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In Lake Spence

Fishing To Start Saturday

Flanagan Calls Attention To Fishing, Boating Rules

R. L. Flanagan of Robert Lee, state game warden, said this week that with the opening of Lake Spence Saturday for fishing, he would like to call attention to some of the laws concerning the operation of boats on this lake as well as others in the state.

The following excerpts have been taken from a Digest of the Texas Water Safety Act:

Certificate of Number

When your motorboat is in operation, your certificate of number or facsimile thereof must always be aboard and available for inspection by an enforcement officer.

Display of Number

The number awarded to your motorboat must be painted, decalated, or otherwise affixed to both sides of the bow of the boat in such position as to provide easy identification. The number shall read from left to right, must be in block characters of good proportion not less than three inches in height, and must be of a color that contrasts with the background. The 4 numerals must be separated from the prefix and suffix by hyphens or equivalent spaces. Federal and State law prohibits any other number from being displayed on either side of the bow of your boat.

Lifesaving Devices

One Coast Guard approved life preserver, buoyant vest, ring buoy, or buoyant cushion in good and serviceable condition for each person on board must be in the boat at all times. Ski belts are not approved. Any approved device has a Coast Guard number imprinted upon it.

Junior Rodeo Set For This Weekend

Everyone is invited to attend the annual Junior Rodeo which will be held Friday and Saturday nights in the Bronte roping arena. The rodeo is sponsored by the Coke County Roping Club.

In addition to the usual events, there will be sessions of bareback bronc riding and bull riding for boys. Three roping events will include tie-down, ribbon and break away roping.

Girls events will include barrel racing, pole racing and flag racing.

Rodeo officials said they are expecting about 100 contestants from a wide area.

Trophies will be awarded to the first three top winners in each event, and a trophy will be given to the top boy and girl among the contestants.

Admission charge will be \$1.00 for adults and 50 cents for students.

Lights

All motorboats 14 feet in length or less and propelled by motors 10 horsepower or less shall be exempt from lighting provisions except that they shall be required to have a white light to exhibit between the hours of sunset and sunrise.

Larger boats are required to have more lights.

Mirrors

Every motorboat towing a person or persons on water skis, aquaplane or similar device shall be equipped with a rearview mirror of a size no less than four inches in measurement from bottom to top or across from one side to the other. Such mirror shall be mounted firmly so as to give the boat operator a full and complete view beyond the rear of his boat at all times.

Fire Extinguishers

A fire extinguisher will be required if one or more of the following conditions exist: (1) Closed compartment under thwarts and seats wherein portable fuel tanks may be stored. (2) Double bottoms not sealed to the hull or which are not completely filled with floatation material. (3) closed living spaces. (4) Closed storage compartments in which combustible or flammable materials are stored. (5) Permanently installed fuel tanks.

Approved types of fire extinguishers are identified by any of the following:

(a) Make and model number. Check markings on nameplate against listing under company's name in the Coast Guard Equipment Lists Booklet CG-190.

(b) "Marine Type" marking. Check nameplate for Underwriters' Laboratories, Inc., marking "Marine Type USCG" followed by the Coast Guard classification of "B-1 or B-11."

(c) Coast Guard approval number. Check for marking of Coast Guard approval number on nameplate.

Flanagan said there are other regulations, but the above cover items most frequently violated. He said he would be glad to discuss any question with anybody who has doubts about the provisions of the law. Also, he said he would be glad to check out anybody's boat to make sure it comes up to requirement.

Fishing Licenses

Flanagan pointed out that any person, 17 to 65 years of age, is required to have a fishing license except anyone fishing in the county in which he resides may fish without a license with a cane pole, throw line, or trot line.

Lake E. V. Spence will be opened for fishing at 7 a.m. Saturday, June 20.

The reservoir, located above Robert Lee on the Colorado River, is owned by the Colorado River Municipal Water District.

R. A. Schooling, administrative assistant, said that the lake is being opened to sportsmen despite its modest level because larger fish need to be harvested. The district has been in consultation with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission on stocking, and the TPWC has recommended that fishing now be allowed.

Until now the lake has been closed because low levels have made navigation hazardous since the lake is in process of filling up. He urged all boat operators to move at minimum speeds and with utmost caution. Because of the danger of snagging, no skiing will be permitted.

Schooling also urged fishermen to confine their activities to the District's public recreational areas at the north and south ends of the dam, or on old State Highway 158 at the southwest side of

the lake. Signs are being erected to assist fishermen in finding these areas. Only the gravel roads at the north and south ends of the dam are suitable points for launching boats.

"Most of the areas around the lake are on private property," he said, "and we plead with sportsmen to be good sports and respect the rights and privacy of these land owners."

