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Today at 11:45

Jr. High Tournament Starts



Debbie Hendry



Harvey Wink

Harvey Wink, Debbie Hendry Named Most Athletic in R-Lee High School

Harvey Wink and Debbie Hendry have been named Most Athletic Boy and Girl of Robert Lee High School. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Hendry and he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Wink.

Petition to Ask Library Service

A petition is being circulated in Robert Lee to request the Coke County Commissioners' Court to provide some kind of library service. Regular visits by a Bookmobile or some other type of service for the public are being considered.

County Judge W. W. Thetford said Tuesday that another plan of circulating books in rural areas is gaining popularity. This plan calls for a contract with a central distribution point from which readers could order books they wish to read.

Anyone who would like to know more about the proposal or would like to sign the petition should call Mrs. Ray Shandley at 453-2771 or 453-2423.

Boys Teams Down Eldorado Visitors

Both A and B boys teams downed visitors from Eldorado Tuesday night, while the girls A team lost to the Eldorado lassies.

The boys A team won their tilt 70-62, with Bobby Mumford leading the scoring with 22. Harvey Wink with 15 and Bill Rowoldt with 12 also hit double figures. Others making points were Rudy Abalos 8; Terry Wojtek 7; Wibby Millican 4; David Beaty 2.

In the girls game the final score was Eldorado 66, Robert Lee 37. Rhonda Askins was top scorer with 15; Nita Copeland had 12; Audrey Walker 10.

The boys B team won handily with a score of 47-39. Don Sparks was high pointer with 17; Craig Bessent had 12; Doug Herford 6; Carl Bagwell 6; Artie Braswell 4; Jesse Eads 4; Cliff Cole 2.

Funeral Thursday For Mrs. M. A. Cox

Funeral services for Mrs. M. A. (Myrtle) Cox, 72, will be held Thursday at 2 p.m. in First United Methodist Church in Robert Lee, with the Rev. A. A. Kendall, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Robert Lee Cemetery under direction of Newby Funeral Home.

Mrs. Cox died at 1:45 a.m. Tuesday in West Coke County Nursing Home following a long illness.

She was born Myrtle Charlotte Wilson Feb. 6, 1900, in Denison. She was married to M. A. Cox May 20, 1920, in San Angelo. The family moved to Coke County in 1941 and have made their home here since that time. She was a member of the First Christian Church.

Survivors include her husband; six sons, Bill Cox of Houma, La., Morgan Cox of San Angelo; Russell Cox of Fort Worth; Ted Cox of Kansas City, Mo.; Jim Cox of Plano, and Bob Cox of Robert Lee; and 11 grandchildren.

Pallbearers will be grandsons and friends: Russell Cox Jr., Richie Cox, Mike Cox, Gary Cox, Joe David Key, John Jacobs, J. Lynn Service and Johnnie Service.

82 Christmas Lights Shot Out

Recently when the strings of Christmas lights were taken down in Robert Lee, 82 bulbs had been shot out by B-B guns. City officials also reported that bulbs at the water and sewer plants are also being shot out. These bulbs are large and expensive.

All these bulbs have to be replaced by the city, at the expense of taxpayers. Officials hope this vandalism can be stopped by bringing it to the attention of the citizens who are paying for it.

Visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Patterson over the weekend were her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Brooks from the Lometa community.

Robert Lee's annual Invitational Junior High Basketball Tournament will get underway at 11:45 a.m. today (Thursday). Eight boys and eight girls teams are entered in the tourney.

Plenty of good basketball is promised in all the sessions which will continue through Thursday night, start up again Friday at 11:45 a.m. and continue through Saturday night.

The first game Thursday will

Two Grass Fires Here Saturday

Two grass fires in Robert Lee were reported for last week by Fire Chief Buzz Sawyer. Both the blazes were started from fires burning in trash barrels.

Firemen answered a call Saturday morning at the Gaylon Pitcock home east of town. The fire was soon brought under control.

Late Saturday evening the whistle blew and the fire was on a vacant lot behind the home of Mrs. Bryan Yarbrough. Since a high wind was blowing it took some time to put out this fire, Sawyer said.

"Everyone needs to be extremely careful when burning trash and not leave it unattended," the Fire Chief said.

COUNTY OFFICES TO CLOSE THURSDAY TO HONOR LBJ

County Judge W. W. Thetford said Wednesday that offices in the courthouse will be closed Thursday as a tribute to the late former President Lyndon B. Johnson.

