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NURSES' AIDES — Ray Self, left, receives his pin from Mrs. Melvin Childress, who taught the recently completed nurses' aide course here. Photo above shows Mrs. Robert Sanchez receiving her certificate from Mrs. Childress. Center is Mrs. J. W. Martin, coordinator.

Town to Take Monday Holiday

Most businesses in Robert Lee will be closed Monday, July 5, in observance of the Independence Day holiday on July 4 which comes on Sunday this year.

Robert Lee State Bank, the county court house, city hall and most business firms will be

closed. Some stations and drive-in grocery stores along the highway will remain open to take care of holiday travelers.

Businesses which have reported to The Observer that they will be closed include Farris Drug, Roach's, Froggy's Cafe, Ivey Motor Co., West Texas Utilities, Vaughan Chevrolet Co., Sneed's Pharmacy, Baker's Grocery, West Way Grocery and the Robert Lee Observer.

PUBLIC MAY USE SCHOOL LIBRARY

Elementary School Principal Clifford Wilson has announced that the elementary school library will be open to the public each Monday from 1 until 3 p.m.

Persons desiring to use this service can enter only at the north door of the elementary school and are asked to go only to and from the library.

The library will be open each Monday, starting July 5.

Board Employs New Teachers

Two new teachers have been hired for Robert Lee School and a secretary-bookkeeper also has been employed.

Winnie Stewart, who has taught four years at Garden City, will teach commercial studies. Her home is in San Angelo.

Gayle Conley has been hired as elementary physical education teacher. A native of Robert Lee, Miss Conley is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Conley. She received her degree in 1970 from McMurry College in Abilene.

Mrs. Mary Patterson has been employed to serve as secretary and bookkeeper for the school. She will replace Mrs. Charlotte Wojtek, who is retiring this year.

Robert Lee to Host Little League Tilts

Robert Lee will host the area All-Star Little League baseball games July 19-20.

In the first night's game, the Colorado River All-Stars will play the Winters All-Stars at 7:30 p.m.

On Tuesday night, July 20, the Ballinger All-Stars will play the winner of the previous night's game.

Runnion Master Of Hayrick Lodge

Arthur Runnion is new Worshipful Master of Hayrick Lodge, No. 696, for the 1971-72 Masonic year.

Other new officers include Garland Davis, Senior Warden; Donald Robertson, Junior Warden; L. B. Menielle, Treasurer; Lewis Heuvel, Secretary; Alton Roberts, chaplain; C. R. Service, Senior Deacon; Glenn Womack, Junior Deacon; Tom Sawyer, senior Steward; Dub Metcalf, Junior Steward; and Truman Hines, Tyler.

There will be a joint installation of Hayrick Lodge and Bronte Lodge to be held in Masonic Hall in Bronte at 8 p.m. on July 1.

4-H Dress Revue Set for July 7

The Coke County 4-H Club Dress Revue will be held Wednesday, July 7, in the County Courtroom in Robert Lee. The Revue will begin at 3:30 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

Judging of the garments made by the 4-H girls will be done earlier in the day.

Commentators for the Revue will be Sheri Pitcock and Cheri Baker.

Large Crowd At Open House

An estimated 250 persons were present for the Open House last Sunday at the new West Coke County Nursing Home. There were 220 registered and officials said that not all attending sign-

ed the register. They said they were real pleased with the attendance and the reception of the new portion of the nursing home.

Open house hours were from 2 to 5 p.m. The nursing home part of the health care complex was increased from eight patient rooms to 29. All of the rooms are already filled.

Mrs. Truman Hines is administrator of the hospital and the nursing home.

Landscaping of the grounds is expected to get underway soon. It has been held up because of the drouth and water rationing.

New Management Today for P. O.

Thursday, July 1, is the date for a monumental change in a government service that probably comes nearer affecting the daily lives of all Americans than any other. On Thursday, the Post Office Department of the United States will fade into history after almost 200 years of service.

Taking the place of the Post Office Department will be the new United States Postal Service. It will be an independent organization, formed to meet the need of a changing society and presumably to give Americans better mail service.

Initial plans of the new organization call for a major mechanization program to streamline mail processing and delivery. Even before the new organization took over, postal rates were increased a few weeks ago. The 6 cent rate for mailing a first class letter was increased to 8 cents, for the time being.

Postmaster Hugh Lewis Jr. this week invited everyone to visit the post office Thursday. A limited number of souvenir envelopes will be available free of charge. Also, for stamp collectors, a limited number of cancelled first day covers will be available for the cost of an 8 cent stamp.

The new stamp will be officially issued at Washington. It will carry the emblem of the United States Postal Service — a stylized eagle poised for flight. It will be the same stamp available on the first day covers at the local post office.

Mr. and Mrs. Stillmore Jones of San Angelo were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Smith. Mr. Jones is administrator at First Baptist Church and is a cousin of Mrs. Smith.

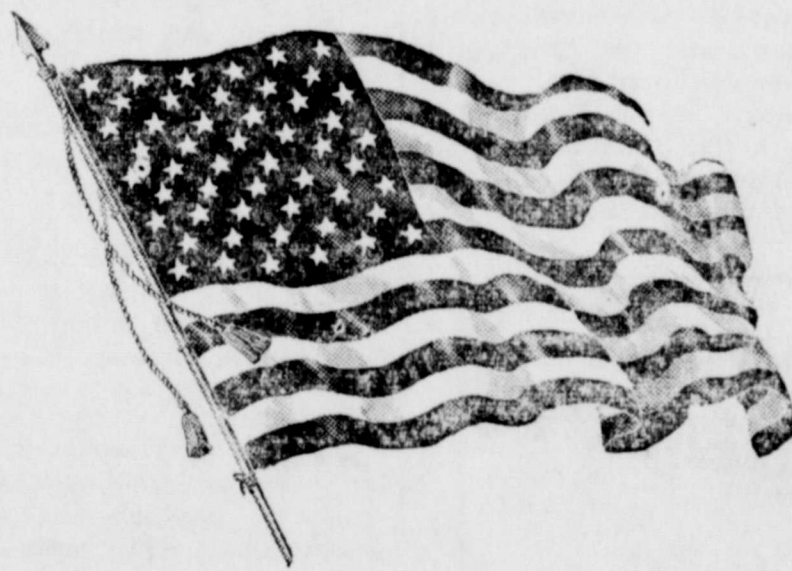
PEE WEE GAME SLATED

Coke County Pee Wee Baseball All Stars have challenged the Sterling City champion Pee Wees to a contest which will be played Thursday, July 1, at 8 p.m. in Sterling City.