Permits, which cost 50 cents per day or \$5 annually, are mandatory and will be available from patrolmen, the West Way Grocery in Robert Lee, or from bait dealers. Annual permits for Lake J. B. Thomas are good at Lake E. V. Spence. A permit fee is charged because no tax revenue is available for development of recreation facilities.

Nettings by the Texas Parks and Wildlife management specialists have shown a good population of black bass three to four pounds, channel cat and yellow cat up to six and eight pounds. There also are white bass, striped bass, crappie and sun fish. Observations indicated that there is a need to thin out the larger fish population in order for the small forage fish to increase to a desired level.

The Robert Lee Dam was closed a year ago and the new reservoir stocked. Since then, however, there has been only one substantial rain on the watershed so that the lake has only about 20,000 acre feet of water. In the channel area near the dam, however, the water is over 30 feet deep. Around the flanks there is some brush, rocks, etc., which are at shallow depths. The entire lake, as was the pipeline and pumping system, was financed solely out of revenue bonds issued by the district.

Hospital District Receives Grant

The way looked clear Wednesday to proceed with construction of 20 more rooms to West Coke County Hospital District's nursing home. Word was received that an additional \$35,200.95 had been approved in federal funds under the Hill-Burton Act.

This grant brings the amount of federal money approved to a total of \$109,200.95. This amount will be used along with the \$140,000 bond issue voted to finance the project.

Directors said they will need another \$77,300, but they have it on hand from current operating funds.

A bid from Rose & Sons, Inc. of Midland, received in April,

proposed to build the addition on a base bid of \$212,500, with six alternates for a total bid of \$256,400.

Total cost estimate of the new construction, plus remodeling of present facilities to some extent, and furnishings and equipment amounts to \$326,634.

It was expected that the contract with Rose might be signed Wednesday afternoon and work would begin shortly.

Mr. and Mrs. William Joe Harmon and children of Irving were weekend guests in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Finis Harmon.

Couple Injured In Sunday Wreck

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Neal Bell of Goltwhaite were injured in a one-car accident about 8 p.m. Sunday. The accident occurred on Highway 203 about four miles north of Robert Lee.

Mrs. Bell was driving the car when it ran off the right side of the highway. She apparently lost control of the vehicle, as it went off the left side of the highway through a fence and hitting a telephone pole. The car turned completely over landing back on its wheels.

The couple were taken to West Coke County Hospital for treatment. He was released Monday, but she is still receiving treatment for head injuries.

Patrolman Bobby Hart, Sheriff Melvin Childress and Constable Ollie Roe investigated the accident.

LEAVES FOR NAVY

Mike Brasuel left June 8 for Orlando, Fla., where he will take U. S. Navy boot training. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Brasuel.

UCRA Ready To Help City

Gerald C. Allen, president of the Upper Colorado River Authority, told the BCD Tuesday that the UCRA could and would give assistance to the City of Robert Lee in financing a pipeline from Lake Spence to the city if and when it is needed.

Prior to Allen's statement, Mayor Wilson Bryan told the group that Mountain Creek Lake is low and has had very little runoff from spring rains. However, he was quick to point out that at the present time there is no need for concern about a water shortage. Not only does the lake have a good supply of water, but the city has some wells which are capable of providing sizeable sup-

plements to the lake water supply.

Bryan said city officials have discussed the matter with UCRA officials and Allen then confirmed UCRA's interest in seeing that Robert Lee has an ample water supply with as little expenditure of funds as possible.

J. E. Quisenberry noted that Rose & Son Construction Co. of Midland was low bidder on the addition to the West Coke County Hospital District nursing home. He said the district has applied for additional federal funds to finance the addition and approval is expected this week. (See later story in this paper.)

W. D. McAdams, membership drive chairman, reported the or-

ganization's drive for members is about complete. Last count, he reported, was that the BCD has 29 active memberships and 37 sustaining members.

Rev. Bill Beatty gave a brief talk on work being done at Robert Lee Cemetery. A cooperative effort, he said, is getting a new water line laid into the cemetery. The association has purchased the pipe and the City of Robert Lee is digging the line and laying the pipe.

Twelve members and two guests were present for the meeting. Johnny Johnson, a representative of Ford Motor Co., was a guest of Cumbe Ivey Jr., and John Burrus of Abilene was a guest of Bill and G. C. Allen.



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Austin — Pressure from the courts may move the Legislature to massive election law reforms next year.

At least two major Texas cases which could have far reaching consequences for the state election processes and political system are pending in three-judge federal courts.

