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Robert Lee Cleanup Planned



SCOUTS HONORED — Three Robert Lee Boy Scouts were honored Sunday at Robert Lee Baptist Church when they were presented God and Country

Awards. From left, they are Joe Flowers, David Beaty and James Beaty. Scoutmaster Gene Hinnard, right, made the presentations.

God and Country Awards Presented To Joe Flowers and Beaty Brothers

Walter Flowers and David Beaty and James Beaty received their God and Country Award last Sunday, June 18, during services at Robert Lee Baptist Church.

Gene Hinnard, scoutmaster and a member of the church, presented the awards. The God and Country Award is received through scouting but it is strictly a church award.

Parents of the three scouts are Mr. and Mrs. Joe Flowers and the Rev. and Mrs. Bill Beaty.

Eleven God and Country Awards have been presented in the church in the last few years. Scouts were special guests at the service, and the 22 present received special recognition. Special recognition was also given to five scouts present who had previously received God and Country Awards through the Baptist and other churches.

Bids Sought For Paving Job

Members of the Coke County Commissioners' Court voted at their Monday meeting to advertise for bids to carry out the paving repair and maintenance program for which a \$200,000 bond issue was voted several months ago. Also included is a small amount of new pavement in the county. The advertisement is being published in this newspaper and readers are invited to read it.

Harvey W. Schmidt, consulting engineer for the project, of Amarillo, presented estimates of the cost which totaled \$131,800.00. Actual estimate of cost of the work amounted to \$124,379.40, while Schmidt's 6 per cent fee amounted to \$7,420.60, to arrive at the total figure.

Largest expense of the project
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Robert Lee's annual Clean-up Drive is scheduled to get under way at once and citizens of the city are urged to begin now cleaning up their premises and adjacent vacant lots. The campaign has been very successful in past years and city officials, the BCD and other interested organizations are backing the program and hoping for another successful cleanup.

Kickoff of the 1972 program was announced at Tuesday's meeting of the BCD by Mayor S. E. Adams, who requested the whole-hearted cooperation of every resident of the city. The mayor said that city and county workers will assist in every way possible to help with the cleanup.

All citizens are asked to get

all litter and trash around their premises picked up and placed in alleys, so that city and county trucks can pick it up and haul it to the dump ground. Only containers which are not wanted should be used, as trash and containers will be dumped. Present plans call for having the trucks pick up all trash on Friday and Saturday, June 30 and July 1.

Mayor Adams said city employees are working on getting tractors and mowers ready, so that all vacant lots and other areas can be ridded of weeds and other unwanted growth.

Heavy vegetation this year is contributing to the breeding of mosquitos, and Adams said the city plans to spray in a short time.

Boy Scouts have helped with the cleanup campaign in the past and city and civic leaders hope their help can be counted on again this year.

Help Needed on Pipeline

Mayor Adams spoke briefly at the Tuesday BCD meeting on the prospects of obtaining a federal grant to help defray the cost of building a pipeline from Lake Spence to the city water plant. Some work has already been done on this project and the mayor said he understood that there was some money left from this year for such projects, and that more money will be appropriated for the new fiscal year which begins July 1.

Adams suggested that every citizen of Robert Lee write Senators John Tower and Lloyd Bentsen, as well as Congressmen Omar Burleson and O. C. Fisher asking for positive action on the city's request for funds.

Robert Lee has received grants before, for building the sewer system, the hospital and nursing home and the new water tower and other improvements to the water system. Mayor Adams said he felt the pipeline could receive federal help if enough people get behind it and push.

Lions-BCD Banquet

Each BCD member present took some tickets to sell for the joint banquet of the BCD and Robert Lee-Silver Lions Club. The tickets sell for \$1.75 each. The banquet is scheduled to be held July 11 in the school cafeteria. It was decided that all unsold tickets and a count of persons who have bought tickets would be turned in at the next meeting of the BCD on June 27.

