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Coke Fair Plans Shaping Up

Hearing On Hair Length Set By District Court

A hearing is scheduled to be held at 2 p.m. Friday concerning the expulsion of a student from Robert Lee High School because of the length of his hair.

Judge Joe L. Mays of 51st District Court issued an order last week commanding D. J. Walker, president of the school board; Jerry Gibbs, high school principal; and Jimmy Bickley, school

superintendent, to appear at the hearing.

Sidney Wallace Burns, 18, a high school senior, is the student

Modgling Service At Goldthwaite

Funeral services were held Saturday in Goldthwaite Church of Christ for Jim G. Modgling, 82. The services were held at 10 a.m. and graveside services were held at 3 p.m. with burial in Robert Lee Cemetery. Wilkins Funeral Home of Goldthwaite was in charge.

Mr. Modgling died last Thursday at 8:10 p.m. at Childress Hospital in Goldthwaite.

He was born Feb. 8, 1886, in Llano County. He came to Coke County with his parents as a young boy and lived in the Sanco area until he moved to Goldthwaite in 1944.

Survivors include a sister, Mrs. Effie Roberts of Robert Lee and several nieces and nephews.

Former Silver Man Dies in C-City

Ed C. Snowden Sr., 80, retired Colorado City farmer, died at 7 a.m. Friday in Root Memorial Hospital after a long illness. Funeral was at 2 p.m. Sunday in Colorado City.

The Rev. Don Timberlake, pastor of Oak Street Baptist Church, officiated. Burial was in Colorado City Cemetery.

Mr. Snowden was born March 3, 1892, in Clairemont and was a longtime resident of Silver. He was a member of the Baptist Church.

He married Jenny May Vaughn in Lovington, N. M., Sept. 24, 1951.

Survivors are his wife; one daughter, Zinda M. Snowden of the home; three sons, Ed Snowden Jr. of Odessa and Fred Snowden and John C. Snowden, both of Colorado City; one brother, Charlie Snowden of Colorado City; and five grandchildren.

Hillside Grocery Has Big Opening

Those who won prizes last Saturday at the drawing held in connection with the formal opening of the new Hillside Grocery, were announced this week by Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Calder, owners, and Neal Calder, manager.

Buster Farris won a TV lamp; Johnny Service, troll motor; Gayle Bolding, toaster; Mrs. D. W. Parrish, fishing tackle; Doris Payne, Zebo 202 reel; Mrs. Tommy Brown, Odessa, sewing box.

The Calders said they had a big crowd all day Saturday and were well pleased with the reception given them by Robert Lee residents as well as the hundreds from out of town who were visiting Lake Spence.

WEEKEND RAINS SPOTTED

Spotted showers fell intermittently during the past weekend, bringing additional moisture to some areas of the county.

Robert Lee had the heaviest rainfall reported to the Observer, gauging 3.4 inches. Floyd Harmon had 2.6 inches at his place in the Edith community; Fred McCabe Jr. reported 2.3 inches at his place on the Divide; Silver had 2 inches and Sanco received 1.4 inches.

The water situation for Robert Lee is excellent now, said Mayor S. E. Adams at Tuesday's meeting of the BCD. Mountain Creek Lake caught 2½ feet of water over the weekend and now contains 700 acre feet of water. It lacks only 4½ feet being up to the spillway.

Adams also announced that the application for a federal grant

who was expelled from school. His father, Paul Burns, made application for a writ of mandamus against the three school men. The school men are to show why the writ of mandamus should not be granted allowing young Burns to return to school.

The application says dismissal was made without notice and without hearing and did not comply with the rules and regulations sent previously to parents as contained in the Student Handbook of Robert Lee High School.

Donations Needed To Pay for Siren

More donations are needed by Robert Robert Lee Volunteer Fire Department to help pay for the new siren which has been erected on the new water tower in the north part of town.

Work has been completed on the siren and it is in operation. The siren was badly needed because residents who live up on the hill where it is located were not able to hear the one located at the courthouse square.

Sherman Williams said this week that more than 200 volunteer man hours were required to erect the new equipment. He said the department and citizens of the town owe special thanks to Gene Hinnard for his help in the installation.

