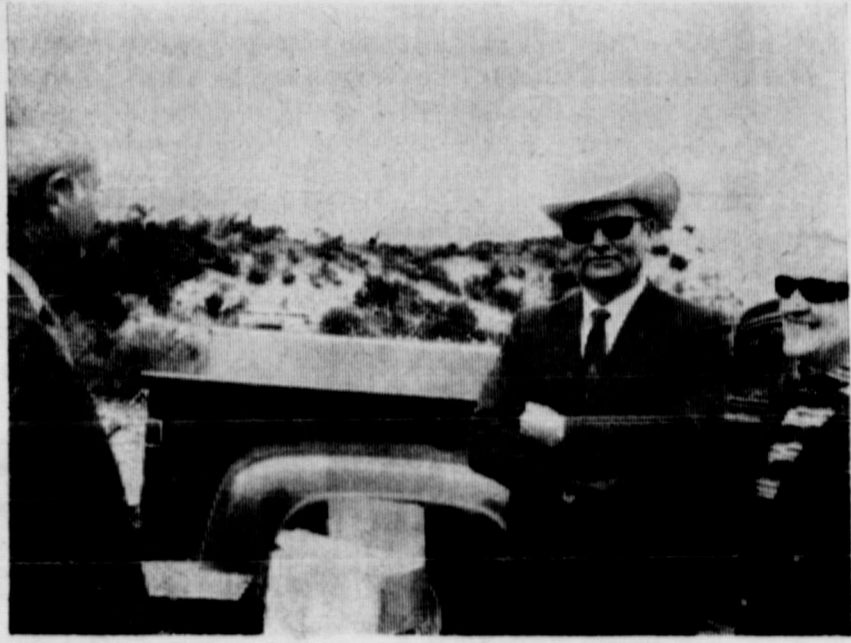


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**PROUD MAYOR** — Mayor Wilson Bryan had a pleased look on his face when this picture was made at the dedication of Robert Lee Dam. On the left is Dale King, assistant to Congressman Omar Burleson, and to the right is Mrs. Bryan.

## New Teachers Hired For R-Lee School

Six new teachers have been employed by Robert Lee School for the 1969-70 school year. Supt. Jimmy Bickley released the following information about them this week.

Mrs. Thelma A. Thomas will

## S&WCD Members To Meet Monday

Members of the West Texas Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts will be treated to a tour of Robert Lee Dam and E. V. Spence Reservoir when they meet here Monday. The program and lunch will be at the county park in Robert Lee.

Coke County Soil and Water Conservation District will host the meeting which will begin at 10 a.m. The program was announced as follows:

10-10:30 a.m. — Coffee and visitation.

10:30-10:45 — Opening remarks by J. W. Service, chairman of the Coke County SC&WCD.

10:45-11 — Welcome by County Judge W. W. Thetford.

11-11:05 — Response by August Frysak, president of the West Texas Association.

11:05-11:50 — Business session with August Frysak presiding.

11:50-12 — Explanation of afternoon program by J. W. Service.

12-1 — Lunch, to be catered on Dutch treat basis.

1 p.m. — Tour of dam and reservoir, conducted by personnel of Colorado River Municipal Water District.

## DOYLE GENE HAYLEY TO BE HOME ON LEAVE

Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Hayley have received word from their son, Doyle Gene Hayley, that he will be home on leave from Navy duty beginning June 27. A member of a submarine crew, Hayley will attend ICA school in San Diego before he reports back for duty in the Pacific. He expects to be here until July 23.

Visiting here from Brownsville last weekend was James Freeman. He spent three days visiting his mother, Mrs. Della Freeman, and sisters, Mrs. Doris Mundell and Mrs. Edna Wolfe and other relatives.

teach high school English. She has a master's degree and 20 years teaching experience. She taught last year at Eola.

Sam Bean, a graduate of Angelo State University, will teach social studies and serve as assistant coach. He has taught one semester at Sonora.

Mrs. Carolyn Schroeder, a May graduate of Angelo State, has been employed to teach science.

Mrs. Melba Mauldin, a graduate of Angelo State, will teach in the elementary school. She has had three years experience in the San Angelo School system.

Mrs. Myra N. Craig will teach in the elementary school. She is a graduate of Angelo State and has studied at Texas Tech and Abilene Christian College.

Mrs. Irene Newell, who has had 16 years experience, with 12 of them at Silver, will teach in the elementary school.

Bob Rose is now working at the school as a custodian. He has had experience in this field at Winters and Crane.

## H. R. Jameson Announce Lease Of Zettler's Cafe

Mr. and Mrs. H. R. (Ramey) Jameson, well known Silver couple, have leased Zettler's Restaurant in Robert Lee. The restaurant will be open for business Friday morning.

Jameson said the firm will continue to use the Zettler Restaurant name. The business is located at the Y where highways 208 and 158 meet.

In making the announcement of their lease of the business, Jameson said he felt there was a definite need for the cafe in Robert Lee and that he and his wife hope to render a service to the community as well as to travelers and visitors who pass through the city.

"It is our intention to serve good food and give the very best in service," the new operator said. "We will serve breakfasts, lunches, steaks, short orders and the best coffee in town," he said.

The Jamesons are running an ad in this week's Observer announcing their new business and inviting everyone in the area to come by to see them any time.

A formal opening is planned for Friday of next week, July 4.

