

# Robert Lee Observer

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## Beginning With February

# \$2.50 Extra on Water Bills



Fields Signs, Coach Robertson and Parents Look On

## Fields Signs With Houston

James Fields has signed a pre-enrollment application with the University of Houston and has received an offer to play football with the Cougars.

Coach Melvin Robertson was in Robert Lee this week to sign up the big Steer tackle.

Fields is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Fields. He has played

four years of football for Robert Lee High School and has received many honors for his superior ability on the gridiron. This year he was selected as a tackle on the 9-A all-district defensive team and was also given the nod as an interior lineman on the second offensive team. Later in the season, he was named a tackle on the all-area defensive 11.

The offer from Houston will provide Fields with a four year scholarship.

In addition to his participation in football, basketball and track, Fields is active in other phases of school work. He is president of the Student Council, a member of the Beta Club and was named Class Favorite in his freshman year. He is a member of the Sweet Purples stage band, and attended Boys State in Austin last summer. He has been active in Boy Scout work and is a member of the Baptist Church.

## Coke Has 1485 Registered Voters

Coke County had a total of 1485 registered voters when the deadline expired Jan. 31.

But, the deadline was no deadline at all. The Texas Legislature passed a law this week which extended the voter registration period through February. Why the extension was necessary has not been made clear.

At any rate, anyone who lives in Coke County, and has not registered, can go to the office of Tax Assessor-Collector O. B. Jacobs any time during February and still register to vote.

Applications may also be mailed into the office.

Jacobs and his deputies didn't seem to be impressed with the new law, and stated that they had about all they could handle with the issuance of new car tags, beginning Feb. 1.

Jacobs said he doubted that the extension will have much effect on the total number of qualified voters in Coke County. He felt that just about everybody who had enough interest to register to vote already had done so. However, he reported Wednesday morning that nine persons had registered since the extension became effective.

Jacobs pointed out that persons who registered in January will be eligible to vote as of March 1, while those who register in February will not be eligible until April 1.

## Blair Resigns As Head Coach

Coach Larry Blair has resigned his position with Robert Lee High School as head football coach.

Coach Blair has requested reassignment within the school system as a classroom teacher. He has served as an assistant coach for one year and as head coach two years. He succeeded Kenneth Mitchell when he resigned to take a superintendent's position.

Applications will be taken for the position of head football coach of the school.

## City to Receive Industrial Info

Robert Lee will receive a printout of the Texas Industrial Commission's findings on the city as a possible industrial site. E. H. Sheffield, industrial development consultant with the commission, will be here Tuesday, Feb. 16, at 11 a.m., to present the material to the city.

All interested citizens are invited to attend the session which will be held at the city hall, beginning at 11 a.m.

The information gathered about the City of Robert Lee has been fed into the commission's computer and is instantly available for any firm which is interested in establishing an industry in Texas.

The program was conceived and has been developed as a means of supplying information about cities all over the state, particularly as the information relates to industrial development.

Sheffield will go over the printout of information concerning Robert Lee with city officials and will also present a Governor's citation to those who helped with the computer program.

Water users in the City of Robert Lee will have a \$2.50 addition to their regular water bills when they receive their February statements. A new city ordinance is being published in this week's Observer which provides for a \$2.50 per month surcharge to be added on to each customer's water bill.

Mayor Wilson Bryan explained that the city council felt the surcharge was the most equitable way to provide money to finance extra expenses which have been incurred and which are expected in the future until the water emergency is over.

The council discussed the surcharge after it was recommended by the city's 11-man water advisory committee as the best solution possible to the financial difficulties brought on by the water emergency.

The city has been out quite a large sum of money during the last several months in a search for additional water supplies. The city has drilled a well and laid lines to pump the water into the

distribution plant. In addition, the well at the Mott is being pumped into the city lake. This well has supplied enough water to raise the level of the lake four inches. Cost of this operation is \$100 per week, plus pumping costs.

The costs of seeking new water supplies, in addition to the cost of pumping water from those already found have made the surcharge necessary, the mayor said.

Mayor Bryan issued the following statement:

"The City Council feels the best way to meet this financial burden is to ask each water user to bear a part of it. This surcharge is only a temporary measure. At such time as the Council feels the immediate crisis is over, the charge will be removed."

In the meantime, city officials stated, there will be a study made of current water rates, and when the surcharge is removed, it may be necessary for a new water rate schedule to go into effect.

