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Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Bilbo

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Bilbo Are Honored With Golden Anniversary Reception

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Bilbo were honored on their 50th wedding anniversary Monday with a party in the Coke County Park Rec-

Services Held for Sonny Robertson

Graveside services for Henry B. "Sonny" Robertson were held in Edith Cemetery at 2 p.m. Monday, June 7. Robertson, 50, died of burns in Austin on Saturday, June 5. Rev. Alvin O. Lay, minister of the New Testament Baptist Church officiated. Arrangements were by Johnson's Funeral Home of San Angelo.

Robertson received second and third degree burns over 80 percent of his body when he was reportedly doused with a flammable liquid and set afire by two men.

An investigation in Austin is still underway.

He was born Jan. 4, 1921 in Robert Lee. He was raised in the San Angelo area and was a mechanic and former race driver. He was employed at an Austin service station at the time of his death. He was the son of the late Tom Robertson.

Survivors include his mother, Mrs. Jessie Anthony of San Angelo; his wife of Austin; a daughter, Mrs. Jo Ann Smith of Austin; two stepsons, Melvin Hankins of Leander and Gene Hankins of Wisconsin; a stepdaughter, Mildred Hankins of Wisconsin; three sisters, Mrs. J. E. Palmer, Mrs. Buck Clinton and Mrs. Jerald Weddle, all of San Angelo; a brother, Elton Robertson, of Notrees; and a half brother, Harold Anthony of Lubbock.

Local survivors include his cousins, Waymon Robertson, J. W. B. Robertson, Mrs. Sloan Boone, Mrs. Dave King and Mrs. Clarence Mitchell, all of Robert Lee.

reation Hall.

The couple's children and grandchildren were hosts. Their children are Mrs. O. L. (Alta Bell) Kay of Alpine, Mrs. Bob (Jamie) Boren of Snyder, Mrs. Jarvis (JoAnn) Littlefield of Af-ton, Okla., Mrs. Steward (Janet) Evans of Mertzon, and Mrs. Peggy Gilmore of San Angelo.

The Bibos were married June 15, 1921, in the home of the bride's parents, Judge and Mrs. W. H. Bell. Officiating was the Rev. W. K. Simpson, former pastor of First Methodist Church.

Mrs. Bilbo, the former Alta Bell, is a graduate of Robert Lee High School. She has served as a substitute U. S. Mail clerk for 20 years and plans to retire later this year. Mr. Bilbo was reared on the Bilbo ranch between Sanco and Silver and attended school at Sanco. He is a retired druggist and insurance salesman. They are members of the Methodist Church.

Approximately 125 persons called Monday to congratulate the couple.

NURSING HOME OPEN HOUSE SET JUNE 27

Nursing homes in Texas will participate actively in Nursing Home Week being sponsored by the Texas and American Nursing Home Associations.

In joining the program, Mrs. Truman (Nell) Hines, administrator of the West Coke County Hospital District Nursing Home, announced they will have an open house on Sunday, June 27, from 2 until 4 p.m. The open house will close out the week of activities at the local nursing home.

The open house will mark the official opening of the nursing home following the recent addition constructed. It will be the first time the public has been invited to inspect the new facilities.

Theme of this year's special week is "Nursing Homes — We Care." "All of us in the nursing home profession are going to get the community to come in for a visit," Mrs. Hines said. "We can provide for all of the needs of our patients but one—we can't show them that the community cares — we cannot relieve their feelings of remoteness from community life unless the community does care and does come in," she added.

"The health care revolution that is occurring in America is probably affecting the nursing home more than any other type facility," Mrs. Hine commented. "We want to show people what our nursing home is like and what we are capable of doing for our senior citizens."

SWIMMING POOL WILL BE OPEN AT NIGHT

Beginning next Saturday, June 19, the swimming pool in the county park will be open from 8 until 10 p.m. each evening. This will be in addition to the regular hours the pool is open during the day. The public is invited to use the pool during these extra hours.

More rains were received last weekend in this area with the heaviest reported as 7 inches north of town on the Reid place. Sanco community was next with 5.3 inches. Only a trace fell at

Firm Promotes Stan Austin

In an executive meeting in Louisville, Ky., the Quaker Oats Company announced the appointment of Stan Austin as sales services manager, Dallas zone, effective July 1.

A native of Robert Lee, Austin is a graduate of Angelo State University and completed graduate studies at Purdue University, Western Michigan University and the University of Chicago. He joined the Quaker Oats Company as a retail salesman at San Angelo in 1955. After a two year leave of absence with the U. S. Navy, he was assigned as supermarket salesman in Fort Worth in 1958, was promoted to sales development manager in Dallas in 1960 and to territory manager in San Antonio in 1966.

In the new assignment, Austin will head the Dallas zone office staff and manage the 50 man sales force in the zone, covering Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana and New Mexico.

