

You Can't Vote Unless You Register

Robert Lee Observer

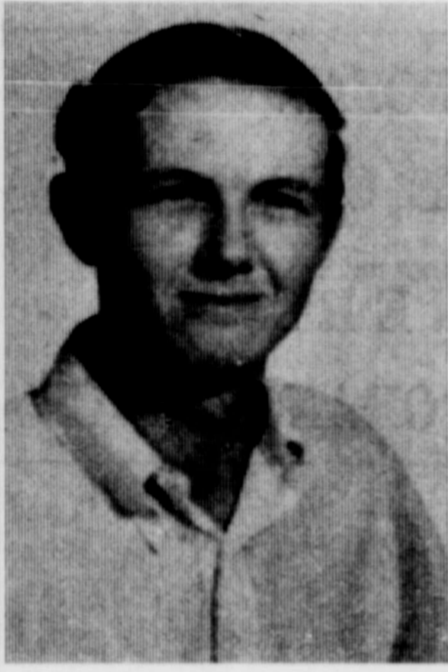
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BAND FAVORITES —Peggy Green and John Carver were picked by their fellow band members as Band Sweetheart and Band Beau. Miss Green, a sophomore at Robert Lee High School, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Carroll Green and Carver, who is a senior, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Carver. The Band Sweetheart is a band twirler



and has been a member of the band four and one-half years. She also is secretary of her class, secretary of the band, and a member of the Beta Club, FTA, FHA and the basketball team. Carver is president of the band, vice president of the Science Club, sentinel for the FFA and a member of the Spanish Club.

850 Coke Voters Have Registered

Mothers to March In Fund Drive

A Mothers March of the March of Dimes will be held in Robert Lee Monday, beginning at 6 p.m.

The drive will be sponsored by the '64 Study Club, but any one who wishes to help is invited to participate.

Plans call for a complete canvass of the town.

Money collected in the Mothers March will be turned over to the March of Dimes for use in its fight against birth defects.

Seniors to Have Variety Show

The senior class of Robert Lee High School will present a variety musical show at 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 1, in the school auditorium. A large amount of local and out of town talent will be used in the event.

Out of town artists scheduled to appear include Sheriff George Maxwell of Taylor County and his band; Sid Porter, Sweetwater; Richard Beck, Wingate; and Charles Atkins, Stephenville.

Already signed up to appear on the program are the following local musicians: Jack Denman, Ray Shandley, Johnny Carver, Dick Standefer, Robbie Smith, Rodney Mathers, Ernest Herford, Steve Smith and James Fields.

Everyone in the area is invited to attend the show and help the seniors. The concession stand will be open.



JIM ROBERTSON

JIM ROBERTSON HONORED ON 70TH BIRTHDAY

Jim Robertson was honored Jan. 16 with a birthday dinner at his home in Robert Lee. The occasion was his 70th birthday. Hostess for the dinner was his daughter-in-law, Mrs. Otis Carroll Robertson.

Members of the family were guests for the celebration and 28 friends called during the afternoon and evening.

Mrs. Robertson and her two sons are making their home with her father-in-law while her husband, who is in the Air Force, is taking three months of special training at Shepard Air Force Base at Wichita Falls.

A little more than a week remains for Coke County citizens to register so they will be eligible to vote in elections which occur in 1969. Jan. 31 is the last day for voters to register.

County Tax Assessor Collector C. B. Jacobs said Wednesday morning that 850 persons have registered. He pointed out that this number is a long way from the 1587 who registered in 1968.

Jacobs said that everyone, regardless of age, must register before he will be permitted to vote. "Before last year persons who were sixty years old did not have to register, pay a poll tax or anything to vote," Jacobs pointed out, "but since we no longer have to pay a poll tax, everyone has to register."

The poll tax in Texas was declared unconstitutional by the U. S. Supreme Court and the voter registration law was passed to provide a new method of registering voters.

Voters may register in person by going to the tax office in the courthouse in Robert Lee or they may write the office requesting an application blank. The blanks must be filled out and signed before they are returned to the tax office. Jacobs said he had received a number of unsigned applications and that he cannot register a prospective voter without his signature on the application.

An agent may register for another person in some instances, Jacobs pointed out. The law provides that the only persons acceptable as an agent must be the wife, husband, mother, father, son or daughter of the voter who is applying for registration.

Deputy at Bronte

Voters in the Bronte area will have an opportunity to register next week without going to Robert Lee or sending for an application.

Jacobs will have a deputy at First National Bank in Bronte all day Tuesday, Jan. 28. He urged voters of the Bronte area who have not registered to do so at that time.

Jacobs also pointed out Jan. 31 is the last day for paying 1968 state and county taxes at his office without incurring penalty and interest charges.

City and school taxes are also due not later than Jan. 31, and penalty and interest charges will be made if they are allowed to go delinquent.