Vice President Bill Allen presided at the meeting. Three guests were present, including Highway Patrolman Bobby Hart who was a guest of Sheriff Melvin Childress, and Skip Harless and Jim Hines, who are with the Concho Valley Council of Governments, who were guests of Mayor Adams. Fourteen members were present.

Fifth Screwworm Case in County

Coke County had its fifth case of screwworms during 1972. The report, received Thursday, reported a case on Wubern Millikan's place 13 miles west of Robert Lee and two miles northwest of the Pecan Baptist Church. This is the largest number of reported cases in Coke County since the year the control program was instituted in 1962.

Every operator is urged to remain vigilant in respect to the screwworm control program. Its value to the state of Texas is tremendous, said County Agent Sterling Lindsey. One uncontrolled case could seriously hurt the statewide program at this stage, he said. Control processes are spread out and delayed several days now that the case lead is in the hundreds each day.

Any protective measures local operators can take along with close and frequent observation of animals will give assurance in this area of the state, Lindsey concluded.



Glenn Gray

Church of Christ Meeting Scheduled

Glenn Gray, minister of the West Thirty-Fourth Church of Christ in Houston, will be speaking next week in services at the Southside Church of Christ in Robert Lee. Services will be held at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. on Sunday and each night at 8 p.m. from Sunday, June 25, through Friday, June 30.

Gray moved to Houston after serving a congregation in Winters for four years. He was born at Silver and attended school in

Robert Lee at one time. He is a nephew of Mrs. Ethel Green and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Gray of Roswell, N. M.

He and his wife have two daughters, Mrs. Jimmy Glen of Abilene and Mrs. Jack Burk of Arlington, and one son, Glenn Ed.

He previously served at Athens and with several congregations in the San Antonio area.

Everyone is invited to hear Mr. Gray at any of the services.

3 Coke County 4-H Members Receive Awards

Three Coke County 4-H Club members received special recognition at the Texas 4-H Club Roundup held in College Station last week. Edwin Lindsey was awarded a college scholarship; Harvey Wink was awarded the Danforth Foundation Leadership Scholarship; and Terri Kinsey was awarded a wrist watch.

Lindsey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Lindsey, was one of 10 Texas 4-H Club members awarded four year, \$4,000 scholarships to study in some field of agriculture. The awards were made available by the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo to winning graduating seniors.

Wink, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Wink, was selected as the Texas delegate to the Danforth Leadership Camp to be held at Camp Miniwanca near Shelby, Mich., Aug. 8-20.

The Danforth Foundation provides 50 scholarships to the camp, one for each state. The Pennzoil Co. will provide travel funds for the Texas delegate.

During the State 4-H Contests held during the State Roundup, Miss Kinsey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Kinsey, was awarded a wrist watch. She was among the top 12 contestants awarded watches by the Dallas Hardware and Implement Association. Other team members attending Roundup were Troy Millikan and Sue and Lesa Lindsey.



Edwin Lindsey



Harvey Wink



Terri Kinsey



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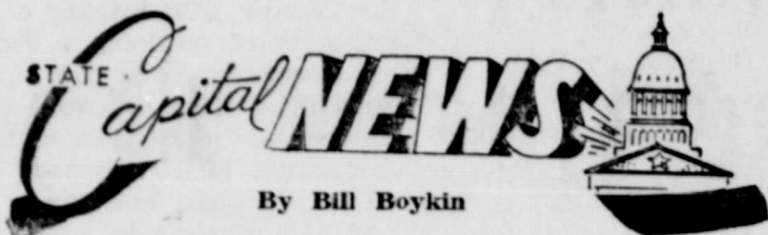
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Editor's Note: A number of U. S. newspapermen and columnists were invited to Mexico City last week for briefings on the current visit to the United States of Mexico President Luis Echeverria Alvarez. Echeverria dedicated a Mexican Cultural Institute in San Antonio June 19, also visited Washington, D. C., New York and Los Angeles.)

Mexico City — Mexico opened an institution of higher learning

in the United States this week — in San Antonio, Texas. Why?

The answer to that question lies in the personality, leadership and goals of Mexico President Luis Echeverria Alvarez. The new dynamic President of Mexico is visiting the U. S. this week to discuss a couple of major problem areas between Mexico and this country.

