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Road Bond Vote Saturday



FRESHMAN FAVORITES—Susan Wallace and Ricky Mashburn have been selected by their classmates as Freshman Favorites for 1971-72. Susan, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Wallace Jr., is in the band, on the annual staff and has been class treasurer for three years.



She was a cheerleader in junior high school. Ricky is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Mashburn. He is class president, in the Spanish Club, played on the football team and is a member of the debate team. He was high ranking boy in his eighth grade graduating class.

Filing Light for April 1 Elections

Early filing of candidates in the three elections called for April 1 has been light.

No candidates had filed Wednesday for the school trustee election. Terms of Earl H. Ivey and D. J. Walker are expiring. Deadline for filing in the office of County Judge W. W. Thetford is March 1.

Jimmy Bell has filed as a candidate for city council but no other names were on record as candidates for the posts now held by Mayor Wilson Bryan and Alder-

men James Craig and Mrs. Yvonne Devoll. March 1 is also the deadline for filing for these posts.

Jack Mathews' name has been entered as a candidate for a member of the board of directors of West Coke County Hospital District. Three vacancies will occur as the terms of Bob Large, Jim Herford and J. E. Quisenberry are expiring. Deadline for filing for these positions is March 5 and must be filed by petition signed by 10 qualified voters.

Green Services Held Saturday

Funeral services for Herbert Emmett Green, 84, were held at 2 p.m. last Saturday in Robert Lee Baptist Church. Burial was in Robert Lee Cemetery under direction of Newby Funeral Home.

Mr. Green died at 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 16, in West Coke County Nursing Home.

He was a retired farmer, born May 21, 1887, at Duster. He came to Coke County from Seminole in 1958. He had lived at the nursing home a little more than five years and was the second resident to be admitted there. He was a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include three daughters, Mrs. Juanice Jameson and Mrs. Lillian Counts, both of Robert Lee, and Mrs. Doris Nickel of Monteca, Calif.; three sons, Bill Green of Midland, Rex E. Green of Albuquerque, N. M., and John Green of Coleman; two sisters, Mrs. Millie Jones of Tucson, Ariz., and Mrs. Bessie Patterson of Ontario, Calif.; 18 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Grandsons were pallbearers.

R. S. Epperson of Coleman visited here last week with his daughter and her family, the Zeddie Beals.

Saturday, Feb. 26, is the date for the bond election to determine whether or not bonds will be issued to finance sealcoating and repair of the county's paved streets and roads.

The election was called Jan. 24 after petitions were presented to the Commissioners' Court, asking for the \$200,000 bond election. Petitioners pointed out that a major overhaul was necessary to protect the investment that Coke Countyans have in their paving, bridges, etc.

Seven polling places will be open in Coke County from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday. Polling places and election judges and alternate judges are:

Precinct 1, Recreation Hall, Robert Lee, Mrs. Cumbie Ivey Jr.

Board Extends Principals' Terms

The contracts of school principals were extended at the Feb. 10 meeting of the Robert Lee School board of trustees. Contracts of High School Principal Garland Davis and Elementary School Principal Clifford Wilson were extended to 1974.

Public School Week

Public School Week will be observed here Monday, March 6 through Friday, March 10. An Open House is planned for Monday when the public is invited to visit the school, said Supt. Jimmy Bickley. Refreshments will be served, he said.

COMMITTEE TO MEET

Coke County Historical Survey Committee will meet in the conference room at the courthouse in Robert Lee Thursday at 3:30 p.m. All members of the committee are invited to be present.

and Mrs. Willie Clark; Precinct 2, City Cafe Building, Bronte, Matthew Caperton and Royce Fancher; Precinct 3, Courthouse, Robert Lee, Frank Perciful and Mrs. Bryan Yarbrough; Precinct 4, Schoolhouse, Tennyson, J. P.

Services Sunday For R. L. Page

Last rites for Rolla Livingston Page, 77, were conducted at 1 p.m. Sunday in Robert Lee First United Methodist Church. The Rev. Jimmy Rogers, former pastor of Pecan Baptist Church, officiated and was assisted by the Rev. A. A. Kendall, Methodist pastor.

Burial was in Paint Creek Cemetery, directed by Newby Funeral Home. Pallbearers were Otto Wojtek, Tom Wiginton, Floyd Harmon, Glen Waldrop, David Key, Carlton Caston, J. D. Harmon and Fred McCabe Sr.

Mr. Page died at 2:45 a.m. last Friday in Shannon Hospital in San Angelo. He was born July 11, 1894, at Whitney. He came to Coke County with his parents in 1904 and had lived here since that time. He was married to Mrs. Bettie Snyder May 13, 1945, in Robert Lee. He owned and operated a stock farm in the Paint Creek area until his retirement, when he bought a home and moved to Robert Lee. He was a member of Pecan Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife of Robert Lee; a stepson, Elwood Snyder of Odessa; a brother, Philip Page of Odessa; five sisters, Mrs. Wade Ackelson of Las Cruces, N. M., Mrs. Walker Good of Wichita Falls, Mrs. Bert Burton of Levelland, Mrs. Dona Sparks of Santo and Mrs. Elmer Moebling of Weatherford; and two grandchildren.

