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Three Trackmen To Regional

Accreditation Team Likes RL School Improvements

It has been recommended by an accreditation team of the Texas Education Agency that the "Robert Lee Independent School District be continued as fully accredited for grades 1 through 12."

That statement sums up the conclusions of Ned Conner and Ed Shive after completion of their visit here March 5.

A report on the visit said, in part:

"The district was supported principally by funds derived from oil production and refining properties. The district encompassed 478 square miles in the northwest corner of Coke County. Assessed valuation was \$25,500,000,

which was 43 per cent of actual value. The total school tax was \$1.30, of which \$1.04 was used for maintenance and operation and 26 cents for debt retirement. Bonded debt was \$828,000.

"The district operated a single 12 grade program on one campus. The instructional organization plan was 6-6, with grades 1 through 6 having 174 students and grades 7 through 12 having 224. There were 29 professional staff members, including the superintendent. Twelve

teachers and a principal served the elementary school; 14 teachers and a principal served the secondary school. All staff members, except four teacher aides, were paid from local funds. The aides were paid from Title I funds.

"Policies developed by the school board and those developed by the administration, minutes of official board meetings, provisions for staff development, and recent self-evaluation of the school were examined and found to be in order. Courses of study in all subject areas and a plan for guidance services, including provision for follow-up information on graduates, were available. Transcripts of recent graduates indicated students were meeting existing graduation requirements.

The instructional program met or exceeded standards with one exception: the staff member assigned to the high school library did not have six semester hours of library science.

The building program had just been completed. This had contributed much to the elimination of deficiencies listed in the previous visit report."

In a survey made by an accreditation team in March 1968, the school was found to have eight deficiencies. However all but one of them have been corrected — the one concerning the high school library.

Supt. Jimmy Bickley said that school officials are well pleased with progress which has been made since the 1968 survey and were happy with the comments of the visiting team.

Robert Lee will send three members of its track team to the regional meet which will be held April 24 and 25 at Lubbock.

James Fields took first place in the shot put with a toss of 46-9, Doug Burns was top man in the pole vault with 11-8, and Mike Mumford was first in high jump with 6-0.

All three of them will represent District 6-A at the regional meet. They gained these berths when the district meet was held here last Saturday.

Aspen was winner of the track meet with 152 points while Wall was second with 96. Coming in third was Roscoe with 85½; Rotan was fourth with 58; Wylie, fifth with 51, and Robert Lee sixth with 48½.

Others on the Robert Lee team placed as follows:

330 yard intermediate hurdles,

Lane Beaty, fifth; mile relay, fifth; high jump, James Fields tied Rayburn of Roscoe for fifth; discus, Fields, fourth; pole vault, Millican, fourth and Smith, fifth; long jump, Key, sixth.

Freshman Division

In the freshman division first places were taken by Harvey Wink in the mile run with a 5-07.3; Delbert Mathers in high jump with 5-10; Bobby Mumford in pole vault with a 9-9.

Others who placed were 440 yard relay, made up of Mathers, Flanagan, Mumford and Costello, 3rd with 48.5; 880 dash, Bubba Duncan, 2nd with 2-30.7; 120 yard high hurdles, Mumford, 2nd with 19.2; 100 yard dash, Delbert Mathers, 5th with 11.5; 440 yard dash, Alex Costello, 2nd with 57.1; 330 yard hurdles, Mumford, 3rd with 48.6; miles relay, comprised of Costello, Mathers, Flanagan and Wink, 2nd with 3-57.9; broad jump, Costello, 2nd with 18, and Mathers, 3rd with 17-7½; high jump, Randy Flanagan, 4th with 5-2; pole vault, Flanagan, 2nd with 8-9; discus, Duncan, 4th with 94-4, and Wink, 6th with 68-2.

New School Board Sworn Into Office

New officers of Robert Lee School's board of trustees were installed at the regular April meeting of the board. New officers include Lewis Heuvel, president; Earl H. Ivey, vice president; and John D. Mumford, secretary.

New members of the board were sworn in and included Mumford, Bobby Baker and Joe B. Flowers. Retiring members are Douglas Gartman, Billy J. Blair and Truman Hines.

Holdover members of the board are Heuvel, Ivey, J. W. Service Jr. and D. J. Walker Jr.

In other business, the board voted to accept the only bid received for two lots and a bus garage which were put up for sale. The bid came from Cumbe Ivey Jr.

