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Elaine Fikes Named Lions Club Sweetheart

Miss Elaine Fikes, 17 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Fikes, was elected Sweetheart of the Robert Lee-Silver Lions Club at their meeting last Tuesday. She will be their candidate in the District 2A-1 Queen's Contest to be held April 5-6 at the district convention in Brownwood.

Miss Fikes is a junior in Robert Lee High School and is active in many school activities. She has been in FHA three years, Beta Club, track, basketball and member of the Student Council.

Lions Club Secretary and Treasurer J. D. Mumford said, "The selection of a queen to preside over District 2A-1 will be one of the featured events at the Brownwood convention, since most of the 66 clubs in the district will be sponsoring a candidate for queen."

New officers for the Lions Club were also elected at Tuesday's meeting. They are: Freddie White, president; Rev. Bobby Palmos, first vice president; LeRoy McDaniel, second vice president; Gene Hinnard, third vice president; Jim Barnhill, secretary-treasurer; Henry Baker, tail twister; John D. Mumford, greeter; Hugh S. Lewis Jr. and Rev. Bill Beaty, one year directors; Terry Frank Bryan and Truman Hines, two year directors.

4-H Foods Show Set For Saturday

The Coke County 4-H Food Show will be held Saturday, April 6, in the Robert Lee Recreation Hall. Twenty-five girls are eligible to compete.

Girls entering the show will set up between 12 and 1 p.m. and judging will begin at 1 p.m.

Fant Milling Co., sponsor of the 4-H Foods and Nutrition program, will make awards to winners in the show.

The public is invited to attend the show at 3:30 p.m.

WEST WAY CELEBRATING SECOND ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. Vaughan Davis are celebrating the second anniversary of their food store operation in Robert Lee. They are running a full page ad this week and offering many specials to celebrate the occasion.

Prior to opening up West Way Grocery here in April, 1966, Davis operated the Sun Grocery at Silver for a number of years.

CANCER CRUSADE APRIL 12

Date for the annual Cancer Crusade in Coke County has been changed from April 9 to April 12, it was announced this week by the county chairman, Cecil Cox of Bronte.

Furst Moore is in charge of the drive in Robert Lee and surrounding area. Donations may be given to him at any time.

ROPING CLUB TO MEET

Members of the Coke County Roping Club will meet Sunday afternoon at 2 p.m. in the Bronte arena. All members and anyone interested are invited. The meeting is being held in connection with the Sunday afternoon roping at the arena.



Miss Elaine Fikes

Band Receives II Rating At S'water

Robert Lee's band received a Division II rating in both concert playing and sight reading in a UIL contest held Saturday at Sweetwater.

Band director L. W. Parker said he was well pleased with the performance of his students, and noted that the Division II rating is a real tribute to the band's ability.

Others competing in the same class with Robert Lee were Gail, Bronte, Jayton, Loraine and Trent. Only three sweepstakes awards were given to bands among the 33 competing. They went to Roscoe, Seagraves and Tahoka.

Concert Saturday

The band will appear in concert Saturday, April 26, in the school auditorium. All members of the entire band organization will appear at the concert. The public is invited to attend.

2256 License Tags Sold In County

An unofficial total of 2256 license tags were sold in Coke County at the office of Tax Assessor-Collector O. B. Jacobs, up through Monday.

Jacobs broke down the figure to include: 1300 passenger cars; 445 commercial vehicles; 328 farm tractors; 89 small trailers; 22 large trailers; 15 truck tractors; 60 farm trailers.

This figure is slightly under the 2295 sold in 1967. Jacobs said the figures are not final and may be subject to slight changes when a final count is made.

Mrs. Ruby Farris and Mrs. Juanice Jameson were weekend guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wendell McWilliams at Junction.

Balloting Set For Saturday In Three Local Elections

Citizens of Robert Lee will vote in three elections Saturday, and those who live in the area, but outside the city limits will vote in two.

Voters will elect a mayor and two aldermen for the city, two trustees for the school, and three directors for West Coke County Hospital District.

Two polling places will be set up for the hospital district election: at the courthouse in Robert

Lee with Mrs. F. C. Clark as presiding judge, and at Green Mountain Community Center with James Counts as presiding judge.

The three incumbent members of the hospital board of directors are the only candidates running. They include Fred McCabe Sr., J. E. Quisenberry and James Herford.

City Election

Some real competition is in evidence in the city election as two

candidates are running for mayor and five candidates seek two open spots on the city council.

O. H. Campbell and Wilson Bryan are the two candidates for mayor, while those seeking a spot on the council are Delbert Shoemaker, A. B. Sheppard, Jack R. Denman, Grady K. Bagley and Will Percifull.

