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IAB Field Featured In Oil Magazine

Editor's Note: Robert Lee, Coke County, the new Robert Lee dam and reservoir and the I.A.B. oil field have been getting some wide publicity recently. The following article, "The Isles of Texas", was written by Joe F. Tucker, public relations manager for Humble Oil Company in the Western Region office in Dallas. It was printed in the widely-distributed summer issue of "Petroleum Today," quarterly magazine of the American Petroleum Institute. It has been

Junior Rodeo Set Saturday Night; Action Promised

A Junior Rodeo will be held Saturday night, Aug. 10, at the roping arena in the west part of Bronte. Sponsored by Coke County Roping Club, the contests are open to any young people between the ages of 9 and 19.

The festivities will get underway at 5 p.m. when a parade will be staged through downtown Bronte. All riders who wish to participate are invited, and should meet at the arena shortly before time for the parade to start. The parade will leave the arena, follow Main Street to Highway 277, turn right for two blocks, turn around and follow the same route back to the arena.

The rodeo itself will get underway with approximately two hours of fast, thrilling entertainment in store for spectators and plenty of action for the participants.

Four trophies will be given, one each to high point junior and senior boy and girl. Winning a division in the rodeo will not interfere with Interscholastic League eligibility, Roping Club Officials said.

Joe McCutchen, president of

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distributed to newspapers by the Humble Co., which is the anonymous oil company referred to in the article. We reprint it, courtesy of "Petroleum Today."

The pickup truck jounces along the narrow West Texas ranch road, trailing white clouds of caliche dust. Then, down through a draw thick with mesquite and up a hill on the other side.

"We're getting to the place," the driver says. "You should be able to see one pretty soon now." He pushes back his sweat-stained hat and reaches to adjust the truck's air conditioner.

Suddenly, there ahead you spot what he's been talking about: a massive mound of earth, higher than two telephone poles, wider than a football field. Lacing the sides of the mound are strength-giving boulders. And perched neatly on top of it is a solitary wellhead (which is the part of an oil well that's above ground).

In the distance, a second mound of earth rises from cleared ranch land, and to its right, another. In all, 17 such mounds, nine to 58 feet in height, dot the area, making it look like a moonscape of a science fiction film.

This, however, is not the moon but an oil field near Robert Lee, Texas. In most ways, it resembles other such fields in the state. But in three respects, it is quite different — because of its name, because of those lunarlike mounds, and because of what's going to happen to it within the next year.

First, the name — which is all initials. It's called the I.A.B. That stands for I. A. Bird, the rancher on whose land the first successful well in the field was drilled.

The mounds? The future of the area? Well, by this time next year much of the I.A.B. should be flooded under up to 50 feet

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Growth Prospects Good, Speaker Tells Civic Club

James Glenn of Abilene, who works with the area development of West Texas Utilities Co., was guest speaker at Tuesday's BCD meeting. Glenn pointed out some of the problems and opportunities facing Robert Lee in connection with growth and attracting industry to the area.

The speaker did not paint a completely rosy picture of the opportunities the town has to grow. He pointed out that the newly created Robert Lee Reservoir will be a good selling point for attracting new people, but added that hard work of civic clubs, business men and others

is the main factor in making a town attractive to outsiders.

Glenn said that attracting industry to the area is very important and should receive the cooperation of all citizens. He said responsible citizens should gather all the facts, both good and bad, about the community and area. This information should be made available to prospective new industry and can also serve as a reminder that bad points need to be corrected. He said, "Don't hide community problems. Elimination of problems and bad spots is the only answer."

The guest speaker suggested dressing up of store fronts, cleaning of vacant lots, glamorizing entrances to the city and cour-

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County Commissioners Agree to Pay Part of Loss on Ambulance Service

Coke County commissioners, in regular session Monday, met with Sam Williams, owner of Williams Funeral Homes in Robert Lee and Bronte, and operator of the county's only ambulance service.

Williams met with the commissioners to request some sort of remuneration for his losses in operating an ambulance service for the county. He said that his annual loss in operating two ambulances amounted to between \$4,000 and \$5,000. He told the

court that some of the loss was caused from lack of payment for some of the service he renders, but most of it is caused by the high cost of maintaining the vehicles for the amount of use they get.

Williams presented two recommendations to the commissioners: he offered to retain ownership and operate one ambulance himself and operate the second one if the county would purchase it and pay expense involved in the operation; or he offered to operate only one ambulance and asked that the county pay him \$100 per month to help defray expenses.

Williams told the court that the cost of running an ambulance would run at least \$2,000 per year, besides the initial cost of the vehicle and equipment.

Members of the court discussed the matter and decided it would be more economical to pay the \$100 per month than to own an ambulance. Judge W. W. Thetford said he called the attorney general's office in Austin to ask about legal technicalities involved in this kind of arrangement, and some opinions are being mailed to the county.

The judge said that probably some sort of contract will be worked out at a meeting of the

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Quarterback Club Calls First Meeting

First meeting of the year for Robert Lee Quarterback Club has been set for next Wednesday night, Aug. 14. The meeting will be held in the recreation hall, starting at 7:30 p.m.

A spokesman for the group said everyone is invited to attend. Plans need to be made and work needs to be started toward helping the 1968 Steer football squad have a successful year.

Visiting in the J. M. Prine Jr. home this week and with the Melvin Adams family at Ranger is Jesse Adams and girls, Vicki and Doreen of Torrance, Calif.

Thomason Draws 2 Years Probation

Perry Thomason, 18, was sentenced to one year in jail in county court last Friday after he pleaded guilty to aggravated assault against his father, M. J. Thomason. However, the sentence was probated to two years during which he will be under the supervision of a probation officer of 51st District Court of Tom Green County. The youth was given credit for 55 days already spent in jail since the incident from which the charges came.

Frank C. Dickey Sr., county attorney, served as prosecutor in the case and Thomason was defended by Layne Turner of San Angelo.

Tom Green Probation Officer Robert W. Turner was questioned extensively on his job in helping to rehabilitate youthful offenders and told the court that he felt the two year probationary period was needed by the defendant.

The sentence provided that young Thomason must reside in Tom Green County and must work at gainful employment during the two year period.

Football Players To Meet Aug. 14

First meeting of members of the 1968 Steer football squad will be held Wednesday, Aug. 14, at 1 p.m., according to an announcement made this week by Head Coach Kenneth Mitchell.

The coach said every boy who even thinks he would like to play football this fall is urged to attend the meeting. A complete count of potential football players is needed in order for the coaching staff to order supplies for the coming season.

Mitchell also said that boys should pick up physical examination blanks from him or Coach Kenneth W. Rasco.

Workouts will begin Monday, Aug. 19, the coach announced.

First scrimmage of the season will be Aug. 29 at 6:30 p.m. in the local stadium. The Steers will meet Early High School of Brownwood.

First game of the season will be Sept. 13 at Menard.

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THE ISLES OF TEXAS — In the I.A.B. oil field of West Texas, near the town of Robert Lee, Humble Oil & Refining Company has placed wellheads

on great mounds of earth. The lunarlike mounds — 17 in all and ranging from nine to 58 feet in height — dot a landscape that is soon to become a

lake bottom. Formation of the lake, the Robert Lee Reservoir, will begin this fall when the gates of a new dam slide shut and start backing up the Colo-

rado River over ranch land, including part of the I.A.B. field. (Photo by Humble Oil & Refining Co.)



