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Coke Hospital Boards Have Statement About Problems

(Editor's Note: Members of the boards of directors of West and East Coke County Hospital Districts held a joint meeting Tuesday night in Robert Lee to discuss their mutual problems in providing medical care for the citizens of the county and area. Following the meeting the boards jointly issued the following letter. It indicates that medical care problems are pressing and need the consideration of every concerned citizen of the county.)

AN OPEN LETTER TO THE CITIZENS OF COKE COUNTY: Do you as citizens of Coke County want a hospital and doctors to provide medical care here in your own county or do you want to drive to a neighboring town when you are sick or injured? These are questions that need to be given serious consideration as we ponder the financial dilemma confronting the West Coke County Hospital.

The people of Coke County are going to have to make up their minds whether they want to support the hospital and doctors we have available or lose them once and for all.

The hospital floundered for several years after the death of Dr. John McDaniel, due to instability of the physician situation in Robert Lee. Then, with the death of Dr. John R. Harris, the entire county was left without a doctor. Through the efforts of many people Coke County was able to find a doctor that was willing to move here with his family to make his home. Immediately upon his arrival he began serving the people of the entire county and at the same time looking for an associate to live in Bronte, so both sides of the county would have the benefit of medical care close at hand.

We now have two very fine, very dedicated and very well educated physicians serving the citi-Continued on Page 4

Absentee Voting To End Tuesday

Absentee voting for the Democratic and Republican Primaries on May 6 will continue through Tuesday, May 2. Mrs. Winnie Waldrop, county clerk, reported that up to 5 p.m. Tuesday, 21 Democrats and three Republicans had voted absentee.

Anyone who requests a ballot by mail should do so in time to receive it, mark it and have it postmarked by May 2. Those who go by the clerk's office to vote may do so through Tuesday.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BACK SUNDAY

Citizens of this area will join most everybody else in the country in making a change to Daylight Saving Time Sunday morning. Official time for the change is 2 a.m. on the last Sunday in April.

However, anyone who is planning on going to worship services or other Sunday morning activities would do well to set his clock up an hour before retiring Saturday night. Considering the population of this country, more than two hundred million hours of sleep will be lost Saturday night. If you can just hang in there, however, you can make it up on the Saturday night before the last Sunday in October when clocks wi-11 be turned back an hour for the return to Standard Time.

WRECK VICTIMS **ARE IMPROVED**

Two Robert Lee youths who were seriously injured in a two-vehicle accident April 16 are out of the hospital and improving steadily.

Victor Conner Jr. and Buck Duncan were riding in a pickup which was in a collision with a pickup driven by Daniel Abalos. It resulted in injuries to Conner and Duncan and demolishment of the vehicle in which they were riding. Abalos was not injured.

The two young men were taken to West Coke County Hospital where they were kept overnight and transferred to Shannon Hospital in San Angelo the next day. Conner was placed in the intensive care unit. Mrs. Victor Conner Sr. said Tuesday that her

son and Duncan were both "doing real well."

HAS EYE SURGERY Mrs. Eugene Brooks had eye surgery April 18 at St. John's Hospital in San Angelo. She came home Friday, April, 21, and is reported as doing fine.



The Robert Lee School Bands have been involved the past two weeks recording songs that will be included on a long play stero album. Each of the school's bands, Steer Band, Dogie Band and Beginner Band, will have musical selections on the record.

According to George Strickland, director of the bands, "This project is a service to the school and community. It is our hope that those who would like to have this special record will place an order as soon as possible."

Musical selections include, "Jet Pilot March" and "Daisy Bell" by the Fifth Grade Band; Robert Lee Schools. "Gemini March", "Viceroy Overture", and "Hoedown" by the Junior High Band; three contest numbers along with

football music that are favorites of the community by the Steer Band. The albums are being made by Precision Recording Company of Granbury. The record cover will include pictures of the three bands and printing which tells about the Bands of Robert Lee. The 33 1/3 lp stero albums will be available in the later part of May. Each record will sell for \$5.00.