The city election will be held at the city hall with Mrs. W. E. Jacoby serving as the presiding judge.

School Election

The school trustee election will be held at the school, with Horace Bloodworth serving as presiding judge.

Candidates for the two vacant spots include the incumbents, J. W. Service Jr. and Lewis Heuvel; also Wilbern Millican.

Work Is Begun For Golf Assn. On Clubhouse

Work was begun Tuesday on a clubhouse for Mountain Creek Golf Association. Will Percifull, local builder and contractor, is constructing the new building on a site adjoining Coke County Park. The site was purchased from the county under bid. Golf association officials said that the location and design of the building was planned to complement the park area.

The clubhouse will cost the association approximately \$11,000, which will include furnishings for the project. Financial arrangements have been made by the association to pay for the building over a seven year period. A down payment of \$2,500 will be made. This money has been collected through a sinking fund which was set up by the organization when it was started three years ago. The association has underwritten all costs and no public funds will be expended on the project.

Mountain Creek Golf Association members said they feel that the organization, as well as the new clubhouse, will be an asset to the community. Visitors have been drawn to the town because of golfing facilities and local citizens find much recreational activity on the golf course.

Family memberships can be purchased in the association which allow club privileges to all members of the family with small monthly dues. Green fee playing is also available at the course. The association makes its facilities available to the local high school golf team during the UIL golfing season at no charge to the boys or the school.

The association has been able to progress to its present status, officials say because of the interest shown by individuals and firms of the area. Donations of pipe, shrubs, trees and labor have been accepted by the club, and revenue from the course itself has been used to purchase pumps, equipment and supplies.

"The addition of the clubhouse to the course will enhance the beauty and service of the golf course and the community," one

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Moving Ranch House Subject For Meeting

A public county wide meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the district courtroom in Robert Lee Friday to discuss possibilities of moving the old Saul ranch house. The land mark is located in the basin of the Robert Lee reservoir, which will be covered with water in the future.

The meeting was called by the Coke County Historical Survey committee after a discussion of the matter at a meeting several days ago. It was decided that the task of moving the house and setting it up for public use was too big an undertaking for the committee; consequently, the committee felt the best way to handle

the matter would be to determine public interest and possible financial support for the project.

Officials of the Colorado River Municipal Water District have indicated an interest in giving the house to some group for public use. However, nothing official has been announced.

Committee members discussed the possibility of moving the house and converting it into a museum or library for use of all citizens of the county.

It was brought out that a great deal of interest and cooperation of many people would be necessary to get the project set up and to make it operational in future years.

Mrs. Bryan Yarbrough, survey committee chairman, urges everyone who has the slightest interest in the project to be present at the meeting Friday night.

Travel Agency Offering Trip To Astrodome

Abilene Travel Service, serving all the Big Country, today announced plans for their special trips to the Astrodome.

The Travel Service is headed by Harry Holt, well known and long-time farm and ranch authority in the Southwest.

The agency, while new, has two of the most experienced travel experts in the Southwest in Esther Carroll, longtime travel consultant with major airlines, and C. H. Martin, a veteran of over 22 years in tour and special trip planning.

Martin emphasized the fact that there is no charge for their services and yet customers have the benefit of professional travel personnel service which can result in substantial savings to the individual or group.

Martin also explained that the trips can easily be tailored to fit particular groups, dates, and needs.

Details concerning the Astrodome trip are in a special advertisement in this newspaper.

Thousands Tour Robert Lee Dam

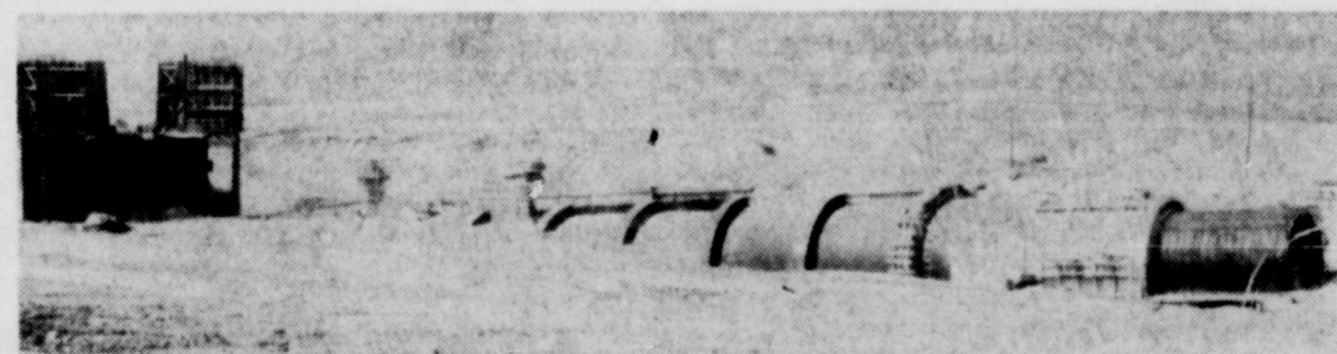
Thousands of persons from all over West Texas came to Robert Lee Sunday to tour the huge dam and reservoir now under construction. The visitors saw the project at the stage of approximately 65 per cent completion.