Arrott and Mrs. Lora Belle Brown; Precinct 5, City Hall, Bronte, Noah Pruitt and Calvin McCuichen; Precinct 8, Schoolhouse, Silver, H. L. Bloodworth and Mrs. Ernest Clendennen; Precinct 9, Community Center, Green Mountain, D. O. King and Mrs. Connie Millican.

The election will determine whether or not bonds shall be issued in the amount of \$200,000 to bear interest at a rate not to exceed 5½ per cent per annum and to mature over a period not to exceed 30 years. County Judge W. W. Thetford said the Commissioners are considering either a 10 or 15 year period for retirement of the bonds, if their issuance is approved by voters. County officials have been informed by financial advisors that a tax increase of 10 cents per \$100 valuation would be necessary to retire \$200,000 in 15 years, or 13

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Mrs. Dumas Dies In Wyoming

Mrs. Richard H. (Charlene) Dumas, 32, died at 2 a.m. Tuesday in a Casper, Wyo., hospital. Funeral services were held Wednesday in Casper, and her body will be flown to San Angelo today (Thursday), and will lie in state at Newby Funeral Home in Robert Lee until graveside services are conducted at 2 p.m. Friday in Paint Creek Cemetery, west of Robert Lee.

Funeral services were conducted in Boyd Avenue Baptist Church in Casper.

She was born Dec. 27, 1939, in Robert Lee and was a 1957 graduate of Robert Lee High School. She was married to Richard H. Dumas Dec. 21, 1957, in Robert Lee. They moved to Casper from Robert Lee in 1965. She was an active member of Boyd Avenue Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband of Casper; four sons, Richard Dumas, Michael Dumas, Matthew Dumas and Daryl Dumas, and two daughters, Jamie Renai Dumas and Melody Dumas, all of the home; her mother, Mrs. Boneita Robertson of Robert Lee; two brothers, Donnie Robertson of Robert Lee and Wilton Robertson of Odessa; two sisters, Mrs. Elaine Burnett of Arlington and Mrs. Boneita Hester of Portland; eight half-sisters, Mrs. Gertrude Bloodworth of Silver, Mrs. Ima Faye Hudson of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., Mrs. Billye Talley of Garden City, Mrs. Lonnie Toms of Amherst, Mrs. Effie Page of Odessa and Mrs. Dave (Gertrude) King, Mrs. Sloan (Nealta) Boone and Mrs. Annie B. Mitchell, all of Robert Lee; five half-brothers, J. B. Robertson and Waymon Robertson, both of Robert Lee, Fred Robertson of Odessa, Clifford Robertson of Hobbs, N. M., and Jesse Ray Robertson of Kingsville.

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County Spends Money

But Not On Golf Course

A consideration which might be important in Saturday's bond election was brought out at Tuesday's meeting of the BCD. Robert Lee Banker Gerald C. Allen said that rumors have been spread which state that the county has spent and is spending large sums of money on the golf course at Robert Lee.

Allen said he would like to set the matter straight. He said these rumors are very false and that money derived from club dues and green fees of visiting golfers are the sole support of the golf course in Robert Lee.

The golf course maintains its own facilities from the membership fees from local golfers and from the green fees, he said. He pointed out that 40 to 50 out of

town golfers are on the Robert Lee course each Saturday and Sunday—contributing not only to the support of the local golf course, but to local businesses as well.

The golf course is a big asset to the community, he said, and provides recreation for hundreds of citizens of Coke County as well as attracting outsiders to come here and contribute to the overall economy of the community.

Mountain Creek Golf Club completely maintains the facilities of the golf course. He pointed out that some county machinery was used when the course was first built, but that even the most of the original construction was financed by the local golf association. Some of the pipe used in

building the course was donated by oil companies operating in this area and other pipe was sold to the association at a discounted price but, nevertheless, costing the county nothing.

The new club house was built with money secured through a bank loan and paid-up membership dues. Only \$800 of this loan is still outstanding and the club has sufficient money in its account to make this final payment.

Allen pointed out that the county does maintain the county park, but that there is no connection between park and golf course operation. He indicated he wanted to clarify the fact that the county has not been spending money

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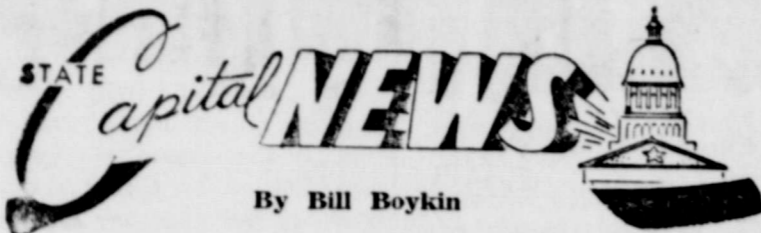
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By Bill Boykin

Austin — Insurance again made headline news on three fronts here.