Robert Lee Red Birds and Bronte lads will join in with the Robert Lee Blue Birds to make up a team to take on the Sterling County lads.

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Walker and family of Odessa and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Walker and children of San Angelo are spending a week's vacation here with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Walker, and other relatives.

Fly Your Flag



Monday — Independence Day

Soil Dist. State Winner

Three Texas soil and water conservation districts are first place winners in the annual Goodyear Soil Conservation Awards competition.

Coke County Soil and Water Conservation District won top honors in the southwestern section of the state; Marion-Cass Soil and Water Conservation District is eastern area winner; and Ochiltree Soil Conservation District is No. 1 among the north Texas districts.

The winning districts were selected by a committee of con-

servation leaders on the basis of planning, leadership and accomplishments in resource development last year. The contest, now in its 25th year, is sponsored by The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co. in cooperation with the National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD).

Two representatives of each winning district will be guests of the rubber company in December on a four day visit to the 10,000 acre Goodyear Farms and The Wigwam, a desert resort, at Litchfield Park, Ariz. They will join representatives of other

first place districts for the vacation study tour.

Coke County district's representatives will be N. C. Pentecost of Sanco, who was named the district's outstanding landowner-cooperator of the year, and D. K. Glenn of Bronte, member of the district's governing board.

The awards program, begun shortly after the organization of NACD, provides recognition for first and second place districts and for the outstanding co-operators of all competing districts in the 50 states and Puerto Rico.



COMPLETES TRAINING — Airman David L. Roe, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Roe of Robert Lee, has completed basic training at Lackland AFB. He has been assigned to Sheppard AFB for training as a medical services specialist. Airman Roe, a 1969 graduate of Robert Lee High School, attended Angelo State University before he entered the Army.



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Austin — Gov. Preston Smith, in an unprecedented veto action, turned the job of rewriting the entire 1973 state budget to a special legislative session next year. Smith took the axe to a \$3.1 billion in state spending which he found "unnecessary and unwarranted" for the second half of the biennium. He announced his decision on a statewide television program, and said that he will submit to the lawmakers, before September 1972, a new 1973 budget proposal which will require no new taxes.

Smith made it clear that a 1972 special session is inevitable, anyway, because the Legislature did not appropriate welfare funds for the second year.

Governor's action may accomplish the following regardless of whether a new tax bill can be avoided next year (Texas Research League estimates a \$474 million biennial tax bill will be required in the 1972 special session):

—Legislators will have to take a sober second look at spending items in an election year when many are faced with general election contests.

—Fact that little federal aid is available for welfare spending in spite of predictions by Smith, Lt. Gov. Ben Barnes and others, will be partially obscured,

since the special session will not be confined to welfare alone but opened to the entire area of government spending for 1973. Smith declined to reveal his future political plans but left dangling the prospect of a third term race.

Governor claims the public response has been almost 100 per cent favorable to his historic veto. Lieutenant Governor and House Speaker Gus Mutscher pledged cooperation.

COURTS SPEAK—State Supreme Court, in a five-four decision, held that an insurance company can't fight its policyholders in suits against uninsured motorists except in unusual situations.

A man fired by an oil company for not getting enough new business in the Beaumont-Houston area was granted a new trial through a Supreme Court order.

High Court upheld the county court at law finding that a San Antonio woman could collect damages from the City of San Antonio for condemnation of her land and for damage to property due to erosion.

Supreme Court heard arguments in the Braniff and Texas International Airways effort to ground the new Southwest Air-

lines (Dallas, Houston, San Antonio routes).

Court of Criminal Appeals reversed the death penalty of a man convicted of a 1967 knife murder of a Baylor University coed and ordered a new trial.

Trial of former San Marcos Police Chief Waymon Dial, for burglary, has been transferred to Harris County.

AG OPINION — Texas Water Quality Board may contract for the state with the federal government for federal grants or loans under the federal water pollution control act — subject to a 60 day limitation and the governor's approval—Atty. Gen. Crawford C. Martin has held.

APPOINTMENT — James L. Lindsey of College Station, longtime newspaperman in Midland, San Angelo and San Antonio, was named by Governor Smith to succeed Dr. Elmer Baum of Austin on the State Banking Board.

CITIES COLLECT \$35.5 MILLION — Texas cities which levy a one per cent local option sales tax received nearly \$35.5 million from January-March collections on sales within their boundaries.

Collection for the first quarter of 1971 compared with \$39.6 million for the final quarter of 1970 and \$36.5 million for the third quarter of 1970.

More than 400 cities levy local option sales tax.

Money goes to the state comptroller and is handed back to cities of origin. During the quarter ending March 31, the state retained \$719,756 as its service fee.

INSURANCE RATE HIKE ASKED AGAIN — Auto insurance companies were expected to request rate increases of more than 25 per cent at a hearing before the State Insurance Board June 30.

Companies six months ago were granted a 14 per cent increase, but were far from happy and insisted on more. They wanted a 27 per cent boost.

