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Christmas Parade Is Set For Saturday Afternoon

A Christmas parade in downtown Robert Lee is planned for Saturday afternoon beginning at 2 p.m. Band Director George Strickland is in charge of the affair, and his Junior High Band will lead the parade.

This year's parade will be unique in that

SCHOOL TO TURN OUT FOR HOLIDAY SEASON

Robert Lee School will be dismissed Thursday of next week, Dec. 22, for the Christmas holidays. Students and teachers will have off almost two weeks, as classes will be resumed at the regular time on Jan. 3, 1978.

Decorations Fund Drive Doing Well

The response to Alpha Kappa Pi's Christmas Decorations Fund drive has been terrific, members said this week.

Ben Boykin had challenged the sorority to raise \$500.00 in a two week period and thanks to the people of Robert Lee more than \$600.00 was donated. Recent donations were made by: Truman Hines, Fred and Alice Beaty, Western Auto Store, The Little Freezer, The Methodist Men's Bible Class, Bob and Dale Fields, Alpha Omicron Nu, Arthur Runnion, Fred McCabe Jr. and Bell Auto Parts.

There is over \$1,000 in the Christmas Decorations savings account but about \$1,500 is needed. The decorations are going to cost about \$100 each.

Alpha Kappa Pi members know everyone wants to see the decorations this year but they have to be ordered in late spring or early summer for delivery in the fall. So, they are asking help in raising the \$1,500 so everyone can see the Christmas lights next Christmas.

Donations can be given to any sorority member or brought to the Robert Lee State Bank.

Thank you Robert Lee from Alpha Kappa Pi and have a very Merry Christmas, said a sorority spokesman.

no motorized vehicles or animals will be allowed to be used by those who participate in the parade. Persons who take part will be allowed to use bicycles, tricycles, wagons, etc.

The parade will form on Austin Street in front of Baker's Grocery and the participants will march to the U.S. Post Office. A short musical program will be presented from the steps of the Robert Lee State Bank.

This year's parade will be divided into four age groups and prizes will be awarded for first, second and third place in all groups.

Santa Claus will be on hand to pass out candy to his little friends and to visit with them. All the kids in the area are invited to visit with Santa while he is in Robert Lee.

Robert Lee-Silver Lions Club will donate the candy for Santa to pass out.

Band Members Staying Busy

Robert Lee Schools bands are going to be busy the next several days, as various concerts or programs are planned for the entertainment of all who attend the programs.

The high school Steer Band will present its annual Christmas concert Wednesday, Dec. 21, in the school auditorium. In conjunction with the same program the Sixth and Seventh Grades Band will present "Charlie Brown's Christmas."

The special band programs will be part of the pre-Christmas activities of the school. Christmas parties will be held for grades K through 6, and Santa Claus will be on hand for visits with children and with his usual bag of goodies.

The Beginner Band (fifth grade) will present a Christmas program at 9:45 a.m. Dec. 19 downtown at the Robert Lee State Bank. The program is scheduled to last 30 minutes.

Coke Citizens to Vote On Annex Question Again

Coke County voters will go to the polls Friday to determine if the county should build an annex building on the courthouse square in Robert Lee. The matter was voted on Nov. 8 and declared to be defeated 199-194. However, the Commissioners' Court discovered upon canvassing the election that five votes which were not cast were included in the total of those against the proposition and the matter ended in a 194-194 tie.

Six polling places will be open from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. Voting will take place at the courthouse and recreation center in Robert Lee, at the city hall and old depot building in Bronte, at the old schoolhouse building in Tennyson, and at the Pecan Baptist Church in the Edith-Green Mountain community.

The proposed annex building would be used to house federal offices now located in the courthouse. Included would be the offices of the Extension Service, the Soil Conservation Service, the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service and the Farmers Home Administration.

R-Lee Annual Basketball Tournament in Progress

Robert Lee High School's annual basketball tournament started yesterday (Thursday) and will continue through Friday and Saturday. Eight boys teams and eight girls teams are involved in the competition.

The action started Thursday at 10 a.m. and first round games in both boys and girls brackets matched Sterling City vs. Paint Rock, Bronte vs. Wall, Eola vs. Christoval and Robert Lee vs. Water Valley.

Play will be resumed at 10 a.m. Friday with second round games for both the championship and consolation

Also, it is proposed to house the Coke County Library in the building.

OBSERVER COMES OUT EARLY NEXT WEEK

Next week's Robert Lee Observer will be printed a day early and placed in the mail on Thursday instead of Friday. The annual Christmas edition will contain a host of Santa Claus letters and greeting ads from Robert Lee and other merchants who want to greet Observer readers at Christmastime. A number of individuals are also running greeting ads instead of sending out Christmas cards this year.

Next week's paper will be the last for 1977, as the Observer does not publish a paper the week after Christmas, in order for the staff to have a week off.

We will greatly appreciate the cooperation of everyone in getting news and ad copy in early next week, so that we can meet the early deadline.

We have tried to contact all business firms for Christmas greetings ads, but if anyone has been missed, please call 453-2433 or come by the Observer office and we can fix you up.

The county has an agreement with the federal government to rent the SCS, ASCS and FmHA offices for approximately \$8,700 per year.

The building would contain 4,013 square feet of floor space and estimated cost runs \$100,350, plus \$7,000 in fees. The county plans to pay for the structure with Federal Revenue Sharing money and time warrants. The annex question has been highly controversial, as evidenced by the tie vote in the first election.

Lions to Have Open House

Robert Lee-Silver Lions Club will have an open house Saturday at their newly remodeled and redecorated community center in downtown Robert Lee. The public is invited to drop by any time during the day for refreshments and a look at the new facility.

The Lions purchased the old Farris Drug Store building and have been working on it for the past three months getting it ready for use. Members of the club stated that they were proud of their efforts and want everybody to see what they have done.

The open house will be held from 9 a.m. until 2:30 p.m., or until after the conclusion of the parade and program scheduled for Saturday afternoon.

Door prizes will be awarded to some lucky visitors and everyone who comes by is invited to register for the prizes.

LADIES NIGHT PLANNED
The Lions Club will entertain their wives at a Ladies Night program at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 20, at the community center.

A dinner will be served and a 12 member barbershop quartet will provide entertainment.



