

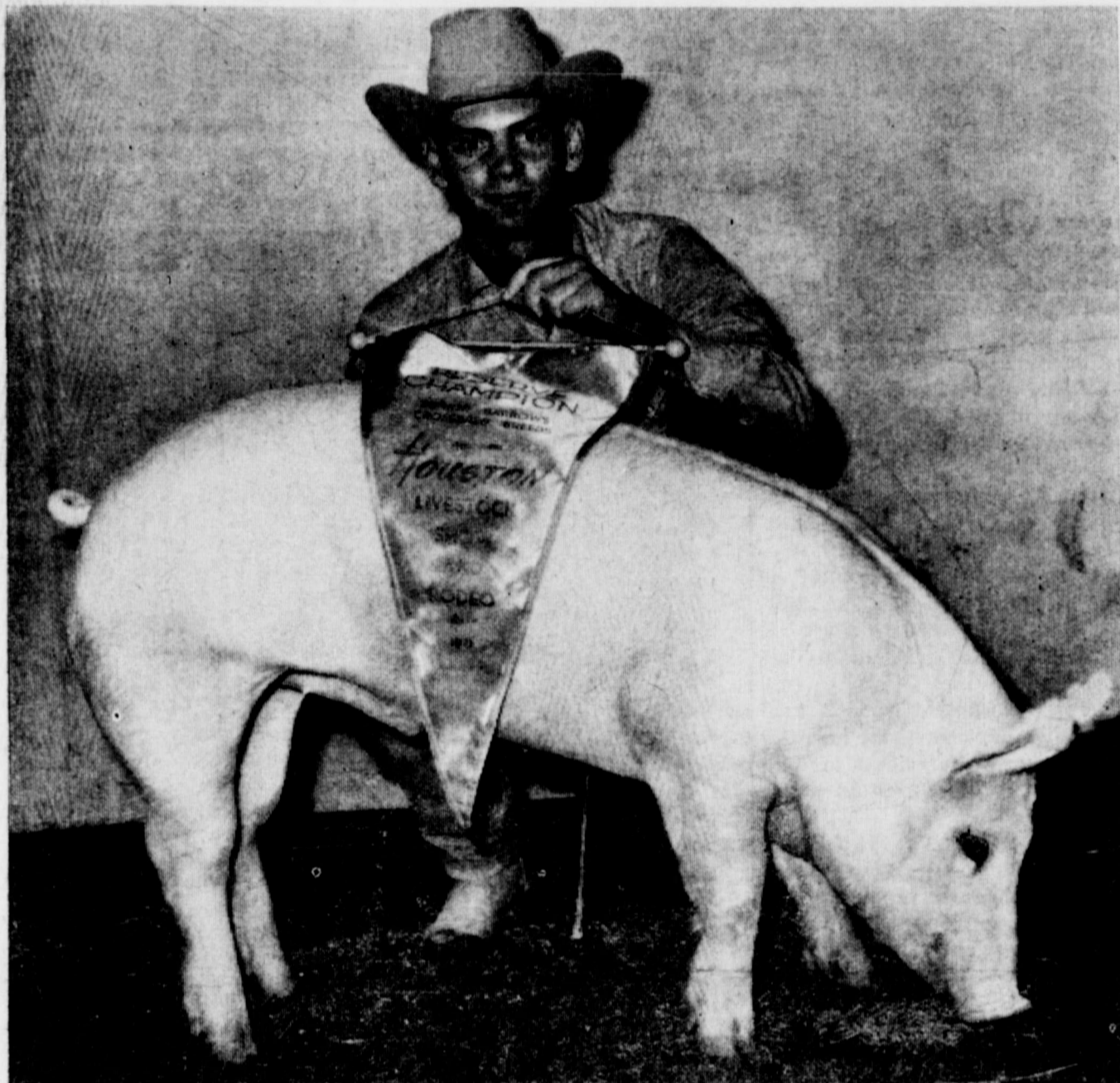
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School Tax Vote Saturday



RESERVE CHAMP — Marshall Millican showed the Reserve Champion crossbred pig last weekend at the Houston Fat Stock Show. His 214-pound porker was entered in

the middle weight class of the Crossbred Division. After taking second place in his class, Millican's barrow went on to win the Reserve Championship. The pig was auctioned off for

\$2.50 a pound for a total of \$535. Millican also had a third place light weight Hampshire and a 13th place light weight cross.

RL Girls Make All-District Team

Three members of the Robert Lee girls basketball team were named to the District 9-A All District Team when coaches met recently in Eldorado. Another member of the squad received second team honors.

Linda Blair and Jackie Conley were selected as forwards and Sheri Pitcock was named a guard on the mythical team. Rebecca Walker was selected as a guard on the second team.

The girls are the daughters, respectively, of Mr. and Mrs. Billy J. Blair, Mr. and Mrs. John

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Coke Youths Do Well At Houston

Coke County young people did very well in the big Houston Fat Stock Show held last week. A total of 33 animals were taken to the show.

Marshall Millican got the highest place with his Reserve Champion in the crossbred swine class. The pig also won second place in the middle weight class.

Other winners were:

Waldon Millican, first place

with his heavy weight Duroc; Gary McDaniel, second Berkshire; Edwin Lindsey, second Duroc; Marshall Millican, third Hampshire; Sue Lindsey, sixth Duroc; Wibby Millican, seventh Duroc; Bubba Duncan, ninth Duroc; Gary McDaniel, 10th Berkshire; Neil Calder, 11th and 12th cross; Troy Millican, 13th cross; Eddie McDaniel, 15th Duroc; Pat Lew-

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Voters of the Robert Lee Independent School District will vote Saturday on whether or not to give the board of trustees the authority to raise the tax rate for operation and maintenance to \$1.50 per \$100 valuation.

If approved, the proposition would in effect allow the board discretion in setting the rate up

to \$2.00 per \$100, since 50 cents per \$100 is the maximum rate for retirement of bonds.