City taxes may be paid to Mrs. Edna Havins at the city hall and school taxes should be paid to Mrs. Juanita Trimble at the school tax office.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob L. Davis of Amarillo visited in the home of Mrs. Pete Davis, and with other relatives Monday.

Allen Reelected UCRA Chairman

Gerald C. Allen, Robert Lee banker, was re-elected chairman of the Upper Colorado River Authority when a meeting was held here Tuesday. Cumbie Ivey Sr., also of Robert Lee, was re-elected trust receipts officer.

Other officers reelected include Everett Grindstaff of Balingier, vice chairman, and Dale Leddy of San Angelo, secretary and treasurer.

HE Girls Present Style Show to Club

Winter Wonderland was the theme of a style show which was presented to the '64 Study Club and a number of guests Tuesday night in the school auditorium. The show was given by the freshman homemaking class of Robert Lee High School.

The same program was scheduled to be presented in a school assembly Wednesday afternoon.

The girls modeled their jumpers and blouses to depict styles of 1969. Then they changed the same garments so they would show possible styles of the future which might be worn on trips to other planets.

Girls participating in the style show were: Nancy Bagwell, Aurora Abalos, Cookie Hinnard, Jana Jeffries, Becky Conner, Patti Hearn, Marcia Duncan, Patti Ivey, Jan Cox, Janet Brasuel, Kay McGinley, Marsha Brown, Linda Parker, Susan Ivey, Donna Wallace, Peppy Boykin, Angela Reid and Lyndia Lohse, all freshmen; also, Quincie Wright, who is a sophomore but is enrolled in freshman homemaking.

Robbie Jane Smith served as commentator for the style show.

Other business of the meeting was endorsement of a plan for an association of water groups in an area west of the Lower Colorado River Authority.

Allen appointed a committee consisting of Fred Conn of San Angelo, Jack Douthit of Sterling City and T. Autrey Smith of Winters to meet and draw up a suggested organizational plan for the association including goals to be sought.

River authority members requested Allen to invite representatives of other water groups to an organizational meeting in the near future.

Band Concert Set for Jan. 30

A concert will be presented by the Robert Lee Steer Band at 7:30 p.m., Jan. 30. Band Director Willis Parker said this week that the program would last for 45 minutes to an hour.

He added that a varied program, extending from classical overtures to popular tunes will be included.

The public is invited to make plans to attend the concert.

Weekend guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Page were Mr. and Mrs. Bert Burton of Levelland and Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Page and Phillip Jr. of Odessa.

Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Hood and family of Midland are visiting here in the homes of her mother, Mrs. Laura Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Hood and others.



SOPHOMORE FAVORITES Becky Percifull and Waldon Millican were recently selected by their classmates as favorites of the class. Miss Percifull is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Will Percifull and



Millican is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbern Millican. Miss Percifull also is a cheerleader, class reporter, and a member of the Science Club, FHA, FTA and Beta Club.

Scout Jamboree Applications Taken

Boy Scouts and Explorers who apply to attend the Seventh National Jamboree of the Boy

Scouts of America next summer will be interviewed by the local jamboree committee of the Concho Valley Council, Raymond G. Pipkin, council president, announced today.

Basketball Teams Have Good Week

Both the boys and girls high school teams have won two basketball games during the past week. All the games were played in district competition.

Roscoe came to Robert Lee Friday night and went home with a couple of losses. The girls took their game, 44-38, while the boys swamped the visitors, 80-62.

High pointer for the girls was Judy Gartman with 21. Jackie Conley had 15, and Linda Blair made 8.

Quinn Conley took scoring honors in the boys game with 38. He was followed by Mike Mumford with 22, Roy Blair 6, Bill Burns 6, Joe David Key 5, Darrell Pitcock 3.

Aspermont came here Tuesday night and both girls and boys teams won squeakers from the visitors. The boys won, 68-67, and the girls game ended 50-48.

Gartman was high pointer for the girls with 25, Conley made 19 and Blair sank 6 points.

Conley was high in the boys game with 31, Mumford had 22, Blair 9, Bill Burns 4 and Key 2.

Rotan will be here Friday night and Robert Lee teams will go to Wylie next Tuesday night. Wylie has not lost a game so far this season, so the locals are expecting some real competition.

B Girls Win

The local girls B team took a 32-21 win at Bronte last Thursday night. Kay McGinley was leading scorer with 17, Angela Reed had 14 and Marsha Duncan made 1.

"Every section of our 23 1/2 county council will be represented in the local delegation to the National Jamboree," Pipkin said, "and the selection committee will be concerned with each boy's school record and extracurricular activities including community participation.