In one, Corpus Christi and San Marcos plaintiffs challenge the constitutionality of the annual voter registration requirement and the Jan. 31 registration deadline. They ask reopening of registration after the June runoff primaries to allow voters until October to qualify for the November general election. More than 30 states already have a general election sign-up extension, and no state requires as early a close-off as Texas.

A second case tests validity of the candidates' filing fee system. An El Paso candidate for county commissioner and a Tarrant County candidate for county judge won places on the May primary ballot through court action when they pleaded they could not afford to pay the stiff filing fee.

A third case attacks the constitutionality of the statute denying aid to illiterate voters in marking ballots.

Secretary of State Martin Dies Jr. acknowledges a great many changes are needed in the state election code. He is compiling a list of needs with an eye on court decisions and plans to contact legislators about them soon.

Dies indicates he is inclined to favor recommendation that May-June primary dates be shoved

back until August and September (as some 14 states now provide).

He also tentatively likes the idea of making voter registrations good for four years.

And the state, believes Dies, "is going to have to reach the conclusion candidates cannot continue to completely finance primaries."

Legislative Decorum Eyed — A House committee studying ways to improve the legislature's decorum and public image indicated it wants curbs on the familiar practice of lawmakers' voting for absentees on an electronic machine.

Committee members couldn't bring themselves to condemn "proxy" voting for members absent from the floor for a few minutes to take telephone calls from constituents. But they frowned on votes cast for legislators who are truants from the capital.

Committee, headed by Rep. John E. (Ned) Blain of El Paso, discussed a variety of proposals to make the House of Representatives look and act better.

Among other major suggestions: a glassed-in spectators' gallery, desk-to-desk floor telephone communications and overhead projectors to display hasty floor amendments to legislation.

Drug Memo Signed — High-ranking state officials signed a "memorandum of understanding" with the U. S. Department of Justice Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs.

Memorandum formalizes the present working agreement and outlines areas of responsibility

for state agencies and the federal bureau in which mutual efforts and cooperation will be necessary or desirable.

Overall purpose of the memorandum is to establish and maintain effective working arrangements between the state and the federal bureau to hold to a minimum diversion of narcotics and dangerous drugs from legal channels to illicit traffic. Most of the stimulants and depressants sold illegally originated from legitimate foreign or domestic channels.

Courts Speak — Texas Supreme Court heard arguments as to whether it should uphold a district court decision that the Texas obscenity control law is unconstitutional.

By a six to three decision, High Court held that a man could not recover damages although an Arlington hospital nurse fed him solid food soon after a colon operation.

A suit for \$43,600, against a life insurance company that issued a policy on a quarter horse, was refused by the Supreme Court because the company was not notified immediately when the animal became ill.

High Court ruled for Grand Prairie in a 3,000 acre annexation dispute with Arlington.

Court refused to hear the appeal of an Austin teenager dismissed from school after he was caught with marijuana in his pockets.

Attorney General Rules — Raza Unida Party in Hidalgo County cannot get its local candidates on the November ballot unless it gathers new petitions from non-participants in other party primaries. Atty. Gen. Crawford Martin has held.

In other recent opinions, Martin concluded that:

* Teacher Retirement System Board of Trustees has authority to invest its trust funds in home office facilities, land and equipment used for administering the system, to manage and control facilities and pay expenses for operating, maintaining, repairing and improving them.

* Election officers named to hold district school trustee elections must hold a regular election for county school trustees and are to be compensated by the school district which also pays for election supplies out of the maintenance fund.

Hospital Funds Distributed — State Board of Health allocated \$1,477,880 to 12 applicants for federal Hill-Burton health facilities construction funds. Projects included:

West Coke County Hospital, Robert Lee, \$38,295 and Sterling County Hospital, \$38,900.

Hill-Burton program pays up to 50 per cent of cost of construction or modernization of hospitals and other health facilities in areas of critical need.

Short Snorts

Governor Smith directed a \$1.2 million highway fund transfer to reinforce the Department of Public Safety budget.

Texas Committee on State and Local Tax Policy invites suggestions on revenue sources and making tax laws more efficient, equitable.

Federal Office of Emergency Preparedness turned down Governor Smith's request to declare

San Marcos a disaster area for flood damage aid.

Parks and Wildlife Department authorized \$127,509 in spending for beach cleaning and maintenance in Galveston, Brazoria County and Nueces County.

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Washington — It was one of those evenings of gusty winds and intermittent downpours. A three-quarter moon seemed to enjoy dodging in and out of the clouds.

Inside the brightly lit grocery store six carts of groceries were lined up behind each of the two opened check-out counters. Beside each cart stood people who looked tired and bored waiting their turn.

First in line was a lady with two small children clinging to her side. Her accent suggested that she was Puerto Rican. Both she and the children watched attentively as each item was rung up on the register. After the obnoxious and repetitive clanging sound that cash registers make, it finally produced the final bill.