* President Nixon's Phase 2 inflation controls, the State Insurance Board said, will mean lower premium rates for hundreds of thousands of Texas homeowners.

* Lawmakers threatened to "put the state in the insurance business" unless rates are reduced for a new catastrophe pool design-

ed to protect hurricane and other disaster-prone areas.

* An American Insurance Association executive offered to "guarantee" that no-fault auto insurance in Texas would bring a minimum cut of 25 per cent in bodily injury and property damage coverage rates.

New homeowners' insurance rates are expected to be issued May 1, effective June 1. A federal price commission order of a 37.5 per cent cut in the Board's "trend factor" (aimed at keeping rates up with normal inflation) may mean a reduction of 2.1 per cent in the Central Inland Territory. Usual rating formulas would have meant an increase of 5.9 per cent there.

While most fire and extended coverage will go up, the rise will be lower than expected due to new federal limits.

The State Insurance Board proposes to cut catastrophe pool rates for non-beach property about a third. Insurance companies strongly resisted. Legislators at a rate hearing retorted that the rate may have to get into the insurance business.

Under the pool, authorized last year by the legislature, insurance companies are required to join in providing coverage for areas of the coast which cannot buy policies in the regular market.

The State Board of Insurance is studying effects of various no-fault insurance plans which provide compensation from a driver's own policy regardless of whether he was at fault in an accident.

MORE TIME SOUGHT — Texas is seeking more time to avoid loss of \$24 million in highway funds.

Gov. Preston Smith has asked U. S. Secretary of Transportation John Volpe to extend the deadline for adopting prohibitions against additional erection of billboards adjacent to interstate and primary highways. A transportation department hearing officer proposed a May 31 deadline for the state act. Smith asked until Sept. 1, start of the new fiscal year.

The Governor noted a special session of the legislature must be called to enact appropriations for the fiscal year beginning Sept. 1.

The session may be timed before May 31, Smith said, but a later date would be "preferable."

Lt. Gov. Ben Barnes said the potential penalty of \$24 million for lack of a billboard act demands that Smith call an immediate special session of the legislature.

BRINE DISCHARGES HIT — Parks and Wildlife Executive Director James Cross told a Senate study committee the Railroad Commission overruled 100 P.W.D.

objections to brine discharges into public waters last year.

The Railroad Commission has authority to permit the discharges from oil field operations, although P.W.D. has assigned responsibilities to protect marine life.

A Commission staff member could remember no case where an oil operator's application for a discharge permit had been turned down. He said the Commission attempts to "educate" operators to avoid oil spills or threatens to revoke production allowances where conditions appear likely to cause spillage.

Cross suggested reviving of a bill to authorize the state to demand compensation for fish kills due to pollution.

AG OPINIONS — Atty. Gen. Crawford Martin held the state cannot pay the cost of primary elections without legislative authorization and appropriation, but he went back to a Dallas federal court for guidance.

In other recent opinions, Martin concluded:

* Texas State Technical Institute has no authority to grant baccalaureate or bachelor degrees in technical education and technology at its James Connally campus in Waco.

* Texas Water Quality Board and Water Development Board must approve state loans to local governments for construction of waste water treatment facilities.

OIL ALLOWABLE SOARS — Texas Railroad Commission lifted the oil production allowable to 86 per cent of potential — highest in 13 months and third highest since "wide open" days right after World War II.

At the same time, Chairman Byron Tunnell warned that crude oil stocks — at 87.9 million barrels — are the lowest since 1966 and 20.2 million barrels less than a year ago.

Tunnell said pumping at the rate of a year ago would yield 100,000 barrels a day less oil.

Highest previous allowables since post-World War II days were 87.3 per cent in November 1970 and 87 per cent in October 1970. Maximum production for March is 4,074,850 barrels a day.

FEED LOT RULE REWRITE ORDERED — Texas Water Quality Board staff members have been ordered to rewrite a proposed regulation which would permit WQB Executive Director Hugh Yantis to issue or deny feed lot permits.

Both ecologists and cattle and poultry raisers opposed allowing Yantis such authority without requirement of notice or public hearing. Cattle and poultry industry spokesmen expressed doubt they could comply and opposed defining agricultural wastes as "ecological contaminants."

Short Snorts

Governor Smith named as the first Texas student ever to serve on a state university board of regents Richard Allen Moore III, a black law student at the University of Texas. Moore, 28, will be a regent at Texas Southern University, Houston. Wells Stewart of Houston was reappointed to the same board.

Sen. John G. Tower designated as his reelection campaign manager Mrs. Nola Smith of Austin, first Texas woman to run a statewide campaign.

Guidelines for implementing a new quarter system for Texas schools were reviewed here last week.

A record turnover in both the House and Senate is seen.