Williams urged everyone to give a donation to pay for the cost of the new siren. He brought out that soon after frost, this part of the country will be one big fire hazard, due to the lush growth of vegetation since recent rains.

He added that the new siren well could help in preventing a disastrous fire either in town or the country.

Mr. and Mrs. Finis Harmon recently spent a week at Irving visiting their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Harmon. Their grandson, Joey, returned home with them to spend last week here with his grandparents.

The tempo is increasing in getting ready for the first annual Coke County Fair which is scheduled for Friday and Saturday, Sept. 22 and 23. The fair will be held in the old gymnasium at Robert Lee School, and the public is invited to attend from 1 to 6 p.m. on Sept. 22 and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sept. 23.

Both adult and youth divisions are being set up for most categories of the show. Persons who

enter adult divisions must be 19 years old or older.

A special feature of the fair will be a pet show and youth parade. All children up to 12 years of age are eligible to enter. The parade will assemble at the rear of the courthouse at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 23, and will proceed from there to the front of Robert Lee School.

A big assortment of entries has been provided for in the various departments of the fair. Included are canned goods, cakes, bread, candies, paintings, crafts and handwork, flower arrangements, cotton, grain and seed, vegetables, fruits and nuts, historical items, clothing, and many others. A complete list of divisions and departments is available at the Extension Service office in the courthouse. The material also includes rules and regulations of the fair.

All entries may be made with no charge, except to those who wish to sell or take orders.

Those in charge are also encouraging businessmen and others to set up booths advertising their wares.

Everyone is urged to make plans now to have entries in the fair and to attend it. Extension Agents Mrs. Fay C. Roe and Sterling Lindsey are working on the project.

Steers Play Ball In Tough District

By Ronnie Baker

It looks as if we are in for it again, according to the Harris Rating System, which picks the top teams according to point systems.

As usual Sonora is No. 1 in the state. This year Mason is No. 2. Wall and Junction are in the top 20 and Eldorado is No. 21. Robert Lee is picked No. 133 and Menard is No. 175.

According to this, as everyone knows, we are in about the toughest district in the state. This does not always prove true, but it is true that if you win district you can go a long way. So maybe somebody will be fooled??

Two games are set for Thursday when Roscoe comes here for junior high and B team games. First game will start at 6 p.m., followed by the B team at 7:30.

The Steers have an open date Friday, and will begin the season Sept. 15 when they host the Bronte Longhorns.

Hospital News

Aug. 29

Eula Smith, Mrs. Raymond Blair, E. C. Davis, M. L. Smith admitted.

Aug. 30

Pete Tijerina, Eula Smith dismissed.

Aug. 31

Mrs. Charles Oliver and baby boy, Albino Gutierrez admitted. Allie Childress, Ora Eubanks, E. C. Davis dismissed.

Sept. 1

Lilly Crum admitted. Mrs. Charles Oliver and Billy Wayne dismissed.

Sept. 2

Mrs. Ralph Hickman, Ella Mae Labenske admitted.

Sept. 3

Winnie Lanham, Brenda Davis admitted. M. L. Smith, Brenda Davis dismissed.

Sept. 4

E. C. Davis admitted. Mrs. Ralph Hickman, Winnie Lanham, Albino Gutierrez dismissed.

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

HAS GUESTS OVER WEEKEND

House guests of Sheri Pitcock last weekend were: Marcia Lee Quantic, Houston; Kathy Skinner and Susan Browning, Dallas; Donna Ledbetter, Lamesa; Peggy Gullette, Fort Worth; Pam Jordan, Porth Arthur; Marky McBride, Hereford; Marilyn Lindquist, El Paso; Mary Kay Benys, John Elledge and Terry Plemons, Corpus Christi. All are students at Texas Tech and attended the wedding of Jackie Conley.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Strakes of San Angelo were holiday guests last week in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Brice.

Robert Lee Has Plentiful Water Supply for Now

to help finance a pipeline to Lake Spence has been turned down. The notification said there was no money available at the present time for this purpose. However, the letter added that the City of Robert Lee should reapply for the grant if it is still needed.