## SWIMMING LESSONS TO BEGIN JULY 7

Swimming lessons will begin July 7 at the pool in Robert Lee County Park, according to pool caretaker Kenneth Rasco.

Plans for the lessons were not complete at press time and more details will be announced in next week's Observer.

Sixty teams with 120 entries were in Robert Lee Saturday and Sunday for the annual Partnership Low Ball Golf Tournament sponsored by the Mountain Creek Golf Association. Officials of the association termed the tourney a huge success.

Roland Howard of San Angelo was medalist of the contest. Howard was also a member of the first place team in the championship flight, along with Sonny Perez. They shot a 10 under par 134 and took home prizes of bags of ultra woods.

Second in the championship flight were Jay Thurman and Cecil Salazar Jr. of San Angelo. Their 138 was good for a couple of golf bags. In third place were Lonnie Martin and Tug Wilson of San Angelo with 143. They received golf carts. Fourth place ended in a tie between Bob Coffman and Sid Burney of Snyder

and Bruce Wood and James Wood of San Angelo with 144. Both teams received a dozen golf balls.

**First Flight**  
1. John Cedillo and Albert Cantu, San Angelo, 143; 2. John Cantu and Charles Ramirez, San Angelo, 145; 3. Tex Odom and Charlie Salazar Jr., San Angelo, 146; 4. Ken Malone and Elbert Whitehead, San Angelo, 149.

**Second Flight**  
1. J. W. Caudle and Steve Williams, Bronte, 147; 2. Glen Rodriguez and Roger Briones, San Angelo, 148; 3. Roy Stout and Clint Low, Bronte, 149; 4. Les Baker and Percy Williamson, Lubbock, 149.

**Third Flight**  
1. Jim Ornelas and Richard Garza, San Angelo, 153; 2. Glen Flores and John Trevino, San Angelo, 158; 3. B. W. Roe and Ronnie Baker, Robert Lee, 158; 4. Donnie Devoll and Durwood

## Northside Church of Christ Sets Weekend Meeting

A weekend meeting at the Northside Church of Christ in Robert Lee will begin Friday night. Gaylon Wright of Houston will be the preacher for the special services.

Friday and Saturday services will be held at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday services will be at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.

A spokesman for the church said that everyone in the community has a cordial invitation to attend any or all of the services.

## New Pharmacy To Be Opened

A new drive-in pharmacy has been announced for Robert Lee by Mr. and Mrs. DeWitt Snead of Talpa. They are now in the process of moving to Robert Lee and will construct a building to house the new business.

Snead said the new store will be located on a lot adjacent to Westway Grocery on Highway 208. The new druggist is no stranger to Robert Lee, as he was born and reared in this community. He is a brother of J. C. Snead Jr. of Robert Lee and J. L. Snead of Roscoe, and is the son of Mrs. John C. Snead Sr. of Robert Lee.

Snead has been in the pharmacy business many years, and has worked at Seminole, San Angelo and Austin.

The couple has two sons: Thomas Snead Jr. who owns a pharmacy in Fort Stockton, and John Snead, who is a barber in Houston.

## T. Anderson and Bryans Operating A&B Motor Serv.

Wilson Bryan, mayor of Robert Lee and operator of Bryan's Concrete Co., has purchased the Anderson Automotive from R. S. (Red) Anderson and in turn sold two-thirds of the business to Todd Anderson, the former manager of the business, and to his son, Terry Frank Bryan. The three-way partnership will be known as the A & B Motor Service. It is located on the San Angelo highway.

Todd Anderson will continue as manager of the business, Wilson Bryan said. He added "Terry Frank will continue as manager of the concrete business and I guess I'll work wherever they need me the most."

In addition to housing a complete Enco Service Station, the business also does all kinds of automotive repair work. Automobile, truck and tractor service will be featured, but the senior Mr. Bryan said they would be glad to "work on a wheel barrow or anything else our customers have which needs repair work."

The transfer in ownership does not include the parts business of R. S. Anderson which is located across the street from the garage and service station.

The business will continue to handle Enco petroleum products and will feature Sonic tires and Atlas batteries and other accessories.

An ad in this week's Observer announces the change in ownership of the business, while another ad tells of the bargains now being offered on Sonic tires.

Mayor Bryan said, "I feel we can offer another needed service to the people of the Robert Lee area and Coke County with this addition to our business. As everyone knows, our firm always puts the service to our customers in first place, and that is what we shall continue to do in this new venture."

He invited all the old customers of the firm as well as new customers to come by to see them any time.

## BACK FROM YELLOWSTONE

Mr. and Mrs. Sam McGallion returned home Saturday from a 4,000 mile vacation trip to Yellowstone National Park and several northern states. They accompanied Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Eubanks and their daughter of Eunice, N. M. Mr. McGallion reports seeing an awful lot of snow and much cooler weather than Texas has been having. They were gone one week.

Kelly and Penne Sims of Houston spent last week here with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sims and Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Sawyer. Their mother, Mrs. Ronnie Sims, came for them last Friday and visited for the weekend.

## Sixty Teams Compete In Annual Golf Tourney

Mumford, and Truman Hines and Bill Matlock, all of Robert Lee, tie with 159.

