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Around Town

By IMA JO FLEETWOOD

MAJOR EDITH BONNETT, former resident of Del Rio, has been visiting here as the guest of Mrs. Ella Blackmon. Major Bonnett has been in San Antonio for a year and is now stationed at Walter Reed Hospital in Washington, D.C.

GEORGE RICHARDSON is attending a family reunion in Putnam, Virginia. The family holds such a gathering on July Fourth. George will be away 10 days, his wife, Estelle, said.

JOSE COMPASANO JR., 22, son of the senior Compasanos of 307 Chihuahua Street, enlisted in the United States Army June 22 and chose the Army career group of communication center operations. He is undergoing eight weeks of basic combat training at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, and upon completion of that training he will have a leave to visit his parents before reporting to his new duty station. Jose is a graduate of Del Rio High School and the Army recruiter, S. Sgt. P. W. Kirby, said he will receive "on the job training."

LOYD HAMILTON, AMISTAD Dam project engineer for the International Boundary and Water Commission, has been a busy man. He attended a conference in Dallas, then went to El Paso to confer on design of the dam. Mrs. Hamilton accompanied him on both trips and in Dallas she visited their daughter, Mrs. J. C. Crain Jr., and her family in their home at 7031 Turtle Creek Boulevard. The Crains and their daughters, Susan, S. Cheryl, 2, and Toccara, 10 months, have resided there since the death of the senior Crain, a prominent Dallas oil man. His son is president of the family firm, The Two-States Oil Company and the J. C. Crain Drilling Company. In El Paso Mrs. Hamilton was the guest of friends of long standing.

RUMORED CONSTRUCTION of a railroad bridge across the Rio Grande as a joint operation of the Mexican National Railroad and the Southern Pacific apparently is without basis. A spokesman for the SP said he knew of no such plans.

IMPROVEMENT IN THE condition of Postmaster Ray Ross, seriously ill following a heart attack, was reported this morning. He is still not allowed to have company, his wife said. Ray is under treatment at the Del Rio Hospital.

FIVE TABLES PLAYED scrambled Mitchell when the Del Rio Duplicate Bridge Club met Tuesday evening in the Roswell Hotel. First were Mrs. Irma Stanton and Mrs. Ruth Newton; second, Mrs. R. J. Vineyard and Mrs. R. E. Doughty; tied for third and fourth were Mrs. Huddy-Brown and Joe Bryant; Mrs. G. D. Adamson and Sol Somach.

CLAUDIO CONTRERAS OF San Francisco, whose wife is the former Martha Martinez of Del Rio, has been promoted to the rank of staff sergeant in the Air Force. Mrs. Contreras is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Martinez of Del Rio. She and her husband live in Altus, Oklahoma, where he is stationed at the air base.

M. W. MONZINGO, WHO WAS master of ceremonies for the July 4th beauty contest, said he is very grateful for the help received this morning. He said plenty of managers and Del Rio Little League appeared to assist at the gate and he is very happy about the success of the affair.

Amistad Construction to Begin In '63; Calling Bids Next May

Sheri Wetzel Miss Del Rio

Sheri Wetzel, daughter of Major and Mrs. W. E. Wetzel, was crowned Miss Del Rio at the traditional Fourth of July beauty contest in Moore Park before a crowd estimated at more than 1,000.

Runners-up were Sobeda De Hoyos, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ramon De Hoyos, and Brenda Ford, whose parents are M. Sgt. and Mrs. Wilbur E. White.

Miss Wetzel was crowned by Janet Tidwell, retiring Miss Del Rio. She received the traditional red roses from Rev. O. W. Nickle and her trophy was given to her by Miss Tidwell.

Marianne Fry, runner-up last year, presented the trophy to Miss De Hoyos and the Rev. Mr. Nickle presented the trophy to Brenda Ford.

Diana Lane, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Lane, was named Little Miss Del Rio with Katherine Deaton and Ruby Jean Odum as the runners-up. Katherine is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Deaton; and Ruby Jean is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Odum Jr.

The first place winner received a large doll from last year's runner-up, Randi Voss; another runner-up from last year, Darlene Nell, presented a doll to Kathy Deaton while the Rev. Mr. Nickle presented the award to the third place winner.

H. W. Monzingo was master of ceremonies.

Admissions go to the support of Val Verde Little Leaguers, with league officials taking tolls at the entrance.

All workers are volunteers. Judges, whose names were not announced until the contest was underway, included Mayor Melvin Rowland of Uvalde, Mayor Tom Rozelle of Bracketville, J. T. Shahan of Alamo Village and Bracketville and Hank Moody.

Dick Dexter presented his divers, including Tuck Tucker and Joe Broussard of Eagle Pass and Meredith Meeks, to open the show this morning at 9 o'clock.