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Congressman
Bob Krueger
Reports

I hope that those of you who join me in my concern over proposed regulations that would undermine the health care of rural Texas residents have taken advantage of the time expansion granted by the Dept. of HEW to comment on the proposed regulations.

What I have done is appeal directly to the Secretary of HEW to immediately remove the 45-minute travel time restriction and the birth quota requirement. I believe the determination of where federal monies go should be decided on an individual, case by case basis and one

across-the-board set of minimum figures is not the way to make those decisions.

This week was the last during which citizens could publicly comment before the National Council on Health Planning begins to consider whether these regulations -- which I adamantly oppose -- should go into effect.

Basically, these proposed regulations would have the effect of threatening to cut off federal funding to hospitals not located in large cities.

That threat, no doubt formulated by Washington bureaucrats out of

touch with the realities of life in small town America, is unconscionable, and I have made my feelings known both to HEW Sec. Joseph Califano and to the writers of the regulations, as I know many of you have.

The defense put forth by people in HEW in response to my position is also less than satisfactory. HEW officials have responded that the guidelines printed in the Federal Register are just that and have no force of law.

Although that is true, we all know that federal guidelines have a way of assuming the force of law in the competition for federal dollars so direly needed in many areas, and most visibly in the area of health care.

We did, however, receive assurances that even if the guidelines were put into effect that no hospitals would be closed and that no obstetrics wards would be shut down.

That pledge, although I welcome it and am glad HEW officials have gone on record with that statement, is not good enough. The fear of federal funds being withheld is always a very real one in modern America, like it or not, and it is fear with which small communities should not have to live.

The proposed guidelines by HEW -- which would threaten funding to hospitals in cities less than 100,000 population where fewer than 500 annual births take place -- were intended to contain the soaring cost of hospital care.

But what the writers of the proposed guidelines failed to understand is that health care in rural America is already less expensive than that available in metropolitan areas.

Perhaps proponents of the guidelines believe that centralized obstetrics services in the cities would eventually result in lower costs and, if one considers hospital costs alone, this might be true.

But what the guideline writers did not understand is that extraneous expenses involved in transporting expectant mothers to and from centralized obstetrics units are expenses that would have to be borne by families even if they did not show up to the bureaucrats as pure

hospital costs.

There is another factor that apparently has not been considered, the problem of attracting physicians to small communities where financial remuneration is not as great as in the cities, and the fact that curtailing of obstetrical services would cut into their earning potential even more.

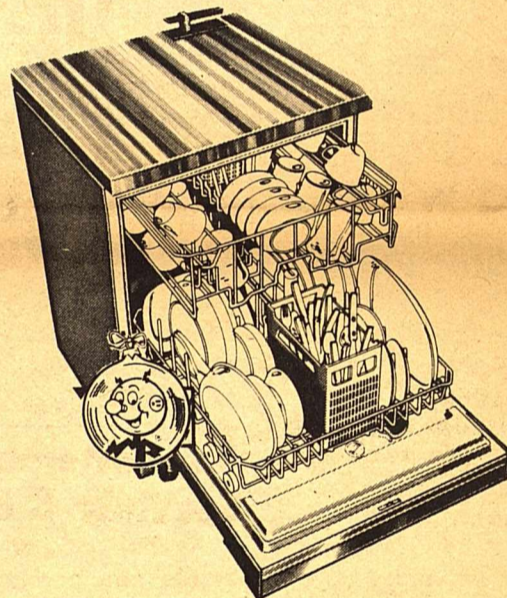
But the key reservation about these proposed guidelines has to be that they are counter-productive, that they would place hardships, financial and otherwise, on the people

of America who choose not to live in metropolitan areas.

All one has to do is to examine the growing economic health of many small communities which have become most attractive to industry as of late, to know that overlooking the needs of small town America is hardly a reasonable way to hold down the increasing cost of health care in this nation.



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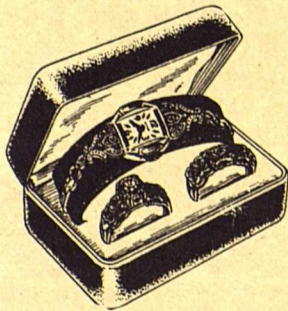


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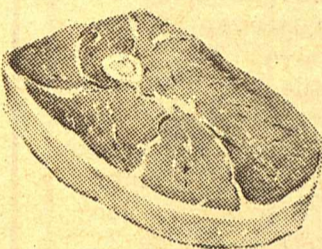
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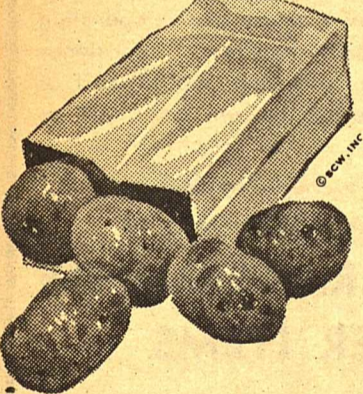
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Girls Team Takes Championship Trophy at Bronte BB Tournament

The Robert Lee High School girls basketball team have been keeping up their winning ways the last week by taking the championship trophy at the Bronte Tournament and winning another game Tuesday night. The boys team narrowly lost consolation honors in the Bronte Tourney.

GIRLS GAMES

The RLHS girls took an easy 82-38 win over Winters to open their play at Bronte. The second game, with Eola, was a real thriller but the girls managed

to pull it out, 60-56. In the finals, they had an easy go defeating Bronte 59-19.

In the Winters game scores were made by Vicki Gartman with 21; Karen Rasco 20; Lisa Devoll 13; Cindy Walker 4; Carolyn Simpson 1. Gartman was the star again against the tight game with Eola, making 26 points. Stella Bicklet and Devoll each had 17. In the game with Bronte for the big trophy, again it was Gartman with 22; Devoll 12; Bickley 11; Rasco 8; Simpson 6.

BOYS GAMES

The Steers lost their opening game in the Bronte tourney by a close margin of 39-38. Making points for the local lads were Micky Baker with 12; Kerry

Gartman 9; Brett Clark 8; Vic Conner 3; David Lackey 2; Jimmy Munoz 3; Mark Riley 1. The Steers downed Eola, 41-33, in their second game of the tourney. Again Baker topped the list with 13; Clark and Gartman both had 11; Conner 4; Kevin Roe 2. In the consolation finals the Steers lost to Irion County by a narrow 33-28 tally. Baker was high pointer with 12; Clark had 6; Conner 4; Gartman 4; Lackey 2.

