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EAGLE GENE KINCAID

Gene Kincaid Receives Eagle Scout Award

The National Council of the Boy Scouts of America granted the Eagle Rank to Gene Kincaid Wednesday night during a Court of Honor held at the Methodist Church in Silver. The Eagle rank is the highest award granted for boy achievement. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Hale Kincaid.

Gene is a member of Explorer Scout Post 446 sponsored by the Silver Lions Club. J. D. Reneau of Ballinger presided at the Court of Honor. Others taking part in the ceremony were John King, District Chairman; Archie Miller,

Council Field Executive; and Dan McClung, District Executive for Tri-Rivers District. Members of Explorer Post 461 of Robert Lee served as escorts for Gene and his parents.

The Eagle badge was presented to Truman Hines, the Post Advisor, who in turn presented it to Mr. and Mrs. Kincaid. Mrs. Kincaid then pinned the badge on her son's uniform.

City Secures Land Connecting Lake And County Park

Mayor Bob Vaughan reported at Tuesday's BCD meeting that a small strip of land below the Mountain Creek Dam and connecting with the Robert Lee County Park has been secured by the city.

Acquisition of the land is part of a long range program to make Robert Lee more attractive to tourists and passers-by. It is expected that some picnic tables will be placed around the lake area and that an attractive entrance into the area from Highway 158 will be built.

Mayor Vaughan told the Observer several days ago that the city fathers consider this project of primary importance, since tourist dollars can mean a great deal to a town.

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Youth Work Program Is Approved By State

85 RL Lots Sold At Sheriff's Sale

Some 85 lots in the City of Robert Lee were sold at a Sheriff's Sale held at the courthouse July 6.

Officials of taxing agencies (city, school, county and state) have been making preparation for some time to sell the lots and get the property back on the tax rolls.

Included among the buyers were the following persons with their purchases as indicated:

Lawrence Higgins: Lots 6, 7, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22 and 24, Block 49.

Vaughan Davis: Lots 3, 4 and 5; lots 11 and 12, Block 73.

Robert Vaughan: Lot 21, Block 2; Lots 9 and 11, Block 36; Lots 3, 5 and 6, Block 41.

Gerald C. Allen: Lots 8, 10 and 12, Block 75; Lots 2, 4, 6 and 12, Block 88; Lot 4, Block 54; Lots 4, 6 and 8, Block 55; Lot 2, Block 77; Lots 2, 10 and 12, Block 87; Lots 1 and 3, Block 57; Lot 1, Block 74; Lot 2, Block 85.

State: Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, and 9, Block 5; Lots 1, 3, 5 and 7, Block 36; Lots 3 and 10, Block 42; Lot 10, Block 54; Lot 3, Block 82; Lots 1 and 2, Block 86.

S. E. Adams: Lot 12, Block 42. Stanley Adams: Lot 7, Block 63; Lot 8, Block 77.

Don Havins: Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7, Block 52; Lot 7, Block 77.

Dale Brown: Lots 7, 9, and 11, Block 75; Lot 6, Block 54; Lot 4, Block 45.

Addison Davis: Lots 6, 8, 9, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20 and 21, Block 53.

Antonio Hernandez: Lot 12, Block 50.

Lizzy McCutchen: Lot 3, Block 30.

Bill Allen: Lots 11 and 12, Block 39.

Some 53 lots in Bronte were sold at the same sale.



GOING TO DISTRICT —Girls who took top honors in the 4-H Dress Revue and who will model their creations in the District Revue are Kay Roberts (left) and Rebecca Walker. Both girls were blue ribbon winners at the county show.

DRESS REVUE WINNERS TOLD

Coke County 4-H Dress Revue was held Friday night in the Robert Lee Community Center. Kay Roberts, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Artell Roberts, Robert Lee, was county senior winner. She will participate in the District 7 Revue in Abilene Aug. 5. She is a member of the Future Leaders 4-H club.

Rebecca Walker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Walker, Jr., also of Robert Lee, was junior winner. She will also model in the district revue.

Garments made by 4-H members who participated in clothing

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County Judge W. W. Thetford received a telegram Wednesday from Governor John Connally stating that the work program for Coke County young people has been approved.