Visitors were greeted at the entrance to the area and given brochures describing the project and relating some of the impressive statistics which apply to it.

The \$8.7 million project is being built for the Colorado River Municipal Water District by Clement Bros. of Hickory, N. C.

Dozens of the giant earth movers being used on the project were lined up in the area Sunday afternoon. The equipment, as well as the structure itself, told the story of the immensity of the dam and the amount of work which is going into it.

When filled the lake will cover 23 square miles and will hold 159.2 billion gallons of water.



Giant Spillway Under Construction

Omar Burleson Makes Announcement Regarding Candidacy For Congress

Congressman Omar Burleson has formally announced his candidacy for re-election to Congress subject to the Democratic Primary on May 4 and in the General Election in November.

"The people of Coke County responded most generously to my campaign two years ago when I had an opponent and when the area was new to the District," Burleson said in his opening statement. Coke County was placed in the 17th District by the State Legislature in 1966, and he began officially representing it at the beginning of 1967.

The 17th Congressional District is now composed of 31 Counties, covering approximately 30,000 square miles. Within this area live about 440,000 people.

"With this tremendous area, and the fact that Congress is in session almost continuously, it is pretty difficult to see and know people as I think their Representatives in the Congress should," Burleson said in his comments. "I believe it is incumbent upon a Congressman to know people and that they know him, to have the best representation. This is fundamental to our system," he said.

In his statement, Burleson says, "During my tenure of office I have followed two guiding principles: First, to know the views of my constituents and reflect their sentiments to the greatest degree possible in my action in the Halls of Congress. Second, to inform and advise as closely as I can on those issues which affect our District, our State and our Nation."

Burleson termed his approach to Government as one of "common sense," gained through the years of public service. "I have tried to see that the people's tax money is spent as wisely and as judiciously as you would have spent it had you been in my place," he said.

"The record will show that a greater part of the time I have found myself in the minority in opposing the vast spending programs which have been put into effect in recent years. In every Session of the Congress the record will show my votes for expenditures below that recommended by the Executive Department and far less than actually appropriated by the Congress, except in the field of National Defense," Burleson said. He continued, "Without meaning to appear boastful, if the Congress had followed those of us who have voted consistently over the years for fiscal responsibility, our financial affairs would not be in the shape they are today."

"In areas providing for the defense of our Country, I have always supported those things to make and keep our Nation stronger than any other in the world," he said.

"I have been discerning in separating those activities which the Federal Government was not designed to do, from those which are truly its responsibility," he said.

Burleson stated that activities of State and local governments, in accordance with the Constitution, should not be infringed and encroached upon by the Federal Government.



OMAR BURLISON

"The Federal Government does have specific missions," he said. He gave as examples the conservation of our natural resources, the defense of the Country and its general welfare.

"At the same time," he said "the Federal Government can not and should not try to take care of everything from Washington, either foreign or domestic. The Federal Government has grown to colossal proportions and centralized power in Washington has increased," Burleson pointed out. "To this I am opposed and my record is clear in this respect."

Burleson is among the senior members of the U. S. House of Representatives in point of service. His seniority has carried him to the Chairmanship of the potent House Administration Committee, and to the second position to the Chairman on the powerful Foreign Affairs Committee. In addition, Burleson serves on two important Joint Committees formed from senior members of the House and Senate, as Chairman of one and Vice Chairman of the other.

Burleson is a former County Attorney and County Judge of Jones County. He was appointed an FBI Agent, and served in a number of assignments over the U. S. He resigned from the FBI to join the Navy in World War II and saw duty in both the Atlantic and the Pacific.

Burleson ended his formal announcement by saying, "Although not having opposition in this year's election, it is my hope to visit my constituency as opportunity affords. The Congress being in session at this time and expected to be long after the Primary Election, there will be little time to leave duties in Washington. I expect, however, to get back home at short intervals to do the best I can in seeing my friends and to make new ones."

Holy Week Service Planned By Church

There will be four special Holy Week services at First Methodist Church, beginning April 7, Palm Sunday. In that service, the church membership class for children and young people will be confirmed into the church. There will also be a service for the baptism of infants.

Sunday evening, April 7, the fifth drama on the "Seven Sayings of Jesus from the Cross" will be presented and a color motion picture "The Lord's Prayer" will be shown.