TUESDAY NIGHT GAMES

Robert Lee teams made a clean sweep in Tuesday night's action. The boys A team took a 50-45 victory from Blackwell; the girls A team downed Ballinger, 88-43; and the girls B team ran over Blackwell 52-4.

Scoring for the Steers against Blackwell were Baker with 18; Gartman 14; Lackey 7; Conner 4; Mark Riley 3; Bennie Abalos 2; Roe 2.

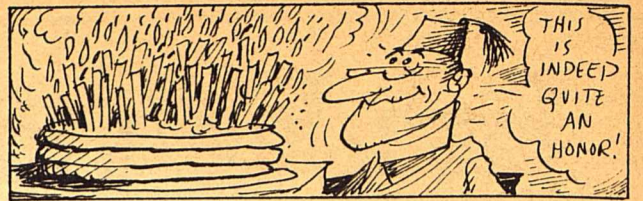
In the girls A team game with Ballinger the big 88 points were rolled up by Bickley with 25; Devoll 24; Rasco 24; Renea Flanagan 14; Jana Hood 1.

Robert Lee girls B team rolled up 52 points against Blackwell, as follows: Flanagan 12; Simpson 12; Elsa de la Pena 8; Debbie Smith 4; Kelly Percifull 4; Rasco 4; Debbie Askins 2; Lupe Costilla 2; Mary Ann Abalos 2; Jana Hood 2.

The RLHS teams will be busy this weekend with their own tournament which is reported in another story in this newspaper. The first part of next week will find the A and B boys and girls teams at Bronte Monday, beginning at 4 p.m.; the A and B boys at Junction on Tuesday; the A and B girls at Sonora on Tuesday night.

The Tuesday night games will complete basketball action for this year. The next games are scheduled for Jan. 3 when Menard will be here.

Mrs. Wilma Shelburne of Houston visited Wednesday and Thursday of last week with her mother, Mrs. D.P. Key of West Coke County Nursing Home, and with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Smith and the David Keys.



Zaro Agha, who died in an Istanbul, Turkey, hospital in 1934, is reputedly the world's longest-living man—at 164 years.

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Holiday Deaths Predicted at 71

Colonel Wilson E. Speir, director of the Texas Department of Public Safety, today estimated that traffic accidents in Texas during the combined Christmas and New Year weekends will claim 71 lives.

He noted, however, that some of the deaths could be prevented if motorists would drive carefully and participate in the state's "Light the Way for a Safe Holiday" program.

Speir said 41 deaths are likely to occur in the Christmas period from 6 p.m. Friday, Dec. 23, through midnight Monday, Dec. 26.

Another 30 traffic fatalities are estimated for the New Year holiday which extends from 6 p.m. Friday, Dec. 30, through midnight Monday, Jan. 2, 1978.

The "Light the Way

for a Safe Holiday" program calls on all motorists in Texas to drive with their low-beam headlights turned on in the daytime, as well as night, during the Christmas and New Year weekends.

"We feel this 'Light the Way' program, particularly with widespread participation on the part of drivers, will serve as a very meaningful reminder to others to drive safely," Speir said.

The DPS director observed that traffic deaths in Texas are currently running about 11 per cent over 1976, with much of this increase caused by the fact that three out of four motorists are violating the 55 mile speed limit.

"On the interstate highways where nine out of ten vehicles exceed 55, traffic fatalities are up approximately 47 per cent from

a year ago," the DPS director added.

During the "Light the Way for a Safe Holiday" program, Speir urged motorists to hold their speed down and refrain from drinking if driving. He also urged drivers to keep their vehicles under control at all times and avoid following too closely.

Stay warm this winter by dressing in thin layers of wool clothing which provide insulation against cold weather. As the temperature warms during the day, remove layers as necessary.

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ACCIDENT CONTROL--To reduce holiday fire hazards in the home, use non-combustible decorating materials and place wrappings

in trash containers immediately after opening Christmas gifts, advises the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

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Citizens in support of the Annex will vote FOR the proposal in view of the following reasons:

1. Just as building the Coke County Stock Barn did not raise taxes, neither will the new Annex to the courthouse.
2. The Annex means money for Coke County. The Federal Government contract for rental of the Annex will amount to approximately \$8,700 per year for a five year committed period, and includes an escalation clause in the event of increased expenses.
3. The Annex will be paid for in four years with the above funds, plus Revenue Sharing funds already available.
4. The Federal offices are over-crowded and need the space. The necessity for extra space, if not met by the County, will be met by either private means or re-location.
5. The Coke County Library will be provided space in the Annex and can expand to meet the demands of a 1,000-book-per-month circulation.
6. The Library has already brought \$15,000 into Coke County through a State grant. These funds can be expended to benefit Coke County as a whole if the Library is also located in the vicinity of other County agencies.

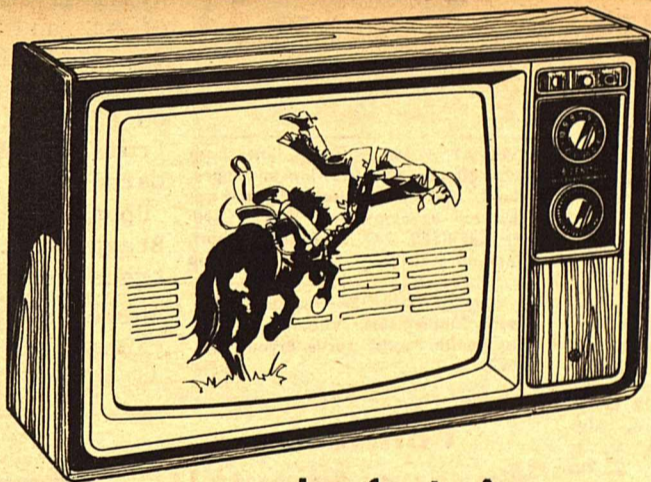
Funding has been carefully considered to eliminate a tax raise to pay for the Coke County Courthouse Annex. It makes sense to vote FOR the Annex.

