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GOOD CITIZENS--David Lackey and Betty Flowers have received the honor of being outstanding citizens of RLHS for 1977-78. In addition, Betty is the recipient of the prestigious citizenship award presented each year to a girl by the Daughters of the American Revolution. David is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Lackey and Betty is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Flowers.

Two Robert Lee Youths Seriously Injured Sunday in Pickup Accident

Two Robert Lee youths are in Shannon Hospital in San Angelo receiving treatment for injuries resulting from a two vehicle accident about 8 p.m. Sunday. The accident occurred about a half mile from Robert Lee at the intersection of the old Sterling City highway and the cutoff which runs behind the hospital.

Victor Conner Jr., 17, was driver of one of the pickups and Buck Duncan, 16, was a passenger. Daniel Abalos, 18, was driver of the other pickup.

According to Sheriff J. Lee Ensor, the accident occurred when the pickups collided as the Abalos vehicle attempted to pass the pickup driven by Conner. Conner's pickup ran into a ditch and rolled, but officers were unable to determine how many times. The vehicle was completely demolished. Ensor said the Abalos pickup skidded 353 feet but did not turn over. It received some damage, also.

Conner and Duncan, who were thrown from the pickup, were taken to West Coke County

Hospital where they were kept overnight for observation. They were moved to Shannon Monday morning.

Young Conner's injuries are thought to be the more serious and as of Tuesday afternoon he was still in the intensive care unit of the hospital, suffering concussion and multiple cuts and bruises. Duncan sustained broken ribs, a parted collar bone and cuts and bruises. Conner's mother, Mrs. Victor Conner, told the Observer Tuesday afternoon that both of the young men were improving.

Abalos was reported as not injured in the accident.

ACCIDENT CONTROL---Chemicals are indispensable gardening and farming tools, but they must be used according to label directions if they are to do their job safely, cautions the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

Use the shortest dishwasher cycle to clean dishes. This makes efficient use of time and energy.

May Primary Absentee Voting Now Underway

Absentee voting has begun prior to the May 6 primary elections which will be held in Coke County and throughout Texas. Absentee voters who are eligible may obtain ballots from the office of County Clerk Mrs. Winnie Wal-drop either in person or by mail.

Both the Democratic and Republican parties will have primaries May 6.

The Republicans will have one election box for the entire county set up at the Robert Lee School.

The Democrats will have six boxes: two in Robert Lee, two in Bronte, one at Tennyson and one at Green Mountain.

The Republican Party has no candidates for county offices, but they are fielding a slate of candidates for a number of higher offices, including congressman for the 21st District, governor, and others.

Lynn Phillips of Bronte is chairman of the Republican Party in Coke County and his wife is active in politics,

also, and is now serving as county campaign manager for Tom Loeffler, candidate for congressman. Quite a bit of activity is going on among Republicans in the west part of Coke County, also.

Democratic candidates

RL School Board Names Officers

The board of trustees of Robert Lee School met Thursday, April 13, to canvass results of the trustee election held April 1. They approved the election results of the trustee election held April 1. They approved the election results as certified by election officials and declared Phil Ray and W.L. Metcalf winners.

The board organized for the coming year and elected Ray to serve as president; J.C. Wallace Jr., who has been serving as president, was elected vice president; and Ben Bessent was elected secretary.

The board also interviewed some applicants for teacher positions.

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are on the ticket for all offices which are becoming vacant this year. In Coke County the political scene has warmed up considerably in the past few weeks for the office of county judge. Judge W. W. (Bud) Thetford, the incumbent, is being challenged by D.W. (Dub) Sims and both are out among citizens seeking votes in the primary.

Incumbent Commissioner of Precinct 4 Jerry Parker has been challenged by N.P. (Dick) Cooper. They are both from Bronte.

The 21st District congressional race has generated lots of interest in Coke County, with Nelson Wolff, Woody Glasscock and Paul Dahlgren apparently the front runners.

A great deal of interest has been generated by the race for governor. Dolph Briscoe, the incumbent, is up against John Hill, present attorney general of Texas, as well as former governor, Preston Smith and others.

