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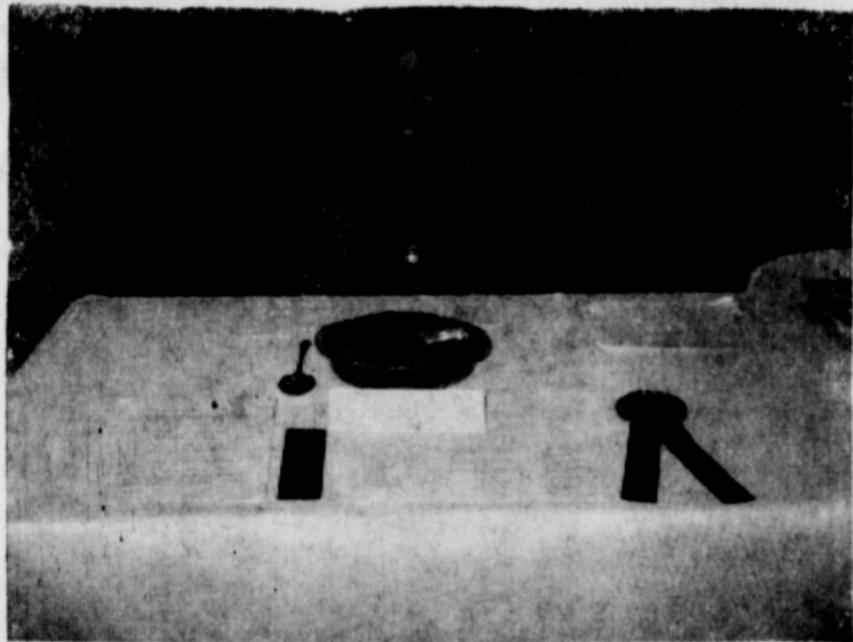
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At Lake Spence

800 Fishermen, Campers Here



Mary Elaine Lackey

Winners Named in 4-H Food Show Held Sunday in RL School Cafeteria

The annual 4-H Food Show was held Sunday in the Robert Lee School cafeteria. Judges for the event were Mrs. Janis Choate, County Extension Agent of Mitchell County, Mrs. Eugene Smith, and Misses Nancy and Thresa Smith of Loraine.

Blue ribbon winners in the Junior Division were Melinda Barrett, Carla Wojtek, Lisa Lee, Tanya Lee, Lindy Butler, Davia Teschendorf, Ronda Denton, Audrey Williams, Karen Arrott, Carla Dyess, Mike Bailey, John Paul McGuire, Ollie McCarty, Lana Webb, Suzanne Brunson, Merry Dunn and Kathy Ensor.

High point winners in the four food classes were: Melinda Barrett in the Fruit and Vegetable Class with a Three Bean Salad. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Barrett of Bronte.

RL Girls Relays Set for Saturday

Thirty-one schools are entered in the Robert Lee Girls Relays to be held Saturday. A scratch meeting will be held from 9 to 9:45 a.m.

Field events will begin at 9:30 a.m. with shot put, triple jump and high jump. Broad jump and discus competition will begin at 1:45 p.m.

Track preliminaries will start at 10 a.m. with the 440 yard relay, followed by the 440 yard dash, 220 yard dash, 60 yard dash, 80 yard hurdles, 880 yard relay and 100 yard dash.

Following a lunch break, any necessary semi-finals will begin at 1:15 p.m. Finals will begin at 2:45 p.m. in the above named field events plus the 880 yard dash and the mile relay. Trophy presentation is scheduled for 4:15 p.m.

Schools entered besides the local team are Sterling City, Baird, Lake View, Wink, Iraan, Crane, McCamey, Rankin, Miles, Paint Rock, Sands, Aspermont, Stanton, Ira, Blackwell, Water Valley, Winters, Sonora, Christoval, Jim

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Pancake Supper Declared a Success

The Pancake Supper was a big success.

That was the verdict of those in charge of the annual affair which was held last Friday night in the Robert Lee School cafeteria. Sponsors of the event were Robert Lee-Silver Lions Club and Coke County 4-H Clubs. An estimated 725 persons went through the serving line.

Serving got underway at 5 p.m. and continued steadily until 8 p.m.

Approximately 100 men, women and 4-H members worked as dishwashers, cooks, coffee makers, ticket takers, servers, bus boys, etc.

A musical talent program was held in the school auditorium in conjunction with the supper. In charge of the program were AG Davis, Jack Denman, Douglas Fry and Louis Thornton. They provided entertainment for the crowd for several hours.

Contributions and ticket sales were considered good and both

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An estimated 800 campers and fishermen were at Lake Spence last weekend. The big crowd of



Dr. Bill J. Humble

Dr. Humble Will Speak Sunday

Dr. Bill J. Humble, academic dean of Abilene Christian College, will speak at the 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. services, Sunday, March 11, at the Southside Church of Christ in Robert Lee, according to Weldon Bennett who preaches for the Southside congregation.