## Fourth Flight

1. Glen Aaron and Glen Aaron Jr., San Angelo, 157; 2. W. W. Thetford of Robert Lee and Royce Hurley of Dallas, 164; 3. J. W. Seals and Bill Russell, San Angelo, 167; 4. J. L. Tinkler and Jerry Tinkler, Robert Lee, 168.

A total of \$2,000 worth of prizes were presented winners of the tourney, including awards to all the first four winners in each flight, as listed above.

The tournament was the largest ever held on the Mountain Creek Golf Course, and, according to Durwood Mumford, tournament director, was a great success.

A break came Saturday night for the golfers when a barbecue supper was served at the association clubhouse. A putting contest also was held Saturday night.





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**CONNER FAMILY REUNION HELD LAST WEEKEND**

The Conner family reunion was held last weekend, with the group gathering Saturday in the Recreation Hall and Sunday in the home of Mrs. Ethel Green.

The five living children of the late Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Conner were present. They are Mr. and Mrs. Roy Conner of Sanderson, Mr. and Mrs. Ed B. Gray of San Angelo, Mrs. Pauline Wilkerson of Carlsbad, N. M., Mrs. Verna Davis of Richardson and Mrs. Ethel Green of Robert Lee.

Other relatives attending included Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Green, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Browder, of Big Lake; Mr. and Mrs. Garland Green and Nan, El Paso; George

Green, Austin; Mrs. Joyce McBride, Mrs. Lee Herndon and LeAnn, Big Spring; Mr. and Mrs. Allen Jameson, Silver; Mr. and Mrs. Ern Mathers and Upton, Robert Lee.

And Mrs. Thelma Tidwell, Colorado City; Mrs. Laon Nixon, Mrs. Micky Smith, Letha Mathers, Mr. and Mrs. Taylor and family, all of San Angelo; Mrs. and Mrs. Joe Garrett, Joe, Penny and Chip, Abilene; Mrs. Vaughan Burbo, Terry, Bonnie, and Shona, Carlsbad, New Mexico; and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Henson, Canyon.

Mrs. Bertha Waggoner of Abilene was a guest in the home of her niece, Mrs. Roy Wyatt last week.



AUSTIN, Tex. — Biggest organized plan in Texas history — to fight crime — is in the approval stage, with early approval anticipated.

Plan was submitted last month to the U. S. Department of Justice by Governor Preston Smith's Criminal Justice Council.

With approval will go \$1.1 million in action grants to state and local units of government for brand new approaches to the war on crime.

An initial planning grant of \$830,350 started the action, and \$235,000 more was freed for the purchase of riot control equipment. If this program is successful and continued, \$11 million more in federal aid will go to Texas in federal fiscal year 1970.

Plans of cities and regions were cleared through the Criminal Justice Office for inclusion in a statewide approach. Experts in crime prevention, apprehension, trials, sentencing, corrections, pardons and paroles participated in the drafting of the overall program.

Work proceeds under federal Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets acts of 1968.

Urban Coalition and Urban America Inc. groups recently criticized the program. Private organizations doubted the ability to spend money effectively and complained that the U. S. Justice Department did not give states enough guidance on planning. Also it was contended that private citizens were not sufficiently involved.

Texas Council insists that the best possible job was done in the close time framework available for initial planning. Criticism, the Council contends, should be held up until there is an opportunity to measure action.

This effort is the first attempt to pull together courts, law enforcement and correctional institutions, in a mass movement against crime. Only time and experience can measure results.

**MENTAL HEALTH FUNDS UP** — Texas spending for community mental health facilities has risen from zero to \$3.5 million in two years, bringing Texas from the bottom to sixth in the nation for total aid to such centers.

State actually ranks 15th in per capita spending, with an average of just 32 cents per person

per year, according to a study by the National Association of State Mental Health Directors.

A national survey showed only New York, California, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin and Michigan spent more for local mental health services last fiscal year. New York spent \$43.5 million or \$2.41 per capita, California \$30.6 million or \$1.59 per capita.

One or more community centers now are operating in Ama-

rillo, San Antonio, Belton, Dallas, El Paso, Houston, Edinburg, Beaumont, Austin, Lubbock, Texarkana, Fort Worth, Waco, San Angelo and Corpus Christi. A center in Midland is expected to open in the near future. Wichita Falls and Galveston have submitted plans and requests for state grants-in-aid with which to finance their centers on September 1.

Community center planning contracts are in effect in 15 other communities and Texas' Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation has contracts for services to provide community treatment in 10 more. Still other programs are being put in effect in rural areas through nine state mental hospitals.

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## H D Agent's News Dept.

By MRS. FAY C. ROE

### Obesity Begins in Infancy

More attention should be directed to the dieting and overfeeding of children according to Dr. Jules Hirsch, professor and senior physician at Rockefeller University, New York. Fat cells, which compose adipose tissue, are increased by overfeeding in infancy and pre-adolescent years. These fat cells remain with the children for a life time and studies show that the cells never disappear once they are laid down.

Fat cells may decrease in size, but not in number. A weight loss can be demonstrated by a shrinkage of the cells, which still continue to function. A craving for food may be a signal put out by the fat cells that they wish to be refilled. This may contribute to the difficulty in keeping weight off once it has been lost.

Dr. Hirsch notes that the obese person has about three times as many fat cells as the lean one. There are about 27 trillion fat cells in the body of a lean person as compared to about 77 trillion in an obese person.