## RL Girls, Eldorado Tied For District Title

An easy victory Tuesday night over Mason swept the Robert Lee High School girls basketball team into a tie with Eldorado for the title in District 9-A. Both Robert Lee and Eldorado girls have a 9-1 district record and will meet in a playoff game. Officials of the two schools were to meet Wednesday night to decide time and place of the playoff.

The winner of the Robert Lee-Eldorado playoff tilt will meet Cross Plains in a game for the bi-district championship.

In the game Tuesday night the local girls downed the Mason sextet, 69-49. Linda Blair was high pointer with 33, Jackie Con-

ley sank 24, Kathy Prince 8, and Sheri Pitcock 4.

Last Friday night the girls smothered Bangs, 79-39. Conley was top scorer with 33.

### Boys Split Pair

The Steers won their game with Bangs last Friday night, 59-45, but the Mason Punchers took them, 70-46, in a game Tuesday night. In the Bangs game, Mike Mumford was high with 30, Bubba Duncan and Buzzy Wojtek both had 6, Bobby Mumford 5, James Fields 4, Danny Percifull, Alex Costello, Steve Jameson and Harvey Wink all had 2.

In the game with Mason, M. Mumford had 20, B. Mumford 10, Wojtek 8, Percifull, Fields, Duncan and Jameson 3 each.

The Tuesday night games completed the season for the Steers.

## R-Lee Steers Honored at Banquet

A large crowd of 175 persons attended the annual football banquet held Saturday night in the Robert Lee School lunchroom. Main speaker for the event was Bob Wright, assistant executive director of the Texas High School Coaches Association and former

### PHILLIPS IN VIETNAM

U. S. Air Force Technical Sergeant J. W. Phillips, son of Mrs. Effie Phillips of Robert Lee, is on duty at Cam Ranh Bay AB, Vietnam.

Sergeant Phillips, an aircraft maintenance technician, is assigned to a unit of the Pacific Air Forces. He previously served at Dover AFB, Del.

The sergeant is a 1952 graduate of Colorado City High School.

coach at Ballinger High School and Howard Payne College. A highlight of the banquet was when all members of the 1970 Steer squad were recognized.

Marshall Millican received the coveted Steer Award which is presented annually to the football player who is selected by his teammates as the one who exhibits the most in desire, team work, spirit and other attributes which go to make a good player. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Elton Millican.

Others recognized were Football Hero Walden Millican and Football Sweetheart Janet Brasuel. Also honored at the banquet were Cheerleaders Jackie Conley, Deane Derrick, Marsha Duncan, Janet Brasuel, Sharon Hughes, Jana Mauldin and Margaret Flanagan.



Marshall Millican  
... Steer Award Winner

## Band, Boosters Thank Everybody

Members of the Robert Lee Steer Band and the Band Booster Club expressed their thanks this week to everyone who has helped in their money raising efforts. Funds are being gathered up to send the band to Corpus Christi to participate in the city's annual Buccaneer Days celebration April 30 and May 1. The bake sale held recently netted the band \$208.95 and citizens had dropped \$17.46 in the collection jars around town by the first of the week. "All this help is sincerely appreciated," said a spokesman for the Band Boosters.

Another project to raise money  
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Austin — According to a 14-month nationwide study by the Citizens Conference on State Legislatures, the Texas Legislature ranks 35th among all 50 states.

Study reported that the Lieutenant Governor has too much power, and suggested that some of it be transferred to the President Pro Tempore of the Senate.

CCSL came out strong for annual sessions of the Legislature and found \$15,000 a reasonable annual pay for senators and representatives (who now get \$4,800).

Conference also suggested that Texas has far too many legislative standing committees (72 in all) and that 15 for each house would be plenty. A joint hearing by House-Senate panels would

save time, the study maintained.

Broad powers of the Lieutenant Governor, said CCSL, are a "hindrance to the Senate developing leadership of its own choosing." Powers include appointment of committee chairmen, assigning bills to committees and casting tie breaking votes.

States getting the best rankings were, in this order, California, New York, Illinois, Florida, Wisconsin, Iowa, Hawaii, Michigan, Nebraska and Minnesota.

Texas ranked 45th in ability to control its own activities, 43rd in the use of available information, 36th in accountability to constituency and 17th in being representative of the state's varied interests and population.

**AUTO RATE REHEARING SOUGHT** — Texas Automobile Insurance Service Office is seeking a rehearing on car insurance rates that were ordered by the State Insurance Board in December.