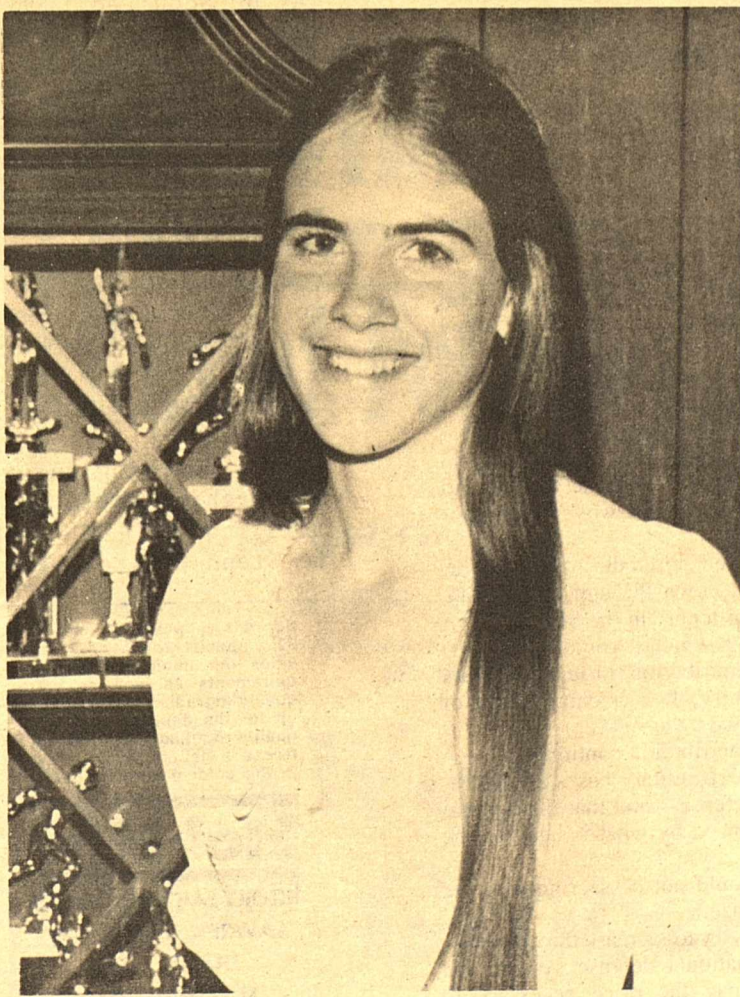
Most of the other statewide races have developed into contests for voters to decide May 6.

Stella Bickley Is Sweetheart of Local Lions Club

Stella Bickley, the 1977-78 Sweetheart of Robert Lee-Silver Lions Club will be one of the contestants for Lion's International District 2-A1 Sweetheart which will be held in Big Spring, April 28, 29, 30.

Young ladies from 70 District 2-A1 clubs will be judged at the Lion's District Convention and the winner will be crowned district Sweetheart and will advance to state and international finals.

Miss Bickley is a senior at Robert Lee High School and is active in school, church and civic activities. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Bickley.



Stella Bickley



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By
**U. S. Representative
Bob Krueger**

FEDERAL DEFENSE SPENDING

WASHINGTON—The federal budget for fiscal year 1979 comes up for discussion in Congress next month and "cutting the budget" will be on everybody's mind.

I feel very strongly, however, that federal defense spending is not an area which should fall victim to the chopping block.

I am a firm advocate of limited government spending. There must be some control of the outflow of federal dollars if we are to balance the national budget within the next few years and if the dollar is to regain its strength in our foreign markets.

But this country should not and cannot be allowed to cut corners any further when it comes to our national defense budget.

A strong national defense is a basic responsibility of government. It is one of the few services that only the federal government can provide for the United States.

Furthermore, the indefinite status of the Strategic Arms Limitations Talks with Russia necessitates a strong military. We cannot afford to jeopardize our position of strength at this very crucial time in our international negotiations.

Unfortunately, however, our national defense has already been cut tremendously. Twenty years ago, defense spending accounted for 14 per cent of our gross national product. Now, it accounts for only six per cent.

And in Texas, despite our supposed "good" leadership on the Senate Armed Services Committee, federal defense spending has been cut significantly in Texas during the past twenty years.

Nine bases have been closed since 1960 and federal dollars spent in Texas for defense have declined an average of \$113 million per year.

Using the state's input/output model of the economy, that \$113 million per year direct loss has resulted in \$264 million spending reduction statewide per year and the loss of 7,257 Texas jobs annually.

Such poor representation of Texas' interests is inexcusable.

While serving during the past three years as Congressman for the 21st District of Texas, I have kept careful watch over bases in West Texas, not only Goodfellow and Laughlin Air Force bases in San Angelo and Del Rio, respectively, which are both in my district, but for the five bases located in San Antonio as well.

Although Brooks, Kelly, Fort Sam Houston, Lackland and Randolph Air Force bases are not officially in my district, part of San Antonio is, and the welfare and economy of the city are integrally interwoven with their growth and development.

None of those bases has been closed during my tenure. Nine others have been shut down throughout the state during John Tower's 16-year tenure in the Senate.

His record is not one about which I would boast.

Texas has made a vital contribution through the years to the defense of this country. It is a contribution of which all Texans can be proud.

I intend to see that that contribution continues.

I realize that not all present military bases are necessary to maintain a strong defense—and that district and state interests must be balanced by what is best for the welfare of the nation.

But defense spending should not be sacrificed to the current "cut the budget" craze.

Although we must always try to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of our national defense system, we must also be willing to pay the price necessary to maintain the defense that we require.

Coke Pageant Association Has Memberships for Sale

Coke County Pageant Association is soliciting continued support in construction of Mountain Creek Amphitheatre. Crossties have been installed and equipment is now needed to make and place benches for seating.

To help meet the financial need, the association is offering memberships of various types at the following prices:

Patron Charter Members (Family--husband, wife, children under 18):

For annual dues of \$25: voting privileges for husband and wife, and preferred seating at pageant.