If his track record here comes close to his achievements in Mexico since his inauguration Dec. 1, 1970, he will go back home with some commitments about the Mexican laborers in California and the salinity problems of the Mexicali Valley caused by the Colorado River water.

His visit to Texas gave this state a clue to his major goals in Mexico. He dedicated the San Antonio Mexican Cultural Institute—located in Hemisfair's Mexico pavilion. It is symbolic of the principal changes Echeverria is attempting in Mexico's way of life.

His enthusiasm and determination to solve Mexico's problems has become contagious among all government leaders in his country.

His common workday is 12 to 14 hours—with no complaints from Mexico's government leaders and their staffs.

There is no "siesta" in Mexican governmental circles these days. The new leadership in Mexico is determined also to get rid of the "manana" image—and turn it to "today and tomorrow."

They recognize internal problems—and have programs to do something about them.

"Most of Mexico's problems can be solved by education," Eche-

verria believes.

His program for educational reform in Mexico points out the fact that he means what he says.

Echeverria anticipated the country's educational problems before he started his six year term as president (a president may not succeed himself in that country).

"President Echeverria studied the country's population statistics and discovered that 500,000 children per year will be entering the elementary education program," states Mexico's Secretary of Education Victor Bravo Ahuja.

"Mexico has a population of 50,000,000—half of which is in the rural areas. One-fourth of the population is between six and 14 years of age. There were no schools for 150,000 students wanting to enter elementary school," the secretary said.

Here are some other facts and figures given to newsmen by the Mexico Secretary of Education.

*27% of the national budget (up 23% from last year) goes into education.

*66% of the people on Mexico's federal government payroll work in education.

*88% of education in Mexico is financed now by the Federal government.

With all this interest on education—it is easy to see why President Echeverria wanted to open a Mexican educational institution in San Antonio.

More buildings will be added later, classrooms, labs and a library. The Institute will feature classes in Spanish for four levels, also anthropology, literature and Mexican history.

Exhibits of Mexican arts and crafts, Mexican paintings and excavations of ancient temples will be featured also.

Austin — Legislative leaders are predicting a quick end to their long dreaded special session which began last Wednesday.

Gov. Preston Smith caught nearly everybody by surprise when he announced he has discovered an additional \$125 million in federal funds which can be applied to welfare.

The federal windfall for social services to the needy was Smith's secret weapon to finance 1973 state operations without need for any new taxes.

Most lawmakers had concluded he would recommend an eight months' budget for welfare to make it possible to avoid another tax bill before he leaves office.

The governor proposed a \$4.1 billion budget for 1973 (\$818 million from general revenue).

Lt. Gov. Ben Barnes and House Speaker Rayford Price say they are optimistic about chances of finishing the budget writing job in two to three weeks.

Submission of other matters would keep the special session going longer, although Smith has indicated he is reluctant to broaden the call. A proposed new code of ethics has been drafted and there will be pressure on the governor to submit it.

Welfare Commissioner Raymond Vowell told the joint finance committee he fully expects to get written confirmation from Health, Education and Welfare officials next week that the additional welfare funds will be available.

DEMOCRATS CONVENE — George Wallace and George McGovern were high point winners in Texas delegate strength for presidential nomination at last week's stormy, marathon state Democratic convention.

Democrats milled around for more than 15 hours before they could agree on the slate of 130 Texas delegates who will attend the party's national presidential nominating convention.

Wallace got 42 of the delegates, McGovern 34, Hubert Humphrey 21, and 33 are uncommitted.

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Crop prospects said Fair...
Wheat Production Up 30 Per Cent...
Rural Development Commission Sets Meeting...
Watermelon Crop estimated at 630 Million Pounds...
1971-72 Texas Citrus Crop Down 8 Per Cent...

Crop prospects for most of the state are now rated as fair by the Texas Crop and Livestock Reporting Service. The coastal bend areas and south Texas sections as well as a portion of the Panhandle have good prospects.

