. Wilson Bryan of Robert Lee is a brother of the colonel.

THIS WEEK'S RECORD

DEEDS FILED

JUNE 27

Nettie Hale Essary to Walter J. Baudoin, the north 124.9 acres of Block 14, HE&WTRR Co. Survey No. 1.

JUNE 26

Laverle Myer Campbell to John M. Myer Jr., an undivided two-third interest in and to surface and improvements only of 65.99 acres out of a 200 acre tract in northeast part of L. N. Taylor Survey No. 18, also known as AD & M Survey No. 18.

William and Louann Moody to Weldon V. Bosworth, Blocks 1, 22, 23, 24, 25, and Lots 1-5, Block 2, and all of Block 46, except Lot 5, original townsite of Bronte.

JUNE 29

J. C. Strickland to Ivey Motor Co., parts of Lots 8 and 9, Block 16, original townsite of Robert Lee.

JULY 5

Earl F. Glenn to Minnie B. West, Lots 1 and 2, Block 18 original townsite of Bronte.

JULY 6

Bert Cornelius to Louis A. Hill, Lot 11, Block 25, townsite of Tennyson.

Heard At Sanco

Mrs. T. E. Pitcock and Sheri recently returned from a vacation tour of northern States with her brother - in - law and sister Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Winkler and children of Abilene.

Mrs. H L Reid returned home last week after spending two weeks in Burnet with her mother, Mrs. Urden Arbuckle, who is confined in a local hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. I. A. Bird were hosts to a fourth of July picnic at their private park

Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Eubanks of New Mexico, a nephew of Mrs. Urden Arbuckle, and Mr. and Mrs. Sam McGallion visited her in a Burnet Hospital last Saturday. They also visited Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Arbuckle at Kingsland and Mr. and Mrs. Horton Devoll who live in Burnet.

L. T. Brockman Funeral Held

Louis T. Brockman, 75, was found shot to death in his home in San Angelo around 4 p. m. Saturday, July 8.

He had been shot once below the heart and once behind the left ear. A .22 caliber, lever action rifle was found near the body.

Brockman was taken to Shannon Hospital and was pronounced dead on arrival.

Peace Justice O. L. Miller ruled suicide in the death.

He and his wife, Mrs. Annie Brockman, recently had moved to San Angelo from Mason. He was retired.

Mr. Brockman was born Aug. 24, 1891 in Mason County. He was married to Annie Williams Dec. 4, 1920.

Survivors include his wife; one brother, Henry Brockman of Fairbanks, Alaska; six sisters, Mrs. Francis Hardin, Mrs. Annie Capps, Miss Bessie Brockman, all of Mason, Mrs. Cordie Burns of Brady, Mrs. Dona Bedford of Fort Worth, and Mrs. Amanda Grote of Robert Lee; several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services are pending at Johnsons's Funeral Home.

Funeral services were held Tuesday at 3:30 p. m. in Mason Funeral Home. Burial was in Gooch Cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Royce Wilkerson and two sons of Corpus Christi visited her mother, Mrs. Jim Blair and other relatives here on the July 4th holidays. Frankie Blair of Animos, New Mexico, visited his mother this past weekend.

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FOR SALE — New Whirlpool 14 cubic foot refrigerator, \$229.95 with trade. New Whirlpool automatic washer, \$219.95 with trade. Champion evaporative coolers bargain priced. Call 453-2721. 2tp

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RESIDENTS ATTEND RITES AT MILL CREEK, OKLA.

Mr. and Mrs. David Key and daughter and Mrs. D. P. Key returned Monday from Mill Creek, Okla., where they attended the funeral of Kenneth T. Shropshire. He was 73 years of age and had been ill for some time. He spent most of his life in the Robert Lee vicinity.

He will be remembered by old friends of this area who knew him then.

Mr. Shropshire was a brother of Mrs. D. P. Key.

Walker Reunion Draws 102 Persons

A total of 102 persons were present for the Walker family reunion which was held Sunday at the recreation center in Robert Lee County Park.