The election will be held at the school with the polls open from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Supt. Jim Bickley explained that school officials believe adoption of the higher rate is desirable, so as to give the board the authority to make adjustments in the tax rate if and when they are needed.

Should the proposition fail, and the school should need more money to operate, the board's only alternative would be to raise valuations.

At the present time the tax rate for both bond retirement and maintenance and operation is \$1.50. This year \$1.25 was levied for operating costs and 25 cents for bond retirement.

Bickley pointed that the need for additional money is facing the school, as tax valuations in the district dropped \$1½ million last year and \$1½ million the year before. Decrease in oil property valuations was the main cause of the drop.

The superintendent said school officials believe approval of the proposition Saturday is the best course for the school to take. He urged everybody to go to the polls and vote.

Mumford Bros. Make All-District

Mike Mumford, the leading scorer in District 9-A last basketball season, has been named to the All-District Team. He was the only Steer to make the first team. However, little brother, Bobby Mumford, was selected member of the second team. They are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Durwood Mumford.

Mason, the district champ, placed three on the first team, Skeeter Martin, Marvin Hahn and Bobby McDonald. Also on the first team were Mike Taylor and Willie Gutierrez of Sonora, John Thompson of Menard and Jerry Baly of Eldorado.

Receiving the nod for second team were Kerry Joy and Jimmy Cole of Sonora; Ted Smith of Mason; Bobby Mumford of Robert Lee; Mike Stephens of Bangs; Neal McCain of Menard; and Charlie Adams of Eldorado.

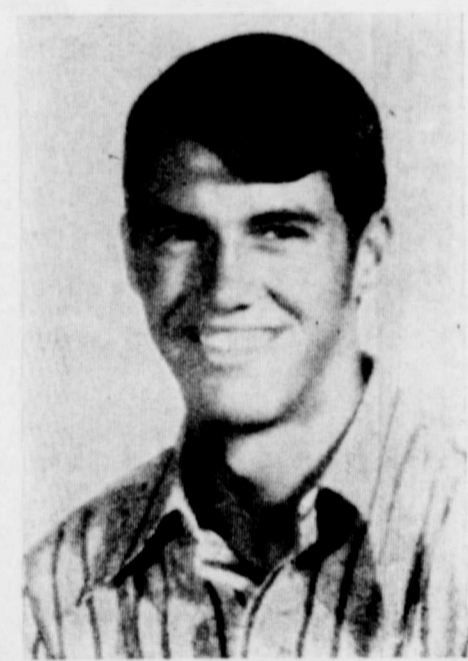
Mike Mumford scored 237 points in district play for a 23.7 average.

Selections were made recently when coaches met in Eldorado.

Mrs. Floyd Higgins, Linda and Cindy, and Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Smith, Layne and Stevie, all of San Angelo, were visitors Sunday afternoon in the home of Mrs. E. O. Higgins.



Mike Mumford



Bobby Mumford

District Court To Convene Monday

A panel of 40 petit jurors are to report Monday at 10 a.m. for jury duty in 51st District Court, presided over by Judge Joe L. Mays. Those receiving a summons to report are:

Fred H. McCabe Jr., Douglas Robertson, T. K. Whiteside, George William Demere, Conrad J. Millican, Paul Burns, M. C. Hendry, Arch C. Mathers, Roland Sowell, Guy N. Strickland, James Tidwell, Edith Rolls, L. F. McCutchen, Jack C. Geist, Doyle T.

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Also, C. B. James, Mrs. J. P. Arrott, Fred D. Smith, Frank Wojtek, Elizabeth Reed, James E. Rives, Bill Roe, Hazel Loraine Lindsey, Donald Maudin, R. T. McBroom, Joyce Dodson, Ivey O. Eubanks, Rex C. Brand, O. H. Campbell, Homer Carwile, Vaughan S. Davis, Jess Womack, R. L. Teschendorf, Bobby Joe

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Linda Blair



Sherri Pitcock



Jackie Conley



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Austin — In a week of major financial flurry, the House passed a \$492.5 million tax bill and an \$80 million college tuition hike, while the Senate approved a \$185 million college building bond plan.

Here's the breakdown on the tax bill:

* An increase in the sales tax from 3.25 to 4 per cent, \$279.8 million.

* Increase in the auto sales tax rate from 3 to 4 per cent, \$69.75 million.

* Increase in the hotel occupancy tax from 3 to 4 per cent, \$6.3 million.

* A \$1 tax on transfer of corporate securities, 10 million.

* A 10 per cent levy on en-

tertainment admissions, \$26.6 million.

* Increase in the corporation franchise tax rate from \$3.25 to \$3.75 per \$1,000 of assets, \$39.5 million.

* A 5 cents per gallon tax on aviation jet fuel, \$50 million.

* An increase in the tax on sand and gravel, shell and marl taken from submerged lands, \$10.6 million.

The House rejected amendments that would have taxed corporation net profits, timber, snuff and sales to government units.

Representatives approved a tuition increase from \$50 a semester to \$7 per semester hour — or \$105 a semester for a full

15 hour course load.

Also included is a \$47 per semester hour charge on out of state students, or about \$700 per semester.

Both bills now go to the Senate, where Lt. Governor Ben Barnes has promised extended hearings. First, however, the Senate—unlike the House—proposes to total its spending proposals to see just how much revenue is required to balance the budget.

Senate voted 21-7 for the House passed bill to provide tuition backed revenue bond financing of new higher education facilities in San Antonio, Dallas, Odessa, Houston, Lubbock and El Paso.

COURTS SPEAK — Texas Supreme Court refused to review a Sunday closing law case involving Cook's discount store in Bryan thus again affirming Texas' blue law.

A woman who burned her finger due to a defective safety glove at the Dallas Texas Instruments plant nine years ago got a new trial in her damage suit for more than \$20,000.

U. S. Supreme Court, in a case of interest to Texas, held unanimously that highways constructed with federal funds cannot cut through public parks except in "the most unusual situations."