The post office, along with all federal installations over the country will be closed at the order of President Nixon.

City Secretary Mrs. Edna Havins announced Wednesday that the city hall will be closed also.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Don Rabb of Paxton, Ill., visited here recently with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carlos Rabb.

Weekend guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Wallace Jr. was Pam McMullen of Abilene.

find Robert Lee 7th grade girls going against Roscoe, followed by boys teams from the same schools. The remainder of the first round will be Baird vs. Bronte, girls at 2:15 and boys at 3:30; Lorraine vs. Winters, girls at 4:45 and boys at 6:00; Robert Lee vs. Sterling City, girls at 7:15 and boys at 8:30.

Consolation playoffs will begin at 11:45 a.m. Friday and second round on the championship side of the bracket will start at 4:45 p.m. Consolation finals will be at 2 p.m. Saturday for the girls and at 3:15 for the boys. A match for third place will begin at 4:30 p.m. Girls championship finals will start at 7 p.m. and the boys final game will begin at 8:15 p.m.

Following the last game, trophies will be presented to the winners.

Everyone in the area is invited to attend all the sessions. The concession stand will be open.

Jackie's Fabric Shop Now Open

Robert Lee has a new business on its main street. Known as Jackie's Fabric Shop, the new firm is owned and operated by Mrs. E. A. Lanier.

Mrs. Lanier is announcing her formal opening Friday in an ad in this week's Observer, and she invites everyone in the area to come by to see her new store. Free coffee and cookies will be served all day Friday and door prizes will be awarded to some of the lucky persons who have registered.

Mrs. Lanier will handle a line of fabrics and complete sewing equipment and notions, including buttons, zippers, thread, scissors, lace, patterns, etc.

Mrs. Lanier said she hopes to provide a real service and high quality merchandise in her new business.

ROACH'S HAVING "CLEAN-UP SALE"

Roach's Dry Goods is having a "Clean-up Sale" Jan. 25 through Jan. 29. The sale will feature many items at one-half off with many others going at one-third off.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Roach, owners and operators of the store, invite all their friends and customers to come by and take advantage of the savings. The sale will begin Thursday and continue through Monday.

WELFARE PROGRAM CHANGES TO BE TALKED

Meetings will be held in Coke County Tuesday of next week to explain recent changes in the public welfare program of Texas.

Dewey Whitaker, Public Welfare Worker of Ballinger will conduct the meetings in the courthouse at Robert Lee at 10:30 a.m. and at the city hall in Bronte at 2:30 p.m.

All persons receiving public welfare are invited to attend, as well as anyone else who is interested.

New Show Barn Talked

A report was given by Gerald Allen at Tuesday's BCD meeting for the industrial committee of the organization. Allen said he and other committee members had not been able to get together, but he felt the BCD should look into the building of a new county livestock show barn as its first project.

Allen pointed out that a new show barn has been needed for a long time. He recalled that plans were drawn up some years ago when a new barn was included in a countywide bond election that was defeated. He said new plans could be drawn or the old ones modified.

The Robert Lee banker pointed out that there are other ways to finance this project other than by a bond issue, adding that citizens probably would be more receptive to some other form of financing. The city and county recently received some \$60,000 from the federal government for use on community projects, and a barn would not cost nearly that amount.

Mayor S. E. Adams announced a city council meeting coming up Feb. 6 when the council will consider the request of West Texas Utilities Co. for a rate increase. If the increase is approved the

new rates would go into effect in March.

It was mentioned that five or six men have been laid off by the Perkins-Prothro plant at Silver and there is a chance of losing these families from the community.

President Roy Ford presided at the meeting and gave a brief talk on his trip to Austin last week when he attended inauguration ceremonies for Gov. Dolph Briscoe and Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby.

Bob Williams, San Angelo banker, was a guest of Gerald Allen and Richard Dodson was a guest of George Newby. Ten members were present.



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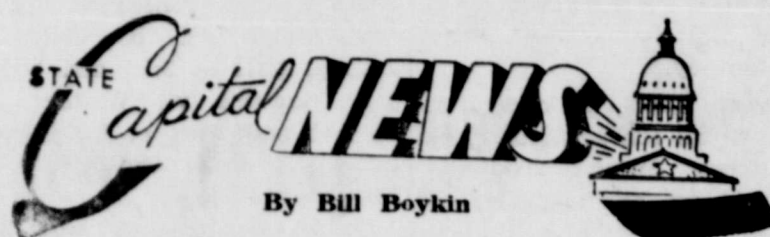
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By Bill Boykin

Austin — Legislation to strengthen the open meetings law cleared the House State Affairs Committee promptly and landed as the first bill on the House calendar Monday.

