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Area Plugged for Vacations



Lake Spence Beckons West Texans

This issue of the Robert Lee Observer has been prepared as a Vacation Edition promoting Robert Lee and the Lake Spence area as ideal vacation spots.

It has been prepared for wide distribution. The BCD has taken 1000 copies to be distributed in the Midland, Odessa, Big Spring and other areas. In addition, numerous individuals are distributing it among their friends and co-workers in other areas.

A number of extra copies has been printed and our readers are invited to buy them and mail them to their out of town friends and relatives.

We are deeply indebted to many persons for their help and encouragement in getting out this edition. First and foremost, of course, we are indebted to our advertisers. Most everyone contacted took and ad, most of them big ones. Without this fine support this edition would have been impossible.

3 Screwworm Cases Found

Coke County sustained its second, third and fourth confirmed screwworm cases of 1972 last week. All three cases came from the Silver area. The Wilkes Brothers submitted a confirmed sample taken from a pig; D. R. Coalson submitted a sample taken from a young calf; a third confirmed sample was submitted from Wayne McCabe's place north of Silver.

All operators are encouraged to submit for identification any worms found in livestock. The sterile fly applications are made as soon as possible following identification of samples submitted. The shower received during the weekend increase the danger of a screwworm outbreak in the area, said County Agent Sterling Lindsey. The control program is dependent upon larvae samples submitted by stockmen to hot spot treat the state. Not enough sterile flies are available to treat the entire state on a grid basis.

Regular livestock inspections, delaying surgery where possible, regular spraying, close inspection

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BCD, Lions Club Plan Summer Banquet

Bill Allen, vice president, presided for the Tuesday noon meeting of the BCD. He said that tickets for the summer banquet are ready and that members

would start ticket sales next week. Reagan Brown will be speaker for the affair, set for July 11 at 7:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Tickets will be \$1.75 each. The banquet is a joint venture with the Lions Club.

W. D. McAdams of West Texas Utilities Co. reported that there had been a yearly increase of 33 new meters installed by the company since May 1971.

Allen gave a brief rundown on progress made in getting 1000 copies of the Observer Vacation Edition distributed in Midland, Big Spring and Odessa. He said Murphy and Rochester Co. had promised to help in the Odessa and Midland area.

Jack Shelley of General Telephone Co., a sustaining member, announced that he would retire from that company July 1. He expressed his appreciation for the welcome he has received at BCD meetings.

County Judge W. W. Thetford told the group that the Commissioners' Court would meet next Monday with engineers for estimates on the paving and sealcoating project and that advertising for bids would be underway soon.

Reward Still Offered

Sheriff Melvin Childress said that work was still being carried on concerning the damage at the old Fort Chadbourne Cemetery a few weeks ago. He said that information is being checked out but nothing definite has come of the investigation at this time. The \$1,000 reward is still standing for information which would lead to the arrest and conviction of the party or parties responsible for the damage.

Allen reported that the annual partnership golf tournament here last weekend was a success and one of the best held here so far.

Present were 12 members, Shelley and Richard Dodson, a guest of George Newby.

WEEKEND BRINGS MORE SHOWERS

Robert Lee received 2.7 inches of rain in showers Saturday and Sunday. Lesser amounts were reported at Silver with .2 inch; Sango had a trace, and to the west of town Roy Tinkler had .7 Bronte reported one inch.

Rain showers were still in the forecast as the Observer went to press Wednesday.

REVIVAL MEETING NOW IN PROGRESS AT PECAN

A revival meeting is in progress at Pecan Baptist Church, west of Robert Lee. The Rev. James M. Rogers, a former pastor of the church, is preaching.

Services begin each evening at 8 p.m., according to the Rev. Joseph Yates, pastor, and everyone is invited.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hood spent the weekend at Fort Stockton. They visited in the home of his sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Duncan.

Allens Celebrate 70th Anniversary

The friends of Mr. and Mrs. Hawley Allen wish to extend congratulations to them on this day, their 70th wedding anniversary. We believe you are the one and only Coke County couple that has been privileged to reach this 70th milestone. You have been an inspiration to many and your friends just want to let you know that we have many happy memories of Hawley and Amelia, who were always too busy to grow old and who never lost interest in community and national affairs.

The Allens were married at old Hayrick. No special celebration is planned for today (Thursday).

BAKE SALE SATURDAY

Volunteer Firemen's Auxiliary met June 12 in the City Hall. A finance committee was elected to handle all fund raising. Elected were Sheila Brand, Bonita Copeland and Wainice Clanton, chairman.

A bake sale will be held Saturday, June 17, at 9 a.m. at the Post Office and at 1 p.m. at the West Way Grocery.

Money raised from the bake sale will be used to help pay for the new fire siren.

Next meeting was set for June 26 at 7:30 p.m. in the City Hall.

DONATIONS NEEDED FOR FLOOD VICTIMS

Coke County Chapter of the American Red Cross has been asked to raise \$100 to send to the Rapid City, S. D., flood area.

Bill Allen, chairman of the county chapter, said there is no money in the Red Cross fund and that donations are urgently needed. They may be mailed or taken to him at Robert Lee State Bank.

Mrs. A. E. McCoy was scheduled to undergo major surgery Tuesday in Houston. She has been visiting with her mother the past two weeks.

Golf Tourney Big Success

Sandy Gibbs and Lee Emfinger of San Angelo won the championship flight of the Mountain Creek Golf Association's annual partnership tournament Saturday and Sunday, with a two day score of 135.

Tom Strack and Ed Simmons were second with 137 and Keith and Marlon McCutchen came in third with 138. John Edwards and Jay Sherrard were fourth with 140.

First flight winners were Bob Harris and James Short with 145, followed by Sam Conner and Charles Heggwood in second; Glenn Rodriguez and John Trevino, third, and Ben Aguirre and

Sammy Soto, fourth.

Tops in the second flight were Sam Harvey and Albert David; Bill Eaves and Eddie Sosa; Herbie Heard and Bud Thigpin; and Bob Rainey and English.

In the third flight, Fred Schmickle and Cato Cedillo won first; S. T. Moore and Aubrey Beggerstaff were second; Coy Moses and Al Smith came in third; and in fourth place were W. A. Swafford and Red Davenport.

A spokesman for the golf association said that in spite of the rainy weather, it was the best tournament held thus far and that "everyone had a slogging good time."



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TEXAS PARKS & WILDLIFE GETS 180,000 STRIPER FINGERLINGS

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department biologists have gained a few more striped bass fry and a lot more experience after two weeks of artificial propagation work in Maryland.

The biologists teamed with fisheries experts from Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi, Massachusetts, New Hampshire and the federal government to take advantage of the annual striper spawning run in tributaries of Chesapeake Bay.

Live mature stripers were purchased from commercial fishermen and stripped of eggs and milt. Methods for fertilizing and hardening eggs and the results thereof varied, biologists said, and the overall yield was disappointing.

Texas crews came out with the second largest group of fry — 180,000 — after coping with a variety of problems. These included excessive water turbidity, inadequate holding facilities and a scarcity of suitable adult stripers.

Striped bass are at the fore front of the department's effort to find a large predator fish to revive sport fishing in many Texas lakes. Although it's a salt-water fish, the striper lives and sometimes spawns in streams en-

tering freshwater lakes.

Lake Spence has been rather heavily stocked with the exotic fish and they have been growing quite well.

The 180,000 tiny fish were flown to the department's Lewisville Fish Hatchery, where they will be raised for stocking and further experimentation.

In addition to these fry, the department was given 20,000 more by Louisiana biologists who considered their small hatch too insignificant to be of use.

Texas' striper production during the two weeks was exceeded only by a Florida firm which had five biologists and approximately \$25,000 worth of equipment on hand. The estimated values of equipment used by the department's crew was only \$2,000.

While the experiments were underway, other department employees were driving a fish hauling truck to Maryland to use in bringing back as many adult stripers as possible.

Subsequently 13 adult fish were netted to make the 34 hour trip back to Texas. Unfortunately one died en route leaving 12 survivors which are being kept in a seven acre pond in the San Angelo Fish Hatchery Number Two.

If they survive they will be used in spawning experiments during the spring of 1973.

Wire baskets are ideal for small fish, but when they are left hanging over the side of a movingboat the wire can badly bruise the fish and mar the side of the boat.

CRMWD Local Employees Listed

Lake Spence has a number of employees who stand ready to help vacationers have a pleasant and safe visit to the lake area.