U. S. Supreme Court in a Houston case held that an indigent cannot be jailed to work out traffic fines for non-jailable offenses.

Court of Criminal Appeals held two boys sentenced for murder in Edinburg were placed in double jeopardy because of their age.

REDISTRICTING ROW LOOMS — Lawmakers armed with new census tract maps, are tuning up for some early showdowns on congressional and legislative redistricting.

Sen. J. P. Word of Meridian introduced caption bills for his redistricting committee to start work on within the next week. Word said he plans no out-of-Austin public hearings like those being conducted by the House redistricting committee headed by Rep. Delwin Jones of Lubbock.

Forty-six of 52 big city House members served notice on Jones they don't like his preliminary sketches of new district lines. They interpret Jones' early efforts as designed to safeguard rural congressmen.

Under a fair plan, they said, Harris County should include four congressional districts, Dallas County three, and Bexar and Tarrant counties two each. Instead of the 11 districts to which the metropolitan counties are entitled, they argued, Jones has indicated only seven districts would be dominated by the bigger cities.

LOCAL SCHOOL COSTS SET — Local school district share of the state's public education system cost in 1971-72 will be \$245.1 million.

State Board of Education set the local fund assignment for the next school year at a meeting here last week. (March 1).

Assignment includes 20 per cent of the foundation school program cost (\$215.1) million, plus another \$30 million special

credits earned by the districts during the past year.

Total cost — both state and local share — of the foundation school program for the 1970-71 school year is estimated at \$1,075,634,247 (billion).

Professional and teacher aide salaries this year will cost \$926.7 million; maintenance and operation of schools, \$76.8 million; transportation, \$26.8 million; Texas Education Agency administration, \$2,093,000 and special programs, \$7,082,000.

Many local school districts pay for additional services with local tax money and support salaries for their teachers higher than the minimum scale.

CRIME INCREASING STILL — Major crime increased in 1970 by 5.1 per cent, according to a report by Col. Wilson E. Speir, director of the Texas Department of Public Safety.

DPS director said there was a

major crime every one and one-quarter minutes.

Short Snorts

House committee heard testimony on a bill to protect news reporters from having to reveal confidential sources of information.

Senate committee killed a bill to authorize nine to three jury verdicts.

Testimony on the proposed penal code revision continued antagonistic.

Tax revenue from cigarette smokers increased from \$12.8 million in February 1970 to \$13.6 million last month.

Thousands turned out for a look at the Apollo 11 space capsule during its four day visit to the state capitol via special NASA truck-trailer.

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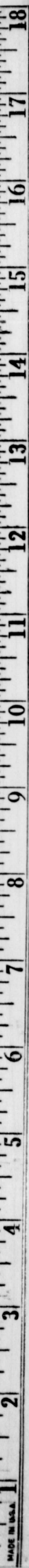
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DISTRICT COURT — Continued from Page 1

Vaughn, Lyndon G. Waldrop and Pauline Coalson.

The criminal docket for the term of court includes the following cases:

Norman Curtis Mounce of Sweetwater is charged with burglary.

Robert Franklin Wade of Sweetwater is charged with burglary.

Curtis Hampton of Ballinger is charged with burglary.

Danny Parker of Bronte is charged with burglary.

Wayne Caulder of Bronte is charged with burglary.

Civil suits on the docket include:

I. A. Bird, et al, vs. Colorado River Municipal Water District, suit to cancel contract.

R. L. Lohse vs. Colorado River Municipal Water District, suit for title and possession.

Jack Looney vs. Thomas F Walker, individually and as executor of the estate of Robert W. Walker, deceased, and Lillian Desma Walker, suit for title and possession.

Red Barn Chemicals, Inc., vs. Delan Mackey, dba Mackey Feed & Supply, suit on account.

Tullie F. Welch vs. Insurance Company of North America, compensation insurance.

Frances Middleton, individually and as guardian for Dana Sue Middleton, vs. Lillian Williams Middleton, et al, suit to enforce contract.

Jerry C. Burleson, individually and as next friend of Melissa Burleson and Shanna Burleson, Minors, vs. O. G. Zacharias, M. D., Robert G. Bridges, M. D., and Shannon West Texas Memorial Hospital, wrongful death action.

Ann Johnston, a widow, vs. Mary Elizabeth Tweedle and husband, Harry Tweedle Jr., suit for right of way.

Ray V. Roberts vs. Texas General Indemnity Company, insurance suit.

GIRLS ALL-DISTRICT — Continued from Page 1

Conley, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Pitcock and Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Walker Jr.

In addition to Misses Blair, Conley and Pitcock, the first team consisted of forwards Kathleen O'Harrow and Peggy Hill and guards Mary McCalla and Lisa McAngus of Eldorado, and Debra Holloway of Mason.

Besides Miss Walker, the second team was made up of Loretta Schooley at forward and Claudia Meador and Gay Richardson at guards for Eldorado; Jeanne Schmidt at forward and Sharon Miller at guard for Mason; June Alexander at forward and Kay Kerbow at guard for Senora; Debra Hight at forward for Menard; and LaDonna Ranne at guard for Bangs.

HOUSTON SHOW — Continued from Page 1

Sid Burns placed 23rd with the steer which he entered.

The Robert Lee FFA judging team entered in the judging contest held with the show placed in the top 20 of the 360 teams entered. Made up of Neil Calder, Bubba Duncan and Wibby Millican, the team was second in judging beef cattle.

County Agent Sterling Lindsey had high praise for the young stockmen from Coke County and noted that their animals showed up exceptionally well at Houston.

A number of Coke County animals are on exhibit this week at the San Angelo Fat Stock Show.

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Pancake Supper A Big Success

The Pancake Supper held Friday night was declared a big success by sponsors after they counted up that 675 persons were fed. Rev. Bill Beaty, president of the Robert Lee-Silver Lions Club, said club members are grateful to everyone who attended and to all of the more than 100 persons who were involved in putting over the supper and Talent Show which followed.