At the 7 p.m. service Humble will lecture on "Archaeology and the Bible." This will be a color slide presentation, showing many archaeological finds which confirm Bible history. The public is invited to attend.

In 1968, Dr. Humble made a 35,000 mile trip around the world, visiting missionaries and lecturing at Bible colleges in 17 countries of Asia, Africa and Europe. In 1969 he conducted a tour of Bible Lands.

New Discovery West of R-Lee

A new discovery for Coke County has been completed for a daily flowing potential of 296.5 barrels of 37 gravity oil, with a gas-oil ratio of 922-1.

The discovery is Triton Oil & Gas Corp. of Dallas No. 1 Ralph Garvin. The well was completed in the lower Canyon Sand and production was through a 14-64 inch choke and perforations at 5,821-826 feet (corrected) and 5-833-39 feet, which had been acidized and fractured. Tubing pressure was 800 pounds and casing pressure was 400 pounds.

The well is located 467 feet from the south and 2,000 feet from the west lines of J. E. Stewart No. 2. It was drilled to 6,416 feet and casing was set at 5,945 feet, the plugged back depth.

Located nine miles west of

Band to Enter Contests at H-SU

The Robert Lee Steer Band will participate in a University Interscholastic League Solo and Ensemble Contest Saturday at Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene.

The contests will be held in the Home of the Cowboy Band, and will begin at 8 a.m. and conclude at 5 p.m.

The contests are for Region Two, South Zone, and winners of first division will go on to state contests.



Mrs. A. J. Roe III

visitors came from San Angelo, Rankin, Hobbs, N. M., Odessa, Abilene, Denver City, Kermit, Big Spring and other places.

La Dair Sherrill caught a record breaking black bass last weekend, weighing 7 lbs., 13 oz.

The record striped bass to be caught on a hook was landed last fall by Lewis Godwin. Fish and Game Department personnel netted one last fall that weighed 12 lbs.

A new white bass record was set last weekend by David Latham when he landed one weighing 3 lbs., 2 oz.

The Big Spring Bass Tournament was held here this weekend, also, with a big turnout.

More information about fishing can be found on another page under the "Fishing Report."

Candidates Are In Short Supply

No candidates had filed Wednesday morning for director of West Coke County Hospital District nor for city alderman and only two had filed for the three vacancies on the Robert Lee School board of trustees.

Hospital board members whose terms expire this year are Victor Wojtek and Curtis Walker. Holdover members who have another year to serve are J. E. Quisenberry, Finnell Smith and J. D. Harmon. Thursday is the deadline for filing.

Glen Womack and Joe Flowers had filed for Robert Lee School trustee. Trustees whose terms expire in April are Flowers, Bobby Baker and Derwood Mumford.

No candidates had filed Wednesday morning for the vacancies which will exist in April for the places now held by Dale Wojtek, Robert Large and Frank Hearn. Holdover members of the city council are Mayor S. E. Adams, and Aldermen Jimmy Bell and Royce Hood.

Three candidates had filed for county school trustee, including Royce Lee of Bronte for trustee-at-large, Jim Morrow for precinct 2, and C. E. Arvott for precinct 4.

All three elections will be held Saturday, April 7.

Mrs. A. J. Roe III In TSTI Contest

Mrs. A. J. Roe III was a nominee for Miss TSTI in a recent contest held on the campus of the Texas State Technical Institute in Waco. The Miss TSTI Pageant was an activity of the Student Activities Director. Mrs. Roe was among the 13 class representatives who were nominated and who appeared in the pageant.

Mrs. Roe is the former Deone Derrick of the Sanco community. She is a commercial art major at TSTI and will graduate in August.

Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Derrick, attended the pageant.



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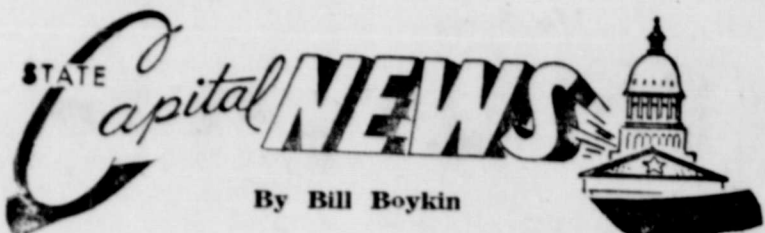
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By Bill Boykin

Austin — "Future financing of public schools in Texas is the most talked about, but least understood, problem in the state today," Sen. Pete Snelson told the West Texas Press Association at their winter meeting in Midland.