Pasture conditions over the state is rated at 77 per cent of normal, compared with 52 per cent last year.

TEXAS WHEAT production is now estimated at 40,700,000 bushels. This is 30 per cent above the 1971 production of 31,416,000 bushels. Yield now is expected to average 22 bushels per acre, up one bushel from last year's average.

Wheat harvest is now more than 25 per cent complete; in the major wheat producing area of the northern high plains, main harvest is now underway.

Cotton is making good progress in most sections of the state, but heavy fleahopper and boll weevil infestation is reported from the Blacklands to the Lower Rio Grande Valley. Grain sorghum is heading out as far north as the Blacklands. Early stands of soybeans are making good progress on the High Plains.

A MEETING will be held June 27 in Austin on the newly created Rural Development Commission of Texas. Staff has been appointed and offices are located in the Texas Department of Agriculture.

The commission is composed of 25 members plus about 80 "resource people" to assist in rural development.

Primary thrust of the commission will be in these areas: economic development, rural natural resources, human resources, general government, transportation, health, housing and education.

Roy Davis of Lubbock is commission chairman. Ray Previtt, formerly with Texas A&M University, is director, and Jim McAlister is assistant director.

WATERMELON forecast for the state is now set at 630,000,000 pounds. This is 21 per cent above the 1971 crop. Harvesting will be underway soon in Central Texas and in East Texas in early July.

THE 1971-72 citrus crop is estimated at 15 million boxes. This is eight per cent below the 16.3 million boxes produced during the 1970-71 season. Grapefruit production at 9.2 million boxes is nine per cent below the 10.1 million boxes of the previous season.

Early and midseason oranges totaled 3.8 million boxes, five per cent below 1970-71 while Valencia oranges at two million boxes were down 9 per cent.

Harvest of the 1971-72 grapefruit and Valencia orange crop in the Lower Rio Grande Valley is complete.

Most growers report fruit set for the 1972-73 crop is good to excellent.

THE HIGHEST cotton acreage since 1965 was planted on the High Plains in 1971. The 177,300 acres planted but not harvested represented an abandonment of slightly more than seven per cent which is near normal but above the 4.5 per cent abandoned in 1970.

Production was from 2,322,000 harvested acres for an average yield of only 264.4 pounds per acre; average per acre production on the Plains for a 13 year period since 1958 is 453.6 pounds.

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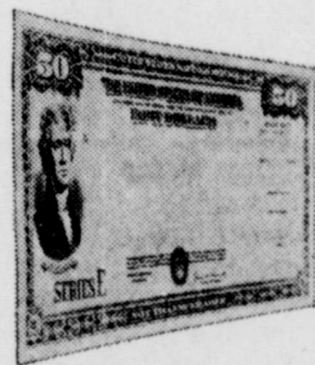
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BIDS SOUGHT —
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would be the aggregate needed to re-top the streets of Robert Lee and Bronte and on county maintained rural roads which was figured at \$42,143. Next highest item was for an estimated 195,600 gallons of asphalt which should cost about \$38,142.

Cost of new paving was estimated to cost in the neighborhood of \$26,074.40.

Other items included in the estimate included stockpiled aggregate, asphalt pre-mix, cleaning ditches, revising grades and existing dips and widening existing pavement, all of which made up the remainder of the estimated cost.

Bridge Work Paid

Also included in the bond issue was money for building four bridges in the rural areas of Coke County. This work has been completed and the commissioners voted Monday to make final payment to Ferrier Bros. Bridge Co., who was the successful bidder on the project.

Final payment made the cost of the four bridges amount to \$66,855.81, which was \$748 more than the contract price of \$66,107.81.

Included in this construction were the following named new bridges:

Snead Creek Bridge, with a length of 60 feet and 8 inches, cost \$12,560.89.

Messbox Creek Bridge, 91 feet, cost \$17,120.72.

Mule Creek Bridge (west), 91 feet, cost \$19,157.72.

Mule Creek Bridge (east), 91 feet, cost \$18,110.08.