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A reduction of long distance rates went into effect for General Telephone Company of the Southwest customers August 1 as a result of the recent ruling by the Federal Communications Commission which ordered the American Telephone and Telegraph Company to reduce interstate long distance rates by \$20,000,000 annually.

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Long distance rates have been cut in half since 1945 in contrast to 77 percent rise in the consumer price index.

GET ARMY DISCHARGE

Ronnie Walker is at home visiting his sister, Mrs. Virgil Streng, and family after completing a two year hitch in the U. S. Army. He was discharged after completing a tour in Vietnam for the past year.

Ronnie finished high school at Robert Lee in 1965 and attended Angelo State College for one year before he entered the service in October 1966.

He said he has made no plans since his discharge except to rest and visit with relatives for a time.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Shandley and children returned home over the weekend following a two week's vacation spent touring northern New Mexico. Accompanying them on the camping trip were Mr. and Mrs. John Gaddy of Roswell, N. M. The Shandleys also visited Mr. and Mrs. Claude Hamilton of Roswell and Mr. and Mrs. I. N. Eubanks and Mr. and Mrs. Otis Adams and family, all of Odessa.

H D Agent's News Dept.

By MRS. FAY C. ROE

Apetite Down?

Hot weather got your appetite? Most folks eat lighter foods during this season of the year and they feel better as a result.

Produce counters are filled with a tantalizing array of fresh fruits to help cut down on prices. Cantaloupes and watermelons are two of the more economical choices.

Peaches, plums, bananas, and avocados are available. White seedless grapes are plentiful — washed and tucked into a plastic bag.

They are good thirst quenchers on an automobile trip. Bing cherries are also good travelers.

Tomatoes are moderately priced for this time of the year. Eggplant, corn, cabbage, carrots, squash, purple hull and crowder peas, okra, green onions, radishes, potatoes and dry yellow onions are among the wide variety of fresh vegetables now available.

Generally, meat prices are up a bit. Beef chuck roasts and steaks, round steaks, ground beef and franks are among your better choices, on prices. Some brands of bacon, hams and picnics offer best prospects in the pork department. Large size turkeys, turkey parts, eggs and fryer chickens offer good eating at attractive prices.

Updated Washers and Dryers Handle New Finishes

Durable press fabrics have brought about improvements in home laundry equipment. All leading brands now feature models which include the special cool-down cycles in washers, and the automatic controls in dryers which are required for durable

press finishes.

Several companies are using "solid state" controls on their top-of-the-line models which provide an unusually wide range of agitation and spin speeds.

Now in its initial phase, some sources predict that further development of such controls can eventually produce a "truly automatic" washer — one that senses water hardness, clothes whiteness and detergent effectiveness, and then automatically adjusts washing action for each type of load.

As more apparel and home furnishings become washable, home laundry appliances are gaining increased recognition and popularity as servants that help the family to look better and stay healthier.

Today's upgraded equipment provides one of the greatest home conveniences at a fraction of what similar services would cost if performed by outside professionals.

Food Briefs

Buy foods during seasonal peaks and get quality at its best. This will stretch your food dollars, too. Many vegetables and

fruits are at their production peak this month. It's a good time to freeze or preserve them.

Eggs are an excellent protein buy. One good way to get extra eggs into the diet is to keep a supply of hard cooked eggs in the refrigerator. These are handy for deviled eggs, sandwiches, salads, casserole dishes and other occasions.

Good buymanship covers many factors in purchasing food; shopping carefully; using all the food knowledge you have available; and keeping in mind the likes, dislikes and nutritional needs of your family. It means an honest assessment of the value of your time for both cooking and shopping. Reading labels and taking time to do a little calculation to determine cost per pound or cost per serving are other buymanship factors.

August plentiful foods list includes turkeys, cantaloups, Bortlett pears, plums, watermelons, onions, summer vegetables, peanuts and peanut butter, wheat products. Use these foods in menus to cut the family food costs.