The staff is directed by O. H. Ivie of Big Spring, who is general manager of the CRMWD.

R. A. Schooling is administrative assistant at the lake. Mike Ross heads up the recreation department and is assisted by Royce Hood and Matt Basquez.

In charge of the maintenance at the lake is Dub Metcalf. Others in the department are Keith Hood, Jeeze Eads and Joe Lara.

Johnny Page is in charge of the Odessa-Midland pump station.

Dink Lanier is the lake patrolman.

Wildlife Specialist Here

In addition to the CRMWD employees who work at the lake, R. L. Flanagan, a specialist with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, spends a great deal of his time working in connection with the Lake Spence area. A big part of his duties is to enforce state game and fish laws.

IN GRADUATE SCHOOL

Mr. and Mrs. Russell McBroom and Marilyn took Thomas McBroom to Denton Monday to enroll in graduate school. They also visited in Dallas, Corsicana, Temple, Holland and Brownwood. The McBrooms expect another son and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Robert McBroom of Gainesville, Fla., to arrive here Sunday for a week's visit. He is working on his Ph.D. degree at the University of Florida and teaching there.

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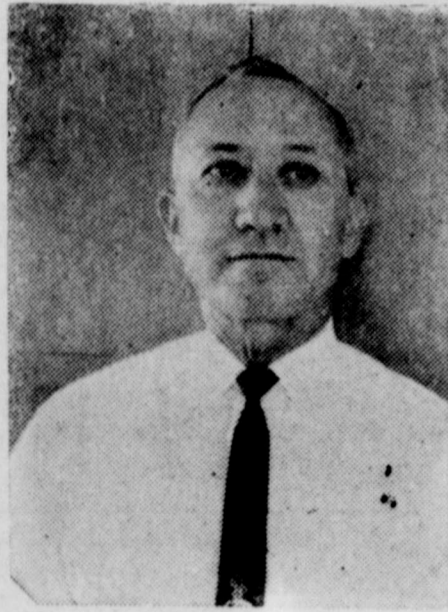
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UCRA PIONEERED FOR LAKE ON COLORADO IN THIS COUNTY

The Upper Colorado River Authority has been active in promoting a lake in Coke County for many years. Directors of the organization have spent much time in their efforts to promote

a dam on the Colorado River in this county.

Although UCRA did not build the Robert Lee dam, directors worked in close connection with the CRMWD in their effort to get it built.

Three Coke County citizens are on the board of directors, including the president, Gerald C. Allen, Robert Lee banker. Other Coke County members are Cumbie Ivey Sr. of Robert Lee and Royce Lee of Bronte.

PERSONALS

Kitten Dean returned last week to her home in Austin following a visit here with her mother, Mrs. Wilson Bryan, and other relatives. She and her brother, Tony, spent several days visiting at the D. H. Kingston Ranch at Balmorra. Mary Kay Baker accompanied them and remained for a three weeks' visit in the Kingston home.

Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Haley returned last week from a two weeks' vacation. They visited in Duncan, Okla., in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Haley, and with her mother, Mrs. Pearl Lacey, at Durant, Okla.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Jones of Freeport spent last week visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Billy M. Jones, at Silver. Also visiting in the Jones home were her parents, Mr. and Mrs. V. W. Lehde, of Sweetwater.

Mrs. Eugene Kegans and son, John Baxter, of Leonard were guests last week of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred L. Beaty. Other recent visitors were another daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Crowder and Lee Anne of Midland.

Recent guests in the D. P. Key home were Mr. and Mrs. Ray Meyer of Marago, Calif., Mr. and Mrs. Ford Shropshire of Evadale, Mr. Carol Reed and Mr. and Mrs. Ansel Reed and Nancy of Ozona.

Temri Kinsey is spending some time this summer visiting her aunt, Mrs. Nerine Kinsey, at Gatesville.

Buddy Wallace will return home today (Thursday) from Florida where he has visited the past week with his sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Jackie Smith. He flew by jet from Dallas.

Courthouse New, Modern

Excellent county government facilities are afforded at Coke County Courthouse in the modern building which was opened in 1956.

Completely fireproof, it has a frame of steel and concrete and the exterior curtain walls are finished with cast stone and brick.

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FISHING REPORT from Lake Spence



For the first time in several weeks, striped bass catches were reported in substantial volume at Lake E. V. Spence.

Gary Williams, Robert Lee, landed a five pounder, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Copeland, Robert Lee, caught three strippers averaging 4½ pounds. Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Tammen, Odessa, had a two pound striped bass along with a string of 10 black bass.

There were other catches of black bass, including Mr. and Mrs. James Hancock, Odessa, with 10 ranging up to 2½ pounds; Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Humphries, Odessa, 12 up to three pounds; Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hickmann, Odessa, six up to two pounds;

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of purchased livestock and submitting samples of all worm cases will help control the screwworm.

If anyone should need mailing cartons, they can be picked up at Key Feed Store or the County Agent's office in Robert Lee; Bob's Cafe in Silver; or Denman's White's Auto Store in Bronte.

DOLPH BRISCOE SPEAKER AT CONTRACTORS' MEETING

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Harmon and Mandy were in Dallas last weekend to attend the annual convention of the Conservation Contractors of Texas Association.

Governor-elect Dolph Briscoe, one of the state's leading conservationists, was speaker for the banquet on Saturday night.

Other featured speakers during the meeting included: E. J. Thomas, state conservationist for the USDA and Soil Conservation Service; Jim Schur, vice president of Wichita Fall Production Credit Assn.; W. L. Sorrell, of the USDA in Washington, and Gerald Rickett, from the state comptroller's office.

There were tours and luncheons for the ladies.

Harmon is a director and is immediate past president of the organization.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank everyone for all the lovely cards, gifts and flowers and for coming to our party for our 50th wedding anniversary. They have all been real blessing to us, and this makes us realize what friends really mean to us.

Leora and Fred McCabe

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to thank all my friends and relatives from the Sanco and Robert Lee communities for the cards, flowers, visits and prayers for me during my stay in the hospital. The card signed by the ones who attended the Sanco Homecoming was appreciated very much. May God bless all of you.

Tennis C. Creighton

NOTICE OF MEETING OF BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Equalization for the City of Robert Lee, will be in session in City Hall, Tuesday, June 20, from 8 P. M. to 9 P. M. Anyone having business with said Board, concerning City Taxes for the year 1972, is hereby notified to be present.

Edna Havins,
City Tax Assessor-Collector
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Joe Truss, Midland, three up to four pounds, and Bill Marshall, Odessa, landed three black bass and nine white bass varying up to three pounds.

Sunfish, which have come on in popularity in recent weeks, still were reflected in the reports. Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Wiggins, Odessa, hooked 25 of them, and Mr. and Mrs. James W. Robertson, Odessa, hooked a like number. Mildred Powell, Odessa, landed 40 sunfish.

Channel cat continue to be the bread and butter catches. Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Fenton, Snyder, had six weighing up to two pounds. Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Richardson, Odessa, boated three channel cat, then a pair of black bass up to five pounds. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Alexander, Odessa, caught one channel cat, but he was a 5½ pounder. Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Stoner, Odessa, averaged 1½ pounds on five channel cats. Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Grubbs, Midland, had three up to three pounds, and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Wolf, Robert Lee, three up to 4½ pounds. Helton and Sammy Goff, Odessa, boated a 15 pound yellow cat.

Hospital News

June 6

Fagan Parker, Velma Thomason admitted. Grace Boykin, Clarence Mitchell dismissed.

June 7

Mrs. Bill C. Green admitted.

June 8

Desma Walker, Mrs. Grady Bagley admitted.

June 9

Ethel Green admitted.

June 10

Clara Gregg, Mrs. Rupert Manley admitted. Mrs. Grady Bagley, Fagan Parker, Mary Payne dismissed.

June 11

Jim McCutchen, Fagan Parker admitted.

June 12

Mrs. J. W. Service Jr. admitted. Mabel Mundell, Ethel Green, Ouida Scott, Mrs. Rupert Manley, Walter Hester dismissed.

Tuesday morning there were eight patients in the hospital and 27 in the nursing home.

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HUNTING HAS BIG POTENTIAL FOR COKE COUNTY LAND OWNERS

Hunting isn't the big deal in Coke County that it is in some neighboring counties to the south and east, but it is becoming more popular and important all the time.