On Wednesday, April 10, the sixth drama on the "Seven Sayings", will be given, and on Maunday Thursday, April 11, the seventh and last drama will be presented and a communion service will follow.

All evening services begin at 7 p.m. and the public is invited, according to the Rev. B. C. Palmos, pastor.

WANT ADS

CARD OF THANKS

Words cannot express the grateful appreciation we feel in our hearts for the many acts of kindness, flowers, memorials, food and cards we received during the illness and loss of our loved one.
The Family of G. H. Denman

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our deepest appreciation for the many acts of kindness that have been bestowed upon us during our time of need. May the Lord bless you.
Pete and Lena Davis

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April 6, 8, 9, 10. If you have anything you wish to donate, call 453-5061 or 453-5141.

FOR SALE — Household bargains — Chrome dinette set, large GE refrigerator with lower freezer, Frigidaire range, GE washer, maple bedroom suite, walnut bedroom suite, 2 piece living room suite, GE TV, and many other household items. See at 110 W. 18th Street, Robert Lee on Friday, April 5, or Saturday, April 6, or call 356-2188, Ballinger. 1tp

LOST — Male toy white poodle, wearing gold collar with Abilene address on tag. Contact Sheriff or Mrs. Childress. 1tc

WANTED: Lawns to mow. Call Randy Flanagan at 453-3541.

FOR SALE—Magic Chef Gas range. \$30.00. Call 453-4161. 1tp

FOR RENT — Private bedroom and bath, behind West Texas Utilities. Call 453-2691.

FOR SALE — 35'x8' trailer house, furniture and appliances, two bedroom, bath, kitchen and living room combination. Good tires, electric brakes. \$750.00. Call Charles Oden, Bronte, 473-3561 or Wingate PI-3.6502.

HEREFORD cows and bulls, Suffolk sheep and Quarterhorse Yearling for sale. Bob Gulley, Sanco, 453-3923. 3t

WANTED: Lawns to mow. Call David Beaty at 453-3901. 3tp

FOR SALE — Marketeer Electric cart and charger, \$250.00, good batteries; Gasoline Cart, 7 h.p. Kohler Motor, new battery, good shape, \$175.00; 1966 Jay Hebert Irons, 2 thru 9, 4 wood & bag \$85.00; Glen Aaron, Adams Abstract Co., Robert Lee.

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DAWN'S FLORAL SHOP

Band Boosters Plan Program

Band Boosters are planning a program for Tuesday night, April 9, in the school auditorium at 7:30 p.m. The one-act play, "Afterward", which was presented in the district UIL meet last Friday at Merkel, will be given. The play, directed by Mrs. Armistead, has as its cast Vernay Vaughan, Darrel Pitcock, Jannie Hatch, Keith Waldrop, Craig Thomason and James Fields.

Also included on the program will be the following winners of UIL literary events: Kathy Percifull, prose reading; Vernay Vaughan, poetry interpretation; Jackie Counts, persuasive speaking and Patti Lynn Ivey, oral reading.

Proceeds will be used to buy zippered plastic uniform covers for the band.

PERSONALS

Mrs. Jett Hood was admitted to West Coke Hospital Monday morning after suffering a stroke at her home. Her condition was reported improved Tuesday.

W. D. McAdams was released from Hendricks Hospital in Abilene last Wednesday. He is convalescing at home following a heart attack several weeks ago.

Spring Cleanup Talked By BCD

President Hugh Lewis Jr. announced plans for a Spring Cleanup campaign. He said he plans to ask all organized clubs in the city to participate in and assist with the cleanup.

Supt. Jimmy Bickley announced a Cub Scout poster contest and the BCD voted \$2.00 as prize money for the top posters.

Lewis, who is also chairman of Robert Lee Housing Authority, announced that all the units of the housing project are now rented. He said that at least a dozen one bedroom units for elderly persons are needed. Eight of the smaller units were built, and Lewis said 20 are needed.

Superintendent Bickley also pointed out to the group that voting on Senate Bill 116, which would allow a higher school tax rate, will have to wait until the recently-voted bonds are sold. He said tentative date for selling the \$700,000 issue has been set for April 20.

G. C. Allen mentioned the fact that bond interest rates took quite a jump Monday, according to the New York Stock Exchange. Allen also announced that work started Tuesday on a new clubhouse for Mountain Creek Golf Association.

W. D. McAdams, local WTU manager, announced that work has been completed on a new substation in Robert Lee. The new station has raised voltage for the city and area and McAdams said the improvement will permit better service.