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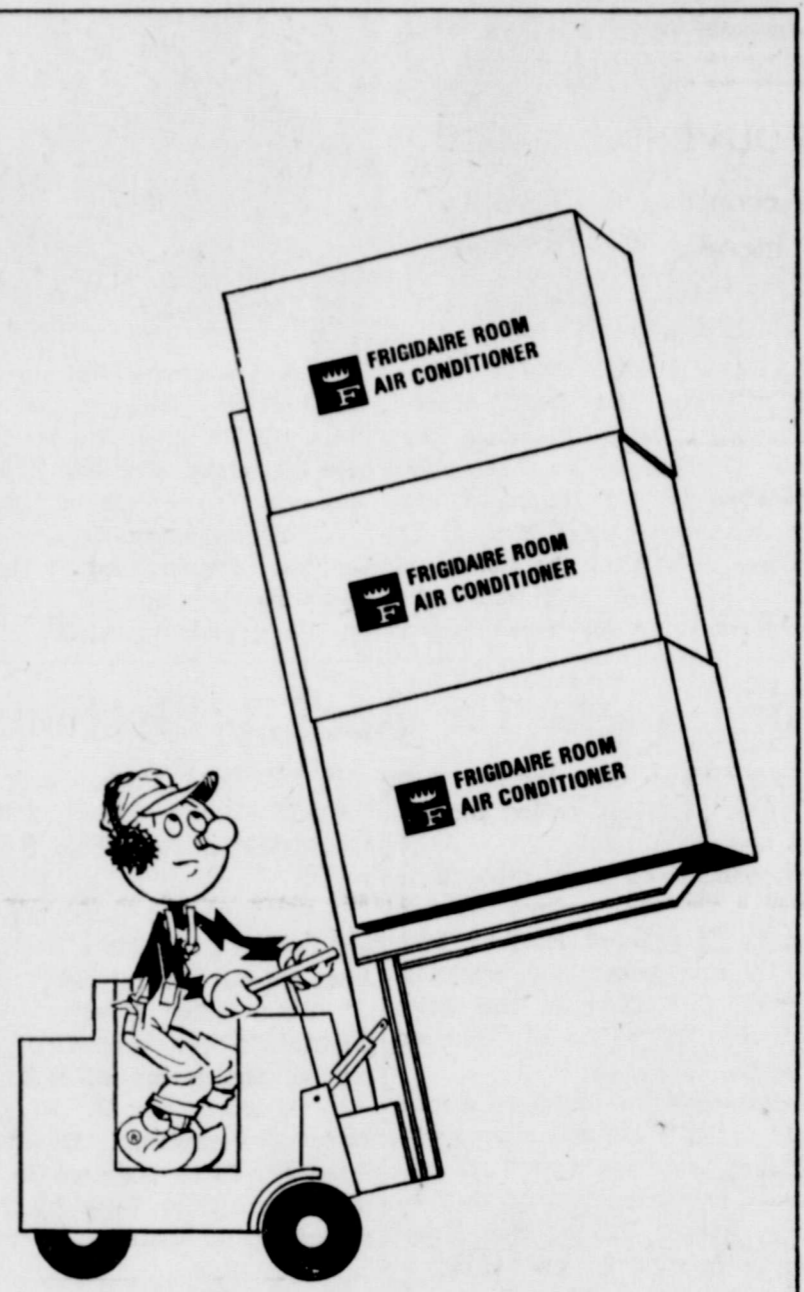
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Coke Easter Seal Drive Ready to Begin

The 1972 Easter Seal Appeal will open in Coke County on Monday, Feb. 28, according to Judge W. W. Thetford, who serves as Easter Seal representative for the county.

Judge Thetford said that Easter Seal Appeal letters would begin arriving at homes in the county about Feb. 28.

As Easter Seal representative, he is the person to contact to request rehabilitation services from the Easter Seal Society for Crippled Children and Adults of Texas. These services include physical and occupational therapy, speech and hearing programs and special information services to help solve the many problems faced by the families of handicapped children and adults.

Last year over 22,000 handicapped

people received help from the Texas Easter Seal Society. With the costs of providing expert professional care rising, more money than ever will be needed.

Funds help support 19 centers in Texas, where crippled children and adults are treated, regardless of their ability to pay. Walkers, wheelchairs, and related services are provided to those who cannot provide for themselves.

"The people of Texas have always responded generously to helping the handicapped, and I feel certain they will make it possible to increase Easter Seal services to crippled Texans throughout the coming year," Judge Thetford said.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

I know all the readers of your paper know my position with reference to war and killing.

The Commandments say, "Thou shalt not kill," and since you all know I am plugging for Senator McGovern for the Presidency, may I emphasize the fact that had we had a McGovern for President the last two administrations, we would still have at home and alive the 36,000 dead, plus many more thousands maimed for life, plus the billions cost of carrying on a war that benefits no one but the profiteers. If we could convert this expense into savings, we could reduce the national debt instead of increasing it.

May God help us to see the light and vote for a man who will stop this craze for profit. Everyone knows that if you take the profit out, there would be no war. Furthermore, if you stop the war you will stop about 90 per cent of the crime that has involved our nation the last two administrations.