Counsel for TAISO and its 325 member companies filed official notice asking that the board re-examine the adequacy of rates it proposed to become effective Jan. 1.

Insurance industry urged average overall 27.7 per cent increase statewide. Following hearing in Austin, Dallas and Houston, the Board agreed to grant a 14 per cent hike. Insurance Board staff had recommended 18 per cent.

Companies contend that "the use of a 25 per cent limitation on rate increases by coverage, classification and territory, without specific allowance for catastrophes, results in confiscatory rates... which is not in keeping with the Texas Insurance Code."

**REGISTRATION TO REOPEN** — Voter registration is due to reopen for the month of February. Legislature passed a bill to extend the sign-up beyond Jan. 31, and Gov. Preston Smith signed it into law.

Sen. Joe J. Bernal of San Antonio, who sponsored the measure, said that the bill shows the Legislature's good faith by getting in line with the Federal court decision. It threw out the annual voter registration requirement and criticized the gap between the end of the registration period and the election date.

A constitutional amendment proposal to wipe out Texas annual registration requirement by state action and other bills to authorize a registration by voting system are now pending in the Legislature. Main argument about the latter is over whether registration should be for a two or a four year period.

**COURTS SPEAK** — Texas Supreme Court held that the probate court of a county may not order a convict transferred from prison to a state mental hospital to receive treatment for drug addiction.

Jury trial was ordered by Third Court of Civil Appeals in an insurance suit arising from a fire at the Atlas missile silo in Runnels County.

**SPECIAL ELECTION MAY 18** — Four constitutional amendments were passed by the Legislature in overtime sessions and a special statewide election set for May 18.

Following amendments were approved for the May ballot:

**SJR 5** — To remove Constitutional ceiling on aid to the aged, blind and disabled and fix a \$55 million maximum on aid to families with dependent children. An \$80 million ceiling now applies to all four categories. Unless it is increased (via the May vote), reductions in AFDC will be necessary.

**SJR 15** — To establish an official state commission to map ethical standards for state legislators and other officials and to set their pay. Critics lambasted the measure as a device of lawmakers to get a pay raise at a time when the public is demanding legislative reforms.

**SJR 17** — Authorizing a \$100 million bond issue to finance state aid to local units of government on water treatment plans.

**HJR 21** — To permit submission of future constitutional amendment proposals in special as well as regular sessions.

First on the ballot, determined by public drawing, will be SJR 15. Second will be HJR 21; third SJR 5 and fourth SJR 17.

A key proposal of Governor Smith's, to tap school land mineral lease-royalty incomes for current spending, (depended on for \$80 million toward balancing the new budget) fell by the wayside.

Lt. Gov. Ben Barnes strongly recommended that the Legislature write a single year budget which would dilute the tax bill necessary for this year, but necessitate another one in 1972.

Barnes proposed re-alignment of priorities for the use of revenue flowing through the omnibus clearing fund as a way to avert an immediate welfare crisis without deficit financing.

House revenue and tax committee dusted off a sales and cigarette tax bill, just in case.

**Short Snorts**

Texas Water Development Board authorized the sale of \$25 million in development bonds, with bids to be opened Feb. 24.

Secretary of Agriculture advised the Texas State Department of Health of its intentions to take over the meat inspection program in 15 states, including Texas, unless several packing plants meet Federal standards soon.

House committee studying congressional and legislative redistricting plans a series of statewide hearings for "local advice."

Education Commissioner J. W. Edgar ruled that the Crystal City Independent School District failed to show justifiable cause to resign or dismiss Supt. John Briggs and ordered his contract honored.

A record number of 31.6 million visits were logged at Texas tourist attractions during 1970.

**REMINDER:** Auto registration renewal season opened Feb. 1.

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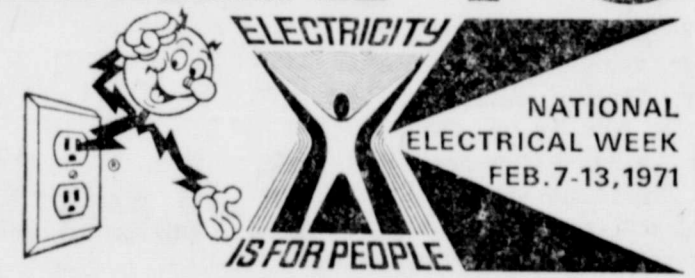
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- Monday, Feb. 15**  
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- Tuesday, Feb. 16**  
Meat and cheese sandwiches, vegetable soup, lettuce leaf, milk, vanilla pudding.
- Wednesday, Feb. 17**  
Pork patties and gravy, creamed potatoes, green beans, celery sticks, hot rolls and butter, milk, prunes.
- Thursday, Feb. 18**  
Corn dogs, navy beans, pineapple cottage cheese Jello on lettuce, corn bread and butter, milk, apple crisp.
- Friday, Feb. 19**  
Barbecue chicken, scalloped potatoes, garden salad, hot rolls and butter, milk, peanut butter and honey.