Austin is the son of Mrs. Lila Austin Cope and the late I. M. Austin Sr. of Robert Lee. He and his wife, Darby, reside at 148 Garrapata Lane, San Antonio.



Stan Austin

Silver.

Other rain measurements for the weekend include: 3.6 south of Sanco at Bryan Gartman's; 3 inches northeast of town at S. E. Adams; 3 inches at the Leeper ranch north of Robert Lee; 3 inches at the I. A. Bird ranch west of town and 2 inch in the Panther Gap area.

Robert Lee recorded 1.33 inches of rain, with 1.5 inches reported south of town at Ben Boykin's farm; 2 inches at the M. A. Cox ranch northeast of town and 2 inches in the Edith community.

Lake Spence gained a lot of water although Mountain Creek Lake did not get much runoff. About a 30 day water supply was reported there.

Services Held for Ernest Varnadore

Funeral services for Ernest Eual Varnadore, 70, were held at 6 p.m. Wednesday in the First United Methodist Church. The Rev. J. H. Hallford of Ballinger, a former pastor of Pecan Baptist Church, and the Rev. Arthur Kendall, pastor of the Robert Lee church, officiated.

Burial was in Robert Lee Cemetery under direction of Newby Funeral Home.

Mr. Varnadore died at 6 a.m. Tuesday in West Coke County Hospital where he had been a patient since May 12.

He was born in Mexia, Nov. 9, 1900. He came to Coke County with his parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Varnadore, in December 1905. He had lived here the rest of his life except for 3½ years when he lived at Del Norte, Colo.

He was married to Alma May Trimble Sept. 1, 1928, at Bronte. He joined the Pecan Baptist Church in 1938.

Survivors include his wife of Robert Lee; one son, Howard Varnadore of Garland; two daughters, Mrs. Jimmy Mathis of Abilene and Mrs. Bill Franklin of Abilene; two brothers, Henry Varnadore of Robert Lee and Edward Varnadore of Starford, Okla.; three sisters, Mrs. Lily Fisher of Brownwood, Mrs. Pearl Bilbo of San Angelo and Mrs. Vernon (Lizzy) Shakelford of Salinas, Calif.; and nine grandchildren.

Pallbearers were: O. B. Jacobs, Fred McCabe Sr., Ralph Garvin, Freeman Clark, D. J. Walker Jr., Fred McCabe Jr., W. W. Thetford and Chism Brown.

BIBLE SCHOOL UNDERWAY

Vacation Bible School at Robert Lee Baptist Church got underway Monday. It will run through Friday and finish with a commencement program at 7 p.m. Friday. There are 87 youngsters enrolled in the school.

Weekend visitors of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Prine Jr. were Mr. and Mrs. Ocie Devoll of Amarillo.

Three Wildcats Staked

In the first oil activity in Coke County in several months, the county drew locations for three wildcats. Operator J. Frank Stringer of San Angelo announced the locations.

The No. 1 Ruth G. Featherston, a 6,600 foot venture, is 10 miles west of Robert Lee, two miles south of the I.A.B. multipay field, three miles east of the marginal Millican (Strawn reef gas) field and 2¼ miles northeast of the depleted Edita (Canyon and Strawn) field, and separated from all by deep failures. Location is 2,550 feet from the north and 660 feet from the east lines 184-2-H&TC.

Second of the ventures is the No. 1 H. L. Hooper, projected for 6,700 feet, 11 miles southwest of Robert Lee and a southeast offset to the depleted re-opener of Canyon production in the Edita field. Location is 1,980 feet from the north and 1,550 feet from the west lines of 239-2-H&TC. The depleted re-opener, King Resources Co., Midland, No. 1 Hooper, was finished in 1969

to pump 15 barrels of oil, plus 46 barrels of water, through perforations at 6,194-6,200 feet.

Third prospector is a 7,000 foot test, No. 1 C. J. Millican. It was spotted 13 miles southwest of Robert Lee and 5/8 mile south-southwest of the Millican field. Location is 1,980 feet from the south and 660 feet from the west lines of 230-2-H&TC.

All the projects are on 640 acre leases. Name of the contractor was not announced.



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Austin — Major changes in election laws for voters and candidates were approved by the 62nd Legislature. All are contingent on final federal court action upholding lower court decisions invalidating old requirements.

Gov. Preston Smith has signed into law a new voter registration act and filing fee bill.

Earlier the Texas Legislature enacted a resolution ratifying the federal constitutional amendment extending full voting rights to 18 year olds. Federal amendment may not be finally cleared in time for the 1972 elections, but young voters can participate in presidential and congressional

voting and the national nominating convention series.

New voter registration provides for year around sign up (with temporary cutoff 30 days before any election) and automatic renewal for three years by voting in any primary or general election. First registration under the new system will begin Oct. 1. March 1, 1972, is the earliest voting date for new registrants. Voters will continue using present registration certificates for elections through next February.