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3 bedroom brick house, 2 1/2 baths, all furniture included. Well established yard, back yard enclosed with fence, double carport. Located on large lot. One of the most beautiful homes in Robert Lee. Shown by appointment only.

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Political Announcements

The Observer has been authorized to announce the candidacy of persons listed below for the offices and in the elections indicated:

For Justice of the Peace, Precinct 3—
RALPH E. HUGHEY



Strange as it may seem to a modern American farmer, some natives of Mindoro in the Philippine Islands believe that corn should be planted when the leaves of a hardwood tree become as large as mouse ears.

American farmers grow more corn per hour of labor than farmers of any other nation. Modern agricultural technology makes it possible. This includes a herbicide that mixes well in water, fertilizer and with other products. Called AAtrex 4L and made by Ciba-Geigy, it forms a low foam that dissipates quickly.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that the Commissioners' Court of Coke County, Texas, will receive sealed bids in the office of the County Judge until 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, January 3, 1978 for the following:

SHERIFF'S CAR
One New 4-Door, 8 Cylinder Sedan
Engine Not Less than 350 Cubic Inches, with 4 Bl. Carb.

Not Less than 116 Inch Wheel Base - 212 Inch Overall
Police Package
Automatic Transmission
Factory Air Conditioning

Power Brakes
Tinted Glass
Heavy Duty Alternator
Power Steering
Heavy Duty Battery
AM Pushbutton Radio
Remote Control Mirror
Color: White or Grey
TRADE-IN: One Used 1974 4-Door, 8 Cylinder Ford Sedan with Automatic Transmission and Air-Conditioner.

The Commissioners' Court reserves the right to reject any and all bids and waiver any technicality.

Weldon Fikes,
County Auditor
Coke County, Tex.
2TC

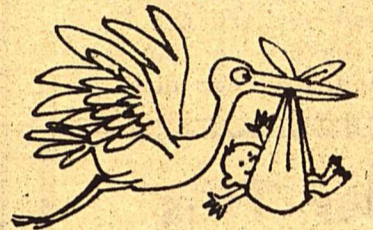
Jose L. Costilla, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jesus Costilla, is expected to arrive home Sunday on a month's leave from Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

Upon returning to Fort Bragg, Costilla will be transferred to Italy where he will be stationed for an indefinite time.



TEAM PLACES SEVENTH--The Robert Lee Junior Farm Skill Team display the banner they won in the State Leadership Contest held Dec. 3 at Sam Houston State University at Huntsville. From left, the winners are Steve Ray, Joel Percifull and Edwin Wilson. The team had previously won top honors in district and area contests. They were accompanied to Huntsville by their advisor, Sid Long, their mothers, Mrs. Phillip Ray, Mrs. Frank Percifull and Mrs. Clifford Wilson, and Joel's sister, Mrs. Dee Anna Thompson.

ALPHA KAPPA PI HAS DECEMBER MEETINGS



Alpha Kappa Pi chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met Dec. 7 in the home of Jo Ann Runion with Yvonne Lloyd giving the program on "Informal Education".

The members made Christmas day tray favors for the nursing home and hospital patients.

Sorority members and their husbands held their annual Christmas party Dec. 10 in the new rec hall.

Another meeting was held Dec. 14 in the home of Jeanette Jacobs with Dorene Mashburn giving the program on "Formal Education".

Secret Sister Christmas gifts were exchanged.

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LIGHT THE WAY

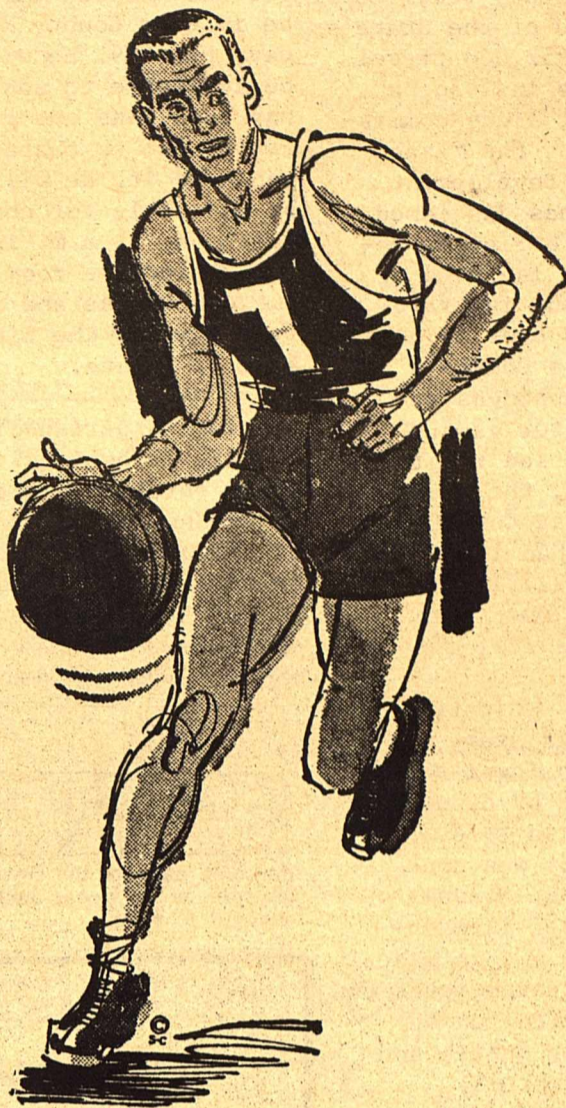
FOR A SAFE HOLIDAY

During the Christmas and New Year weekends, thousands of Texas motorists will be burning their headlights day and night as a visible reminder to others to drive safely. Join this effort to make the Holidays accident-free.

Your Texas Department of Public Safety

Basketball Tournament Dec. 15, 16, 17

We invite everybody in the Robert Lee country to attend the basketball games this weekend. There will be 8 boys teams and 8 girls teams in the competition, and you can see lots of basketball — at its best. Attend every game.



Welcome Visitors

It's a real pleasure for all of us in Robert Lee to welcome you out of town folks. We are glad to have you visit our school and community. We hope you enjoy your stay in Robert Lee, and we invite you to call on us if there is any way we can serve you.