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These various types of charter memberships may be acquired from March 1 through August 31, 1978. After that date, memberships will be the same, with the word "charter" omitted.

Tax exempt status is being sought for benefit of those making donations of \$100 or more, Sustaining, Honorary, or Life Membership.

Memorials will also be welcomed.

Those desiring any membership listed may mail request and check to Glenn Skelton, Vera

Raney, or Roberta Owen, Bronte; or to Alice Beaty, Dee McCleskey, or Edna Havins, Robert Lee.

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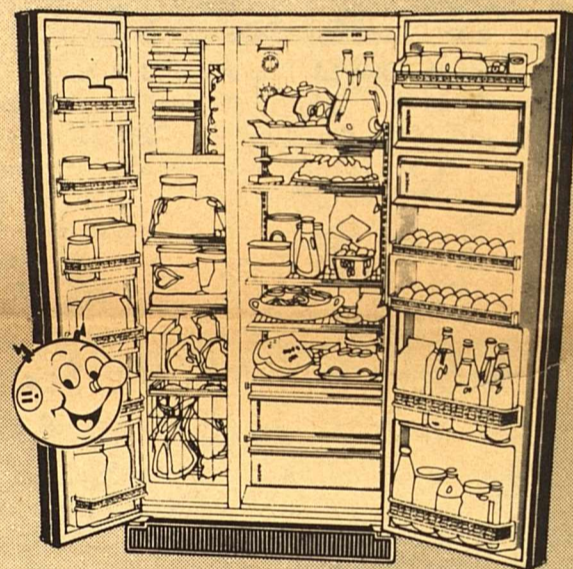


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FIREMEN AUXILIARY ELECTS OFFICERS

The Firemen's Auxiliary met for their regular meeting Monday night with four members present.

New officers were elected for the coming year: president, Alice Beaty; secretary, Eula Blair; treasurer, Edna Havins; reporter, Jo Nell Yarbrough.

Telephone, finance and emergency action committees are to be appointed by the president.

\$2613 Raised for Coke Heart Fund

Figures are about complete on the amount of money raised by Coke County bike riders in a cyclethon held April 1 to benefit the Heart Fund. Mickey Pierce, one of the co-chairmen for the drive, reported this week that the total has swelled to \$2613.

Robert Lee had 25 riders in the 24 mile race who raised \$903. Bronte's 54 riders accounted for the remaining \$1710. The money came from sponsors of riders who agreed to pay them so much per mile.

Buck Duncan was the winner of the trophy for making the race in the shortest length of time. He covered the 24 miles to Bronte and back in one hour and 20 minutes.

Prin. Jerry Gibbs was in charge of the Robert Lee end of the cyclethon. He thanked everyone for being so generous in supporting the cyclists and the Heart Fund.

Robert Lee business firms which donated prizes to winners of the contest included West Way Grocery, Baker Grocery & Market, Vaughan Chevrolet, Ivey Motor Co. and Robert Lee State Bank.

Don't wear clothing with wide sleeves or trailing sashes while cooking--they could catch on pots and pans or catch on fire from burners.



LIONS CLUB MEETING

1 - 3rd Tuesday of each month - 7 P.M.
Lions Club Community Center

Long Qualifies For Regional in Hurdles Event

Richard Long was the lone member of the Steer track team to qualify for regional when the tracksters competed in District 9-A track meet last Friday at Big Lake.

Long took first place in the 120 yard high hurdles and will take part in the regional meet April 28 and 29.

Some good showings were made by other members of the team. Other placings included:

440 Yard Relay: 6. Long, Mark Riley, Brett Clark and Edwin Wilson.

440 Yard Dash: 3. Wilson.

880 Yard Dash: 3. Ricky Tijerina; 4. David Lackey.

Mile Run: 5. Mike Wilkes.

Mile Relay: 4. Clark, Riley, Lackey and Wilson.

In the junior varsity division Kerry Gartman was third in shot put and fifth in the 100 and 220 yard dash events.

JUNIOR HIGH

The junior high track team also participated in the district meet at Big Lake and took second place honors in the 1320 yard relay and the 330 yard dash.

Results were:

1320 Yard Relay: 2. Everett Wilson, Kyle Gibbs, Bob Flowers and Darren Williams.

330 Yard Dash: 2. Williams.

440 Yard Relay: 6. Wilson, Gibbs, Flowers and Williams.

70 Yard Intermediate Hurdles: 5. Buck Duncan.

660 Yard Run: 6. Gibbs.

Shot Put: 4. Tony Bryant.

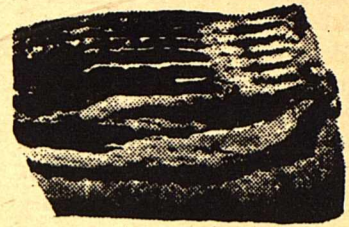
Long Jump: 5. Williams.