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BOND ELECTION —
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cents per \$100 to retire them in 10 years.

Coke County at present has no bonded indebtedness, since the last of a number of bond issues was paid off in 1969. The only indebtedness of the county is \$83,763.00 in machinery warrants. Of this amount, \$21,000 was due to be paid this month, which leaves a debt of \$62,763.00.

Included in the proposed project are:

- * Sealcoating approximately 210 blocks in Robert Lee.

- * Sealcoating approximately 170 blocks in Bronte.

- * Construction of 12 or more blocks of new paving.

- * Expenditure of approximately \$35,000 for bridge construction in rural areas.

- * Sealcoating county to CVR II
- * Sealcoating paved county roads in rural areas.

It is estimated by the county's engineer that approximately \$98,000 will be spent in Precincts 1 and 3, while approximately \$85,000 will be spent in Precincts 2 and 4. Officials said the remaining \$17,000 will go for various fees and miscellaneous expenses required in any public construction job.

All registered voters are urged to cast their ballots Saturday.

Hospital News

Feb. 15

Mrs. R. C. Sawyer admitted. E. A. Lanier, Leon Sockwell dismissed.

Feb. 16

Velma Thomason, Kevin Counts, Mrs. Keith Hood, Mrs. Louis Minjarez admitted. Allie Childress, W. E. Jacoby, Perry Mullis dismissed.

Feb. 17

Miss Iva Snead admitted. Mrs. Louis Minjarez, Zelma E. Brooks, Annie Woods dismissed.

Feb. 18

Mrs. John Bailey, Bill Casey, Mrs. Malindy Hickman, Mrs. Ray Shandley admitted. Kevin Counts dismissed.

Feb. 19

Buster Pierce admitted.

Feb. 20

Mrs. Bryan Gartman, Perry Mullis admitted.

Feb. 21

Mrs. R. C. Lasswell, Leon Sockwell, Walter Hester admitted. Bill Casey, Mrs. Ray Shandley, Miss Iva Snead dismissed.

As of Tuesday morning there were 17 patients in the hospital, and 24 in the nursing home.

Brady Services For Mrs. Coalson

Mrs. A. E. (Hallie) Coalson, 82, of Melvin died at 4:35 p.m. last Thursday in a Brady hospital.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Saturday in Wilkerson Memorial Chapel in Brady, with burial in Rest Haven Cemetery there.

She was born Dec. 19, 1889, in Turnersville and had been a McCulloch County resident 14 years. She was a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include three stepsons, John Coalson of Meadow, Ray Coalson of Bronte and Oren Coalson of Sinton; a sister, Mrs. J. R. Johnson of Melvin, and several nephews and nieces, including Mrs. Lois Mae Smith of Robert Lee. Mrs. Frank Coalson of Robert Lee is a daughter-in-law.

Local relatives attending the funeral included: Willis Wayne Smith, Mrs. Lois Mae Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Royce Smith and Mrs. Frank Coalson, all of Robert Lee; and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Coalson of Bronte.

BCD MEETING —
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on the golf course at Robert Lee. President Hugh Lewis presided at the meeting and announced that 32 sustaining membership checks have been received, with 17 of the payments coming from Robert Lee businesses. A follow-up letter to firms who usually become sustaining members, but have not paid this year, is planned, he said.

Postmaster Lewis also reported that he is still busy working with U. S. Postal Service authorities in an effort to get the morning mail dispatch restored. He said he has reason to believe the effort may be successful.

Lewis told BCD members that the Robert Lee Cemetery Association had a business meeting last Thursday and a committee was appointed to work up a slate of new officers for the coming year. He said those present agreed to change the name of the cemetery association from Robert Lee to Hayrick Cemetery Association, due to the fact that Hayrick Masonic Lodge of Robert Lee owns the land on which the cemetery is located. He pointed out that the name change would allow the cemetery to accept gifts which would be tax exempt. It was emphasized, however that the name, "Robert Lee Cemetery," will not be changed—only the name of the association.

Commissioner Fern Havins told those present that a federal grant was obtained in the amount of \$3,000, which is being used to improve all the cemeteries in the county. The money has been in use and the work in progress for the past few months.

S. E. (Skinny) Adams reported that improvements are planned on property which his family owns adjoining the cemetery. He said a new wooden fence with brick pillars and some cedar trees are in their plans.

Allen, who is also head of the UCRA, said Mayor Wilson Bryan had given the river authority the go ahead to get the final estimate on the cost of building a pipeline from Lake Spence to the city's water treatment plant. Mayor Bryan said as soon as the estimate of the cost came through, the city would apply for a federal grant to help pay for the project. He said, even if Mountain Creek Lake were full, the City of Robert Lee would still need to go ahead with this project to insure plenty of water for the future. He said back records show 600,000 gallons per day was the top amount of water used at peak periods. This amount could be provided with a gravity flow pipeline, he said, without the use of booster pumps.