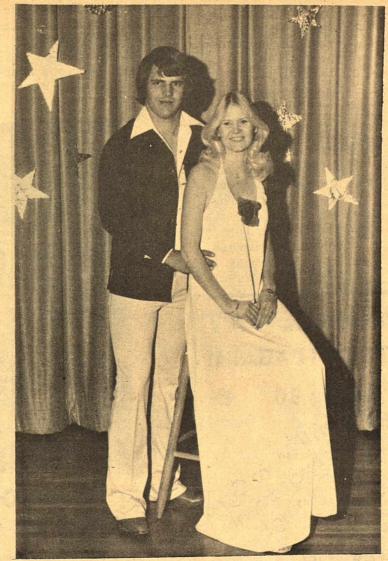
Anyone who would like to order a record should complete the order form in this week's Observer and mail with your full payment to George Strickland at the school. Checks should be made payable to

RLHS Golf Team Gone to Regional

Robert Lee High Schoo-1's golf team led the crowd at the District 9-A golf tournament he-1d April 18 and 19 at Riverside Course in San Angelo. The team had a score of 673 to take first place and qualify for regional competition.

Clay Allen was first medalist in the district and Micky Baker and Billy Matlock tied for third medalist. The seven teams in the district tournament and their scores were: 1. Robert Lee 673; 2. Reagan County 694; 3. E1dorado 740; 4. Junction;

5. Menard 758; Robert



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Persons eligible to vote absentee are those who will be out of the county on election day, those who will be unable to get to the voting places on election day mainly for reason of health and anyone who is over 65 years of age.

Mrs. Waldrop is absentee clerk for both Republicans and Democrats. She emphasized that ballots mailed in must bear a postmark no later than May 2.

Don't get high-pressured into buying something you don't want or need--just say "no", advises a consumer information specialist.

SWEETHEART AND BEAU--Lisa Bessent was selected by the 1977 Steers as Football Sweetheart for the year. Shown here with her is Dubby Bosworth, who was elected Pep Squad Beau by members of the cheering group. Lisa is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Bessent and Dubby is the son of Mr. and run in next week's Ob-Mrs. Weldon Bosworth.

Lee B 780; Reagan County B 815. Two day scores for members of the Robert Lee A team were: Clay Allen 162; Micky Baker 166; Billy Matlock 166; Kevin Roe 179; Brett Clark 182. Scores made by B team members were: Wes Sawyer 180; Joel Percifull 188; Buddy Wallace 204; Kerry Gartman 208. The A team was scheduled to play in the regional tournament Wednesday and Thursday of this week at Stephenville. Results will be server.



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When you observe Soil Stewardship Week April 30 through May 7, consider ways to preserve our best farmland -- America's priceless gift.

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Soil Stewardship Week to Emphasize Value of Farm Lands in United States

The United States' an- vation districts throunual loss of five million acres of rural land to non-agricultural use is a special concern during this year's celebration of Soil Stewardship Week April 30-May 7, Joe Rawlings, chairman of the Coke County Soil and Water Conservation District, announced today.

This year's Soil Stewardship Week theme, "Compelling Ventures," also stresses the importance of controlling water pollution caused by run-off from unprotected farms, ranches, roadsides, and construction sites, Rawlings added.

Soil Stewardship Week is a nationwide observance which emphasizes man's responsibility to protect and conserve soil, water and other natural resources. Traditionally, churches and local citizens groups participate. "Nearly 3000 conser-

ghout the U.S. will focus their attention upon conserving and preserving America's best farmlands during this 21st annual observance of Soil Stewardship Week," Rawlings said. "The U.S. Department of Agriculture estimates that of the five million acres annually lost to agriculture, nearly one million acres are classed as 'prime' land-- the best and most productive land we have. We are encouraging the preservation of these top-quality farmlands for farming rather than their indiscriminate use for housing developments, highways, shopping centers and the like".