Family members from Robert Lee included: Messrs. and Mmes. J. S. Walker, D. J. Walker Jr. and family, W. H. Robertson, J. C. Wallace and family, Curtis Walker, Roy Walker, O. B. Jacobs and son, John Jacobs and son, Virgil Streng and children; also D. J. Walker Sr. and Ronnie Walker.

Attending from San Angelo were Messrs. and Mmes. John Walker and great grandson, Jack Wimberly, Ernest Bloodworth, Curtis Wayne Walker and children, and Eldon Turnbow.

Also, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Furgurson and Mrs. Brenda Davis and daughter, all of Grand Prairie; Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Palmer and son and Mr. and Mrs. Billy Groggins and son, Arlington; Mrs. Edna Varnadore and daughter, Amarillo; Mr. and Mrs. Duane Conger and daughter, Zephyr; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hardin and children, Dublin; Mr. and Mrs. Wayland Drennan, Christoval; Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Walker and sons, Odessa.

Those present from Silver were Messrs. and Mmes. J. B. Walker Jr. and children, H. L. Bloodworth and Raymond Bloodworth and family.

Also, Robert Walker, Sanco; Mr. and Mrs. Gorman Walker and children, Bronte; Mr. and Mrs. Russell Hall, McCamey.

Visitors included Mrs. Artie Walls, Blackwell; Jim Palmer and Miss Juanita Barger, San Angelo; Darrell Pitcock, Mike Post, Barbara Blaylock, Mrs. C. B. Mitchell, Mrs. Elwood Hambricht, and Melvin Allen, all of Robert Lee.

4-H Dress Revue July 13 At R-Lee

The Coke County 4-H Dress Revue will be held Thursday, July 13, at 8:30 p. m. in the Recreation Hall in Robert Lee. Twenty - two girls from Bronte and Robert Lee have participated in the clothing program. Most of the girls will be on hand Thursday evening to model the garment made.

Judging was done Tuesday. Ribbons will be awarded to girls participating. The public is invited to attend the Dress Revue.

Farm Bureau Queen, Talent Contests Planned

Coke County Farm Bureau will have its annual Queen and Talent Contests Saturday, July 29 at 8 p. m., it was announced this week. The program will be held at Robert Lee School auditorium. Following the contests an ice cream and cake sale will be held.

The committee in charge of the Queen Contest is made up of Mrs. Ben Boykin, chairman, Mrs. Robert Large, Mrs. Fred McCabe Jr. and Mrs. C. E. Arrott. In charge of the Talent Contest is Mrs. Wilson Bryan, assisted by Mrs. Dolan Mackey.

This year's Queen Conests will be limited to senior girls, between the ages of 16 and 22.

Girls who have already indicated they will enter are Barbara Blaylock, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Blaylock; Kaye Roberts, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Artell Roberts; Rinda Beth Wojtek, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Wojtek; Kathy Preslar, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Burns.

Only persons between the ages of 17 and 30 will be eligible to represent Coke County in the district Talent Contest. However, anyone else who has talent is invited and encouraged to participate in the program.

Persons who win in the county in both contests will represent Coke County at the district level, and district winners will be eligible to participate in the state contests, later this year.

Ice Cream and Cake

Following the program, all those present will be invited to eat home made ice cream and cake. A bowl of ice cream and a piece of cake will sell for 25 cents. A large variety of flavors is expected to be available.

Mrs. Arrott, who is secretary of Coke County Farm Bureau, can be contacted at the office in Robert Lee by anyone who wants more information on either of the contests; or those interested may contact other committee members listed above.

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Coke Has Chance To Gain Benefits From Grant For Economic Opportunity

The Office of Economic Opportunity has approved grants totaling \$271,257 to the Tom Green County Community Action Council for various antipoverty programs.

The largest share of the grant — \$211,257 — will go to establishing the local council as district headquarters for antipoverty pro-

grams in a 21-county area of West Texas.

The counties include Kimble, Sutton, Menard, Schleicher, Iraan, Coke, Sterling, Crockett, Andrews, Martin, Howard, Loving, Winkler, Ector, Midland, Glasscock, Ward, Crane, Upton, and Reagan.