Garland Davis announced the district track meet which will be held Saturday at Merkel, and Lewis urged everyone to attend the meeting Friday night at the courthouse when moving the old Saul ranch house will be discussed.
Fifteen members were present.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Whether or not the proposal to move the big ranch house to Robert Lee is adopted or rejected, there is much more than this one project involved in the meeting tomorrow (Friday) night.

The meeting is not merely a matter of preserving a building, or of history, though that is involved. An adequate library, and other matters of considerable interest to the county the town and area are involved. Details will be brought out in this meeting.

Elton Mims, practical citizen and rancher, as well as a leader in historical and heritage work, has been invited to preside.

In regard to the ranch house, it is necessary that a decision be reached soon, as there are others interested in securing it on these terms. Of course there are other old ranch buildings. It is not merely a matter of securing an old building, but of combining historical preservation with county and community use now and in the future, in a building big enough to meet a number of needs, as well as unique and interesting to the public in general.

Some help may be secured from public funds, it is believed, but on condition that sufficient interest be shown in raising funds and establishing a foundation from private sources to insure that it will be a worthwhile and continuing center.

The county is spending \$40,000 per year for recreation, very little indeed on the kind of interests and activities involved here. All cultural and social organizations in the county are invited to participate. Private individuals from anywhere in this area are invited, anyone who is in any way interested in town, county and area.

If, after you have heard the details, you do not believe this particular project is feasible, just say so. But consider the long time program advanced. All or part of it, at least, may be feasible, with or without this particular building.

This is written as an individual. It is my interpretation. I do not speak for anyone else.

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Arrive Bronte 6:30 p.m. (Complimentary lunch enroute)

Reservations and Deposit of \$16.50 Must Be Made Not Later Than April 22

Reservations May Be Made at Robert Lee Observer Office Or Abilene Travel Service—Phone 673-4633

Other Dates May Be Arranged To Fit Particular Group Needs

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FELLOWSHIP MEETING TO BE HELD FRIDAY

A fellowship meeting is being held Friday, April 5, at 7:30 p.m. at the Robert Lee Emmanuel Pentecostal Church located on the Colorado City highway. Representatives are expected from Snyder, Abilene, San Angelo, Colorado City, Big Spring, Eldorado, Big Lake, Albany, Bronte and Hamlin. Everyone is invited to attend.

Patronize Our Advertisers

WELCOME

Robert Lee Baptist Church
 West 11th and Chadbourne
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Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
 Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
 Training Union 6:00 p.m.
 Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.
 Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Lunchroom Menu

Monday, April 8
 Chicken salad sandwiches, buttered corn, cole slaw, milk, banana pudding.

Tuesday, April 9
 Pinto beans with pork, pickled beets, spinach, milk, buttered potatoes, corn bread, butter, peach cobbler.

Wednesday, April 10
 Tamale pie, buttered rice, peach jello on lettuce, hot rolls, butter, milk, fruit salad.

Thursday, April 11
 Fish sticks with tartar sauce, creamed potatoes, garden salad, hot rolls, butter, milk, oatmeal cookies.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Clary and Danny, Mrs. Jean Lee and Mr. and Mrs. Dean Harper, all of San Angelo, toured the dam and were Sunday guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Turney Casey.

Gartman Funeral Held At Sterling

Funeral services were held at 2:30 p.m. Saturday in First Baptist Church at Sterling City for Truman A. Gartman, 64, who died last Thursday afternoon in a local hospital following a long illness. Burial was in Foster Cemetery.

Mr. Gartman was born July 22, 1903, in Llano County and moved with his parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Gartman, to Coke County as a young boy. The family settled in the Sanco community where he lived until he moved to Sterling City, 17 years ago.

Mr. Gartman was married to Alta Mae Martin, June 17, 1930, in Lawton, Okla. He was a Baptist.

Survivors include his wife; three daughters, Mrs. Donald Moore of Rhinmain, Germany, AFB, Mrs. Billy B. Blair of Carlsbad and Mrs. Joe Emery of San Angelo; four sons, Billy Joe Gartman of Fawnskin, Calif., T. A. Gartman of Bloomington, Calif., Robert F. Gartman of Fontana, Calif., and Lewis J. Gartman of Eldorado; two brothers, H. D. Gartman of Arlington and C. C. Gartman of Grand Prairie and 19 grandchildren.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Lendy Devoll and family visited over the weekend at Kerrville with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Horton Devoll. Mr. Devoll is seriously ill in Sid Peterson hospital following a heart attack on the previous Monday. His condition is reported to be improved.

All of the children of Mr. D. J. Walker Sr. were here over the weekend visiting him at West Coke Hospital. They were Mrs. Edna Varnadore of Amarillo, Mrs. Dwain Conger of Zephyr, Mrs. Bill Harding of Dublin and Ralph Walker and family of Junction.