Mayors Present

Present for the Monday meeting were Mayor S. E. (Skinny) Adams of Robert Lee and Mayor Martin Lee of Bronte. The mayors were present at the meeting, so they could sign permissions for the county to do the work on the streets of Bronte and Robert Lee.

Buy New Car

In other business the commissioners decided to purchase a new car for use of Deputy Sheriff Don Thorpe. Successful bidder was Ivey Motor Co. of Robert Lee.

FIREMEN'S AUXILIARY TO MEET JULY 10

Next meeting of the Firemen's Auxiliary will be July 10, rather than June 26, as was reported last week.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Walker of Winnie spent the weekend here visiting his sister, Mrs. Mary Streng, and other relatives.

Spending a week in the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Trimble was their grandson, Monty Vic Trimble of Odessa.

Weekend guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Bryan were her sister, Katherine Parris, and a friend from San Angelo.

Father's Day guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Carville were her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Roane and Myna Kay, all of Robert Lee, and Mrs. A. D. Williams of San Angelo.



Plans Being Made For County Fair In September

A committee met Thursday to plan the first County Fair to be held in Coke County. The fair will be held in September and will be open to all people in the county to exhibit and to attend.

A definite date will be set soon as well as divisions and committees will be named.

In order for people to begin to prepare it was decided definitely that ribbons and/or awards would be given in each division. Some of the divisions planned were canned fruits, vegetables, pickles, relishes, jams, jellies, preserves, adult and youth bread, cakes, cookies, candies, clothing, art, and field crops. Other divisions will include clothing, paintings, arts and crafts, horticulture, and gift ideas.

All businesses, schools, clubs and other groups will be contacted and invited to set up booths.

More information will be forthcoming on the fair in the near future.

Attending the committee meeting were Mrs. Earl Bradley, Mrs. C. E. Arrott, Mr. and Mrs. T. K. Whiteside and local County Extension Agents Mrs. Fay C. Roe and Sterling Lindsey.

RL Scouts Make Jaunt to Canada

Scoutmaster Gene Hinnard and nine Boy Scouts left Monday to attend the Charles L. Sommers Wilderness Canoe Base in Canada. They left San Angelo at 7 a.m. by bus. They will spend nine days camping and making canoe trips, returning home on July 4. They entered Canada at Ely, Minn.

Scouts from the Robert Lee troop making the trip were Carl Bagwell, Mike Davis, Doug Herford, Craig Bessent and Lyn Sockwell. Also going with the local group were one scout from Ballinger, two from Sonora and one from Brady. Hinnard was the only adult leader accompanying the group.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Hurley spent Sunday visiting at Odessa with their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. James M. Rymer and children.

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Palmer visited Sunday in the home of his brother, the John Palmers.

Mrs. Lenoy Hollingshead of Big Spring visited Saturday with her mother, Mrs. C. J. Brooks, who is a patient in West Coke Nursing Home.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayland Drennan and son of Sonora Route, San Angelo, and Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Davis and family of Sterling City were guests during the weekend of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Walker. The men went fishing at Lake Spence.

Mr. and Mrs. James Fields of Abilene visited over the weekend with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Fields and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Green.

Larry Casey of Midland spent the weekend here visiting his wife, Kathy, and with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Burns, and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Casey of Midland were Sunday guests of her mother, Mrs. Mabel Mundell.

Mrs. Alberta Muckleroy of San Antonio is spending a week with her sister, Mrs. E. O. Higgins.

Mrs. Monroe Gaines and boys of Levelland spent last week here visiting Mrs. Elsie Latham and other relatives. Mrs. Virginia Latham returned home with them for a visit in the Gaines home.



AT SYMPOSIUM — Ricky Wilkes, center, attended the 12 Annual Nuclear Science Symposium June 5 through June 8 at the University of Texas at Austin. His trip to the meeting was sponsored by West Texas Utilities Co. On Wilkes' left is Danny C. Vaughn, science teacher in RLHS, and to his right is WTU representative Joel Wilson. Robert Lee was one of the 150 out of more than 1,000 high schools in Texas, which were invited to send a student and teacher to the symposium.