## Hospital News

- Feb. 2: A. J. Roe Sr. admitted. Walter Hester, Perry Muldis dismissed.
- Feb. 3: Mrs. C. J. Brooks admitted. Mrs. Carlton Caston, Mrs. Richard Reyes dismissed.
- Feb. 4: Darvin Gregston, Mrs. Jose Minjares, Mrs. Artie Forman admitted. Robert Rose, Sid Wooten, Ben Jones dismissed.
- Feb. 6: Mrs. Ruth Sandusky, Sid Wooten admitted. Mrs. Jose Minjares dismissed.
- Feb. 7: Mrs. R. M. Lykins admitted. Cumbie Ivey Sr., Mrs. Russell McBroom, Mrs. Mabel Mundell dismissed.
- Feb. 8: Mrs. Lenzy McDorman, Rupert Manley, Frank Avela admitted. Sid Wooten, A. J. Roe Sr., Mrs. Ruth Clift, Albino Gutierrez dismissed.
- Tuesday morning there were 14 patients in the hospital and six in the nursing home.

## PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Jacoby spent the weekend visiting in the home of their daughter and her family, the Robert Jamesons. Natalie returned home with her grandparents for a visit in their home.

Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. V. V. Wojtek were their children, Mr. and Mrs. Walker Cobb and Joyce of San Angelo and Mr. and Mrs. Frankie Wojtek of Eden.

Mrs. Bessie Walker was scheduled to be released Monday from Shannon Hospital where she had been a patient this past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Benton of Killeen were overnight guests Monday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Oda Benton. They came to visit his uncle who is ill in West Coke Hospital.

### MRS. McCABE, MARVIN WOOD ARE MARRIED HERE JAN. 22

Mrs. Leola McCabe of Robert Lee and Marvin Wood of Big Spring were married Friday, Jan. 22, at 10 a.m. in her home here. The Rev. Bill Beaty, pastor of Robert Lee Baptist Church, performed the ceremony.

The couple will make their home in Big Spring.

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Leta and Carlton Caston  
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### INVITATION FOR BIDS

The Housing Authority of the City of Robert Lee, Texas, will receive bids for construction of Low-Rent Housing Project No. TEX 270-2, consisting of 12 dwelling units, all site improvements and utility work, to be built in the City of Robert Lee, Texas, until 2:00 P.M. C.D.S.T. on the 16th day of February, 1971, at the Housing Authority Office, 710 Bishop Street, Robert Lee, Texas, 76945, at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Proposed forms of contract documents, including plans and specifications are on file at the office of the Housing Authority of Robert Lee, 710 Bishop Street, Robert Lee, Texas, and at the office of Fitch, Holdredge, Bisone & Holcomb, 5731 Gulf Freeway, Houston, Texas.

Copies of the documents may be obtained by depositing \$50.00 with the Architects and Engineers, Fitch, Holdredge, Bisone & Holcomb, 5731 Gulf Freeway, Houston, Texas, 77023, for each set of documents so obtained. Such deposit will be refunded to each person who returns plans, specifications and other documents in good condition within 10 days after bid opening.

A certified check or bank draft, payable to the Local Authority, U. S. Government Bonds, or a satisfactory bid bond executed by the bidder and acceptable sureties in an amount equal to five percent of the bid shall be submitted with each bid.

The successful bidder will be required to furnish and pay for satisfactory performance and payment bond or bonds.

Attention is called to the provisions for equal employment opportunity and payment of not less than the minimum salaries and wages as set forth in the Specifications must be paid on this project.

The Local Authority reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive any informalities in the bidding. No bid shall be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days subsequent to the opening of bids without the consent of the Local Authority.