The mayor said the city would send in another application, as he felt sure the need to tie on to Lake Spence would come up again in the future.

Vice President Bill Allen presided at the meeting, with members present. Three guests of Fern Havins were Floyd Harmon, Jack Corley and Mr. Smith, who is an engineer on the paving project.



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By Bill Boykin

Austin — Gov. Preston Smith is convincing high state officials and legislators he is serious about calling a special legislative session on insurance reform after mid-September.

Smith himself revived speculation at a news conference last week when he said odds favor such a session sometime before the general election November 7.

The Governor told newsmen legislative leaders had indicated they

will cooperate with him. He included Lt. Gov. Ben Barnes among the latter.

"I believe he is giving real serious consideration to calling a session," said Barnes. "He really wants to have one."

Smith made clear there is nothing definite yet about his plans, and he would still want to make sure a session would be productive before he summons lawmakers.

Establishment of a competitive insurance rate system for all lines of insurance would be his top objective, Smith said.

He added he "probably" would seek Insurance Board reorganization but added:

"If we established competitive rates, I don't know how much further you would need the Board."

Smith earlier said an opinion by Atty. Gen. Crawford Martin that the governor cannot order funds transferred from one agency to another to meet emergencies may also bring on a special session.

Smith said recent opinions would place "drastic limitations" on the governor's powers and "threaten virtually every authority of the chief executive."

VET BONDS SOLD — The last \$30.7 million in state veterans land board bonds were sold in Austin last week.

If the program is to continue without interruption, Land Commissioner Bob Armstrong said, a new bond authorization will have to be submitted to voters by the legislature. Four authorizations have been approved in the form of constitutional amendments during the land program's 23 year history.

Low bid of 3.6902 per cent interest was submitted by the First National Bank of Dallas and Harris Trust and Savings Bank of Chicago and Associates.

Armstrong said he has support of House Speaker-elect Price Daniel Jr. and other lawmakers in submitting a new constitutional amendment to keep the program alive after the \$30.7 million is spent. He recalled the program has been self supporting, has required no taxes and has benefited 48,000 veterans. The Commiss-

sioner indicated an additional \$50 million to \$100 million in bonds will be sought.

AG OPINIONS — Attorney General Martin, in a new opinion, struck again at the governor's powers over state fiscal matters. He invalidated more than 40 appropriations riders requiring approval by the chief executive (or other officials) on expenditures of funds.

In other recent opinions, Martin concluded:

* Deduction of the value of a life estate is not authorized in computing inheritance taxes when the life tenant dies within five years after receiving it.

* Piercing of ears for ear rings does not constitute practice of medicine and requires no medical license.

* The Board of Nursing Home Administrators must deposit the initial license fee, which may not exceed \$100 for the biennium, and the renewal license fee into the State Treasury beginning June 15.

RULES BATTLE — The Democratic party battle over rules goes on and on, and will resume in earnest at the Sept. 19, state convention in Houston.

A new committee to study proposed changes in the rules will meet prior to the convention to study recommendations.

DEMO CAMPAIGN LAUNCHED — Land Commissioner Bob Armstrong and Agriculture Commissioner John C. White emerged as co-chairmen of the Texas campaign for George McGovern and Sargent Shriver.

Both acknowledged the Democratic national nominees are starting from "away behind," but they predicted the outlook will improve within the next few weeks.

McGovern and Shriver and President Nixon will devote more time to wooing Texas voters than any other national candidates ever did before, said White.

White defended gubernatorial nominee Dolph Briscoe for not assuming a national campaign post. He said Briscoe has active opposition and is "doing what is right and proper" in concentrating on his own race.

A statewide steering committee is expected to be named soon.

"LOST" CLAIMANTS SOUGHT — One hundred and 37 "lost" claimants who have \$49,500 coming to them from an anti-trust suit settlement are being sought by the attorney general's office.

If they can be located, they will get money recovered by the attorney general from five major drug manufacturers in a suit involving overcharges for the antibiotic drug tetracycline. Those who filed claims but have not received copies of the final judgment in the price fixing suit should call the attorney general's office in Austin.