The mayor also asked that everyone remember the forthcoming elections in the school district, city and hospital district, and that candidates are needed to run for the offices involved.

Guests of the BCD were Richard Dodson, County Treasurer; Mrs. Jerry Thomason and Deputy Sheriff Don Thorpe. Two sustaining members and 13 regular members were present.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Mr. Oglesby:

Thank you for your editorial in last week's Observer and Enterprise. I do hope our citizens realize that progress is never accidental and is never free. But in the long run progress always pays. If they realize this truth, they will vote FOR Saturday. Again, thank you.

Jessie N. Yarbrough

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Car, Truck Collide At RL Intersection

A collision of a 1966 Chevrolet and a semi-rig occurred about 12:30 p.m. last Wednesday. Driver of the car was Richard Wilson Bryan of Robert Lee and driving the truck was Abel Medien Guzman of San Angelo. The truck belonged to San Angelo By-Products Co.

Highway Patrolman Bobby Hart, who investigated the accident, said the collision occurred when the truck attempted to pass the car. The truck sideswiped the car, went out of control and turned over. The accident occurred just inside the south city limits of Robert Lee at the intersection of Highway 208 and East 4th St. Hart said he filed on Guzman for being on the wrong side of the road approaching an intersection.

Bryan received a cut on his head, but no one was seriously hurt. The car received extensive damage and the truck received some damage.

Accidents Down

Hart said accidents in Coke County were down in 1971, compared to 1970. He investigated 54 accidents in 1970, and only 33 in 1971. He added there was a possibility some occurred which were not investigated, however.

An Observer want ad will do it.

FIRE ON MENIELLE RANCH

Robert Lee Fire Department was called out about 2 p.m. last Wednesday to fight a grass fire on the L. B. Menielle Ranch. One truck and 500 gallons of water were used during the approximately two hours it took to bring the fire under control. Between 25 and 30 acres were burned. It is thought the fire was started from some welding operations on oil field equipment in the area.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Aldridge and family of Jal, N. M., were weekend guests in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Robertson.

Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Boone of Fort Stockton spent the weekend here visiting in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sloan Boone.

Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Ham-bright and girls spent the week at Fort Worth visiting Mr. and Mrs. Rex Martin and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Beene. Both the Martins and Beenes are former Robert Lee residents.

Jackie Lee Wallace of Waco spent the weekend here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Wallace Jr.

Mrs. Keith Hood had major surgery at West Coke Hospital last Thursday. She is making a good recovery.

Heart Fund Drive Set for Thursday

Annual heart fund drive will be held here today (Thursday) and will be conducted by the Lions Club and the Boy Scouts. They will meet at the Scout Hut at 5:30 p.m. for a canvass of the city.

Mrs. Kenneth Lackey is president of the Heart Association for Coke County and Hank Baker is chairman for the fund drive.

Mrs. Willie B. Millikin is vice president for Coke County and responsible for the fund drive in Bronte, which will be conducted by the Eastern Star in the near future.

Sunday, Feb. 27, has been designated as Heart Fund Sunday.

An estimated 670,000 lives are claimed by heart disease each year, and it is America's number one killer.

Contributions to the Heart Fund go to battle heart attack, stroke, high blood pressure, rheumatic fever and inborn heart defects.

Mrs. Lackey urged everyone to support the fund drive.

Mrs. Bryan Gartman was transferred Sunday to West Coke Hospital from Shannan Hospital in San Angelo where she was a patient for a week following surgery on a broken hip. She is reported to be recovering satisfactorily.

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RL Scouts Second At First Aid Meet

Approximately 130 Boy Scouts, leaders and judges assembled at Camp Sol Mayer near Fort McKavitt Feb. 19 for the Annual Tri-Rivers District First Aid Meet. Patrol team competition in the meet was stressed, with patrol members taking rotating parts as team captains. Patrols competed to meet standards set up by the First Aid Committee, which was headed by Sam L. Williams of Robert Lee, chairman, Health and Safety Committee of the Tri-Rivers District of the Concho Valley Council of the Boy Scouts.

First place troop was Troop 439 of Ballinger, Scoutmaster Bill Clifton. The three patrols in this troop had an overall average of 95.16 points out of a possible 100. Second place awards went to two troops, Troop 461 of Robert Lee, Scoutmaster Gene Hinnard and Troop 428 of Menard, Scoutmaster Daryl R. Lewis. Both troops had patrol averages of 94.25. Third place went to Troop 423 of Brady, Scoutmaster Joe J. Huro.

Upon completion of the First Aid Meet, a number of the troops set up camp in the campsites at Sol Mayer and spent the remainder of the weekend camping and working on Scoutercraft skills.

Williams expressed great satisfaction with the capabilities shown by the Scouts in their First Aid proficiency.

Mrs. Ruth Jenkins of Bryan spent last week here visiting her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Matlock.

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BIRTHS

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Beene of Fort Worth are parents of a daughter born Jan. 29 in a hospital there. Her name is Shannon Marie and she weighed seven pounds, 11 ounces. Mrs. Beene is the former Wanda Martin.