RURAL COMMUNITIES COMPETING FOR TOP HONORS--

During April and May, many rural communities in Texas will be competing in judging in the Texas Community Improvement Program for the honor of being named the top rural community in the state. The program for communities with less than 1,000 people is co-sponsored by the investor-owned utility companies of the state and the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. It is designed to stimulate community improvement through organizational efforts.

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525 Eat Pancakes with Lions, 4-Hers

Approximately 525 persons attended the Robert Lee-Silver Lions and Coke County 4-H Clubs joint pancake supper Friday night in the Robert Lee School to enjoy the meal and a variety of entertainment. A total of nine groups performed on the stage a variety of talent until 9:30 p.m.

Representatives of the two organizations wish to thank the public for their support of the program and the donors that contributed

Pageant Meeting Called Monday

Coke County Pageant Association plans a general meeting on Monday, April 24, 7:30 p.m. in the Robert Lee-Silver Community Center downtown Robert Lee. All interested persons are urged to attend. "Important activities must be planned," said a spokesman. Production time, July 28 and 29, is not far away, she added.

Gen Tel Promises Improvements

All rural eight-party customers served by General Telephone Company of the Southwest will have access to four-party or better telephone service by the end of 1982 and other service improvements are scheduled as a result of a rural action plan inaugurated early in 1978.

General Telephone has budgeted in excess of \$24 million to accomplish this five-year program. The plan is an acceleration of a long-time effort to provide rural customers with the same quality and type of service now available to urban customers. The program is already completed in the company's Arkansas, Oklahoma and New Mexico areas of operations and in over 64 percent of the company's 295 Texas exchanges.

As new or improved rural telephone facilities become available, the company seeks commission approval to eliminate eight-party service offerings and/or restrict eight-party service to existing eight-party customers.

Other rural service improvement programs under the plan include: Engineering all new and expanded rural facilities for no more than four customers to a line.

money or supplies. A special thanks is extended to the Robert Lee School officials for their cooperation and to Edna Havins, George Strickland and Add Davis for their handling the evening's entertainment.

Funds derived from the supper will be used to support the programs of the Lions and 4-H organizations.

Playday Is Set for Saturday Night

The first playday of the year will take place tomorrow night (Saturday) at the Rodeo Arena in Bronte, sponsored by the Coke County Rodeo Association. Starting time is set for 7 p.m.

Playdays will be every other Saturday with the first three counted as practice sessions. Participants will start counting their points on the June 3 playday.

Contestants are reminded they must be present by the end of the running of their event to be able to take part. Barrels or Poles will not be re-set.

A fee of 25 cents for each event will be charged at each playday.

News from West Coke Hospital

The following admissions and dismissals were reported by the West Coke County Hospital:

April 11: Mary Rogers, Alice Minjarez, and Jo Ellen King admitted. Alice Benton dismissed.

April 12: Raymond Prossie and Altha Stephenson admitted. No dismissals.

April 13: Neil Black admitted. Frank Hageman, Alfred Blair and Donna Clark dismissed.

April 14: Lela Ray McAdams and Cecil Kemp admitted. Jo Ellen King and J.R. Thompson dismissed.

April 15: Jack Lee and Daisey Childress admitted. Alice Minjarez, Rosa Ybarra and Alpha Roe dismissed.

April 16: Buck Duncan and Victor Conner Jr. admitted. No dismissals.

April 17: Bernice Nixon, Stanley Daulong and Charles Sanchez admitted. Lela Ray McAdams, Daisey Childress, Buck Duncan, Victor Conner Jr. and Earl Ivey dismissed.

April 18: Royce Clark admitted. No dismissals.

Buy and Sell with Want Ads

Mental Health Fund Drive Set

May is Mental Health Month and the Mental Health Association is planning an active campaign to raise funds for use of the organization. Alice Beaty of Robert Lee is heading the campaign in Coke County.

Mrs. Beaty pointed out that a door to door canvass will be made and she asked the support of everyone. She said the association operates on the premises that mental illness can be cured; the cycle of child abuse can be stopped; and education of parents can prevent some emotional problems in children.

"Your support is needed to accomplish this," she said.

Hill Campaign Brought to Coke

Mike Perrin was in Coke County Wednesday campaigning for his father-in-law, Attorney General John Hill, who is a candidate for governor.

Perrin and his caravan were in Robert Lee visiting with voters and handing out campaign literature. They traveled on to Bronte.

The party was making a 675 mile trip from Pecos to Austin. In all, 10 caravans are covering Texas this week seeking votes for Hill.

They will cover 6,500 miles and will converge Friday in Austin where Hill will speak at a San Jacinto Day Party.

The caravan is the second group to be in Coke County this week in behalf of Hill's candidacy. Another caravan was in Bronte Monday.

MISS DEEN HONORED AT BRIDAL COFFEE

LaJohnna Deen was honoree of a bridal coffee Saturday, April 15, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at Southside Church of Christ.

Miss Deen is the bride-elect of Mitt Rogers and the couple plans a garden wedding May 27 at the home of the prospective bridegroom's parents.