The prevention of obesity should begin with infancy. The healthy baby is not necessarily the chubby one seen in so many baby pictures. It appears now that many of these infants are obese.

### Timely Food Facts

Harvest is underway on Texas truck farms and supplies of many fresh vegetables will increase within the next week or 10 days.

Corn is an excellent choice. Red potatoes, squash, bell peppers, green onions, cucumbers, purple hull peas, carrots, beets and dry yellow onions are in good supply.

Cantaloupe at attractive price level highlights most fruit counters. Watermelon is more plentiful. Bananas, pineapples, oranges and grapefruit are the more economically priced items.

Honeydew melons, early peaches, Bing cherries, seedless grapes and plums are mostly luxury items at current price levels.

At the meat counter, beef chuck steaks and roasts, boneless rolled roast, round steaks and ground beef are featured in some markets this week. Boston butt roasts, ham portions and picnics are among the better pork choices.

June is celebrated as dairy month: the time when output of fluid milk hits the highest level of the season. Prices will be at or near seasonal lows. You'll find many delicious choices of fluid milk and processed dairy products at the dairy counter.

Outdoor vegetable cookery can be as exciting as grilling meat. Vegetables included as a part of your cook-outs help assure better balanced meals for your family.

Fresh, frozen and canned vegetables may be used in a variety of interesting ways. Be sure to check markets for price comparisons of the fresh, frozen and canned vegetables available.

With locally grown vegetables now on our markets you'll find a wide variety of fresh items, mostly selling at moderate price levels.

Vegetables on skewers are tasty and they are fun to prepare. String each kind of vegetable on its own skewer or alternate chunks of meat and vegetables on skewers. Broil filled skewers over hot coals, brushing vegetables frequently with melted butter or margarine.

If vegetables on their own skewer get done before the meat, wrap them in aluminum foil and place on outer edge of grill. Pre-cooked small new (red) potatoes; tiny cooked onions, baby patty-

pan squashes; tiny eggplants or eggplant crosscuts; green and sweet red peppers; firm tomatoes, quartered; or husky slices of cucumber. Think up some interesting combinations of vegetable you particularly enjoy.

Wrap potatoes in a double thickness of aluminum foil for barbecuing on the grill. Other fresh vegetables that can be cooked in foil on the outdoor or indoor grill include sweet potatoes herb-seasoned carrots young sweet corn in the husk and small beets. These and other vegetables in plentiful supply.

You CAN tell a watermelon by its cover. A light greenish-grey cover on a long shaped watermelon indicates it is a Charleston Grey, a favorite in Texas.

A Charleston Grey will continue to ripen after picked. The melon is crisp, deep red and has a sweet flavor.

To buy watermelon check characteristics that tell quality. Good quality melons are firm and well shaped, fresh and attractive in appearance.

There is a bloom over the surface of the rind, giving a good melon a velvety appearance. The lower side of the melon usually is yellow compared to a white or pale green on an immature melon.

Watermelons are fragile and they should be handled with care to prevent bruising. They should be refrigerated at home. About 12 hours is required to chill a melon to serve.

Halves or pieces should be wrapped tightly in waxed paper or plastic to prevent the cut surface from drying and also to prevent the aroma of the melon from spreading to other foods.

### SOCIAL SECURITY OFFICE OFFERS FREE PROGRAMS

"If your club needs a program tonight, next week, next month, or later, pick up your telephone and dial 949-4608, San Angelo," Ted F. Moellering, social security district manager, said today.

"Social security wants to keep the public informed and your call will be received with pleasure," he continued.

One or more professional people from the social security office will prepare and present the program on any part of the social security activities preferred by the club. Free literature may be distributed and questions will be answered. A color film may be available to present as a part of the program. There is no charge for these services.

"If you are a program chairman and you do not need a program at this time, clip this item and save for an emergency or for future planning," Moellering said.

Further information may be obtained by contacting the Social Security Office at 3000 West Harris in San Angelo, or by seeing the representative on his regular trip to this area.

Mr. and Mrs. Delbret Vestal of Ballinger and their daughter, Mrs. Jo Ann Poe of Wyoming visited Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ell Hatley.

Leslie and Greg Smith of Dallas and Mr. and Mrs. Porter and Marcella of Presidio attended the funeral of Mrs. Vera McSpadden held at Robert Lee last Monday.

### 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.

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## Robert Lee Dam Has Its Bridge; It's Only 230 Feet Long for Servicing

(The following story was left over from the special edition concerning the dedication of Robert Lee Dam and Lake E. V. Spence. Believing it to be of interest still, we are printing it this week.)

The Robert Lee Dam has its bridge, but it spans only a relatively short stretch from the dam to the spillway. Nevertheless, it is vital to the project.

This bridge reaches 230 feet from the edge of the roadway atop the dam out to the edge of the spillway. It is 12 feet wide and is supported by a pier which also serves as a valve control tower which penetrates to the base of the dam. The bridge is capable of supporting 20 tons of equipment which may have to be trucked to the spillway in event there has to be any work done on the gates or other parts of the spillway.

The Colorado River Municipal Water District went into the grass business in anticipation of completion of the Robert Lee Dam.

In order to have grass to protect the downstream side of the dam from erosion, the District seeded a 1-acre field, which it had bought, to Bermuda. This was watered until it developed thick sod, which was scooped eight inches below the ground level, hauled to and compacted on the face of the dam.