A federal court invalidated the old Texas annual registration requirement, which was unique in the nation. Texas' new automatic registration law would be repealed if appellate courts reinstate annual registration.

Under a bill passed by the 62nd Legislature, in response to another federal ruling that present filing fees are excessive, candidates would pay a maximum of four per cent of the term of office salaries to get on the ballot.

Bill also permits "filing by affidavit" stating that the candidate cannot pay the prescribed fee, or by a "petition" signed by 10 per cent of the voters in the last general election within the area (state, county, precinct) served by the office sought. If the Supreme Court invalidates this act, a special legislative session may be necessary to provide a method of paying primary election costs in 1972.

IMMUNIZATION REQUIRED — Texas students must begin an immunization program by Jan. 1, 1972, under legislation just signed into law, says the Texas Department of Health.

Students will be allowed to enter schools during the summer and fall terms with provision that their immunizations against at least six diseases will be started by Jan. 1 and completed as soon as medically possible.

Required immunization for grade school level youngsters includes diphtheria, tetanus, poliomyelitis, measles, rubella and smallpox. Measles immunization is not required if there is a history of measles illness.

Exceptions may be granted on religious grounds or to those who may be harmed by immunization (on written certification by a physician). However, exemptions would not be permitted in time of emergency or epidemic, the Health Department adds.

AUTO RATE HEARINGS SET

—Hearings are set for 9 a.m. June 30 here to consider new auto rates to replace the controversial schedule put into effect Jan. 1.

State Board of Insurance is expected to hear usual cross recommendations to raise and lower rates. Hearing will be conducted in the State Highway Department auditorium on casualty and physical damage rates, rating plans and rules.

All those who wish to have subject matter placed on the agenda were advised by the Board to contact its automobile office here by June 23 and provide written statements in quadruplicate.

Rate revisions will be effective on and after Sept. 1 under present indications.

After hearings last year the Board increased rates an average of 14 per cent, statewide. This raised an angry reaction from many insurance purchasers. Insurance companies, which urged a 27.7 per cent increase, were equally unhappy.

COURTS SPEAK — Third Court of Civil Appeals has ruled that the Ector County Commissioners Court had no authority to spend county funds to purchase a 280 acre tract as the site for the University of Texas of Permian Basin, Odessa. Court decision said the rest of the campus tract, 308 acres, was properly acquired for the new state university as a gift.

On July 7 arguments will be heard by the Supreme Court as to whether a minister can be held in contempt of court for refusing to move his church.

U. S. Supreme Court vacated a three judge federal court finding in San Antonio that the Texas safety responsibility act is valid and sent the case back for reconsideration in view of an earlier ruling that a Georgia law provides no proper method of determining fault of drivers in accidents.

PRESIDENTIAL DINNER PLANNED — All major Democratic candidates for presidential nomination are expected to receive invitations to a \$50 a plate dinner in Austin during mid-January.

Funds raised at the dinner will go to meet 1971-72 State Democratic Executive Committee budget of \$81,000.

A sub-committee was named to check candidates to determine the most convenient day for the dinner.

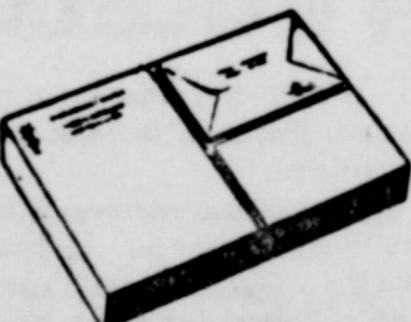
Short Snorts

Governor Smith is still pressing his demand for a presidential drought disaster area proclamation covering Texas.

Highway Department is re-evaluating its plans for a new \$20 million office building near the state capitol and the governor's mansion, in view of a legislative directive.