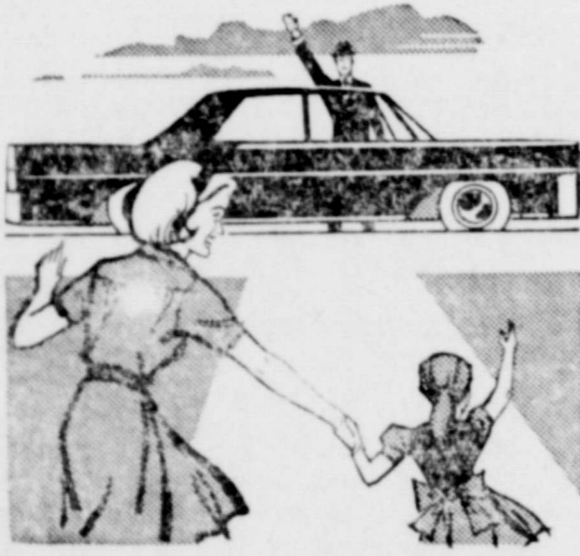
The jamboree will be attended by over 40,000 persons at Farragut State Park, Idaho, from July 16 to 22. The jamboree theme is Building to Serve.

Applications are being accepted from Boy Scouts who were 12 on or before September 1, 1968, and who earn the Star rank by July 1, 1969. Explorers must have been registered as a Boy Scout or Explorer before July 11, 1968.

The Concho Valley Council expects to have 39 boys and 3 leaders at the national encampment. The three Jamboree leaders for the council contingent are Steward Hawkins, San Angelo, scoutmaster; John K. Finegan, Del Rio, assistant scoutmaster; and Gene Hinnard, Robert Lee, assistant scoutmaster. Tentative plans are for the local contingent to travel to Idaho by air from Midland, Texas to Spokane, Washington; then by bus to the Jamboree site.

Information about the national jamboree is available from the Scout Service Center, P. O. Box 1584, San Angelo or in Room 310, 7 West Twohig Building, San Angelo.

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FRIENDSHIP H.D. CLUB

The Friendship H.D. Club met Tuesday, Jan. 14, in the home of Mrs. Alfred Fields. Ten members were present.

New officers for the coming year were elected. They were: Mrs. Lowell Roane, president; Mrs. Curtis Walker, vice president and Mrs. Waymond Robertson, reporter.

Mrs. Roane presided over the meeting and appointed committees for the coming year.

Secret pal names were drawn.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that Coke County Commissioner's Court will receive bids on Monday, Feb. 3, 1969, at 10:00 A.M. on one new 1969 model 1/2 ton pickup truck for the County Agriculture Agent, as follows:

One 1969 model 1/2 ton, long wheel base pickup truck
8-Cylinder, automatic transmission

Fleet side (wide box)
Air cleaner and oil bath
Rear bumper with trailer hitch assembly

Side mount tire carrier
Heater and defroster assembly
Turn signal lights
Standard cab

Left and right outside mirrors
Coke County has for trade-in:
One used 1965 8-cylinder 1/2 ton pickup truck. The Commissioner's Court of Coke County reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waiver any technicality.

Weldon Fikes, County Auditor
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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that Coke County will receive sealed bids in the office of the County Judge until 10 o'clock A.M. Monday, February 3, 1969 for the following:

1—New 1969 Chasis-Cab, 2-ton truck, V-8 Engine (not less than 350 cubic inches), Wheelbase (not less than 149 1/2 inches), Cab to axle not less than 84 inches,

4—8.25 x 20, 10 ply tires with tubes (heavy duty wheels)

2—7.50 x 20, 10 ply tires with tubes (heavy duty wheels)

1—Spare wheel

2—Speed rear axle (not less than 15,000 lb.)

Heavy duty rear springs (not less than 2,000 lb. with auxiliary overloads)

Heavy duty front springs

4-Speed transmission

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Heavy duty radiator

Reflectors, lights, and turn signals

Hand throttle

2-Way power take-off and control

Foam seat

2—Front shocks

Recirculating heater and defroster

The County has for trade-in:

One used 1952 6-cylinder, 2-ton Chevrolet truck. For further information, contact Commissioner of Precinct No. 3. The Commissioner's Court of Coke County reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waiver any technicality.

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WELCOME

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

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

HAVE NEW DAUGHTER

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Bob Highsmith of San Angelo are parents of a new daughter, Madelon Dawn. She was born at 6:15 p.m., Jan. 6 at the Clinic Hospital there and weighed seven pounds and twelve ounces.

Mrs. Highsmith is the former Dawn Grace Boykin.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Ben A. Boykin of Robert Lee, and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Highsmith of Menard. Great grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Boykin of Robert Lee, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Highsmith of Menard, Mrs. Verda Rotan of Menard and Mrs. Madge Lucas of Australia.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Wallace Jr. and family spent Sunday in Abilene visiting their daughter, Marilyn, who is attending Abilene Christian College.



CLUB OFFICERS — Southwest Texas State College's Sigma Delta Pi Spanish Fraternity officers discuss business with their co-sponsor, Richard Davis, assistant pro-

fessor of modern languages.

Miss Frerking is a Weslaco junior English major at Southwest Texas, while Miss Heuvel is a Robert Lee senior English major.