One of the problems now facing the CRMWD is an irrigation system to keep the ground moist until the sod takes root.

### Dam is Two Dams

The imposing earthen dike which has been piled across four miles of valley to plug the Colorado River above Robert Lee, is in reality, two dams — one below the natural surface, the other above. The structure has involved moving more than 16,000,000 cubic yards of material.

The dam below is the core trench which was cut to a maximum depth of 67-feet, 100 feet wide at the top and 12-feet at the base, to get through underlying layers of shale and a few lens of gypsum. The trench was backfilled with select materials so there would be no underflow of the lake at the dam. The core trench averaged 25-feet and included removal of 1,036,000 cubic yards of common material which could be used in

## Services Held for Richard B. Byrd

Funeral services were held Monday in the Wayside community in Armstrong County for Richard Brown Byrd, 66, who died June 20 in a Sacramento, Calif., hospital after a long illness of lung cancer. Services were conducted by the Rev. Roland Moore, Wayside Baptist pastor.

Mr. Byrd was born Aug. 24, 1902, in Robert Lee. He was the son of the late Wylie G. and Eva Wrice Nunn Byrd. He married Euphemia Luzetty LaGrone June 5, 1921, in Bronte. A member of the Baptist Church, Mr. Byrd was a retired farmer and rancher.

Since 1924 the family had lived at Wayside, Silverton, in New Mexico and California.

Survivors include his wife of Sacramento; five daughters, Mrs. John Morgan of Pomona, Calif., Mrs. John F. Toles of Happy, Mrs. Corless Currie of Bennington, Okla., Mrs. Norman Lee and Mrs. Bob Voight, both of Sacramento; one brother, J. W. Byrd of Happy; three sisters, Mrs. J. W. McCracken of Amarillo, Mrs. Lila Cope of Tulsa and Mrs. Jack Dixon of Bronte; 17 grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

the dam, and 1,099,000 cubic yards of shale, which had to be wasted (and this cost the District \$1.00 a yard). Material going back into core trench was wet and rolled.

The main dam — the 22,499 foot long structure which rose over the core trench — involved the placement of 11,590,000 cubic yards of wetted, rolled material. On the upstream side this was protected from water erosion with a 10-inch blanket of gravel over which was laid 24-inches of big rock rip rap. There were 209,000 cubic yards of rip rap and 83,000 cubic yards of blanket.

The downstream slope was protected with sod, 105 acres of Bermuda grass or 113,000 cubic yards of the mulch. Altogether, about 16,150,000 cubic yards of materials were moved.

The dam is 770 feet wide at its base at the bank elevation of 1800 feet (the channel elevation is 187 feet.) When it reaches its maximum elevation of 1828, it is still 20 feet side at the top.

The top of the dam is capped by a caliche base, gravel road which the district will use in its maintenance work. Traffic is protected on either side by 6-inch guard posts at 20-foot intervals. This road will not be open to the public, but there is an improved road immediately below the dam which the District has made a public road.

The dam is constructed on a 3-1 slope, which means that for every foot the dam goes up, it goes out three feet. The construction of it required two and a half years and moving in rock from a distance of about 10 miles. It was meticulously inspected at every point for it had to be good. After all it cost more than six million dollars, was to back up some 25 square miles of water

## Community Action Meeting Monday

Interested citizens of Coke County are invited to attend an Open House Monday, June 30, from 7:30 until 8:30 p.m. in the Bradford Neighborhood Center at 817 Culwell Street in San Angelo. Functions and activities of the center will be presented. It is part of the Tom Green Community Action Council. Mrs. J. W. Martin of Bronte is the neighborhood aide for Coke County.

## HEARD AT SANCO

Mr. and Mrs. Ocie Devoll visited Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Prine Jr. last weekend.

Visiting their mother, Mrs. J. L. Carwile, Effie and Henry during last week were Mr. and Mrs. Herman Carwile of Carlsad, N. M., Rev. and Mrs. Homer Carwile of San Angelo, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Carwile and Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Carwile Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. Luie Frizzell of Sweetwater and Mrs. Robert Walker visited their mother, Mrs. Lura Reid last Saturday.

Roger Pitcock of Hawley visited his brother, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Pitcock and family last weekend and attended the wedding of his nephew, Gaylon Pitcock.

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## Hospital News

June 17 — Mrs. J. O. Rudd admitted.

June 18 — W. M. McCutchen, Mrs. C. E. Bell admitted.

June 19 — Mrs. Lena Russell, Mrs. Clint Caves admitted. Richard Marquis dismissed.

June 20 — Mrs. Royce Phillips admitted. Mrs. Lena Russell, Mrs. Velma Thomason, Mrs. C. E. Bell dismissed.

June 21 — Mrs. Lillie Cowley, Mrs. Sam Williams dismissed.

June 22 — Mrs. Golda Smith admitted. Dan Middleton, W. M. McCutchen dismissed.

June 23 — Richard Marquis, Richard Lee Miles of Abilene, Mrs. C. J. Brooks admitted. Mrs. Clint Caves dismissed.

## Robt. Lee, Bronte Masons to Have Joint Installation

Coke County Sheriff Melvin Childress of Robert Lee and L. L. Wilkins of Bronte will be installing officers at a joint installation service of Bronte and Robert Lee Masonic Lodges. The service will be at Robert Lee Masonic Lodge on Tuesday, July 1, at 8 p.m.