Hostesses for the coffee were Alice Beaty, Loraine Bennett, Myra Nell Craig, Evelyn Flanagan, Wanda Green, Laura Herford, Anna Mae Heuvel, Chris Higgins, Frankie Hood, Jean Wojtek, Mary Hood, Robbie Jones, Virginia Lasswell, Hazel Lindsey, Tina Long, Grace McQuiddy, Charlotte Milligan, Mary Paden, Marie Rowoldt and Chanda McBroom.

MISS ANN ST. CLAIR SHOWER HONOREE

A bridal tea honoring Ann St. Clair, bride-elect of Mike Davis, was given Sunday, April 16, at the Fellowship Hall of the Robert Lee Baptist Church.

Guests were registered from 2:30 to 4 p.m.

Hosting the gift tea were Mes. Joe Ash, Gene Baker, Royce Hood, S.E. Adams, Edna Havins, Roy Tinkler, Gene Hinard, Ray Shandley, Jerry Thomason and Hadley Richards.

Also Mes. David Key, Foy Askins, Jerry Gibbs, Ben Bessent, Bob Vaughan, Ronnie Baker, Leon Russell, Bobby Roberts, Frank Percifull and Sterling Lindsey.

Miss St. Clair and Mr. Davis will wed May 20 at the First United Methodist Church in Mertzon.

Junior's Honor Senior Class at Annual Banquet

The seniors of Robert Lee High School were guests of the junior class at the annual Junior-Senior Banquet which was held last Saturday night in the High School cafeteria.

The two classes and other guests enjoyed a meal of roast beef, lettuce salad, green beans, mashed potatoes, rolls and butter, peach cobbler and tea at 7 p.m. prior to the evening's program.

The invocation was given by David Lackey and Karen Rasco welcomed everyone to the gathering. Buddy Wallace introduced guest speaker Ronnie Ruff who spoke to the group present on the importance of "Respect, Responsibility and Religion".

The class prophecy of the 1978 seniors was read by Cindy Walker. Kip Prather presented the senior class will.

Richard Long gave the benediction.

Senior class officers include Kip Prather, president; Carla Wojtek, secretary; Debra Caulder and Vicki Gartman, treasurers; Dallas Johnson, David Meadows and Betty Flowers, business managers. Sponsors are Dorothea Wright and Roddy McIver.

Junior class president is Buddy Wallace; vice president, Mike Wilkes; secretary, Cindy Walker; treasurer, Karen Rasco; and sponsor, Danny Vaughn.

The senior class sponsored a dance at the Recreation Center after the banquet.

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Class of 1938 To Gather for 40th Anniversary

The Robert Lee High School Class of 1938 is planning to have a 40th Anniversary reunion May 13 and, according to advance information it's supposed to be the biggest ever for the group.

A letter has been mailed by Mrs. J.D. Smith of Guymon, Okla., to all persons whose addresses are known who were ever members of the class. Friends and families of the 1938 graduates also are invited to participate in the activities.

A tea is planned at Robert Lee School from 2 to 4 p.m. and a dinner will be held at 7:30 p.m. at Zentner's Daughter in San Angelo. The dinner will cost \$6.50 per person and reservations and money should be sent to Gene Roberts, 2713 University, San Angelo, Texas 76901.

Anyone in the area who wishes more information may contact Mrs. Weldon Fikes or Finnell Smith.

Lunchroom Menu

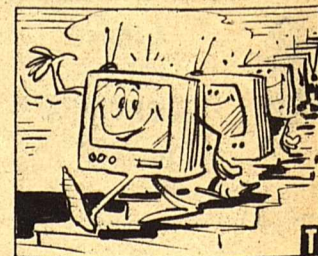
Monday, April 24: Fish Sticks with Tarter Sauce; French Fries with Catsup; Baked Beans; Hot Biscuits and Butter; Peanut Butter Brownies and Milk.

Tuesday, April 25: Beef Chunks with Gravy; Creamed Potatoes; Green Beans; Hot Rolls and Butter; Ice Cream and Milk.

Wednesday, April 26: Pizza; Pinto Beans; Mixed Greens, Cornbread and Butter; Peach Upside Down Cake and Milk.

Thursday, April 27: Sloppy Joes; Cole Slaw; Buttered Corn; Potato Chips; Peach Half and Milk.

Friday, April 28: Turkey Casserole; Buttered Carrots; English Peas; Hot Rolls and Butter; Applesauce and Milk.



Although television as we know it today was not developed until the 1920's, The World Book Encyclopedia states that 96% of all American homes have at least one TV set. Altogether there are about 110 million TV sets in the United States.



Bill Grant and Mrs. Sheri Millican

4-H Honors Grant, Mrs. Millican

Bill Grant of Bronte and Mrs. Sheri Millican of Robert Lee were recognized Monday night for their leadership and other contributions to the 4-H program in

Coke County. The two were among guests who received certificates of merit at a banquet sponsored by 10 electric cooperatives in the Texas 4-H Center near Lake Brownwood. County Extension Agents Kathy L. Jobe and Sterling Lindsey were at the center for the recognition activities. The co-ops serve Coke County and 16 other counties in District 7 of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

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Sealed Bids, addressed to WELDON FIKES, COUNTY AUDITOR, COKE COUNTY, ROBERT LEE, TEXAS 76945 will be received until 11:00 a.m., May 8, 1978 for furnishing all plant, labor, materials and equipment and performing all work required for the construction of Asphalt Surface Treatments on Pavement at various locations in Coke County, Texas.