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Mrs. Ronald Len Devoll

MARCIA ELNA DUNCAN, RONALD LEN DEVOLL ARE WED IN FRIDAY CHURCH CEREMONY

Miss Marcia Elna Duncan and Ronald Len Devoll were married Friday during a ceremony in the Southside Church of Christ. The Rev. Bill Beaty, pastor of Robert Lee Baptist Church, officiated.

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Duncan and Mr. and Mrs. Lendy Devoll.

Wedding music was furnished by Miss Cookie Hinnard at the piano.

The bride wore a formal white gown of white slipper satin fashioned with a lace ruffle forming a high neckline and a full skirt

accented with vertical lines of lace and ruffled hemline.

Bridal attendants included Janet Brasuel, maid of honor; Sterling Allen, bridesmaid, and Lisa Devoll, sister of the bridegroom, junior bridesmaid. Flower girls were D'Ann Adams and Nola Gay Adams, both of Big Lake.

Donnie Devoll served as his brother's best man. Tooter Fields was groomsmen. Ushers were the bride's brother, Bubba Duncan, and Gary Williams. Bobby Foust was ringbearer.

A reception followed the ceremony in the recreation hall in Coke County Park. Serving in the houseparty were Mrs. Gerald Brasuel, Mrs. Ronnie Foust, Miss Jan Havins, Miss Linda Foust, Mrs. Leon Sockwell and Miss Cynthia Hood of San Angelo.

The bridegroom's parents were hosts for the rehearsal dinner, also held in the recreation hall.

Mrs. Devoll is a 1972 graduate of Robert Lee High School and plans to attend Angelo State University this fall. Her husband is a 1968 graduate of RLHS and is a senior student at ASU. He is employed by a welding and construction company.

The couple will live in Robert Lee after a wedding trip to the Fort Worth and Dallas area.

MRS. POST MAKES O.U. HONOR ROLL

Mrs. Edna Kathleen Post of Robert Lee has been named to the honor roll at the University of Oklahoma for the 1971-72 spring semester, according to Dr. Paul F. Sharp, OU president.

To be eligible for the honor roll, a student must have an overall grade average of B (3.0) or better in a minimum of 12 credit hours and must not have a "failing" or "unsatisfactory" mark in any course.

Mrs. Post is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Denman of Snyder, former Silver and Robert Lee residents.

George Wilson of Monahans spent the weekend here visiting his wife, Mrs. Beth Wilson, and Mrs. Zera Fields. The ladies are spending this week visiting their sisters, Mrs. Connie Brown in Fort Worth and Mrs. Etha Wilson in Whitney.

1928 Sterling City Seniors Gather

Sterling City graduating class of 1928 held their 11th quaddrennial reunion in the Sterling City Community Center on Saturday, June 17.

Mrs. Wilson Bryan (formerly Lucille McWhorter) of Robert Lee was a member of the group and is the reporter. There were 23 members of the class, four now deceased.

Present for the reunion were nine members of the class, their families and the class sponsor, Miss Johnnie Wyents of Alpine. She has just retired after 45 years of teaching.

The Rev. Ross T. Welch of Mathis is secretary of the group. Welch grew up near Coke County and also served two years, 1948-50, as pastor of Robert Lee Methodist Church.

Class members present for the reunion were Edwina Bynum Cope, Sterling City; Hazel Edwards Beam, San Antonio; Helen Wade Drake, Ft. Worth; W. Y. Benge, Sterling City; Claude Collins, San Angelo; Wayne Munn, Water Valley; Lawrence Davis, Coahoma; Mrs. Bryan, Welch and Miss Wyents.

Mrs. Bryan said, "It was the class of '28 that organized the Sterling City Alumni Association, which sponsors the annual alumni barbecue in the Sterling City Park." Mrs. Bryan has also just retired from 34 years as a school teacher, 21 of which were in the Robert Lee Schools.

ROBERTSON FAMILY MEETS IN BRONTE PARK

The children of Mrs. Bonnie Robertson met at the Bronte Park Saturday, June 17, for a family reunion.