The measure by Rep. Carl Par-

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tration act and adoption of a new code of ethics, early creation of a constitutional revision commission, penal code revision, laws to curb "fences" of stolen property and give courts power to deny bail to dangerous offenders, requiring convicts to serve more of their sentences before becoming eligible for parole, more emphasis on vocational education and a requirement that spending bills be accompanied with long range estimates.

SENATE RULES ADOPTED — Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby easily won his first big test of authority in the Senate when rules he favored were adopted 24-6.

One of the most significant rules for Hobby restored his power to appoint all Senate committees. A change adopted last September fixed appointments on the basis of seniority, leaving the lieutenant governor authority only to fill vacancies.

Another alteration in which newspaper executive Hobby had a strong interest will require Senators to vote in open meeting on confirmation of appointments by the governor. They will still debate qualifications and character of appointees in closed sessions unless two-thirds of Senators vote otherwise.

Still another change in the rulebook will make it more difficult to resurrect bills on "minority reports" which have been "killed" in committee earlier. Two-thirds of the Senate must vote to permit substitution of minority reports for majority reports of committees. Hobby broke a 15-15 tie in favor of the two-thirds rule.

The Senate rejected amendments to permit shutting off filibusters after 24 hours, to permit Senators to elect their own committees and to throw debate on appointments wide open. They also turned down by a close margin an amendment to retain executive sessions for voting on appointments.

Hobby named veteran Senators to head Senate committees, but he gave vice chairmanships and subcommittee chairmanships to freshmen.

WELFARE LAW COST TOLD — New federal legislation may cost Texas another \$66 million in fiscal 1975, a special study committee reported.

"Findings indicate consequences for Texas are of far greater magnitude than those which might be supposed from federal estimates thus far," the committee said.

The federal government will pay cost of adult welfare recipients, but relaxed eligibility for medical care more than offsets state savings.

The committee estimated adult caseloads will more than double under the federal program.

Short Snorts

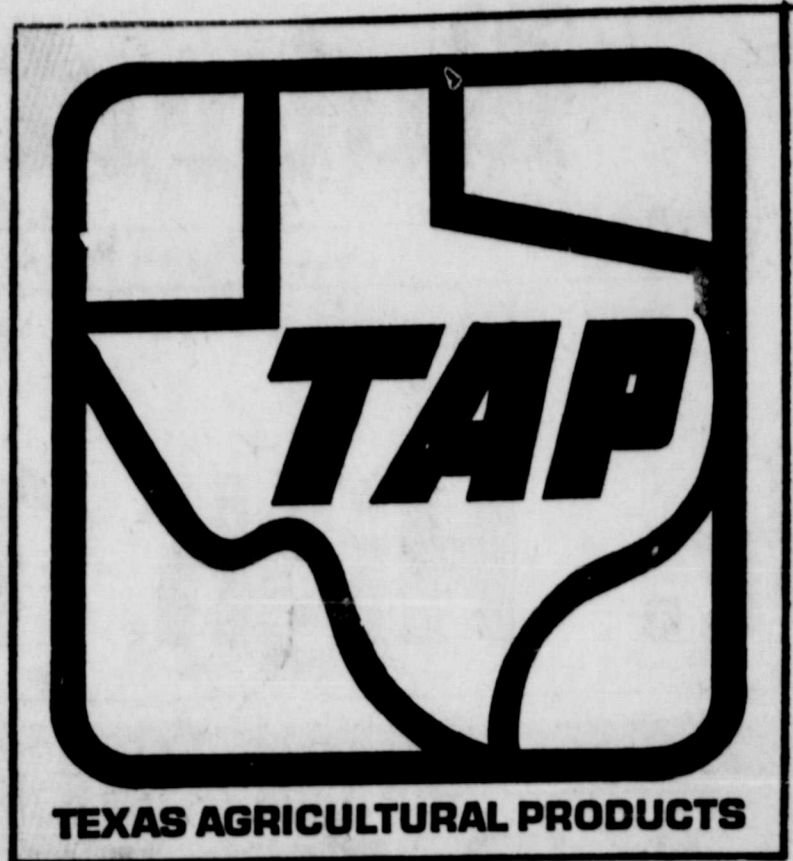
Governor Briscoe named Mark W. White Jr., 33, a Houston lawyer, as his Secretary of State, ending wide speculation.