The 1978 Soil Stewardship Week reference booklet, "Compelling ventures," and related materials were furnished to local churches by the Coke County Soil and Water Conservation

District. The publications were prepared by the National Association of Conservation District.

News from West

Coke Hospital

sions and dismissals

were reported by the

West Coke County Hos-

April 19: Dola Wood,

Oudia Mitchell admitted.

Isidra Puentez, Isabell Torres and Cecil Kemp

April 20: Thomas Har-

ris and B.N. Rice admitted. No dismissals.

April 21: Minnie Ake admitted. Mary Rogers

and Bernice Nixon dis-

Lynette Boykin and

pital:

dismissed.

The following admis-

SS MAN DUE IN COKE Garland Gregg, representative of the San Angelo Social Security Office, has scheduled his May visit to Coke County. He will be in Robert Lee and Bronte Thursday, May 4. Gregg will be at the

city hall in Bronte between 10:30 and 11:30 a.m. and at the courthouse in Robert Lee between 1 and 2 p.m.

Anyone who has business with the Social Security Administration may contact him at these times. Persons unable to meet with him are encouraged to call.

April 22: Mary Lou Sublett admitted. Altha Stephenson dismissed. April 24: Anna Mae Stewart and Nannie Brooks admitted. Neil Black and Stanley Daulong di- Buy and Sell with Want Ads

smissed.

April 25: Melinda Hickman and Londa Elder admitted. Royce Clark. Thomas Harris and Dola Wood dismissed.

Why Should Dolph Briscoe Be Governor for 10 Years?

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No other Texas Governor has ever asked for 10 years, much less been elected for 10 years. Dolph Briscoe's record does not merit 10 years in office:

- * Yet Briscoe has spent more than \$2 million in this campaign - including \$900,000 his supporters borrowed from 13 banks - to get 10 years in office.
- * Property taxes have increased by 1 BILLION DOLLARS since Briscoe was elected; so far, he has done nothing to
- provide property tax relief. * Welfare costs have more than doubled under Briscoe,
- without a fair increase in benefits for those people who really deserve them. The reason is waste. The worst example is Briscoe's own Office of Migrant Affairs, which spends \$8,000 for each person it helps find a new job.
- * Utility rates have skyrocketed while Briscoe has been governor, without a single sign of concern by the Governor.

Elect a New Governor Endorsing John Hill, the Kilgore News Herald said:

- "He fought Southwestern Bell all the way to the Supreme Court to stop an unfair rate increase. He appears to have beat the Howard Hughes empire over millions in inheritance taxes. And he cleaned up Duval County.'
- Endorsing John Hill, Fort Worth Star-Telegram said: "In two terms as state attorney general, Hill has shown himself to be energetic, articulate and assertive. He can make firm decisions and work persuasively to see them carried out. As governor, he would be an active, accessible chief executive projecting a strong leadership image.

Endorsing John Hill, the Dallas Times-Herald said: "John Hill has been an outstanding attorney general. He has made impressive progress in making the office what he has always said it should be-'the people's law office.'



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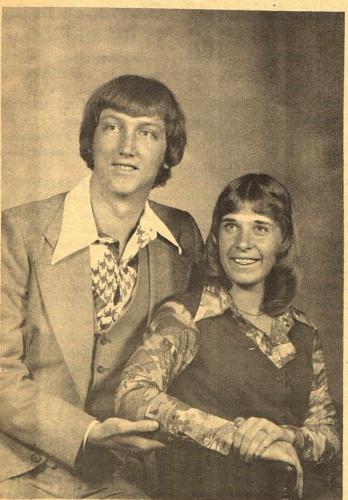
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DONNA COOLEY AND JOHN REINER Cooley-Reiner Engagement Told

Mr. and Mrs. David Cooley of Ira are announcing the engagement duate of Robert Lee of their daughter, Donna Elizabeth, of San Angelo to John Michael Reiner of San Angelo. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Reiner of Abilene. The bride-elect is a



PERSONA

Mrs. Pearl Ditmore is home after spending two weeks visiting her daughter, Mrs. Rheba Taylor and girls of Springtown and her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. H.C. Schooley. She also visited Mr. and Mrs. Bobby McMillen and family of Fort Worth and Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Allen and family of Burleson.

Weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Finis Millican and Sue Ann were Mr. and Mrs. Randy Martin, Tommy, Cade and Justin of Brownwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Turney Casey, Mr. and Mrs. Ne lson Coulter of San Angelo and Layne Coulter of Bronte, enjoyed a weekend fishing trip near Stamford. Cecil Schooley visited his mother, Mrs. Pearl Ditmore and the Turney Caseys on Monday. He and Mrs. Schooley are in the process of moving to Robert Lee from Fort Worth.

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ver and is a 1975 gra-High School. Presently, she is a junior at Angelo State University. The prospective bridegroom is a 1973 graduate of Cooper High School in Abilene and will graduate from ASU in August.

They are both employed at the Texas Mental Health and Mental Retardation Center at Carlsbad.

The couple will exchange vows May 20 in a ceremony in Abilene State Park in Buffalo Gap.

Texas Theatre Opens in Bronte

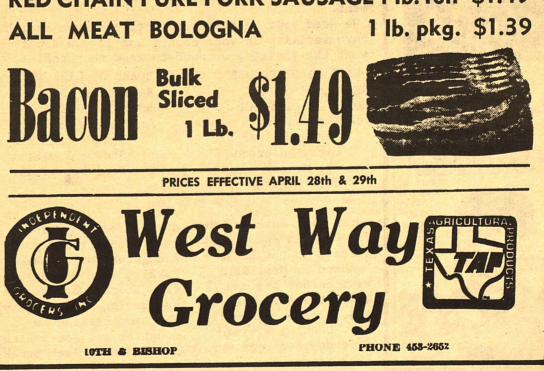
The Texas Theatre in Bronte opened last weekend and will be open on Saturday nights and Sunday afternoons. The theater was purchased from Wojtek Brothers by Mr. and Mrs. Luis Charles and family. They invited everyone in the Robert Lee area to attend the movies. Mr. and Mrs. Charles have spent a great deal of time and money in renovating and redecorating the theatre and have it in good condition. The building has been repainted inside and outside. Saturday night shows start at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday afternoon at 1:30 p.m.



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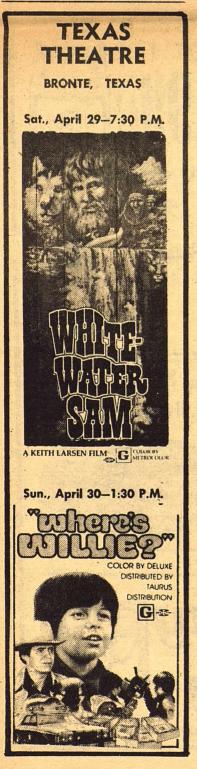


Notes from the Extension Office

By Kathy Jobe County Extension Agent Coke County Family Living and Aging Committees are due to meet Monday, May 1, at 3 p. m. in the courthouse conference room. This is a very important meeting because the next year's county programs are being planned. Everyone on the committees is urged to attend this important meeting and bring ideas. We are hoping to have a good county program that reflects the needs of the people in Coke County.

Clothing projects in Robert Lee are now organized. Anyone wanting to sew please contact Mrs. Kay Torres, Mrs. Roy Epperson, Miss Vicki Gartman or the County Extension Office.

MEETING PLANNED The Concho Valley Chapter of the American Diabetes Association will meet Tuesday, May 2 at 7:30 p.m. in the Texas Room of the First City National Bank of San Angelo. Mrs. Wanda Durgin, director of nurses at St. John Hospital of San Angelo, will be the guest speaker.