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SS Applicants Want Prompt Service

When a person files a claim for social security benefits, whether it be a retirement, disability, or survivor's claim, the thing foremost in his mind is quick processing of his claim and prompt payment.

Ted F. Moellering, district manager of the San Angelo Social Security office, said recently that speedy payment of benefits is also the primary goal of the Social Security Administration. However, he pointed out, the law requires that certain facts be established in each claim for social security benefits. Thus, employees of the Social Security Administration have a two-sided responsibility — to see that claims are paid promptly, but in accordance with the law.

Hospital News

Jan. 14 — C. C. Parker admitted. Mr. and Mrs. Ned Thomson dismissed.

Jan. 15 — Mrs. Haddah Young, E. D. Ackerman admitted. Mrs. Domingo Ceneseros, Mrs. George Conner, Mrs. Tom Schooler dismissed.

Jan. 16 — Mrs. Ruth Clift, Oscar Collett, Mrs. Bobby Palmos admitted. Mrs. Samantha Blair dismissed.

Jan. 17 — E. D. Ackerman, Earl Caulder, C. C. Parker dismissed.

Jan. 18 — Mrs. Sam Fowler admitted.

Jan. 19 — Pete Puentez admitted and dismissed.

Jan. 20 — Dan Middleton, Alfred Fields, Johnny Torres, Mrs. J. E. Quisenberry Jr. admitted. Mrs. Bobby Palmos and baby dismissed.

On Tuesday, Jan. 21 twelve patients remained in the hospital, and eight were in the nursing home.

Albert (Tooter) Fields of Southwest Texas State College at San Marcos left Tuesday following a five day mid-semester vacation at home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Fields.

Moellering listed three areas that cause problems and delays in the processing of social security claims: (1) lack of sufficient evidence of age; (2) employees whose wages are incorrectly reported or not reported at all; and (3) self-employed persons who do not file their tax returns correctly or do not file returns at all. All of these matters have to be cleared up before a claim can be completed.

It is very important, Moellering said, that anyone who has any doubt about the evidence of his age, or about his status as an employee or self-employed person, contact a social security representative before time to file a claim so that problems can be cleared up in advance.

For further information, contact the Social Security Office at 3000 West Harris Avenue in San Angelo or see the representative who is in town once each month.

Bill McDaniel of San Angelo was visiting speaker of Northside Church of Christ here, for both morning and evening services Sunday.

H D Agent's News Dept.

By MRS. FAY C. ROE

Carpets are too expensive and too infrequently purchased for buyers to select by trial and error experience. Consumers in the market for carpeting should learn the basic facts which apply to all carpets.

Carpet price is determined by two things: basic material and care and artistry used in manufacturing. The more of either element put into a carpet, the higher the price.

For example, carpet containing nylon wears very well. But nylon carpeting can cost \$6 a square yard up to \$25 a square yard.

To understand differences in carpets, one should understand construction. A carpet is made of a series of layers, each effects a luxurious feeling of the carpet. Quality of the pile is determined by the height of the tufts and their density. Balance between these affects the ability of pile fibers to remain on end in heavy use.

Below pile is the primary backing to which the pile is attached. Secondary backing is the last layer. It is recommended with most tufted carpets. Latex applied between the two backing layers locks the individual fibers to prevent pulling out.

Fight Flu With Fresh Citrus

Are you one of the lucky few who have not succumbed to the common cold or influenza during the holiday season? Don't relax your vigilance because the virus or "flu" bug is still in the air just looking for a victim. To stay well, physicians are advising plenty of rest, a well-balanced diet and the avoidance of crowds.

Physicians all agree that when you are overly tired you are more susceptible to colds and other infections. They say that these infections are spread from person to person through the air and also point out that holiday eating, with its excess of sweets and goodies may have crowded out other foods that are needed to insure a full-balanced adequate diet.

Your employer will agree with your doctor that if you get a cold or signs of influenza, stay home and keep your germs out of circulation. Follow the doctor's instructions as to bed rest, medication, and plenty of liquids.

To vary your liquid intake, include fresh orange juice, lemonade, fruit punches, and soup broths along with water. In this way, you are continually replenishing food nutrients. It is important to prevent the respiratory passages (nose, lung and sinuses) from becoming dried out. Eating an orange breaks the monotony of drinking liquids. Did you know that oranges are 85% liquid and are high in vitamin C and minerals? The fibrous material around each segment provides excellent roughage to help promote regular elimination. Just peeling an orange and eating it out of hand is relaxing to do. As you peel it, the oils from the skin emit a fragrance that perk up the appetite. Follow the orange with a big glass of cold water. You'll begin to feel better in no time. Have you tried eating

grapefruit just like oranges? They're great. Why not give that unfortunate friend, who has caught the "flu" bug a large basket of fresh citrus. Include oranges, lemons, grapefruit, and tangerines. They're so plentiful and delicious right now. Attach a special get well card with your personal message: "Here's fresh citrus to brighten your day and shorten your stay in bed."