Big city school enrollment has declined slightly.

Republican Executive Committee members will meet here Friday to elect a new state vice chairman, look backward to 1972 political gains and forward to 1974 plans.

Speaker Daniel is backing legislation to curb the power of lawyer-legislators to delay trials by entering cases while a legislative session is in progress.

Mrs. Ethel Green returned home Monday from Austin where she had attended the Sunflower graduation exercises of her grandson, John C. Augustine, from law school at the University of Texas. She went to Austin with her daughter and family, the J. C. McBrides, of Big Spring.



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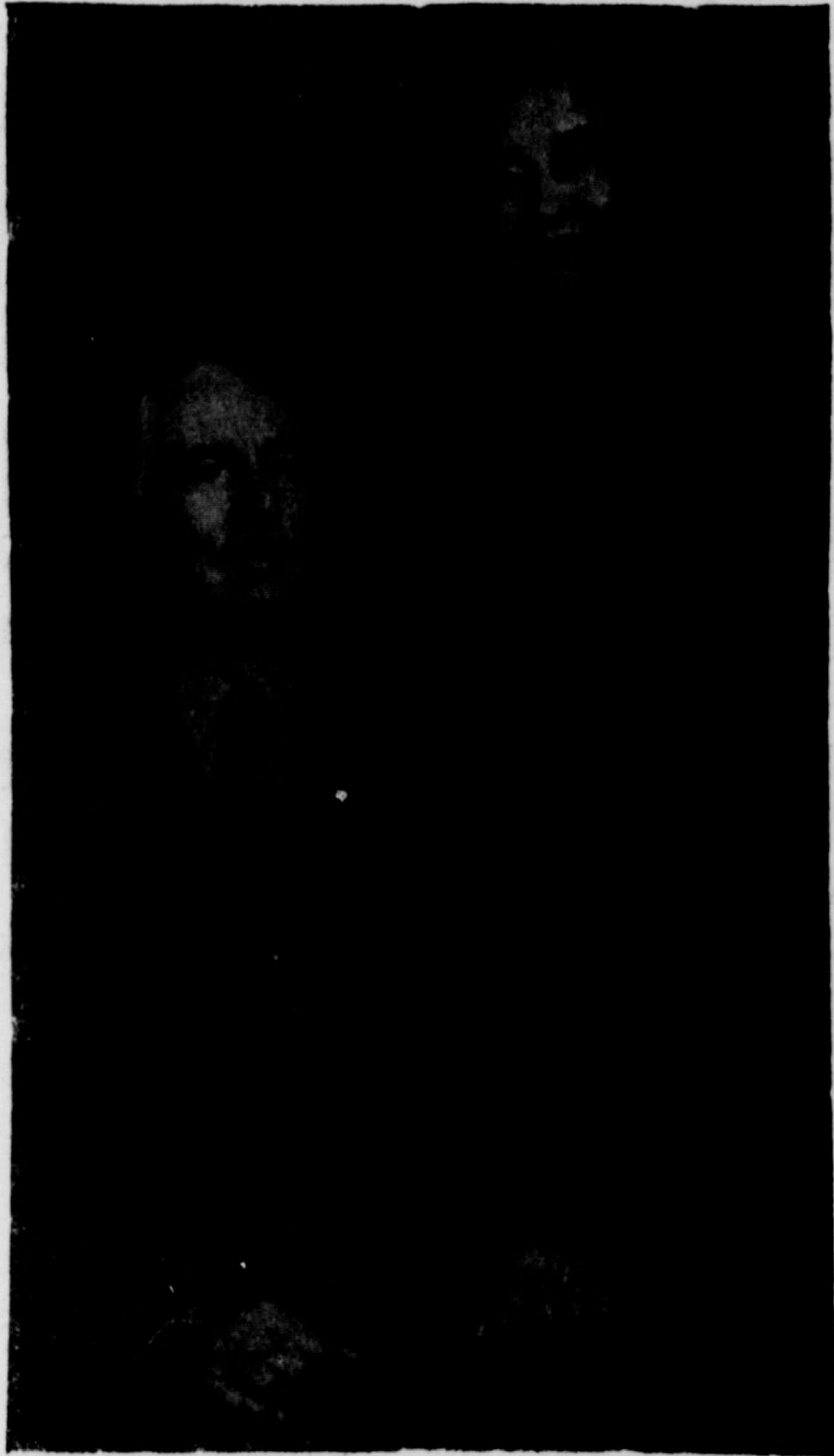
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Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Durnell

Former Robt. Lee Residents Celebrate Their Golden Wedding Anniversary

(The Observer recently received a letter from Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Durnell of Uvalde concerning the celebration of their Golden Wedding Anniversary. We thought the letter was especially of interest to readers of long standing and parts of it follow.)