The message did not state exactly when the program will get underway, but Judge Thetford said he is sure it will be in the next few days. The judge had a telephone call in to the governor Wednesday morning but was unable to get a line through to the Austin office. He was trying to learn exact date for starting the program and other information. The call had not been completed at press time Wednesday.

The youth work program is part of the Economic Opportunity Act, being sponsored by the Federal Government to provide employment for youngsters 16-21 years of age.

Bob Jameson, Robert Lee teacher, is in charge of the program on the west side of the county, and James Golson, elementary principal at Bronte, is in charge on the east side.

Camp Among the Hills Being Held At Sanco Church

The Camp Among the Hills, held annually at Sanco, opened Monday night, July 19, in the tabernacle. The camp will run through Friday.

The night services are announced as country-wide, evangelistic camp meeting style with everyone invited. The schedule includes Bible classes each morning, Tuesday through Friday, with a recreation time in the afternoon, including horseback riding and swimming.

Guest speaker is the Rev. Homer Duncan, head of a publishing concern in Lubbock. The Rev. Ernest R. Dewitt, pastor of Evangelical Methodist Churches at Sanco and San Angelo, is camp director. Miss Marcia Williamson of San Angelo is in charge of the music and singing.

Mrs. Jack Giest of Robert Lee is in charge of the camp kitchen and meals. There are 35 young people, of different ages and denominations, registered and attending camp this year.

The camp will close Friday night with a baptism service at 5 p.m. and a barbecue at 6 p.m. at the I. A. Bird Ranch Park and evening services at 8 p.m.

THREE TEACHERS ATTEND SMALL SCHOOLS MEETING

Three Robert Lee school teachers attended a Small Schools Workshop the week beginning July 12 at the University of Texas in Austin.

Included were Supt. Jimmy Bickley, Mrs. D. P. Walling and Robert Jameson.

Purpose of the workshop was to work on plans and get ideas for improving the curriculum and facilities of small schools in Texas.

Mary Alice Wojtek visited in Midland last week with Dawn Boykin and Sharon Faught who are attending business college there this summer.

Little League Playoffs Set To Be Played On Bronte Field

Two Little League All Star games will be played in Bronte, one Thursday night (tonight) and another Friday night, July 22 and 23. The game tonight will see the All Stars from the Colorado River League against the Ballinger All Stars.

The game Friday night will place the winner of the Thursday night game against the Winters All Stars.

The public is invited to witness both games.

Members of the Colorado River Little League All Star team include Barry Day, Buz Wojtek, James Hood and Danny Percifull; members of the Indian team; members of the Indian team; Mark Tillman, James Fields and Doyle McCabe, all members of the Cardinal team; Mike Arrott, the Cardinal team; Tommy Grace and Joe Bosquez, members of the Tipton Masterson, members of the Yankee squad; Wesley Ash, Jes-

sie Florez and Danny Parker, all of the Giants. Neal Caulder is an alternate for the All Stars.

J. B. Arrott of Bronte will be manager of the team and Richard Day of Robert Lee will be coach.

The All Star team was picked from the six teams of the Colorado River Little League. The teams and their managers are: Bronte Yankees, J. B. Arrott and LeDrew Arrott; Bronte Giants, John P. McClure Jr. Blackwell Braves, Evert Finley; Robert Lee Cardinals, Bobby Baker; Robert Lee Indians, Richard D. Day; Norton Dodgers, Harley Hilliard and Barry Hilliard.

Officers of the league are: W. T. Roach, president; Hershall Hall, vice president; J. L. Tinkler, secretary-treasurer; Willis Wayne Smith and B. D. Snead, player agents.

The WOW Lodge sponsored the

two Robert Lee teams, while the Jaycees, with some financial assistance from the Lions club, sponsor the two Bronte teams. Interested citizens of Blackwell and Norton have helped with their teams.

Game officials in the All Star contests will be Raymond Patton, of Blackwell, home plate umpire; Dale Wojtek, Sam Williams and Hershall Hall, all of Robert Lee, base umpires. Cecil Toliver of Bronte will be the loud speaker announcer.

Winners of the Friday night game will advance to area playoffs Saturday night, July 24, in Colorado City, to decide the champion of Area I. A playoff on July 29 will decide the winner of the contest between Area I and Area II, and the winner of that game will play the Area III and Area IV champion on July 30.