Housing Authority of the City of Robert Lee, Texas  
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### ORDINANCE

**ORDINANCE SETTING A SURCHARGE FOR EACH WATER CUSTOMER CONNECTED TO THE WATER SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF ROBERT LEE.**

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Robert Lee, Texas, has heretofore determined the advisability and necessity of adding a surcharge in the amount of two dollars and fifty cents (\$2.50) to each customer connected to the water system of said City; and

WHEREAS, it is proper and necessary for said surcharge for the payment of operating expenses of said water system, due to expenses incurred during present water emergency;

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROBERT LEE, TEXAS:

**SECTION 1:** Effective with the February water bills, there will be added to the bill of each customer a surcharge of Two Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$2.50). This charge will be in effect until the City Council shall decide the present emergency is ended, and it is advisable to remove the surcharge.

**SECTION 2:** The fact that there is now no such ordinance requiring such a charge, creates a public necessity that the rule requiring ordinances to be read on more than one day be, and is hereby suspended and that this Ordinance take effect from and after its passage and approval, and it is so ordained.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** this the 2nd day of February, 1971.

Wilson Bryan  
Mayor  
Attest: Edna Havins  
City Secretary

### GOLF TOURNEY SUNDAY

An ABC Golf Tournament will be held Sunday at Mountain Creek Golf Course. Tee off time is 1:30 p.m. and all golfers are invited to be on hand.

## PERSONALS

Mrs. Delmir Morris Shepard of Gillette spent last week here visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Johnny H. Ruth and other relatives and friends.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Robertson over the weekend were their daughter and her family, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Aldredge of Jal, N. M.

Mrs. Mona Casey of Gillette, Wyo., spent last week visiting here in the home of her mother, Mrs. Mabel Mundell, and with other relatives and friends.

## March of Dimes Drive Set Feb. 18

The Robert Lee Future Leaders 4-H Club members will be ringing doorbells Thursday evening, Feb. 18, and asking for a contribution for the March of Dimes.

Money collected for the March of Dimes will be used in research, patient services, professional health education and public health education. Birth defects are the nation's second greatest destroyer of life, claiming approximately 500,000 unborn babies and 62,000 children and adults each year. Every year, 250,000 American babies are born with birth defects. An estimated 15 million Americans of all ages have one or more birth defects which affect their daily lives. The money is used on both local and national levels.

Anyone who plans to be out of town next Thursday evening may mail a contribution to the County Extension Office in Robert Lee or donations may be left at Robert Lee State Bank. The surrounding rural area will not be canvassed, so any rural area resident may mail contributions to either of the above addresses.

The 4-H Club members will begin the March of Dimes drive at 6 p.m., and everyone is requested to be ready to open the door to them.

The Future Leaders 4-H Club carried out this campaign last year and were successful.

### Mr. and Mrs. Lancaster At Home in Robert Lee

After a wedding trip to Fort Worth, Mr. and Mrs. Gregori Bruce Lancaster are at home in Robert Lee.

The couple was married during a ceremony Friday, Jan. 29, in Robert Lee Baptist Church. The Rev. Bill Beaty, pastor, officiated.

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Pierce Jr. of San Angelo and Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Lancaster of Brooklyn, N. Y., are the couple's parents.

Miss Blenda Adams and John Romp were honor attendants.

The bride wore a street length dress of bonded white lace featuring round neckline and cap sleeves. White velveteen ribbon accented the Empire waistline.

The reception was held at the church. Serving in the house-party were Miss Debra Pierce, Mrs. W. L. Matheny, Mrs. Wayne Smithart, Mrs. Jimmy Bell and Mrs. Jake Dodson.

Mrs. Lancaster is a 1968 graduate of San Angelo Central High School where she was a member of Bobcat Boosters and choir. She is employed by General Telephone Company of the Southwest. Her husband, a graduate of Jefferson High School in Denver, Colo., is employed by Ivey Motor Co.

## BIRTHS

Jerald Wayne is the new son of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Roach of San Angelo. He was born Jan. 27 in West Coke Hospital and weighed 7 pounds, 13 ounces. He has one brother, Tommy Lee, 2½ years old. Mrs. Roach is the former Debbie Clinton.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Buck Clinton of San Angelo and Mr. and Mrs. Mrs. W. T. Roach of Robert Lee. The baby has two great-grandmothers, Mrs. Jessie Anthony of San Angelo and Mrs. H. L. Scott of Robert Lee.

Mrs. Wanda Beene and her mother, Mrs. Theresa Martin of Fort Worth visited in Robert Lee last Thursday and Friday with old friends.

### DEBRA VOSBURG HONORED WITH BRIDAL GIFT TEA

Debra Vosburg, bride-elect of Steve Rives, was honored at a gift tea Saturday from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Recreation Center.