A new law permits motorists to purchase deductible liability insurance if they are willing to assume the risk of the first \$250 damage their car may do to property. Another new act gives the State Insurance Board direction to promulgate rules for cancellation and non-renewal of policies.

Short Snorts

Construction of a million dollars worth of new ward buildings has been started at Rusk State Hospital.

After Sept. 1, Texas Department of Public Safety law officer recruits must have a semester's college training or agree to get it within two years after enlistment.

Texas Parent-Teachers Association board of managers went on record as opposing busing to achieve school racial balance.

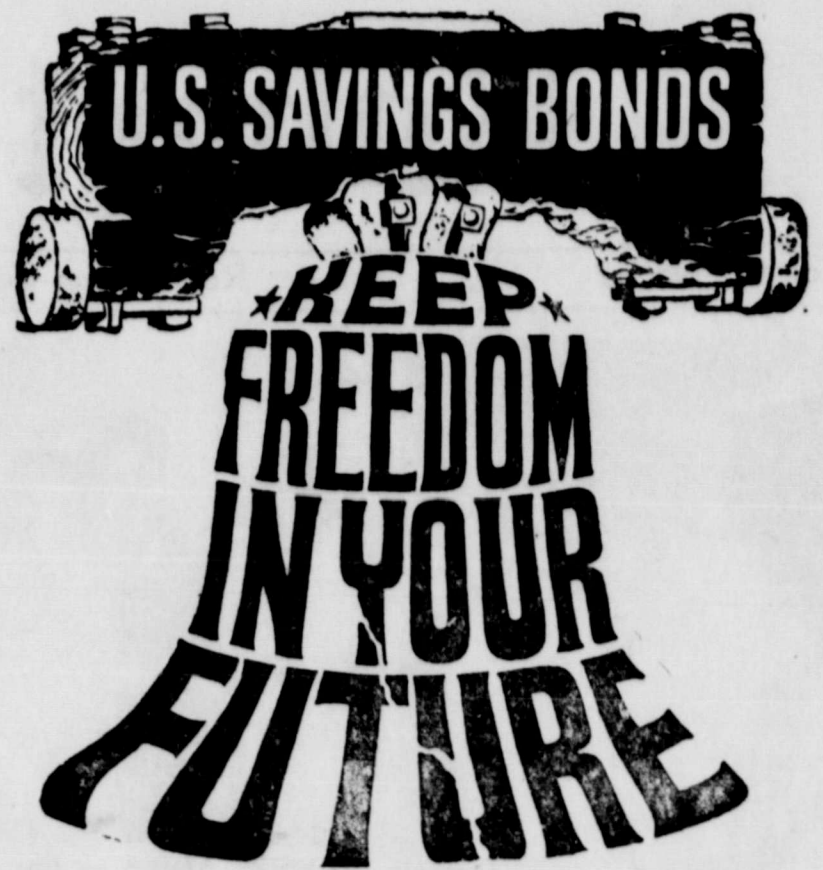
Construction in the state declined four per cent in May after a rise during the last three months.

A total of 162 Texans have lost their lives in water accidents during the last six months, Texas Safety Association noted in warning that the most dangerous months for such accidents are just ahead.

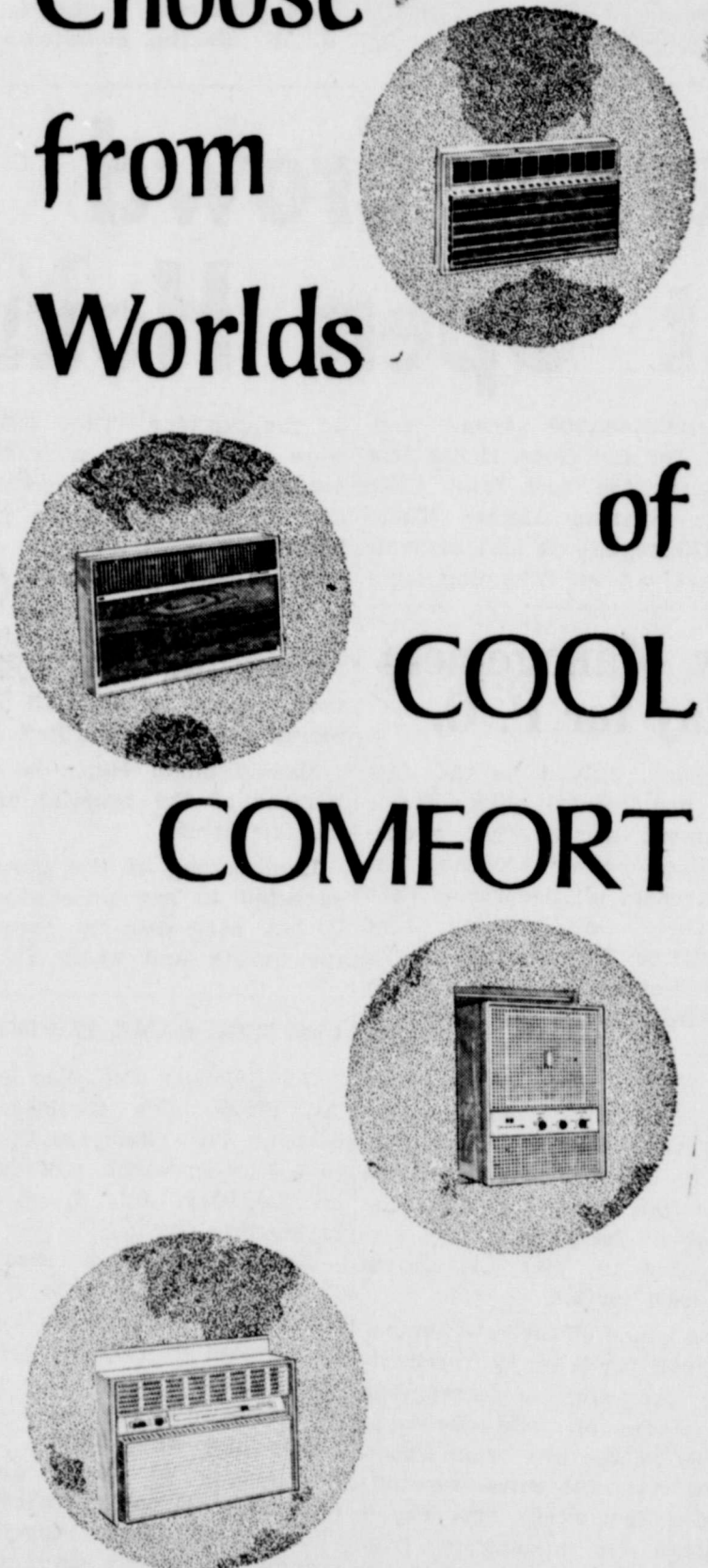
State Banking Department has applications for new state banks in Richardson, Waco and Longview.