Coke County land owners are becoming more and more aware of the profits to be earned from hunting leases, and many of them are making an effort to encourage wildlife population on their farms and ranches.

Deer, turkey, quail and dove are popular targets for local and visiting hunters during their seasons. More and more hunters

from nearby larger cities are looking toward Coke County as their hunting site.

This trend of hunters' coming to this area is expected to increase with the new existence of Lake Spence, since many outdoorsmen who build cabins on the lake, primarily for water sports, will also want to use them during the colder season as a base of operations for hunting.

Coke County's terrain and climate make it an ideal area for game. Soil Conservation Service personnel explain. The SCS men pointed out that fostering larger numbers of deer, turkey and game birds goes hand in hand with soil conservation practices which are needed for land owners to obtain maximum return from domestic animals which are carried on the land.

A place whose resources are handled right and can carry a good number of cattle or sheep profitably should be able to carry a good number of game animals as well, they pointed out.

Another aspect of potential

hunting in Coke County is the importing and stocking of exotic game animals. A recent survey done for the Coke County Regional Planning Commission determined that the area is ideal for a number of exotic breeds and that they should do well here.

Paul Villaret on his place near Tennyson has stocked some Mountain sheep which are natives of the Mediterranean islands of Sardinia and Corsica. In addition to being great for hunting the wild animals are an excellent source of food.

M. C. Hendry of Silver and C. E. Anrott of Bronte, as well as other Coke County ranchmen, are making some special efforts to help wildlife on their places.

Persons who are interested in obtaining hunting leases in Coke County can receive more information at the courthouse in Robert Lee.

WELCOME

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Fire aboard a small boat can be a terrifying experience.

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Fires aboard boats can usually be prevented by taking proper precautionary measures, according to Texas Parks and Wildlife Department officials.

Since the majority of fires occur immediately after fueling, a few simple steps can save a lot of grief.

The department has these suggestions:

- * When fueling, never fill the tank to the brim.

- * Shut off all engines.

- * Close all ports.

- * Extinguish all cigarettes.

- * Keep the nozzle or spout in contact with the fuel pipe.

- * Wipe up any spilled gasoline, air the rag and store in a tightly sealed container.

- * Before starting the engine, open all ports and let the air flow through for about five minutes.

- * Sniff gas lines and bilges for gasoline vapors, and make sure there are no lingering vapors.

If a fire does break out while underway, slow or stop the boat. Keep the fire downwind from you and shut off fuel supply immediately if the motor is on fire. Then, prompt action with a fully charged fire extinguisher could save your boat and your life.

Visitors in the home of Mrs. Bonnie Robertson were her daughter, Mrs. Faye Hudson, Sharon and Pete of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., Mrs. Elaine Bennett and Kenny and Richard Dumas, Mike, Ricky, Reni, Melodie and Matt of Casper, Wyo.



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Fish Is Great Food Fixed Many Ways

If you have never tried any fish recipe other than fried fish you're in for a real treat.

Fried fish is delicious and a real American tradition — but don't stop there. Fish is suitable for baking, broiling, poaching and even barbecuing.

The cardinal rule to remember when cooking fish is NEVER OVERCOOK IT. Think in terms of minutes, not hours, when cooking.

Fish is already tender, so cook just long enough to heat it throughout. The flesh will turn from a translucent or watery look to an opaque milky white.

Cooking fish develops the flavor. Overcooking destroys much of the flavor because it becomes dried out and tough.

Try the following recipe, then write for more free recipes from the test kitchens of the Parks and Wildlife Department. Send your name and address to: Seafood Recipes, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, John H. Reagan Building, Austin, Texas 78701.

Fish in Chips

- 2 pounds fresh fish fillets
- 1/4 cup lemon juice
- 2 tablespoons Italian Salad dressing

- 2 cups (4-5 oz.) crushed potato chips

- 1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese

- 1/4 cup chopped parsley

- 1 1/2 teaspoons paprika

- 1/2 teaspoon thyme

- tablespoons salad oil

Cut fillets into serving size pieces. Combine lemon juice and dressing. Combine potato chips, cheese, parsley and seasonings. Dip fish in juice mixture and roll in chip mixture. Place fish, skin side down, on a well greased baking sheet, approximately 15 x 12 inches. Drizzle fat over fish. Bake in an extremely hot oven, 500 degrees F., for 10 to 15 minutes or until fish flakes easily when tested with a fork. Serve with lemon wedges. Serves six.

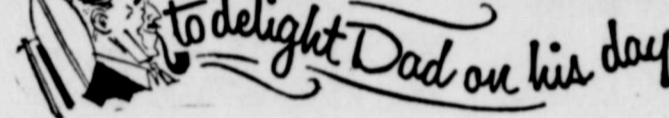
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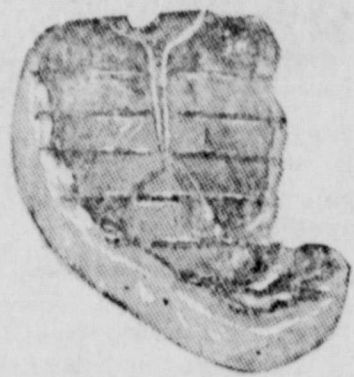
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Section B

Beautiful View of Lake Spence from North

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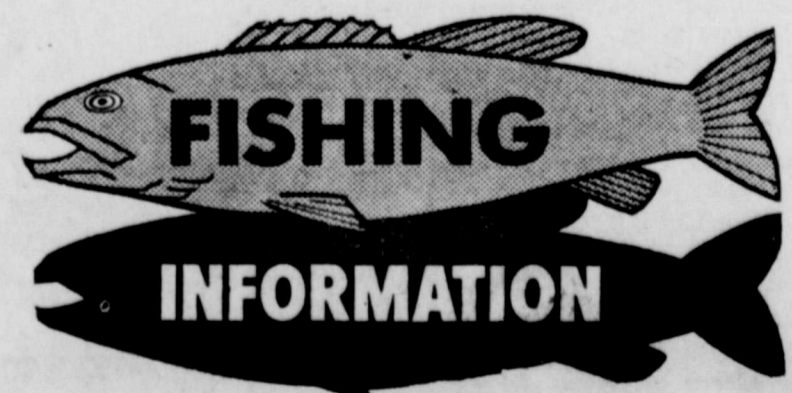
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Hospital Serves Area's Medical Needs

Robert Lee and the surrounding area are served by a new and modern 16 bed hospital and a 29 room nursing home, both in the same health care complex.

The latest laboratory and patient treatment equipment and facilities are available in each. The hospital and nursing home are owned and supervised by the West Coke County Hospital District, which was formed in 1963.

Dr. John D. McDaniel, a general practitioner of internal medicine, is also a surgeon and has been with the hospital since 1946 when the original 12 bed hospital was built. Dr. McDaniel also serves residents in the nursing home.

After formation of the hospital district, the building was enlarged and remodeled and the original hospital was converted into

a nursing home and a new hospital was built. It was again remodeled and enlarged in 1971.

The recent building program made it one of the largest and most complete facilities in a town the size of Robert Lee. It stands ready 24 hours every day to ad-

minister to the ills of area residents.

Mrs. Truman Hines is administrator of this medical center.

LVN and Nurses Aide classes are conducted periodically, taught by hospital personnel and stu-

dents receive on-the-job training there.

Believe it or not, some fish can't stand waves. They get seasick after an extended period of wave washing.



Dr. J. D. McDaniel



A Typical Patient Room at West Coke County Hospital

The Observer, Robert Lee, Texas June 15, 1972

COKE CLIMATE IDEAL FOR RECREATION

Coke County's moderate climate makes it an ideal place for the newest and biggest lake in this area to be located. The weather here is ideal for fishing most days of the year and other water sports may be enjoyed most of the time from early spring until late fall. There are exceptions when the temperature might temporarily become a little nippy.

For the most part, the dry, warm climate of Coke County is ideal for all types of outings, either on water or land.

As an example, during February 1972, there were days and days temperatures rose into the 80s, making for wonderful weather for all kinds of outdoors activities.

As in all West Texas, however, the area is subject to short lived, but violent, thunderstorms and to snow and blizzard conditions on occasion in the winter. However, these cold extremes usually occur during the hunting season, so outdoor people can ordinarily carry on their sportsmen's activities.

These extreme conditions usually don't last long and local residents and visitors alike can know that soon they will see the warming sunshine.