Weekend visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Elliott were their daughter and her family, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Squares and children of Hamlin.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Killiam Saturday were her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Prine of San Angelo. The Killiam children, Lou, Jo Ann and James, went home with their grandparents and Mr. and Mrs. Killiam went over Sunday to pick them up.

PERSONALS

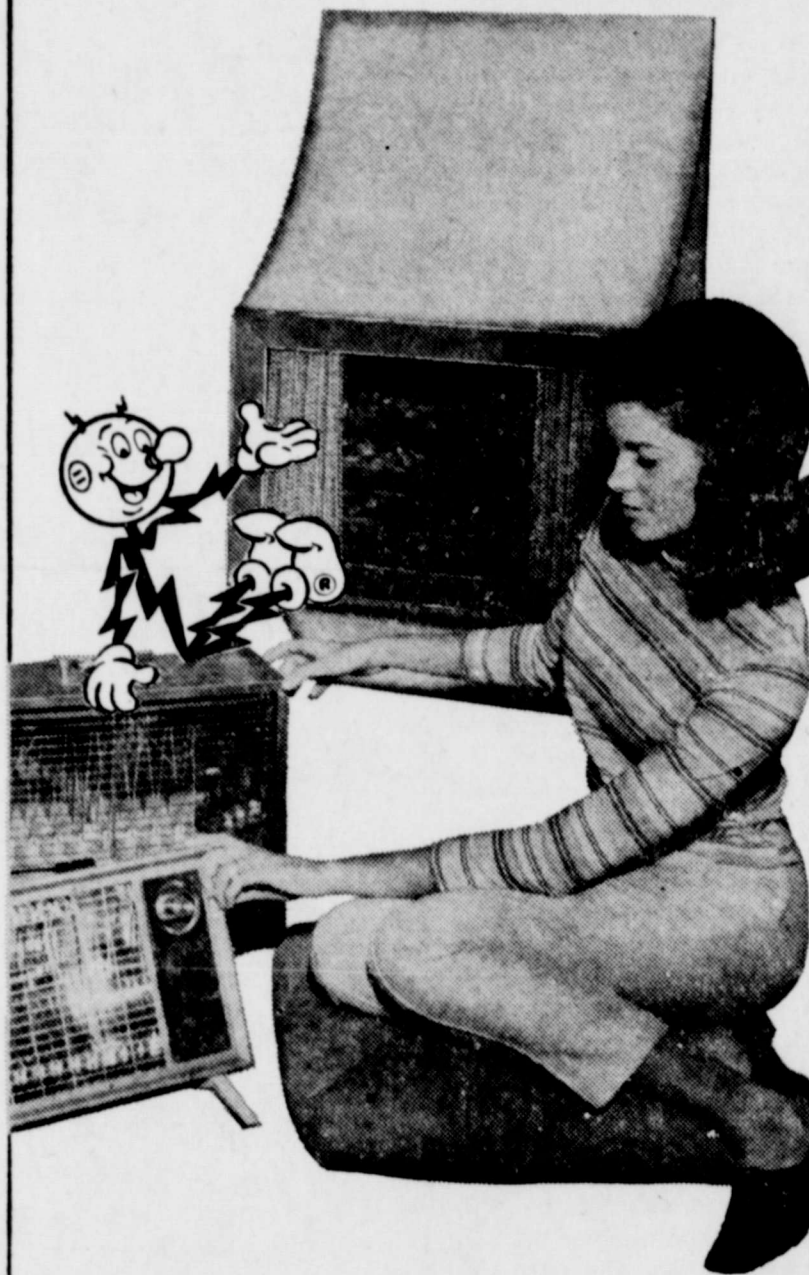
Mrs. Edna Havins, Jan and Linda, were guests Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Havins of San Angelo. They attended a birthday dinner given for Mrs. Fern Havins. Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. George Grim and family and Fern Havins.

Mrs. Fred Goodman of Fort Worth and Mrs. Marie Fox of Palo Pinto were weekend guests in the home of Mrs. Golda Smith. Mrs. Goodman is the former Mrs. Betty Ferrell, who operated the Adams Abstract Co. here several years ago.

Mrs. W. T. McAdams and children of Wellington were weekend guests in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Mitchell, and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rutter of Austin were weekend guests in the home of Mrs. Anna Mae Benningfield.

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WASHINGTON

"As it looks from here"

OMAR BURLESON

Congressman
17th District

WASHINGTON, D. C.—LAST WEEK PRESIDENT JOHNSON made the 179th State of the Union Address in our Nation's history. It was the first speech by an outgoing President to a Joint Session of Congress since 1801 by John Adams.

A PRESIDENT IS REQUIRED BY THE CONSTITUTION to report to the Congress but it does not say he has to do it every year. The requirement is "from time to time."