The Robert Lee Observer Dear little hometown paper:

Enclosed is our check to update our subscription a year or two. Also enclosed is our picture taken last October for our Golden Anniversary which was Dec. 17, 1972. It was such a happy day, and we wish all of our Robert Lee friends could have attended.

Here is a clipping from our Uvalde paper which you might wish to condense and/or use part of it.

We were married in Robert Lee Dec. 17, 1922 by Rev. W. K. Simpson and "Miss Lena" (Mrs. Cortez Russell) played our song, "Melody of Love."

Our children are: Mrs. George Horcher (Dorothy) of Diamond Bar, Calif. and Mrs. Bert Kirkpatrick (Billie Byrd) of Lake Jack-

son, Texas. We have five grandchildren and one great-grandson, David Gates, of Long Beach, Calif.

We wish you a happy New Year. Ruth and Virgil Durnell

P. S. I was Ruth Hamilton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Hamilton. My father was sheriff of Coke County for several years in the early '20s. Virgil is the grandson of the late Calvin W. McCutchen.

The writeup from the Uvalde Leader-News follows in part:

Mrs. and Mrs. Virgil Durnell were honored on their Golden Wedding Anniversary at the Montell Country Club Sunday, Dec. 17, from 3 to 6 p.m. Hosting the event were the couple's daughters and their families.

More than 200 relatives and friends from Uvalde, Rocksprings, Camp Wood, Barksdale, San Angelo, Lufkin, Tyler, Robert Lee, Dallas, Houston, Colorado, Albuquerque, N. M., and Menard attended.

Theme for the occasion, "Angels and Bells," was artistically carried out in the elaborate decorations about the hall. Adding to the festivities was a huge Christmas tree with gold balls and tinsel, where gifts were placed for the honorees.

In addition to a huge branch of mistletoe, the Christmas tree, and the gold and white decorations adorning the hall, were numerous floral arrangements, gifts to the couple.

The table, laid with a gold satin and net skirted cloth, was centered with an arrangement of gold and bronze mums with gold accents. The wedding cake was baked by friends of the honorees, and was adorned with gold bells, a miniature church and bride and groom.

A delightful program had been planned and was concluded by the Rev. Homer Stephens' singing "The Lord's Prayer" and group singing of "God Be with You 'Til We Meet Again."

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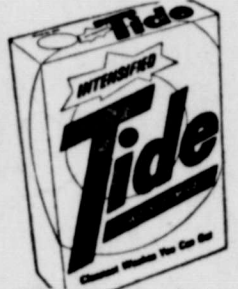
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MISS McMULLAN, JOHN Q. COUNTS ARE WED IN DOUBLE RING CEREMONY AT DEVERS

Miss Belynda Blanche McMullan of Devers became the bride of John Quittman Counts of Huntsville at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 6 in the First Baptist Church of Devers with Rev. Daniel Perego officiating at the double ring ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Walter McMullan of Devers and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Q. Counts of Sterling City.

The chancel of the church was decorated with an arch covered with garlands of boxwood and ivy. Tall candelabra covered with matching greenery stood on either side. The pews were marked with sprays of boxwood trimmed with white satin streamers.

Organist Murl Johnson and soloist Mary Evelyn Galloway presented wedding music, with selections of "The Lord's Prayer," "The Twelfth of Never" and "Whither Thou Goest."

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a gown of candlelight satrapeau with bodice of re-embroidered lace. A high neckline and sheer lantern sleeves created a romantic effect. Narrow Venetian lace edged the fitted cuffs and encircled the natural waistline, repeated at the gathered hemline. Her chapel length train attached at the shoulder and was trimmed with lace. Her bouquet was a cascade of white roses caught with lace and pearls.

Miss Donna Kay McMullan served as her sister's maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Miss Peggy Marcia McMullan, sister of the bride, and Miss Margaret Ann Wells of Liberty.

Raymond Hugh Counts served as best man. Groomsmen were Randal Kevin VanDeVenter and Lou-

is Joe Wilcox. Ushers were Carroll Thomas Hight and David Scott Castle. Herman Willett served as candlelighter.