Officers of Bronte Masonic Lodge to be installed include T. O. Spiller, worshipful master; Royce Lee, senior warden; E. G. Collins, junior warden; Royce Fancher, treasurer; H. O. Whitt, secretary; Noah Pruitt Jr., chaplain.

Also Bill J. Luckett, senior deacon; Charles Ragsdale, junior deacon; C. E. Clark, senior steward; Jesse Parker, junior steward; and Marvin Bryant, tiler.

Robert Lee officers to be installed are: Tom Sawyer, worshipful master; Truman Hines, senior warden; Arthur Runion, junior warden; Garland Davis, senior deacon; Donnie Robertson, junior deacon; Floyd Prentice, tiler; Delbert Shememaker, secretary; Eugene Hollis, treasurer; Alton Roberts, Chaplain; L. E. Heuvel, senior steward; Billy W. Roe, junior steward.

## WANT ADS

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## Court Decision to Change Bond Voting

Texas Secretary of State Martin Dies, Jr., said Monday that the United States Supreme Court

decision in a Louisiana case last week has invalidated a Texas law which restricts voting in revenue bond elections to property owners.

## New Water Lines Needed in Places

Jack Denman, a member of the Robert Lee City Council, told members Tuesday at the noon luncheon that new, larger water lines are needed in many parts of the city, especially in the north part. Denman said the city has applied for a federal grant to finance the installation of new lines, and an answer should be received some time in August.

Commissioner Fern Havins was the bearer of unwelcome news when he announced that oil tax valuations for the county in 1969 would be down approximately \$1 million. Commissioners met with their tax valuation engineer last week and this information was learned.

W. D. McAdams, local WTU manager, told those at the meeting that outdoor lighting, ordered some time ago for the courthouse and square, is in the making. He said construction is slow due to high costs of material and installation.

Mrs. Bryan Yarbrough, chairman of Coke County Historical Survey Committee, reported two historical markers at Silver will be dedicated July 27, the fourth Sunday of the month, which is the regular date for the annual Silver Homecoming. A dinner is planned at noon and the dedication ceremonies will follow.

She said a marker dedication ceremony is planned in the Edith community Aug. 17. Marker dedications in Bronte and Tennyson are planned for later this year.

By statute the Secretary of State is the chief election officer of Texas and is responsible for obtaining and maintaining uniformity in the application, operation and interpretation of the state's election laws.

On Monday of last week the United States Supreme Court struck down a Louisiana law which gave only property taxpayers the right to vote in elections called to approve the issuance of revenue bonds by a municipal utility, on the ground that it violated the equal protection clause of the Federal Constitution because it excluded otherwise qualified voters who were as substantially affected and directly interested in the matter voted upon as those who were permitted to vote.

The Texas Constitution contains a provision that only qualified electors who own property which has been duly rendered for taxation are eligible to vote in an election for the purpose of issuing bonds. The Supreme Court of Texas has interpreted this provision as applying to elections for issuing public utility bonds which are to be retired from revenues produced by the utility, as well as to elections for issuing bonds to be retired by levy of a property tax.

Secretary Dies said that the property ownership requirement could no longer be imposed in future elections for issuance of revenue bonds. He pointed out that the United States Supreme Court decision applies only to revenue bond elections and that the court has not ruled on the validity of a property ownership requirement in a tax bond election.

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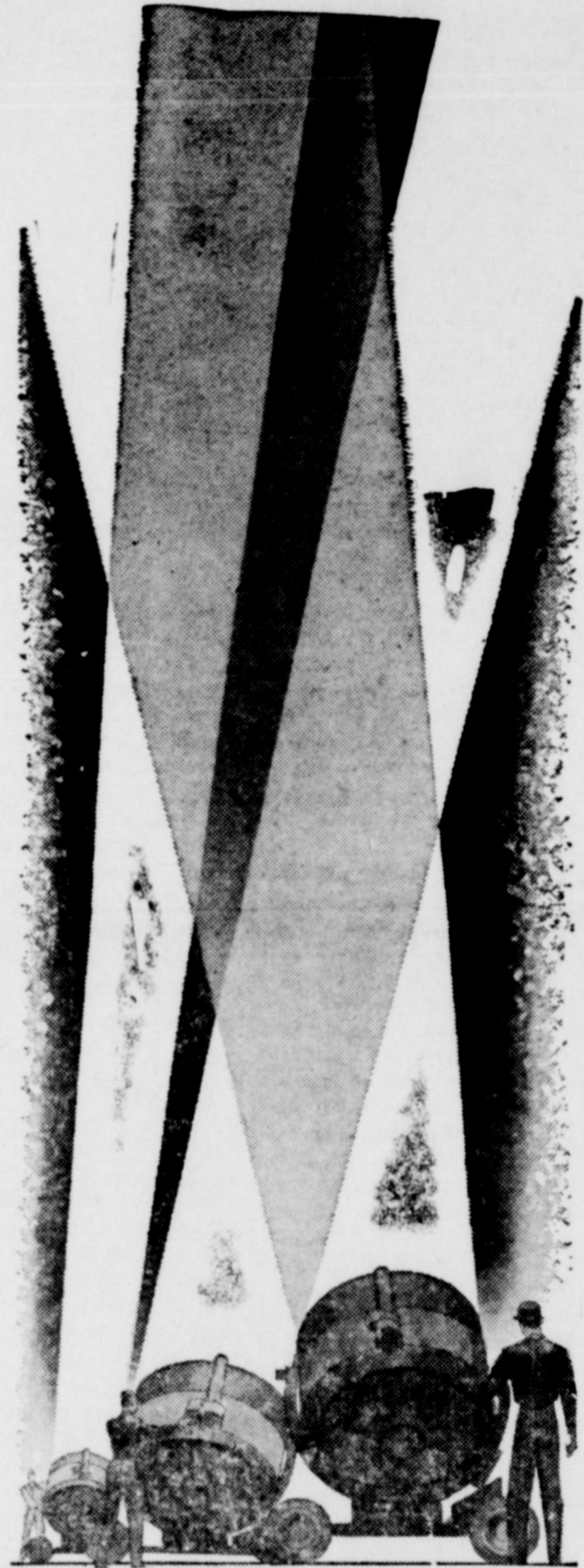
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Mrs. Gaylon Pitcock