Dyson Nickle was in charge of the music; ballots were tallied by Douglas Smith and Morris Reuter. Assisting with the contestants were Mrs. Florence Schillick and Miss Mary Coward.

Contestants in senior division included Brenda Ford, 15, daughter of M. Sgt. and Mrs. Wilbur E. White, sponsored by J. C. Penney Co.; and Mrs. Thomas W. Rurk, sponsored by Gilbert Murray Motors; Priscilla Schnarr, 16, daughter of Major and Mrs. Arthur W. Schnarr, sponsored by Beall's; Sheri Wetzel, 15, daughter of Major and Mrs. W. E. Wetzel, sponsored by The Guarantees; Darlene Voss, 16, daughter of Carl Voss Jr., sponsored by the Del Rio National Bank; Mary Ann Hood, 15, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hood, sponsored by Edwards-Graham; Lenore Houston, daughter of Major and Mrs. Forrest W. Wilson, sponsored by Ricks Furniture; Sobeda De Hoyos, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ramon De Hoyos, sponsored

DEL RIO WEATHER INFORMATION

DEL RIO AND VICINITY: Partly cloudy this afternoon, tonight and Thursday with little change in temperature. Maximum temperature yesterday, 96; minimum 76. Maximum temperature a year ago, 94; minimum 74. Minimum temperature this morning, 75. Time of sunrise, 5:49 a.m.; time of sunset, 7:47 p.m. Time of sunrise tomorrow, 5:49 a.m.

SOUTHWEST TEXAS: East of the Pecos River: Clear to partly cloudy and warm this afternoon, tonight and Thursday; a few late afternoon and evening thunderstorms in the northwest portion.

Dimmitt County Hospital Closed Over Disagreement

CARRIZO SPRINGS (AP)—Trustees of the Dimmitt County Memorial Hospital said today they have closed the hospital to new patients for a while because some nurses won't work.

The nurses stopped work after the board named a new doctor to the hospital staff.

Dr. D. K. Wilson, chairman of the hospital's medical staff, said the board's action was "a definite violation of the bylaws of the medical staff as approved by the staff Dec. 6, 1955, and later approved by the hospital board."

He said the board violated the bylaws by naming a doctor to the medical staff without consulting the staff.

A board spokesman said the board hoped new patients will be accepted soon. He said patients in the hospital are still being treated.

Rotary Installs New Officers at Luncheon Meeting

Rotary Club officers were installed at the regular luncheon meeting Tuesday in the Roswell Hotel with H. Conger Jones, a past district governor, as installing officer.

E. A. Stricklen assumed his duties as president of the club. Other officers are John M. Jones Jr., vice-president; Darrell Wright, secretary; and Ben Bonnet, treasurer.

Directors are O. D. Pingan, Rev. Walter C. Guin, S. B. Buchanan Jr., H. M. Pettit and Les Farmer.

J. J. A. Forman, now residing near Austin, attended the meeting and was presented a birthday card, signed by all the members, by Phil B. Foster, Forman, long time resident of Del Rio and past president of the Rotary Club, will mark his ninetieth birthday anniversary Sunday.

Completion Set For May, 1968

Invitations to bid on Amistad Dam construction will be called in May, 1963, with actual building slated for September of the same year, the International Boundary and Water Commission announced following a meeting in El Paso and Ciudad Acuna, Mexico.

U.S. Commissioner J. F. Friedkin and Mexican Commissioner D. Herrera Jordan made the joint announcement.

Lloyd Hamilton, project engineer, attended from Del Rio and the Mexican section had Heriberto Luchaga, technical adviser, and Alberto Pascual, engineer, attending from Ciudad Acuna.

Completion of the huge structure astride the Rio Grande 12 miles upstream from Del Rio and Acuna is scheduled for May, 1968.

Engineers and technical advisers of both the U. S. and Mexican sections of the IBCW received work accomplished in planning and design of Amistad and agreed on a number of technical phases of the project, which will permit recommendations to the two governments for division of the construction work by September, 1962.

"Detail design and contract specifications are to be completed and initiation of construction is scheduled by September, 1963, with completion of the dam in May, 1968."

One year before completion the dam will afford substantial benefits, the commissioners pointed out, to the peoples of both countries, since the schedule calls for issuing invitations for bids for construction in May of next year.

The Amistad Dam project, reviewed and approved by the Presidents of both nations at their recent meetings in Mexico City, will be the second major international storage dam to be constructed by the United States and Mexico under the Water Treaty of 1944.

It will complement the first such structure, Falcon Dam downstream from Laredo. Falcon was completed in 1923. With Amistad, it will practically complete joint regulation of the international waters of the Rio Grande.

Preparatory construction work started in October, 1961, with relocation of 14.2 miles of railroad on the United States side to include a 2,200 foot bridge across the Devil's River arm of the reservoir.