"The courts have said that the wealth of a school district cannot be the criteria for future financing," he explained. "And all future school financing in the state is affected by the court suit on the Edgewood district of San Antonio. Public school financing has been challenged in the courts in 30 states."

He compared Edgewood with Odessa's school district. Odessa has 24,984 pupils, 1,119 teachers with a starting salary of \$7,445. Edgewood has 22,134 students, 805 teachers with a starting salary of \$6,000. This is not the "equality" promised under the 14th Amendment, the courts have ruled—and the U. S. Supreme Court is looking at the appeals on this and other state cases.

The U. S. Supreme Court decision will write the next public school financing formulas in Texas, Snelson added, which might force a special session of the Texas Legislature—after this 63rd session has adjourned.

He speculated on the future of school districts—pointing out that

ideas have ranged from a "state-wide school district" to more "consolidations of school districts"—unitizing all districts in counties and statewide "property assessment at true market value."

Snelson, vice chairman of the Senate Education Committee, quoted an El Paso newspaper clipping which said: "We are watching the demise of public education in Texas."

"The wealth of Texas as a whole will determine our future laws on public education," Snelson concluded—and asked these questions: "What will be the effect on the state tax structure? What will it do to consolidation of 1,100 school districts?" and "Will there be room for local enrichment programs?"

CONSTITUTIONAL PANEL PICKED — Legislators have until the end of the week to lodge their objections to the 37 members Texas Constitutional Revision Commission selected by the state's top six officials.

In order to reject the slate, a majority of both houses would have to signify their objections with the Secretary of State. Apparently, a relatively small number of objections will be lodged, although complaints on equality of the representation on the Commission were lodged by blacks, Republicans, women, youth and a West Texan. Mexican-Americans were also among signers of the objection petition.

The Commission includes four Republicans, four women, three blacks and three Mexican-Americans. Neither group was satisfied with its numerical representation, although individuals named by the selection committee generally

drew commendation.

Former State Supreme Court Chief Justice Robert W. Calvert, chairman of the Commission, is expected to call the group together soon after the Legislature's "veto period" expires. Members were warned they may as well be prepared to block off at least half of their time for the next year to the revision task.

SALES TAX RECOMMENDATIONS — Tens of millions of dollars in sales tax collections are not finding their way into the state treasury, a Senate committee reported last week.

Former Sen. Joe Christie said the final report of the interim committee to study the sales tax reveals "glaring deficiencies in the way sales taxes now are collected."

Christie said the report is not meant as an attack on the office of the comptroller, the state's chief tax collector, but as an effort to suggest better and more efficient ways to get maximum yield out of the lucrative and sensitive sales tax.

In the committee's opinion, the state lost \$18.2 million in 1971 due to faulty administration of the levy.

Committee members offered these recommendations:

* Employment of more auditors to monitor payments by business firms to the state.

* Authority for cities to pursue in the courts collection of sales taxes once they are declared delinquent by the comptroller.

* Requirement that business firms post bond to insure payment of their sales taxes.

The report charged Comptroller Robert S. Calvert has "pursued a policy which encourages sales tax delinquency" and has refused to demand adequate assurance of payment from new and consistently delinquent taxpayers.

The proposed bonding requirement passed the House last week but failed to clear the Senate.

WELFARE BUDGET QUESTIONED — Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby asked additional data from the Welfare Department to justify its case for major budget increases.

Hobby complained the department is asking for 2,851 new staff positions at a time when the federal government will take over cost of public assistance payments to some 275,000 aged, blind and disabled. While more Texans may qualify for state Medicaid coverage under the new federal provisions, Hobby said, he is not convinced the number of recipients of the medical care will be doubled as estimated by the Welfare Department.

Texas Research League, meanwhile, accepted Governor Briscoe's request to make an analysis of the impact of new Social Security amendments on state finances and welfare programs.

Short Snorts

The Senate confirmed appointments of Joe Christie of El Paso to the Insurance Board, Maj. Gen. Thomas Bishop of Austin as adjutant general and Joe Goldman of Dallas to the state board of cosmetology.

Attorney General Hill filed suit in federal court to force release of \$138.4 million in 1973 and \$165.7 million in 1974 by the federal government for use by the state and cities of Texas in building waste treatment plants for pollution control.

Forty-two private colleges want \$16.4 million (nearly four times what they are now getting) in state tuition grants.

Governor Briscoe has been suffering from a painful virus infection in both eyes that required bandaging and bed rest.

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Planting Plans Postponed... Six Counties Lose... What's Your Beef... International Cooperation.

The 1973 Texas spring planting season is off to a slow start. Cotton planting in the Lower Rio Grande Valley has been delayed at least a month due to cold, wet weather.

