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# Robert Lee Observer

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**SWEETHEART and BEAU** — Nancy Jacoby was chosen by Robert Lee FFA boys as their sweetheart for this year, and the girls picked Buddy Vosburg as their Beau. Nancy is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Jacoby and is recording secretary of the FHA, a cheerleader, junior class president and a member of the annual staff. Buddy, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Javan Vosburg, is a member of the Steer football team and vice president of the student council.

## BCD Making Plans For Annual Christmas Party

The BCD met Tuesday at noon with 17 members present. Among the topics of discussion was the annual Christmas party sponsored by the organization. A committee made up of J. E. Quisenberry, Bill Allen and W. D. McAdams was appointed to get plans underway. The party will be held in the next few weeks.

BCD on a school board meeting held last Tuesday night in which the trustees discussed needed improvements in facilities and teaching staff. The group talked about the federal aid which has been allocated and how to put it to the best use for improving instructional standards at the school.

Bickley said board members would like to have some idea of the sentiment of the school's patrons and other taxpayers before they make any concrete plans for a building program or other major improvements. He said the board suggested a petition supporting improvements and signed by those who are willing to go along with plans for meeting the school's needs.

## Exchange Student Here from Mexico

Alejandro Lerch, son of Mr. and Mrs. Enrique Lerch of Mexico City, arrived Monday in Robert Lee for a two-month stay as an exchange student. At the request of Mrs. Lerch, Mrs. Frank Coalsen arranged for Alejandro to stay in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Will Percifull. He is to study English in the high school. Melinda Percifull, who is now studying Spanish, will go to Mexico City next summer, stay in the Lerch home, and study Spanish.

It was also announced that Silver Lions Club at its last meeting discussed the possibility of forming a club in Robert Lee, since so many of the members will be moving from Silver because of the closing of the Sun Camps. A large number of the Silver club members are planning to move to Robert Lee.

## OPEN HOUSE WILL HONOR SMITHS ON 50TH ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. Lake E. Smith will be honored on their fiftieth wedding anniversary next Sunday, Dec. 5, with an Open House in the Robert Lee Recreation Hall. Calling hours are from 2 until 4 p.m. and all of their friends are invited to attend. Callers are requested not to bring gifts.

The affair will be hosted by the couple's three children and their wives and husbands, who are Mr. and Mrs. Fennell E. Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Billy J. (Eula Fay) Blair of Robert Lee and Mr. and Mrs. James D. Smith of Guymon, Okla.

## Gen. Tel to Present Assembly Program Here

General Telephone Co. of the Southwest will present an assembly program Tuesday, Dec. 7, in Robert Lee School auditorium. The program will start at 2:30 p.m.

Title of the program is "NORAD" and its purpose is to present the story of communications in national defense. The story will be told by the use of slides and a talk.

Supt. Jimmy Bickley said that the school will be glad to have anyone who is interested to be present for the program.

## Regional Football Game Set for Friday at Spur

The regional football contest between the Bronte Longhorns and Groom Tigers will be played at 7:30 p.m. Friday at Spur.

The Longhorns, winner of a bi-district game with Chillicothe on Thanksgiving Day, will be trying to go all the way against Groom, which won their bi-district contest with Rochester.

## CRMWD Directors Discuss Lake Problems

The Colorado River Municipal District is oiling machinery on its anticipated lake project at Robert Lee.

Thursday of last week directors organized its rate committee to propose a tentative rate to the City of Midland. They also executed a contract for engineering services and authorized the president, Charles B. Perry, Odessa, to serve as a fiscal agent for the impending revenue bond issue to finance the project.

In developing a rate to advance Midland, the committee will follow the rate formulas under the act, plus some surcharge to be determined.

George E. Nichols & Endress, Fort Worth

Worth firm which has done all the engineering for the district since its inception, was awarded a contract to prepare plans and specifications and supervise construction of the lake project at Robert Lee. The fee is stipulated at 5 per cent of contract construction, plus some expense of supervision. O. H. Ivie, general manager for CRMWD, estimated that the over-all figure would be about 5.9 per cent.

S. W. Freese urged that the district resolve some factors as rapidly as possible in order to expedite the project. One is to determine if and to what extent Midland will participate; another is the cost of protecting 32 oil wells in the lake basin; still another is the cost of relocating about eight miles of the Robert Lee-Sterling City highway.

Ivie reported that Ken Esmond & Associates of Odessa had completed about one-third of the surveying on the lake area and that George Thompson, Sweetwater, had started land appraisals. The board adopted a resolution authorizing the purchase of land, clearing the way for first negotiations within a week or two.

In other matters, the board approved a request by Standard Oil Company for 420,000 gallons additional water daily for its repressurizing project in eastern Howard and Mitchell Counties, but only as water, in the opinion of the board, is available. Standard currently contracts for 1,470,000 gallons daily.

The trustee was authorized to purchase the district's 1968 bonds with the residue of \$33,500 from the 1958 construction fund.

A personnel policy, adopting the unwritten practices now in effect, was adopted by the board.

Ivie was instructed to write a letter to the Odessa Chamber of Commerce reviewing the rates for raw water to the City of Odessa for the past five years, and implying that the district would take care of an Atomic Energy Commission installation needs within this approximate price range. Odessa is one of the 85 cities in the nation as a site for a huge atom smasher the AEC plans to construct. An estimated five to six million gallons of water per day would be required.

## Robert Lee Whips Mertzson Cagers

Robert Lee basketball teams won games out of three Tuesday when they hosted teams from Mertzson. The boys and girls teams won their contest, but the boys B team downed the Mertzson girls.

The boys edged by Mertzson by a score and the girls A team won their contest with a 43-40 victory. The girls B game ended up in a favor of the visitors.

John Hood led the winner with 15 points, while Terry Moore of Mertzson scored 15.

John Gartman was high pointer in a girls game with 17. Cathy Mertzson made 14 for Mertzson.

## Johnson Rites in Arizona

Funeral services have been received here that Johnson died Wednesday, December 1, in a rest home in Phoenix. His brother, Andrew Johnson, with whom he lived many years, received his death Wednesday night in Phoenix.

Survivors are two sisters, Mrs. Edinburg of Gustine and Mrs. Willis Davis of Tolar. Johnson had been in failing health for many years.

Funeral services for the late John G. Gramling of Muleshoe via his mother, Mrs. Viola Gramling during the Thanksgiving



**CLASS FAVORITES** — Kathy Percifull, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Will Percifull, and Donnie Devoll, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lendy Devoll, were chosen by their class mates as class favorites of the sophomore class of Robert Lee High School. Kathy is an FHA member, a member of the pep squad and is on the basketball team. Donnie is on the football team and is FFA sentiment.

## Robt. Lee School Honor Roll Given

The administration of Robert Lee School released names of students in grades 7 through 12 who made the honor roll for the second six week. A student must have an average of 90 or above on all subjects to be eligible for the honor roll. The list follows:

- Seventh Grade
  - Jo Adkins, Jean McDaniel, Rebecca Walker.
- Eighth Grade
  - None.
- Ninth Grade
  - Judy Gartman.
- Tenth Grade
  - Jackie Counts, Lois Heavel, Jeffrey McCabe, Vernay Vaughan, Marilyn Wallace.
- Eleventh Grade
  - Rhea Jean McCutchen, Rinda Beth Wojtek.
- Twelfth Grade
  - Gayle Conley, Linda Jacoby, Doyle Robertson, Robert Wink.

Guests of Mrs. Will Woods during the Thanksgiving holidays were Mr. and Mrs. Danny Baker, Leigh and Lynn of Houston.