The \$211,257 grant includes \$42,885 for a comprehensive study of poverty conditions in the area and \$168,389 for the establishment and administration of antipoverty programs.

Both will be administered through the Tom Green County Community Action Council, although each local program will have its own board of directors and staff members will be hired locally if possible.

The area has a population of 421,425 according to the 1960 census, of which an estimated 31 per cent have poverty level incomes.

The study to be undertaken will cover the needs, resources, and capabilities of the area in order to establish the proper antipoverty program.

The money will be distributed equally to each county on the basis of the poverty level of residents in each county.

The remainder of the grant will be used locally by the Tom Green County Community Action Council. About \$32,000 is allocated for a "Community Outreach" housing study and self-help program.

In addition to the study, the program calls for the purchase of tools and material with which poverty - level residents may improve their housing facilities.

Halfway House, a private rehabilitation center for alcoholics and drug addicts in San Angelo, has been granted about \$5,000 for the hiring of a permanent director. The sum is a direct grant made through the local council.

The remaining \$20,993 is for a special seven-week summer program, already begun there, to provide recreation and education for young people from low-income families.

Mr. and Mrs. Perry Post and Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Bloodworth and children returned home Monday from Sterlington, Louisiana where they visited with relatives and attended the funeral Saturday of Mr. Post and Mrs. Bloodworth's brother - in - law, Jesse White, who died last week.

FISH IN RIVER

Those attending a July 4 outing and fishing trip on the river at Silver were: Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Bloodworth, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Bloodworth, Carl Lonnie and Charles, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Bloodworth, Janice and Clay, all of Silver; Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Wallace Jr., Marilyn, Jack Donna, Susan and Buddy, Mr and Mrs. Perry Post and Mike, Mrs. Bonita Robertson and Elaine, Mr. and Mrs. Donnie Robertson, all of Robert Lee; and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Bloodworth of San Angelo.

PERSONALS

Mrs. Wayne Mashburn, Rena Gaye and Rickey of Pampa spent a week here recently visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Harmon.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Hood and James visited Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Davidson at Brownwood and spent a couple days on the river fishing.

Mr. and Mrs. Orval Denman of Rockville, Maryland, visited several days this week in the home of his father, Guy Denman and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Elliott spent several days last week visiting with their son and family, Delmo Elliott at Katempcy.

Jan, Judy, and Randy, children of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Glen Carwile of San Angelo spent last week here visiting in the home of their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Carwile.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam McGallion accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Eubanks of Eunice, New Mexico to Comanche during the weekend to visit in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Miller and they visited Mr. and Mrs. I. H. Devoll at Burnet, Mr. and Mrs. Truell Arbuckle at Kingsland.

Mr. and Mrs. Horten Farr of Eden visited their daughter, Mrs. Leo Copeland and family over July 4 holiday.

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Mr. and Mrs. Ray Aldridge of Odessa were weekend guests in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Roberston.

Mrs. J. D. Green and Nancy are visiting a daughter and sister, Mrs. Joe Henson and family at Canyon for two weeks.

O. H. (Judge) Campbell

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WELCOME

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

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
 Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
 Training Union 6:30 p.m.
 Evening Worship 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday
 Prayer Meeting 7:30 p.m.

SSGT. DAVID CALDER STATIONED IN VIETNAM

Staff Sergeant David C. Calder, whose mother is Mrs. Fred Smith of Robert Lee, is on duty at Phan Rang, AB, Vietnam.

Sergeant Calder, a maintenance scheduler, is a member of the Tactical Air Command which supports U. S. ground forces with air strikes, aerial delivery of troops and equipment and other combat airpower.

Before his arrival in Southeast Asia, he was assigned to McGuire AFB, N. J.

The sergeant is a graduate of Robert Lee High School. His father, Clifton Calder, also resides in Robert Lee.

The sergeant's wife, JoAnn, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Goldstone of 8 Courtland St., Geneva, N. Y.

Visitors in the home of Mrs. Ethel Green during the weekend of July 4 were Mr. and Mrs. Ed Gray of San Angelo; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wiggins, Carlsbad, New Mexico; Mr. Glen Gray of Winters and Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Gray and family who are visiting relatives in the States after a four year stay in Africa doing missionary work.