Mrs. Pearl Schooley was transferred Tuesday from Bronte Hospital to St. John's Hospital in San Angelo. She was scheduled to have surgery Wednesday.

Political Announcements

The following candidates have authorized The Observer to announce their candidacy for nomination to the office shown below, and on the indicated party ticket. (Charges are as follows: state, district, county and commissioner races, \$25; other precinct offices, \$20).

DEMOCRAT

- For Congressman:
OMAR BURLERSON
Of Jones County
- For State Representative:
GEORGE BAKER
Of Pecos County
- For Sheriff:
MELVIN CHILDRESS
ALBERT N. (BOB) FIELDS
- For Tax Assessor-Collector
O. B. JACOBS
- For County Attorney:
FRANK C. DICKEY SR.
- For Commissioner, Precinct 1:
FERN HAVINS
JETT HOOD
- For Commissioner, Precinct 3:
FLOYD HARMON
- For Constable, Precinct 1:
OLLIE ROE
WILLIAM H. (HERSHALL) HALL

REPUBLICAN

- For State Representative:
JIM KENT
Of Ward County

GRADES BRING HONORS TO CARL F. HATCH

Kerrville, Mar. 27 — Carl Frederick Hatch of Robert Lee was given honorable mention in the college division at Schreiner Institute for the fourth six-weeks period. The announcement was released this week by Dean W. C. Weir. There were 27 students named to the honor roll and 69 to the honorable mention list.

PERSONALS

Mrs. Marvin Hicks and children of Grand Prairie, Mr. and Mrs. John Doggett and family of Midland and Carlton Boone of Kermit were weekend guests in the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sloan Boone.

Weekend guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jett Hood were Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Hood and children and Mr. and Mrs. William Ray Hood, all of San Angelo.

Cake Decorating Workshop Held

Mrs. J. L. Olhausen, Ballinger, conducted a Cake Decoration Workshop Friday in Robert Lee. Mrs. Olhausen gave pointers on successful cake making; showed slides of cakes made during her many years of making, decorating and selling cakes; and demonstrated sugar moulding. The afternoon was spent in teaching each person present to make roses, leaves, scrolls, letters and borders. Each woman present decorated a cake in the workshop.

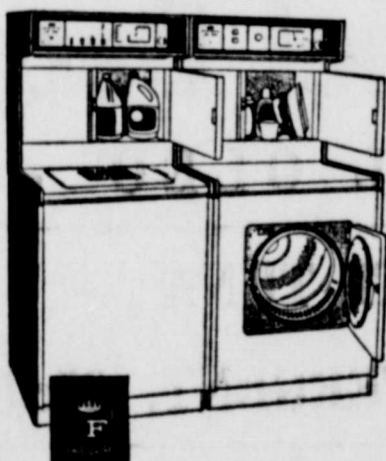
Attending the workshop were Mmes. Permelia Reed of San Angelo; Cumbie Ivey Sr., Juanice Jameson, B. R. Duncan, Pat Rives, Joe Flowers, Tom Rives, A. J. Roe Jr., of Robert Lee; Lewis Baker and W. T. Green, Tennyson; J. C. Boatright, Leslie Rolls and Gene Halamiczek, Bronte; Juanita O'Connor, Rampy and Olhausen of Ballinger.

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Robert Lee School News

RL Second in UIL

In the final tally of points from the District UIL meet held at Merkel March 23, Robert Lee racked up a score of 90 for second place. Out of the eight schools, RL was beaten only by Rotan, and for a first crack at 6.A competition, that's not bad.

In the high school ready writing contest, the results were received too late for last week's edition, but it has been learned that Linda McDaniel scored a second place for RLHS. She was coached by Mr. Wilson. Although we had a fine one act play, new competition proved too rough and Robert Lee failed to add points.

Ozona Takes Golf Tournament

Ozona and Sonora tied with a total of 333 in the first annual Robert Lee High School Golf Tourney last Saturday. Ozona took the sudden death playoff when team captain Duane Childress sank a birdie putt from 10 feet out on the first green. Robert Lee's A team was a close third with a 334, one stroke off the winning score.

Medalist for the day was David Wuest, Sonora, with a 77, followed by Duane Childress, Ozona, with a 79, and Quinn Conley, Robert Lee, with an 81.

Robert Lee's A team is composed of Gary Parker, Gary Williams, Ronnie Devoll and Bobby White. The B team, 5th behind 4th place Bronte, consists of Jeffrey McCabe, Ross Adkins, Eddie Meredith, Terry Hines and Buzzy Wojtek. Other teams entered were Merkel, Christoval and Wall.

Robert Lee's next competition will be the district tourney in Sweetwater, April 9. District teams are Robert Lee, Rotan, Merkel and Jim Ned.