STATE PAY RAISE GRANTED — A 6.8 per cent pay raise for about 67,000 state employees effective Sept. 1 has approval of the Federal Pay Board.

The pay boost was authorized under a special "catch up" provision of regulations permitting increases for employee groups where the average raises over the last three years was less than seven per cent. Pay Board approval is necessary where raises are higher than the five per cent limit established as a guideline to check inflation.

ACT TO BRING STATE \$60 MILLION — Texas would get about \$60 million in new federal money under the Rural Development Act of 1972.

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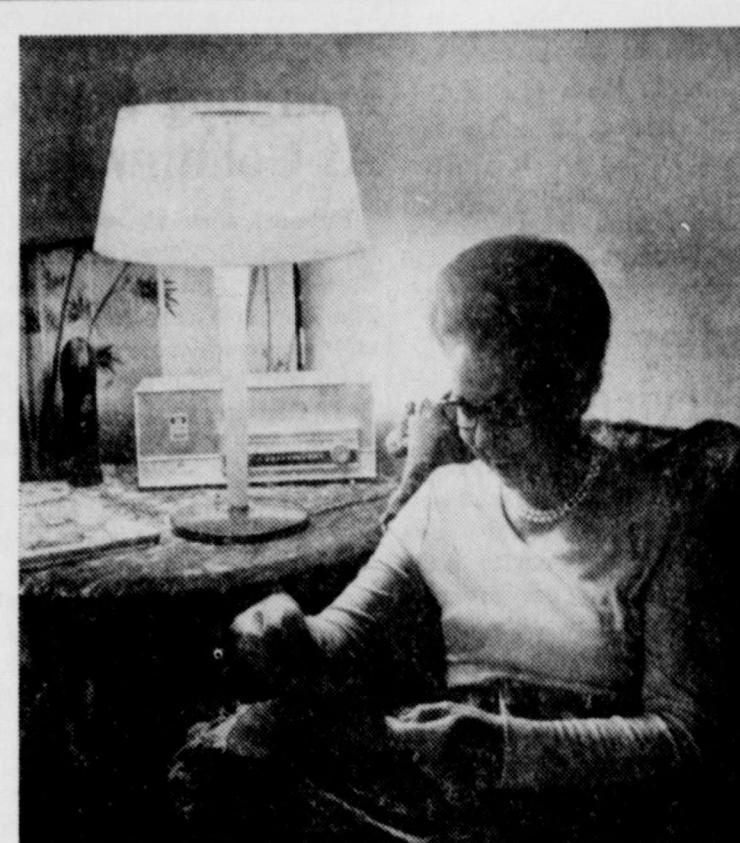
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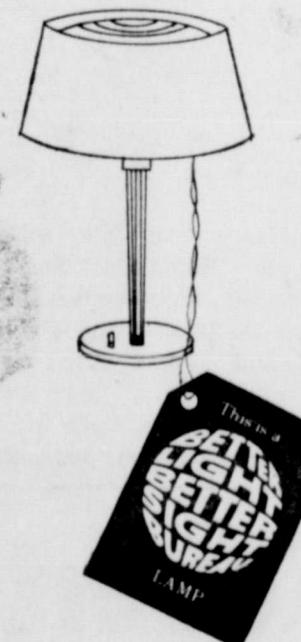
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Beef Factory Increases... Egg Production Shows Gain... Cattle Sold at Auction Declines... Egg-type Chicks Decline... Screw-worm Agreement...

THE BEEF FACTORY of Texas—the nation's largest—has increased almost 275,000 head during the first half of the year.

The number of beef cows, which determines the numbers of beef calves to be produced, total 5,725,000 in Texas as of July 1. This compares with 5,452,000 as of Jan. 1.

The number of all cows in Texas has also shown an increase. Total cow numbers in the state as of July 1 totaled 6,080,000 head; this compared with 5,807,000 head as of Jan. 1.

The Blacklands have the highest number of beef cows and all cows. As of July 1, there were 920,400 cows (854,000 of that being beef cows) in the Blacklands. The east Texas and south central Texas regions were next in total numbers of cows and beef cows.