Auxiliary personnel, including school secretaries, lunchroom workers, janitors and bus drivers had their contracts extended for another year.

Hospital Board Names Officers

The new member of the board of directors of West Coke County Hospital District has been installed and the board organized for the coming year.

Victor Wojtek is the new president of the board, replacing Fred McCabe Sr., who retired this year. James Herford is the vice president and J. E. Quisenberry is secretary. Robert Large is a new member of the board. Holdover members are Wojtek and Curtis Walker.

Work Day Planned For RL Cemetery

A work day is planned for Saturday by members of Robert Lee Cemetery Association. Starting time will be 8 a.m. and work will continue as long as there is anything to be done. Everyone who is interested in the appearance of the cemetery is urged to come and bring mowers, hoes, rakes and other needed equipment.

The cemetery association met April 10 with nine members and one visitor present.

L. B. Menielle gave a talk and drew a diagram of the proposed gateway and historical marker. He said he hoped work would soon begin on the construction of this project.

Mayor Wilson Bryan made a report on the water and pipe situation. In order to supply a sufficient amount of water, there is a need for a two-inch water line around the cemetery. The association agreed to buy and lay the line.

A spokesman for the association said, "The cemetery is looking nice and we need the help of everyone to keep it that way."

Mr. and Mrs. Troy Montgomery and Gene of Lubbock and O. C. Wojtek and family of San Angelo visited over the weekend with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. V. V. Wojtek.

Crowd Visits Food Show

Coke County 4-H Food Show was held Monday evening in the Robert Lee Recreation Center. Thirty-one junior girls and two senior girls of the 52 girls enrolled in Food Projects participated.

Senior winners were Deone Derrick and Sheri Pitcock. Deone exhibited in the Meat Food Group and Sheri exhibited in the Fruit and Vegetable Food Group. Deone is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Derrick, and Sheri is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Pitcock of the Sanco community.

Deone and Sheri will represent Coke County in the Senior Division of the District VII 4-H Food Show April 25 in San Angelo.

Jeania Tinkler and Valerie Baker will be the Junior Division participants in the District Food Show. Jeania exhibited Carrot Bread, and Valerie a Broccoli-Rice Casserole. Jeania is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy

Tinkler, while Valerie is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Baker, all of Robert Lee.

Other blue ribbon winners were: Mary Elaine Lackey, Marlena Johnston, Kathy Deen, LaJohnna Deen, Debra Reeds, Rosa Sanchez, Mary Kay Baker, Jo Ann Killam, LaDonna Scott, all of Robert Lee; and Debbie Sowell of Bronte.

Red ribbon winners were: Theresa Percifull, Sheila Roberts, Myna Kay Roane, Betty Flowers, Vicki Gartman of Robert Lee; Shelene Tidwell, Martha Gonzales, Debra Geist, Shelly Geist of Bronte.

White ribbon winners were: Pam Brice, Ruth Calder, Karen Blair, Lucia Garza, Carla Wojtek, LaNell Flowers, Patricia Martin Marion Hendry of Robert Lee; Carol Cervenka, Mary Cervenka of Bronte.

Adult Food Leaders from Bronte were Mrs. Jack Geist, Mrs. Charles Ragsdale, Mrs. Glenn Skelton and Miss Ida Lee

Parker. Robert Lee Foods Leaders were Mrs. Rex Martin, Mrs. Clayton Bloodworth, Mrs. Kenneth Lackey, Mrs. Lowell Roane, Mrs. E. A. Lanier, Mrs. Mary Garrard, Mrs. Bobby Baker, Mrs. Gene Baker, Mrs. Carl Blair, Mrs. J. W. Service Jr., Mrs. Bobby Roberts, Mrs. Bonnie Walker, Mrs. James Deen, Mrs. Addie Johnson, Mrs. E. J. Brice, Mrs. Joe Flowers, Mrs. Sterling Lindsey, Mrs. Delbert Shoemaker, Miss Sheri Pitcock, Miss Deone Derrick and Miss Margaret Sanchez.

Judges were Miss Suzanne McBurnett of Concho County and Mrs. Juanita O'Connor, Miss Ruth O'Connor and Miss Lois Halfmann of Runnels County.

Each girl was tested on her knowledge, the way her exhibit looked, her recipe and menu, the appearance, quality and flavor of the food.

Over 100 persons attended the show.