Girls First in Bangs Meet

Out of eight teams entered in the Bangs track meet Saturday, R. L. girls scored favorably in almost all events, with an overall first place with 126 points. They broke 7 of 13 records held in R. L. H. S. The following were winners:

440 relay, 1st; Hop, Skip & Jump, Lois Heuvel, 1st; 100 yd. Dash, Jackie Conley 1st, Lavita

Todd, 4th; 60 yd. dash, Jackie Conley, 1st, Lavita Todd, 4th; Discus, Kathy Denman 1st, Judy Gartman, 5th; 80 meter Hurdles, Lois Heuvel, 1st, Carolyn Thomason, 6th; 440 yard dash, Lois Heuvel, 2nd, Jackie Counts, 3rd, Elaine Fikes, 4th; 880 relay, 6th; Mile Relay, 3rd; Shot Put, Jackie Counts, 2nd.

The girls' district meet will be held at Winters Wednesday, April 10. The girls district volleyball meet will be this Thursday and Friday at Wylie.

Sterling Rites Held For W. L. Martin

Funeral services were held Friday in First Methodist Church in Sterling City for William Levi Martin, 64, a resident of Sterling County for 38 years and a former Coke County resident.

Mr. Martin died last Wednesday in Sterling County Hospital.

He was born June 14, 1903, in Seipe Springs. He was married to Fannie B. Richardson April 3, 1926, in Robert Lee. Mr. Martin lived in the Sanco community before moving to Sterling County.

Survivors include his wife, three foster sons, two brothers and two sisters. Burial was in Foster Cemetery.

A. B. Sheppard was scheduled to undergo more surgery Tuesday in Shannon Hospital in San Angelo.

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SCOUTING AROUND

Den 3, Cub Scouts, Pack 461, of Robert Lee will be working on their "Keep America Beautiful" project during April. Den members are Mike Walker, Harvey Wojtek, Don Sirus, Bobby Christall and Darrel Dixon.

The Cubs will pass out litter bags on April 6, 3-6 p.m. on the parking lot of West Way Grocery, and on April 8, 3-6 p.m. at Baker's Grocery.

April 20 and 27 have been set up for picking up litter on streets and highways.

The Cubs are also making posters on litter and the theme, "Keep America Beautiful." Prizes of \$1.00, 50 cents and 35 cents will be awarded for the best posters. Money will be donated by the BCD.

The Cub Scouts are asking the adults of Robert Lee to help in their project by putting trash and litter in containers. "Keep America Beautiful, and let's start with Robert Lee, Texas," they said.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Clark and son, Tony, and Mr. and Mrs. Gary Bodenhamer, all of Lubbock, were weekend guests in the Arnold Samuelson home.

HEARD AT SANCO

Mr. and Mrs. Luie Frizzell of Sweetwater visited her mother, Mrs. Lura Reid last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Gartman, Mrs. T. E. Pitcock, Mr. and Mrs. Sam McGallian visited the families of Levi Martin and Truman Gartman in Sterling City last Thursday.

Attending the funeral of Truman Gartman Friday in Sterling City from Sanco were Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Gartman, Mrs. Velma Denman, Mrs. Fronie Scarborough, Mr. and Mrs. Ulmer Bird, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Reid, James and Mrs. Lura Reid.

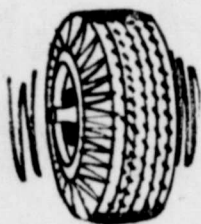
Dennis Gartman and Miss Linda Shaforth of Hardin Simmons University, Abilene, were here for the weekend visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Gartman and family. They visited Sunday afternoon with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Gartman. Other visitors in the Bryan Gartman home Sunday afternoon included Douglas Gartman, Mr. and Mrs. Butch Winkler, Danny and Debbie of Abilene and Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Walker, Douglas, Robert and Kevin of San Angelo.

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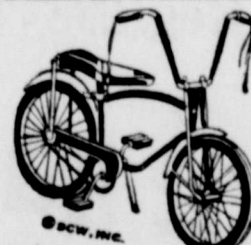
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Notes From The Oil Field

Tucker Drilling Co., Inc. and Peter Henderson, San Angelo, will drill a 7,000-foot Ellenburger wildcat in north Coke County, 1 1/2 miles northeast of the one-well Panther Gap (Pennsylvanian) field and 2 1/4 miles southeast of the Bloodworth, Northeast (multipay Canyon oil and gas) field, but separated from both by failures, and 1 1/4 miles northwest of the depleted San Benito (Strawn) field.

Gas Producer

Sun Oil Co. has reclassified as a gas producer in the Jameson, Southeast (Strawn sand) field of Coke County its No. 5 J. S. Walker, former oil producer, 3 1/2 miles south of Silver and one mile southwest of Strawn gas production in the Jameson multipay field.