The east and northeast Texas area had 775,000 beef cows and a total of 864,100 cows as of July 1. The south central area had

766,000 beef cows and a total of 810,500 cows as of July 1.

EGG PRODUCTION in Texas during July was up three per cent from a year ago, but steady with last month. Total egg production during July totaled 222,000,000. Nationwide, egg production was down one per cent from last year.

Total numbers of Texas layers as of July 1 were 11.7 million. Texas eggs laid daily per 100 hens averaged 61.2 during July; a year ago the average was 57.6. Nationwide, the average was 62.7.

The July hatch of egg type chickens in the state was down 34 per cent from a year ago and 23 per cent below a month earlier.

Broiler chicks showed an increase of three per cent. The total turkey poult hatch for July was up 18 per cent from a year ago, but 33 per cent below a month ago.

A NINE per cent decline in numbers of cattle and calves marketed through Texas auction markets inspected by the Texas Animal Health Commission is reported by the Texas Crop and Livestock Reporting Service.

Cattle and calves marketed totaled 619,000 head, or nine per cent below a year ago. Sheep sales totaled 132,000, down 17 per cent from a year ago and 39 per cent under a month ago. Sales of goats at 27,000 were down 31 per cent from a year ago.

Hog sales totaled 45,000 head; this is 29 per cent below a year ago.

THE FINAL step toward eradication of the screwworm in Texas has been taken. An agreement between Mexico and the United States was signed recently which will result in a cooperative effort to eradicate the screwworm in Mexico.

It will involve building a sterile screwworm fly factory off the Isthmus of Tehuantepec in Mexico. Production from this plant and from the fly factory at Mission will be used to wipe out the pest in Mexico.

Livestock producers in Texas are urged to continue to check their livestock regularly, treat wounds on livestock for screw-worm control, and continue to submit suspected samples to the fly laboratory at Mission.

Eradication officials say plans are being made now to combat the screwworm next year.

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Mrs. Mike Denman

MISS JACKIE CONLEY AND MIKE DENMAN ARE MARRIED IN METHODIST CEREMONY

Jacquelyn Diane Conley and Michael Wayne Denman were married Saturday, Sept. 2, in the First United Methodist Church of Robert Lee with the Rev. Arthur Kendall officiating.

Parents of the bride are Mr. and Mrs. John Q. Conley of Robert Lee. Parents of the bridegroom are Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Denman of Stanton.

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PERSONALS

Mrs. E. O. Higgins spent the holiday weekend visiting her children and their families in San Angelo. They are Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Terry and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Bennett.

Mr. and Mrs. Turney Casey spent the Labor Day weekend visiting relatives, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Casey at Abilene; their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bascom Chesney, Cindy and Pam and her brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Schooley Jr., all of Ft. Worth. The Schooleys have just returned to Texas following a four year stay in Germany. The Caseys also visited Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Taylor and family in Springtown.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. James E. Brown of Lubbock and Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Roe III of Waco visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Roe Jr. over the Labor Day weekend. Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Bloodsworth and Mrs. Bonnie Robertson spent the holiday weekend visiting at Amherst in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Tomes.

Relatives gathering in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Reid during the weekend were Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Reid, Lyon Reid, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Sword and Ruth Ann, all of San Angelo, and Truett Arbuckle of Houston.

Big Crowd Attends Havins Reunion

The Havins reunion was held at the Robert Lee Recreation Center Aug. 26 and 27 with 97 persons registering. There was a basket supper Saturday evening and a barbecue lunch Sunday.

Most of those who attended were members of families descended from the late Milton H. and Clara Havins, pioneers of this area.

Attending the affair were:

P. H. Minans, Jesse Brant, Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Winans, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Brave and Merrill, Melody Sue Winans, John McGowan (visitor), Mrs. Patricia Kelly, Mr. and Mrs. John Buckholts and Mrs. Mae Winans, all of San Antonio.