Lieutenant Governor Barnes announced cancellation of the trip of 1,300 Texans to Paris, Stockholm and Moscow to plead for release of American prisoners of war in Indochina, since there was little hope of the trip's success.

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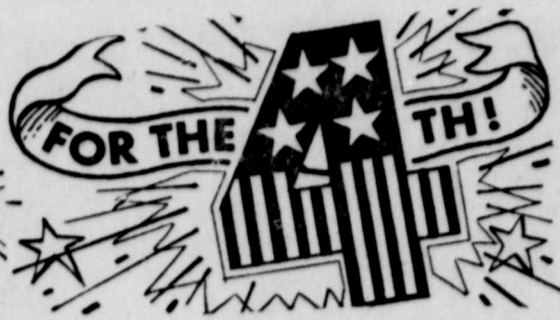
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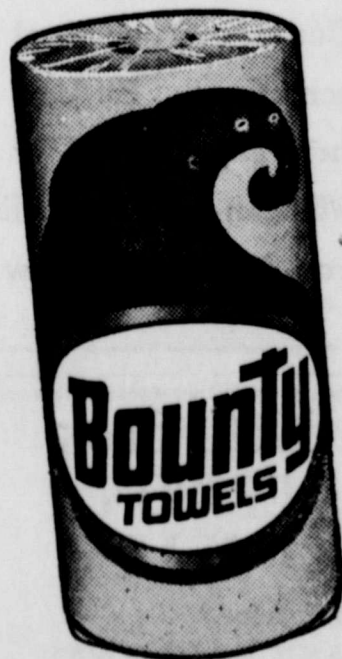
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RECENT BRIDE—Mrs. Dale Hamby was the former Carolyn Stuckey before her marriage June 18 to Dale Hamby of Robert Lee. The wedding ceremony was performed in Elmwood Baptist Church, Abilene.

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Robert Lee BCD Items of Interest

It appeared at Tuesday's meeting of the BCD that definite plans are in the mill for printing a new brochure to advertise the city and the adjacent area of Lake Spence. A round table discussion was held and it was decided that prices should be obtained for various types of brochures.

A West Texas Utilities Co. photographer was in town Friday and took some 30 black and white pictures, including some at Lake Spence, the new welcome signs, the hospital and nursing home, churches, Robert Lee State Bank, the court house, the school, the club house at Mountain Creek Golf Course and the recreation hall and swimming pool at Robert Lee County Park. These pic-

tures will be made available for use in the brochure and for other advertising purposes, said W. D. McAdams, local manager for WTU and president of the BCD.

G. C. Allen, local bank president, spoke to the BCD briefly and brought up for discussion the spraying of the town for mosquitos. Allen also asked the group what they thought about running a page ad in the newspaper advertising Lake Spence and the fact that it now has some water in it. Allen said he thought the opportunities for summer sports at the lake should be publicized and made known to as many people as possible.

S. E. Adams said he understood that some time ago Colorado River Municipal Water District was taking about 50 acre feet of water per day from Lake Spence for use at Midland and Odessa. However, it was brought out that this amount was being pumped before the last rains and nobody knew the figures on the amount of water now being pumped.

Hugh Lewis Jr. announced open house will be held at the Robert Lee post office Thursday, July 1, the date of new management for postal service over the country. More information may be found in another story in this week's Observer.

Fourteen members and two guests were present. Joe Yates and Richard Dodson were guests of George Newby. President McAdams presided.

Mr. and Mrs. Jackie Smith of Lubbock were weekend guests in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Wallace Jr. The Smiths brought Donna and Susan Wallace home after the girls had spent a week visiting in Lubbock.

Observer want ads are very effective and cost very little.

Angelo Funeral Held for Mrs. Jay

Funeral services for Mrs. Nellie May Jay, 68, were held at 3:30 p.m. Monday in Johnson's Funeral Chapel in San Angelo. Leon Bahlman and Travis Williamson, Church of Christ ministers, officiated. Burial was in Lawnhaven Memorial Gardens.

She was born April 6, 1903, in Coke County, and was married to Raymond E. Jay Aug. 11, 1923, in Sherman. She has lived in San Angelo since 1943, where she had a mail carrier route for 30 years. She was a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include her husband; two daughters, Mrs. Billy Frank Blaylock of Eldorado and Mrs. Bob Richardson of Odessa; eight grandchildren and a great grandchild; three sisters, Mrs. Laura Jones of Christoval, Mrs. Sam Jay and Mrs. Weldon Hatley of San Angelo; five brothers, Jim Williams and Jodie Williams of San Angelo, Tommy Williams of Carrollton, John Williams of Redondo Beach, Calif., and Sam Williams of Robert Lee.

Mapes Reunion Held in Rec Hall

The descendants of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Mapes held a reunion in Robert Lee Recreation Center Sunday. Mrs. Mapes resided several years in Robert Lee and Winters prior to her death in 1966 at the age of 101.