D. P. Key Injured In Pickup Wreck

D. P. Key was admitted to West Coke County Hospital after he was injured in a one vehicle accident Sunday afternoon. The accident occurred about 1 p.m. on Highway 158 where it cuts through the spillway of Robert Lee Dam.

Mr. Key was driving a Ford pickup which apparently went out of control. Sheriff Melvir Childress said he had word that the pickup crossed to the left side of the highway, then went back across the road to the right, and back once again to the left side where it turned over.

A Newby ambulance took Mr. Key to the hospital and an Ivey wrecker towed the vehicle into town.

Mr. Key suffered a head injury and lacerations on his face. The pickup was damaged but not demolished.

The accident was investigated by Patrolman Bob Brown of Sterling City and Constable Ollie Roe.

Water System Gets Commendation

Robert Lee's water and sewer departments received a pat on the back recently when a letter from the Texas Water Quality Board was received following an inspection of local facilities. Addressed to Mayor Wilson Bryan, the letter commended the city, its officials and city employees for the high standards maintained in the water and sewer departments.

A copy of a report on the systems accompanying the letter said:

"Housekeeping and maintenance was extremely good. The plant and grounds were immaculate. The superintendent and his assistant were very conscientious about the plant and had even added innovations of their own which helped in the operation and housekeeping."

The letter said in part:

"Please extend our appreciation to Messrs. Cecil Mayfield and Sherman Williams for their cooperation and assistance."

"Thank you for your interest and support in this important function of the pollution control program."

The entire system of the city was cited as being excellent and no flaws were found in the system nor the way it was being operated.

Only a few months ago the water supply of the city was approved by the State Health Department, which also is a rare recognition earned by cities the size of Robert Lee.

PATTY IVEY WINS AWARD AT UIL PLAY CONTEST

Patty Ivey of Robert Lee was named best supporting actress in the District 6-A UIL one act play contest held last Thursday at Rotan. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cumbe Ivey Jr.

Roscoe's play took first place honors.



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Austin — State Welfare costs may go up sharply next year if Congress passes a new Medicaid bill.

State Senate Committee on Welfare Reform heard estimates that Medicaid amendments alone will require at least \$25.9 million in additional state outlays during the coming biennium.

Burton G. Hackney, State Welfare Commissioner, predicts President Nixon's Family Assistance Plan of legislation might cost Texas a minimum of \$22 million more each year and double the number of children on state aid rolls.

Senate committee heard estimates that Medicaid changes will add more than \$6.2 million to the state's obligations for the present biennium.

While welfare officials are now optimistic over being able to continue present program levels until the next legislative sessions, they will, at best, be in debt \$13.5 million come January. That's the amount Gov. Preston Smith transferred to welfare from medical school construction funds to head off the scheduled April 1 cut in payments to the needy.

If rough estimates presented the committee are correct, the legislature will be looking at an increase of \$70 million for new programs during the next fiscal period—not to mention another

\$20 million "catch-up" money carrying over from the current biennium.

If Congress places mental retardation under new limitations for inpatient services, the state could end up with another \$9 million a year in new obligations, plus \$8.2 million in unexpected expenses for the present fiscal period.

SCHOOL FUND — Largest single piece of income for the Texas permanent school fund, \$139 million, has been assured. After 11 months of discussion, School Land Board accepted a unitization agreement on the huge new sulphur deposit found in Culberson County by the Duval Corporation of Houston. Deposit is the second largest in the world. It contains 81 million long tons of sulphur. Agreement involves the drilling of 6,000 wells.

High bids on public school land oil and gas leases totaled \$3.1 million, representing an average of \$36.84 an acre. Twenty-two per cent of the acreage sold was in El Paso and Hudspeth counties. Land lying in Loving and Ward counties brought a bid of \$120,006, topping all others.

Second highest bid of \$113,040 was on a 1,440-acre tract of submerged coastal lands in Jefferson County.

Third highest was \$110,053 for 411 acres in Reeves County.

Receipts from the sale boosted the permanent school fund to \$839.6 million, for total increase of nearly 86 per cent in last decade.

COURTS SPEAK — Third Court of Civil Appeals held the 1969 law giving tobacco distributors 15 days to pay for cigarette tax stamps is constitutional, but State Treasurer Jesse James said he will appeal.