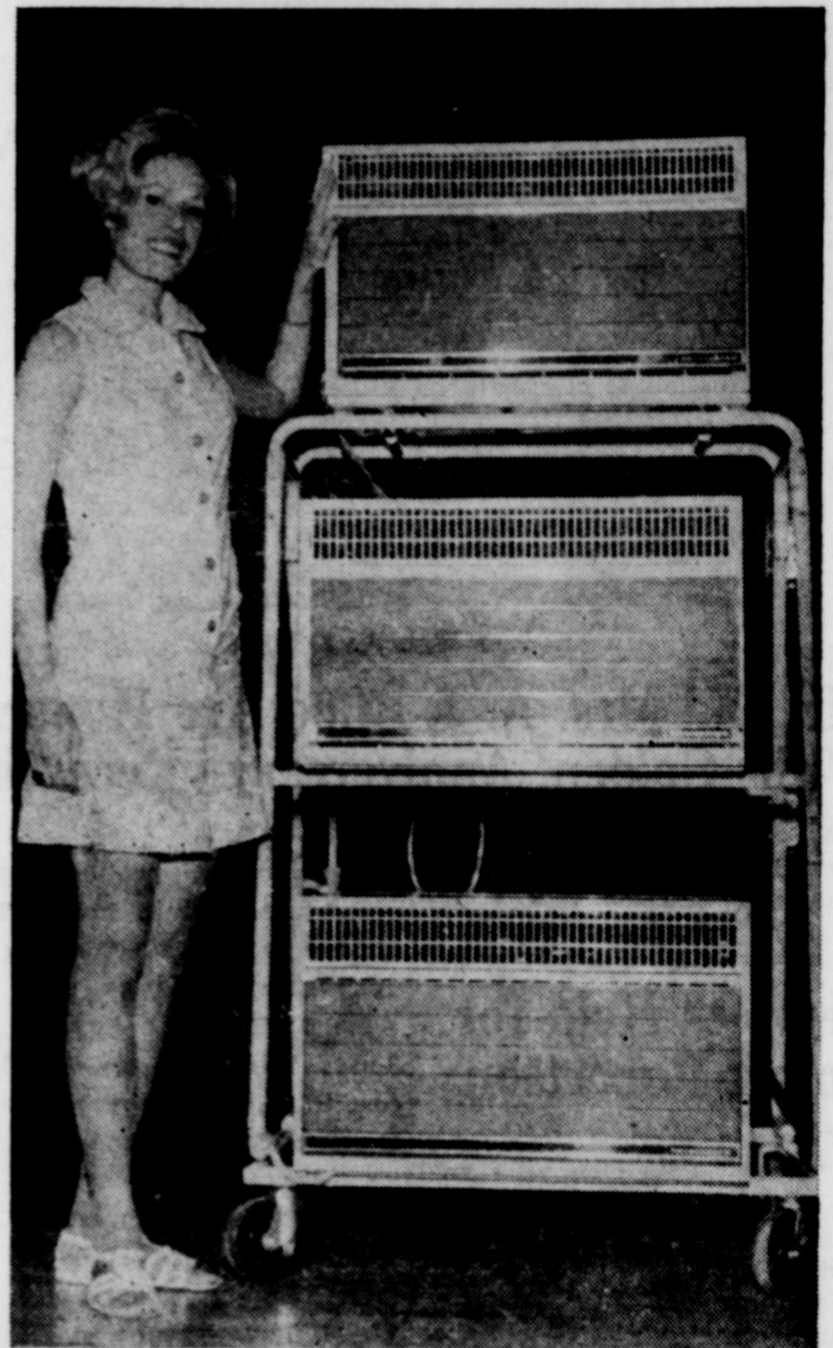
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Rev. and Mrs. Bobby Palmos and children of San Angelo; Mr. and Mrs. Mike Irish of Lubbock; Paul Coulter of Water Valley; Melrose H. Russell of Riviera; Mrs. J. O. Gardner of San Angelo; Finis Harmon of Divide route; Mr. and Mrs. Larry Hudson and children, J. O. Mandy and Randy Cooke of Alamogordo, N. M.; Lisa Lyn Lomas of Midland; Tammy Grandstaff of Overton; and Mr. and Mrs. Billy Bob Highsmith and daughter of San Antonio.

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Hospital News

June 8: Mrs. Johnny Ruth, J. D. Harmon dismissed.

June 9: Mrs. Perry Mullis Mrs. Oudia Scott admitted. Mrs. Della Schooler, Seth Stepp, Garland Davis, Mrs. Lillian Middleton, Perry Mullis dismissed.

June 11: Mrs. C. J. Brooks, Mrs. Mable Mundell, Timothy Clapsaddle, Mrs. Lillian Middleton admitted. Mrs. Perry Mullis, Mrs. Ouida Scott dismissed.

June 12: H. W. Thompson, Walter Hester admitted. Mrs. C. J. Brooks dismissed.

June 13: Mrs. Bob Duncan, Mrs. Faustino Gloria, Eddie Meredith, Mrs. Eva Stephens admitted. Timothy Clapsaddle, Walter Hester dismissed.

June 14: Miss Lizzie Brock, Mrs. C. J. Brooks, Sam McGallian admitted. Mrs. Allie Childress, Mrs. Eva Stephens, Homer Carwile, Eddie Meredith dismissed.

On Tuesday morning nine patients remained in the hospital and 28 in the nursing home.

LINDA JACOBY LINK RECEIVES DEGREE

Mrs. Linda K. Link was among some 2300 students who received degrees at the State University of New York at Stony Brook on Sunday, June 6.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Jacoby of Robert Lee.

At the University's 11th annual commencement, President John S. Toll conferred 1777 baccalaureate degrees, 497 masters degrees, and 55 doctoral degrees.

The principal speaker at the exercise was Russell E. Train, chairman of the President's Council on Environmental Quality. Mr. Train has been an active conservationist for many years and has served as president of the non-profit Conservation Foundation.