Grandparents are Mrs. Theresa Martin and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Beene, all of Fort Worth.

The Beenes are former residents of Coke County. He was employed with Freese, Nichol and Endress, Consulting Engineers.

HD Agents Meet For Work Session

District VII Home Demonstration Agents spent Thursday in Robert Lee in a work planning session. Miss Vera Adams, District Agent for the area, was in charge of the meeting which began at 9:30 a.m. in the Recreation Hall.

The day was spent in working on coordinated plans for the year, July 1, 1972, to June 30, 1973. Upcoming events were also discussed.

Mrs. Fay C. Roe, Coke County Home Demonstration Agent, hosted the meeting.

Attending were Miss Adams; Miss Robert Watters, CHDA Taylor County; Mrs. Donna Thomas, Asst. CHDA Taylor County; Miss Kaye Harkey, Asst. CHDA Tom Green County; Mrs. Norva Kuykendall, CHDA Tom Green County; Mrs. Jean Holland, CHDA at Large; Miss Diane Durrett, CHDA Schleicher County; Mrs. Juanita O'Connor, CHDA Runnels County; Mrs. Mary L. Rowland, CHDA Nolan County; Mrs. Jean K. Wright, CHDA Menard County; and Miss Beth Steward, Asst. CHDA Coleman County.

Other agents attending were Mrs. Carolyn Osbourn, Llano County; Mrs. Bernice Murry, San Saba County; Mrs. Leta Ann Metzger, Gillespie County; Mrs. Vyvien Duncan, McCulloch County; Mrs. Bessie Parker, Coleman County; Mrs. Anita Jarvis, Blanco County; and Mrs. Roe.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Benny F. Casey left Friday for their home in Fontana, Calif., after spending 10 days here visiting his father, G. C. Casey, and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Casey and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Wrinkle went to Crane Monday night to visit with the Gary L. Davis family. The Davis small son, Gary Von, 4, died Monday after a car-pedestrian accident. Mr. and Mrs. Davis have two other sons, John F. and Barry B., both of the home. The child's maternal grandmother is Mrs. Imogene Griffin of Bronte.

Weekend visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Walker were their children and their families, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Walker and her mother, Mrs. Delphia Benson, and Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Wayne Walker and children, all of San Angelo.

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Palmer spent Saturday in San Angelo visiting in the home of his brother and family, the W. J. Palmers.

Willie I. Tubb, a resident of West Coke Nursing Home, suffered a stroke early Sunday. His nephew and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Tubb of Blackwell, spent the day with him.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Reid visited Sunday in San Angelo with their children and their families, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Sword, Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Reid and Lvon Reid.

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Area Sheep and Goat Raisers Facing Important Decision in Referendum

Texas sheep and goat producers will vote March 27-31 in a mail referendum being held to finance more effective predator control measures in Texas.

The referendum, sponsored by the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association, will be conducted in

73 counties of Texas which contain 97 per cent of the state's sheep and goat population and 81 per cent of the producers. Permission for conducting the referendum was granted by the Texas Department of Agriculture at a hearing held in Austin Jan. 7. Ballots will be mailed 15 days prior to March 27.

The state's sheep and goat producers say they are in serious trouble due to the unchecked invasion of predatory animals. Although control measures have been in effect for many years, most livestockmen do not believe the program is adequate, spokesmen from the association said. If approved, the referendum will allow a deduction to be made on sheep and goats marketed to provide additional funds for financing a stronger and more effective predator control program in Texas.

Ranchmen contend that if predators are not controlled more effectively, their multi-million dollar industry will be virtually wiped out. Documented economic losses suffered by sheep and goat producers in Texas in recent years is staggering. According to the Texas Crop Reporting Service, sheep and goat losses to predators totaled more than 305,000 head in 1967. Value of these animals, excluding the loss of

wool and mohair production, was more than \$3,000,000.

The fiber loss is even more damaging to the state's economy since the average value of these raw products which would normally be produced by these animals, had they survived, would be in excess of \$50 million. Wool and mohair has provided a healthy input to the Texas economy for more than 100 years, but this industry is in danger of being destroyed because ranchmen are finding it increasingly difficult to maintain production because of predator losses.

In wool production alone, major producing counties have shown a tremendous decrease from 1960 to 1970. For example, Pecos County has had a 41 per cent decrease in wool production during that time. The county produced 2,069,000 pounds of wool in 1960, as compared to 1,212,000 in 1970. Some other wool and mohair producing counties have had decreases up to 90 per cent.

In a questionnaire sent to a representative number of sheep and goat producers in 77 Texas counties, the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association learned that coyotes and bobcats are considered the most damaging predators in two-thirds of the counties polled, with dogs being considered a primary problem in 30 counties. Other predators listed as being particularly troublesome were red fox, raccoons, skunks, Russian hogs, wolves and lions. It also was learned in the survey that the majority of predator losses occur in the spring, with the winter months being considered the second most destructive time. The fewest losses occur during the summer and fall, the survey indicated.