Mrs. Jackie Mahon and son, Bill and her daughter Mrs. Bobby Jean Genzer all of Weimer were guests in the homes of her father, Roy Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Ivey Eubanks and Mrs. P. E. Mahon for three days last week.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Sparks and Bucky returned home last Wednesday from a two week vacation. They toured Big Bend National Park traveling out through El Paso to Phoenix, Arizona where they visited several days with his sister and family Mr. and Mrs. Albert Blair and on to Grand Canyon in northern Arizona. On the return trip home they stopped off in Albuquerque, New Mexico and were guests in the home of another sister, Mrs. Curtis Stewart and from there to Lubbock where they visited with a daughter and her family the Wallace Colburns.

Weekend guests in the B. R. Duncan home were her mother, Mrs. Edna Huddleston and Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Watson and family all of San Jose, Texas.

Mrs. J. C. Wallace Jr., Susan and Buddie spent Friday night in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Doug Wilks at Midland and returned home Saturday. They picked up another daughter, Donna, who had been spending a week in the Wilks home.

PITCOCKS RETURN FROM WESTERN STATES TRIP

Mrs. Teddy Pitcock and Sheri have just returned from an 11 day, 3100 mile trip which they took with Mrs. Pitcocks sister, Mrs. G. M. Winkler and family.

They drove through New Mexico, Utah, Idaho, and into Montana. They spent one day in Salt Lake City touring the Temple grounds and seeing the Great Salt Lake. They went all through Yellowstone National Park, where they were snow bound for two hours waiting for the highway to be cleared. On their return home they spent two days around Colorado Springs sight-seeing such things as the big zoo and the Royal Gorge.

SILVER HOMECOMING

The annual Silver Homecoming will be held Sunday, July 23, at the Silver Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. Bread, meat and drinks will be furnished. Everyone is invited to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Hugh Odum and sons Robert and David of Delhi, La. left today after a week visit with his parents, the Bob Odoms.

PERSONALS

Mrs. Joe Siler and children of Lubbock spent two days and nights here last week during the fourth of July holidays visiting her father, Jim Robertson.

Mrs. E. O. Higgins was a guest in her daughter's home, Mrs. W. N. Terry at San Angelo Saturday and attended a family reunion Sunday.

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Banking House	37,155.00
Furniture and Fixtures	3,555.83
U. S. Bonds and Securities	763,801.09
State and County Securities	223,689.33
Other Bonds	51,860.13
Cash and Exchange	712,773.55
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	\$3,048,286.16

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$ 50,900.00
Surplus Account	110,000.00
Undivided Profits	26,529.29
Reserves	8,344.49
Deposits	2,853,412.38
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	\$3,048,286.16