Mrs. Link is a graduate of Robert Lee High School and attended Abilene Christian College before moving to New York.

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Mrs. Mike Post

Kathy Denman and Mike Post Exchange Wedding Vows In June 12 Ceremony at Robert Lee Baptist Church

Miss Edna Kathleen (Kathy) Denman became the bride of Michael (Mike) Wayne Post of Norman, Okla., in a ceremony Saturday, June 12, in Robert Lee Baptist Church. The Rev. Bill Beaty, pastor, officiated.

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Jack R. Denman of Robert Lee and Mr. and Mrs. Perry A. Post of Laverne, Okla.

Wedding music was furnished by Mrs. Les Copeland, organist, and Mrs. W. R. Whitaker, soloist. Robbie Jane Smith read a poem.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore an empire style gown of chantilly lace over slipper satin, accented with pearls and rhinestones at the empire waist. It was fashioned with long sleeves of organza with lace and satin cuffs. A chantilly lace train was attached at the waist and her fingertip veil was also of chantilly lace. She carried a bouquet of yellow roses. The wedding gown was designed by the bride and fashioned by her mother.

Wedding attendants were Miss Elaine Fikes of Robert Lee, maid of honor, and bridesmaids, Jennifer Cox of Houston, Gay Green of Lorraine, Nema Westmoreland of Knox City and Mrs. Ted Floyd of Snyder. Patty Bloodworth of Silver and Kimberly Denman of Conroe were flower girls.

Miss Fikes wore an empire gown of kelly green miramist with bell sleeves accented at the waist with embroidery of rose trim. Her head piece was green roses and she carried a nosegay of white carnations.

The other attendants wore empire dresses of sunshine yellow miramist with similar trim. They wore head pieces of yellow roses and carried white carnation nosegays.

Candle lighters were Janice Bloodworth of Silver, Debbie Cox of Haynesville, La., James Beaty of Robert Lee and Clay Bloodworth of Silver.

Stanley Post of Robert Lee served his brother as best man. Groomsmen and ushers were the brother of the bride, David Cox

of Fort Worth, Jim Clendennen of Silver, Steve Cady and Ronnie Frederick, both of Laverne, Okla., David Beaty of Robert Lee and Jeff Cox of Houston.

A reception followed in the fellowship hall of the church with the bride's parents as hosts. In the houseparty were Mrs. Jack Cox of Haynesville, La., Mrs. David Cox of Fort Worth, Miss Betty Post of Victoria, Miss Jeanne Cox of Houston, Mrs. Lewis Heuvel, Mrs. Ricky Whitaker, Mrs. Stanley Post and Miss Robbie Jane Smith, all of Robert Lee.

After a wedding trip to Dallas, Mr. and Mrs. Post will live at 2855 Indian Hill Road in Norman, Okla. He is employed by Sun Oil Co. in Moore, Okla.

The bride is a 1969 graduate of Robert Lee High School, and attended Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene and Angelo State University in San Angelo. She plans to attend the University of Oklahoma next fall, when she will be a junior.

Mr. Post is a 1968 graduate of Robert Lee High School and attended Angelo State University.

The rehearsal dinner was given by the bridegroom's parents in the fellowship hall of the church.

Out of Town Visitors

Here from out of town for the wedding were Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Cox of Elkhart; Mr. and Mrs. John B. Cox, Mr. and Charles Denman, all of Houston; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cox of Haynesville, La.; Mr. and Mrs. Jim Post of Seguin; Mr. and Mrs. T. P. McCorkle and Connie Reppard, all of Monroe, La.; Mrs. Farris White of Sterlin, La.; and Mr. and Mrs. David Cox of Fort Worth.

Ronnie Devoll left June 6 for a six weeks' training course at Gunner Air Force Base at Montgomery, Ala. He took some tests recently for Air Force ROTC and was accepted. He will start a two year training course this fall at Angelo State University.

Observer want ads are very effective and cost very little.

RUNNELS BAPTIST ASSN. TO MEET AT PAINT ROCK

Rev. Bill Beaty, pastor of Robert Lee Baptist Church, will give a report to the meeting of the Runnels Baptist Association, which will meet Monday night in Paint Rock. He will report on the Southern Baptist Convention which he attended in St. Louis, Mo.

Rev. Harry Morris, pastor of First Baptist Church in Bronte, will deliver the sermon. The evening's schedule will begin with WMU and board meetings at 5:30 p.m., followed by a supper at 6:30. Program for the evening will begin at 7:15 p.m.

Homemaking Girls At Workshop

Thirty-one members of the Future Homemaking Chapter at Robert Lee School have qualified to receive the junior degree certificates.