The woman took a final look at the white figures on the spinning wheels and then in her purse. In a soft voice she said

to the checker, "I have got to take something back." The little girl at her side looked up at the others, not realizing their bored and impatient attitude.

Doubtless the checker had been through this before and tried to be helpful and even cheery.

"How much are you short?" he asked the woman.

"It was the check," she said. "It wasn't as much this time."

With the checker's help they looked over her cart of groceries. There was a large bag of rice and about three pounds of cheap hamburger meat. There was a box of laundry powder and two leaves of yesterday's bread, which can be bought for 10c off the regular price.

Then there were some fresh vegetables, some toilet tissue and a quart of skim milk. Included were potatoes, wieners and a large box of cereal. There were several packs of soft drinks, some peanut butter and king sized cans of beans.

The eyes of the two, the woman and the checker, went over the items almost one by one.

Back to the shelves went a jar of red cherries, two or three oranges, some vanilla ice cream and a jar of jelly.

Back went about everything that makes things a little nicer to improve on the plebeian.

The woman was still a dollar short, so back went the peanut butter and one carton of Kool Aid, and maybe another little item.

Watching all this without doing anything is kinda difficult. Maybe some didn't care but there was the urge to step forward and pay this little bit for the woman because the children were watching. It wouldn't do—so nothing is said. The woman looked back at the rest of us and it seemed the most to be done was to smile and try to impart the thought, "don't be embarrassed, I've been caught short too."

Then she goes out into the rain with the children close beside her. At home she will cook the hamburger and the beans but there won't be any ice cream or red cherries or the jelly or oranges.

There is a lurking guilt but a man in line shakes his head and mumbles, "Those people never know what they want."

The woman would not be interested in the theories of inflation. There are a lot of them but you can't eat them. She would not be interested that food, as related to over-all living costs, is lower than other essentials. Washington thrives on statistics. People who have to put the nice little items back on the shelf and see the disappointment in their children's eyes can't live on these statistics which come from averages and generalities. Because we have to have it every day we are aware that food prices are high and that inflation continues to be one of the greatest problems of the country.

A number of remedies have been applied and more are talked about, but relief is slow in coming. Those who have money can afford it; those with none can usually draw on programs of assistance; the large number in between—those on fixed or modest incomes, which includes most of us—are feeling the pinch.

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Miss Preslar's chosen colors of yellow and orange were used in the decorations and refreshments. The serving table was laid with a white cloth over yellow.

Miss Margaret Flanagan served punch and Miss Johnny McDonald registered guests. The refreshments were yellow cake squares, orange punch, nuts and mints.

Hostesses were Mes. W. E. Jacoby, R. L. Flanagan, Finis Millican, Gene Hinnard, Royce Hood, Jerry Thomason, Ray McDonald, Robert Jameson, Bill Beaty, Wayne Mashburn and Teddy Pitcock; and Miss Johnny McDonald.

In the receiving line were Mrs. Loma Preslar of San Angelo, Mrs. Mabel Mundell and Mrs. Green Preslar, both of Robert Lee, all grandmothers of the couple; and Mrs. Mike Casey and Mrs. Paul Burns, mothers of the couple.

Eric Samuelson of Santa Ana, Calif., is here spending three weeks with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Samuelson. Their daughter, Diane, and her husband, also of Santa Ana, are expected home this week for a visit.

Weekend visitors in the home of Mrs. E. O. Higgins were Mrs. Rayo and children of San Angelo and Mr. and Mrs. John L. Bruton and family of Midland. The Bruton family also visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Garvin and other relatives.

PERSONALS

Jo Ann Killam returned home Saturday after spending the week in San Angelo with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Prine.

Weekend visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Wallace were Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wallace of Amarillo, Mr. and Mrs. Billy King Wallace of San Angelo and Mrs. Velma Jean McConnell and children of Albuquerque, N. M.

Nat Jameson of Corpus Christi is visiting in the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Jacoby.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernet Jones were weekend guests in the home of their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Alton Jones and baby, in Carlsbad, N. M.

Visiting over the weekend and all this week in the homes of the Javan Vosbergs and George Braswells at Bronte are Mr. and Mrs. D. N. Vosberg of Hubbard. Lisa, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William E. Stacy of Whitema Mo., spent last week here visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Virgil H. Hendley.

Mrs. Otho Long and children, Kyle, Coy and Randy Todd, of Lubbock visited Mr. and Mrs. Gene Wojtek and attended the Murtishaw reunion held at Oak Creek Lake over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Jeffries, Jana and Donna Wallace returned home Sunday from Batesville, Ark., where they spent a week's vacation visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Taylor, and other relatives.