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County Receives Tourist Dollars

Coke County received \$648,600 of the State's \$6,075,952,000 travel receipts in 1976, a national study commissioned by the Texas Tourist Development Agency has disclosed.

The 1976 figures reflect an increase of 11 percent in travel receipts over 1975 when Coke County's travel business accounted for \$587,000.

In addition to gross receipts, the study found that Coke County in 1976 had 10 of the state's 227,258 travel-related jobs, with an annual payroll of \$89,600.

It also estimated \$25,800 in state and \$7,700 in local taxes were paid by county visitors in 1976.

The study was done by the U.S. Travel Data Center in Washington, D.C., an independent travel research organization funded jointly by public and private sectors.

HOME INSULATION TIPS-- Consumers interested in insulating or re-insulating their homes should be aware of the types of insulation materials available, notes an agricultural engineer. Materials are rated as to flammability and thermal resistance, indicated by "R" values. Select a reputable contractor and be familiar with the insulation material to be used. If you install the insulation yourself, wear protective clothing, don't cover attic vents, and don't place the insulation near light fixtures or other heat-producing devices.

Estimate the "life-cycle cost" before buying any major appliance. Life-cycle cost is the purchase price of the appliance plus the operating cost during its average life-span. Ask the dealer or manufacturer for this information.

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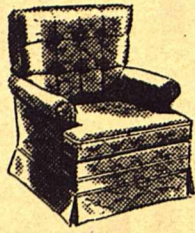
COMPTROLLER REP TO VISIT

A representative from the office of Comptroller Bob Bullock will be in Coke County Monday, Dec. 19. He will be available to answer any questions and give assistance to taxpayers who need it. He will be available for consultation at 11 a.m. in the conference room in the courthouse and at 1:30 p.m. at the city hall in Bronte.

Turkey is perishable, so take it home quickly after purchase and put it in the refrigerator or freezer immediately. In warm weather, transport it in the air-conditioned section of the car, not the trunk.



In some parts of the Orient people were occasionally married to trees.



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WINTERS, TEXAS

TO ALL OF THE CITIZENS OF ALL OF COKE COUNTY

Let's Look at Some FACTS:

FACT NO. 1. Coke County has furnished free of charge rent on the Federal offices used in our Courthouse all these many years.

FACT NO. 2. The Federal Government has agreed to pay \$8700 per year rent on separate offices furnished by the County.

FACT NO. 3. This will pay out WITHOUT local taxes or money in less than 10 years.

FACT NO. 4. Rental on the offices plus Federal Revenue sharing money will pay the warrants off in approximately 3 years.

FACT NO. 5. This \$8700 yearly on the offices in the future will go a long way toward paying utilities and upkeep on ALL OF THE COURTHOUSE BUILDINGS instead of using YOUR normal tax money. This money rightfully belongs to the County and not to some individual for personal profit.

FACT NO. 6. This is not a bond election or tax issue. Instead it is a revenue making issue for the county.

FACT NO. 7. THIS MAKES GOOD BUSINESS SENSE.

FACT NO. 8. Coke County now has a Coke County Library. It has been a going concern for over 3 years.

FACT. NO. 9. Coke County Library has been supported, maintained and funded primarily by Friends of the Library by chili suppers, fish fries, memorial donations, etc.

FACT NO. 10. Coke County Library has 10,041 volumes on hand NOW in a space of 200 square feet in the old Jail.

FACT NO. 11. At present, approximately 1,000 books per month are being issued to citizens all over the County.

FACT NO. 12. A ONE TIME GRANT of \$15,000, to get started has been received by the Coke County Library for the use of purchasing books, equipment, shelving, carpet, air conditioning, and can be used for anything concerning a library except building a building.

FACT NO. 13. Coke County Commissioners agreed to add additional space of only 861 square feet for the Coke County Library use and move it from the old Jail to the new annex if it was built, as the rent from the Federal Government would pay for it all and future upkeep.

FACT NO. 14. This is a GOOD MONEY MAKING DEAL for the County.

FACT NO. 15. Coke County Federal Offices, present crowded offices and all the people of Coke County will benefit by this move on the part of our Commissioners and our County Judge. They are to be commended on their foresight and progressive spirit.

VOTE DEC. 16th FOR A GOOD BUSINESS DEAL AND CONTINUED PROGRESS FOR OUR COUNTY

This ad paid for by a Coke County businessman who makes his living in Coke County, does his banking in both Bronte and Robert Lee and strongly believes that as Coke County and its people prosper, his business will prosper.

ROBERT D. VAUGHAN



MR. AND MRS. DAVE KING

Open House Set To Honor Kings On Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Dave King of Edith will be honored with a reception Sunday, Dec. 18, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the New Recreation Center in Robert Lee in celebration of their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

The reception will be hosted by their daughters and sons-in-law, Gwen and Harry Anderson of Austin; Zona Mae and Dan Hall of Columbus, Ohio; and Joyce and Bobby Walker of Odessa.

The couple have six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Dave King and the former Gertrude Robertson were married Dec. 18, 1927, at the home of the bride in the Friendship Community. They have lived in the Edith Community all the 50 years they have been married, where Dave was born 73 years ago.

Friends and relatives of the couple are invited to attend the reception.

HONOR ROLL ANNOUNCED

Prin. Jerry Gibbs announced the following honor roll for Robert Lee High School for the second six weeks:

Twelfth Grade: Betty Flowers.

Eleventh Grade: David Lackey, Karen Rasco and Cindy Walker.

Tenth Grade: None.

Ninth Grade: Dianna Tinkler.

Eighth Grade: Susan Ash, Tanya Grun and Scot-Long.

Seventh Grade: Leigh Ann Runnion.

Mrs. Ray Eastman of San Angelo visited Sunday with her aunt, Mrs. Pearl Ditmore, Mr. and Mrs. Turney Casey.

Lunchroom Menu

Monday, Dec. 19: Macaroni and Cheese; Blackeyed Peas; Spinach and Eggs; Cornbread and Butter; Fruit Salad with Cream and Milk.

Tuesday, Dec. 20: Hamburgers; Lettuce, Tomatoes, Onions, Pickles; Corn; Potato Chips; Vanilla Pudding and Milk.

Wednesday, Dec. 21: Pinto Beans; French Fries; Beets; Cornbread and Butter; Ice Cream and Milk.