They include: Brenda Adams, Truda Alexander, Rhonda Askins, Karen Bagwell, Nancy Bagwell, Debra Beal, Rosanna Boykin, Darlene Brice, Marsha Brown, Katie Calder, Patricia Chacon, Jodelle Cole, Becky Conner, Vicky Conner, Nita Copeland, Nadine Davis, Sherill Davis, Theresa Hambright, Patti Hearn, Sheila Heck, Jana Mauldin, Rena Mashburn, Marilyn McBroom, Mary Lee McCoy, Susan Prentice, Kathi Prince, Audrey Walker, Donna Wallace, Phyllis Wojtek and Sally Wright.

The girls have had a varied number of activities this year. They made colorful paper flowers for each room of the nursing home; they gave a Christmas carol program and made candy and cookies for the elderly persons there.

These students also prepared refreshments for the faculty during FHA week and prepared refreshments and served as hostesses for the pre-kindergarten registration. They also baked cookies and sent them to service men in Vietnam.

PALMER REUNION WELL ATTENDED

Attending the annual Palmer family reunion recently were:

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Brooks, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Palmer and Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Walker, all of Robert Lee; Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Palmer, Mr. and Mrs. Eubanks, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Walker and children and Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Wayne Walker and children, all of San Angelo.

Also, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Dart and Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Vanderland, all of Dallas; Mr. and Mrs. Jess Phillips, Dalhart; Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Faubion, Fort Worth; Orval (Buster) Allen, Corpus Christi; John Palmer, Colorado City; Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Kennedy, Plains; Mrs. Wanda Caulder and children, also of Robert Lee; and Mr. and Mrs. Lee Roy Hollingshead, Big Spring.

PERSONALS

Becky Walker of Brownwood spent the weekend visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dee J. Walker Jr. She is attending summer school at Howard Payne College.

Mrs. Melvin Childress spent last week in Hobbs, N. M., helping care for her sister, Mrs. W. R. Lord, who is seriously ill in Lee General Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Taft and children, Roy, Robbie and Tammy Jo visited her mother, Mrs. Helen Fowler and family. The Tafts and Mrs. Fowler and Janis spent a vacation in Colorado Springs.

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Robert Lee BCD Items of Interest

Thirteen members and one guest were present for the Tuesday noon meeting of the BCD. Bill Farley, from the Lincoln division of the Dallas district office, was a guest of Cumbie Ivey Jr.

W. D. McAdams, president, presided. Bill Allen gave a report on the weekend golf tournament, terming it a "huge success." He said everyone had a good time and that there was a good crowd despite the rainy

weather. He reported golfers present from Austin, Sonora, Rankin, Dallas, San Angelo, Fort Worth, Roswell, N. M., Mesquite, Houston, Ozona, Abilene, Bronte, Ballinger, Odessa, Merkel, Colorado City, Snyder and Coleman. He said one golfer, a Mr. Schofield, was present from Knoxville, Tenn.

G. C. Allen gave a report on the lakes situation. He said Lake Spence caught a lot of water, although he did not have the exact amount, but he estimated that it contained about the same amount of water as there was in it at this time last year. The CRMWD released some water about 10 days ago in the amount of the normal river flow for downstream users.

Hugh Lewis Jr. said that he had been told Mountain Creek Lake caught about a 30 day supply of water from the weekend rains.

Junior Rodeo This Weekend at Bronte

Everybody is invited to the Junior Rodeo set for this weekend at the Bronte arena on the west side of town. The rodeo is being sponsored by the Coke County Roping Club.

Eighteen events are planned in three age groups for both boys and girls. Included in the events are steer riding, break away roping, barrel racing, bull riding, ribbon roping, tie down roping, pole bending and flag racing.

Deadline for entries was Wednesday at 9 p.m.

Trophies will be awarded in each of the 18 events through third place.

Admission prices are 50 cents for youngsters under 12 and \$1 for adults.

J. Lee Ensor, who is in charge of the planning, said he feels this year's rodeo will be an outstanding event and will provide a good show for both entrants and spectators.

HSU Has Honors For RL Students

Hardin - Simmons University has announced the list of students earning recognition on the Dean's List, Honor Roll and Honorable Mention for the 1971 semester.

Robert Lee students earning honors were: Elaine Fikes, sophomore, Dean's List; Kathy Demman, sophomore, Honor Roll; and Donald Devoll, freshman, Honor Roll.

Students qualifying for the Dean's List must earn a grade of A in all courses and those qualifying for the Honor Roll must make at least a 3.58 average, and both groups must be carrying at least 12 semester hours of work.

PERSONALS

Weekend guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Roe were their daughters and their families, Mr. and Mrs. David Hooper and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Powell and Stacey, all of San Angelo. Stacey remained for a visit this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Skip Vinyard of Menard and Mr. and Mrs. Billy Bob Highsmith and daughter of San Antonio and Mr. and Mrs. Benny Boykin of Robert Lee were weekend guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ben A. Boykin.

Mrs. Hazel Godwin and children of Roseburg, Ore., are here this week visiting Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Farris and other relatives here and at Sweetwater.