The day was spent in visiting, reminiscing and looking at pictures of many of the children and grandchildren.

The attendance list included three children of the Mapes: Mrs. A. J. Roe Sr. of Robert Lee, Mrs. Roy Adams of Wingate and Melvin Mapes of Winters. Others attending were:

Mrs. Melvin Mapes and a granddaughter of Winters; Roy Adams and Mrs. Doris Cathey and children, Wingate; Mr. and Mrs. Clint Cave, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Powell and Stacy, Mr. and Mrs. David Hooper and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Buck, San Angelo; Mrs. Lucille Mapes, Amarillo.

Also, Mrs. Ozzie Reed, Mr. and Mrs. James E. Brown and Richard Lee, Lubbock; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Roe and Cathy and Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Lee, Janet and Craig Bronte; A. J. Roe III, Wado; Miss Deone Derrick, Sanco; Mr. and Mrs. Joe L. Roe, Charmin and Jason, and Miss Mary Sue Roe, Brownwood.

Attending from Robert Lee were Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Roe, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Roe Jr., Mrs. J. L. Roe, Mrs. C. B. Croslin and Billy Wayne Roe.

Hospital News

June 22: Mrs. C. J. Brooks, Mrs. J. C. Snead Jr. admitted. Mrs. Lillian Middleton dismissed.

June 23: Mike Havins admitted. Ruth Sandusky, Mrs. Joe Lara dismissed.

June 24: Jeffrey Stanley admitted. Mrs. C. J. Brooks, Ethel Green, Olga Robleto, Jay Lynn Service dismissed.

June 25: Brenda Adams, Walter Hester, Mrs. Ollie Roe admitted. Jeffrey Stanley, Mrs. J. Cue Varnadore, Jimmy Walker dismissed.

June 26: Brenda Adams, Walter Hester, Mrs. J. C. Snead Jr. dismissed.

June 28: Mrs. Alyce Sharpton, Mrs. Elsie Latham admitted. Mrs. Ollie Roe dismissed.

As of Tuesday morning there were seven patients in the hospital and 29 in the nursing home.

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CLIFT GRANDDAUGHTER TO ENTER SPEECH EVENT

Mrs. Morris (Patricia) Hammer of Huntsville, Ala, formerly of Ballinger will be one of 16 participants in the International Toastmistress Clubs' speech contest to be held in Phoenix, Ariz., July 11-14. She is a granddaughter of Mrs. Bruce Clift of Robert Lee.

Representing the Dixie Region—which includes Alabama, Florida, Mississippi and Louisiana—Mrs. Hammer was first place winner in her club in Huntsville, then won top honors in Council I contest and in Dixie Region in New Orleans, La.

The former Patricia Davis, Mrs. Hammer is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Davis, of Ballinger. She is a graduate of Ballinger High School and North Texas State University. Her husband is an aerospace engineer with National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

There will be 16 regions represented in the Phoenix contest including representatives from the U. S., Mexico, Canada and overseas clubs.

Mrs. Hammer spent last weekend here with Mrs. Clift.

Officers Attend Teletype School

Training for operators of the Concho Valley Council of Governments Regional Law Enforcement Teletypewriter Network was held June 22 at the San Angelo Police Station.

The CVCOG developed the network under the direction of Albert V. Bush, Criminal Justice Planning Coordinator.

Nineteen operators from the 14 law enforcement agencies in the region participating in the network received instruction as well as practical experience with a teletype machine set up in the classroom for practice.

Included in the group were Mrs. W. E. (Opal) Jacoby, office deputy, and Sheriff Melvin Childress of Robert Lee. Coke County is a member of the network.

The teletype network speeds up the law enforcement communications process. For example, in only a couple of minutes a complete check of a vehicle's registration and identification can be done. Record and wanted checks of individuals can be completed in seconds or minutes by teletype message to Austin from a local unit.

Bobby Blaylock to Wed Kathy Edwards Aug. 14

The engagement of Miss Kathy Edwards of Slaton to Bobby Blaylock of Robert Lee is being announced. Parents of Miss Edwards are Mrs. Dorothy Faye Edwards of National City, Calif., and James W. Edwards of Slaton. Mr. Blaylock's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Bert Blaylock of Orient.

The wedding is planned for August 14 in the Robert Lee Baptist Church.

Miss Edwards is a senior at Texas Tech University in Lubbock. Her fiance is a recent graduate of Texas Tech.

Drouth Assistance Okayed for County

Coke County is one of 18 Texas counties eligible for assistance in repairing damage caused by drought and wind erosion. Congressman Omar Burleson announced this week that the U. S. Department of Agriculture is offering emergency conservation assistance in 18 Texas counties to help repair drought damage.

Counties eligible besides Coke are Bandera, Caldwell, Concho, Duval, Fayette, Gonzales, Karnes, Lavaca, Mason, McCulloch, Nueces, Palo Pinto, Starr, Sterling, Webb, Wilson and Zapata.

An allocation of \$360,000 has been made to the Texas Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation (ASC) State Committee for use in sharing with farmers in the 18 counties the cost of drilling wells and constructing pipelines and other facilities to provide water for livestock and to permit grazing where pasture forage exists.

This week's allocation brings to \$6,810,000 the amount allocated during 1971 to the Texas ASC State Committee for use in sharing with farmers the cost of carrying out practices to combat the drought.

Emergency conservation assistance is designed to enable the Secretary of Agriculture to alleviate conditions resulting from a natural disaster and to restore agricultural lands to productive capacity.

Five Attend 4-H Camp at B'wood

Five 4-H members left Monday morning for the District VII 4-H Club Leadership Camp. Attending were Cheri Baker, Audrey Walker, Sue Lindsey and Troy Millican, all of Robert Lee, and Karen Blair of Bronte.