Attending were: Mr. and Mrs. (Gerty) Raymond Bloodworth, Lonnie and Charles, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Bloodworth and Lorie, Silver; Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Askins and Chuck, Euleess; Mrs. Fay Hudson, Pete and Sharon, Fort Lauderdale, Fla.; Mr. and Mrs. (Billie) Winfred Talley, Robbie Marsha and Ronnie, Garden City. Also Mr. and Mrs. (Nell) Tomes, Kenneth, Tammy, John, and James, Amherst; Mr. and Mrs. Wilton Robertson, Kim and Corky, Odessa; Mrs. Kenneth (Bonita) Hester, Shelley and Linda, Portland; Re Nai, Ricky, Mike, Melody, Matt and Daryle Dumas, Casper, Wyo.

And Mr. and Mrs. Donnie Robertson and Scott, Robert Lee; and Mr. and Mrs. (Elaine) Kenneth Bennett and Kenny, Arlington.

DEMONSTRATION SET ON LINGERIE SEWING

A demonstration on making lingerie will be presented June 26 and 27, 9 a.m. to 12 noon, at the Homemaking Cottage, by Eloise Guerrant, homemaking teacher.

Mrs. Guerrant said: "Now that nylon tricot and other lingerie fabrics, along with suitable patterns and all the essential notions and trims are available to the home seamstress, many are finding this type of sewing an exciting way of creating luxury gifts at budget prices." All interested persons are invited to attend.

Visiting last week in the Curtis Walker home were their sons and their families, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Wayne Walker and family and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Walker, all of San Angelo. Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Walker and children of Odessa visited Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave King and daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Walker and children of Odessa, spent the weekend in Austin visiting Mr. and Mrs. Harry Anderson.

FISHING REPORT from Lake Spence



Channel cat continued to dominate the catches at Lake E. V. Spence this week, but white bass strings were increasing in number.

Edith Store, on the Robert Lee-Sterling City highway, is sponsoring a carp rodeo with all entry fees going into prizes for the largest number of carp caught, the biggest one, etc. Fishermen

can enter the contest at the store. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Smith, Odessa, landed 25 channel cat ranging up to three pounds. C. R. Stigen, Odessa, had a string of channel cat up to 1 1/2 pounds.

Nita Gay Copeland and Sam Williams, Robert Lee, landed 15 white bass ranging to three pounds and came in with a pair of striped bass, each weighing five pounds.

Sherman Williams, Robert Lee, had a string of 10 white bass averaging 2 1/2 pounds and with one going at 4 1/2.

Lynn Finton, Snyder, hooked eight channel cat up to three pounds. Joe Phillips, Odessa, reported four channel cat up to 3 1/2 pounds. Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Brent, Big Spring, had 40 channel cat, and one of them went up to 5 1/2 pounds. They also landed a 17 1/2 yellow cat plus 15 white bass.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Kitchens, Odessa, reported 14 channel cat, the largest weighing in at four pounds.

Thetford, Ridge Going to Capital

Coke County Judge W. W. Thetford, president of the Concho Valley Council of Governments, and Jim Ridge, executive director of the CVCOG, will leave Sunday for Washington, D. C., to attend a meeting of the National Association of Councils of Government.

A number of meetings and seminars are scheduled for representatives from over the United States to attend.

Judge Thetford said he was particularly pleased that the COG meeting was being held at the same time as a national convention of county officials. He said he hoped to be able to attend some of the sessions of that convention, also.

In addition to attending the meetings held during the convention, Judge Thetford and Ridge plan to contact the two senators from Texas as well as members of the House of Representatives from this area in regard to problems of the CVCOG.

Judge Thetford said he was especially proud to announce that the CVCOG will be sponsor for a probation program for the entire state of Texas. Five seminars are planned for various areas of the state, with the first one to be held in San Angelo. Financing for the project is coming from Austin through the Criminal Justice Council.

The Concho Valley COG is made up of political subdivisions in this area which work together to promote the programs needed by the entire area as individual members of the organizations.