Texas Department of Agriculture officials report less than five per cent of the Valley's cotton has been planted thus far, and probably most of that will have to be replanted. Normally, about two-thirds of the crop would be in the ground in the Valley by now.

Meanwhile, on the High Plains—550 miles to the north—harvest of the 1972 cotton crop is now virtually complete. Rains and cold weather delayed harvest in that area for several weeks.

Wet conditions over the state are also causing some headaches for livestock producers, who normally welcome rains. Too much rain is keeping fields too muddy for grazing in many areas of the state. Supplemental feeding is continuing with some shortages of hay and cottonseed products reported.

SIX counties in Texas have lost their "modified-certified brucellosis" status because of non-compliance with certain minimum requirements of the cooperative state-federal brucellosis eradication program.

The counties in Texas are Denton, Freestone, Harrison, Kaufman, Navarro and Wood.

Counties initially receive the "modified - certified brucellosis

area" status when the areas are in compliance with all requirements of the eradication program.

According to officials, the counties did not meet one or more of the following requirements:

Retest infected herds for brucellosis within six months;

Test or quarantine the herd of origin when an infested animal is found through the market cattle testing program;

Test a dairy herd within 30 days after a suspicious brucellosis milk ring test has been reported.

Necessary corrective steps are being taken so that the counties may again receive their modified-certified brucellosis area status.

IF YOU'RE concerned about getting the most for your food dollar—and who isn't—you should be utilizing some information from the Texas Department of Agriculture about beef. TDA has available some tips on how to get the most from your beef dollar.

These include a beef chart showing the cuts of beef and cooking instructions for the various cuts and a pamphlet titled "Stretching Your Beef Dollar." Both are available by writing the Texas Department of Agriculture, Box 12847, Austin, Texas 78711.

INTERNATIONAL cooperation is providing Texas agriculture producers with better varieties of grain sorghum and forage sorghums. About 200 acres of grain sorghums are being grown to determine purity tests in Guatemala and Mexico.

This program is being carried on through the seed division of the Texas Department of Agriculture under direction of Bill Staffel. Texas is the largest producer of hybrid sorghum in the world. "We have the highest quality of certified hybrid sorghum seed in the nation," Texas Agriculture Commissioner John C. White said.

Texas produces about 40 per cent of the nation's supply of grain sorghum annually.

Thetford, Ridge Attend COG Meet

James F. Ridge, executive director of Concho Valley Council of Governments, has been elected to the 31 member board of directors of National Association of Regional Councils (NARC).

He is one of three staff directors named to the board during the Seventh Annual Conference of Regional Councils, which met Feb. 25-March 1 in Minneapolis, Minn., and Washington, D. C.

The Minneapolis session were attended by Ridge, CVCOG President Judge W. W. Thetford and CVCOG staff members Tom Adams and Charles L. Harless. Both Thetford and Ridge joined a delegation of local government elected officials and COG directors across the nation who went from Minneapolis to Washington for two days of talks with representatives of the Administration and Congress.

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Robert Lee BCD Items of Interest

Spring advertising for Coke County's recreational opportunities was discussed at Tuesday's meeting of the BCD. It was mentioned that last spring Robert Lee business firms sponsored a full page ad in the San Angelo Standard-Times' vacation edition and that the Observer published a 12 page summer vacation and recreation issue. A committee consisting of Willis Smith, Mary L.

Prine and Jack Mathews was named to work on this project. There was also some discussion of fall advertising to push hunting in Coke County. Bronte citizen are interested in advertising hunting on the east side of the county, also, and it is thought this project could be made countywide.

There was also some talk of building a motel here and it was brought out that there is still lots of interest in the matter. G. C. Allen said he still felt that a 20 man corporation could get this job accomplished and that he had worked on it for 18 months.

Willis Smith, a member of the Rod and Gun Club, said the club is planning a bass tournament this spring and asked the support of the town and businesses in putting it over. Trophies and prizes will be awarded and an entry fee will be charged.

Supt. Jimmy Bickley announced the Public Schools Week program which was held Tuesday night, and the girls track meet which will be held here Saturday.

Guests were Pete Smith who was Cumbie Ivey's guest; Gerald Brasuel, with Willis Smith; Judge Roland Lowe of Sterling City, with Judge W. W. Thetford; Bob Turner of San Angelo with Roy Ford. President Ford presided and 14 members were present.

Lett Funeral Held in Abilene

Funeral services for Jessie Lee Lett, 67, of Abilene were held Thursday of last week in Southwest Park Baptist Church in Abilene. The Rev. Tommy Burgess, pastor, officiated. Burial was in Elmwood Memorial Park, directed by Elliott's Funeral Home of Abilene.

Mr. Lett died last Wednesday in West Texas Medical Center after a two month illness. He was a brother of three Robert Lee residents.