County Extension Agents Sterling Lindsey and Mrs. Fay C. Roe echoed his thanks on behalf of Coke County 4-H Clubs.

Jack Denman said all those who helped make the Talent Show a success deserve the thanks of everyone.

Beaty reported the following statistics on the Pancake Supper: Somewhere between 1500 and 2000 pancakes were served, along with 400 cups of coffee, 560 servings of milk, 172 pounds of bacon, 96 sticks of butter and 78 pints of syrup.

Door prizes, donated by Nathan's Jewelers of San Angelo, were awarded throughout the evening and kept interest at a high level.

Robert Lee had 27 donors of cash and supplies, while 19 donations were received from San Angelo and seven from other area towns.

The annual event was a big success, Beaty said, and everyone is looking forward to another one next year.

PERSONALS

Weekend visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Bryan were her children, Tony Dean of Henrietta. Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Dean and daughters, Kitten Dean and friend, Tom Kleeman, all of Austin.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Boren and John of Snyder were weekend guests in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Bilbo.

Mrs. R. C. Patterson and Mrs. Crowley Harmon visited Sunday with Mrs. Emma Patterson at the Root Valley Fair Lodge in Colorado City.

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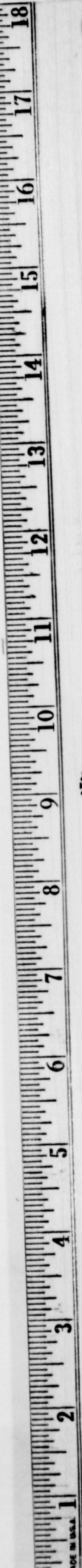


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Under the shadow of Mount Sinai Moses asked this question, "Who is on the Lord's side? let him come unto me." (Exodus 32:26) Then, before the echo had died, God said, "Put every man his sword by his side," and so on that day three thousand people lost their lives because they would not take a stand for Jehovah God.

Yes, this is a different age, a different time, a different period of Law but it was still the same God with whom we "have to do." Even this past week many concerned individuals in Robert Lee have expressed their desire to **STAND UP** and be counted. Many aren't satisfied to see crime increase while morals decline. They have said, "We want something done about lawlessness and especially about our youth receiving alcoholic beverages... if we can do anything to stop this, let us know."

There is something that can be done and this is "Put every man his sword by his side." Certainly I am speaking figuratively and not literally. We do not combat spiritual evil with physical weapons. You have a sword and it needs to be used. It is the sword of the spirit; the **WORD** of GOD. Let's speak out and be heard! For every one that speaks there will be two who are silent. Let's convince our neighbors about the necessity of acting NOW. Tomorrow may be too late! Work today for God for the night cometh when man cannot work.

Robert Lee BCD Items of Interest

An extension has been granted the contractor on the addition to the nursing home of West Coke County Hospital District, Victor Wojtek, president of the board of directors, reported Tuesday afternoon to the BCD. Wojtek said a delay in the arrival of some of the material prompted the action by the board. The structure was originally intended to be complete by the middle of March.

The six patients presently in the nursing home have been moved into the new part in order to

make way for remodeling the old part of the facility.

Wojtek pointed out that the district cannot take any more patients into the home until the new part is completed and accepted by the architect and the hospital board. He said the board is hopeful the delay will not be long, as a long list of prospective residents is waiting to move in. He said some of the applicants are from out of the county and that residents of the district and county will be given first preference. He added there was no shortage of help for the nursing home and the board hopes to have it running at full capacity very shortly after they accept the new building.

Supt. Jimmy Bickley announced the tax election which will be held Saturday. He urged everyone to get out and vote. Bickley said a man from Odessa has been named head custodian of the school, replacing the late Leslie Rose who died Feb. 23.

Mayor Wilson Bryan reported that work is progressing on the new water lines which are being laid in the city. He said construction of the new water tower will get underway soon. The mayor said the well at the mott is holding up well, but due to high dry winds the level of the lake has gone down six inches due to evaporation. The mayor assured everyone that city officials are keeping a close watch on the water situation and are prepared to take necessary steps at all times to keep the city supplied with needed water.

Nineteen members were present and Tony Dean was a guest of Mayor Bryan. President W. D. McAdams presided.

MRS. DANIEL DIES SUNDAY IN SWEETWATER HOSPITAL

Mrs. Minnie E. Daniel, 92, a longtime resident of the area, died at 12:20 p.m. Sunday in a Sweetwater hospital. She was the mother of Mrs. Jeff Blair of Robert Lee.

Funeral was held at 3 p.m. Monday in Sweetwater with burial in Palava Cemetery.

Born Minnie Arnold June 3, 1878, in Shelby County, she was married to Julius B. Daniel June 4, 1893, in Myrtle Springs. He died in 1942.

Survivors are seven daughters, including Mrs. Blair, four sons, 35 grandchildren, 69 great-grandchildren, 10 great-great-grandchildren, one brother and four sisters.

PERSONALS

Overnight guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Horace Scott last weekend were Charles Lowe of Denver, Colo., and Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Kraskey of Waco. Lowe is an airline pilot and Kraskey is employed by Texas State Technical Institute. Both men are retired majors from the Air Force and were stationed with Scott in Korea. Lowe and Scott flew a C-141 jet transport for the Military Airlift Command while stationed in Tacoma, Wash.

Abner McFadden Jr. of Abilene was guest speaker at the Northside Church of Christ for both Sunday morning and evening services.

Mr. and Mrs. Sloan Boone visited in the home of their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Glasgow, last weekend in Sweetwater.

Mrs. June Baker and boys of Abilene were recent visitors in the home of her mother, Mrs. Bert Duncan.

Mr. and Mrs. Finis White of San Angelo visited Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Patterson.