Relatives spending last week here visiting in the home of Mrs. Will Woods were Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Robertson and children and Mr. and Mrs. Daryl Hoefar and children, all of Chandler, Ariz.; Mr. and Mrs. Harold Dunn, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Toungout, all of San Angelo; Mr. and Mrs. Craig Sparks and children and Mr. and Mrs. Jake Sparks, all of Sterling City; Mr. and Mrs. Danny Baker and girls of Baytown; Mr. and Mrs. Gaylon Pitcock and Mrs. Reba Roberts, all of Robert Lee.

Relatives visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Bloodworth over the weekend and attending the Denman-Post wedding were Mrs. Connie Reppord of Monroe, La.; Mr. and Mrs. Perry Post of Laverne, Okla.; Mr. and Mrs. T. P. McCorkle, La.; Mrs. Jessie White of Sterlington, La.; and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Post, Chris and Betty Vaughan, all of Seguin. Janie Bloodworth went home with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Perry Post, for a week's visit.

Jackie Conley left Sunday for Abilene where she is attending a commercial school during the summer.

Herringtons to Be Feted Sunday

Mr. and Mrs. Hope H. Herrington of Carrizo Springs will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with a reception from 3 to 6 p.m., Sunday in the First United Methodist Church social hall in Carrizo Springs.

Hosts for the reception will be their daughter, Mrs. Don Stover and family of Burnet. Assisting will be Mrs. Herrington's sister, Mrs. C. H. Cartwright of Sweetwater, and two aunts, Mrs. Houston Hill of Burnet and Mrs. Bryan Yarbrough of Robert Lee.

The honorees were married June 22, 1921, in the home of the bride's parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Beeman, in San Angelo. They lived in Colorado City after their marriage until Jan. 19, 1938, when they moved to Carrizo Springs. While in Colorado City, Mr. Herrington had a leather business there and in Midland. He was in the leather industry in Carrizo Springs before going into the cattle business. The couple also operated a motel in Carrizo Springs several years.

Mrs. Herrington, the former Lena Mae Beeman, is a native of Robert Lee, where her father was a commercial photographer and published The Coke County Rustler for about two years.

Mr. and Mrs. Herrington are members of the Methodist Church. He is a Navy veteran of World War I.

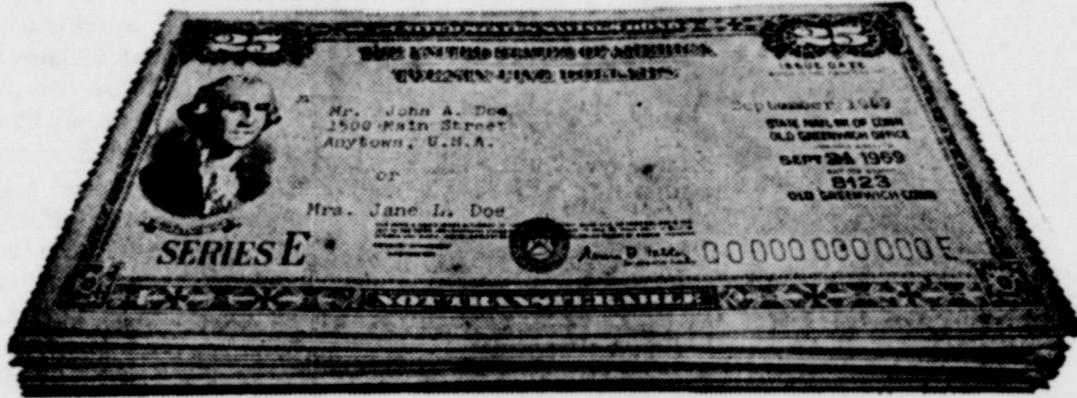
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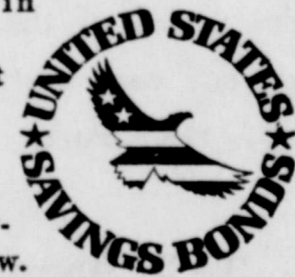
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Washington — The announcement last week by President Nixon, removing trade restrictions with Communist China, made headline news. It was not entirely unexpected since the matter had been under consideration for a considerable period of time.

What also makes news but less headline was the President's action in removing the requirement that 50 per cent of shipments of grains and other com-

modities to China and communist countries behind the Iron Curtain be delivered by American ships. Since 1964 exporters of goods to foreign countries must use American ships for at least one-half of their transportation. The action of the President is highly significant since it is about impossible for nations to buy our grains at the added shipment costs.

Since 1964 our sales of grain have dropped more than half simply because American ship-owners must charge rates far in excess of going world rates because of greater expenses, largely in wage.

After the 1964 decision, it cost \$18 to \$20 a ton to move wheat to Russia in American ships. It cost as little as \$8 a ton in foreign ships. Obviously this made American wheat less competitive with the other large exporters, such as Canada, Argentina and Australia.