WEST TEXAS TURKEY CROP LOOKS GOOD

It takes rain to grow turkeys in West Texas' Permian Basin.

The resident fowls have slaked their thirsts and are working overtime to make up for last season's poor hatch, according to Texas Parks and Wildlife biologist George Litton of Sweetwater.

Officials are optimistic about this year because, like most other wildlife in the Permian Basin, the turkey flocks thrive in direct proportion to the amount of rain and vegetation.

Observers driving census lines in the area report large numbers of nesting hens and some birds that have already hatched their young.

Take along an old towel or rag when you go fishing. After removing a fish from the hook, wipe the slime off your hands with the towel. Sure saves your pants.

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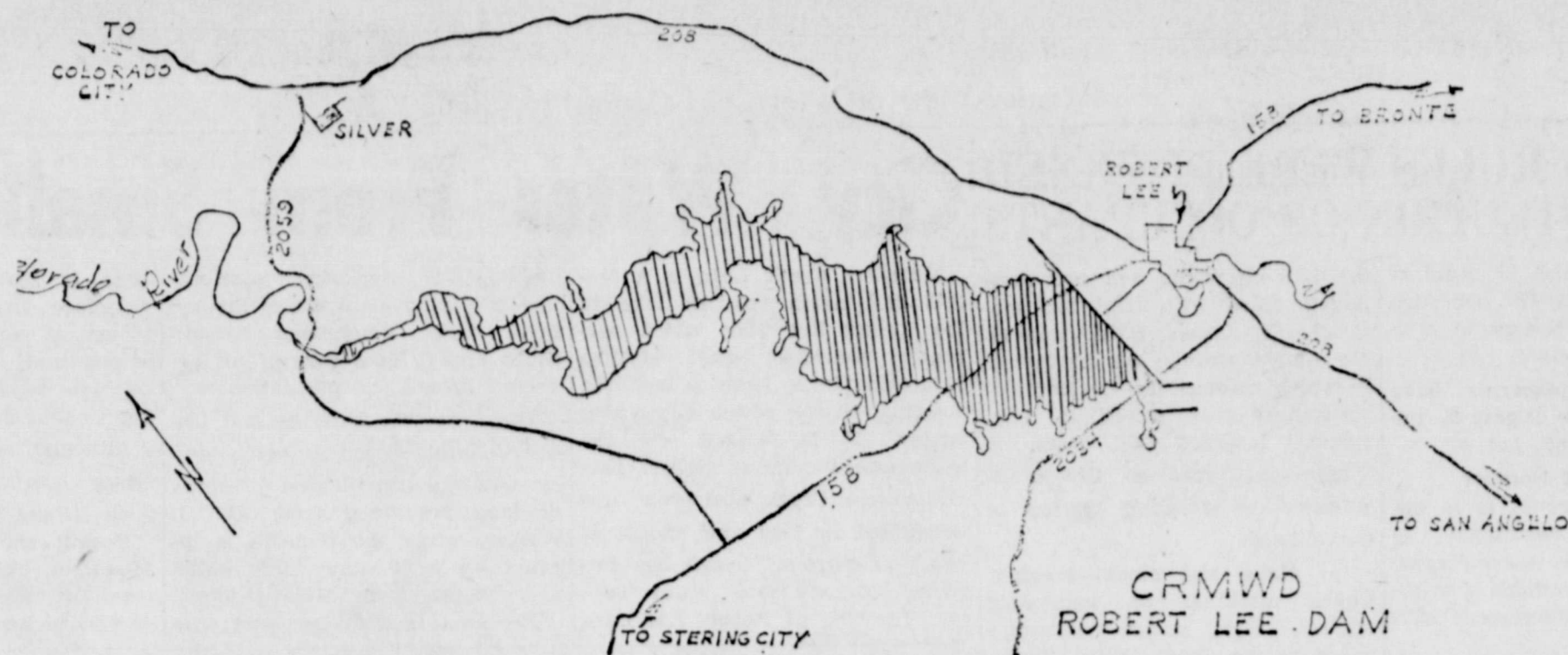
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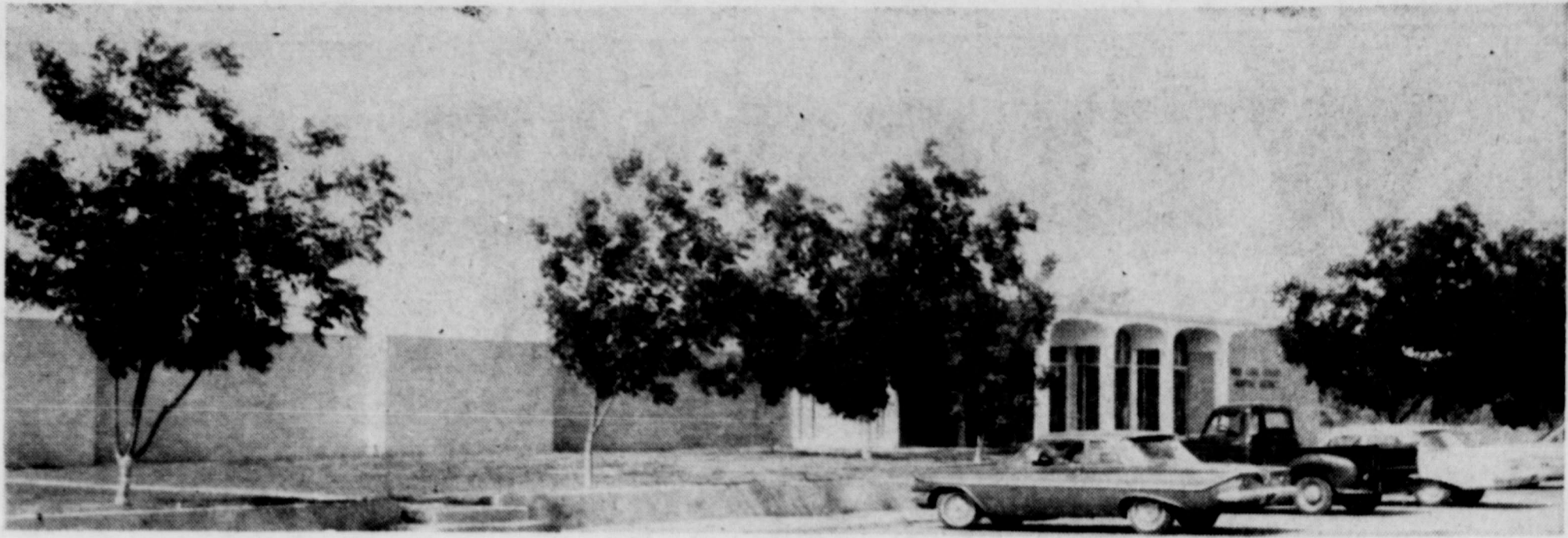
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Exterior View of West Coke County Hospital

BOATING RULES WERE DESIGNED FOR PROTECTION OF OCCUPANTS

Attention is called to some of the laws concerning the operation of boats on Lake Spence as well as others in the state.

The following excerpts have been taken from a Digest of the Texas Water Safety Act:

Certificate of Number

When your motorboat is in operation, your certificate of number or facsimile thereof must be aboard and available for inspection by an enforcement officer.

Display of Number

The number awarded to your motor boat must be painted, decal, or otherwise affixed to both sides of the bow of the boat in such position as to provide easy identification. The number shall read from left to right, must be in block characters of good proportion not less than three inches in height, and must be of a color that contrasts with the background. The 4 numerals must be separated from the prefix and suffix by hyphens or equivalent spaces. Federal and state law prohibits any other number from being displayed on either side of the bow of the boat.

Lifesaving Devices

One Coast Guard approved life preserver, in good serviceable condition for each person on board must be in the boat at all times.

All children under 12 must wear a preserver at all times while in the boat. Ski belts are not approved. Any approved device has a Coast Guard number imprinted upon it. Canoes, rowboats and sail boats also are required to have a Coast Guard approved life saving device on board for each person.

Lights

All motorboats 14 feet in length or less and propelled by motors 10 horsepower or less shall be exempt from lighting provisions except that they shall be required to have a white light to exhibit between the hours of sunset and sunrise.

Larger boats are required to have more lights.

Mirrors

Every motorboat towing a person or persons on water skis, aquaplane or similar device shall be equipped with a rearview mirror of a size no less than four inches in measurement from bottom to top or across from one side to the other. Such mirror shall be mounted firmly so as to give the boat operator a full and complete view beyond the rear of his boat at all times.