He was born April 13, 1905, in Bell County and married Frances Maxine McClure Aug. 15, 1942, in Ballinger. They moved to Abilene in 1946, when he was discharged from the Air Force.

Survivors are his wife; three sons, Eddie Lett of Hurst, Dale Lett of Fort Stockton and Douglas Lett of Abilene; two daughters, Mrs. Marsha Hines of Stephenville and Mrs. DeDe Logan of Denton; a brother Foster Lett of Winters; six sisters, Mrs. Elzie Cox, Mrs. Gene Baker and Mrs. Joyce Dodson, all of Robert Lee, Mrs. S. L. Ferguson of Ballinger, Mrs. Don Austin of Michigan City, Ind., and Mrs. Bud Johnson of Denver, Colo.; and seven grandchildren.

LIGHT RAIN FALLS

Rainfall measurements reported for Monday night were .27 inch at Robert Lee, .5 inch at Silver and .4 for the Sanco area. Heaviest measurement reported to the Observer was .8 inch at the Bryan Gartman Ranch.

This week's weather has generally been pleasantly mild. There has been some wind and a light frost was on the ground Wednesday morning.

SCOUT MEETING CALLED

A meeting of Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts and their parents has been called for Monday night, March 12 at the Robert Lee School.

Purpose of the meeting is to discuss charter renewal. Everyone interested is urged to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Devoll of San Angelo were weekend guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lendy Devoll and Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Duncan.

Kitten Dean of Alpine visited over the weekend at home with her mother, Mrs. Wilson Bryan, and other relatives.



PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Palmer visited Saturday in Brownwood with Mrs. Winnie Townsend and on Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. James Curry and attended funeral services for R. Cowley at Richland Springs.

Weekend visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Turney Casey were Mr. and Mrs. Mike Casey of Abilene and Mr. and Mrs. Claude Ditmore of Bronte.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Kinsey and Terry Jean visited over the weekend with their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. John Kinsey, at Oil Center and with the Wayne Roberts family at Jol, N. M.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Gene Bell of Amarillo were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Bell.

Mr. and Mrs. Jake Davis of Amarillo were visitors over the weekend in the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Otis Watson and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Tollant of Mercury visited here last Monday with her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Bilbo. Weekend guests in the Bilbo home were their daughter, Mrs. Peggy Gilmore and Rebecca of San Angelo.

Mrs. E. O. Higgins spent several days recently in the homes of her daughters and their families, Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Smith and Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Terry of San Angelo.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Craddock of Medina were weekend guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Freeman Clark, and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Askins and Chuck of Euless spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Foy Askins.

Mrs. Woodie Long and Mrs. Joyce Stapp and Sonya, all of Snyder, visited here Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Otho Long and family.

Visiting in Robert Lee with relatives over the weekend and attending services at the Northside Church of Christ Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Willie Wallace and Mr. and Mrs. Orval Davis, all of Amarillo, Mr. and Mrs. Billy King Wallace and family of Andrews and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Lowrance of Lawn.

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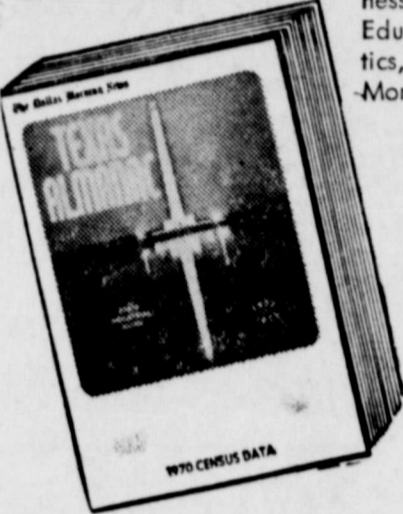
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FOOD SHOW WINNERS — The girls shown here were first place winners in the Junior Division of the 4-H Food Show held Sunday. From left, they are Ron-da Denton, Lana Webb, Melinda Barrett and Lindy Butler. In the lower picture are Mike Bailey and John Paul McGuire, two boys who entered the show. This year was the first time boys have been eligible to enter the Food Show.

FOOD SHOW —
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with a Fairy Pound Cake. Ron-da is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Denton of Bronte. High point winner with a Mexican Chicken Casserole in the Main Dish Class was Lana Webb, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Webb Jr. of Bronte.

Red ribbon winners were Lisa Devoll, Mary Ellen Moreno, Valery Deen, Connie Littlefield and Jana Hood.

In the Senior Division Mary Elaine Lackey of Robert Lee was high point winner in the Breads and Dessert Class with Peachy Cheesecake. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Lackey. In the Fruits and Vegetable Class, Paula McGuire was high point winner with Herb Stuffed Green Beans. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul McGuire of Bronte.

The participants were judged on their knowledge of Nutrition which accounted for 50 per cent of the total score. The food exhibited and the menu counted for 25 per cent each.