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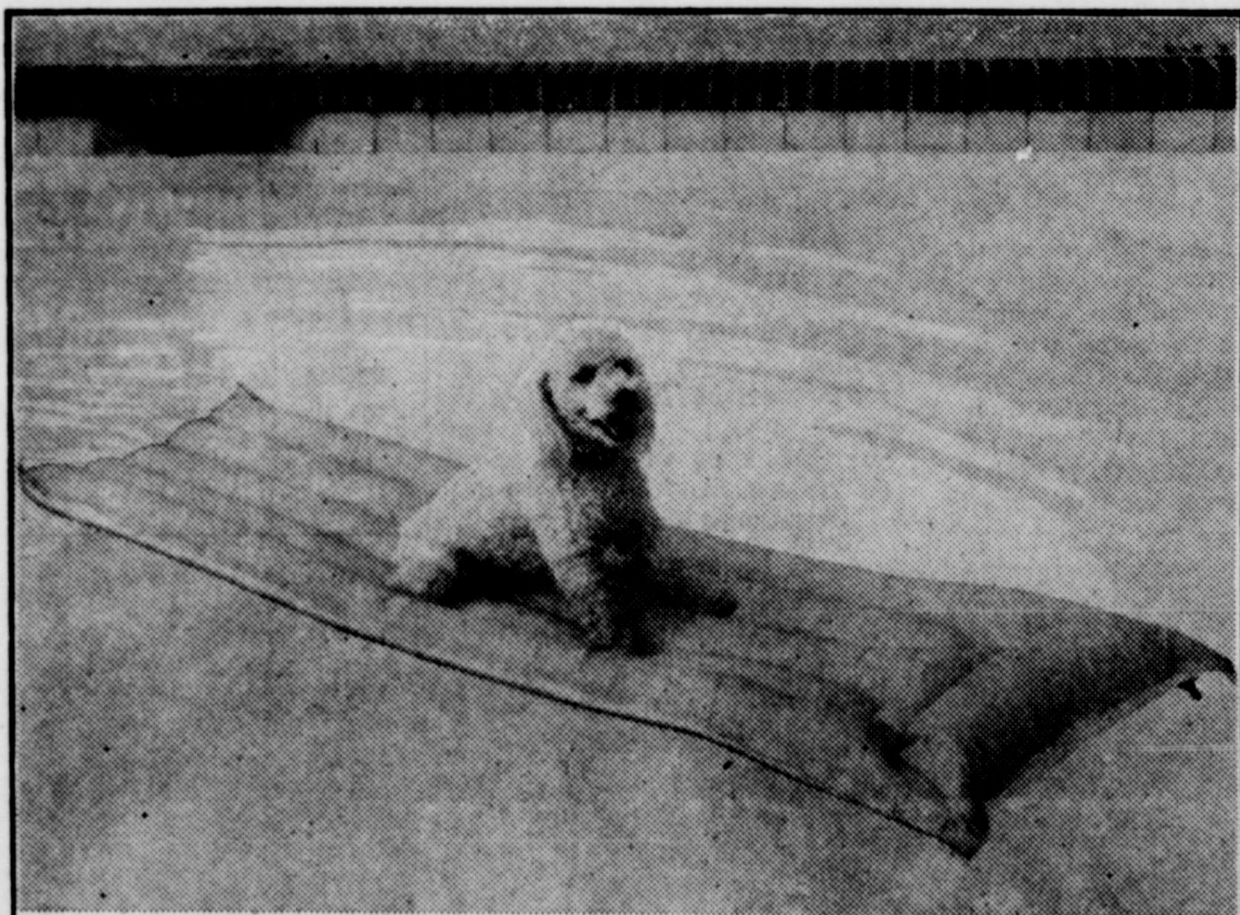
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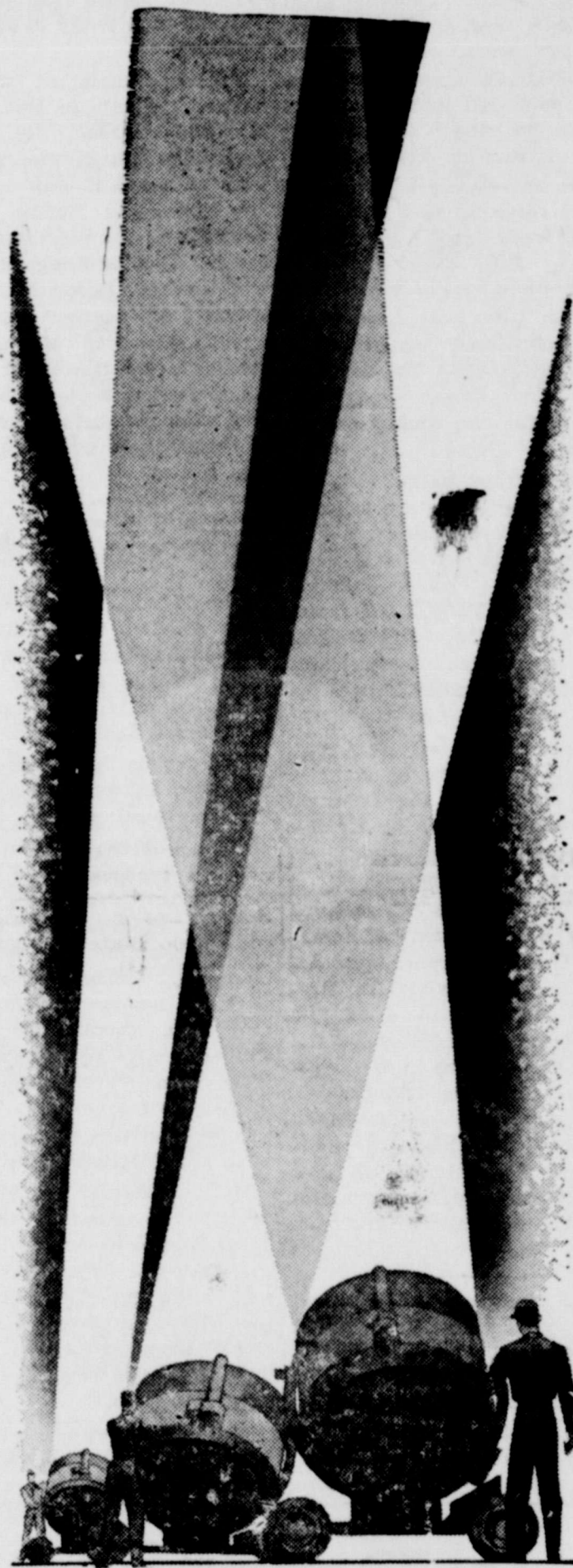
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Steer Band Practice to Begin Aug. 15

Activities of the 1968-69 Steer Band will start Aug. 15 at 8 a.m. in the band hall. Band Director L. W. Parker has requested that all old band members, as well as new seventh grade members, be present at that time for the first rehearsal of the season.

Parker said this week that a large group of band members is expected this year. He said a full

Court Commends Mrs. Yarbrough

Coke County Commissioners Court at a meeting Monday unanimously passed a resolution recognizing the work of Mrs. Bryan Yarbrough in her work as chairman of the Coke County Historical Survey Committee.

Reason for the recognition at this time came because Mrs. Yarbrough's work was instrumental in placing Coke County on the route of Texas Forts Trail. This routing, in turn, was responsible for Governor John Connally's visiting the county last Tuesday and making three stops, which was the record for one county on the long trail.

The resolution passed by the commissioners reads as follows:

"Whereas Coke County has a rich heritage in its history and,

Whereas the untiring efforts of Mrs. Bryan Yarbrough, chairman of Coke County Historical Survey Committee, have been dedicated to the cause of preserving this heritage, and

Whereas these efforts have caused our county to be honored with the presence of the Governor of the State of Texas by the establishment of Coke County on the Texas Travel Trails,

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Coke County Commissioners Court express appreciation and pay tribute to Mrs. Bryan Yarbrough, chairman of this committee by recognizing the value of her services in the county records of Coke County."

Mrs. Yarbrough has served as chairman of the historical committee since its inception and her leadership has brought many honors to the committee and the county.

Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Black and children spent the weekend at Del Rio visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Black.

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

year of activities is in store for those who participate in band this year. Seventeen more new uniforms are expected to arrive soon.

Students should bring instruments and music which has been checked out for the summer to the first rehearsal.

Parker said that rehearsals will be held Aug. 15 and 16 and each day of the following week, from 8 to 10 a.m.

Students who have not been a member of the high school band or the beginners band and would like to participate in this year's program should call Parker at 453-5671 and make a date for an audition.

Parker announced that risers have been built in the band hall and will be ready for use when rehearsals start. The new addition to the hall was constructed by Mike and Bobby Mumford, Stevie and James Smith, James Field, Salvador Longoria and Edwin Lindsey. Leroy McDaniel vocational ag. teacher was consultant on the job. Materials were furnished by the Band Boosters Club. Parker said school officials and band members greatly appreciate the help everyone gave on this project.

PERSONALS

Jan Havins, daughter of Mrs. Edna Havins, is spending a few days in San Angelo this week visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Grim. Mrs. Grim is the former Kay Havins.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Hurley at Junction this week are Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Wallace of Robert Lee.

Guests in the home of Mrs. Bert Duncan last week were her brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Burnell Shankle and children of Memphis, Texas. Guests this week are her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Donnie Duncan and children, who are enroute from Rifle, Colo., to their new home in Llano. Donnie is a musician with a band and also is employed with an electrical firm.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Mathers attended the Mathers family reunion held in Roswell, N. M., over the weekend. There were 53 persons attending. The Mathers report the country was green and crops were pretty everywhere they went and that they had an enjoyable trip.

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PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Sword of San Angelo, Ronnie and Lvon Reid were weekend guests in the H. R. Reid home.

Weekend visitors in the home of Mrs. Jim Blair were Mr. and Mrs. Jim Thomas of Arlington, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Keel, Joe David and Martha Sue, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Keel and Dan, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Grote and Genay, all of San Angelo and Edward White of Odessa. All attended the Blair reunion held Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Bloodworth and Charles were weekend guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Askins at Lubbock.