The reception was held in the church fellowship hall. The bride's table was covered with a white scalloped lace skirt and centered with an arrangement of pink carnations and gladiolas clustered at the top of a five branched silver candelabrum. A crystal punch bowl filled with pink fruit punch and four tiered wedding cake, columned and trimmed with pale pink roses, completed the table.

The groom's table was draped with white Nottingham lace and featured a round chocolate cake topped with red velvet crown. Coffee was served from a silver service.

Serving in the houseparty were Misses Dolly Bludau, Sheryl Johnson and Jonee Haynie and Mmes. David McMullan and Jimmy Peyton.

Rice girls were Barbara, V. and Gaylen Willett and Kellie Burrell.

For the honeymoon trip to West Texas the bride chose a black traveling ensemble trimmed in black and white polka dots. After the wedding trip the couple will be at home in Huntsville.

Mrs. Counts is a graduate of Liberty High School and is presently a junior at Sam Houston State University. Her husband is a graduate of Robert Lee High School and is also a junior at SHSU, where he is a member of Alpha Chi honor fraternity.

Daniel Funeral Held at Big Spring

Funeral services for Thomas Austin (Shorty) Daniel, 65, were held at 2 p.m. Saturday at West Funeral Home in Carlsbad, N. M. The body was brought to River-Welch Funeral Home in Big Spring where it lay in state until Monday. Graveside services and burial were at 10 a.m. Monday in Mount Olive Cemetery in Big Spring.

Mr. Daniel died at 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 18, after a long illness.

He was born Jan. 10, 1908, in Evant and was married to the former Rubie Jewell Hollis in 1939 in Big Spring. They moved to Carlsbad, N. M., in 1951.

He was a Baptist and a member of the Operating Engineers Union.

Survivors include his wife of Carlsbad; a son, Robert Stracener of Abilene; two daughters, Mrs. Frankie Smallwood of Sweetwater and Mrs. Pauline Long of Knott; three brothers, Eugene Daniel of Carlsbad, J. B. Daniel of Sweetwater and B. J. Daniel of Placenta, Calif.; seven sisters, Mrs. Nellie Robertson of Sweetwater, Mrs. Della Henson of Roscoe, Mrs. Thelma Blair of Robert Lee, Mrs. Pearl Blair of Maryneal, Mrs. Laverne Fritch of Lubbock, Mrs. Ruby Moore of Odessa and Mrs. Vela Hall of Port Arthur; seven grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

KATHY DENMAN POST ON OKLAHOMA HONOR ROLL

The University of Oklahoma announced that 6075 students achieved 3.0 or better grade point averages for the 1972 fall semester.

In addition to the 3.0 minimum grade point average, a student must be enrolled in a minimum of 12 credit hours and must not have a "failing" or "unsatisfactory" mark in any course.

Included on the honor roll was Edna Kathleen Post. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Denman of Snyder, formerly of Robert Lee.

Vernon W. Bilbo Dies in N. Mexico

Vernon W. Bilbo, 77, of Fairacres, N. M., and a former longtime resident of Coke County, died in a Las Cruces, N. M., hospital at 7 a.m. Saturday.

Services were held Monday at 2 p.m. in Fairacres United Methodist Church with burial in Fairacres Cemetery.

Mr. Bilbo was born May 9, 1895, in Lampasas and moved to Coke County soon after his birth with his parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Bilbo. He lived for many years in the Sanco community. He was married to Fay Phillips Oct. 6, 1934, in Bandera. He was a retired rancher, was a member of Oddfellows and was a Methodist.

Survivors include his wife of Fairacres; three sons, Marion Bilbo of Las Cruces; Sherrill Bilbo of Tucson, Ariz., and Richard Bilbo of Albuquerque, N. M.; a daughter, Mrs. Marjorie Moore of Las Cruces; three brothers, Raymond Bilbo of Encinal, A. J. Bilbo of Robert Lee and Otho Bilbo of Hobbs, N. M.; five sisters, Mrs. Ovid Creighton of Elida, N. M., Mrs. Minnie Randle of Rockport, Mrs. Bessie Tallant of Mercury, Mrs. Lou Ella Bessent of Robert Lee and Mrs. Cathryn McGuire of Big Lake; and several grandchildren.