Fire Extinguishers

A fire extinguisher will be required if one or more of the following conditions exist: (1) Closed compartments under thwarts and seats wherein portable fuel tanks may be stored. (2) Double bottoms not sealed to

the hull or which are not completely filled with flotation material. (3) Closed living spaces. (4) Closed storage compartments in which combustible or flammable materials are stored. (5) Permanently installed fuel tanks.

Approved types of fire extinguishers are identified by any of the following:

(a) Make and model number. Check markings on nameplate against listing under company's name in the Coast Guard Equipment Lists Booklet CG-190.

(b) "Marine Type" marking. Check nameplate for Underwriters' Laboratories, Inc., marking "Marine Type USCG" followed by the Coast Guard classification of "B-1 or B-11."

(c) Coast Guard approval number. Check for marking of Coast Guard approval number on nameplate.

There are other regulations, but the above cover items most frequently violated.

Fishing Licenses

Any person, 17 to 65 years of age, is required to have a fishing license except anyone fishing in the county in which he resides may fish without a license with a cane pole, throw line, or trot line. Trot lines must have an identification tag bearing fisherman's name, address and date it was set.

Fishing licenses are easily available at many local stores, bait stands, service stations, etc. Permits cost 50 cents per day or \$5.00 for the season.

Regardless of the size of a boat or motor, all motor boats must be registered. Row boats need not be registered.

SAN ANGELO HATCHERY DOES BIG BUSINESS

The San Angelo Number One Fish Hatchery did a land office business in May, according to Al Pettit, hatchery superintendent for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

The hatchery shipped 12,000 sunfish, 37,000 crappie and 44,000 bass fingerlings to public lakes and reservoirs in the West Texas area.

Crappie and sunfish are not available for stocking in private farm and ranch ponds but the hatchery stocked 20,575 bass in private waters last month. The bass were from three to four inches long.

Noiseless Tackle Boxes — Line your tackle box with thin gasket cork, and you can stop the racket made when changing lures. Cork is obtainable in most auto supply stores. Cut the cork to size and glue the cuttings carefully to the bottom and sides of the trays with a water resisting adhesive.

City Water From Small Lake

Mountain Creek Lake is a second and much smaller lake in the Robert Lee area which normally provides good fishing. Mountain Creek Lake is also the principal source of the city water supply. It is located on the northeastern edge of Robert Lee.

Mountain Creek Reservoir was completed in 1950 and except in cases of extreme drouth has furnished an adequate water supply. The City of Robert Lee now,

however, is exploring possibilities for tying onto Lake Spence for those emergency drouth times and to take care of an expected growth in population.

The dam was built by the Upper Colorado River Authority and most of the lake lies on 70 acres of land purchased from D. J. Walker, while the damsite is located on a 20 acre tract which was bought from Millard Meek. The dam is 2,360 feet long; the

base is 260 feet wide and the structure has a 16 foot crown. It has a watershed of 32 square miles and, when full, has an average depth of 13 feet, reaching 49 feet in the deepest places.

Although not large enough for water sports, it has provided good fishing for area residents.

During the past two years, Mountain Creek Lake has been very low two times and city water had to be pumped from wells.

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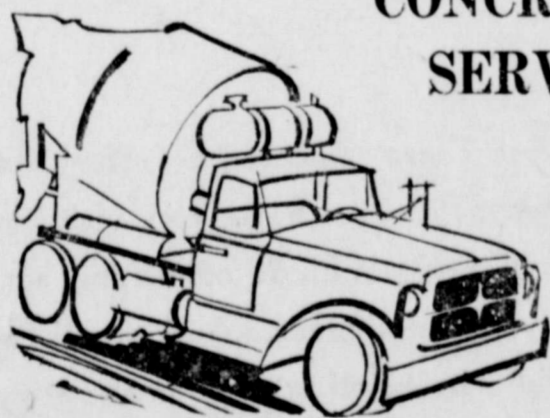
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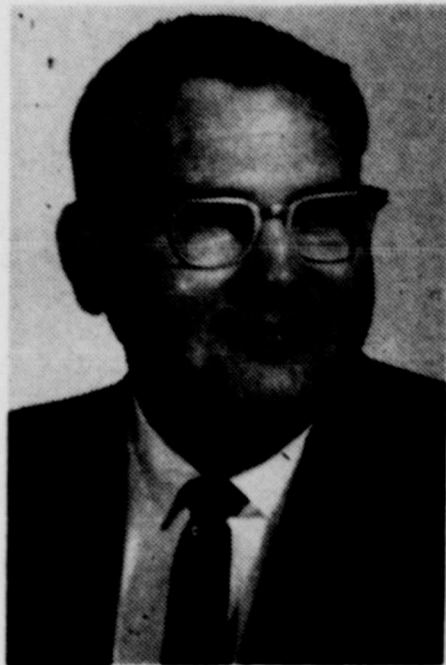
issue in 1968 for the construction.

New on the campus are 11 classrooms, a multi-purpose room, a library, homemaking department, vocational agriculture classroom and shop, lobby, concessions stand, gymnasium, dressing rooms and cafeteria. The band hall and old gymnasium were remodeled and will provide a practice gym. Other buildings, classrooms and offices were redone. The new additions approximately doubled the size of the school.

Also on the campus are a well lighted football field and an all-weather track.

Feeling that good schools rank along with good churches, good homes and good recreational facilities as the backbone of a forward looking community, Robert Lee School District citizens have provided students with far better-than-average educational opportunities and, at the same time, cared for future needs that will come with the growth of the town and lake area.

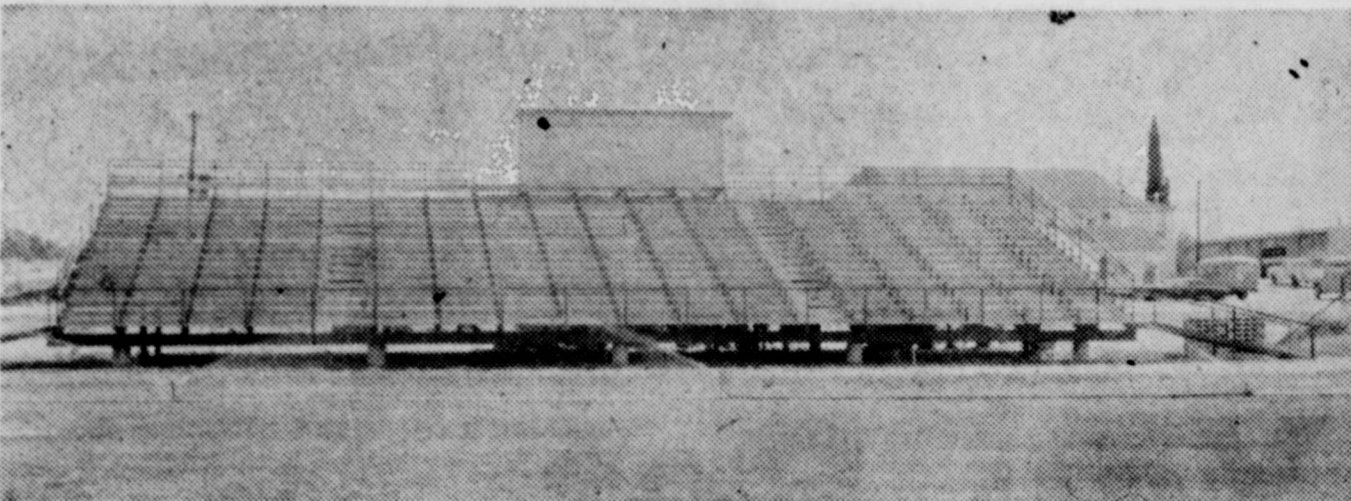
A simple empty coffee can is one of the most useful things in a boat. You can use it to bail water or to toss loose plugs into.