In 1964 Russia had a great shortage of grain and offered to buy about 4 million tons from the United States. The result was that even in its desperate situation the Soviet Union bought only about a million and a half tons.

Just three weeks ago, reports showed that Canada contracted to supply Moscow with \$225 million worth of wheat. The U. S. shipments of everything amounted to only \$125 million, all because of the expenses in shipping. Certainly, if American traders are going to deal with the communist countries, they should have a better break. Our imbalance of foreign exchange is in serious condition at this time and, if we are going to trade with communist nations, exporters should have the opportunity at more fair competition.

Russian feed grain requirements have risen steeply because of their effort to build up livestock herds and make the country more self-sufficient in meat. Reports indicate that the Russians have diverted large acreage formerly producing wheat to feed grains, making necessary a greater demand for wheat. Whatever the demands for grain from Red China and the eastern communist - block nations may be in the future, the removal of the cargo preference will give American traders greater opportunity to export feed grains and wheat.

There is no indication that China will turn to the United States for any part of its supply of wheat and other grains but since the embargo of more than 20 years has been lifted, then there may be a chance for disposing of surplus grain by American producers and shippers.

Powerful forces, particularly the International Longshoremen's Union, vigorously oppose the lifting of the 50 per cent requirement; in fact that was the reason for the policy in the first place. In some bulk commodity shipments, American ships carry only about 10 per cent of our exports. Before the 50 per cent rule was applied United States flagships carried upwards of 65 to 70 per cent of the same exports. Records indicate that the 50 per cent requirements has not succeeded in creating a single seafaring job or business for American shipowners but only cost American farmers by denying a source of foreign sales.

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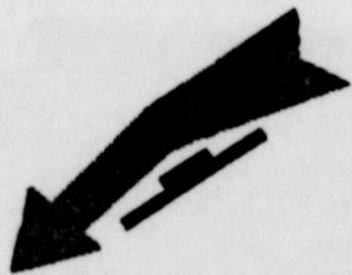
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There were 128 golfers who participated in the annual low ball partnership golf tournament last weekend at Mountain Creek Golf Course, comprising 16 teams in each of four flights.

Golfers and their guests were honored at a catered barbecue supper Saturday night and a putting contest was held.

Teams from San Angelo won a number of events and took the first three places in the championship flight. Winning the championship flight were Blacke Howard and Sonny Perez of San Angelo with a 136. Coming in second were Lonnie Martin and Bernie Young of San Angelo with 139; third place winners were Wayne Modgling and Percy Williams, also of San Angelo with a 141. A team from Rankin, Lester Titsworth and John Howard, were fourth.

First Flight

Don Benson and John Grubbs of Colorado City were first with 149; Don Hulse and Richard Salmon, San Angelo, were second; Sam Conner and Fred Schmickle, Coy Moses and Billy Eaves, all of San Angelo, and Bill Allen and Lewis Heuvel of Robert Lee all had 151. Conner and Schmickle won the playoff.

Second Flight

Royce Lee, Dallas, and Jim Malernee, Abilene, won first place in the second flight with a 152. Other winners were: Bobby Fletcher and Edife Ohlenburg, San Angelo, 2nd; Quinn Conley and John Conley, Robert Lee, 3rd; S. T. Moore and Cecil Wilson, San Angelo, 4th.

Third Flight

Taking top honors in the third flight were W. W. Thetford of Robert Lee and Royce Hurley of Fort Worth with 154; 2nd, Richard Roper and James Simmons, San Angelo; 3rd, A. J. Roe Jr. and Donnie Devoll, Robert Lee; and 4th, Dean Titsworth and Terry Gray of Rankin.

First place winners were awarded pro line woods; golf bags went to second place winners; Bag boy golf carts were awarded third place, and fourth place winners received a dozen golf balls.

HOMEMAKING GIRLS ATTENDING WORKSHOP

Several of the officers of the local Future Homemakers Chapter are in Lubbock this week attending an Officer's Leadership Workshop June 16, 17 and 18. The workshop is being held on the Texas Tech campus. Students are staying in college dormitories.

Officers attending are Marcia Duncan, Marsha Brown, Dee Anna Percifull, Jane Hughes, Mandy Harmon and Patty Hearn. Mrs. Eloise Guerrant, faculty advisor, is also attending.

New officers for 1971-72 are Marcia Duncan, president; Janet Brasuel, first vice president; Marsha Brown, second vice president; Rena Mashburn, third vice president; Dee Anna Percifull, fourth vice president; Mandy Harmon, fifth vice president; Jane Hughes, recording secretary; Jodelle Cole, corresponding secretary; Truda Alexander, treasurer; Rosanna Boykin, parliamentarian; Patty Hearn, historian; and Cookie Hinnard, pianist.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Jones of Angleton are spending some vacation time visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Billy M. Jones of Silver. Other weekend guests in the Jones home were her parents, Mr. and Mrs. V. W. Lehde of Sweetwater.



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