Mrs. Billy M. Jones and Scott were in Arlington for a weekend visit with her son, Billy Jones, and his fiance, Kaye Ivey.

Mrs. Voleta Dickens and children of Austin were weekend guests in the home of her mother, Mrs. J. C. Harwell.

Out-of-town visitors in the Robert Lee Baptist Church services Sunday included Mrs. Warren Hall and children of San Angelo; Gaylon Dubose of Austin; Farrell Jean Fikes and college friends, Linda Taronton and Trishia Woodard, all of Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene; Mrs. Voleta Dickens of Austin; and the roommate of singer Jerry Pickett of San Antonio.

Coke Grand Jury Indict 2 Persons

Two indictments were returned when a Coke County grand jury met Monday. The true bills were against Larry Bell of San Angelo and Luther Lara Jr. of Robert Lee.

Bell was indicted on charge of felony theft of an automobile belonging to Wesley Watson of Robert Lee on April 27 and for unauthorized use of the vehicle.

Lara received misdemeanor indictments for carrying and rudely displaying a prohibited weapon, a pistol, in Robert Lee on June 28.

Jim Kent Opens Headquarters

An open house was held in Monahans last weekend in connection with the official opening of the district campaign headquarters of Jim Kent of Monahans, Republican candidate for State Representative of District 66, the largest legislative district in the state. The opening coincided with the annual two-day Monahans Crazy Days Celebration and the attendance was reported as "unexpectedly high."

Free refreshments and cookies were served to all visitors in the campaign headquarters, which will serve as a distribution point for all campaign literature and as the focal point of the campaign activities. Numerous women from the Ward County area served as hostesses for the occasion.

Kent, a 27 year old native of Monahans and an independent gasoline distributor, earlier indicated that the headquarters would serve as a "liason with the voters" of District 66, which covers 13 counties in southwest Texas, including Coke County.

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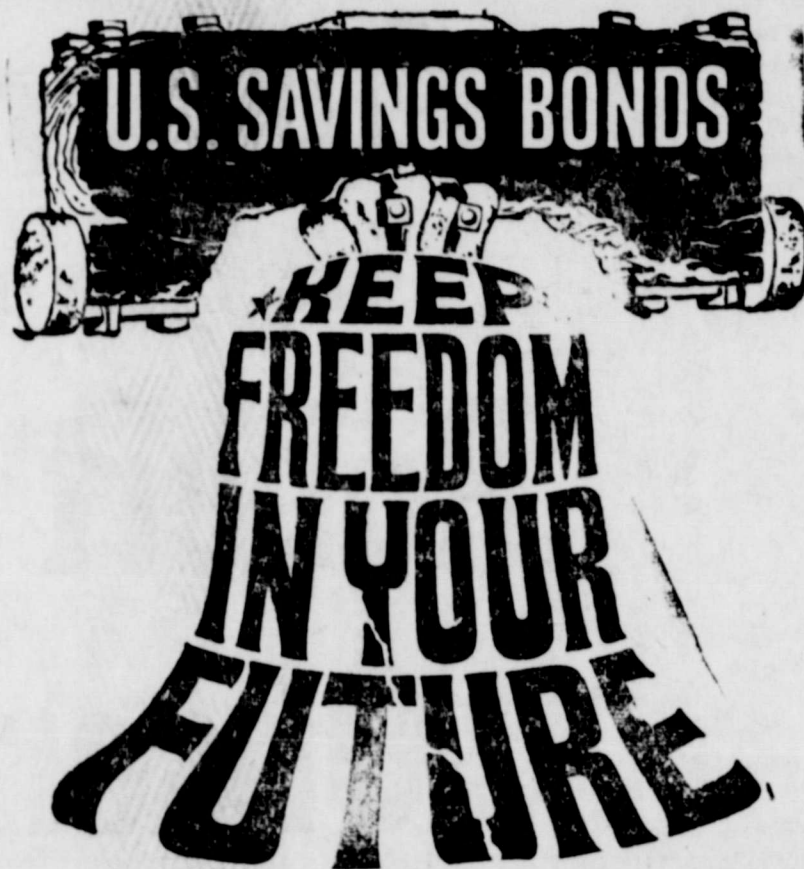
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The test is Tucker Drilling Co., Inc., of San Angelo and Peter Henderson of New York City No. 1 Arthur Runnion. Drillsite is spotted 1,720 feet from the south and 1,395 feet from the west lines of 285-2-H&TC. It is scheduled to drill to 7,100 feet to test the Ellenburger.

New Swimmers
Abundant Here

Swimming classes, offered at the pool in Robert Lee County Park the last two weeks, have been completed and considered a tremendous success. Jim Herford, one of the instructors, said, "Lots of youngsters learned to swim."

The beginners class started out with 82 students, but 15 of them were moved to the advanced class which started with 21 and ended with 36. About 90 per cent of the beginners learned to swim during the two weeks of instruction, it was reported.

Instructors included Herford, Jeannie Hatch and Ronnie Devoll. They were assisted by Ernest Herford and Donnie Devoll. Mrs. Billy Wayne Roe, Mrs. Tom Sawyer and Mrs. Frankie Hood served as life guards.

The only cost of the lessons to the students was regular admission price to the pool.

ATTEND REUNION

Mr. and Mrs. Turney Casey, her mother, Mrs. Pearl Schooley and the Caseys' grandchildren, Nelson, Turney, Tim and Layne Coulter of San Angelo were guests over the weekend in the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. N. Chesney at Grapevine and Mrs. B. D. Taylor at Springtown.

The group attended the School-ey reunion, held Sunday in the Taylor home. Others who attended were Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Schooley and children and Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Schooley, Jr. and children, all of Fort Worth.

Cindy Chesney returned to her home after spending the summer here with the Caseys, who are her grandparents.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Burns returned home over the weekend from the Paisano Baptist Encampment in the Davis Mountains. They attended the meeting for nine days.

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HEARD AT
SANCO

Visiting recently in the Bryan Gartman home were her niece and family, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stephen, Andy, Annette and Jerri of Abilene, also Mr. and Mrs. William Hood and Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Walker, Douglas, Robert and Kevin of San Angelo.

Sheri Pitecock recently accompanied relatives from Fort Worth on a vacation trip. Some points of interest they visited were the Capitol in Austin, HemisFair in San Antonio, Sam Houston's grave and the state prison system in Huntsville and the Astrodome in Houston.

MISS VERNAY VAUGHAN
HONORED AT SHOWER

Miss Vernay Vaughan was honored at a bridal shower from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., Monday, Aug. 5, in the home of Mrs. W. T. Roach. Miss Vaughan is the bride-elect of Robert Lomas, and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Vaughan of Robert Lee.

Hostesses for the affair were Mmes. Roach, O. B. Jacobs, Virginia Walling, Bill Allen, Louise Hatch and Bobby Baker.

Miss Vaughan and Mr. Lomas will be wed Aug. 30 at First Baptist Church in Robert Lee.

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R. A. Benton, former Coke County resident, died Sunday, Aug. 4, in Phoenix, Ariz. He was a brother of Oda Benton and Mrs. Jim McCutchen of Robert Lee.