Hostesses were Mmes. Addie Jeffries, Opal Jacoby, Wanda Smith, Jewell Wallace, Bess Hendley, Jerry Thomason, Opal Baker, Wanda Green and Evelyn Flanagan.

Receiving guests with the honoree were her mother, Mrs. Javan Vosburg, and her fiance's mother, Mrs. Edward Rives.

Covering the serving table was a lace cloth over blue. The centerpiece was an arrangement of blue roses.

Guests attended from Robert Lee, San Angelo, Bronte and Odessa.

The couple will exchange vows at Northside Church of Christ March 12 at 8 p.m.

### HONORED ON BIRTHDAY

Jo Ann Killam was honored Monday with a party on her 11th birthday. The party was given in the home of Mrs. Stella Lively of San Angelo.

Mrs. Jimmy Killam and family spent the weekend in San Angelo with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Prine. They had a birthday dinner Sunday, honoring Mr. Prine and Jo Ann.

### FIREMEN CALLED

Robert Lee Volunteer Fire Department was called at 3:25 p.m. Monday to fight a trash fire at the home of Mrs. Mary Tubb. The blaze was quickly controlled and very little damage was done.

## Haley Successful Hunter in Korea

A hunting he did go.

Doyle Haley, U. S. Navy Petty Officer and son of Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Haley of Robert Lee, recently wrote his parents about a hunting trip which he, five of his Navy buddies and a Korean guide went on in December.

Haley got 10 deer, 14 pheasants and 300 quail. The group bagged a total of 73 deer, 200 pheasants and 1500 quail.

The letter said the weather ranged from 8 to 35 degrees and all the game was dressed and cleaned, and kept beautifully in the cold climate.

But the story isn't complete yet. The six men didn't kill all this game for themselves. All of it was donated to an orphanage located on the outskirts of Pusan, Korea.

Haley has until November to complete his four year Navy enlistment. He has spent most of his three years overseas.

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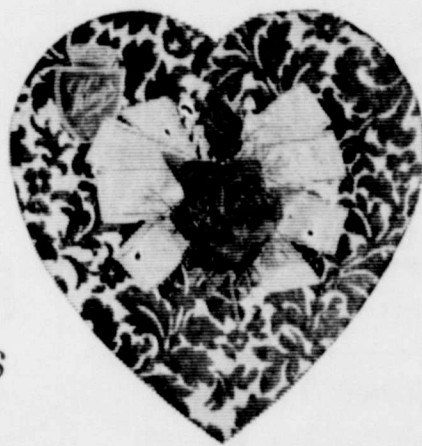
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Washington — Aside from organizing the Committees of the Congress and adopting rules of procedures in the House and Senate, the most important happening thus far in the new session was the presentation of the President's fiscal year budget. The form and nature of this document were referred to in last week's release.

The budget is 1,112 pages, the size of the largest mail order catalogue, together with supplements. It is more difficult to understand what it does not say than what it says. It does not reveal the full obligations of the Government as would a financial statement of an individual or a corporation. Everyone has seen a financial statement of a bank. On one side is listed "assets" and on the other the bank's "liabilities." Not so with the Federal Government.

It can be said that the outstanding bonds and notes of the Government are represented by the National Debt of \$382.6 billion. Generally this is true but it is not the total obligation by any means which the Government has assumed. Nothing is included in the budget to give any accurate information on the amount of loan guarantees as an obligation and liability.

During the last three years, the net increase in federal assistance loans has increased from \$164 billion to \$220 billion. All but about \$10 billion are private loans guaranteed by the Government with interest rates subsidized. This means the Government is carrying on multi-billion dollar programs entirely outside the federal budget and largely out of reach of federal control. Of an estimated \$22 billion increase in guarantees for 1971 only about \$1½ billion show up in the budget.

Most of the government's credit activities are handled by its agencies. As an example, the newly created Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation will put more than \$1 billion into home mortgage markets to help home builders and home buyers. The agencies sell their own securities in the open market and in the fiscal year started last July these agencies will borrow \$20 billion. There is little doubt that these credit programs outside the budget will continue to grow.

Programs under which the Government subsidizes private borrowers by paying a part of their high interest cost, commit the Federal Government to future expenses of unknown amounts. This means there are being added obligations of the Government which are uncontrolled and outside the federal budget.