Leaders assisting the participants were Mmes. Clifford Barrett, Martin Lee, C. N. Webb Jr., Harold Dunn, Ronald Denton, Lerdy Devoll, James Deen, Royce Hood, Dale Wojtek, Sherman Williams, Paul McGuire and Martha Gonzales, and Paul McGuire. Visitors to the show were from Midland, Lubbock, Tennyson, Bronte, Ballinger and Robert Lee.

PANCAKE SUPPER —
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the Lions Club and 4-H Clubs expressed their thanks for the support of everyone.

A list of donors and entertainers will be run in next week's paper.

GIRLS RELAYS —
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Ned, Eldorado, Santa Anna, Abilene, Abilene Cooper, Coahoma, Menard, Merkel, Rising Star, Albany, Mozelle and Wall.

Members of the RLHS team are Sterling Allen, Karen Bagwell, Vicky Bevan, Rosanna Boykin, LaNell Flowers, Pacea Ford, Pam Heck, Debby Hendry, Terri Kinsey, Brenda Mathews, Sharon Prince and Anna Rowoldt.

PERSONALS

Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Smith were their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Smith, and Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Williams, all of San Angelo.

Mr. and Mrs. James Fields of Abilene were weekend visitors of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Fields and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Green. Other guests in the Fields and Lewis Heuval homes were Mr. and Mrs. Tooter Fields of Odessa.

Weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Walker Jr. were Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Pitcock, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Purvis and Kay Varadore, all of Brownwood.

Sunday guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. V. V. Wojtek were their children and their families, including Mr. and Mrs. Vladimir Wojtek and family of Midland, Mr. and Mrs. Walker Cobb, Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Wojtek and family, Mr. and Mrs. James Bryson, Mr. and Mrs. Marlow Wojtek and children, and Mr. and Mrs. Gene Williams and children, all of San Angelo; Eugene Montgomery and Wanda Prime of Robert Lee, and Janet Knight of Midland.

Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Teddy Pitcock were Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Gartman, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Gertman and family and Mr. and Mrs. Gaylon Pitcock of Sanco and Robert Lee, and Mr. and Mrs. Darrel Pitcock of Brownwood.

FISHING REPORT
from
Lake Spence



The following catches at Lake Spence have been reported during the past week:

La Dair Sherrill, Robert Lee, 1 black bass, 7 lbs., 13 oz. (a record); 2 blacks, 2 lbs.; 1 black 2 lbs., 12 oz.

Y. J. Sherrill, 1 black, 3½ lbs. Barney Baumann, 1 black, 6 lbs., 10 oz.

Jerry Buckalew and Mike Hait, San Angelo, 2 blacks, 5 lbs., 13 oz. and 4 lbs., 11 oz.

David Latham, Rankin, 1 white, 3 lbs., 2 oz. (a new record).

Hank Baker, 1 channel cat, 7 lbs., 12 oz.

Melvin McCabe, 1 black, 1½ lbs.

Don Lester and Jim Babb, Hobbs, N. M., 32 crappie, 1½ to 2¾ lbs.

Mrs. Glenn Jobe, Hobbs, N. M., 1 striper, 3 lbs., 4 oz.

J. C. Rhodes, Wayne Thompson, Vira Thompson, Odessa, 8 blacks, up to 4½ lbs.

Glen Ater and Bill Howard, Odessa, 10 blacks up to 4 lbs.

James Jennings and Robert De-woody, Odessa, 2 blacks up to 5½ lbs.

Wilmer Craig, Hobbs, N. M., 20 blacks up to 2½ lbs. and 24 crappie up to 2 lbs.

Ernie and David Gober, 2 blacks up to 2½ lbs.

Bill Lawrence and son, Kermit, 2 blacks up to 2 lbs.

Guy McCarty, Abilene, 1 black, 2 lbs.

Mark Magdefew, Big Spring and son, 5 catfish up to 2 lbs.

Lewis Godwin, Lonnie Hinda, Hilton Goff and Olen Norwood, Big Spring, 90 catfish up to 7½ lbs.

Big Spring Bass Tournament

The following catches were taken by entrants in the Big Spring Bass Tournament which was held here last weekend:

Jim Merrill, Big Spring, 11 blacks up to 3 lbs.

Jimmy Irving, Odessa, 1 black, 2 lbs.

Jack Brewer, Odessa, 9 blacks up to 3½ lbs.

Mrs. Violet Huffman, Odessa, 9 blacks up to 5 lbs.; 15 crappie to 1½ lbs.

Buddy Merka, Wall, 1 catfish, 5½ lbs.

Jack McBroom and son, 14 crappie up to 1½ lbs.; 5 blacks up to 3 lbs.