Mr. Benton had been in the Veterans Hospital in Phoenix for several months but was improved and able to be at home at the time of his death.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Prine, Jr., Carolyn, Kenneth and Wanda attended the Hall-Devoll and Baker family reunion held over the weekend at Stamford. About 150 persons attended the two day affair with members attending from New Mexico, California, Oklahoma and from all parts of Texas.

Mrs. Roy Hood was admitted to West Coke County Hospital Sunday following a fall at her home. She suffered a broken arm in the accident but is reported improving.

PERSONALS

Mrs. Georgia A. Snyder and daughter of Van Horn are here this week visiting her mother, Mrs. Mary Payne, who is ill in West Coke Hospital.

Mrs. May Reed of Rankin is a guest in the home of her sister, Mrs. Roy Bazar, and family and is helping care for her aunt, Mrs. Mary Payne, who is ill.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. (Chilly) Tinkler left Sunday from Midland to travel by jet to San Francisco, Calif., where they plan to spend a week visiting their son, Paul Tinkler, and his family.

Mrs. W. R. Denman visited several days last week in the home of her son, Bill Denman, and family at Baird.

Mrs. Bob Prickett and children of Corpus Christi are guests this week in the home of her mother, Mrs. W. R. Denman. Her husband will join her and the children here over the weekend.

McCULLOUGH REUNION

The McCullough family gathered for a reunion July 19-20 at the Recreation center in Robert Lee. About 60 persons were present. Coming for the event were families from Hobbs and Eunice, N. M.; Fort Worth, Abilene, Colorado City, San Angelo, Marlin, Cleburne and Silver.

PERSONALS

Mrs. J. E. Roane was released from West Coke County Hospital Monday after a week's treatment. She is reported to be improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Turney Casey and her mother, Mrs. Pearl Schooley, attended a Schooley family reunion held Saturday and Sunday in the recreation building at Llano.

Weekend visitors in the home of Mrs. Mabel Mundell were all her children and their families, including Mr. and Mrs. Ray Mundell of Fort Worth, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Mundell of Houston and Mrs. Mona Casey. Other visitors were Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Walters of Fort Worth and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Self and son, Jimmy, of Mineral Wells.

Mrs. Mona Casey spent the weekend with her husband, Mike, who is working at Plains.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Mundell of Houston were guests in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. McGinley and attended the Blair reunion.

Weekend visitors in the Jim L. Robertson home were his children and their families. They are Mr. and Mrs. Burl Robertson, Valle, and Burl Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Sailor, Joe Jr. and Perry, all of Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wyatt visited her aunt, Mrs. Bertha Waggoner, in Abilene Sunday.

Bob Hatley and sons, Steve and Bob Jr. are here visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ell Hatley this week.

PUBLIC NOTICE Proposed CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT NUMBER EIGHT ON THE BALLOT (HJR49)

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS: Section 1. Section 21 of Article 16 of the Constitution of the State of Texas is amended to read as follows: "Section 21. All stationery and printing, except proclamations and such printing as may be done at the Texas School for the Deaf, and paper, except that for the Judicial Department, shall be furnished under contract, to be given to the lowest and best bidder under such regulations as shall be prescribed by law. No member or officer of any department of the government shall be in any way interested in such contract." Sec. 2. The foregoing constitutional amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of this state at an election to be held on

the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November 1968, at which election all ballots shall have printed thereon the following: "FOR the constitutional amendment removing certain provisions relating to purchase of fuel and furnishing the rooms and halls of the Legislature and the requirement that the Governor, the Secretary of State, and the Comptroller must approve certain contracts of purchase." "AGAINST the constitutional amendment removing certain provisions relating to purchase of fuel and furnishing the rooms and halls of the Legislature and the requirement that the Governor, the Secretary of State, and the Comptroller must approve certain contracts of purchase."

PUBLIC NOTICE Proposed CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT NUMBER THREE ON THE BALLOT (HJR20)

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS: Section 1. That Section 11a, Article VII, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, be amended to read as follows: "Section 11a. In addition to the bonds enumerated in Section 11 of Article VII of the Constitution of the State of Texas, the Board of Regents of The University of Texas may invest the Permanent University Fund in securities, bonds or other obligations issued, insured, or guaranteed in any manner by the United States Government, or any of its agencies, and in such bonds, debentures, or obligations, and preferred and common stocks issued by corporations, associations, or other institutions as the Board of Regents of The University of Texas System may deem to be proper investments for said funds; provided, however, that not more than one per cent (1%) of said fund shall be invested in the securities of any one (1) corporation, nor shall more than five per cent (5%) of the voting stock of any one (1) corporation be owned; provided, further, that stocks eligible for purchase shall be restricted to stocks of companies incorporated within the United States which have paid dividends for five (5) consecutive years or longer immediately prior to the date of purchase and which, except for bank stocks and insurance stocks, are listed upon an exchange registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission or its successors. "In making each and all of such investments said Board of Regents shall exercise the judgment and care under the circumstances then prevailing which men of ordinary prudence, discretion, and intelligence exercise in the management of their own affairs, not

in regard to speculation but in regard to the permanent disposition of their funds, considering the probable income therefrom as well as the probable safety of their capital. "The interest, dividends and other income accruing from the investments of the Permanent University Fund, except the portion thereof which is appropriated by the operation of Section 18 of Article VII for the payment of principal and interest on bonds or notes issued thereunder, shall be subject to appropriation by the Legislature to accomplish the purposes declared in Section 10 of Article VII of this Constitution. "This amendment shall be self-enacting, and shall become effective upon its adoption, provided, however, that the Legislature shall provide by law for full disclosure of all details concerning the investments in corporate stocks and bonds and other investments authorized herein." Sec. 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 Tuesday after the first Monday in November 1968, at which election all ballots shall have printed thereon the following: "FOR the constitutional amendment providing for investment of the Permanent University Fund by the Board of Regents of The University of Texas in certain types of securities within the prudent man rule." "AGAINST the constitutional amendment providing for investment of the Permanent University Fund by the Board of Regents of The University of Texas in certain types of securities within the prudent man rule."

PUBLIC NOTICE Proposed CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT NUMBER TWO ON THE BALLOT (SJR41)