Sunday visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Otis Watson were Mr. and Mrs. Dee McCleskey of Abilene and Mrs. Velma Jean McConnell and children of Albuquerque, N. M.

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Indian Shelter Marker Dedication Set For Sunday Afternoon at Bronte School

Coke County Historical Survey Committee will conduct a dedicatory ceremony Sunday at 3 p.m. for a newly erected historical marker. The program will be held in Bronte School auditorium. The marker to be dedicated has been erected at the intersection of Highways 277 and 70, about eight miles north of Bronte.

The marker will designate the Indian Rock Shelters, and is a "State Matching Fund" marker. Ulmer S. Bird of Sandoz, a Coke County historian and member of the county committee, will give the dedicatory address. Others on the program will include Sterling

Lindsey, who will serve as master of ceremonies; the Rev. Fred Brown, pastor of Bronte First United Methodist Church, will give the invocation; Mrs. Bryan Yarbrough, president of the county committee, will give the history of one Rock Shelter. Boy Scouts will present the colors and lead the Pledge of Allegiance and Girl Scouts will assist Mr. and Mrs. Alvin M. Lara of Robert Lee, who are of Indian origin, in unveiling the marker. Singing will be led by Mrs. C. E. Arrott of Bronte, with Mrs. Wilson Bryan of Robert Lee at the piano.

An historical tour will follow the unveiling of the marker. Among points to be visited will be the Butterfield Trail Marker, the Fort Chadbourne Marker, the old Fort Chadbourne Cemetery and one Indian Rock Shelter near the cemetery.

The marker bears the following inscription.

INDIAN ROCK SHELTERS
Throughout this area during the last several centuries, rock ledges gave protection to Lipan, Kickapoo, Comanche, and Kiowa Indians. In one typical shelter archeologists found evidence of 3 periods of occupation, plus numerous intricate petroglyphs (rock carvings). River shells, turkey and deer bones, flint knives, scrapers, and points lay about the area. One of several hearths (2' x 3' in size) consisted of small pieces of sandstone lining a natural rock trough. On the highest level was found green bottle glass from nearby Fort Chadbourne (1852-1867).

The public has a cordial invitation to attend the program and the tour to follow.

PROGRAM ON DAIRY PRODUCTS PLANNED

Using Dairy Products in Family Meals will be the title of a program to be held Thursday in the recreation hall at Robert Lee. Mrs. Delma Scott, home economist for American Dairy Council of Abilene, will give the program, beginning at 2 p.m.

The program will include up to date ideas in using cheese, milk, ice cream, sour cream and other dairy products in summer meals. Recipes and refreshments will be given.

All persons interested in learning more about dairy products and how to add interest to family meals is invited to attend.

The program is being announced by Mrs. Fay C. Roe, local Home Demonstration Agent.

The program is free.

Mr. and Mrs. Vaughan Davis, Sherrill and Waid, left over the weekend for Jasper, Ala., where they will spend a week visiting in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Waid.

San Angelo Pair Take Top Honors In Golf Tourney

John Gleitman and Will Allen of San Angelo took top honors in the annual Partnership Golf Tournament held last weekend at Mountain Creek Golf Course. Their 134 was the best for the two-day event.

Ronnie Lee of Arlington and Keith McCutchen of Bronte were second with 136, and Sonny Perez and Blackie Howard of San Angelo, last year's winners, came in third with 136. Charlie Ramirez and Albert Cantu were fourth with 137.

First flight winners were 1. J. W. Caudle and Roy Stout of Bronte, 146; S. T. Moore and Bruce Wood of San Angelo, 147; 3. Lester Titsworth and Johnny Howard of Rankin, 147; 4. Bill Matlock of Robert Lee and Clarence Winn of Rankin, 148.

Second Flight

1. Pete Gonzales and Cary Moses of San Angelo, 153; 2. Garland Davis and Gary Williams of Robert Lee, 154; 3. Charles Shepherd and J. P. McWilliams of Coleman, 154; 4. L. E. Higgins of Robert Lee and Bob Coffman of Snyder, 154.

Third Flight

1. Donnie Devoll and Derwood Mumford of Robert Lee, 161; 2. Jerry Urbantke and Jim Barton of San Angelo, 161; 3. Don Elliott and Pete Hitch of San Angelo, 162; 4. Kyle Donaldson and Bob Snodgrass of Sonora, 163.

A total of 64 teams registered for the tourney, making 128 golfers who were here. A barbecue supper was served Saturday evening, followed by a putting tournament.

Prizes in each flight were given as follows: first, pro-line woods; second, golf bags; third, Bag Boy cart; fourth, dozen golf balls.