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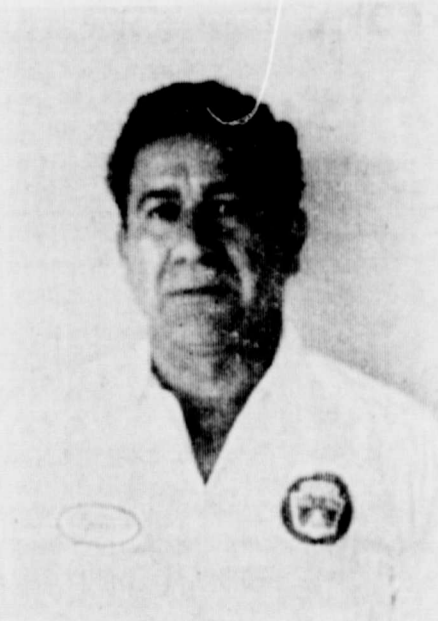
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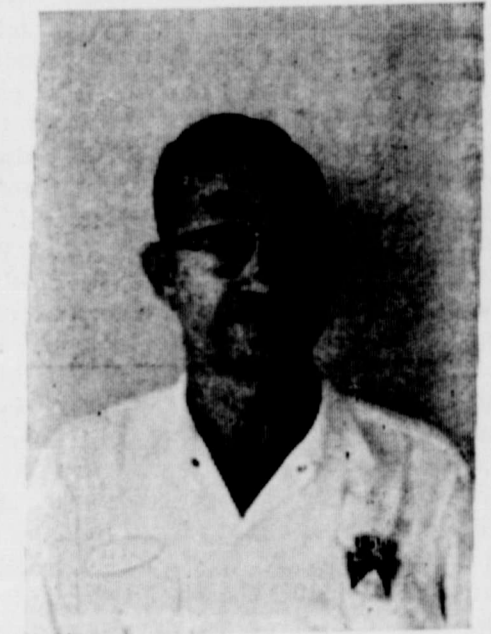
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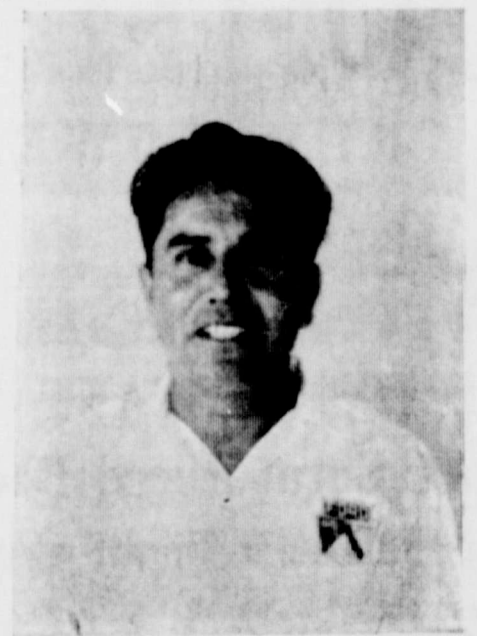
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BCD Members Hear Progress Report On Sewer System, Water Improvements

BCD members got a report on progress being made on the new sewer system and improvements on the water system when they

T. C. Coffey Killed In Mower Accident

Tandy C. Coffey, 60, of Denison, resident of Coke County from 1939 to 1956, was killed last Friday while operating a mowing machine for the Texas Highway Department.

Funeral services were held Saturday in Denison.

Mr. Coffey and his family lived at Silver on a stock farm from 1939 to 1952, when they moved to Robert Lee. He operated the Conoco station here until 1956, when they moved to North Texas.

He owned and operated a small stock farm near Denison and worked for the Highway Department.

When her husband failed to return from work Friday afternoon, Mrs. Coffey went to look for him, getting help from the Texas Highway Patrol. They found the tractor had mowing machine overturned in a ravine with Mr. Coffey pinned underneath. They surmised that he was killed instantly.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, T. C. Coffey Jr. in the Air Force in Florida, and William L. Coffey of Seadrift; two daughters, Mrs. J. W. McMinn of Louisiana and Mrs. Cecil Luckus of Denison.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Smith of Robert Lee attended the funeral services. Mr. Smith is a brother and Mrs. Pete Davis is a sister of Mrs. Coffey.

met in regular session. Mayor Robert Vaughan reported that the projects are coming along according to schedule, and that city officials are well pleased with work which has been done.

The mayor said that work on the sewer gathering system should be completed in another month. He praised workmen of San Antonio Construction Co., the firm building the gathering system. Vaughan said he felt they have done a good job and he has had no complaints about their work. He pointed out that all places where pavement has been cut will be filled and repaved before the job is completed.

W. B. Abbott of Lubbock, contractor for the water plant improvements and the sewer disposal plant, is making good progress on the water project and is expected to start on the disposal plant in the near future.

J. E. Quisenberry, secretary of West Coke Hospital District, reminded BCD members of the hospital tax election which will be held Saturday. Quisenberry pointed out the importance of carrying the election, and urged members to be sure to vote.

W. T. Roach called attention to the work being done by the city in cleaning weeds, grass and trash from around fire plugs. He said this work has greatly improved appearance of the area involved and suggested residents of the city might pattern after the city in cleaning up around their premises.