All proposals shall be accompanied by cashier's or certified check upon a national or state bank in the amount of 5% of the total maximum bid price payable without recourse to the Commissioner's Court of Coke County, Texas or a bid bond in the same amount from a reliable surety company, as a guarantee that the bidder will enter into contract and execute performance and payment bonds within (10) days after notice of award of contract to him. The notice of award of contract shall be given by the Owner within (10) days following the opening of bids.

The successful bidder must furnish performance and payment bonds upon the forms provided in amount of 100% of the contract price from an approved surety company holding a permit from the State of Texas to act as surety.

The right is reserved, as the interest of the Owner may require, to reject any and all bids, and to waive any informality in bids received.

Plans, specifications and bidding documents may be secured from the office of Harvey W. Schmidt, Consulting Engineer, 314 Sunset, Amarillo, Texas 79106.

Attention of Bidders is directed to the provisions of Article 5159 A, Revised Civil Statutes of 1925, as amended, requiring that not less than the general prevailing rates or per diem wages for work of a similar character in the locality where the work is performed, shall be paid all laborers, workman and mechanics employed in the construction of the foregoing projects.

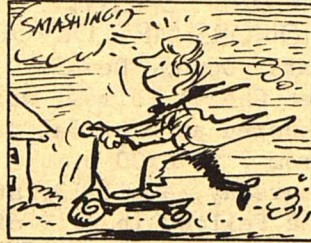
Bidders shall inspect the sites of the work and fully inform themselves as to the conditions and matters which can in any way affect the work or the costs thereof.

THE COMMISSIONERS COURT
COKE COUNTY, TEXAS
BY: W.W. THETFORD
COUNTY JUDGE

April 21, 1978

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The scooter was invented by a 15-year-old London schoolboy, Walter Lines, in 1897. He didn't take out a patent because his father didn't think it would catch on.

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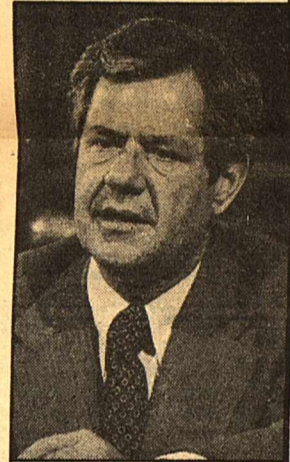
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Funeral Is Held For Mrs. Brown

Mrs. Connie (Bernice) Brown, 71, of Fort Worth, died about 11 a.m. Tuesday, April 4, at a hospital in Clifton following a year's illness.

Services were held at 4 p.m. Thursday, April 6, at Marshall & Marshall Funeral Home Chapel in Whitney with burial in the Whitney Cemetery.

The Rev. Paul Miller, pastor of White Settlement Baptist Church of Fort Worth where Mrs. Brown was a member, assisted by the Rev. Ron Horton of Cleburne, conducted the services.

Bernice Gillmore was born May 28, 1906 at Whitney, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Gillmore. She lived in the Paint Creek community near Robert Lee from 1927 until 1931 and had been a frequent visitor here since moving away.

She is survived by her husband, Connie Brown of Fort Worth; one son, Max Brown of Cleburne; a grandson, Don Earl Brown of Cleburne; three sisters, Jane Wilson of Whitney, Zera Fields of Robert Lee and Beth Moore of Cross Plains; and two nephews, Don Fields of Robert Lee and Earl King of Fort Worth.

BRIDAL SHOWER HONORS MRS. DEVOLL

Mrs. Donnie Devoll, nee Cheryl Holmes, was honored at a bridal tea from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, April 13, at the Fellowship Hall of the Robert Lee Baptist Church.

Hostesses included Mmes. Bob Fields, Leon Russell, Gene Hinnard, Teddy Pitcock, Elmer Adkins, Elton Millican, Billy Wayne Roe, Jake Jacoby, Bob Gulley, Durwood Mumford, Joyce Dodson, J.F. McCabe, A. V. Hughes, Maurice Duncan, Roy Tinkler, Eph Cummins and Jerry Thomson.

Mr. and Mrs. Devoll were married March 23 and are making their home in Littlefield.

Dinner, Dance to Honor Couple on 50th Anniversary

A reception dinner and dance, marking the 50th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Julian Valenzuela, will be held Saturday, April 22, from 5 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the New Recreation Center in Robert Lee.

The Valenzuelas' six children and their families are hosting the event and invite all friends and relatives to attend. The dinner will be at 5 p.m. and the dance will begin at 8 p.m.

The couple's children are Julia Amaya and Ismeal Valenzuela, both of San Angelo, and Helen Tijerina, Jesse Valenzuela, Christina Molinar and Concepcion Valenzuela, all of Robert Lee.