NEVERTHELESS, EXACTLY ONE ADDRESS HAS BEEN GIVEN each year since Washington's time except in 1933. In that year the date for taking office was moved up from March 4 to January 20. Had the outgoing President Herbert Hoover continued in office until March, it is assumed he would have delivered an address. Former President Franklin D. Roosevelt, being brand new in office in January, declined to report on the State of the Union.

JAMES A. GARFIELD AND WILLIAM HENRY HARRISON were the only Presidents who never delivered a State of the Union Address. They died before their first occasion to do so.

HOW FAR THE PRESIDENT SHOULD GO IN SPELLING out legislation to be passed by the Congress is a question as old as our country. Major differences in State of the Union Addresses from Washington's time until today reflect the differing attitudes of Presidents with respect as to how much power they should exercise over Congress. In this connection, the duty of the President to suggest laws is clearly set forth in the same part of the Constitution which calls for a report on the State of the Union.

SAYS THE CONSTITUTION, "HE (THE PRESIDENT) shall from time to time give to the Congress information of the State of the Union and recommend to their consideration such measures as he shall judge necessary and expedient..."

AS REVEALED IN STATE OF THE UNION ADDRESSES, about one-third of the 35 Presidents have been somewhat aggressive in proposing new laws and policy while a few have been almost reluctant and a few have been in between in influencing Congress.

SOME ADDRESSES OF THE PRESIDENTS HAVE BEEN more or less forgotten by historians. On the other hand, some of the most casual references have shaped history. The California gold rush of 1849 was set up in December of 1848 by a remark of President James Polk who noted that "an abundance of gold" had indeed been discovered.

NOT OFTEN DOES ANY LASTING PRONOUNCEMENT of foreign policy endure beyond one or two Administrations. Yet one State of the Union Address was the sole source of laying down a major tenet of foreign policy. In 1823 when the Holy Alliance in Europe aligned against Britain took up Spain's call to reclaim its lost colonies in Latin America. President Monroe said in his State of the Union Address, "We can not view any interposition for the purpose of opposing them (the South American States) or controlling in any manner their destinies by European power in any other light than in the manifestation of an unfriendly disposition toward the U. S." Thus, the Monroe Doctrine. Actually, it is the one major and long lasting U. S. policy which owes its expression purely to a State of the Union Address.

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NOT UNLIKE SOME OF RECENT PRESIDENTS, Thomas Jefferson used a State of the Union Message to establish a national precedent which from time to time has come under attack. With the possibility of war looming, he procured military supplies without authorization of Congress. In his annual message, he explained why and asked approval of what he had already done. Other Presidents have followed that practice, usually surrounded by controversy.

SOME PRESIDENTS HAVE JUST ABOUT HAD TO EAT THEIR WORDS in addresses to Congress. In December, 1913, Woodrow Wilson said that the World was in a condition "foreshadowing an age of settled peace and good will." That was 52 years ago and no President has dared to say such a thing since. Eight months later the guns of World War I broke the peace in Europe and in April, 1917, Wilson read a Special Message to Congress asking for a declaration of war.

UNTIL LINCOLN, NO PRESIDENT HAD PROPOSED an amendment to the Constitution. In his Message of 1862, he presented his draft to emancipate the slaves. The amendment did not pass and no President has tried to spell out a Constitutional amendment since.

THE PERSONALITY AND CHARACTER OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVES in our history present vivid contrast.

HISTORIANS JUDGE THEM STRONG, WEAK, AND IN BETWEEN. In his message, John Tyler said, "I have thus, fellow citizens, acquitted myself of my duty by inviting your attention to matters of much importance to the Country." Most historians view his as a weak commitment but weaker still was Ulysses S. Grant when he apologetically told Congress that he had been "called to the office of Chief Executive without any previous political training" and, that his "failures had been of judgment, not of intent."

BY CONTRAST, ANDREW JACKSON SPOKE SO BLUNTLY TO CONGRESS that, as historian S. H. Ferish put it, "Congress got more than information — it was given a piece of Jackson's mind."

PRESIDENT JOHNSON'S ADDRESS LAST WEEK was one of farewell. It remains to be seen what Mr. Nixon will have to say when he first addresses a Joint Session of Congress.

Lois and Linda Heuvel, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Heuvel came home Friday and spent five days during the mid-semester vacation from Southwest Texas State College at San Marcos. Linda is majoring in English with a minor in Spanish. Lois is a physical education major with a minor in business.

BE WISE, INVEST REGULARLY IN U. S. SAVINGS BONDS. THEY ARE YOUR BEST INVESTMENT FOR A GUARANTEED INCOME TO CARRY OUT THOSE BIG PLANS YOU'RE MAKING.



Miss Virginia (Ginger) Rand Murtishaw is the bride-elect of Sidney Oscar Eubanks, serving in the Navy in California. The announcement was made recently by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Murtishaw of Bronte. Parents of the prospective bridegroom are Mr. and Mrs. Sid Eubanks, also of Bronte.