Thursday and Friday: School dismissed for the Christmas Holidays.

HAVE VISITORS

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Smith and Claudine of Riverdale, Ga. visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Smith and Mr. and Mrs. A.V. Hughes over the weekend.

Other guests of the Hughes were Mr. and Mrs. Rick Whitaker, Odessa; Mary Hughes, Austin; Jane Hughes and Wayne McCune of San Angelo.

Mr. and Mrs. Darrel Hamilton of Kerrville; Mr. and Mrs. Doyce Smith and Doyce Wayne and Mr. and Mrs. C.W. Vestal all of Ballinger and Zola Hatley were Sunday visitors of the Hughes.



In parts of India people once married trees to each other, with great ceremonies and feastings.

Number 5 in a series.

Being wrong now may keep you from being dead wrong later.

So, you think you're a good driver.

Well here's a little challenge for you. A test. A chance to prove what you know. And what you don't know.

Odds are, you won't know all the answers. And odds are, the mistake you make now will keep you from making the mistake later.

But the choice is yours. You can be wrong on paper. Or you can be dead wrong on the pavement.

Check yourself out. You'll find the answers printed upside down below.

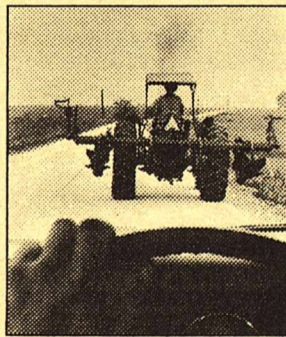


1. Speed differential (the difference in speeds between vehicles traveling the same direction on the same roadway) is a major factor in highway accidents. A safe driver should:

A. Drive slightly faster than other vehicles, to avoid the pack.
B. Drive slower than most cars, to give yourself extra room.
C. Drive with the traffic, "go with the flow."

2. Interstate highways in Texas are designed to be the safest roadways. But recently, as average speeds on interstates have crept upward, so has the number of deaths. How much difference can this make? This year, fatal accidents on interstate highways have climbed:

A. 12 percent.
B. Over 50 percent.
C. 25 percent.



3. Frequent breaks are an excellent way to fight "highway hypnosis" and fatigue on long trips. A driver should rest for 15 minutes about every:

A. Two hours.
B. Hour.
C. Four hours.
D. All of the above.

4. Sometimes, our instinctive reaction in an emergency is not necessarily the right one. For example, when suddenly faced with an oncoming car that has no business in your lane, the proper evasive action is usually to:

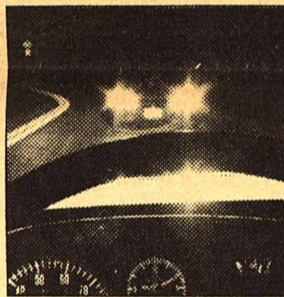
A. Slam on the brakes, to stop as fast as possible.
B. Steer sharply to the left, to keep your car on the road and under control.
C. Steer sharply to the right, even off the road and into a ditch.

5. To keep from being blinded by your own lights while driving in fog, rain or snow, you should:

A. Use your parking lights.
B. Rely on your low beams.
C. Keep on your high beams, but squint.

6. Interstate highways have no cross traffic and are engineered for higher speeds. Not so with rural roads. Failure to adjust driving as you go from one type of roadway to another can cause accidents. A hazard you probably will find on rural roads is:

A. Slow moving farm equipment.
B. Poorly banked curves.
C. Narrow shoulders.
D. All of the above.



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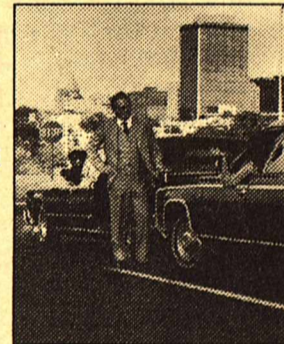
You're driving along on one of those Texas rural roads and it's a rainy day. Suddenly, your car feels like it is floating. You remember hearing something about tires in wet weather "hydroplaning," but what should you do?

A. Increase speed gently to gain traction.
B. Let up on the gas and slow down.
C. Brake to sharply diminish speed.

8.

Keeping the proper interval can go a long way toward preventing rear-end collisions in traffic. When starting up from a traffic light or stop sign, you should:

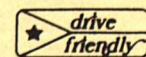
A. Go just as soon as you can.
B. Give the other car a four-second lead.
C. Give the vehicle ahead a two-second lead.



9.

Statistics show that safety belts are worn more often on long trips at higher speeds than for errands around town. Statistics also show that:

A. Most accidents happen on highways during trips.
B. Most accidents occur at low speed within a few miles of the driver's home.
C. The accident rate is about the same for both situations.



Texas Office of Traffic Safety

ANSWERS:

1. C 2. B 3. A 4. C 5. B 6. D 7. B 8. C 9. B



MR. AND MRS. C. C. MILLICAN

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Millican to Be Honored on Golden Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. (Chris) Millican will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary Sunday, Dec. 18, at a reception from 2 to 4:30 p.m. at the Recreation Hall in Robert Lee.

Hosts will be their children, Mrs. Lillian Blair of Fort Worth, Mr. and Mrs. Elton Millican of Robert Lee, Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Millican of Arvada, Colo. and Mrs. Olean Harmon of San Angelo; their 12 grandchildren and their 4 great-grandchildren.

Chris Millican and Gladys Watkins, both of Edith, were married Dec. 15, 1927 at Shep with the Rev. Sullivan officiating. Their attendants were Raymond Schooler and Josie Williamson, who were later married.

Mr. and Mrs. Millican have lived near Robert Lee since their marriage, most of the time in the Edith Community. They are members of Pecan Baptist Church. Mr. Millican is a retired rancher.

All friends and relatives are invited to attend the reception. No gifts has been requested.

Mrs. Davis Dies At Mineral Wells

Julia Anna (Padgett) Davis, 90, of Mineral Wells died Nov. 27. She was a sister of Hugh Padgett of Robert Lee.

Mrs. Davis was born at Fort Chadbourne and moved to Silver about 1892 where she lived until grown. She had resided at Mineral Wells the past 50 years. She is also survived by three daughters.

REPORT YOUR NEWS!