Jimmy Bickley
Superintendent of Schools



Aerial View of Robert Lee School



Home of the Robert Lee Steers

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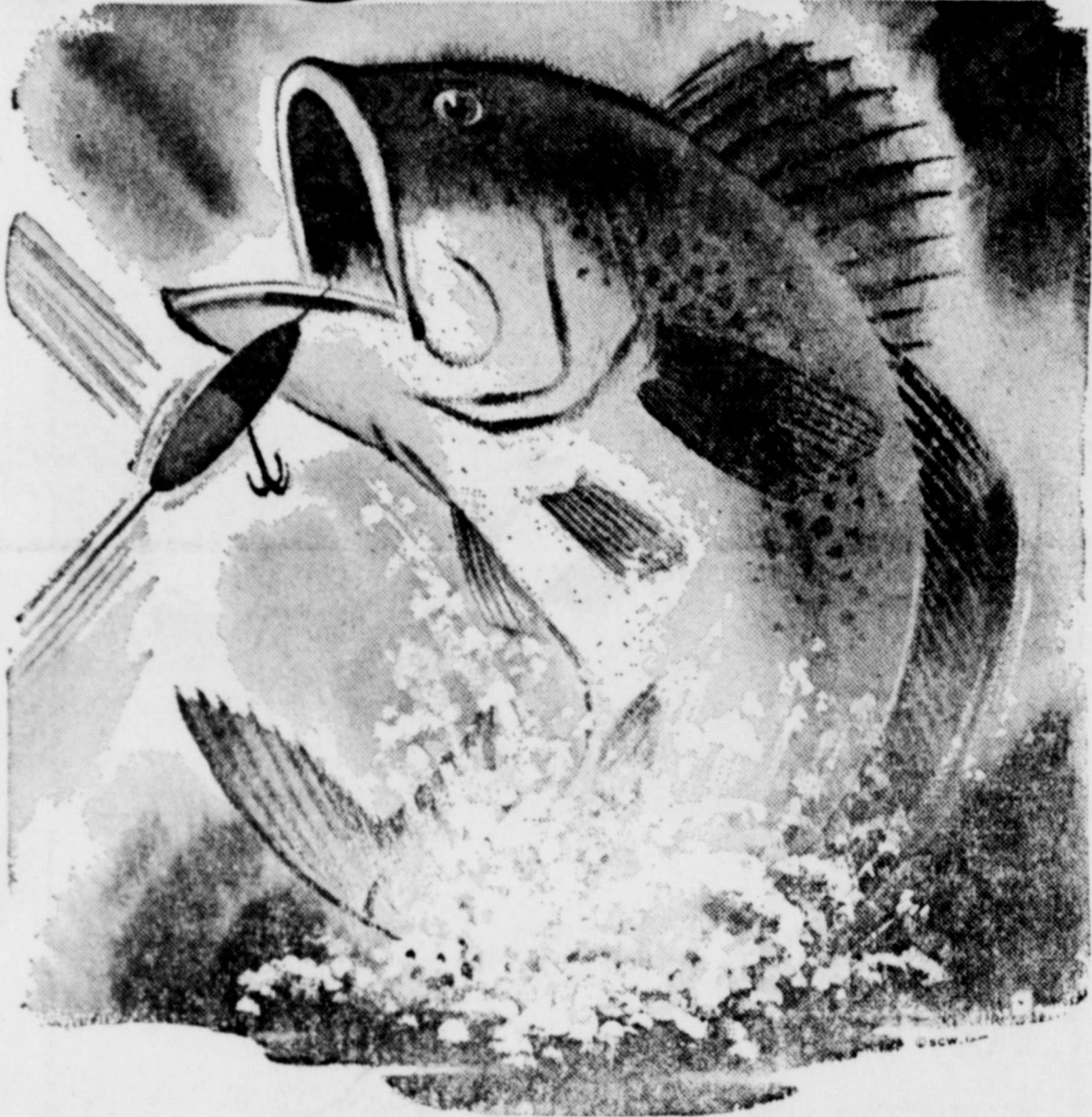
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Section C

Parks, Pool, Golf Course Need Your Use

Visitors in Robert Lee are encouraged to use either one of two parks for family gatherings, picnics and other outings.

The larger of the two parks also has a swimming pool which visitors are invited to use. Swimming lessons are conducted each summer at the pool. The larger, and, older, park is located just inside the city limits of the town. Adjacent to the park is a lighted baseball field.

The park is county owned and operated, and the park and pool were financed by a bond issue in April of 1956. Roads are paved throughout the park area, and the park also contains a large air conditioned recreation hall which is used for parties, banquets, family reunions, community functions and many other activities. It may be reserved by contacting the park caretaker, Lendy Devoll.

The smaller, and newer, park is located near the highway to Lake Spence and is owned by the city.

Picnic facilities are provided here, also.

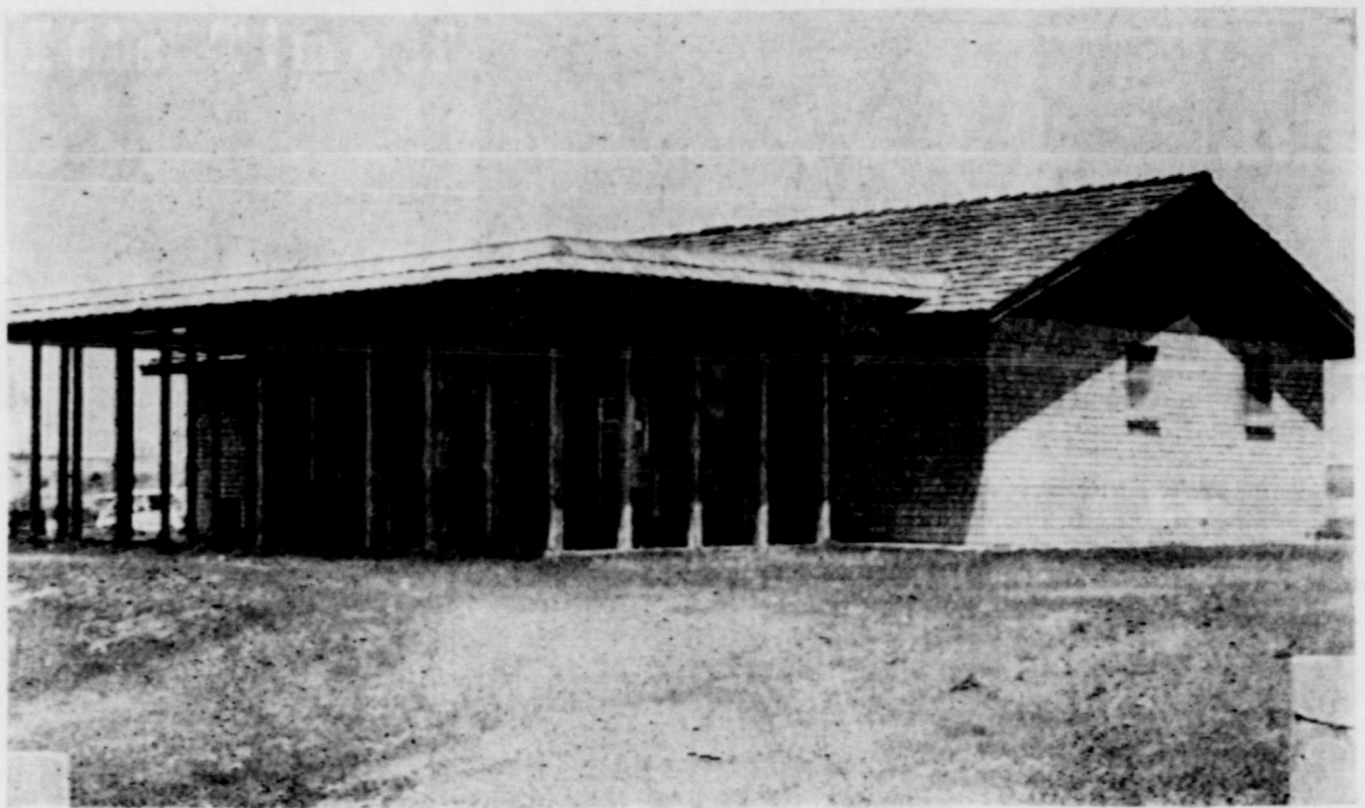
Mountain Creek Golf Course

Adjoining the Robert Lee County Park is the nine-hole Mountain Creek Golf Course, which attracts golfers regularly from many cities of the area. Visitors are ready with praise, saying it is one of the prettiest and best courses in the area. It is operated by the Mountain Creek Golf Association, which has about 50 members.