State Supreme Court refused the request of Fred Williams, Houston, to force Land Commissioner Jerry Sadler to make public veterans' land loan applicants. In other actions the Supreme Court:

* Set May 6 arguments on liability of an insecticide firm for damages in the death of a Colorado County child who swallowed bug spray.

* Held there was no conspiracy in an alleged breach contract involving a fishing fleet and an Ecuadorian seafood pack plant.

* Refused to review a Dallas furniture company's challenge of the Sunday closing law.

AG RULINGS — Atty. Gen. Crawford Martin says, in an opinion requested by Wiley L. Cheatham of Cuero, that a Justice of the Peace may conduct court on criminal cases on Sundays. He added that he also could enter judgments and sentences and collect fines on Sundays.

In another opinion, Martin ruled that Commissioner Courts may enter into contract with the U. S. to administer job training programs under a concentrated employment project.

FEDERAL - STATE GRANTS MADE — Office of Child Development grant of \$208,594 in new federal funds went to Bee County Community Council for Head Start school programs in Beeville, Goliad and Pettus.

A federal recreation grant of \$126,800 has been approved for acquisition of 15.5 acres of land to enlarge Pasadena's Memorial Park.

Governor approved an \$11,250 regional planning assistance state grant to Ark-Tex Council of Governments, Texarkana, and a \$22,190 planning grant to El Paso C.O.G.

Short Snorts

Highway Commission has told the U. S. Department of Transportation it will not make any more studies about possible routes for the North Expressway in San Antonio and asked for 50 per cent aid to help build the road.

Victoria, Harris, LaSalle and San Patricio counties have been added to the list of those with brucellosis control programs by the U. S. Department of Agriculture and the State Animal Health Commission.

Aeronautics Commission staff has recommended that 28 cities in the state be provided intrastate cargo-only air service and approved four companies to serve them.

Governor Smith has accepted the resignation of District Judge Sterling Williams of Snyder, but is not expected to appoint anyone to the post until after the district Democratic committee has selected its nominee for the May 2 primary.

Tax revenue from smoking increased more than \$4.5 million last month, over March 1969, due to the increase from 11 cents to 15½ cents a pack on cigarettes.

Governor Smith has called an April 16-18 conference of college student presidents.

Parks & Wildlife Department is asking cities and counties along the Gulf Coast to submit applications for participation in the beach cleaning and maintenance assistance program enacted by the last Legislature.

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

Wayman Percifull Receives Award As Coke Conservationist of Year for '69

Wayman Percifull was honored at the April 2 meeting of Bronte Lions Club when he was presented a plaque naming him the Outstanding Conservationist of 1969 in Coke County. The award was presented by Cy Richmond, area conservationist of San Angelo. Mrs. Percifull was also an honored guest at the Lions meeting.

The Percifulls live northwest of Bronte on a farm they purchased in 1967. He is a Bronte native and moved back here after living several years in Colorado.

A narrative report presented by the Coke County Soil and Water Conservation District tells the story of the operation which won Percifull the honor for 1969. It follows:

Percifull became a district co-operator soon after moving to

the Bronte community. He immediately became a booster for the work being carried on by his local soil and water conservation district. By his leadership and example of good conservation work, he has led others to realize the importance of wise use and management of soil and water resources. Visitors to his farm are not only local neighbors but also state and nationwide. One group of foreign visitors interested in conservation came by last year, and Percifull took time to show and discuss his operations with them. By his enthusiasm for conservation, he is able to tell his story in such a way as to have a lasting effect on his audience. Percifull also stresses the fact that his operations are profitable from a monetary standpoint.

He is an outstanding leader in his community and participates regularly in its activities. He is presently a director of the Coke County Kickapoo Water Control and Improvement District and East Coke County Hospital District.

In 1967, he and his wife purchased a farm and completed their planned program of improvements in 14 months. This was a complete job of reclaiming brush infested pastureland and seeding of old eroded fields to permanent grasses. During this time, they have had to develop water for house and livestock use. In addition, they have built a home and constructed a barn, implement shed and corrals.

The Percifulls have completely reversed the downward trend in productivity of this farm. In a very short period of time, this has become one of the most highly productive operating units in the district. Adapted conservation practices are established for all fields and pastures. Two conservation practices not generally used by producers in the district are being carried out to increase production. Fertilizer has been applied to all fields and pastures according to needs of the soil as indicated by soil analysis. They are making full use of water stored in a small flood control retarding structure, located on the north side of the farm. This supplemental irrigation water has helped to establish field crops and pasture grasses. Coastal Bermuda Grass is being grown for hay and grazing on about 70 acres.