Open House Said A Big Success

Large crowds turned out Friday for the open house events sponsored by three Robert Lee businesses. All three of the firms offered free refreshments and door prizes to their visitors.

Dawn Floral had 346 persons to register during the two day event. Mrs. Sue Millican, owner, said she was very pleased with the turnout. Gary Shaffer won a flower arrangement and Tracy Hubbard won a three piece snack set, which were given as door prizes.

Bob Wrinkle said he didn't know how many registered at the open house held at his Western Auto Store, but indicated he was well pleased with the turnout. Door prizes were a CB radio won by J.E. Bo Isaacs and a coffee maker won by Mrs. Jessie Faye Russell.

Mrs. Yvonne Conner said she "had a real good turnout" at the open house held at Konner's Korner. Mrs. Margaret Roane won the sand dollar necklace which was given as a door prize.

Robert Lee area residents are busy these days with their Christmas shopping and merchants say they still have a good stock of gift merchandise. They invite everyone in the area to shop with them.

Fikes Funeral Held in Angelo

Funeral services for Marion Henson Fikes, 64, of San Angelo were held at 2 p.m. Monday in Johnson's Funeral Home, with Dr. R. Byron Orand of the Immanuel Baptist Church officiating. Burial was in Fairmount Cemetery in San Angelo.

Mr. Fikes died at 6 a.m. Sunday in St. John's Hospital after an illness.

He was born Feb. 11, 1913, in Robert Lee and grew up in this area. He and Olive McDorman were married Aug. 26, 1933, in San Angelo. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge and was retired from the Air Force after 27 years of service.

Survivors include his wife; a brother, Weldon Fikes of Robert Lee; a sister, Mrs. Roy (Lorene) Baker of Valjeo, Calif.; and three nieces.

MYNA KAY ROANE IS SHOWER HONOREE

A bridal tea honoring Myna Kay Roane, bride-elect of Daryl Copeland, was given Sunday afternoon, Dec. 11, in the home of Mrs. Zera Fields.

The tea table was laid with a white net and satin appliqued cloth, and green holly with red berries decorated the table. A ruby red punch bowl and serving dishes enhanced the table in a holiday theme.

Special guests were Mrs. Lowell Roane, mother of the bride-elect, and Mrs. Leslie Copeland and Mrs. Melvin Childress, mother and grandmother, respectively, of the prospective bridegroom.

Eighty guests were registered.

Hostesses for the affair were Mes. Ruth Beal, Kay Lackey, Zola Hatley, Ruth Garvin, Lora Fields, Becky Clark, Thelma Rives, Daisy Hughes, Yvonne Conner, Juanell Brown, Barbara Adkins, Mary Jo Harmon, Thelma Jo Hinnard, Violet Kirkpatrick and Zera Fields.

Jr. High Wins Over G-Creek

Robert Lee junior high basketball teams went to Grape Creek Monday night and brought home a couple of victories. The girls won 24-10 and the boys took a 30-22 win.

Scoring for the girls were Delight English with 10; Brenda Gray 4; Mary Galvan 4; Leigh Ann Runnion 3; Dee Anna Key 2; Barbara Pierce 1. Darren Williams was high pointer for the Dogies with 14; Buck Duncan had 12; Scott Long 2; Kyle Gibbs 2.

Veribest will be here Monday night for boys and girls games. The contests will wind up basketball action for the junior high teams for this year. Next games will be at the Bronte tournament Jan. 5, 6 and 7.

Audra Pitcock of Crane was a guest of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. D.J. Walker Jr., from Wednesday until Sunday. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Darrel Pitcock, came for her and visited over the weekend.

Save Money, Conserve Energy

Musical Program At Baptist Church

A special Christmas musical program will be presented Sunday, Dec. 18, at the Robert Lee Baptist Church. A variety of numbers will be presented for the enjoyment of everyone who attends.

The adult choir of the church will present a Christmas cantata entitled "Sing Noel" by Jeane Shaffer. Three children's choirs, including four and five year olds, those in grades 1-3 and those in grades 4-6, will present Christmas numbers they have worked up.

The program will be under the direction of George Strickland, Robert Lee School band director. Everyone is invited to attend the program.



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Coleman Rites Held Tuesday

Funeral services for Mrs. J.C. (Flora Jane) Coleman, 86, were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday in the First United Methodist Church in San Angelo. The Rev. S. Merle Waters, pastor, officiated and burial was in Fairmount Cemetery under direction of Johnson Funeral Home. Mrs. Coleman died at 6:30 p.m. Sunday in Angelo Community Hospital in San Angelo. She was a former Coke County resident and lived in the Tennyson area with her parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. S.W. Gaston, pioneer Tennyson ranchers. She was an aunt of Mrs. Thelma Odom of Silver. She was a sister of the late Mrs. R.B. Allen, formerly of Silver. She was born July 11, 1891, in Calhoun County, Miss., and moved to Grape Creek at an early age. The family later moved to Tennyson. She was married to Claude D. Cotten in 1923. He died in 1954 and she was married to J.C. Coleman in San Antonio in 1960.

Mrs. Coleman attended West Texas State University in Canyon and was a graduate of Sul Ross State University in Alpine. She taught for a number of years in area schools and had served as supervisor of Tom Green County rural schools.

Survivors include her husband; two sisters, Mrs. Emma Farmer of

Killeen and Mrs. Roy (Winnie) Dickens of San Antonio; seven brothers, the Rev. H.W. Gaston of Christoval, R.L. Gaston of Durango, Colo., Edward Gaston of Fresno, Calif., and Sam Gaston, Grady Gaston, Walter Gaston and John Gaston, all of San Angelo.

Nephews served as pallbearers.

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE FOR AG WORKERS—Beginning Jan. 1, some agricultural employers will have to start paying unemployment insurance for their employees, says a sociologist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. Employers who hire 10 or more workers at least one day a week in each of 20 weeks in a calendar year or who have a total payroll equal to or greater than \$20,000 in any calendar quarter will be required to provide unemployment insurance coverage on their workers.

A long-lasting Christmas gift could be a homemade small-appliance cover that features favorite Christmas characters. They should add to the holiday mood year after year.

4-H Girls Take District Honors

Sheri Ebenstein, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Herring of Robert Lee, won a blue ribbon in the bread and cereal group in the District 7 4-H Food Show held Saturday at Ballinger High School.