Construction of five miles of access road to the damsite on the United States side has been completed and work is nearing completion on the field office, warehousing and related facilities.

Relocation of 11.5 miles of highways in the reservoir area on the U. S. side were necessary and plans are being drawn up by the Texas State Highway Department. Work is scheduled to begin on the highway relocation in October of this year.

In Mexico, a 15-mile access road from Ciudad Acuna to the damsite is under construction.

A reservoir with 5,660,000 acre-foot storage capacity will be created by Amistad and maximum flood control storage level water surface area will be approximately 137 square miles, extending some 86 miles up the Rio Grande.

The Corps of Engineers, U.S. Army, was selected as the design agency for the portion of work allotted to the United States. The Ministry of Hydraulic Resources and Federal Power Commission of Mexico were assigned the design work allotted to Mexico.

Attending the joint meetings were U.S. Commissioner J. F. Friedkin, Principal Engineer L. H. Henderson, technical advisers, engineers and representatives of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Participants from the Mexican Section of the Commission were Commissioner David Brown, Jordan, Engineer Joseph C. Boudmont, special assistant, in the commission; Principal Engineers Jesuso Par, Ray, and Heriberto Sanchez, as well as two engineers, including Heriberto Luchaga and Alberto Pascual of Acuna.

Vice-President Welcomes Astronauts to Houston

HOUSTON (AP)—Vice President Lyndon Johnson joined thousands today in welcoming the nation's astronauts to Texas. Johnson sent a message timed to coincide with a parade and noon barbecue honoring the astronauts and employees of the Manned Spacecraft Center.

"It is a proud day for Houston, for Texas and the nation and we look forward to many proud days ahead as these men and their colleagues reach for the stars," Johnson's message said.

"I am happy to add my greetings to the warm welcome Houston is extending to our astronauts and the personnel of the spacecraft center."

Sen. Ralph Yarborough, D-Texas, also sent a message, saying the astronauts and the center bring honor and credit to Texas.

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State GI Forum Delegates To Begin Arriving Tomorrow

First of the expected 400 to 500 delegates to the state convention of the American GI Forum in Del Rio are expected to arrive Thursday.

The three-day convention, to be climaxed Saturday with the election of officers and the crowning of the state queen, will open with a reception Thursday night in the headquarters, the Catalina Motel. At the same time, a similar reception will be held in the patio of the Roswell Hotel for the junior delegates.

Registration will be held all day Friday in the Catalina with a business session that morning.

The Auxiliary will hold a luncheon and business session Friday from 12 o'clock noon to 2 p.m. in McFarlane's and the Auxiliary will have their luncheon in the Sirlon Room of the Catalina. Friday from 2 to 3:30 p.m., committees are to meet with the business session planned for 3:30 to 5 p.m.

The banquet in the Catalina Friday at 8 p.m. will feature the address by Judge Cornelio Garza of the federal district of South Texas. Judge Garza resides in Brownsville.

Saturday's business session will be held from 9 to 11 a.m., with election of officers and closing of the convention with a luncheon at 12:30 p.m.



MISS DEL RIO, center, is Sheri Wetzel, crowned at the traditional beauty pageant in Moore Park this morning. Sobeda De Hoyos, right, was second and Brenda Ford, left, placed third.

Hold Eighth Grade Boy for Murder

SILVERDALE, Pa. (AP)—An eighth-grade boy was held today on a murder charge. Police say he admitted stabbing a 10-year-old playmate, Theresa Cahill, during an argument over some kittens.

The boy, Charles Clarkson III, 12, told police Tuesday he killed the girl after they found some kittens in a field and argued about whether to leave them there or take them away.

Shortly after the girl was reported missing Monday night police put out a 12-state alarm.

er, R-Tex., and Reps. Albert Houston and Bob Casey, both of Houston, congratulated Houston, saying:

"I am looking forward to the years ahead and expect the scientific and technical accomplishments resulting from this fortunate combination of city and team to bring increased prestige and influence to the United States as the free world leader."

In the nation's capitol, the White House was open a point twice the normal time. It long had been closed to tourists on legal holidays.

In Manila, Filipinos observed the day as their first Philippine-American Friendship Day.

Nation Marking 186 Anniversary

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The nation honors the 186th anniversary of its independence today in a celebration that touches every corner of the world.

In Philadelphia, Independence Hall was the focal point, with President Kennedy addressing the National Governor's Conference. The assembly was perhaps the most important in the Pennsylvania city since the signing of the Declaration of Independence there July 4, 1776.

It was the first time since World War I that a president made a July 4 speech in the hall. Wherever the American flag flies—on this continent and on others—formal and informal observances were set.

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In Tokyo, Emperor Hirohito sent a congratulatory cable to President Kennedy. A similar message was sent to the President by the Yang Di-Pertuan Agong, Malaysia's king.

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