BCD Hears Report On Erecting Signs On RL Highways

A report was given at Tuesday's BCD meeting on the findings of a committee appointed to investigate the erection of advertising signs along highways leading into Robert Lee. The committee is composed of Cumble Ivey Jr., Bill Allen and Fern Havins. Ivey made the report.

He showed BCD members a sketch of a design the committee thought would be attractive for the proposed signs. The committee contacted an outdoor advertising firm and a steel company to get ideas on the design, materials and other information needed.

Ivey pointed out that the signs could be made of wood, plastic or steel. He said that wooden construction would not stand the elements as well as other materials and that plastic would crack or break. The committee concluded that steel would be the most desirable material to use. However, Ivey said cost is a major consideration in steel construction.

He said in addition to the steel for the sign itself, the BCD would need pipe on which to erect the signs, and there would also be the cost of lettering.

BCD members agreed that the signs should be not less than eight by 16 feet in order to be seen and clearly read by persons traveling on the highways. Cost will be discussed next week after further study. Ivey pointed out that at least four signs would be needed, on the Colorado City, San Angelo, Bronte and Sterling City-Water Valley highways.

Supt. Jimmy Bickley reported that progress is being made on the new school. Laying foundations has been going on for some time and the contractor started laying brick this week.

President Garland Davis presided at the meeting and 15 members were present.

Junior High Teams Win at Eldorado

Robert Lee junior high boys won consolation and the junior high girls won second place in the tournament held last weekend at Eldorado. Both boys and girls teams played three games, losing one and winning two.

Girls Games

The girls took their first game from Ozona with a score of 21-16. Nita Copeland was high pointer with 8, and she was closely followed by Kim Mitchell with 7 and Kathy Prince with 6.

The girls took their second game with Iraan, 41-27. Copeland was again the high scorer with 28, while Prince made 7 and Mitchell had 6 points.

The final game with Eldorado saw the girls losing, 21-16. Prince was top scorer with 11 and Copeland made 5.

Boys Games

The boys lost their first game with Ozona, 35-29, and moved into the consolation bracket. Bobby Mumford was high pointer with 11; Delbert Mathers made 10, Steve Jameson 6 and Harvey Wink 2.

Score of the second game with Iraan was 34-20 in favor of the local lads. Mumford again was top scorer with 14, Mathers made 11 and Jameson 9.

In the final game, the boys took a 25-13 victory from Menard. Mathers was leading scorer with 10, Jameson made 8, Bubba Duncan 5 and Mumford 2.

Both the girls and boys junior high teams took wins Monday night at Mertzon. The girls took their game, 15-9, while the boys won, 31-16. Prince made 8 points for scoring honors and Copeland was right behind her with 7.

Jameson was top scorer for the boys with 12. He was followed by Mathers with 8, Mumford 4, Wibbie Millican 3, Bill Rowaldt 2, and Duncan 1.

The juniors will play at Winters Monday night.

Lunchroom Menus

Monday, January 27

Macaroni and cheese, blackeye peas, relish sticks, spinach, cornbread, butter, milk, apple cobbler.

Tuesday, January 28

Hamburger patties and gravy, combination salad, creamed potatoes, hot rolls, butter, milk, jelly.

Wednesday, January 29

Vegetable beef soup, peaches with cottage cheese on lettuce, crackers, milk, cinnamon rolls.

Thursday, January 30

Hot dogs with chili, buttered corn, garden salad, potato salad, milk, gingerbread.

Friday, January 31

Turkey and dressing with giblet gravy, candied sweet potatoes, green beans, celery sticks, hot rolls, butter, milk, rainbow salad.

NOTICE!

This is to remind you that everyone who wishes to vote this year must have a voter registration regardless of age. There is no charge for these and they may be obtained by either coming into the office or writing for an application by Jan. 31st.

Also wish to remind you that Jan. 31st is the last day to pay 1968 taxes without penalty.

O. B. Jacobs

Coke County Tax Assessor-Collector



Robert Lee Observer



MISS MARTHA STEVENS

Frank Blair to Wed Miss Martha Stevens

The Rev. and Mrs. M. E. Stevens of Lordsburg, N. M., are announcing the engagement of their daughter, Martha, to Frank Blair, son of Mrs. Jim Blair of Robert Lee and the late Mr. Blair.

Miss Stevens is a senior at Lordsburg High School and is employed part time in the business office of Hidalgo General Hospital. Blair is a graduate of Robert Lee High School and holds a B.S. degree in animal husbandry from Texas Technological College in Lubbock. He is manager of the M & M Hog Farm in Cotton City, N. M.

A June wedding in First Baptist Church of Lordsburg is planned.

HEARD AT SANCO

Visiting their uncle, I. A. Bird, and other relatives and friends one day last week were Doyle Berryman of New Mexico and J. G. Berryman and son, Erroll, of Wilcox, Ariz.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Sword and Ruthann of San Angelo visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Reid last Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Evans of Rising Star visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Green Preslar one afternoon last week.