Recent guests in the Fred Smith and D. P. Key homes were Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Don Caulder, Rhinda, and their new twins, Cindi and Rindi, of San Angelo. It was the twins' first trip to Robert Lee.

Mrs. Otto Wojtek To Retire in August

The Robert Lee Independent School District board of trustees has been notified by Mrs. Charlotte Wojtek that she will retire Aug. 31, 1971. The board accepted her resignation with regret. She has served the school as bookkeeper-secretary 17 years. She taught two years in Robert Lee High School prior to her present work, and taught in the commercial department during the 1957-58-59 term along with her duties as bookkeeper-secretary.

Applicants for Mrs. Wojtek's position will be accepted at the office of Supt. Jim Bickley. Applicants need preparation in the fundamentals of bookkeeping and secretarial training. College training is desirable, Bickley said.

HOSPITAL BOARD HAS TWO CANDIDATES

Victor Wojtek and Curtis Walker, who are now on the board of directors of West Coke County Hospital District, have been petitioned to seek another term of office.

The two are the only candidates whose names will appear on the ballot.

The election will be held, Saturday, April 3. Also to be held that day will be elections for three city aldermen and two trustees for the school district.

COKE WOMEN INVITED

Coke County women are invited to attend a special program on fitting garments on Friday, March 19, at the Lone Wolf Electric Medallion Room in Colorado City. Time is 1 to 3 p.m.

Mrs. Janet Moore, County Home Demonstration Agent for Mitchell County, said the meeting would be beneficial to every woman who sews, and that Coke County women will be welcome.



Senior Winners Deone Derrick and Mary Cervenka



Junior Winners Mary Elaine Lackey and Karen Blair
29 Girls Participate in 4-H Food Show; Winners Will Go to District at Brady

Coke County 4-H Food Show was held Saturday afternoon in the Robert Lee Schol gymnasium. Twenty-seven junior girls and two senior girls of the 45 enrolled in food projects participated. Awards were presented by Judge W. W. Theftford and Mrs. Fay C. Roe, County Home Demonstration Agent.

Senior winners were Deone Derrick and Mary Cervenka. Deone exhibited in the meat food group and Mary exhibited in the fruit and vegetable food group. Deone is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Derrick of the Sanco community, and Mary is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Cervenka of the Maverick community, east of Bronte.

Deone and Mary will represent Coke County in the Senior Division of the District VII 4-H Food Show on March 20 in Brady.

Mary Elaine Lackey and Karen Blair will be the Junior Division participants in the District Food Show. Mary Elaine exhibited in the vegetable group and Karen in the meat group. They are the daughters, respectively, of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Lackey of Robert Lee and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Blair of Bronte.

Other blue ribbon winners were Lisa Bessent, Cindy Walker, Janice Bloodworth, Audrey Williams, Kathy Deen, Carol Cervenka, Marion Hendry, Lori Robertson, Martha Gonzales and Tammy Rusler.

Red ribbon winners were La-Johnna Deen, Carla Sue Wojtek, Marlene Shook, Shelene Ann Tidwell, Lucia Garza, Pam Brice, Susan Rowaldt, Linda Tijerina, Rosa Torres, Jo Ann Killam, Karen Rasco, Vallery Deen, Alice Garza, Anita Balderas and Diane Alexander.

Judges were Mrs. Janet Moore, Mitchell County Home Demonstration Agent, Mrs. Bruce Byrne, Mrs. Don Forbes and Kathy Forbes, all of Colorado City.

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

Special awards of product certificates were presented to Carol Cervenka, Lori Robertson, Lisa Bessent, Audrey Williams, Marion Hendry, Kathy Deen, Janice Bloodworth and Cindy Walker. These awards were provided by Gladiola Flour and Food Products.

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PERSONALS

Out of town visitors during the weekend with Mrs. Bryan Yarbrough, who is a patient in West Coke Hospital, were her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Houston Hill of Burnet and C. H. Cartwright of Sweetwater.

Mrs. Artie Gibbins of Clyde, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Munson of Abilene and Mr. and Mrs. William Lee Varnadore of Bryan were recent guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Hughes and attended the wedding of Patty Hughes and Richard Whitaker.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Robertson and family of Artesia, N. M., were weekend guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Robertson.

SERVICES IN BAYTOWN FOR MRS. TROY J. CASEY

Funeral services for Mrs. Troy J. Casey, 64, of Baytown were held March 6 in the Paul U. Lee Funeral Chapel. Mrs. Casey died March 4 at 5:30 a.m. in a Baytown hospital.

A native of Oakhurst, she was born Rose Marie Huron and moved to Baytown in 1925.

Survivors include her husband, Troy J. Casey of Baytown; a daughter, Mrs. Opal Morgan of Conroe; three sisters, Mrs. B. B. Rains of Gause, Tex., Mrs. B. O. Reynolds and Mrs. W. B. Knobles, both of Baytown; three brothers, D. C. Huron and E. C. Huron, both of Baytown, and J. E. Huron of Brenham; three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

The Rev. H. E. Zimmerman and Rev. Barron officiated at the services. Burial was in Memory Gardens Cemetery at Baytown. Nephews were pallbearers.

Mr. and Mrs. Turney Casey attended the services for their sister-in-law.

Terry Jones, 19 month old son of Mr. and Mrs. Alton Jones of Hobbs, N. M., is spending 10 days visiting his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Jones.