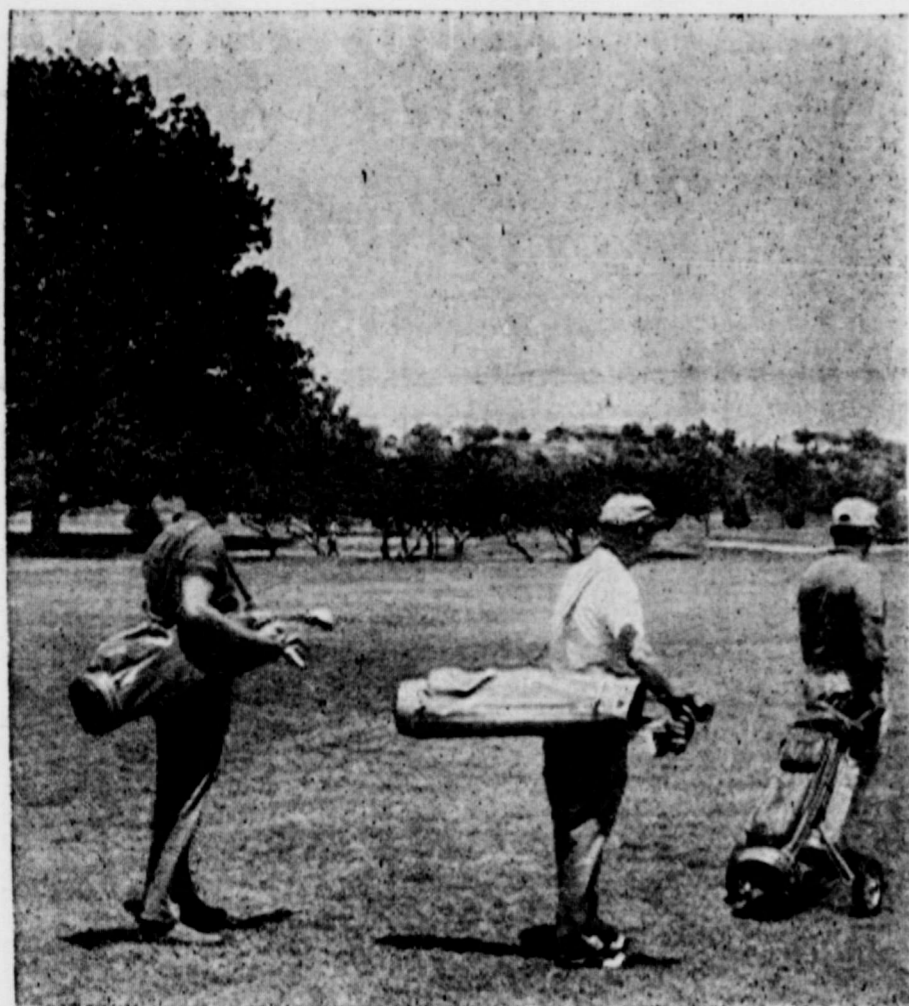
A club house was built at the golf course in 1968 for use of the club members.

The big event of the year at the local course is the annual partnership tournament. This year's edition of the meet was held last Saturday and Sunday. Rich prizes await the winners each year.

Visitors are welcome at Mountain Creek Golf Course and green fees are \$1.50 on week days and \$1.75 on weekends and holidays.



Mountain Creek Golf Association's New Clubhouse



Golfers Stride Across Grassy Course



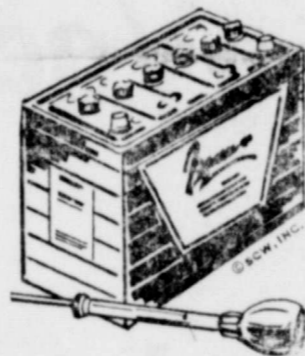
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Robert Lee is also a city of churches, with visitors welcome to all. There are six Protestant churches, one Catholic church and a Latin American Mission church.

Protestant churches include the Emmanuel Pentecostal Church; Robert Lee Baptist Church; Southside Church of Christ; Northside Church of Christ; Full Gospel Church and First United Methodist Church. Pecan Missionary Baptist Church is nearest the lake area, being located west

of Robert Lee several miles.

Services for most of the local groups are held on Sunday morning and Sunday and Wednesday nights, and special revival services are held by most of them during the summer months.

Texas Forts Trail Goes Thru Coke

History buffs will be interested to learn that much of Coke County is on the route of the Texas Forts Trail which covers 680 miles of the West Central portion of Texas.

Beginning at Abilene and Fort Phantom Hill, the trail goes to Fort Griffin in Shackelford County; then to Fort Belknap in Young County; to Fort Richardson at Jacksboro; thence on to Mineral Wells, Ranger, DeLeon, Comanche and to the MacArthur Academy in Brownwood.

From there, it goes to Brady; then to Fort Mason in Mason; to Menard for a view of the Presidio San Saba ruins, then on to Fort McKavett; then to Eldorado, and on to the Fort Concho parade grounds and museum in San Angelo. From San Angelo it comes to Robert Lee, then to Bronze and on to Fort Chadbourne ruins in northeastern Coke County.

Use Monofilament? — Experts agree that monofilament fishing line is superior for use on spinning and spincast reels but some rate it second to good braided line for casting reels.

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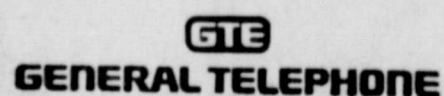
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Coke Is Colorful Place for History Buff

Visitors to Robert Lee and Coke County who are interested in history will find the county rich in historical lore and will receive a special welcome from the Coke County Historical Survey Committee. Mrs. Bryan Yarbrough, of Robert Lee, chairman, said that anyone who would like a guided tour of the county's historical sites will be accommodated.

Persons wishing a guided tour are invited to call Mrs. Yarbrough; Mrs. Winnie Waldrop in the county clerk's office in the courthouse; or Sterling Lindsey or Mrs. Fay C. Roe in the extension office in the courthouse. and a tour will be arranged.

Coke County is located on the Texas Forts Trail, dedicated in July 1968. The county has good highways, paved and well marked, to help travelers. One US highway, two state highways and numerous Ranch and Farm Roads traverse the area.

Fifteen directional markers are spaced throughout the county, calling the traveler's attention to the Forts Trail and to other historic markers. There are 24 historical markers erected at historic spots, and six more markers are planned to be erected in the near future.

Mrs. Yarbrough has listed points of historic interest in the county, including the markers, for the persons who would like to tour the county themselves. In the following list the letters OTHM denote an official Texas Historical Marker. An asterisk (*) denotes Historical Marker site.

Points of Historical Interest

1. Old Ft. Chadbourne, established Oct. 28, 1852, 15 years before the establishment of Fort Concho. It is one-half mile off US 277, 12 mi. NE of Bronte.

*2. Old Ft. Chadbourne Cemetery (1852), adjacent to US 277 near Fort. OTHM "Ft. Chadbourne" at north end of Ft. Chadbourne Cemetery.

*3. Route of the Southern Overland Mail, or Butterfield Trail traverses Coke County from NE to SW, with alternate routes at some points. OTHM on N. side of USS 277 at a point about 1 mi. W. of Ft. Cemetery. OTHM on E. side of "Y" near intersection of USS 277 and St. Hwy. 70.

*4. Indian Rock Shelter, east bank of Oak Creek directly west of Ft. Chadbourne Cemetery, off US 277, 12 mi NE of Bronte. OTHM on south side of traffic circle on US 277 and St. Hwy. 70.

5. Oak Creek Lake, near Blackwell on St. Hwy. 70, the Sweetwater Hwy.

6. Ghost town of Ft. Chadbourne, on Historic Route, 1/2 mi. W. of the intersection of St. Hwy. 70 and US 277, approx. 8 mi. N. of Bronte.

7. Kickapoo Mts. on Historic Route between Ghost Towns of Ft. Chadbourne and Hayrick. Nipple Peak (S. side of road) is highest elevation in the county.

*8. Ghost Town of Hayrick, first county seat of Coke Co. (1889-1890). OTHM "First County Seat" marker inside Cemetery 1/2 to 1 mi. west of the original townsite.

*9. Hayrick Cemetery, 8 mi. NE of Robert Lee on all weather road. OTHM "First County Seat." OTHM Historical Grave Marker for CSA Veteran James Franklin Byrd. There are two to four more Civil War graves here.

*10. Robert Lee, County Seat of Coke County since Jan. 6, 1891, to present. OTHM 1 mi. E. on St. Hwy. 158 "County Seat Marker." OTHM "Governor Richard Coke" on NW corner of Courthouse lawn. OTHM "Hayrick

Lodge" on corner of 7th St. and Austin Ave. OTHM "Robert Edward Lee" inside Robert Lee City Hall on 7th St.