### Miss Kaye Roberts and Gaylon Pitcock Exchange Vows In Saturday Ceremony at Robert Lee Baptist Church

In a ceremony at the Robert Lee Baptist Church Saturday, Miss Emma Kaye Roberts became the bride of Mr. Gaylon Pitcock. The Rev. Bill Beaty, pastor of the church, performed the ceremony.

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Artell Roberts and Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Pitcock.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a formal length gown of organza over peau with a peau d'ange lace yoke and short sleeves, and a mandarin collar. The dress and detachable train were trimmed with lace appliques, pearls and crystal beads. The bride's shoulder length veil of tulle was held by an organza, pearl, and crystal bow.

The bride's bouquet of red sweetheart roses was carried on a white Bible, which had been presented to her as Worthy Advisor of the Order of the Rainbow for Girls. She also carried a handmade wedding handkerchief, made and given to her by Mrs. Alice Beaty.

Miss Lois Heuvel served as maid of honor and Miss Sheri Pitcock was bridesmaid. Their dresses were pink with pink lace bodices. Their headpieces of pink tulle were attached to pink flowers. They carried red sweetheart roses.

Serving the bridegroom as best man was his brother, Darrel Pitcock. Harold Lanham of Lubbock was groomsman.

William Hood of San Angelo and Dennis Gartman of Abilene were ushers.

Mrs. Les Copeland was organist and she and her husband were vocalists. Their children, Daryl and Nita Gay, accompanied their parents.

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the reception were Miss Adrienne Cook of Post, Mrs. L. J. Barnhill, Mrs. Delbert Walling, Mrs. Robert Billingsly, Misses Sharon Walker, Judy Gartman, Marilyn Wallace, all of Robert Lee, Mrs. Harold Lanham, Lubbock, Miss Karen Pasley, San Angelo and Mrs. Bob Lomas, Odessa.

For traveling the bride wore a pink dress accented with rhinestone buttons. She wore a red rose corsage.

Mrs. Pitcock is a 1968 graduate of Robert Lee High School and will be a sophomore home economics major at Texas Tech in Lubbock in the fall. In high school, she was active in FHA, FTA, Beta Club and Pep Squad. She was named an Outstanding Teenager, DAR Award recipient and FFA Sweetheart her senior year. The bride was active in 4-H, serving on the District 7 4-H Council, participating in the State Dress Review and receiving the Gold Star Award. She has also served as Coke County Farm Bureau Queen.

The bridegroom is a 1967 graduate of Robert Lee High School and was active in FFA and 4-H work, serving as co-chairman of District 7 4-H Council and also received the Gold Star Award. In high school he participated in football, basketball, track, and baseball. He received district honors in football. Pitcock will be a junior agriculture major this fall at Texas Tech, where he is a member of the Rodeo Association.

#### Out of Town Guests

Out of town guests here for the wedding included: Mr. and Mrs. Harold Dunn, Marty and Frances, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Woods, Mike and Debbie, Arthur Pasley and Karen, Mrs. Art Kenesate, Mrs. Ella McWilliams, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Barry and Mike, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Walker, all of San Angelo.

Also Mrs. Betty Cook, Nancy and Adrienne, Post; Mr. and Mrs. John Waddell, Dallas; Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Gartman, Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. Bob Lomas, Odessa; Mr. and Mrs. Harold Lanham, Lubbock; Beverly Brooks, Sterling City; Jackie Smith, Austin and Roger Pitcock, Hawley.

## PERSONALS

Martha Kinsey of Abilene spent the weekend here in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Kinsey.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Davis of Linden visited here recently in the homes of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Harmon and her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Drexel Skipworth. The Skipworths returned home with the Davises and spent several days last week.

Weekend visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Turney Casey and Mrs. Pearl Schooley were Mrs. Schooley's daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Taylor of Springtown; the Casey's children, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Casey of Silver, and Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Coulter and boys of San Angelo. Deana, Vonie and Becky Taylor remained for a few days visit.

Mrs. Ben Bessent and children are spending this week at Arlington visiting in the home of her sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. N. G. Watson.

Mrs. J. D. Smith of Guymon, Okla., was a weekend guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Finner Smith and Mrs. Lake Smith.