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS: Section 1. That Section 51-a of Article III of the Constitution of the State of Texas be amended, and the same is hereby amended, so as to read as follows: "Section 51-a. The Legislature shall have the power, by General Laws, to provide, subject to limitations herein contained, and such other limitations, restrictions and regulations as may be by the Legislature be deemed expedient, for assistance to and/or medical care for, and for rehabilitation and any other services included in the Federal legislation providing matching funds to help such families and individuals attain or retain capability for independence or self-care, and for the payment of assistance to and/or medical care for, and for rehabilitation and other services for: "(1) Needy aged persons who are citizens of the United States or noncitizens who shall have resided within the boundaries of the United States for at least twenty-five (25) years and are over the age of sixty-five (65) years; "(2) Needy individuals who are citizens of the United States who shall have passed their eighteenth (18th) birthday but have not passed their sixty-fifth (65th) birthday and who are totally and permanently disabled by reason of a mental or physical handicap or a combination of physical and mental handicaps; "(3) Needy blind persons who are citizens of the United States and who are over the age of eighteen (18) years; "(4) Needy children who are citizens of the United States and who are under the age of twenty-one (21) years, and to the caretakers of such children. "The Legislature may define

the residence requirements, if any, for participation in these programs. "The Legislature shall have authority to enact appropriate legislation which will enable the State of Texas to cooperate with the Government of the United States in providing assistance to and/or medical care on behalf of needy persons, and in providing rehabilitation and any other services included in the Federal legislation providing matching funds to help such families and individuals attain or retain capability for independence or self-care and to accept and expend funds from the Government of the United States for such purposes in accordance with the laws of the United States as they now are or as they may hereafter be amended, and to make appropriations out of state funds for such purposes; provided that the maximum amount paid out of state funds to or on behalf of any individual recipient shall not exceed the amount that is matchable out of Federal funds; provided that the total amount of such assistance payments and/or medical assistance payments out of state funds on behalf of such recipients shall not exceed the amount that is matchable out of Federal funds; provided that if the limitations and restrictions herein contained are found to be in conflict with the provisions of appropriate Federal Statutes as they now are or as they may be amended, to the extent that Federal matching money is not available to the state for these purposes, then and in that event the Legislature is specifically authorized and empowered to prescribe such limitations and restrictions and enact such laws as may be necessary in order that such Federal matching money will be available for assistance and/or medical care for or on behalf of needy

persons; and provided further, that the total amount of money to be expended per fiscal year, out of state funds for assistance payments only to recipients of Old Age Assistance, Aid to the Permanently and Totally Disabled, Aid to the Blind, and Aid to Families with Dependent Children shall never exceed Seventy-five Million Dollars (\$75,000,000). "Nothing in this Section shall be construed to amend, modify or repeal Section 31 of Article XVI of this Constitution; provided further, however, that such medical care, services or assistance shall also include the employment of objective or subjective means, without the use of drugs, for the purpose of ascertaining and measuring the powers of vision of the human eye, and fitting lenses or prisms to correct or remedy any defect or abnormal condition of vision. Nothing herein shall be construed to permit optometrists to treat the eyes for any defect whatsoever in any manner nor to administer nor to prescribe any drug or physical treatment whatsoever, unless such optometrist is a regularly licensed physician or surgeon under the laws of this state." Sec. 2. The foregoing Constitutional Amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of this state at an election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November 1968, at which election all ballots shall have printed thereon the following: "FOR the Constitutional Amendment raising the limit on the amount that may be expended in any one year out of state funds for Public Assistance payments only to Seventy-five Million Dollars (\$75,000,000)." "AGAINST the Constitutional Amendment raising the limit on the amount that may be expended in any one year out of state funds for Public Assistance payments only to Seventy-five Million Dollars (\$75,000,000)."

PUBLIC NOTICE Proposed CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT NUMBER NINE ON THE BALLOT (SJR4)

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION No. 4 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Texas, amending Section 48a of Article III thereof, so as to provide for contributions on the basis of the full salary of members of the Teacher Retirement System; providing for the submission of the proposed amendment to a vote of the people at an election and for proclamation and publication thereof. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS: Section 1. That Section 48a of Article III of the Constitution of Texas be amended so as to read as follows: "Section 48a. In addition to the powers given the Legislature under Section 48, Article III, it shall have the right to levy taxes to establish a fund to provide retirement, disability and death benefits for persons employed in the public schools, colleges and universities supported wholly or partly by the state; provided that the amount contributed by the state to such fund each year shall be equal to the aggregate amount required by law to be paid into the fund by such employees, and shall not exceed at any time six per centum (6%) of the compensation paid each such person by the state and/or school districts; and provided that no person shall be eligible for retirement who has not rendered ten (10) years of creditable service in such employment, and in no case shall any person retire before either attaining the age fifty-five (55) or completing thirty (30) years of creditable service, but shall be entitled to refund of moneys paid into the fund. "Moneys coming into such fund shall be managed and invested as provided in Section 48b of Section III of the Constitution of Texas; provided a sufficient sum shall be kept on hand to meet payments as they become due each year under such retirement plan, as

may be provided by law; and provided that the recipients of such retirement fund shall not be eligible for any other state pension retirement funds or direct aid from the State of Texas, unless such other state pension or retirement fund, contributed by the state, is released to the State of Texas as a condition to receiving such other pension aid; providing, however, that this Section shall not amend, alter, or repeal Section 63 of Article 16 of the Constitution of Texas as adopted November, 1954, or any enabling legislation passed pursuant thereto." Section 2. The foregoing constitutional amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of this state at an election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1968, at which election each ballot shall have printed thereon the following words: "FOR the amendment to Section 48a of Article III allowing contributions to be made on the basis of full salary of members of the Teacher Retirement System of Texas." "AGAINST the amendment to Section 48a of Article III allowing contributions to be made on the basis of full salary of members of the Teacher Retirement System of Texas." Each voter shall mark out one of said clauses on the ballot leaving the one expressing his vote on the proposed amendment. If it appears from the returns of said election that a majority of the votes cast were in favor of said amendment, the same shall become a part of the state constitution and be effective from the date of determination of such result and the Governor's proclamation thereof. Sec. 3. The Governor of the State of Texas is hereby directed to issue the necessary proclamation for said special election and shall have the same published as required by the constitution and laws of this state.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing a check for \$4.50 for which I'd like to receive the Robert Lee Observer.

I was raised in Sanco. I was formerly Lurena Reid. My mother, Lura Reid, still lives there. I knew most old timers in Coke County. When I see the Observer and read about all the old ones I knew and of the younger kids, some with same names, it's sort of like a newsy letter from home. I'll be looking forward to receiving every copy.

Mrs. Luie Frizzell
1006 Elm
Sweetwater, Texas 79556

HOME ON LEAVE

Ray Don Roe is here spending a 15 day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Roe. He completed his basic training at Lackland Air Force Base at San Antonio last week, and will be sent to a base in New Jersey for special training when he completes his leave.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Aldridge of Dallas were weekend guests in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Robertson and attended the Blair family reunion held Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. McAdams of Wellington visited here over the weekend with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Mitchell and Mr. and Mrs. W. D. McAdams. They picked up their children, Glenn and Vicki, who had been spending some time with their grandparents.

Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Vestal of Ballinger visited in the homes of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Brown, Mrs. Eva Haley and Mr. and Mrs. Vic Collett Sunday.

AMN. POWELL STATIONED AT CAM RANH BAY AB

With U. S. Combat Air Forces, Vietnam—A1C Kenneth A. Powell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Powell, Route 3, San Angelo, is on duty at Cam Ranh Bay AB, Vietnam.

Airman Powell, an air freight specialist, is a member of the Pacific Air Forces. Before his arrival in Southeast Asia, he was assigned at Travis AFB, Calif.

The airman, a 1964 graduate of Wall High School, attended Angelo State College.

His wife, Shirley, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Roe of Robert Lee.

Visiting recently with the D. P. Keys were their grandson, Gene Paul Shelburne of Phoenix, Arizona and Mr. and Mrs. Ron Briley of Ballinger. Shelburne resided with the Keys several years ago when he was minister of the North Side Church of Christ here. Briley is minister at the Ninth Street Church of Christ in Ballinger, where Mr. Shelburne conducted a series of gospel meetings a short time ago.