*11. Bronte, 12 mi. E. of Robert Lee on St. Hwy. 158; 34 mi. N. of San Angelo. OTHM "Bronte" at intersection of St. Hwy. 158 and USS 277 near Hospital. OTHM "Ft. Chadbourne" on Bronte City Hall Plaza.

*12. Sanco, 10 mi. N. of Robert Lee on Sanco Loop off St. Hwy. 208 (paved). OTHM "Sanco," for many years oldest civilian postoffice in county, closed Oct. 15, 1971.

13. Panther Gap, a scenic mountain pass on St. Hwy. 208 between Robert Lee and Silver.

*14. Silver, 18 mi. NW of Robert Lee, on Ranch Rd. 1672, loop off St. Hwy. 208. OTHM "Silver" at intersection of St. Hwy. 208 and R. R. 1672, east of Silver. OTHM "First Producing Oil Well" beside the "Silver" marker.

15. Sun Oil Co.'s Petroleum Production plants, 1 mi. south of Silver.

*16. Scenic drive through Cedar Hill and Nanhattie country beside rugged "Shaggy Peak," amid flowing and pumping oil wells. Follow R. R. 2059 to St. Hwy. 158. Go west on 158 to top of Divide for marvelous view. OTHM "Cedar Hill," 6 mi. W. of Silver.

17. Union Texas Petroleum Production plants, off R. R. 2059.

18. Remains of Pioneer Dugout on St. Hwy. 158, 15 mi. W. of Robert Lee, N. of Hwy.

*19. Edith, rural community, 9 mi. W. of Robert Lee, on St. Hwy. 158. Historic Route includes site of old Edith, two cemeteries, and Dripping Springs. OTHM "Edith" near last Edith postoffice. Building formerly housing postoffice is now a fisherman's supply and bait stand.

20. Divide, rural community 16 mi. SW of Robert Lee; historic ranches; Divide Cemetery, 1/2 mi. W. of R. R. 2034, Water Valley Hwy.

*21. Shelving Rock, where soldiers camped two nights before the Battle of Dove Creek, 3 mi. W. of Divide Cemetery and 20 mi. W. of Robert Lee. OTHM "Shelving Rock" in Divide Cemetery.

*22. Tennyson, on US 277, 10 mi. S. of Bronte and 24 mi. N. of San Angelo, at foot of Mt. Margaret on top of which a white girl who was stolen by Indians is buried. OTHM "Tennyson" erected near Tennyson postoffice on US 277.

*23. "Mule Creek Cemetery," historic cemetery near site of old Mule Creek School, off US 277 approx. 2 or 2 1/2 mi. SW of Tennyson. OTHM "Mule Creek Cemetery" on US 277 near Tennyson post office.

24. Robert Lee Dam and E. V. Spence Reservoir, a developing recreation area, 1 1/2 mi. W. of Robert Lee on paved road off St. Hwy. 208 and Loop 229.

*25. Robert Lee Cemetery, where 34 Civil War Veterans are buried. OTHM "Cary Allen Gates." OTHM "Henry Davis Pearce."

26. Mountain Creek Lake and Mountain Creek Golf Course, recreational areas, east edge of Robert Lee.

27. Coke County Parks in Robert Lee and Bronte, Fern Havins Park in Robert Lee adjacent to Hwy. 158 and near Colorado River Bridge.

28. Coke County is an ideal place for mountain climbing for hunting Indian artifacts and hunting during season.

Six additional Official Texas Historical Markers are being processed. They include: Robert Lee

Cemetery; Robert Lee Methodist Church, first church owned property for worship in county; Coke County jail; Divide Cemetery; Locke Murray, early day sheriff; O. L. branding pens, 1 1/2 miles west of Robert Lee, between Messbox Creek and the dam.

When using a dip net on fish, put the net into the water and work the fish toward it. A sudden movement of the net will cause the fish to take another plunge for freedom and that plunge may mean the last you'll see of the fish.

Bats that frequent caverns are great insect eaters. It is estimated that those around Carlsbad Caverns eat several tons of insects each night.



Mrs. Bryan Yarbrough... Recorder of Coke County's History

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The Observer
Robert Lee, Texas
June 15, 1972

Stripers Are New To West Texas

The striped bass population in Spence Reservoir is not doing badly as evidenced by several whoppers which have been taken from the lake. Several catches are reported in this week's regular fishing news from Lake Spence, and reports that Gary Williams of Robert Lee caught a five-pounder.

The state record for freshwater striped bass is 12 pounds, 12 ounces. The fish was one of a group of stripers stocked in the Sabine River by Louisiana officials.

The exotic stripers are anadromous fish—that is, they live in salt water but seek fresh water streams for spawning. It was discovered several years ago that salt water is not necessary for the fish to survive and grow. They can be successfully stocked in fresh water lakes to provide another game fish for anglers.

Lake Spence was stocked by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department with 34,500 of the fish in 1969, and has been restocked twice since. The lake has been stocked heavily with all species of game fish.

Stripers are valuable not only as a sport fish but also as a predator to keep forage fish populations in check.

Six pound black bass are common at Spence and large crappie, white bass and sunfish have been showing up. The old standby, the catfish, is also plentiful. Channel cat and yellow cat make pleasant fishing for many West Texas fishermen.



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Lake Spence has a lot of serene beauty about it. It is West Texas' newest lake and is brimming over with a variety of game fish. It is an ideal spot for boating, skiing and swimming. And picnic spots are plentiful for those who want to stay on the shore. It's easy to see why this area is called the "Playground of West Texas."

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BUILDING ROBERT LEE DAM BIG OPERATION HERE FOR 2 YEARS

Dedication of the Robert Lee Dam and E. V. Spence Reservoir was held on Saturday, June 14, 1969, with Congressman Omar Burleson as the dedication speaker.

Robert Lee Dam was built by the Colorado River Municipal Water District, headquartered in Big Spring. Water is being sold to a number of West Texas cities, including Odessa, Midland, Big Spring, Snyder, Stanton and San Angelo. The dam and pipeline system to member towns were financed with revenue bonds issued by the district. O. H. Ivie of Big Spring is manager of CRMWD.

Construction was started in the fall of 1966 after Clement Bros. of Hickory, N. C., were the successful bidders with an offer to build the dam for \$8,686,440.

The dam is over four miles long and rises to a height of 136 feet above the stream bed. It is 28 feet wide at the crown. The lake's capacity is 448,769 acre feet, which is 159.2 billion gallons. A total of 14,950 acres of land will be inundated when the lake is at spillway level, and the lake will have a shoreline of 137 miles.

Lake Spence was officially opened for fishing on June 20, 1970, but contained only about 20,000 acre feet of water. Between 5,000 and 6,000 persons fished during that first weekend.

As the lake gained more water it was opened to skiers in September of 1971.

Development continues around the new lake as roads have been built and paved, parks are laid out, and boat ramps opened up, although all lake developments have not been completed.

The big reservoir is still far from filled but contained 87,757 acre feet last weekend and this week was continuing to catch runoff from the weekend rains. Although that is a lot of water, Spence is only about one-fifth full.

Coke Countians were interested in watching construction of the dam. Clement Bros. moved in about 250 pieces of heavy equipment, most of it rolling stock.

There were belly dumps that could transport 55 cubic yards of earth at a time. There was a loader that could fill one of the large dumps in less than a minute. There were huge tractors, scrapers, graders, water wagons, plows and rollers. There were also root rakes, air compressors, drills, generators, a steam jenny and eight pumps capable of delivering millions of gallons of water to soften the ground or wet the embankment to required compaction. Some estimates said the value of equipment used here for the job was around \$5,000,000.

They moved more than 16,000 cubic yards of earth and rock in little more than two years' time. When the job was over the contractor held an auction sale and disposed of 249 separate items.

Named for Col. E. V. Spence
The reservoir is named for Col. E. V. Spence, who devoted more than two score years to the search for adequate water supplies in West Texas. Spence was the first general manager of the Colorado River Municipal Water District. He died April 4, 1965, after envisioning and working for the lake which bears his name.

A good way to protect the rod tip when loaded in a station wagon is to use a rubber band to fasten it to the little hook over the back door.

If you toss a beverage can into the water, either crush it, or fill it with water so that it will sink and not float around the lake to be hit by a speeding boat.

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