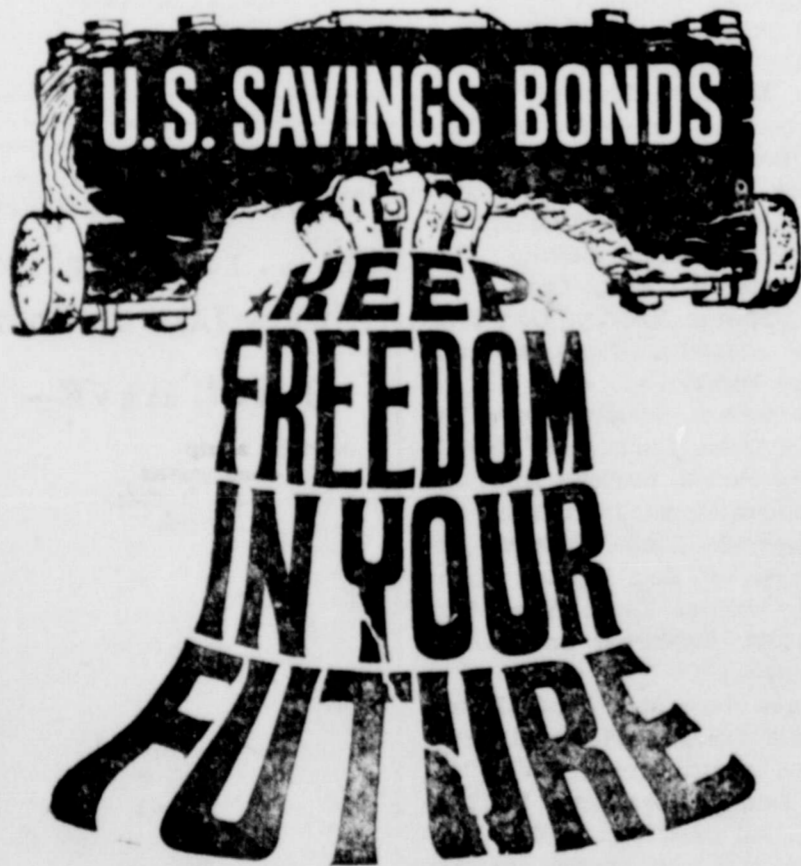
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Hospital News

March 2: Elmo Bell, Perry Mullis admitted.

March 3: Mrs. Lettie McDonald, C. R. Reed dismissed.

March 4: Mrs. Lizzie McCutchen, Mrs. Jessie Yarbrough admitted.

March 5: Mrs. Billy Wayne Rice admitted.

March 6: Mrs. Velma Thomason admitted. Mrs. W. J. Capps,

Elmo Bell, Sam Williams dismissed.

March 7: Mrs. Walter Hester admitted. James (Snipe) Conley dismissed.

March 8: Danny Percifull, Mrs. Ray Hood admitted. Ben Jones, Willie Barnett, Mrs. Billy Wayne Rice dismissed.

As of Tuesday morning there were 14 patients in the hospital and six in the nursing home.

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Textbooks to Oblivion

If textbooks hand-tailored to down-grade American freedom and culture and glorify foreign social ideology and revolution in the minds of our youth can lead this nation down the road to oblivion, then we may be on the way with the adoption by the State Board of Education of a new text entitled "A Global History of Man."

Examination of the contents of this book reveals it to be not merely inadequate but so flagrantly distorted and highly deceptive that we regard it as totally unfit for high school use in Texas or anywhere else in the free world.

How in the name of freedom and objectivity in the cause of good education could the members of the State Board of Education have read this book and accepted it for use in Texas?

We sincerely and fervently hope that local schools across Texas will not adopt it for use. They are not required to do so.

In the table of contents of this text there are listed seven major cultures of the world, but the United States is not one of them. Such an omission had to be deliberate. Earlier editions of this text, as late as 1963, included the United States. If we have fallen from the list of the world's cultures, the "fall" must be in the eyes of the authors—perhaps for reasons that will become clear later on in this discussion.

If the United States has developed no culture worthy of discussion in this so-called history of man, what has sub-Sahara Africa contributed to man's advancement? For that matter, what has Communist Russia and Communist China given the world in the way of enlightening and uplifting culture?

It seems patently clear from reading the book that its authors have become enamored and swept up in the "cultures" of the communist powers, religions other than Christianity, and the cause of social revolution.

In the face of a rising tide of protest of the book's contents and viewpoints, the publishers claim the text should be considered as "a world history text, not a text on the evils of the communist system."

Passage after passage in the book confirms this contention, for any "evils" against communism as cited in the text are in the form of disapproval of the manner in which communism has been administered and not against the system itself. The text makes a studied effort to implant the idea that communism has a great and wonderful future.

As an example, we quote from page 444 where the book contrasts the "old" with the "new" China under the Communist Mao regime: "The ideology of Confu-

cius directed China's attention to the past, to the re-creation of the glories of previous periods, while the Marxism turns the people toward a future of unlimited promise, an escalator to the stars."

That ought to be support for Marxism clear enough for anybody to understand. Dr. Robert A. Selby, head of the History Department of LeTourneau College, says that "any sort of reading of this section on China, whether it be close or light, in context or out, reveals a very clear support of Marxism, attempting to prove that it is in truth 'an escalator to the stars.'"

In a letter dated Sept. 12, 1970, Dr. Anthony Kubek, head of the History Department of the University of Dallas, and a recognized authority on the Far East, described this textbook's account of recent Chinese history on the mainland since World War II as being "...one-sided, leaning toward a sympathetic view of Mao Tse-tung's brand of communism... It simply is not accurate to describe Communist China today as the author does by pointing out that under Mao's regime the people are better than ever before..."

Several nations have become disturbed by this textbook's treatment of their countries. At least one of them is reported examining the book to see what steps can be taken to remedy what it calls the untruths against that country. The Republic of China (Free China) protests the way the new text distorts the long history of China and its true cultural heritage. The book's label of "danger areas," attached to South Africa, Rhodesia, and Portuguese Angola and Mozambique as areas with white minorities in control, appears to be trying to create history and has brought strong protests from The Republic of South Africa on the ground that it is "inaccurate and grossly biased," and from Rhodesia which said it has been untruthfully and unfairly represented.

Communist-dominated Cuba, on the very doorstep of Texas and the United States, is described in the text in a most distorted manner as one of the two true revolutions in Latin America—Mexico and Cuba, which are described jointly.