Most comments indicated the red fox was primarily a problem during lambing and kidding periods. It was also noted in the survey returns that three of the predators listed are animals which were introduced into the sheep and goat producing areas and are not native — the dog, red fox and Russian hog.

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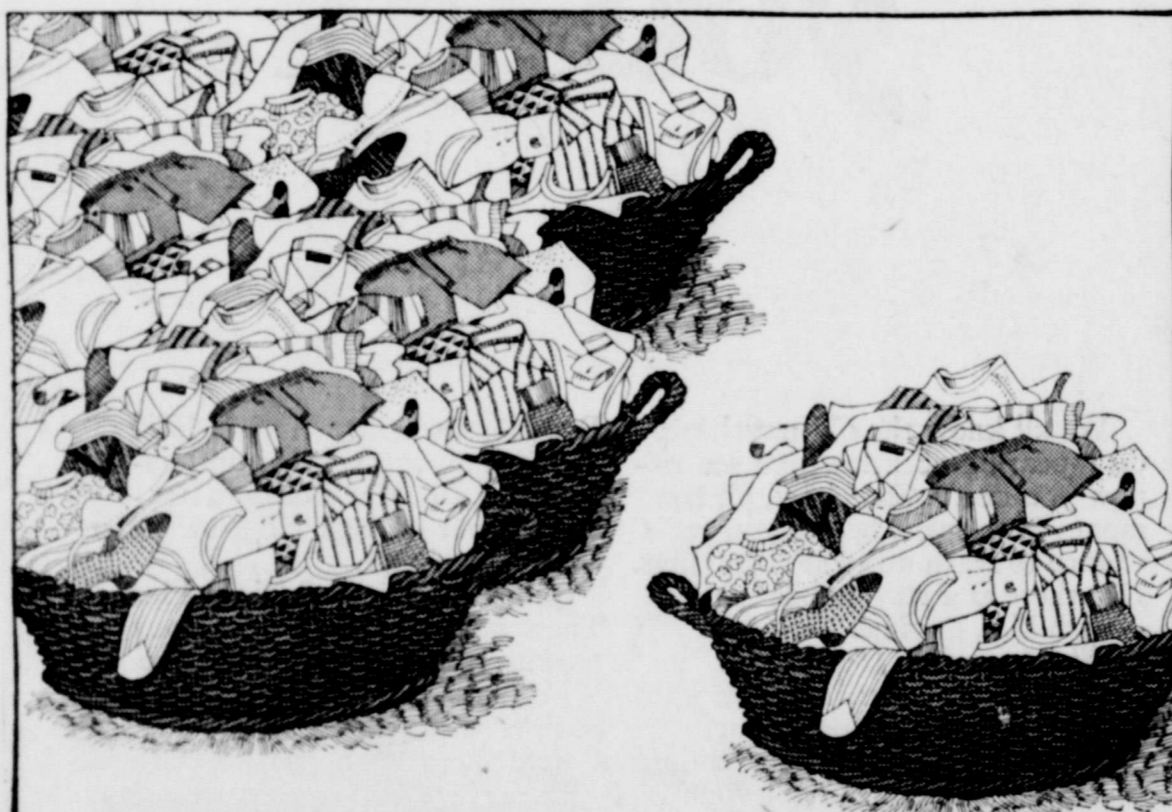
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An Old Fashion RECIPE

(Continuing this week are some items of interest from our 100 year old cookbook. We hope our readers are enjoying them.)

Mock-Turtle Soup

Clean and wash a calf's head, split it in two, save the brains, boil the head until tender in plenty of water; put a slice of fat ham, a bunch of parsley cut small, a sprig of thyme, two leeks cut small, six cloves, a teaspoonful of pepper, and three ounces of butter, into a stew pan, and fry them a nice brown; then add the water in which the head was boiled, cut the meat from the head in neat square pieces, and put them to the soup; add a pint of Madeira and one lemon sliced thin, and Cayenne pepper and salt to taste; let it simmer gently for two hours, then skim it clear and serve.

Make a forcemeat of the brains as follows: put them in a stew pan, pour hot water over, and set it over the fire for a few minutes, then take them up, chop them small, with a sprig of parsley, a saltspoonful of salt and pepper each, a tablespoonful of wheat flour, the same of butter,

and one well-beaten egg; make it in small balls, and drop them in the soup fifteen minutes before it is taken from the fire; in making the balls, a little more flour may be necessary. Egg-balls may also be added.

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For Constable, Precinct 1:
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Lunchroom Menu

Monday, Feb. 28

Italian spaghetti and cheese, English peas, carrot and coconut salad, hot rolls, butter, milk, oatmeal cookies.

Tuesday, Feb. 29

Barbecued chicken, creamed potatoes, combination salad, hot rolls, butter, milk, peanut butter supreme.

Wednesday, March 1

Ranch style beans, turnip greens, French fries, corn bread, butter, milk, apple cobbler.

Thursday, March 2

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