They agreed that this type of operation is confining and time consuming but has its advantages. They have one daughter at home, Dee Ann, who spent the summer helping with farming operations, which included moving irrigation pipe several times each week.

The Percifulls are still improving their method of operations. They have as a goal to make the place one of the more efficient livestock operations in West Texas.

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Mrs. Bill Burns

Miss Ara Mae Voyles Becomes Bride of William Burns In Ceremony March 28 in San Angelo Church of Christ

The chapel of Johnson Street Church of Christ was the setting for the marriage March 28 of Miss Ara Mae Voyles to William "Bill" Thomas Burns. Stanley Lockhart, minister, officiated.

Parents of the bride are Mr. and Mrs. Willie D. Voyles of San Angelo. The bridegroom is the son of Mrs. Roy Davis of Linden and Paul Burns of Robert Lee.

The bride wore a formal A-line gown of white peau de soie which featured lace and pearl trim and long sleeves.

Miss Cindy Vacek was maid of honor. The bride's sister, Miss Vivian Voyles, was bridesmaid.

Serving as best man was R. W. Blair. Steve Rives of Robert Lee was groomsman. Guests were seated by Lynn Beal and Teddy

Millican, both of Robert Lee. Music was presented by the church choir.

Houseparty for the reception in the church fellowship hall included Mrs. E. E. Newlin, Mrs. Jimmy Graham, Miss Paula Helton and Miss Sharla Giddon.

Mrs. Burns is a senior student at San Angelo Central High School. She is employed at a San Angelo discount store. Her husband also is employed at the discount store and is a freshman student at Angelo State University. A graduate of Robert Lee High School, he was a member of Future Farmers of America on the annual staff and named a Lone Star Farmer.

The couple is living in San Angelo following a wedding trip to San Antonio and Austin.

WANT ADS

CARD OF THANKS

We are truly grateful to the good friends who did so much for us during our recent sorrow. May we take this means of saying thanks for the many comforting expressions of your friendships and affections, and our special thanks to Dr. McDaniel and the hospital staff. May God bless you all.

The Family of Mrs. Thelma Rudd

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RAIN LAST WEEK WETS TOP OF GROUND

Sanco reported the heaviest rainfall in a spring shower which occurred last Thursday night and Friday morning, with a half inch. Robert Lee had .35 inch; south on the J. O. Rudd ranch, .25 inch was reported; and Edith reported .20.

PERSONALS

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Davis last Friday were Mr. and Mrs. William Jones of Chattanooga, Tenn. Weekend guests in the Davis home were Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Collins of Yazoo City, Miss. Mr. Collins is an uncle of Vincent and Jerome Hanna.

Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Robertson and baby were overnight guests Friday in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Robertson. They were enroute to El Paso where they will make their home. Mr. Robertson is employed by General Electric Credit Corp. and has been transferred from the general office at Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Walker and family and Mrs. Delphia Benson, all of San Angelo, were Sunday visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Walker.

Mrs. V. M. Bleeker of Olton visited over the weekend in Robert Lee with her cousin, Mrs. A. J. Kirkpatrick.

Mr. and Mrs. Mack Payne of Andrews visited here last week in the home of his mother, Mrs. W. A. Payne.

Mr. and Mrs. Mack Tubb, Tammy and Kevin, of Los Angeles, Calif., left Monday for their home following a 10 day visit with his mother, Mrs. Arthur Tubb, and attending funeral services for his father on Friday two weeks ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Wallace visited in Pecos Friday through Monday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Wallace.

Mr. and Mrs. John L. Heck and daughters and Mr. and Mrs. Lendy Devoll, Lisa, Rennie and Donnie spent Sunday at the country club at Ballinger. Mr. Heck and Ronnie Devoll were entered in a partnership golf tournament. They finished third in the second flight.

Virginia Latham of Denton is here visiting several days in the home of Mrs. A. E. Latham.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Long of Fort Worth spent 10 days here visiting with their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Millican and children.

HELP YOURSELF AND YOUR COUNTRY BUY U. S. SAVINGS BONDS

Lunchroom Menu

Monday, April 20
Vegetable beef soup, pineapple with cottage cheese on lettuce, crackers, milk, cinnamon rolls.

