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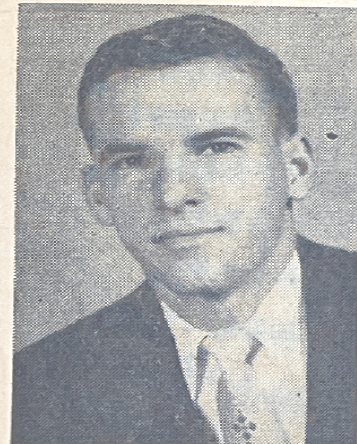
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This and That

Early this week Gerald Allen and Cumble Ivey, Sr. attended a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Upper Colorado River Authority in San Angelo. The Board has been considering either building a dam on the river or dealing with the Colorado River Municipal Water District, but the CRMWD won't deal.



DOUGLAS DEAN



GARLAND DAVIS

Extend Contracts Of Both Principals In Local School

In their recent meeting, the Board of Trustees of Robert Lee Independent School District extended the contracts of Douglas Dean, High School Principal, and of Garland Davis, Elementary School Principal one year each, making these contracts to terminate August 31, 1966.

Mr. Dean, formerly principal of the elementary school, was elected the head of the high school following the resignation of Dan Turner, now teaching at Palmer, Alaska.

At the same time, Mr. Davis, then teacher and assistant coach, became elementary principal. Each is serving his first year in his present position.

Both principals are graduates of Robert Lee High School and have spent most of their teaching career here. Mr. Davis attended West Texas College at Canyon and Mr. Dean Sul Ross at Alpine during the summer to qualify further for administrative work in public education.

The Commissioners Court met Monday to pay routine bills. There was informal discussion of county and precinct finances.

The Doctor Boone who was to come to Robert Lee seems to have detoured to East Texas. Another physician is considering the move here. Meanwhile, plans went on in the working out of details for calling a bond election on April 4, the date for the election of directors for West Coke Hospital.

Rev. Travis McNair, formerly Methodist Pastor here, has been chosen for listing in Who's Who in the South and Southwest, the Marquis National Biographer Reference File.

He attended San Angelo College one year, McMurry College three years, and is presently pastor of Bandera Methodist Church.

Rev. McNair was a professional baseball player from 1929-1935 with the Detroit Tigers.

From the Colorado River Municipal Water District office comes a reproduced clipping of an article in the Colorado City Record. Colorado citizens met with the CRMWD Board and told them Colorado City would give them all possible support if they would build the dam in Mitchell County.

J. C. Snead has been back at the barber chair in the shop formerly owned by him but lately by Jones Barber and Beauty Shop.

Jimmy Killam has leased City Garage, between Key Feed Store and the Alamo Theater, and in this issue is announcing open for business. Jimmy has done body shop work for Elmo Bell at Ivey Motor for several years, also in Amarillo and San Angelo.

Standard Starting Well On Russell, South of Menielle

Early this week, Standard of Texas was getting a location ready on Russell Ranch land, offsetting on the south the southernmost extension of Sun production on Menielle land between Sanco and Highway 208.

Standard of Texas holds the Bible lease, which lies just south of Yellow Wolf Creek and the village of Sanco. The first Bible well drilled, after considerable effort to develop turned out a weak pumper, and after further effort, was shut in and temporarily, at least, apparently abandoned.

Local report is that Standard may try another well on Bible, contingent upon the success of the Russell well.

Tucker Drilling Company is drilling a well on state land northeast of Sanco. Location is 1028 feet from the east line of the John Rowe Survey and 328 from the N. line of L. F. Scarborough survey.

This well, if successful would extend the NE-IAB Field one location north from the Boswell lease. First proposed as an Ellenburger test, this well was later booked for 6,500, or one hundred feet below the Grey Sand, which has a solitary produced in the northeast corner of Standard's Boswell lease, on the L. F. Scarborough survey.

C. G. Walker Was Thirty Years With Sun Oil Company

Claudia Gordon Walker, lease operator for Sun Oil Company, came to the end of more than thirty years of service with that company and 61 years of life at Root Memorial Hospital in Colorado City at 4:30 Sunday.

Returning from Andrews where he had been visiting a daughter, Mrs. J. K. Eaton, Mr. Walker was stricken with a heart attack, which proved fatal.

Funeral services were conducted at Silver Baptist Church Monday, and at Sardis Baptist Church Tuesday, with burial at Sardis.

Survivors include his wife; a son, Claudia G. Jr.; two daughters, Mrs. J. K. Eaton, Andrews and Mrs. Wilton Robertson, Odessa; two brothers, J. W. and Brad Walker, both of Jewitt, Texas; four sisters, Mrs. C. G. Pettigrew of Jewitt, his twin sister, Mrs. Ernest Broterton of Mexia; Mrs. Lisha Spruell of Donie, and Mrs. Maudie Howell of Clute; and six grandchildren.

He was married to Miss Zelleh Ballard at Lovington, New Mexico, Dec. 23, 1930.

Mr. Walker was a member of the Baptist Church and a Mason.

HARVEY CECIL ALLEN DIES IN 2-CAR WRECK

Harvey Cecil Allen, son of Mrs. Verna Allen of Robert Lee and the late O. E. Allen, formerly of Silver, was taken by death in a two-car auto collision at the intersection of two farm to market roads in Needmore, 13 miles south of Muleshoe Sunday afternoon.