The author's revolutionary bias is clearly apparent in this passage: "...As long as the military remains united in its hostility to revolution, it appears that the forces of social revolution in Latin America will be repressed" (page 337), and again in this quote: "But many progressive Latin Americans are indignant, believing that the practical effect of American intervention, despite the official explanation, is to block necessary and long overdue social reforms."

This new text, by its deliberate omission of the United States as a culture worth mentioning and by its blatantly pro-Marxist content, is an affront to the cause of objective education and totally unfit for use in our high schools or any other institutions of learning.

Christianity is relegated to insignificance in this text, compared to such other religions as Buddhism and Islam. And in a clear case of indoctrination of young minds, the "religion" of evolution is strongly presented as though evolution were the only possible explanation of life.

Most Texans, we believe, would strongly resent this apparent attempt to debunk the United States and to present a bad image of our country to the youth of today, if they had an opportunity and knew how to protest.

Our United States remains a great and free nation — "one nation under God" — because He has honored the faith of our fathers and has given us today a little more time in which to stand up for and support and spread the cause of Christian faith and action. This is the true basis of freedom.

Is there a U. S. culture? Of course. We have developed, under Christian principles and freedom, a form of culture such as the world has not previously known. Our culture, being one of free men, openly admits there are weaknesses and some things wrong with our system, and we go purposefully ahead seeking to correct these things.

Ours is a self-reforming culture for all mankind and men everywhere appear to grope for its freedom and enlightenment and opportunity despite the blindness and deceit and crippling effects of dictatorial and repressive systems such as the false ideologies of communism and marxism—and despite the damaging and misleading effects of educational texts such as our State Board of Education has misguidingly approved in this case.

This editorial was written by Ellie Hopkins, vice president and editor-in-chief of the Longview Daily News and Longview Morning Journal. He is currently serving as president of the Texas Press Association.

The text discussed is only one of many adopted textbooks from which local school districts must select books for local use. The content of the books varies; the discussed book being the most blatant example. It is vitally important that local textbook committees carefully examine each of the available books and they should be so urged and encouraged by citizens.

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The 4-H Club and Lions Club Pancake Supper held Friday evening was a big success. Mr. Sterling Lindsey joins me in thanking each and everyone who contributed in any way to the event. This is a "big thing" for both clubs and proceeds are used for good causes and community activities.

The March of Dime held in Robert Lee recently by the 4-H boys and girls was a success. The group collected \$355.26.

Lunchroom Menu

- Tuesday, March 16**
 Meat and cheese sandwiches, vegetable soup, lettuce, milk, chocolate pudding.
- Wednesday, March 17**
 Corn dogs, navy beans, orange, pineapple and cheese Jello on lettuce, corn bread and butter, milk, apple cobbler.
- Thursday, March 18**
 Charcoal steaks and gravy, creamed potatoes, combination salad, hot rolls and butter, milk, prunes.
- Friday, March 19**
 Barbecue chicken, potato salad, green beans, hot rolls and butter, milk, peanut butter and honey.

PUBLIC NOTICE
 Proposed **CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT**
 NUMBER FOUR ON THE BALLOT (SJR 17)
 Special Election May 18, 1971

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

Section 1. That Article III of the Constitution of the State of Texas be amended by adding thereto a new Section 49-d-1 to read as follows:

"Section 49-d-1. (a) The Texas Water Development Board shall upon direction of the Texas Water Quality Board, or any successor agency designated by the Legislature, issue additional Texas Water Development Bonds up to an additional aggregate principal amount of One Hundred Million Dollars (\$100,000,000) to provide grants, loans, or any combination of grants and loans for water quality enhancement purposes as established by the Legislature. The Texas Water Quality Board or any successor agency designated by the Legislature may make such grants and loans to political subdivisions or bodies politic and corporate of the State of Texas, including municipal corporations, river authorities, conservation and reclamation districts, and districts created or organized or authorized under Article XVI, Section 59, or Article III, Section 52, of this Constitu-

tion, State agencies, and interstate agencies and compact commissions to which the State of Texas is a party, and upon such terms and conditions as the Legislature may authorize by general law. The bonds shall be issued for such terms, in such denominations, form and installments, and upon such conditions as the Legislature may authorize.

"(b) The proceeds from the sale of such bonds shall be deposited in the Texas Water Development Fund to be invested and administered as prescribed by law.

"(c) The bonds authorized in this Section 49-d-1 and all bonds authorized by Sections 49-c and 49-d of Article III shall bear interest at not more than 6% per annum and mature as the Texas Water Development Board shall prescribe, subject to the limitations as may be imposed by the Legislature.

"(d) The Texas Water Development Fund shall be used for the purposes heretofore permitted by, and subject to the limitations in Sections 49-c, 49-d and 49-d-1; provided, however, that the financial assistance may be made pursuant to the provisions of Sections 49-c, 49-d and 49-d-1 subject only to the availability


of funds and without regard to the provisions in Section 49-c that such financial assistance shall terminate after December 31, 1982.

"(e) Texas Water Development Bonds are secured by the general credit of the State and shall after approval by the Attorney General, registration by the Comptroller of Public Accounts of the State of Texas, and delivery to the purchasers, be incontestable and shall constitute general obligations of the State of Texas under the Constitution of Texas.

"(f) Should the Legislature enact enabling laws in anticipation of the adoption of this amendment, such Acts shall not be void by reason of their anticipatory character."

Sec. 2. The foregoing constitutional amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of this State at an election to be held on Tuesday, May 18, 1971, at which election all ballots shall be printed to provide for voting for or against the proposition: "The constitutional amendment to authorize the issuance of One Hundred Million Dollars (\$100,000,000) bonds to provide financial assistance to cities and other public agencies for water quality enhancement purposes, providing for the improvement and continuance of the water resources program, and establishing an interest ceiling on Water Development Bonds at 6% per annum."