Tuesday, April 21
Hamburger patties and gravy, creamed potatoes, fruit Jello on lettuce, hot rolls, butter, milk, orange juice, jelly.

Wednesday April 22
Pinto beans with salt pork, potato salad, spinach, corn bread, butter, milk, apple cobbler.

Thursday, April 23
Hot dogs with chili, buttered corn, combination salad, potato chips, milk, orange juice, apple-sauce cake.

Friday April 24
Turkey and dressing, giblet gravy, candied sweet potatoes, green beans, celery sticks, hot rolls, butter, milk, mandarin orange salad.

Hospital News

April 7: Mrs. Grace Howell, Baby Boy Basquez, C. E. Bell admitted. A. J. Shaw, Mrs. Tomas Arellano and Baby Boy, Mrs. Claudie Walker dismissed.

April 8: Mrs. Lena Russell, C. E. Bell dismissed.

April 9: Mrs. Melinda Hickman, Mrs. Bonnie Walker admitted. Mrs. Matthew Basquez and Baby Boy dismissed.

April 10: Julia Dela Pena admitted. Lenda Ross, Mrs. J. W. Service Sr., Mrs. Bonnie Walker dismissed.

April 11: Mrs. Allie Childress, H. M. Stevens, J. E. Terry, Mrs. B. R. Duncan admitted.

April 12: D P. Key, Dave Millican admitted. Julia Dela Pena dismissed.

April 13: Mrs. B. R. Duncan dismissed.

Ten patients remained in the hospital and eight in the nursing home.

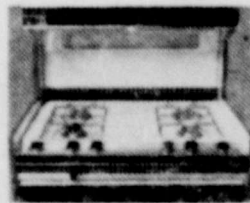
ATTENDS COFFEE

Mrs. Pauline Coalson was a weekend guest of her aunt, Mrs. E. S. Cummings, at the Cactus Hotel in San Angelo.

Mrs. Coalson attended a coffee given by Delta Kappa Gamma, which met at the Lake View High School Saturday morning. After the program by a musical ensemble, the group toured the new Lake View High School. Mrs. Coalson also attended a concert Sunday afternoon given by the United States Navy Band.

Dr. and Mrs. Howard C. Bruckner, Pamela and Ted Howard visited the past week with Mrs. Bruckner's mother, Mrs. Lila Austin Ope. The Bruckners live in Grand Blanc, Mich., where he is medical director with General Motors Corp. Mrs. Ope sold her home in Tulsa last December and returned here to live at her ranch north of Robert Lee. Mrs. Bruckner is the former Jane Austin.

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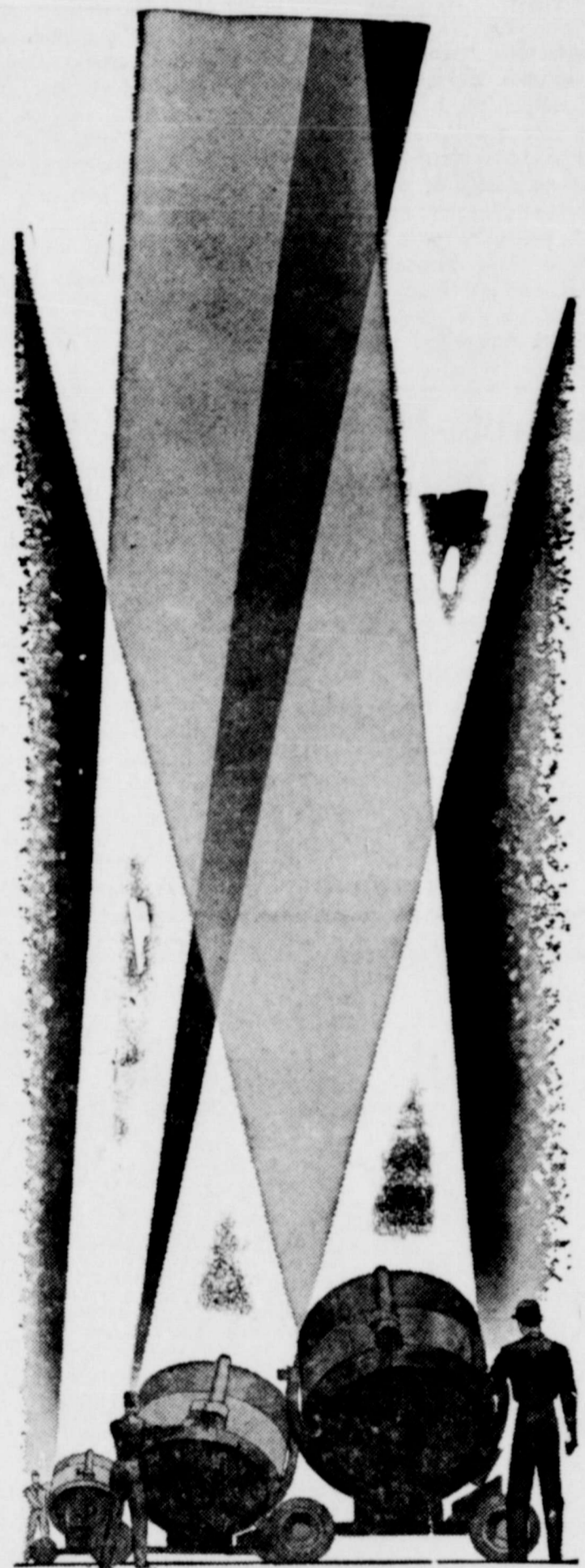
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WASHINGTON
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Washington—The 14th Amendment to our constitution has been the launching pad for many controversial Supreme Court decisions in recent years.