He was a nephew of R. B. Allen of 1601 Live Oak Street in San Angelo.

The collision occurred about 1:30 p.m. Sunday and Allen died about 3 p.m. in West Place Hospital in Muleshoe of injuries received in the accident.

Ed Jezeck, 25, of Sudan, a passenger in the other car, received internal injuries in the crash. His brother, Joe Jezeck, 20, of Anton, was not injured.

Allen was a salesman for an Amarillo firm.

He was born in Orient July 4, 1925. He served four years in the medical corps and infantry in the Army during World War II. He served on Australia and Leyte.

He married in Hobbs, N. M., and the couple have a son, Gary, 15, and daughter, Vickie, 12.

Other survivors include four sisters, Mrs. Ruth Phillips of Dalhart, Mrs. Violet Russell of Roswell, N. M., Mrs. Cora Belle Faubion of Fort Worth and Mrs. Alberta Vanderland of Alamogordo, N. M.; three brothers, Alvin Allen of Cisco, Orval Allen of Corpus Christi, and Gerald Allen of Ruidoso, N. M. He had lived in Bronte before moving to New Mexico.

Funeral services were conducted at the Robert Lee Baptist Church Wednesday morning, with burial in McKenzieville cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray McDonald have been going back and forth from here to Dallas to see his father, S. E., who is very ill there.

Steers Lead Loop In B-Basketball

Robert Lee basketball teams paced District 83-B, winning both boys and girls games at Bronte Tuesday night, and facing Garden City here Friday night of this week.

Victories tomorrow night, Friday will leave them with one more hurdle in the conference race, Forsan, there, next Friday night.

Scores at Bronte were: Boys, 59-46, and girls, 54-48.

Friday evening was a big night for local sports fans, especially the ones that like a little popcorn in their salt! After toppling the Water Valley boys 76-27, the Steers remain on the top rung of the District 83-B ladder with a 7-0 showing. There were four boys shooting in the double figures for Robert Lee.



FRANK C. DICKEY SR.

Frank Dickey Sr. For Re-election As County Attorney

Frank C. Dickey, Sr. County Attorney of Coke County, unopposed on the Democratic ticket for the Primary on May 2, is announcing this week his candidacy for re-election.

His statement follows:

First, I want to thank every citizen of the county for their cooperation in this office. I consider it an honor and a privilege to be your county attorney, as well as to be a Coke Countian since the rabbit-twisting days of old.

I think I speak for the whole Dickey clan in appreciation for being one of you during a big stretch of Coke County history. I especially appreciate the office as a candidate for re-election, and humbly solicit your support.

You have been most kind to us, and again I say, "Thanks a million, from me and mine."

Frank C. Dickey, Sr.

Lake Smith, in Robert Lee on business, was asked "How's ranching?" — His answer — "About like it's been for the last fifty years."

Lake aims at lambing around March 20 every year — wants them on the ground just as grass is coming in the spring.

Dennis Gartman had 13, Terry Thetford and Derwood Coalson notched 10, and Mike Ledbetter popped 6 long shots, one after the other to really please the crowd.

Score by quarters:
 Robert Lee 16 21 19 18—76
 Water Valley 6 11 3 7—27

In the girls game, Rhonda Gartman netted 28 to pace the scoring for the 59-32 Robert Lee win. The problem arose again concerning the uniforms because Water Valley's suits are also black. But instead of wearing boys jerseys this time, the girls wore the white Junior High blouses. The girls are 5-2 in district play, a commendable record.

Score by quarters:
 Robert Lee 15 13 20 11—59
 Water Valley 8 9 4 11—32

Only two games of the regular basketball season are left. Garden City comes here Friday, the 14th, Valentines Day, and Robert Lee goes to Forsan Tuesday evening. A lot of intense loop action is expected.

Last Tuesday night, February 4, Sterling City came to Robert Lee for 3 basketball games and fared no better than when Robert Lee went to Sterling a few weeks ago. Their B-Team boys won 25-21, but their varsity squad was clobbered by Robert Lee. The boys' contest ended with Robert Lee way out front, 76 - 45. Dennis Gartman notched 21 points to pace the winners.

Score by quarters:
 Robert Lee A 21 23 17 15—76
 Sterling City A 10 8 14 13—46

The girls won their clash by a 62-41 margin with Rhonda Gartman heading the scoring column with 38 points which is most she has made at one time this season. She made 23 free shots out of a possible 28, an excellent percentage. Linda Thetford added 13 points and Kay Havins had 11.

Score by quarters:
 Robert Lee 13 14 16 19—62
 Sterling City 9 12 11 9 41

City Election To Be Held April 7

Qualified voters of Robert Lee will elect a Mayor and two city commissioners in a city election that will be held at the city hall building on Tuesday, April 7th.

Robert Vaughan is currently serving his first consecutive term as mayor. F. C. Clark and Vaughan Davis are completing their first term as city commissioners.

Deadline for filing for these important city positions is March 8th.

The new city commission will take office at the first regular meeting of the fiscal year which begins on April 7th.

Robert Walker, who lives near Silver, was in the Observer office Monday and said that he had had 1½ and .9 inches of rain in two different showers recently.

If 453-3501 is busy, call 453-3021.