The camp is held annually at Lake Christian Retreat on Lake Brownwood and its purpose is to develop leadership in the youth attending.

The group was expected to return home Wednesday at noon.

Accompanying the 4-Hers to the camp were Mrs. Fay C. Roe and Sterling Lindsey, Coke County Extension Agents.

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The general sales tax will increase from 3 1/4 to 4 per cent. The city sales tax, in effect in Robert Lee, will remain at 1 per cent.

Other tax increases include: Motor vehicle sales tax increase from 3 to 4 per cent.

Cigarette tax hike from 15 1/2 to 18 1/2 cents per pack.

New 4 per cent tax on motor vehicle rentals.

Beer tax increase from \$4.30 to \$5 per barrel.

Liquor tax rises from \$1.68 to \$2 per gallon, or about 6 cents a fifth.

Corporation franchise tax increases from \$3.25 to \$4.50 per \$1,000 of capital.

Weekend Reunion For Conner Family

Descendants of the late Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Conner met at the recreation hall Saturday, June 26, and in the home of Mrs. Ethel Green on Sunday, June 27, for a family reunion. The group attended church Sunday morning.

Children present were: Jay Roy Conner and Mrs. Green of Robert Lee, Mr. and Mrs. Harney Conner of Glen Rock, Wyo., Mr. and Mrs. E. B. (Evah) Gray of San Angelo, Mrs. Pauline Wilkerson of Carlsbad, N. M., and Mrs. Verna Davis of Richardson.

Other relatives attending were: Mr. and Mrs. Arch Mathers and Robert, Silver; Mrs. Ruth E. Wiggins, Jeffrey and Lisa, Roswell, N. M.; Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Nixon, Glen, Fred and Leon, San Angelo.

Also Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bruce, Arlington; Glen Ed Gray, Houston; Mrs. Mary Sue Alford and Annette, Odessa; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Berry, Ronna, Debbie and Randy, Austin; Mr. and Mrs. Vaughn Burbo, Vaughan and Shance, Carlsbad, N. M.; Mrs. Claudette Davis Richardson, Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Payne, Randy and Brock, Irving; Mr. and Mrs. Allen Smith and Nick Allen, San Angelo; Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Green, Carlsbad, N. M.; Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Browder and Robbie, Big Lake; Mr. and Mrs. Garland Green and George, Austin.

And Mr. and Mrs. J. C. McBride and Scott, Big Spring; Mr. and Mrs. John Augustine and Carol Ann, Austin; Mr. and Mrs. Billy C. Green, Cartell, Peggy and Jan, Robert Lee; Mrs. Kay Lowe, Big Lake; Willie I. Tubb and Cindy Self, Robert Lee.

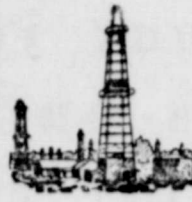
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SSgt. and Mrs. Bill Baker of Ellington Air Force are parents of a son, David Weldon, born June 28 in a Pasadena, Tex., hospital. They also have a daughter, Diana, 2 1/2 years old. Mrs. Baker is the former Marion Fikes. Sergeant Baker is stationed at Ellington AFB. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Fikes of Robert Lee and Rev. and Mrs. Bill J. Baker of El Paso. The new baby weighed 7 pounds, 15 ounces.



Notes From The Oil Field

Another wildcat has been scheduled in Coke County. It is the J. Frank Stringer, San Angelo No. 1 Lena Foster, et al, a 7,100 foot project, 15 miles southwest of Robert Lee. It is 1/2 miles south of the four-well Millican, West (Pennsylvanian) field of Coke County.

Location is on a 480 acre lease, 660 feet from the north and 1,980 feet from the east lines of 228-2-H&TC.

Stringer No. 1 Featherston was drilling Tuesday at 549 feet in lime and shale. Operator set 8 5/8 inch casing at 295 feet.

UNDERGOES SURGERY

Perry Post of La Verne, Okla., underwent major surgery Sunday in a La Verne hospital. His son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Post of Robert Lee, left to go to Oklahoma as soon as they received word of the illness. Mr. and Mrs. Mike Post were here visiting and they also went home.

PERSONALS

Buddy Wallace spent last week visiting his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Bloodworth, at Silver. He also visited in the Clayton Bloodworth home.

Gayle Conley and her fiancé, Bobby Belding, of Abilene were weekend guests in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Conley.

Mr. and Mrs. George Moore of Monahans and Mr. and Mrs. Connie Brown of Fort Worth were recent visitors of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Fields.

Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Jacobs visited weekend before last in the home of Mrs. Nora Foster at Merkel.

Mrs. Phil Myers and Jeff of Mineral Wells spent last week here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Fields. She returned home Monday.

Keith Smith of Houston spent a week here recently visiting his cousin, Myna Kay Roane, while his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Smith, attended a convention in El Paso.

Sunday visitors of Mrs. E. O. Higgins were her daughters and their families, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace N. Terry and Stevie and Mr. and Mrs. Francis L. Smith, all of San Angelo.

Weekend visitors in the home of Mrs. Doyle Caulder were Mrs. Hazel Caulder and Mrs. Onie Adams of Midland and Mrs. Billy Turner and children of Hennessey, Okla. Debbie went home with her aunt, Mrs. Turner, for a two weeks' visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Jones visited over the weekend in Hobbs, N. M., with their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Alton Jones.



DRIVE FRIENDLY—Gov. Preston Smith is joined by two other state officials in urging drivers to DRIVE FRIENDLY during the summer when traffic is heaviest. On the left is A. Ross Rommel, the state's traffic safety administrator, and on the right is

Col. Wilson E. Speir, director of the Department of Public Safety. The Governor said the state is doing everything possible to cut down on traffic accidents. "But, we need the full support of the driver himself," the Governor said.