Just a few days ago it entered another dimension unheard of or imagined. It embraced the extraordinary idea that an individual can claim welfare payments as a "property" right even when his eligibility to receive payments from the government is under question.

The 14th Amendment provides that no entity of government can deprive persons of life, liberty and property without due process of law. The court by a 5-3 vote decided that welfare payments were a part of the individual's "property" and they can

not be removed from the welfare rolls without a court hearing. There is little doubt that a government attorney will be furnished to represent the individual, although in other instances it is illegal for those in government to represent a client having a claim against the government.

The ruling strikes at the heart of the concept that welfare programs are an instrument of charitable support. Instead, the decision portrays the collection of welfare benefits as an established property right.

In a dissent, Justice Hugo Black said "Government's promise of charity expressed in our welfare program considered to be a property right, strains credulity."

An immediate consequence of the ruling will not only add to the already staggering cost of welfare but will lead to endless hearings before courts already burdened with overloaded dockets. In the meantime, those found ineligible by those responsible for such a determination will continue to be paid.

The elevation of public welfare into an obligation of the government to support every citizen is in danger of being written even more explicit into our laws when the Nixon administration's "Family Assistance Plan" is enacted by the congress.

The administration's proposal assures every family that its income, for whatever reason, will

not fall below a specified level. Once people are on the welfare rolls, under the court's ruling it will be extremely difficult for them to be removed, even though it is determined by local welfare administrators that their eligibility has ceased to exist. It will discourage efforts to remove those found to disqualify for whatever reason.

It is not a matter of not being responsive to the genuine needs of unfortunate people. The American people have always responded in helping those who can not help themselves. Cities, counties, states, the federal government—plus countless private agencies, groups and organizations, provide aid to genuinely needy people. True charity is one thing but a court's decision which says it is guaranteed under the constitution removes the moral concept of charity and places those who are unwilling to work in a position to claim public money as a property right. It gives the lazy and shiftless a right alongside those in genuine need and who are unable to support themselves.

The court's decision is a violation of the property rights of the American taxpayer who is required to contribute a goodly portion of his earnings to those who have no inclination to better themselves. The decision denies property rights to men and women who get up every morning and go to their jobs. The Court's action has the effect of confiscating property through taxation to be handed out in the name of charity which brings us to the point there is no charitable duty or obligation except that of the government—where there is no moral concept except that which is set by the government—no conscience but state conscience. Perhaps the latter is even more serious to us as a people.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Bennett of Houston were weekend guests in the home of his mother, Mrs. Bonnie Robertson

Political Announcements

The Observer has been authorized to announce candidacy of persons listed below for the offices indicated. The names are submitted for consideration of voters in the Democratic Primary in May. Where more than one person is seeking the same office names will be listed in the order in which they were received.

For U. S. Representative,
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For County Judge
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For County and District Clerk
 MRS. WINNIE WALDROP

For County Treasurer
 MRS. JERRY THOMASON

For Justice of the Peace
 Precinct 1
 ROY P. ROSS

Notice Taxpayers

Beginning Jan. 13th, I will be in my office at Robert Lee on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, and at Bronte Friday and Saturday. Please bring your copy of last year's Income Tax Returns with you as we will need them for reference.