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.

DEMOCRAT

For State Representative:
GEORGE BAKER
Of Pecos County

REPUBLICAN

For State Representative:
JIM KENT
Of Ward County

Hospital News

July 30 — Mrs. Reuben Sample dismissed.

August 1 — James P. Conley admitted. Mrs. Ned Thomason, Jimmy Mullis, Mrs. Glen Roach dismissed.

August 2 — Mrs. Jim Barnhill, Mrs. Buster Farris, James P. Conley, Ned Thomason dismissed.

August 3 — Craig Thomason admitted.

August 4 — Mrs. Terry F. Bryan, Richard Hall, Mrs. Roy Hood admitted. Mrs. Royce Phillips dismissed.

August 5 — Mrs. W. T. Sharp-ton admitted. Mrs. J. E. Roane dismissed.

PERSONALS

Visitors last week in the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Flanagan were Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Mullis and son, Wade, of Eunice, N. M., Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Flanagan, Glenda, Rickey and Rodney of Whitesboro, and C. A. Flangan of Comanche. The Mullis family also visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Perry Mullis.

Mr. and Mrs. Todd Anderson spent the weekend at Dublin visiting in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Lowe, and with her sister, Mrs. Jess Gates, and family of Seattle, Wash. The Gates family are vacationing in Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Lawrence of Fort Stockton and Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Hall of Midland visited Sunday in the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Herhall Hall and Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Hall. The A. D. Halls picked up their son, Kurt, who had been here for a week with his grandparents.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Duncan of Fort Stockton visited Sunday in the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Hood and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hood.

Mrs. Vera Allen and Melvin of Waxahachie are spending several days visiting her daughter, Mrs. Sherman Williams and family. Other visitors in the Williams home Monday and Tuesday were Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Allen and son of Goldsmith.

Dennis Denman of Corpus Christi visited Sunday in the home of Mrs. Velma Denman and with other relatives.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Proposed CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT NUMBER TEN ON THE BALLOT (HJR50)

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

Section 1. That Article VIII, Constitution of the State of Texas, be amended by adding Section 1-j to read as follows:

"Section 1-j. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 1 of this article, the Legislature may provide for the refund of the tax paid on the first sale of cigars and tobacco products in this state which are subsequently sold at retail within the corporate limits of Texarkana, Texas, or any incorporated city or town in Texas contiguous to Texarkana."

Sec. 2. The foregoing constitutional amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of this state at an election to be held on

the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November 1968, at which election all ballots shall have printed on them the following:

"FOR the constitutional amendment authorizing the Legislature to provide for the refund of the tax on cigars and tobacco products sold at retail within the corporate limits of Texarkana, Texas, or any incorporated city or town in Texas contiguous to Texarkana."

"AGAINST the constitutional amendment authorizing the Legislature to provide for the refund of the tax on cigars and tobacco products sold at retail within the corporate limits of Texarkana, Texas, or any incorporated city or town in Texas contiguous to Texarkana."

PUBLIC NOTICE

Proposed CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT NUMBER ELEVEN ON THE BALLOT (HJR60)

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

Section 1. That Article III, Constitution of the State of Texas, be amended to add Section 64 to read as follows:

"Section 64. (a) The Legislature may by statute provide for consolidation of governmental offices and functions of government of any one or more political subdivisions comprising or located within El Paso or Tarrant Counties. Any such statute shall require an election to be held within the political subdivisions affected thereby with approval by a majority of the voters in each of these subdivisions, under such terms and conditions as the Legislature may require.

(b) The county government, or any political subdivision(s) comprising or located therein, may contract one with another for the performance of governmental functions required or authorized by this Constitution or the Laws of this State, under such terms and conditions as the Legislature may prescribe. No person acting under a contract made pursuant to this Subsection (b) shall be deemed to hold more than one office of honor, trust or profit or more than one civil office of emolument.

The term 'governmental functions,' as it relates to counties, includes all duties, activities and operations of statewide importance in which the county acts for the State, as well as of local importance, whether required or authorized by this Constitution or the Laws of this State."

Sec. 2. The foregoing constitutional amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of this state at an election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November 1968, at which election all ballots shall have printed on them the following:

"FOR the constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for consolidating governmental offices and functions and allowing political subdivisions to contract for performance of governmental functions in El Paso and Tarrant counties."

"AGAINST the constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for consolidating governmental offices and functions and allowing political subdivisions to contract for performance of governmental function in El Paso and Tarrant counties."

PUBLIC NOTICE

Proposed CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT NUMBER SEVEN ON THE BALLOT (SJR32)

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

Section 1. That Article VIII, Constitution of the State of Texas, be amended by adding a new Section 1-e to read as follows:

"Section 1-e.
"1. From and after December 31, 1978, no State ad valorem taxes shall be levied upon any property within this State for State purposes except the tax levied by Article VII, Section 17, for certain institutions of higher learning.

"2. The State ad valorem tax authorized by Article VII, Section 3, of this Constitution shall be imposed at the following rates on each One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) valuation for the years 1968 through 1974: On January 1, 1968, Thirty-five Cents (35¢); on January 1, 1969, Thirty Cents (30¢); on January 1, 1970, Twenty-five Cents (25¢); on January 1, 1971, Twenty Cents (20¢); on January 1, 1972, Fifteen Cents (15¢); on January 1, 1973, Ten Cents (10¢); on January 1, 1974, Five Cents (5¢); and thereafter no such tax for school purposes shall be levied and collected. An amount sufficient to provide free text books for the use of children attending the public free schools of this State shall be set aside from any revenues deposited in the Available School Fund, provided, however, that should such funds be insufficient, the deficit may be met by appropriation from the general funds of the State.

"3. The State ad valorem tax of Two Cents (2¢) on the One Hundred Dollars valuation levied by Article VII, Section 17, of this Constitution shall not be levied after December 31, 1976. At any time prior to December 31, 1976, the Legislature may establish a trust fund solely for the benefit of the widows of Confederate veterans and such Texas Rangers and their widows as are eligible for retirement or disability pensions under the provisions of Article XVI, Section 66, of this Constitution, and after such fund is established the ad valorem tax levied by Article VII, Section 17, shall not thereafter be levied.

"4. Unless otherwise provided by the Legislature, after December 31, 1976 all delinquent State ad valorem taxes together with penalties and interest thereon, less lawful costs of collection, shall be used to secure bonds issued for permanent improvements at institutions of higher learning, as authorized by Article VII, Section 17, of this Constitution.

"5. The fees paid by the State for both assessing and collecting State ad valorem taxes shall not exceed two per cent (2%) of the State taxes collected. This subsection shall be self-executing."

"Section 51. The Legislature shall have no power to make any grant or authorize the making of any grant of public moneys to any individual, association of individuals, municipal or other corporations whatsoever; provided, however, the Legislature may grant aid to indigent and disabled Confederate soldiers and sailors under such regulations and limitations as may be deemed by the Legislature as expedient, and to their widows in indigent circumstances under such regulations and limitations as may be deemed by the Legislature as expedient; provided that the provisions of this Section shall not be construed so as to prevent the grant of aid in cases of public calamity."