It was finalized for a calculated absolute open flow of 1,800,000 cubic feet of 82.2 gravity oil, with gas-oil ration of 130,000-1. Production was through perforations at 5,797-5,806 feet.

G. W. Strake, Midland, No. 1. B. Sadie Harris, et al, in C. Waas, No. 515, Abst. 735, second producer and 1,650-foot southeast extension to the Bloodworth, South (5,600 S) field, six miles northwest of Robert Lee, pumped 42 barrels of new oil and one barrel of water in 24 hours.

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Hospital News

March 26 — James W. Reeves dismissed.

March 27 — Effie Murray admitted. Mrs. T. B. Childress dismissed. Guy Denman expired.

March 28 — Mrs. James Hall dismissed.

March 29 — Louis Sellers admitted.

March 30 — Mrs. Boneita Robertson, Robert Terrell, Mrs. Roy Wyatt, Mrs. Willie Clark admitted. Mrs. Roy Wyatt dismissed.

March 31 — G. C. Bell dismissed.

Seven patients remained in the Hospital and eight were in the Nursing Home Tuesday.

Students Attend Junior Symphony

A total of 53 members of grades 4, 5 and 6, along with 12 adults attended the Young People's Symphony in San Angelo last Saturday. The program was sponsored by the Junior League of San Angelo.

Mrs. Wilson Bryan, Robert Lee School music teacher, sponsored the trip and said witnessing this performance was a climax for the students' study of the family of musical instruments. Mrs. Bryan added that the students had a wonderful time and enjoyed the performance.

She asked the Observer to express her thanks to the nine mothers who took their cars. They included Mmes. Claude Walker, Add Davis, James Craig, Bill Beaty, Edna Havins, Frankie Perciful, O. B. Adams, O. B. Jacobs and Carl Blair.

TAKE A LOOK AT THE ADS.
A little time spent in reading them is time well spent.

HERE FROM OUT-OF-TOWN

Out of town relatives here to attend funeral services for G. H. Denman last Friday included:

Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Denman and David, Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Lee, Bronte; Mr. and Mrs. Orval Denman and family, Rockville, Md.; Mrs. Estaline Pate, Mr. and Mrs. Denman Pate and family, Denver City; Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Denman, Dennis and Deanne, Corpus Christi; Richard Denman, Naval Air Station, Calif.; Mr. and Mrs. Lanny Denman Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Winkler, Abilene.

Also Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Cadenhead, McKinney; Mrs. Lula Pierce, Dallas; Mr. and Mrs. Williamson, Water Valley; Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Piper, Wichita Falls; Mrs. Roy Gene Denman, Mrs. Berta Bennett, Cleburne; Mr. and Mrs. Green Preslar, Santa Anna; Mr. and Mrs. T. K. White, side, Indian Gap; Mrs. Jay Evans and Maxie, Cross Plains.

And Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Gartman, Arlington; Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Gartman, Grand Prairie; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rammage, Colorado City; Mrs. Edna Varnadore, Amarillo; Mr. and Mrs. Carl Dorsey, Mrs. Curtis Wayne Walker and Mrs. J. J. Neill, San Angelo.

NEW CLUBHOUSE —

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member noted this week. The building will be 20 feet by 46 feet and will be constructed of brick veneer with glass frontage and porch area. It will contain two tile restrooms and a locker area of 120 square feet.

The interior will be carpeted and the structure will be decked with a wood shingle roof. It will feature the latest designs in architecture and construction.

Association officers for 1968 are: Mrs. S. E. Adams, president; Durwood Mumford, vice president; Mrs. Lendy Devoll, secretary, and Willis W. Smith, treasurer.

COKE 4-H GIRL NAMED TO DISTRICT OFFICE

Joy Cervenka, Bronte 4-H club member, was elected secretary-treasurer of the District VII 4-H Council at a recent meeting in Llano. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Cervenka, is 16-years-old and a junior student in Bronte high school.

Miss Cervenka has been a 4-H member for five years. She has held several offices in her local club and has carried projects in swine, foods, clothing and is a member of the Coke County 4-H Horse Club.

All district officers will attend the annual District VII Leadership Camp at Lake Brownwood May 29-31. Installation services

will be held on May 31 and the officers will serve one year.

Others attending the Llano meeting were Mrs. J. E. Rives and Steve Rives of Robert Lee and Mrs. Fay C. Roe, county home demonstration agent.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Craddock, Mr. and Mrs. Dock Simpson and Mrs. Wood of Colorado City were here Sunday to tour the dam and visited in the T. M. Wylie home.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hambright of Ballinger were visitors in the home of their son, Elwood Hambright, and family, over the weekend.

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