Julia Grun and Carrath Metcalf, also of Robert Lee, won red ribbons. Julia was in the snack and beverage group and Carrath in the main dish group. Carrie Culp of Bronte rated a red ribbon in the side dish group.

The 4-Hers were among 67 junior participants from 17 counties in District 7.

"The Coke County 4-Hers did a very good job and their over all scores were most competitive" said Mrs. Fay C. Roe, Coke County Extension Agent. "I am very proud of the girls and hope they continue in 4-H. The parents are to be commended also."

The Coke County 4-Hers were accompanied to the Food Show by Mrs. Roe, Mrs. W.L. Metcalf and Mrs. Jerry Herring.

Wool is a natural fiber for keeping warm in outdoor sport.

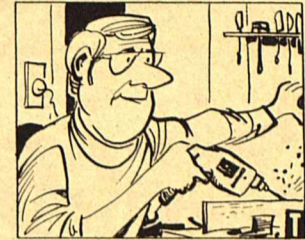
Safety Sense

TIPS ON USING A DRILL

There's no sense in trying to save money by doing it yourself if you don't take the time and precautions to do a job safely. One of your shop's most versatile power tools is the general-purpose 3/8-inch drill. An adjustable, variable-speed drill is a good investment because you can pre-set the speed you need to drill into a variety of woods, metals, masonry, glass or to drive screws—and, with a reversible feature, you can remove screws. Adjustable, variable speed also provides additional flexibility in the use of various drill accessories.

a reversing drill), is especially important if you plan to drill masonry, glass or use screwdriver bits.

• Don't attempt to work in cramped or poorly lighted quarters. A cut in visibility cuts down on safety.



BUILT-IN SAFETY FEATURES are an important part of any quality power tool.

Here are some basic tips to get the most—and the most safety—out of your drill.

• Make sure you have the right bit for the material to be drilled.

• As a rule of thumb, a 3/8-inch drill will drill up to 3/8-inch holes in steel and 3/4-inch in wood.

• Make sure you use the right speed. A variable speed drill, like the models being offered in Rockwell's \$18.88 and \$27.99 special tool groups (which includes

• Be sure to use power tools that are U.L. listed and double insulated for optimum protection against electric shock—and always wear safety glasses or goggles.

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TO COKE COUNTY VOTERS

We will be voting Friday, December 16, on a very important issue. Our concern is directed to just how much money we can spend before our taxes break our back. The largest portion of our county funds now come from Oil and Gas taxes and Federal Revenue Sharing. We know that the Federal money may possibly stop before too many years, and our common sense tells us that the oil reserves will continue to dwindle. The vital question is do we need to add to our problems by adding more expense and services? Consider the following points before you vote a further burden on our county:

1. We have a library in both the Robert Lee and Bronte school systems. If there is a demand for more library service, could we not make deals with our school systems to enlarge and offer a service to each community? After all, they are also run by your taxes.
2. It is evident that our county attorney's office space needs expanding. We understand that the Soil Conservation Service and the ASC may need more room, and are willing to pay rent for this room. We feel that both the SCS and ASC could move out, and then we would have more room than needed in the court house. There are several people in both Bronte and Robert Lee that will make space available to the SCS and ASC for a fair rental, and this keeps our county government out of being a competitive landlord, and saves spending our much needed tax money. There are very few counties that furnish office space outside the courthouse, and these did not purchase the extra space except for needed room for county offices. The SCS and ASC are not considered a part of county government.
3. Let us all direct our time and efforts to such things as county ambulance service which directly affects us all. This is a real issue, and must be solved immediately. We feel that the Hospital Districts, the county, the cities of Bronte and Robert Lee should all sit down and resolve this problem. It concerns us all, and it is the responsibility of no particular party or person, but all of us. If we are going to face extra taxes, let it be for the welfare of all, and not just a few.
4. It has been said that we are already in the library business, and that the government grant must be spent. This is not a correct statement in that we can get out of any commitments made by simply not spending any further money.
5. We feel the usage of the old County Jail by the Historical Society is a fine thing, and that our county government should continue to pay for this upkeep and utilities.

(Pol. Adv. Paid for by Concerned Taxpayers, R. T. Caperton, Chairman)

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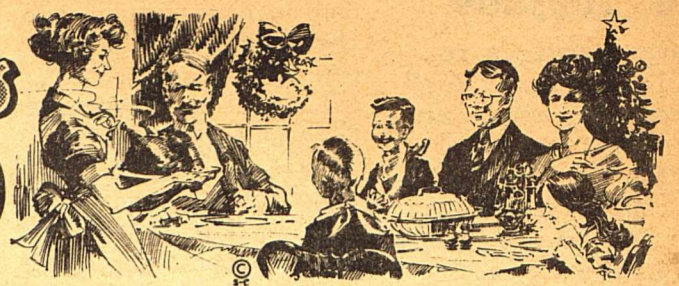


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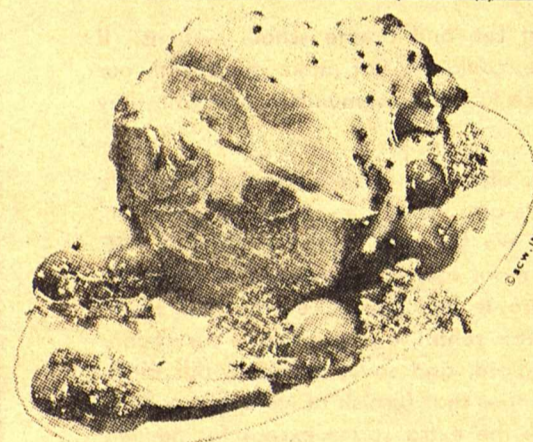
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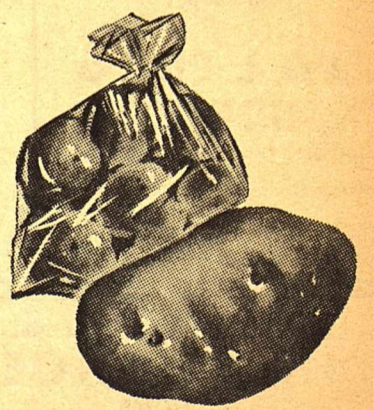
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