Sec. 3. The foregoing Constitutional Amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of this State at an election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November 1968, at which election all ballots shall have printed on them the following:

"FOR the Constitutional Amendment continuously reducing State ad valorem property taxes and abolishing all State ad valorem property taxes after December 31, 1978, except the tax levied by Article VII, Section 17, for certain institutions of higher learning.

"AGAINST the Constitutional Amendment continuously reducing State ad valorem property taxes and abolishing all State ad valorem property taxes after December 31, 1978, except the tax levied by Article VII, Section 17, for certain institutions of higher learning.

Sec. 2. That Article III, Section 51, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, be amended so as hereafter to read as follows:



IMPROVE YOUR HOME WITH A BANK LOAN

Stop just thinking about the improvements your home needs and that you would like to make... start making them. See us right away for a low-cost, easy-to-repay bank loan!

Robert Lee State Bank

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of water. And those earthen mounds, each with a welltop atop it, will be islands out in a large lake, the Robert Lee Reservoir. Formation of the lake will begin this fall when the gates of Robert Lee Dam, now abuilding five miles away, slide shut. Then the Colorado River will start backing up between the mesas and over the ranch land, inundating part of the I.A.B. But the wells — with their "heads" held above the lake by the mounds of earth — will continue producing oil without harming the water.

Oddly enough, the I.A.B. will also be "flooded" in another, less obvious way. Some 17,000 barrels of water a day will be purchased from the Colorado River Municipal Water District and pumped from the new lake into a treatment plant. From there, the water will be injected into the rock formation, 5,500 feet underground, that contains the oil.

This water, advancing through porous limestone, will push the oil ahead of it and up to the surface through production wells. By the use of waterflooding (as the process is called), the ultimate oil recovery may be doubled.

Waterflooding is now new for the I.A.B. It was first undertaken in 1962, five years after the field's discovery, using water drilled near the bank of the Colorado River. These wells, however, will be inundated by the lake.

The I.A.B. project seems likely to attract attention as one of the most unusual oil and water conservation stories of the year. Owen H. Ivey, general manager of the Colorado River Municipal Water District, calls the program "a fine example of cooperation between two great industries — petroleum and water." (In semi-

arid West Texas, water is an industry).

"Revenue derived from the sale of water to the petroleum industry will be used to help pay for the construction of the dam and other district facilities," Ivie adds. "This same revenue will enable the district to deliver water to communities at a lower cost."

The organization Ivie represents is a conservation district created by the Texas Legislature in 1949 to furnish water to Odesa, Big Spring, Snyder, and other communities in 11 counties. To accomplish this, plans were made for the construction of the Robert Lee Dam and the resultant reservoir approximately 18 miles long and four miles wide. Ultimately 50 million gallons of water a day will be diverted from the lake to help meet municipal requirements of cities up to 125 miles away.

The lake also holds promise as a recreation haven. Fishing and water-sports facilities will be available to the public, as well as five lakeside picnic and camping areas. One 200-acre park will be located in the center of the I.A.B. oil field within view of the well-head-crowned islands out in the lake.

The oil companies' field employees have long since adjusted to the idea that the I.A.B., which is in an area with an average rainfall of 10 inches — will be operated in many respects like an offshore oil facility. Pumpers, who are the men whose day-to-day job involves checking the operation of each well, will be particularly affected. Twelve of the field's 51 wells will be surrounded by water and will be reachable only by boat. An additional five wells will be connected to the shore by causeways.

Onshore duties also will be complicated by the new lake. To

move from one side of the oil field to the other will involve a 27-mile drive along the shore as contrasted to the present direct, two-mile ride. Well-servicing vehicles will have to be floated to the islands on barges and moved up earthen ramps specially constructed for this purpose.

Engineers are taking many precautions to prevent water pollution. Sophisticated devices on each oil well will shut down production immediately in case of emergency. Also a monitoring system will allow continuous on-shore observation of the offshore water injection wells.

Crude gathering lines that run from the oil wells have been wrapped on the outside with tarpaper and coated on the inside with concrete. They are buried two feet beneath the future lake bottom to prevent corrosion.

Looking out at the towering earthen mounds, the driver of the pickup truck scratches his head and does some speculating. "I'd say it looks like we've got a new tourist attraction on our hands," he muses.

And he's probably right. For the next few months, there'll be a spectacular "mountains of the moon" landscape. And after that, one of the most unusual lakes in Texas.

AMBULANCE SERVICE — Continued from Page 1

court next week.

Williams brought out the possibility of needing two ambulances at one time in his discussion but Judge Thetford said Tuesday that he understood Williams plans to install ambulance equipment in his funeral car so it can be used for an ambulance in case it is needed.

The court was of the opinion that Williams needs some relief from the losses he has borne during the years he has provided this area with ambulance service.

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the Roping Club, said a large crowd of spectators and entrants is expected for the rodeo. "We're planning a good rodeo with some good stock and some good entrants and can assure everyone of a real night of entertainment," McCutchen said.

Admission price will be 50 cents for adults and 25 cents for youngsters under 12. An entry fee of \$1.00 for each event entered will be charged those participating in the event.

Events which will be held for both junior and senior girls are barrel racing, pole bending and flag racing. Events planned for junior boys will be steer riding, break away calf roping and barrel racing. Senior boys can compete in tie down calf roping, ribbon roping and bull riding.

In addition to the events listed above there will be a goat scramble for boys 12 years old and under. \$1.00 prizes will be tied to the animals and the lads who can get the goats will keep the money for prizes.

Several hard luck prizes have been donated to the Roping Club by M. L. Leddy Co. of San Angelo for presentation at the rodeo.

McCutchen said everybody in Coke County and the surrounding area is invited to the rodeo.

METHODIST VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL MONDAY

Annual Vacation Church School of the First United Methodist Church will be held next week, Aug. 12-16. The school will again be held in the afternoon from 2-4 p.m., and will be for all those children who will start to public school by September 1969, through those who completed the sixth grade in public school last May.

All of the children of the community are welcome and invited.

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teous service by all businesses, particularly cafes and service stations would do much to sell the town to tourists and other visitors.

He said the WTU area development department is always ready to help any town in the area, but most of the work, the planning and selling of a community lies with the local residents.

Glenn said it is a fact that a large segment of the population likes to live around water, which will give Robert Lee a big boost in attracting new residents to the area. He predicted that in 10 years fresh water in this area would be more vital than oil to the county's economy.

The speaker brought out that federal help is available in some instances to small rural communities and suggested this be checked out. He also mentioned the fact that many communities, through civic clubs or governmental units, provide sites for industry free of charge. He said if a project of this type is undertaken, primary consideration should be given to the suitability of the sites, such as access to highways, airport, public utilities, etc. He also pointed out that securing industry is not an overnight job, adding that some cities in this area have spent five, eight or even ten years before they achieved success.

Glenn's key point for BCD members was that the new lake which is being created here is the community's best selling point, and that citizens who are interested in seeing the area grow should take full advantage of this tremendous asset.

Besides Glenn, the BCD's guest for the meeting was Mrs. George Palmos. Nineteen members were present.



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