From San Angelo were: Mr. and Mrs. Jack Brownfield, Mike Havins, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Leek, Mr. and Mrs. Myrph Havins, Mrs. Cathryn Olsen, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. George Grim, Greg and Missy, Troy and Cathy Glidewell, Suze Pierce, Connie Olsak (visitor), Paul Brownfield, Mr. and Mrs. Barry Bellings, and Travis Roberts.

Others attending were Charlotte Winans, Mr. and Mrs. Randall Wyles, Dean and Deana, Bethany, Okla.; R. D. Winans and Floyd Winans, Oklahoma City; Mr. and Mrs. Vic Collett (visitors), Goldthwaite; Charlotte Cooke and Mr. and Mrs. Warren Cook, Republic, Mo.; Mr. and Mrs. Otto Havins and Elizabeth, Wichita Falls; Mrs. Bessie Reed, Riverside, Calif.

Also, Mr. and Mrs. Dee McCleskey, Mrs. Eva Vowell and Mr. and Mrs. Rick Giddens and Keith, Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. John Davis, Johnny, Milton, Melisa, Deborah and Kathy, Kingsland; Carlos Val Smith, Waco; Mrs. Donna Hester, Katrina, Debbie and Hank and Gary Grant (visitor), Levelland; Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Hallmark, Bronte; Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Jackson, Odessa; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Havins, Mr. and Mrs. Freddie Hightower and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Sullivan (visitors), Midland; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Boughs, Charlie and Trent, Palestine.

Serving as best man was Craig Thomason of Austin. Groomsmen were Gary Jack Thomason of Austin and Carl Bloodworth of Silver. Ricky Whitaker of San Angelo and Doak Snead of Bronte served as ushers.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a formal empire gown of chiffon featuring long puffed sleeves, high neckline and daisy trim on the gown front.

Houseparty for the reception in the church fellowship hall included Miss Linda Heuvel and Miss Debbie Conner of Abilene, Miss Mary Kay Benys of Corpus Christi, Miss Kathy Skinner of Dallas, Miss Reba Ballow of Levelland, Mrs. A. J. Roe III of Waco, Mrs. Sam Bean, Mrs. Zeddie Beal, Mrs. Tommy Blair and Miss Sheri Pitcock.

The bride is a graduate of Robert Lee High School and Commercial College of Abilene and attended Texas Tech University.

Also a graduate of RLHS, the bridegroom attended Schreiner Institute, Angelo State University, and is currently attending the University of Texas at Austin, where the couple will live.

Parents of the bridegroom were hosts to the rehearsal dinner at the Robert Lee Recreation Hall.

BIRTHS

Mr. and Mrs. Lynn White of Mineral Wells are parents of a son, Michael Shane, born Aug. 15, in the Army Beach Hospital at Ft. Wolters.

Grandparents are Mrs. Bernice Nicholson of Independence, La., and Mrs. Orval Lee White of Henderson.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Aldridge of Jal, N. M., are parents of a baby daughter, Karla Rhejean. She was born Aug. 22 and weighed 6 pounds, 4 ounces. She has a sister, Kristi Raylene, 3 years old. Mrs. Aldridge is the former Letta Robertson.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Robertson of Robert Lee and Mr. and Mrs. Warren Aldridge Jr. of Jal, N. M. Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Warren Aldridge Sr. and Mrs. Guest of San Angelo.

Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Wallace Jr. were Mr. and Mrs. Jess Smith of Roscoe, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Flemmons of Lubbock, Pam McMullin of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Bloodworth of Silver, Mr. and Mrs. Jackie Smith of Gainesville, Fla., and Troy Millican of Robert Lee.

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FISHING REPORT from Lake Spence



The fishing this last week at Lake Spence was almost monopolized by Odessa fishermen. They like to fish and seem to know just where they are biting.

M. L. Baker, hooked three black bass weighing up to 3 1/2 lbs. A fellow Odessan, Bill Smith, caught five channel cat, up to 4 lbs. J. A. McKensey took home six channel cat, up to 3 lbs., and J. B. Crum had 10 black bass up to 2 1/2 lbs. Also taking home 10 black bass, up to 4 lbs., was Ron Lambert. Jimmy Everett landed seven black bass, up to 3 lbs., and Pat Phraber left with six black bass weighing up to 3 1/2 lbs. Howard Edmondson found the channel cat, catching 25 which weighed up to 4 lbs. Catching eight channel cat, up to 4 lbs., was R. E. Boom.