Jerome Peak, Odessa, 1 bass, 2 lbs.

M. O. Young, O. H. Gobles, Brooks Holliday, Hobbs, N. M., 60 crappie.

All the following fishermen were from Big Spring:

Tom Adams, 1 black, 4 lbs., 4 oz.

Robert McCullough, 1 black, 4 lbs., 12 oz.

Jerry Harry, 4 blacks, total wt. 12 lbs.

Gerre Harry, 1 black, 4 lbs., 8 oz.

Ted Hatfield, 1 black, 2 lbs., 10 oz.

Perry Chandler, 1 black, 3 lbs., 1 oz.

Jim Crenshaw, 2 blacks up to 2 lbs., 6 oz.

Jim Madden, 3 blacks up to 2 lbs., 10 oz.

Dail Byrd, 2 blacks, 2 lbs., 7 oz.

Maxie Ware, 1 black, 2 lbs., 6 oz.

Jerald McCasteland, 1 black, 3 lbs., 4 oz.

Jerry Avery, 4 blacks up to 5 lbs., 12 oz.

Tom Henry, 3 blacks up to 7 lbs., 4 oz.

Ted Hicks, 3 blacks up to 9 lbs., 4 oz.

Ken Patterson, 1 black, 2 lbs., 12 oz.

John Hilliar, 3 blacks up to 4 lbs.

Bill Griggs, 2 blacks, total wt. 6 lbs., 8 oz.

Jim Dudley, 2 blacks, total wt. 6 lbs., 8 oz.

Jerry Dudley, 1 black, 2 lbs., 2 oz.

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Our Newsletter

By Congressman O. C. Fisher

Weatherwise, this winter has been a record breaker. In Texas we hear there has been more snow recorded than ever in modern times, and in Washington there's been less. In fact, the Weather Bureau reports that never before since 1888 has there been no recordable snowfall up to this time during a winter season.

Motorbikes are replacing horses and, to some degree, jeeps and herdsmen, in sheep raising in Australia. In areas where terrain lends itself to motorbike use on the range, many larger operators keep a fleet of them.

"The Hondas are good for roundups," an Australian said to me. "They are rugged and last well, and except for low grade fuel we don't have to feed 'em."

Campaign tactics and effectiveness of candidates' expenditures have been the subject of study

and analysis in Congress recently. Legal limitation on such expenses is rather strict, but the job now is to try to close loopholes.

Reports of unethical campaign practices are also being aired. This reminds me of an experience I had last year when an opponent, with a straight face, informed the public that during 32 continuous campaign weeks I had sent out 100,000 Newsletters weekly, at a cost to taxpayers of \$281,000.

The truth: I never sent out even as many as 1,000 Newsletters in any one week since I came to Congress.

I am one of those who contributes 4½ minutes each week to WOAI-TV's "At Your Service" program which is carried each Sunday morning between the hours of 9 and 10.

Rudd Wagon Boss For Boys Ranch

Bill Shaw, 1973 West Texas Boys Ranch Roundup chairman, has announced the kickoff of the Annual Boys Ranch Fund Drive with a Wagon Boss meeting for 10 a.m. March 10 in the Dunn Bar East Restaurant.

Shaw said that over 30 Wagon Bosses from as many counties are expected to attend the meeting to receive information on Roundup, view slides of the Ranch and obtain materials to help in soliciting livestock donations.

Shaw announced this week that he has secured the services of 36 Wagon Bosses in counties of this area. His selection for Coke County is J. O. Rudd of Robert Lee. Rudd has served in this same capacity for a number of years and he asks the cooperation of Coke County ranchers in this drive for funds for Boys Ranch.

Rudd pointed out that all livestock donated to West Texas Boys Ranch is deductible for tax purposes. This is the 14th Annual Roundup for the 72 boy Ranch which has served over 800 needy boys since 1947.

West Texas Boys Ranch is located 18 miles west of San Angelo on U. S. 67 and 963 acres. Livestock donated to the annual Roundup may be consigned to the Ranch at area commission houses or sent directly to the Ranch.

Both Rudd and Shaw urged that Coke County ranchers be generous in their donations.