ROBERT LEE OBSERVER



WASHINGTON
 "As it looks
 from here"
OMAR BURLESON
 Congressman
 17th District

Washington — Those who have a son, husband or other loved one in Vietnam are doubly concerned by reports on the use of dope. The dope problem among servicemen is indeed sad but the percentage of those on narcot-

ics is not as great as might be expected from reports. The fact remains that one is too many. In a way it can be rationalized but, of course, not condoned.

When fighting was at its height and boys were busy, there was little use of drugs. When things let down, boredom arose. You would have to be there to understand but there is need for understanding.

"In Flanders field the poppies grow, between the crosses, row on row..."

Written during World War I by John McCrea, an English poet-soldier, who died in the conflict, these lines have a bitter meaning today.

Poppies, in that "God and Country" generation, were the symbol of an honorable death. They remain the respected badge of the fund drive for disabled veterans but a newer and more sinister connotation now infuses the flower, as young Americans return from Vietnam addicted to heroin of which the poppy is the source.

A few days ago the President called for a "new all out offensive against drug abuse" which he described as "America's public enemy number one."

In a special message to Congress, the President asked for \$155 million in new funds to help finance the anti-drug offensive.

He said it is a "world-wide offensive" dealing with sources of supply abroad, and particularly as it involves Americans stationed overseas.

For too long the matter of discharging several thousand servicemen each month from Vietnam, some of whom are drug addicted, was largely ignored. The military and the Veterans Administration too long failed to recognize and prepare to come to grips with the situation. They are barely beginning to do so at the present time.

Action has now been instituted which attempts to identify the soldier who is an addict and try to provide treatment and rehabilitation. Of the 25,000 men a month now returning from Vietnam, an estimated 10 per

cent have a history of heroin use. Under the plan now being inaugurated, each soldier is given a test for detection of drug use before being cleared to return home. If he is free of drug detection, he proceeds without delay. If not, he is quarantined for a few days for further tests.

Servicemen heretofore discharged with a narcotic habit may not be qualified for veterans benefits but this is expected to be corrected. In the first place, only five of all the veterans hospitals are really equipped and qualified to give treatment. Much more is needed and it is pretty safe to speculate that more will be provided. The problem is qualified people to give much needed rehabilitation in this highly specialized field of treatment.

At the moment, there are proposed cuts in Veterans Administration medical funding but this is likely to be reversed since the dimensions of the problem are just now really surfacing.

For many in the service, who must serve additional time in Vietnam and in other areas of the world, more efforts are being made to control the source of drugs but, like in this country, it is impossible to completely dry up the supply. Greater and more exact detection is needed. It is not exclusively a problem in South Vietnam. It exists every place but the cheaper drugs and a ready supply are peculiar to Southeast Asia. The lack of cooperation with the governments involved is a serious problem. It should and is being pressed upon these governments to lend their official efforts to reduce the cheap supply. The trouble is that the horse has been too long out of the barn.

The greatest sympathy and understanding, as well as rehabilitation and treatment, must be provided for returning servicemen who have become victims of the narcotic habit.

WELCOME

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 Bill Beaty, Pastor

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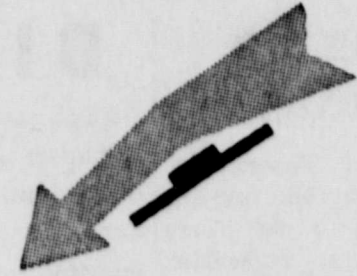
Lions Elect International President



ROBERT J. UPLINGER

Robert J. Uplinger of Syracuse, New York, was elected President of Lions International at the Association's 54th Annual Convention in Las Vegas, Nevada, June 22-25. Serving as the 55th President of the world's largest humanitarian service organization, Uplinger leads some 960,000 members in 25,300 clubs located in 146 countries and geographic areas throughout the world.

Lions International is best known for its aid to the blind and sight conservation activities, international activities, international relations programs, and its many community service projects. "Lionism is Commitment" will be the primary theme during Uplinger's 1971-1972 Presidential Year. The development of the local Lions Clubs through the individual member's commitment to all aspects of service will be emphasized.



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Junior Rodeo a Big Success As 150 Enter; Officials Announce Winners

More than 150 contestants were present during the week-end for the sixth annual Coke County Junior Rodeo at the Bronte Roping Arena, termed by officials as the most successful rodeo yet staged.

Contestants came from San Angelo, Christoval, Early, Sonora, Big Lake, Sterling City, Merkel, Pecos, Nolan, Rankin, Midland, San Saba, Robert Lee, Bronte and possibly other places.

Results follow:

Tie Down Roping

13-15 age group: John Robbins Jr. 1; Bub Waldrop, 2; Kenneth Martin, 3; Cody Bradford, 4.

16-19: Ray Smith, 1; Larry Sanders, 2; Tuffy Waldrop, 3;

Lee Bloodworth, 4; Kerry Bruton, 5; Gary Allison, 6.

Bull Riding

13-15: Kelly Leigh and Dennis Allison, tie for 1 and 2; Gary McNutt and Claude Willingham, tie for 3 and 4; Jerry Ewing and Carlton Luckett, tie for 5 and 6.

16-19: Marshall Millican, 1; Robert Clark, 2; Jimmy Don Williams, 3; Ricky Reeves, 4; Travis Scoggins, 5; Jim Katter, 6.

Girls' Flag Racing

12 and under: Lisa Cotter and Penny Berry, tie for 1 and 2; Becky Ballard, 3; Patricia Boyd, 4; Kelly Brewer, 5; Terry Otho, 6.

13-15: Juanice Damron, 1; Francine Edwards, 2; Roxanne

Guttery, 3; Julie Muerer, 4; Cheryl Baker, 5; Cindy Baker, 6.