Two fishermen from Midland reported catches; Jay Ford caught 10 black bass, up to 4 1/2 lbs., and Ike Johnson also hooked 10 black bass, up to 4 lbs.

Richard McCarthy of Big Spring landed four black bass, up to 3 lbs., and Nathan Cooper, also of Big Spring, reported 25 perch. Mike Fuller of Colorado City hooked four black bass, up to 3 1/2 lbs. Mrs. J. E. Hollis, Robert Lee, took home 10 black bass, up to 3 1/2 lbs. J. E. Hollis had five black bass up to 3 lbs. Kenneth

Kiker caught 10 channel cat up to 8 lbs., and Hank Baker, also of Robert Lee, had nine channel cat up to 4 lbs.

Mr. and Mrs. Y. J. Sherrill, who have just recently opened a concession store at Lake Spence, each caught a striped bass, hers weighed 6 lbs. and his 4 1/2.

PERSONALS

Visitors for the weekend in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Bloodworth were her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Todd of Weatherford and Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Sposser of Valley Mills.

Mike and Lance Herrington of Odessa were Sunday guests of their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Lindsey, and visited friends in Robert Lee.

Weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Robertson were two of their sons and their families, Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Robertson and children of Abilene and Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Robertson and children of San Angelo.

Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Thomas of Irving and Mrs. O. C. Duncan of Fort Stockton were visitors over Labor Day weekend in the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hood, Mr. and Mrs. Keith Hood and Mr. and Mrs. Royce Hood.

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**WASHINGTON**

**"As it looks
from here"**

OMAR BURLESON

Congressman
17th District

Washington — Something called "Social Services," administered by the various states and subsidized by \$3 to \$1 in federal funds, is another program out of control, proving wasteful and ineffective according to reports.

The provision allowing wasteful and in most instances unproductive, expenditures, is a part of the Health, Education and Welfare appropriation bill of 1967. This section of a 237 page bill provides that the federal government will match three to one money spent by the states for such things as helping people adjust when they go off welfare and on instruction as to how to stay off welfare. In fact, funds can be

used to inform people how to get on welfare.

The entire section is vague and subject to many interpretations.

Depending on state employees to make decisions. The federal money is "open ended," which means the federal government must pay \$3 for every \$1 spent by the states virtually without limit.

Between 1967 and 1969 the cost in federal funds amounted to \$354 million. It is estimated that this year's cost will run to a total of \$4.8 billion. This increase, according to officials administering the federal end of the program, comes about by the states having learned how to get more of these funds.

California is receiving about 40 per cent of the total. Massachusetts comes along with huge handouts which support a goodly part of their entire budget.

Mississippi, which drew less than \$2 million last year, is asking for \$463 million, about two-thirds of its entire state budget. Alaska, with a population of 300,000, less than 1/4 of our 17th Congressional District, has \$20 million. The state of Maryland, here near the federal trough, has management consultants to justify an increase of 1,825 per cent to the sum of \$418 million. By contrast, Minnesota, with a population approximately that of Maryland, is requesting \$95.5 million. Our own state of Texas had originally asked for \$42.3 million for 1973. That figure has now been upped to

\$178,621,000, an increase of 3,210 per cent.

Worst of all about this program, or better to say, this direct handout, is that no real audit, as to how and for what the money is spent is required. Reimbursement is claimed for spending not only by state and local governments, but by private agencies. In other words, the money is handed over and no questions asked. And we wonder how spending has gotten out of control.

There is growing indication that federal funds are being used to replace existing state expenditures, rather than augment the supply of social services to needy people as the legislation intended. The chairman of the Joint Economic Committee of the Congress has said that some of the services included in the program may be badly needed by the poor but the uncontrolled subsidy is not the way to insure they are provided.

The committee has scheduled hearings to inquire into these operations. State officials will be asked to explain how increases in requested federal funds benefit former, current, or "potential" welfare recipients. Federal officials will be called on to explain how federal funds are disbursed so freely without more accounting.