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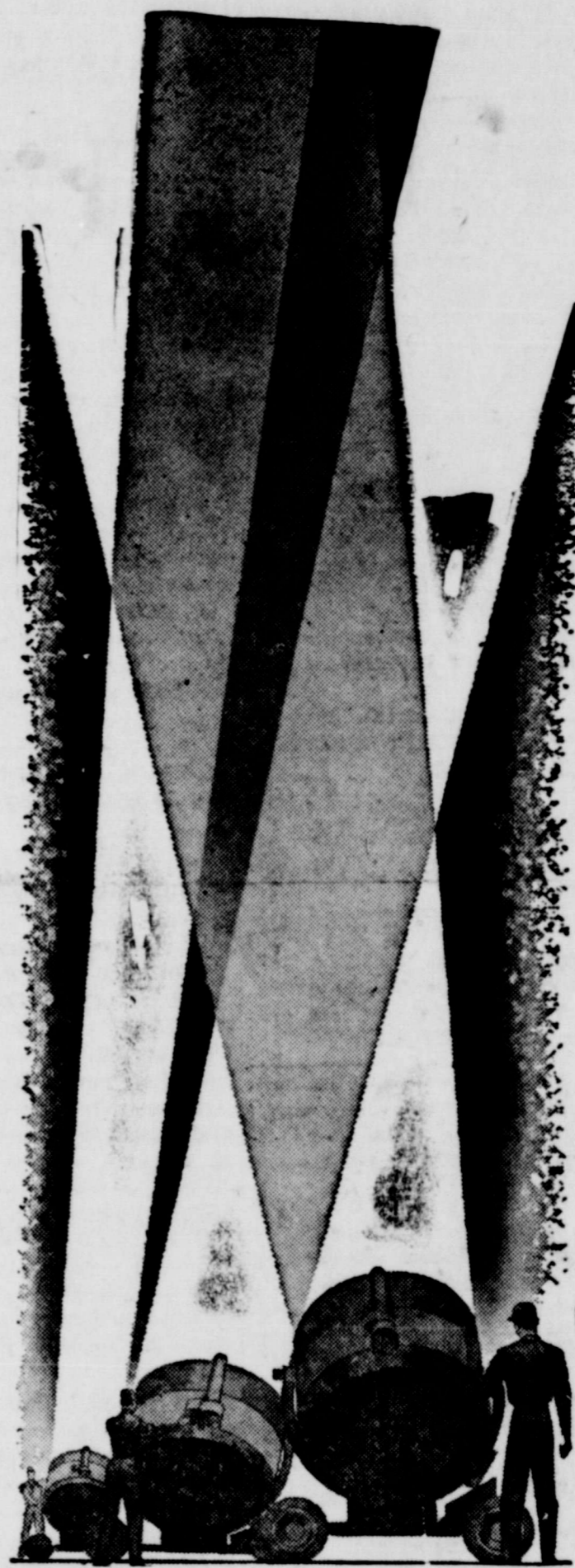
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As the result of action by the Texas Legislature, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission is responsible for the setting of seasons, bag limits, and means and methods of taking the wildlife resources in Coke County. All interested persons are urged to attend and comment upon the proposed regulations.

Lunchroom Menu

Monday, March 12: Barbequed wieners, creamed potatoes, green beans, hot rolls and butter, celery sticks, milk and ice cream.

Tuesday, March 13: Hamburger, buttered corn, lettuce, tomatoes, onions, pickles and potato chips.

Wednesday, March 14: Pinto beans with salt pork, French fries, turnips with greens, corn bread and butter, milk and fruit cobbler.

Thursday, March 15: Tamale pie, buttered rice, lime Jello salad, hot rolls and butter, milk and peach upsidedown cake.

Friday, March 16: Fish cakes with catsup, buttered potatoes, garden salad, hot rolls and butter, milk and peanut butter cookies.

ALPHA KAPPA PI PROGRAM GIVEN ON "FRIENDSHIP"

Alpha Kappa Pi met Feb. 28 in the home of Mrs. Ronald Foust with Mrs. Curtis Sockwell as co-hostess.

Mrs. Dale Wojtek and Mrs. Royce Hood presented the program on "Giving and Receiving Friendship." Cake and coffee were served at the refreshment hour. Afterwards the group was given a guided tour of the beautiful new home of the Fousts. All 13 members were present.

PERSONALS

Mrs. A. L. Shook has returned to her home after spending five days in Shannon Hospital with pneumonia.

Mr. and Mrs. James E. Brown and Justin of Lubbock visited over the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Roe Jr.

Mrs. A. W. Gibson of Dallas arrived Tuesday for a two day visit with her mother, Mrs. C. B. Croslin, and her sister, Mrs. A. J. Roe Jr., and Mr. Roe.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Crowder and children of Midland visited in Robert Lee Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Beaty. Mr. Crowder participated in the golf tournament. Mr. and Mrs. Lane Beaty of San Angelo were also Sunday visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. John Henderson of Odessa were in Robert Lee Feb. 28 seeing after their home here and tending to business. They visited Mrs. Allie Childress, Mrs. Marie Hester and with Mrs. Henderson's uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Carlos Rabb. Mrs. Henderson is recovering from a dislocated shoulder caused by a fall at her home.

Mr. and Mrs. Waylon Drennan and baby of San Angelo visited Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Walker.

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Wallace are spending some time at Pecos visiting his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Wallace.

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