NEW SORORITY FORMED IN ROBERT LEE

Alpha Kappa Pi Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi, a new sorority in Robert Lee, met Wednesday night of last week in the home of Mrs. Dale Wojtek. Mrs. Arthur Run-

The following officers were elected: president, Mrs. Ben Bessent; vice president, Mrs. Don Mauldin; secretary, Mrs. Frank Casey; treasurer, Mrs. Jack Matthews; reporter, Mrs. Arthur Runion. There are 13 members in the new chapter.

Yearbooks were presented by Mrs. J. W. (Pinky) Barnes. A program on "Introductions and Invitations" was given by Mrs. Ben Bessent and Mrs. Barnes.

The club elected Mrs. Bessent to represent them at the Queen of Hearts Ball in San Angelo Feb. 10. Next meeting will be in the home of Mrs. Truman Hines with Mrs. Jimmy Bell co-hostess.

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FOUR STUDENTS MAKE MAKE HONOR ROLL AT ASU

Four Robert Lee students are listed on the Dean's Honor Roll for the fall semester at Angelo State University.

Jan Lorraine Havins is listed on the 3.50 to 4.00 honor roll.

Edwin Mark Matlock, Cristie Lea Roach and Ben Michael Stephens are listed on the 3.00 to 3.49 honor roll.

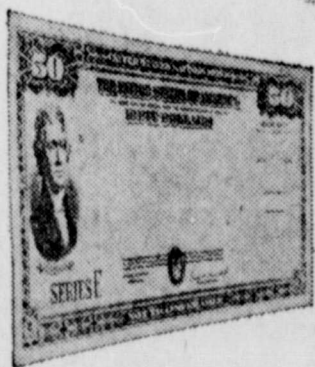
PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Rampy and Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Fritch, all of Junction, were Saturday guests of Mrs. Lem Cowley.

Weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Fields were their children, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Fields of Odessa.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Siler and family of Lubbock were weekend guests of her father, Jim L. Robertson.

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Texas Still Cotton King... Weather and Agriculture... Milk Production Is Down But Also Shows Gain.

Texas will produce almost one-third of the total cotton grown in the nation during 1972. The Texas Crop and Livestock Reporting Service notes that upland cotton production in the state during 1972 is now estimated at 4,050,000 bales. Nationwide, the total for 1972 is now estimated at 13,472,500 bales.

For Texas production in 1972 is almost double that of 1971. Yield per acre for 1972 is set at 377 pounds per acre compared with 263 pounds in 1971. Harvested acres are expected to total 5,150,000 compared with 4,700,000 acres in 1971.

FULL effects of the worst snow storm in Texas in 100 years which occurred recently are still not known regarding agriculture. But losses will be heavy. The oat crop, which had been showing some improvement, suffered from the ice and snow. Citrus harvest has been hampered by the cold weather. Rainy weather halted harvest of cabbage and carrots.

In the coastal bend, spinach harvest is at hand. Vegetable growers in Central Texas are preparing land and applying fertilizer when field conditions permit.

Wheat seeding for the state is complete, and wheat grazing has been restricted due to wet fields. Soybean, grain sorghum, and pecan harvesting are all virtually completed.

The cold, wet weather has been hard on livestock throughout the state. Supplemental protein feeding and haying is widespread over the state.

MILK production in Texas during December was four per cent below a year earlier, but still two per cent above the previous month's production.

Milk production per cow kept for milk averaged 730 pounds per cow during December, which is 30 pounds below a year earlier but 15 pounds above the previous month. Nationwide, milk production during December was vir-

tually unchanged from a year ago. Milk cows on farms during December totaled 12,127,000, a one per cent decline from a year earlier.

Sterling Allen and Kathy Prince visited last weekend in Lubbock with Sherri Pitcock, a student at Texas Tech. They also visited on the campus of Western Texas College at Snyder.

Mrs. Elsie Latham and Mrs. Virginia Latham left Friday for Denton where they are visiting several days with their daughter and granddaughter, Mrs. Monette Hankie.

Hospital News

Jan. 16: M. L. (Pete) Smith admitted.

Jan. 17: Ted Haley admitted.
Jan. 18: Mrs. Alfonso Balderas, Mrs. Finis Harmon, Cumble Ivey Jr. admitted. Ted Haley dismissed.

Jan. 19: Bessie Hallmark, George McCaleb admitted.

Jan. 20: Malindy Hickman admitted. Cumble Ivey Jr. dismissed.

Jan. 21: Mabel Mundell admitted. Mrs. Alfonso Balderas, Mrs. Finis Harmon dismissed.