WESTMORELAND SERVICE HELD AT SWEETWATER

Funeral service for Robert Perry Westmoreland, 77 of Sweetwater were held Tuesday morning in the Lamar St. Church of Christ.

Burial was in Garden of Memories at Sweetwater.

Mr. Westmoreland died at 12:45 a.m. Sunday in his home, following a long illness.

Survivors include his wife, one son, three sisters, including Mrs. Leola McCabe of Robert Lee, five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

4-H Girls Taking Sewing Lessons

Local 4-H Club girls are busy in the Clothing Program which is held annually during June and July. Girls are furnished booklets containing information on buying fabrics, care of clothing, grooming, and sewing techniques according to varying age levels. Girls 9-14 are to construct a simple garment, mostly shifts, while older 4-H'ers may construct any type garment they choose.

A workshop for junior girls was conducted in the Home Economics Department of the Robert Lee School Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons. Enrolled in the workshop were Lanel Flowers, Audrey Williams, Betty Ann Flowers, Myna Kay Roane, Mary Kay Baker, Karen Rasco and Cindy Walker.

Older 4-H'ers who are assisting with the workshop were Sheri Pitcock, Linda Blair and Deone Derrick. Adult Leaders assisting were Mrs. Lowell Roane, Mrs. Sam Bean, Mrs. D. J. Walker Jr. and the County Home Demonstration Agent Mrs. Fay C. Roe.

Other 4-H'ers enrolled in the Clothing Program who are sewing under the supervision of an adult leader are Linda Blair, Audrey Walker, Jeania Tinkler, Cheri Baker, Sheila Roberts, Jo Ann Killam, Mary Elaine Lackey, Vicci Lanier, Pam Brice, Ruth Calder, Janice Bloodworth, Marion Hendry, Vicki Gartman and Valerie Baker.

Adult leaders are Mrs. Bill Blair, Mrs. Sterling Lindsey, Mrs. W. E. Burns, Mrs. Jimmy Killam, Mrs. Bobby Roberts, Mrs. Kenneth Lackey, Mrs. E. A. Lanier, Mrs. E. J. Brice, Mrs. Larry Jameson, Mrs. Douglas Gartman and Mrs. Ronnie Baker.

The annual Dress Revue has been set for Monday evening, July 13. Top winners in the Junior and Senior Divisions will represent Coke County in the District Dress Revue in San Angelo on July 29.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Whitewood of Maracaibo, Venezuela, spent several days last week visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Duncan. The Whitewoods are Sun Oil Co. employees and are former residents of Silver. They were transferred to Venezuela last year, and are spending a month's vacation in the states before returning to Maracaibo in early July.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Beene and Mr. and Mrs. Rex Martin and family will be moving to Fort Worth soon. The two men are employed by Freese, Nichols & Endress, consulting engineering firm, and were recently notified of the transfer. Mrs. Beene was employed at Farris City Drug.

Mrs. Jim Maddux and Tracey and Wanda Pine were weekend guests in the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Maddux and Bernice Merrill at New Waverly.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Glenn Cartwright and children of San Angelo and Mr. and Mrs. Homer Cartwright of Robert Lee were visitors in the home of Mrs. Fannie Cartwright Sunday. Visitors last week were Mr. and Mrs. George Cole of Boerne.

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County Agents News Column

By STERLING LINDSEY

Hay needs to be cut while it is young and tender. Young plants are palatable and highly digestible, but become tough and stemmy when they approach maturity.

These suggestions are offered on timing of the hay harvest. For sudan, sudan-sorghum hybrids, johnsongrass, native grasses and similar plants, cut them in the boot stage or just before the seedheads emerge.

Most spring hay crops contain high amounts of moisture when cut at the preferred stage. And the weather is often rainy, cloudy and cool and the ground moist; thus creating curing problems.

There isn't much you can do about the weather but something can be done about maintaining the quality of the hay. The use of hay conditioners reduces curing time by as much as one-half; thus the crop can usually be cut and cured at the right time with little or no rain damage.

Once again it is time for ranchers and others to guard against fire, a hazard to rangeland during the hot summer months.

Good moisture during the spring has resulted in good vegetative growth in most areas of the state, and the high temperatures and summer dry period will result in optimum fire conditions.

There are solutions that will help prevent a damaging fire, motorists can make sure all cigarettes are put out and placed in the ashtray instead of thrown out the window; recreationists can be careful with camp fires; land owners can build fire guards,

have sprayers and other fire fighting equipment in good repair and readily available. The local fire departments and the sheriff's office should be contacted as soon as possible once a fire is spotted.

This area of the state is destined to increase its use of fertilizers in the years ahead. This is particularly true of grazing crops and other crops that will respond readily to additions of nitrogen.