One of the first questions some of us want to ask is about a case reported from Boston. How does the ole boy who is working to afford a much needed new refrigerator feel when he sees the person next door get one for nothing? From reports it came from "social services."

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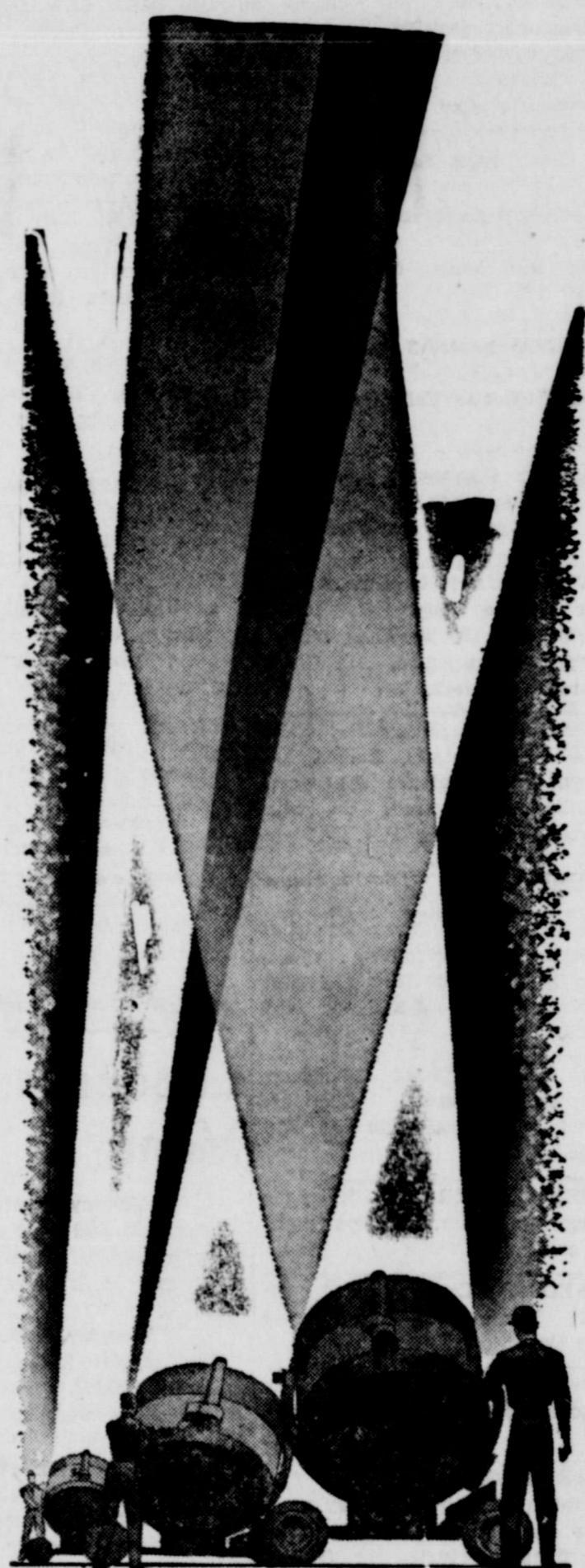
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Tuesday, Sept. 12

Hamburgers, lettuce, tomatoes, onions, pickles, buttered corn, potato chips and chocolate pudding.

Wednesday, Sept. 13

Pinto beans with salt pork, buttered potatoes, spinach, pickled beets, corn bread and butter, milk and peach cobbler.

Thursday, Sept. 14

Skillet dinner with cheese, English peas, combination salad, hot rolls and butter, milk and applesauce cake.

Friday, Sept. 15

Barbecue chicken, creamed potatoes, green beans, hot rolls and butter, milk and peanut butter supreme.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Brown of Cross Plains visited here over the weekend with her sisters and their families, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Trimble and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hearn.

Mrs. Bessie Havins Reed of Riverside, Calif., has spent several weeks here visiting in the homes of her sisters and brothers-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Roberts and Mr. and Mrs. Fern Havins.

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