The honored couple also have 14 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

GIRLS QUALIFY FOR REGIONAL TRACK

Three members of the Robert Lee High School track team qualified for regional competition when they won first or second place in the District 9-A track meet held Wednesday of last week at Big Lake. The regional meet will be held Friday and Saturday.

Betty Flowers took first place honors in the shot put event and second places were won by Debbie Smith in the 880 yard run and by Carolyn Simpson in the mile run.

Results involving Robert Lee girls were:

Shot Put: 1. Betty Flowers, 34' 9 5/8".
880 Yard Run: 2. Debbie Smith, 2:36.0; 4. Renea Flanagan.

Mile Run: 2. Carolyn Simpson, 6:04; 5. Kellie Percifull.

Mile Relay: 3. Smith, Karen Kay Flowers, Lisa Devoll and Stella Bickley, 4:21.

440 Yard Run: 3. Bickley, 62.5.

High Jump: 3. Devoll, 4' 10".

80 Yard Hurdles: 5. Debbie Askins, 12.5.

440 Yard Relay, 6. Elsa De La Pena, Jana Hood, Askins and Percifull.

880 Yard Relay: 5. Same as mile relay team.
JUNIOR HIGH

In the junior high division of the meet Yolanda Torres was the only Robert Lee girl to capture a first place. She was top runner in the 1200 meter run. Tracie Fulkerson was second in the long jump and Leigh Ann Runnion was second in high jump.

Complete results were:

1200 Meter Run: 1. Yolanda Torres, 4:11.1; 3. Susan Ash, 4:20.9.

Long Jump: 2. Tracie Fulkerson, 14' 7 3/4".

High Jump: 2. Leigh Ann Runnion, 4' 6".

Shot Put: 3. Tanya Grun, 26' 11 1/2"; 5. Martha Bickley, 26' 3 1/2".

300 Meter Dash: 3. Fulkerson, 45.9.

800 Meter Relay: 3. Brenda Gray, Runnion, Delight English and Fulkerson, 1:57.5.

Triple Jump: 4. Runnion 29' 8 1/2"; 5. Gray, 29' 0".

1200 Meter Relay: 4. Debbie Cummins, English, Lupe Munoz and Fulkerson, 3:13.1.

80 Yard Hurdles: 5. Runnion, 13.5.

400 Meter Relay: 7. Gray, Runnion, Mary Galvan and English, 56.6.

'64 CLUB PROGRAM ON EUROPEAN TOUR

Members of the '64 Study Club met recently in the home of Mrs. Pauline Vaughan, with Mrs. Melba Vernor, first vice president, in charge of the business meeting.

A program was presented by Mrs. Christine Roach and Mrs. Vaughan who showed slides and

gave travel talks on their tour in Switzerland, Italy and France.

Four guests, Mmes. Christl Bagwell, Zelva Cowart, Bobbye Allen and Bess Hendley, and 21 members were served refreshments.

Next meeting of the club will be April 25 in the home of Gerald Allen, with Bill Allen presenting the program.

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Some 97 percent of all U.S. enterprise is comprised of small businesses, which provide 57 percent of all employment. Accounting for nearly half, 48 percent, of business output, small businesses produce 43 percent of America's total gross product.

But let's look at what the cost of over regulation means to the small businessman and to you and me, the consumer.

It costs \$65 billion a year to comply with federal regulations imposed on small businesses alone. This is \$300 per person for each citizen of the nation. Of course, that \$300 comes out of our pockets.

Our small businesses pay \$15 billion to \$20 billion a year (or more than \$3,000 each) to comply with bureaucratic regulations.

In an attempt to provide some relief, well-meaning congressmen have introduced H.R. 7739, the Small Business Impact Statement Act. This legislation will require federal agencies to issue impact statements, such as: Detailed information on the number of small businesses affected, type of businesses and activities affected, approximate average cost to small businesses and comparison of these costs with approximate benefits to small businesses each time a new regulation is issued. The legislation also will require each agency responsible to take steps to minimize the amount of paperwork required by a new rule.

I support the thought behind this proposed regulation, yet I question the capability of the bureau that will enforce it, to objectively study and issue an impact statement. Secondly, I oppose the cloning of more bureaucrats to do the job.

The final answer I believe is to reduce the regulatory power of the ivory tower bureaucrats who have never met a payroll or responded to a government questionnaire.

Congress has the vested power to do this but they evidently haven't had the will.

I believe it's time to send a congressman to Washington who understands small business and that is why I am asking for your support.

Notes from the Extension Office

By Kathy Jobe
County Extension Agent
4-H Clothing projects are making excellent progress! Mrs. Jimmy Badgett, Mrs. Alonzo Robbins and Mrs. Harold Dunn are the Clothing Leaders from Bronte. Their group is due to get work underway very soon. Any girl in Bronte who would like to sew please call one of these three leaders or the Extension Office and tell us. We would love to have you. There are about 14 girls signed up in Robert Lee. Mrs. Roy Epperson and Mrs. Kay Torres are leaders for this group with Vicki Gartman as Junior Leader. If you would like to join please call us.