Jan. 22: Cheri Baker admitted, Mrs. N. R. Wolfe dismissed.

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

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Casey of Abilene visited here Sunday with her mother, Mrs. Mabel Mundell, and his brother and family, the Turney Caseys.

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Palmer were Saturday guests of his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. John Palmer of Colorado City.

FIREMENS AUXILIARY

The Robert Lee Firemen's Auxiliary met Monday at the city hall and voted to donate \$250 to the Fire Department. The money is to be used toward the payment for the new siren.

The Auxiliary raised the money for the donation by having a bake sale and by the sale of fruit cakes.

Members will continue to work to raise money for the equipment the Fire Department needs. They said they appreciate the cooperation given by everyone in helping them with this project.

Seven members were present for the meeting. Next meeting will be Feb. 12.

Take a Look at the Ads.
A little time spent in reading them is time well spent.

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PERSONALS

Visitors of Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Hughes the past weekend were their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Rick Whitaker of San Angelo.

Mrs. Hazel Caulder of Bronte was a weekend guest in the home of Mrs. Wanda Caulder.

Mrs. Elgene Mitchell of Brownwood visited here Monday with her mother, Mrs. W. H. Wyatt.

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**THURSDAY — Starting at 11:45 a.m.
THROUGH SATURDAY NIGHT**

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Mr. and Mrs. George Newby

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Mrs. Winnie Waldrop
County Clerk

Mr. & Mrs. O. B. Jacobs
Coke County Tax Assessor

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Robert Lee Recreation Center
Jack and Juanita Trimble

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Mr. and Mrs. Add Davis

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H D Agent's News Dept.

By MRS. FAY C. ROE

Appliance Care

Proper use and care of appliances insures their greatest value. Detailing general rules of thumb for small electrical appliances:

- * Always use the appliance's own electrical cord.
- * Connect cord to appliance before plugging into wall.
- * Don't use extension cords.
- * Unplug immediately after use.
- * Clean after each use.
- * Don't use scouring pads or cleaners on non-stick coating.
- * Don't put cold water on hot griddles, saucepans or fry pans—it may cause warping.
- * Store appliances under cover or keep free of dust.

Other small appliances require special care tactics. These include blenders, can openers, coffee makers, toasters and waffle irons.

For blenders: don't overfill the jar, clean by filling with warm detergent water and running on low speed or by removing the blades.

Can openers: wipe with damp cloth, remove cutter wheel assembly and clean occasionally.

Coffee makers: wash interior thoroughly, use brush for spout.

Toasters: empty crumb tray frequently, never use fork to dislodge particles.

Waffle iron: brush grids with pastry brush, they don't require washing (the brown film helps prevent sticking). If sticking is a problem, recondition by covering grids with unsalted vegetable oil and letting them heat for about 10 minutes.

GOLDEN EAGLE PASSPORTS AVAILABLE AT POST OFFICE

Are you planning to visit any national parks during 1973?

If you are you may want to purchase a Golden Eagle Passport. The passports are on sale now at the local post office for \$10 each. The passport is a season ticket for entrance to any national park.

Golden Age Passports are available free to persons 62 years of age or older. This passport entitles the holder to general admission to all national park and 50 per cent off on charges for special recreational facilities within the parks. For more information inquire at the post office.

ELAINE FIKES CHOSEN FOR LISTING IN WHO'S WHO

Elaine Fikes was recently chosen to be listed in Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities. She is a senior student at Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene.

During her college years she was named University Princess last year and was a representative to the Student Congress. She is a member of Alpha Chi Honor Society and Tri Phi Social Club. She was a varsity cheerleader in her junior year.

Miss Fikes has a major in business and minor in education. She is now doing her student teaching at Cooper High School in Abilene. She will graduate in May. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Fikes of Robert Lee.

RILEY WALDROP MAKES WESTERN TEX. HONOR ROLL

Students qualifying for the Dean's List for the fall semester of Western Texas College in Snyder were named recently by Dr. Ben Brock, dean of the college. Among these students was Riley Waldrop, son of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Waldrop. Riley is majoring in welding.



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FROSTY ACRES WAFFLES, 6 count box - 2 for 25c

FROSTY ACRES FROZEN ORANGE JUICE 6 oz. can - 2 for 47c

PINK GRAPEFRUIT - 5 lb. bag 53c

TEXAS Oranges 5 lb. bag 49c

CABBAGE, fresh green heads - lb. 7c

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FRANKS, Gooch's all meat - 12 oz. pkg. 63c

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