BIBLE SCHOOL PROGRAM TO BE GIVEN SUNDAY

Students who have been attending Vacation Bible School this week at First United Methodist Church and their teachers will present a program Sunday night. Parents and friends are invited to attend at 7 p.m.

Hospital News

June 13
Mrs. Willie Carper admitted. Perry Mullis dismissed.

June 14
Phebe Howard, May Payne, Mrs. Grady Bagley admitted. Desma Walker dismissed.

June 15
Clarence Mitchell admitted.

June 16
No admissions, no dismissals.

June 17
Ouida Scott, H. L. Thompson admitted. Allie Childress dismissed.

June 18
Cleve Casey admitted. Mrs. Grady Bagley, Ouida Scott dismissed.

June 19
Pearl Sellens, Dale Wojtek, Mrs. Ramon Quiroz, Mrs. Ray Walker admitted. Mrs. Bill Green, Mrs. Willie Carper dismissed.

Tuesday morning there were 13 patients in the hospital and 27 in the nursing home.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Millican and Mr. and Mrs. Bud Harmon, Betsy and Teresa of San Angelo returned home last week following a week's visit and vacation trip to Arvada, Colo., where they visited their son and his family. Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Millican and children, and toured some of the vacation areas in Colorado.

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Washington — Fifteen years ago, when then Chairman of the House Administration Committee of the Congress, I inaugurated a study of how paper work in government could be reduced.

Then, and now, paper work, much of it absolutely nonessential, threatens to bury us, choke business and slow the processes of getting a job done.

Every governmental agency issues forms to carry out regulations it has established. It was found during the investigation that more than 30,000 forms throughout the federal government were issued each day. Heads of departments and agencies were brought before the Subcommittee on House Administration and queried about the necessity of issuing so many forms to be filled out by individuals and businesses. In most instances an attempt was made to justify all their paper work but much of it was unconvincing.

Regulations, which demand so much paper work and so many copies, are reducing the freedom of the individual citizen. The tremendous cost of filling out forms and reports by business is costly and in the end must be paid for

by the taxpayer. Presently a subcommittee of the U. S. Senate is studying the same thing and has come up with an estimate that all the paper work of federal, state and local governments is costing the taxpayers, individuals and businessmen, \$36 billion a year.

With the rise of the many new programs inaugurated by the Congress in recent years, such as the various consumer programs, environmental protection, health and welfare, occupational safety, not to mention income tax forms, paper work has increased many times over. Each agency issues its regulations with all sorts of forms and reports for compliance. Some businesses have to employ people to do nothing else but fill out papers. For example, just a few years ago, plans for airport construction were presented to the government with four or five copies. Today a minimum of 45 copies of plans are required. Overlapping agencies must

all be provided with a certain number of copies to determine if their regulations are met. Washington is bulging at the seams with stored papers.

The study of government paper work reveals that this flood of required reports and applications figures out to ten forms for every man, woman and child in the nation. In some instances, people have simply gone out of business by not being able to comply. One report shows that a small businessman intended to hire a college student to help him with his paper work. In fact, he hired three parttime students but when he found out it took a bundle of paper work just to hire the students, he decided to do the work himself rather than to employ the students.

The owners of a small hospital, who serve their community well, found they had to report to 23 separate agencies of government. They say they are simply unable to meet such a task and are threatening to close down.

Certainly proper and necessary information must be had to protect the government's interest, which means the taxpayer's interest, but a vast amount of it is nonproductive, contributes to the cost, and slows performance. Indications are, however, that this flood of paper work will continue to increase.

It all adds up to the conclusion that there is simply too much

government. Unfortunately, much of it is demanded by all of us and we are getting it. It visibly demonstrates the increased regimentation of our people and proliferation of government bureaus and agencies.

The study 15 years ago, referred to in the beginning, identified the problem and may have had some temporary effect but it really found no way to place restraints on unnecessary paper work of the myriad of agencies and bureaus cranking out all their forms. A report on the study is somewhere in the storage bins here in Washington. It is hoped the Senate study now going on may have better results.

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