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BCD, Lions Set Ladies Night

A joint ladies night banquet between the BCD and Robert-Lee-Silver Lions Club was announced as a sure thing at the Tuesday meeting of the BCD. The banquet will be held Friday, May 8, in the new school lunchroom.

It was announced at the BCD meeting this week that members of the Lions Club have been contacted and they would like to make it a joint affair.

Speaker at the banquet will be the Rev. Don Tumbolake, pastor of Oak Street Baptist Church of Colorado City. A committee consisting of Jack Denman, John D. Mumford, Jimmy Bickley and W. D. McAdams was appointed to work out details of the remainder of the program.

An advance ticket sale is planned and all persons who are interested in the programs of the BCD and Lions Club are invited to purchase them and attend the banquet.

Rev. Bill Beaty announced the cemetery working which is reported in another story in this week's Observer.

Hospital Bids Announced

J. E. Quisenberry, secretary of West Coke County Hospital District, announced bids will be taken April 21 in the courthouse for the construction of an addition to the nursing home of the hospital district.

President George Newby presided at the meeting and 15 members were present.

FHA Week Being Observed at School

FHA Week is being observed this week in Robert Lee High School. Each day has been set aside for something special:

Monday: Slave Day, when girls had to carry books and do other chores like the boys.

Tuesday: Protest Day, when students wore signs protesting their dislikes at school.

Wednesday: Hippie Day, when students came dressed as hippies.

Thursday: Teacher Appreciation Day, when refreshments will be provided for teachers.

Friday: Dress Up Day, when students will look their best.

SERVICES AT SILVER

Bible study and morning services are being held at the Silver Baptist Church each Sunday morning. Bible study begins at 10 a.m. and preaching at 11 a.m.

Rev. H. L. Bloodworth of Silver is the speaker, and extends a cordial invitation to everyone to attend the church services. Subject of his sermon in the near future will be "The Second Coming of Christ."

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CORRECTION

The name of Sheri Pitcock was inadvertently missing from the list of winners of the Eldorado girls track meet which was supplied The Observer last week.

Miss Pitcock took first place in the 80 meter hurdles event with a time of 13.6.

Sheri is an outstanding girl athlete of Robert Lee High School and we regret very much this omission in our story last week.

Funeral Held for James B. Mauldin

James B. Mauldin, 73, of Pampa died Friday at 4 p.m. in the Highland General Hospital following a long illness.

Funeral services were held Monday at 10:30 a.m. with burial at White Deer.

Mr. Mauldin was born Nov. 27, 1896, at Weatherford and moved with his parents to White Deer in 1912. He was a long time resident of Coke County, moving here as a young man.

He is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Wanda Smith and Mrs. Olene Sims, both of Robert Lee, and Mrs. Betty Jo Lammers of Houston; two sons, J. B. Mauldin of Belton and Donald Mauldin of Robert Lee; three sisters, Mrs. Rex Barton, Mrs. Lee Sheild-knight and Mrs. Herbert Willis; two brothers, Chester Mauldin and Jack Mauldin, all of Pampa; 11 grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

Among the relatives attending the funeral were Mrs. Sims, Mrs. Smith and Donald Mauldin, Mrs. Lammers and J. B. Mauldin.

Houston Services For Mrs. Johnson

Funeral services were held April 10 in Houston for Mrs. J. S. Johnson, 50. She died in a Houston hospital the Tuesday before from a heart attack.

Gladys Arbo Simpson was born at Bronte April 20, 1920. She was married to Jesse S. Johnson in the early 1940s at Bronte.

She is survived by her husband; one son, Aubrey Don, and one daughter, Mrs. Billie Robbins, all of Houston; two sisters, Mrs. Dan Johnson of Bangs and Mrs. C. B. Rogers of Waco; two brothers, Jack Simpson of Arlington and Buddy Simpson of Waco, and two grandchildren.

Mrs. Lois Mae Smith and son, Willis Wayne Smith were relatives attending the funeral from Robert Lee.

SPRING MUSICAL PLANNED

An elementary school spring musical is planned for May 5. The program will involve students in grades 1-6, and will be under direction of Mrs. Wilson Bryan. Name of the production is "Camp Friendship." Admission will be free.

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Palmer of Robert Lee and their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Palmer and children visited in Old Mexico over the weekend.



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