Concern about these practices

is being expressed inside and outside Government. Some economists and financiers believe it to be a dangerous trend to shift major programs away from the budget. One real reason for this growing trend is that it is easy for Congress to approve programs financed by this method which puts off the evil day of paying the bill. Only the amount which has to be paid in the immediate future is the 4 or 5 per cent subsidized interest to borrowers who get their money at 4 per cent.

Outgoing Secretary of the Treasury David Kennedy, when questioned on these policies was frank enough to say that it has been necessary for the Government to assume these long term obligations in order to hold down immediate budget expenditures. He also says there is great need for improvement of controls over these Government obligations and that programs should be budgeted specifically in order that these liabilities may be a part of the Treasury financing process. Only this way can the public really have a reasonable view of the operating budget of the Federal Government.

**H D Agent's  
 News Dept.**

By MRS. FAY C. ROE

**Faces Need Washing**

A high school teacher recently remarked on how many boys and girls reach their teens without ever learning how to wash their faces. So many of the complexion troubles of her youngsters, she noted, result from neglecting their skin—from seeming ignorance of how to apply soap and water. This seems astonishing, but the art of washing a face so that it get thoroughly clean is one that must be learned. Any mother will do her youngsters a great service by giving them a few wise words about skin care and good grooming in general.

Boys as well as girls need to know how to use soap and water to the best advantage. Hasty, careless face washing does not remove dirt and grime, and thus permits skin pores to become clogged. So, teach youngsters to lather face, neck, and ears with a generous hand—and to work the soapy lather well into the skin. Hit and miss rinsing is just as bad as hit and miss soaping. Both soaping and rinsing must be thorough.

Another good by-product of proper face washing—besides a nice complexion—is that head to toe grooming becomes important when a teen is encouraged to consider what cleanliness can accomplish. A clean face naturally goes with clean hands—and that leads to clean hair and then to clean clothes and well shined

shoes. It all adds up to a worthwhile investment in time and effort.

**Home Economics Tips**

It's a wise precaution to use the new sew-on reflective tape on clothing children wear outdoors after dark. The tape is easy to stitch by hand or machine and is completely washable. Create decorative designs or racing stripes on jackets, sweat-shirts and caps so that car headlights pick up the reflection. Though only 15 per cent of pedestrian traffic and one-third of car accidents take place after dark, more than half of all fatal car-pedestrian accidents since 1961 have occurred after dark.

To be really fastidious, hairnets should be kept as clean as hair. It's simple to suds, rinse, and dry "night cap" nets and after-shampoo nets often. When dry, they stretch back into shape again on the head.

Babies spend so much time their first few months in infant carriers—ideal for feeding, visiting and traveling. Be sure to wash both pad and frame often with plenty of hot water and soap or detergent suds to keep these handy carryalls clean.

Everyone knows that glass fiber fabrics are easy to suds, rinse and use again without ironing. They are highly prized for window decor because the glass is not weakened or colorfaded by bright sunlight.

HERE'S SOUND ADVICE FROM A PUBLIC HEALTH EX-

PERT: A homemaker MUST wash her hands with soap and water after handling raw meat or poultry and before touching other foods. This reduces the hazard of transferring bacteria to other foods.

Be sure that a baby's own zoo is as washable as he is! Stuffed pets get chewed, cuddled, dragged and crawled over, so they need to be dunked in soap or detergent suds frequently. A new type covered in acrylic and stuffed with foam fits this description.

To clean jewelry when the stones are set in metal, not cemented or glued, simply dunk them in a bowl of warm suds and brush with an eyebrow brush. Then transfer the pieces to a tea strainer and rinse under warm running water. Pat dry with a soft, lintless cloth.