Production of top quality forage for grazing, hay or silage requires that the plants have access to adequate supplies of all the essential plant nutrients the plant nutrient used in the largest quantity by forage crops is nitrogen.

Each ton of air dried forage, testing 12.5 per cent crude protein, contains 40 pounds of nitrogen. According to authorities this 40 pounds can come from a number of different sources such as decomposition of organic matter, carryover or residual from previous fertilization or from the current fertilizer application.

Generally speaking, at least 60 pounds of nitrogen are required for each acre harvested. This means that additional nitrogen must be added immediately following each harvest or grazing period since most soils are low in this nutrient.

The ultimate source of all nitrogen used by plants is nitrogen gas, the inert gas that composes about 78 per cent of the earth's atmosphere. However, only properly inoculated legumes are capable of utilizing this ele-

mental gas, which totals about 35,000 tons above each acre of the earth's surface.

Plants use nitrogen as nitrate or ammonium. All inorganic nitrogen sources, regardless of original form, are rapidly converted into the nitrate form when incorporated into soils that have the pH, temperature and moisture conditions favorable for nitrification.

For this reason, nitrogen sources are usually about equal in agronomic response when "mixed into" the soil just prior to the period when used by the crop. This holds true for all sources, as well as for solids, liquids or gases. Solids or liquids put on the surface and carried into the soil by irrigation water or rain give similar results.

Nitrogen recovery, under field conditions by the crop to which it is applied will vary from about 50 per cent to above 75 per cent, with the average for Texas being between 60 and 70 per cent.

When considering nitrogen sources for surface application consideration should be given to the nitrogen source. Evidence from research work indicates that urea, solid or in solution, is less effective than ammonium sulfate, which in turn is slightly less effective than ammonium nitrate, because of volatilization losses which may occur when pH, moisture, temperature and air movement are critical.

All nitrogen fertilizers should be incorporated into the soil. When incorporation is not feasible, care in matching the nitrogen source to conditions that minimize volatilization loss is necessary.

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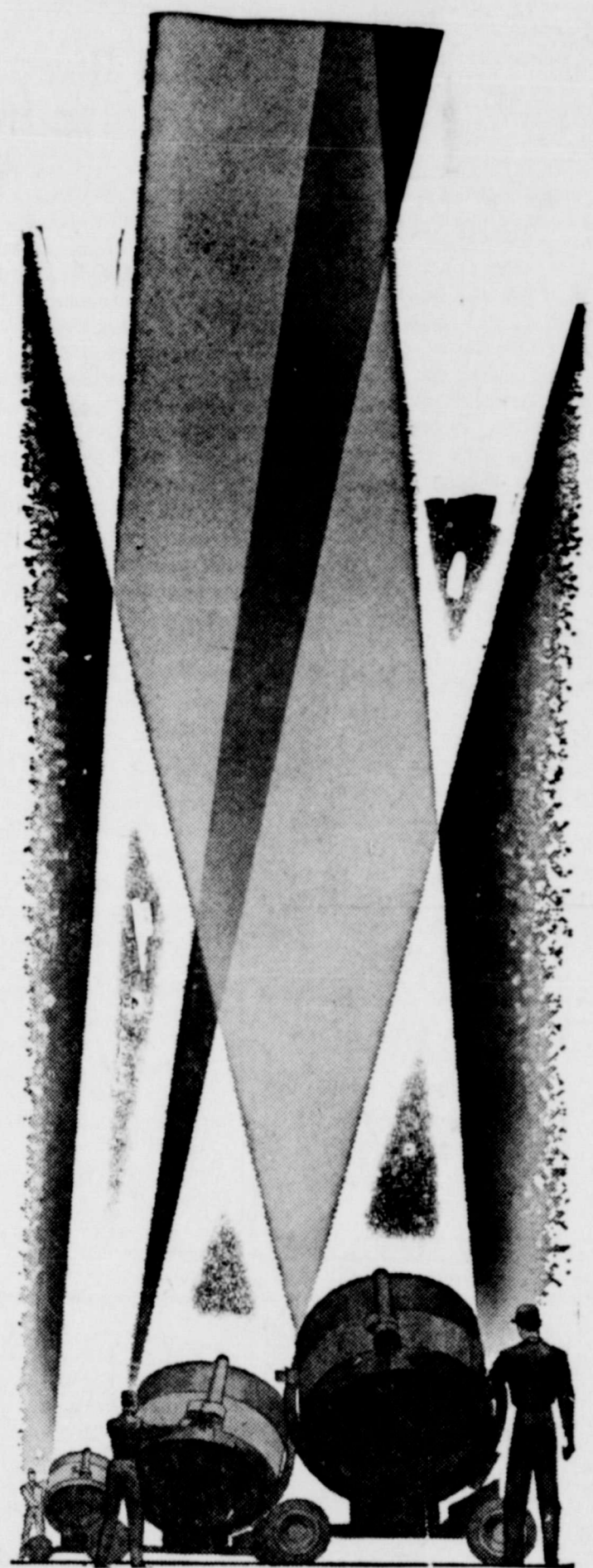
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Hospital News

June 9: E. C. Davis admitted. Mrs. C. J. Brooks, Terry Wojtek dismissed.