Pvt. Ronnie Walker of Fort Riley, Kansas, is here visiting his sister, Mrs. Mary Streng and other relatives for a month before he is to be sent to Vietnam.

ATTENDING AUSTIN MEET

A number of teachers and teachers aides are attending a workshop for small schools this week in Austin. The sessions are being held on the campus of the University of Texas.

The Robert Lee group left here Sunday afternoon and will return Friday.

Those attending are Mrs. Helen Anderson, Mrs. Naomi Powell, Mrs. Virginia Walling, Mrs. Jim Barnhill, Clifford Wilson, Prin. Garland Davis, and Supt. Jimmy Bickley.

Also teachers aides, Mrs. Ronnie Baker, Mrs. Edward Rives, Green, and Mrs. John Conley, Mrs. Willis Parker, Mrs. Bill

Ponies Win First Tourney Contest

Robert Lee's Pony League baseball team took their first game Monday in tournament play being held at Ira. The local lads downed Ira 9-5.

No sensational plays were reported — just good solid baseball which netted the Robert Lee boys their nine runs.

Mike Mumford worked the mound, while James Hood was catcher.

In a second game played with Westbrook Tuesday night, the Robert Lee boys came out on the long end of a 14-1 score. Doyle McCabe was the winning pitcher, and also slammed a homer, while Hood worked behind the plate again.

Final tournament play will be held Thursday night when Roscoe will go up against the Robert Lee team.

De De Lett of Abilene returned home last Friday after spending six days with her cousin, Mary Beth Dodson, and other relatives. She came to Robert Lee after attending the wedding of her sister in Abilene.

Progress Good On Housing Units

Things are looking different in the west part of Robert Lee, as work is well underway on the city's low rent housing project. Mrs. Yvonne Devoll, executive director of Robert Lee Housing Authority, said this week that everything is running smoothly and on schedule.

The contractor, Herman Bennett of Brownwood is building the 18 housing units after being the successful bidder on the project with an offer to construct them for \$191,790.

Clearing of trees and brush was completed several days ago, and workmen are busy this week building forms for foundations and floors. It is expected that floors will be poured the latter part of this week.

The old Roe home, located on the site, will be left where it is for the time being, and will be used as an office by the contractor.

Jerry McDonald is visiting relatives the O. L. McDonald at Dallas this week.

Mrs. Pearl Schooley is visiting her son and family. Cecil Schooley in Fort Worth. Also will visit her daughter and family, Mrs. Dean Taylor of Springtown, Texas.

Wojteks Host Barbecue At Oak Creek Lake Cabin

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Wojtek, Terry, Harvey and Carla, hosted a July 4 barbecue and outing at their cabin on Oak Creek Lake.

Members of Mrs. Wojtek's family who attended were Mrs. Fred Henson and Fred Jr. of Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Scott of Sweetwater; Mrs. Jay Whittley, Kay and Craig and Mrs. John Henson and Jeff, all of San Angelo.

Friends present included Mrs. Donna Geron of Sweetwater; Mary Lou Monteith of Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Roberts and Douglas, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Wayne Roe and Kenin, all of Robert Lee.

Unable to attend were Mrs. Wojtek's father, Fred Henson of Abilene, and her brother-in-law, Jay Whittley of San Angelo.

Mrs. Jaunita Borger of San Antonio and San Angelo and Mrs. Wayne Hulse and children of Leakey, were visitors in the home of Mrs. Annie Sparks last weekend. Mrs. Sparks accompanied her daughter, Mrs. Hulse home for an extended visit.

Nelson, Turney, Tim and Layne Coulter recently spent a week with their grandparents, the Tunrey Caseys. On the fourth of July the boys parents, Mr. and Mrs. Grady Coulter came and took them home.

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BAMA 18 OZ. GLASS
GRAPE JELLY - - 2 for 59c

SWIFT'S JEWEL

3 LB. CAN

Shortening 59c

WESSON OIL - 16 Oz. Size 35c

GIANT SIZE

Oxydol 69c

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ORANGE JUICE, 6 Oz. - 2 for 29c

FROSTY ACRES FROZEN

ORANGE JUICE, 12 Oz. - 2 for 55c

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