#### SOCIAL SECURITY HOURS

The San Angelo Social Security office announces that effective July 1, the office will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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Mr. and Mrs. Bill Mundell of Houston were weekend visitors in the homes of their parents, Mrs. Mabel Mundell and Mr. and Mrs. J. O. McGinley and other relatives. Other visitors in Mrs. Mun-

dell's home Sunday as dinner guests were Mr. and Mrs. Mike Casey and Larry, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Mundell and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Self and baby, all of Robert Lee.



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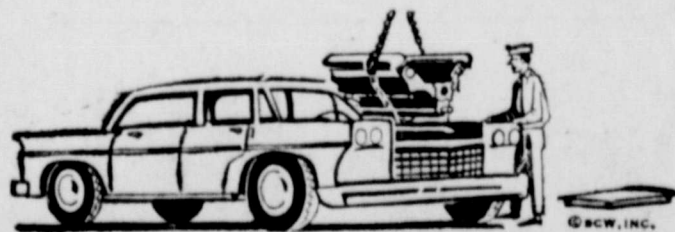
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# Irrigation Water Key To Growth

By Ulmer Bird

(Editor's note: Ulmer Bird, former publisher of the Robert Lee Observer, has made a comprehensive study of the Texas Water Plan and submitted the information outlined in the story below.)

Valleys upstream and valleys downstream and broad plains people all scrambling for the same water brought on the Texas Water Plan.

The present Master Plan grew out of two earlier master plans, and they in turn came out of small plans all over, and demands for water all over, demands which state and federal authorities somehow had to deal with.

Adding Mississippi water came from the insistence of the plains people on water enough to take care of their vast irrigation economy as the Ogallala underground water is being depleted by irrigation. When they figured what they had at stake and what it costs them to irrigate from wells, it appeared they could do better paying for this water no matter how far they had to haul it.

Bringing irrigation water across the plains to the head of the Colorado automatically reopens the prospect of irrigating the Colorado Valley.

When men like L. T. Youngblood and Gerald Allen work 32 years and Cumbie Ivey, Sr., 21, on the board of Upper Colorado River Authority, along with other members of that board and men in Runnels and Tom Green, to bring irrigation to this valley, there must have been reason or reasons. Here are some of them, in figures.

Due to multiple causes, one of which was the fears of the rice farmers there wouldn't be enough water for all, irrigation did not happen.

But here is what did happen, during that 32 years.

Population of Mitchell County dropped from 14,183 in 1930 to 11,255 in 1960—less 2,928. Coke had 5,253 in 1930, 3,589 in 1960—less 1,664.

Runnels County, one of the best dry land farming counties in Texas had 21,821 people in

1930. The 1960 census showed 15,816—a loss of 6,805.

Coleman County lost 11,211, from 23,669 to 12,458. McCulloch lost 5,068, from 13,883 to 8,815.

During these years, the plains country found their underground water could be pumped for irrigation and would pay. The five counties named in the Colorado River Valley country had lost a total of 27,676 people, 35 per cent of their population, from 78,809 to 51,133, despite the production of many millions of barrels of oil in all of them but one.

Taking agricultural counties contiguous to Lubbock County, but not including it, a comparison shows that in 1930 Terry, Lynn, Hale, Lamb and Floyd counties had a total of 71,305 people, or 7,504 fewer people than the five in the Colorado Valley. In 1960, the five plains counties had 98,273, or 47,140 more than the five valley counties.

Coke County alone produced more oil in 1960 than all five—Terry, Hale, Lamb, Floyd and Lynn—produced in 1945 to 1960. In 1960, Mitchell, Coke, Runnels, Coleman and McCulloch produced 17,900,978 barrels of oil against 7,058,732 produced by the five plains counties in 15 years, 1945 to 1960.

The figures are from the 1964 edition of the Texas Almanac. Summaries of the economy in each of these plains counties showed that irrigated agriculture alone is responsible for the gains, while unirrigated counties took these heavy losses, despite a vast advantage in oil production. Coke County alone from 1942 to 1960 produced over 100 MILLION BARRELS of oil (100,933,654).

With cost of pumps, pipe and fuel or power, the plains people have paid high for their irrigation water. But when they look over the ledger they find they can better afford to pay for water pumped from Louisiana than to go back to where they were in 1930.

San Angelo area agricultural counties along the main Colorado valley show the following population losses from the 1930 census to the 1960 census.

County	1930	1960	Gain	Loss
Mitchell	14,183	11,255		2,928
Coke	5,253	3,589		1,664
Runnels	21,821	15,016		6,805
Coleman	23,669	12,458		11,211
McCulloch	13,883	8,815		5,068
	78,809	51,133		27,676

County	1930	1960	Gain	Loss
Terry	8,883	16,286	7,403	
Lynn	12,372	10,914		1,458
Hale	20,189	36,798	16,609	
Lamb	12,452	21,896	9,444	
Floyd	12,409	12,369		40
	71,305	98,273	33,456	1,498

Subtract 1,498

Net Gain 31,958

If Lubbock county is added in on the one hand and Tom Green on the other, the gap is greatly widened.

The counties chosen for comparison with the formerly strong agricultural counties in the Colorado basin were picked for being so near on an equality with the valley counties before irrigation came to the plains counties.

## PERSONALS

Tony Dean is in Wyoming for the summer. He is employed at the Range Experiment Station.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Self and Jimmy spent the weekend in Brownwood visiting his parents. Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Self and attended a Wheeler reunion at the Brownwood Lake.

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