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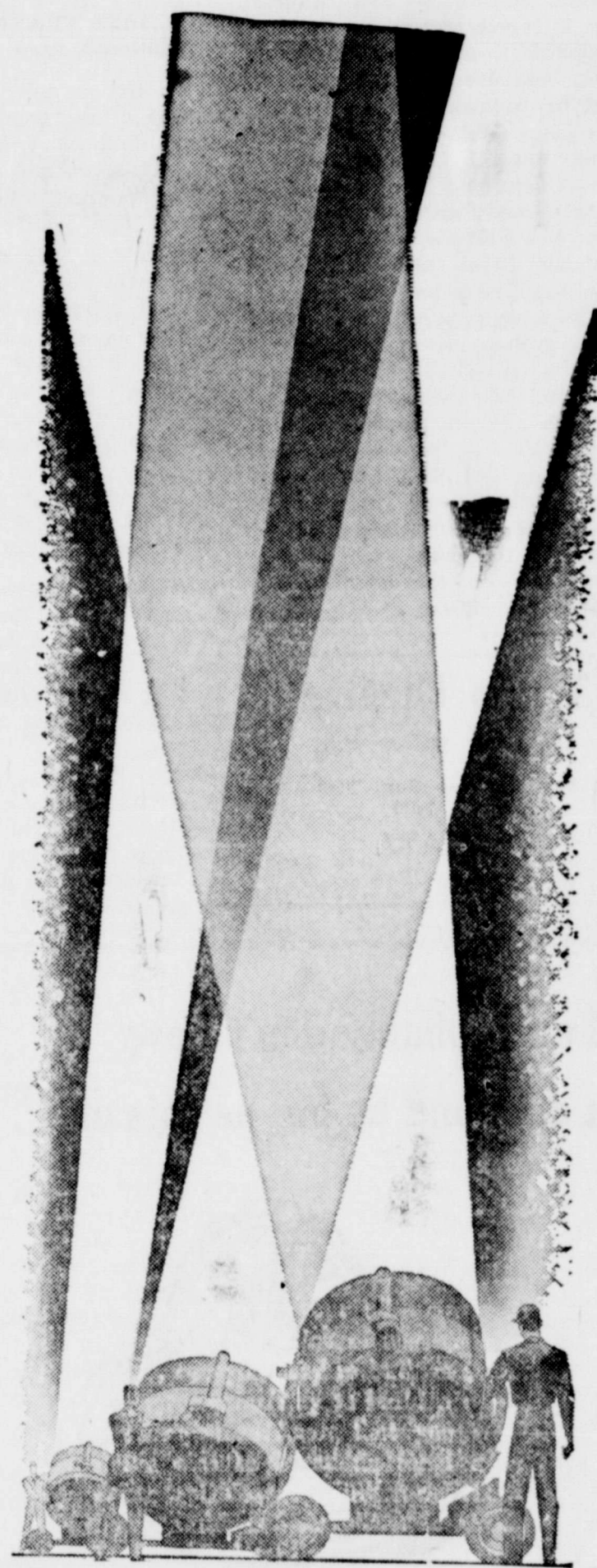
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### Robert Lee BCD Items of Interest

Robert Lee's water problems were discussed at Tuesday's meeting of the BCD. Mayor Wilson Bryan talked about the water shortage and recent city action to combat the problem. The matter is discussed in more detail in another story in this week's Observer.

BCD President W. D. McAdams read a letter from the Texas Industrial Commission concerning a visit here next Tuesday at 11 a.m. This, too, is covered in another story in this newspaper.

#### Better Phone Service

Jack Shelley of San Angelo and a representative of General Telephone Company of the Southwest, told members of the BCD that his company plans this year to replace most of the rural telephone lines in this area. Rural service has long been a problem in this county and the announcement was welcomed.

Mayor Bryan also announced that the contractor who will do the work on improvements to the water system moved in Monday. A total of \$72,811.31 will be spent on two contracts for additions to the city water system. James Good of San Angelo has a contract for \$27,371.31 to replace certain water lines and make other improvements in the system. Pittsburg-Des Moines Steel Co. has the contract to build a new water storage tank

at a cost of \$45,440.

#### To Open Housing Bids

Hugh Lewis Jr., chairman of the Robert Lee Housing Authority, told the group that bids will be opened Tuesday for 12 new housing units which will be operated by the authority.

Lewis also invited everyone in the community to stop by the Robert Lee post office Tuesday afternoon for free coffee and cookies. The occasion was in celebration of the 80th birthday of the Robert Lee post office.

#### BAND SAYS THANKS — Continued from Page 1

for the trip is now in progress. Members of the band are selling stadium cushions for \$2 each, and they will appreciate the patronage of everyone who needs one of these high quality cushions.

The band is still short of its \$1500 goal, but members feel they will reach that figure before time to leave on their trip. They are asking for the continued support and backing of the entire community in bringing the project to a successful conclusion.

#### '64 STUDY CLUB MEMBERS SEE SLIDES OF GREECE

The '64 Study Club met Tuesday night at the Rec Hall and had a program which featured slides made in Greece.

Hosting the meeting were Mrs. Glenn Womack and Mrs. Forest Meadows.

George Womack of Colorado City presented the program and showed a series of slides he made on a recent trip to Greece. Ten members and nine visitors were present for the meeting.

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