The Home Demonstration Council of Coke County met Tuesday morning April 18 at 9 a.m. in the Farm Bureau Building. The meeting was very productive. A deadline of June 14, the next Council meeting, was set for turning in recipes for the cookbook. The yearbook and other important matters were discussed.

A new home demonstration club has been formed near Blackwell. The Oak Creek Club is extending a special invitation to join. The club opens its membership to everyone.

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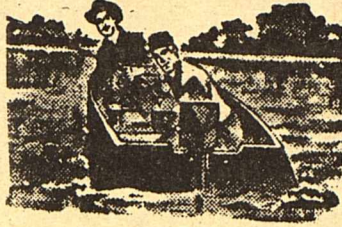
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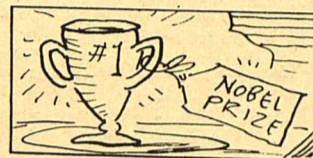
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FISHING REPORT from Lake Spence

PAINT CREEK MARINA
Steve Croft, Big Spring, 1 black bass 5 lbs.
Larry Bailey, Denver City, 1 channel cat 12 1/4 lbs.
Ruth Smith, Pecos, 1 striper 10 lbs., 10 oz.
Veron Chism, Odessa, Ivy Eubanks, Robert Lee, 3 striper to 10 lbs.
Roy Rowe, Lubbock, 6 striper to 10 lbs.
Ronnie and Dewayne Williamson, Snyder, 2 striper, 7 lbs. and 7 1/2 lbs.
Daniel Ruth, Eunice, 1 striper 4 1/2 lbs.
Donny and Joe Don Guynes, Snyder, 3 striper, 3 lbs., 6 1/2 lbs., 7 lbs.
TRIANGLE GROC. & BAIT
Joanne Johnson, Linda and David Thacker, Big Spring, 3 striper, 2-2 1/2 and 3 1/2 lbs.
HILLSIDE GROC & BAIT
Herman Bell, Monahans, 27 channel cat to 1 1/2

lbs., 3 striper to 2 lbs.
Larry Bailey and Buster Rich, Odessa, 2 blue cat 8 and 10 lbs., 50 channel cat to 3 lbs., 4 striper to 8 lbs.
Wesley Boane, Stacy Turner, P.D. Bailey, Tahoka, 1 channel cat 9 lbs.
EDITH COUNTRY CORNER
J.D. Farle, Odessa, 1 yellow cat 40 lbs.
Bill Reynolds and Par-ty, 4 striper to 8 lbs., 4 blue cat to 5 lbs., 3 channel cat to 2 lbs.



The first American husband and wife team to win the Nobel Prize was Dr. Carl Ferdinand Cori and his wife, Dr. Gerty Theresa Cori—in 1947 for work in the field of medicine.

Smith Funeral Held at Winters

Funeral services for Thomas W. Smith Sr., 64, of Breckenridge were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Winters Funeral Home. Burial was in Fort Chadbourne Cemetery.

Mr. Smith, a former longtime Coke County resident, died in his home at Breckenridge Saturday.

He was born July 27, 1913 at Fort Chadbourne. He married Lillian Horton in 1934 at Wilmeth. They lived in Bronte, Silver and Robert Lee, moving to Winters in 1956. They moved to Breckenridge in 1959. He was a retired oil field worker.

Survivors include one son, Willard Smith of Breckenridge; one daughter, Mrs. Richard Hamilton of Winters; two nieces whom he raised, Mrs. Lucille Cate of San Angelo and Mrs. Dorothy Divine of Parkville, Mo.; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

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For County Judge—
W. W. (BUD) THETFORD
D. W. (DUB) SIMS

For County and District Clerk—
MRS. WINNIE WALDROP

For County Treasurer—
MRS. JERRY THOMASON

For Constable, Precinct 1—
HARRY PALMER

For Justice of the Peace,
Precinct 1—
MRS. OPAL I. JACOBY

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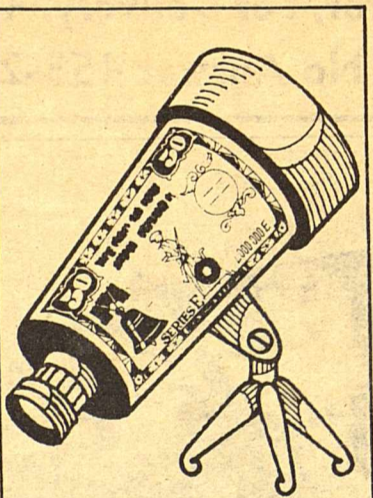
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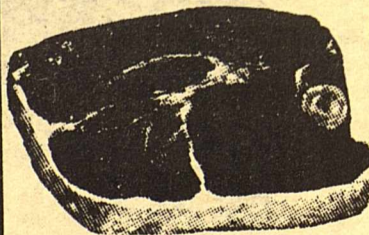
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