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PUBLIC NOTICE
 Proposed **CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT**
 NUMBER THREE ON THE BALLOT (SJR 5)
 Special Election May 18, 1971

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

Section 1. That Article III, Section 51-a, of the Texas Constitution, be amended to read as follows:

"Section 51-a. The Legislature shall have the power, by General Laws, to provide, subject to limitations herein contained, and such other limitations, restrictions and regulations as may be by the Legislature be deemed expedient, for assistance grants to and/or medical care for, and for rehabilitation and any other services included in the federal laws as they now read or as they may hereafter be amended, providing matching funds to help such families and individuals attain or retain capability for independence or self-care, and for the payment of assistance grants to and/or medical care for, and for rehabilitation and other services to or on behalf of:

"(1) Needy aged persons who are citizens of the United States or noncitizens who shall have resided within the boundaries of the United States for at least twenty-five (25) years;

"(2) Needy individuals who are totally and permanently disabled by reason of a mental or physical handicap or a combination of physical and mental handicaps;

"(3) Needy blind persons;

"(4) Needy dependent children and the caretakers of such children.

"The Legislature may prescribe such other eligibility requirements for participation

in these programs as it deems appropriate.

"The Legislature shall have authority to enact appropriate legislation which will enable the State of Texas to cooperate with the Government of the United States in providing assistance to and/or medical care on behalf of needy persons, in providing rehabilitation and any other services included in the federal laws making matching funds available to help such families and individuals attain or retain capability for independence or self-care, to accept and expend funds from the Government of the United States for such purposes in accordance with the laws of the United States as they now are or as they may hereafter be amended, and to make appropriations out of State funds for such purposes; provided that the maximum amount paid out of State funds to or on behalf of any needy person shall not exceed the amount that is matchable out of federal funds; provided that the total amount of State funds paid for assistance grants for needy dependent children and the caretakers of the children shall not exceed Fifty-Five Million Dollars (\$55,000,000) during any fiscal year.

"Provided further, that if the limitations and restrictions herein contained are found to be in conflict with the provisions of appropriate federal statutes, as they now are or as they may be amended to the extent that federal matching money is not available to the State for these purposes, then and in that event the

Legislature is specifically authorized and empowered to prescribe such limitations and restrictions and enact such laws as may be necessary in order that such federal matching money will be available for assistance and/or medical care for or on behalf of needy persons.

"Nothing in this section shall be construed to amend, modify or repeal Section 31 of Article XVI of this Constitution; provided further, however, that such medical care, services or assistance shall also include the employment of objective or subjective means, without the use of drugs, for the purpose of ascertaining and measuring the powers of vision of the human eye, and fitting lenses or prisms to correct or remedy any defect or abnormal condition of vision. Nothing herein shall be construed to permit optometrists to treat the eyes for any defect whatsoever in any manner nor to administer nor to prescribe any drug or physical treatment whatsoever, unless such optometrist is a regularly licensed physician or surgeon under the laws of this State."

Sec. 2. The foregoing constitutional amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of this State at an election to be held on May 18, 1971, at which election the ballots shall be printed to provide for voting for or against the proposition: "The constitutional amendment removing the limitation on the total State appropriations for assistance grants for the needy aged, the needy disabled, and the needy blind, and setting a limitation on total State appropriations during any fiscal year for assistance grants for needy dependent children and the caretakers of such children."

250 Girls Expected In RL Saturday For Track Meet

Girls from 25 area high schools will be in Robert Lee Saturday for a track meet. Approximately 250 girls are expected.

The meet will get underway at 9:30 a.m. when field events begin. Track events will start at 10 a.m. Finals in the field events will start at 2 p.m. and track finals at 3 p.m.

School officials said everyone has an invitation to attend the track meet.

The high school boys track team will go to Ballinger this Saturday and the junior high boys will travel to Coahoma.

Last weekend at Ozona Harvey Wink placed third in the mile run with a 5.2.

In a junior high meet last Saturday at Eldorado, Lyn Sockwell won first in the 100 yard dash with an 11.3 and Don Sparks was second in high jump with 4-9. Elaine Millican took second in the 220 yard dash in the girls division.

BRIDAL SHOWER THURSDAY HONORS MRS. WHITAKER

Mrs. Richard Whitaker, the former Patty Hughes, was honored last Thursday night with a bridal tea. The 7 to 9 affair was held in the Recreation Hall. Serving at the table were Mrs. Lendy Devoll and Mrs. Louise Hatch. Mrs. Gaylon Pitcock registered guests.

Colors of green and blue were used in the decorations. The table was covered with a white satin cloth with a blue net overlay. Centerpiece was a large white styrofoam heart covered with blue net and topped with a miniature bride and groom. Green punch and cake squares were served.

Hostesses for the tea were Mmes. Bob Fields, Lewis Heuvel, Bobby Baker, Gerald Brasuel, Devoll, Fagan Parker, Hatch, Jerry Thomason, John Conley, Eddie Beal, Frank Percifull, J. W. Service Jr., Gary Parker, Wilbern Millican, Reba Roberts, Pitcock and J. C. Wallace Jr.

Out of town guests included Mrs. Leonard Henderson and Mrs. Robert Henderson, both of Colorado City.

HOSPITAL BUYS PICTURES

Coke County artist Royce Phillips has sold 24 of his paintings to West Coke County Hospital. The paintings will be hung in the hospital and nursing home operated by the district.

Phillips is announcing an art class to be started in Robert Lee as soon as details can be worked out. His announcement of the new class appears in this week's Observer.

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In Election Precinct No. 1, at City Hall Building.

The polls at the above designated polling place shall on said election day be open from 8 o'clock a.m. to 7 o'clock p.m.

The absentee voting for the above designated election shall be held at City Hall Building in said city, and said place of absentee voting shall remain open for at least 8 hours on each day of absentee voting which is not a Saturday, Sunday or an official State holiday, beginning on the 20th day and continuing through the 4th day preceding the date of said election. Said place of voting shall remain open between the hours of 8 to 12 o'clock a.m. and 1 to 5 o'clock p.m.

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