Visitors in the home of Mrs. Fannie Carwile Sunday were her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Carwile of San Angelo and Mr. and Mrs. Ulmer Bird.

PALMOS HAVE NEW SON

Gene Demetre Palmos was born Jan. 16 in West Coke County Hospital. He weighed eight pounds five and three-fourths ounces. He is the son of the Rev. and Mrs. Bobby Palmos and he has two brothers, Charles Earl and William Paul.

Mrs. Palmos is the former Jean Parker. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Earl T. Ware of Pine Grove, Calif., and Mrs. George B. Palmos of Hearn, Texas.

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H. R. Gassiot Rites in Angelo

Funeral services were held last Thursday for Horace Reed Gassiot, 70, former Coke County school teacher. Last rites were held in Johnson's Funeral Home Chapel in San Angelo with the Rev. David C. Pasul, pastor of St. Luke United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial was in Lawnhaven Memorial Garden in San Angelo.

Mr. Gassiot died Tuesday of last week in Baptist Geriatrics Hospital in San Angelo.

He was born Sept. 4, 1898, in Livingston and was married to Hallie McElrath in 1926. He was a former teacher in both Bronte and Silver schools.

Survivors include his wife; three sons, Bill Gassiot of San Angelo, David Gassiot of Beaumont and Jerry Gassiot of Corpus Christi; one daughter, Mrs. Johanne Shipman of Amarillo; his mother, Mrs. Zan Gassiot of Coleman; three brothers and 14 grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. David Stubblefield of Colorado City, C. W. McCutchen of San Angelo and Mr. and Mrs. Oda Benton of Robert Lee were visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jim McCutchen Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hershall Hall spent the weekend in Andrews to be with her sister, Mrs. John Henderson of Odessa, who underwent surgery in an Andrews hospital.

WANT ADS

Classified ads and cards of thanks are payable in advance unless customer carries a regular account. \$1.00 minimum charge if posted in ledger.

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING RATES

1st Insertion Per Word 5c
2nd and Subsequent
Insertions Per Word 3c
Minimum Charge: 50c
Additional 50c for blind ads.

CARDS OF THANKS

Per word 5c — (Minimum \$1.00)

COPY DEADLINE:

Classified Ads — 4 p.m. Tuesday
Display Ads — 4 p.m. Tuesday

CARD OF THANKS

We shall always remember with deep gratitude your comforting expressions of sympathy and kindness at the passing of our sister Lillie M. Gartman.

FOR SALE — Electric range, 2 clay back heaters, hospital bed. Virginia Walling.

8 VOLT TRACTOR BATTERIES
44 plate, \$17.95; 52 plate, \$18.95. White Auto Store, Bronte.

FOR RENT: 6 room house. Virginia Walling.

FOR RENT: 1 bedroom trailer to one or two men or couple. Call 453-2441.

FOR SALE — 15 registered heifers, 10 months old; 10, same breeding, not registered; 10 registered bulls, 10 months old. Cumbie Ivey Sr.

FOR SALE — Frigidaire electric range. Used very little. Call 453-3221 or 453-3331. tn

FOR RENT — Small 2 bedroom house. \$40.00 per month. Call 453-2201.

FOR RENT — Large bedroom with private bath and outside entrance door. Mrs. Bruce Cliff.



Double Stamps Every Wednesday (excluding cigarettes) on \$2.50 or more

PICK O' THE CROP PRODUCE

Carrots lb. cello bag 10c
CABBAGE - - - - - Lb. 7c
SPUDS - - - - - 10 Lb. Bag 39c

STOKELY'S
CUT GREEN BEANS, 303 Can - - 2 for 45c

STOKELY'S
ENGLISH PEAS, 303 Can - - 2 for 45c

DEL MONTE
NEW POTATOES, 303 Can - - 2 for 29c

Gladiola Flour 49c
5 LB. BAG

GANDY'S PURE ICE CREAM - - 1/2 Gal. 79c
GANDY'S FROZAN - - - 1/2 Gal. 39c
KIMBELL'S COOKING OIL - Gallon Jar \$1.75
PREMIUM CRACKERS - 1 Lb. Box 32c

SNOWDRIFT
Shortening 69c
3 LB. CAN

LIPTON TEA BAGS - - 100 Ct. 99c
SNIDER'S CATSUP, 20 Oz. Bottle - 2 for 55c
MORTON'S FROZEN DONUTS - 18 Count 33c
BIRDS EYE FROZEN AWAKE, 9 Oz. - 3 for \$1.00

FROSTY ACRES FROZEN
Orange Juice 2 for 79c
12 OZ. CAN



"GRADE A" FRESH DRESSED WHOLE
FRYERS lb. 29c

GOOCH'S
THIN SLICED BACON - - - - - Lb. 63c

HORMEL
ALL MEAT BOLOGNA - - - - - Lb. 49c

BAKER'S Groc. & Mkt.