June 10: Ollie Roe admitted. A. J. Shaw dismissed.

June 11: Mrs. W. T. McAdams, Mrs. Cleve Casey, Mrs. Bertie Clift, A. J. Roe Sr. dismissed.

June 12: Mrs. Claudie Walker admitted.

June 13: Ollie Roe, Mrs. Claude Walker, Mrs. Dona Bryan dismissed.

June 14: Mr. and Mrs. Joe Neil Bell admitted. Allie Childress dismissed.

June 15: Mrs. Hawley C. Allen, Mrs. W. T. McAdams admitted.

As of Tuesday morning there were seven patients in the hospital and eight in the nursing home.

CLASS OF 1957 HAS REUNION JUNE 13 AND 14

The Class of 1957 of Robert Lee High School had a reunion last Saturday night and Sunday. The group spent Saturday night visiting, then on Sunday had lunch and showed old pictures.

Attending were Messrs. and Mmes. Sammie Joe Duncan, Donald Walker and Butch Davis, all of San Angelo; Ben Bessent (Mary Vaughan), Sarge Martin (Cynthia Bryan), Robert Lee; Dean Scott (Joe Alice McDonald), Ozona; and Atha D. Hall, Midland.

Also Mrs. June (McKinley) Gulley and Mrs. Joyce (Hester) Wilson, Robert Lee; Mrs. Sharon (Hester) Pettit, San Angelo; Mrs. Carolyn Lee (Box) Clark; and Joe Harmon of Irving.

Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Pentecost spent the weekend in Louisiana visiting their son, James, who is taking National Guard boot training at Fort Polk.

REIDS VISIT HERE

Mr. and Mrs. Jim L. Reid of Dallas and E. L. Reid of Granis, Ark., attended Sanco Homecoming and E. L. Reid remained for a week's visit with his mother, Mrs. Lura Reid.

A family gathering at the W. Beauregard Street Park in San Angelo last Sunday were Mrs. Reid and all her children, including the visitors from Dallas and Arkansas, Mrs. Lernele Otte of Brady, Mrs. Lurena Pizzell of Sweetwater, Harvey Reid and Mrs. Desma Walker.

E. L. Reid was called home due to the death of an infant grandson, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Reid.

Last Rites Held For Mrs. Pruitt

Funeral services were held Monday in Harris Avenue Baptist Church in San Angelo for Mrs. W. B. "Alice" Pruitt, 89. She died at 1:20 a.m. Sunday in the Colonial Nursing Home in San Angelo.

Conducting the service was the Rev. J. Earl Dunn of the Harris Ave Church, assisted by the Rev. L. O. Reyes of the Miles Baptist Mission. Burial was in Miles Cemetery.

Mrs. Pruitt was born Nov. 25, 1880, in Talmyra, Tenn. She lived in Miles from 1903 to 1926 when she moved to San Angelo. She was married to W. B. Pruitt Sr. Aug. 29, 1899, in Bell County, Tex. She was a member of the Harris Avenue Baptist Church.

Survivors include a son, William B. Pruitt Jr. of Fort Worth; four daughters, Mrs. Minerva Roach of Miles, Mrs. Leslie Roach of Miles, Mrs. S. E. Adams of Robert Lee and Mrs. Parker Taylor of Austin; four sisters, Mrs. Lon Newberry of Lone Wolf, Okla., Mrs. Carrie McMillan, Mrs. Nettie Howell and Mrs. Ed Smith, all of Oxnord, Calif., and one half brother, Eldon Wakefield of Oklahoma; nine grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Grandchildren served as pallbearers.

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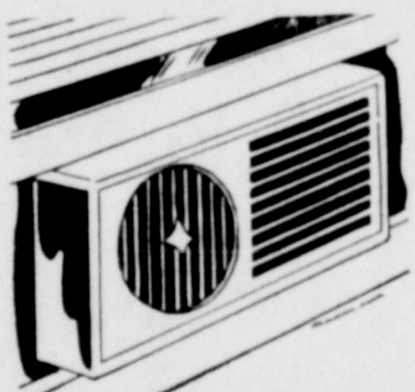
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