16-19: Janice McNutt, 1; Kay Williams, 2; Pat Moore, 3; Linda Williams and Ann Kuykendall, tie for 4 and 5; Sheye Schneeman and Debbie Bloxom, tie for 6.

Barrel Racing

12 and under: Patricia Boyd, 1; Pam Powers, 2; Lisa Cotter and Lisa Smith, tie for 3 and 4; Becky Ballard and Terry Otho, tie for 5 and 6.

13-15: Francine Edwards, 1; Roxanne Guttery, 2; Vickie Stegall, 3; Julie Meierer, 4; Cindy Baker, 5; Kathy Shereley, 6.

16-19: Kay Williams, 1; Pat Moore, 2; Debbie Bloxom, 3; Sheye Schneeman and Janice McNutt, tie for 4 and 5; Margie Baker, 6.

Pole Bending

12 and under: Jill Schneeman, 1; Lisa Smith, 2; Patricia Boyd, 3; Joleta Everett and Becky Ballard, tie for 4 and 5; Lisa

Cotter, 6.

13-15: Julie Muerer, 1; Roxanne Guttery, 2; Vickie Stegall, 3; Juanice Damron and Francine Edwards, tie for 4 and 5; Linda Hohman, 6.

16-19: Ann Kuykendall, 1; Merriane Ellis, 2; Linda Williams, 3; Betty Stewart, 4; Cindy Childs, 5; Sheye Schneeman, 6.

Breakaway Roping

12 and under: Randy Edwards, 1; Sean Smith, 2; Charlie Kuykendall, 3.

Boys' Barrel Racing

12 and under: Charlie Kuykendall, 1; Randy Edwards, 2; Ricky Barnes, 3; Mickey Davidson, 4; Casey Davidson, 5; Sean Smith, 6.

Steer Riding

12 and under: Randy Edwards, Mickey Davidson and Casey Davidson, tie for 1, 2 and 3; Sean Smith, 4; Ricky Barnes, 5.

Ribbon Roping

13-15: Jimmy Otho, 1; Troy Millican, 2; John Robbins Jr., 3;

Bub Waldrop, 4; Brian Halfman, 5; Mike Stewart, 6.

16-19: Larry Sanders, 1; Max Schneeman, 2; Bobby Bryan, 3; Tommy Bynum, 4; Roy Smith and Marshall Millican, tie for 5 and 6.

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Official Records

Marriage Licenses

Marriages licenses have been issued recently to the following:
 Gordon Lee Cagle and Mrs. Susie Lee Campbell.
 Louis Wardlaw Thornton and Lynda Kay Taylor.
 Michael Wayne Post and Edna Kathleen Denman.

JP Records

The following were fined for the offenses indicated in the court of Justice of the Peace Roy P. Ross:

- Stephen Allen Jameson, contest for speed, \$20; running stop sign, \$20.
- Benjamin F. Wiese, loud muffler, \$15.
- Albert Ross Palmer, running stop sign, \$15.
- R. H. Dreeman, speeding, \$20.
- Marsha Lynn Brown, no inspection sticker, \$10.
- Ronald Dalton Hester, drunk pedestrian, \$25.
- John Willy Edwards, failure to wear protective head gear, \$20.
- Ross Dresden Adkins, speeding, \$15.
- Kenneth Alan Prine, minor consuming alcoholic beverage, \$20.
- Tommy Ray Shook, minor consuming alcoholic beverage, \$20.
- Bobby Dale Millican, failure to produce valid driver's license, \$15.
- Richard Allen Palmer Jr., speeding, \$15.
- William Mell Weems, defective brakes, \$15.
- Peggy Ann Green, running stop sign, \$15.
- Edward Lee Meredith, minor in possession of alcoholic beverage, \$20.
- Maurice K. Weil of Jackson, Miss., no driver's license, \$15.
- Wade Rrice, speeding, \$20.
- Kenneth Lee Funderburg, speeding, \$15.
- Alvin Dalton Powell, speeding, \$20.
- William H. Wade Jr., operating a motor boat without registration, \$10.
- James Keith Hood, running stop sign, \$15, and speeding, \$15.
- Edward Lee Meredith was charged with DWI, first offense.

VARNADORE REUNION HELD OVER WEEKEND

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Varnadore had all their children home during the week and for the Varnadore reunion held Sunday, June 20.

The children and their families who attended were Clell Varnadore of Fort Smith, Ark.; Mr. and Mrs. Morris Varnadore and children and Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Varnadore and family, all of Houston; Mrs. Weldon Scott and Clayton of Japan; and Mr. and Mrs. Royce Smith and family of Robert Lee.

Mr. Scott remained in Japan to complete a training school. His family joined him in Dallas Tuesday. They will stay in the States until the last of August, then return to Japan for a two year tour of duty.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Smith returned home Saturday following a week's visit in Houston with their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Smith. While there they visited Mrs. Pearl Lee at Hitchcock and Mrs. Nora Williams and Mrs. Ora Chancey, both of Jago. The ladies are sisters of Mrs. Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Foy Askins, Rhonda and Debbie have returned home after spending a week at Ottumwa, Iowa, visiting their son and his family, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Askins and Chuck.



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- FROZAN - - - - - 1/2 gal. crt. 39c
- KRAFT BARBECUE SAUCE - 18 oz. 39c

VAN CAMP PORK & BEANS, No. 2 can - 2 for 45c

RANCH STYLE BEANS, 300 can - 2 for 32c

STOKELY Pineapple - Grapefruit Drink, 46 oz. can - 3 for \$1.00

HUNT'S TOMATO JUICE - - 46 oz. can 39c

SUN BEAM COOKIES, 39c pkg. - 3 for 99c

INSTANT NESTEA - - 3 oz. jar \$1.09

MEAD'S Biscuits 3 for 29c

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Bananas 1b. 10c

FRESH CORN - - - - - 3 ears 29c



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