COKE HOSPITAL BOARDS-

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zens of Coke County.

You may ask, then, why is the hospital in financial trouble? There are several reasons, one reason is because people who have been provided services by the hospital never bother to pay their bills.

Even though the hospital is supported by tax money, it cannot operate on taxes alone; it has to have money from services provided. The expenses incurred by the hospital have to be paid each month and the payroll for its employees has to go out twice each month. This money is supposed to come from the people who use the hospital and during months that are slow the income can be supplemented with tax money. However, when people refuse to pay their bills, the tax money has to be used to meet the payroll and buy food and supplies. When the tax money is gone the bank issues warrants for overdrafts. This practice causes the hospital to have to pay interest on the warrants when taxes come in for the next year.

Another reason is, during the period when the hospital was trying to survive without proper physician coverage, much of the equipment was becoming obsolete, the inventories of drugs and supplies were held at a minimum and much of the physical plant maintenance was neglected. So, when it came time to try to get things operational again it took an enormous amount of money just to get everything updated in order to provide the type of medical care people expect when they come to a hospital. At the same time, we tried to provide the updated facilities without being unreasonable on our charges. In the health field, if you are not making progress daily, you are going backward.

Let's examine a few facts about the West Coke County Hospital District:

First, let's look at the economic picture as it relates to Coke County.

At the present time the West Coke County Hospital and Nursing Home employ 75 people from both Bronte and Robert Lee with a monthly payroll of approximately \$38,000.00. This payroll plus the supplies that are purchased locally is all money meetings, the scrapbook being poured back into the economy of the county.committee, and the so-What about the tax money? We have heard many people say, "We pay taxes to support the hospital and they are taxing us to death."

In 1977, of the assessed value in the West Coke the banquet were made County Hospital District, the oil and gas companies paid 88.32% of the taxes, with the land owners, businesses and all others paying 11.68%. People, you are getting a free ride and some of you don't even realize it.

The tax rate for the hospital district is 75 cents per \$100 of evaluation. This is the maximum amount allowed by law, so there is no way the district can raise taxes.

In order for our medical service to survive, we must patronize our county facilities and physicians --- and we must pay our bills when this service is provided.

It may be necessary in the near future to ask the citizens of the entire county to dig a little deeper in their pockets and to get involved in a fund raising crusade in order to do some major renovation and to purchase some new equip- liams was elected to

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ALPHA OMICRON NU HAS APRIL MEETINGS

Alpha Omicron Nu sorority met April 5 in the home of Lana Clendennen, with 10 members present. AON welcomed four members of Alpha Kappa Pi to its meeting: Mary Bessent, Joydelle Dean, Nelle Hines and Beverly Bell.

Sheri Millican, social chairman, reported on the success of the Boys' Ranch dance. Gayle Bolding, service chairman, thanked each member for her help with the ABC tournament which benefited the West Texas Rehabilitation Center. Lynne McIver gave the program of "Friendship". women, plans a celebra-Each member discussed why she liked her friends. During the refreshments, served by cohostess Sheri Millican, the members discussed plans for the upcoming Founder's Day banquet. Another meeting was held April 19 in the home of Sheri Millican, with Lynne McIver serving as co-hostess to the nine members present. AON again welcomed visitors from Alpha Kappa Pi: Mary Bessent, Joydelle Dean, Nelle Hines and Beth Prather.

Reports were made on the executive board cial committee. Founder's Day was discussed and centerpieces for by each member. The banquet is to be Saturday, April 29, at 6:30 p.m. in the Old Rec Hall. AON is sponsoring a dance after the banquet for all members and their husbands. In other business, Kathy Post, president, conducted a "mini-ritual" for Sharon Kelton, and the club accepted the resignation of Audrey Duncan as vice president for the 1978-79 term. Nita Gaye Wilhold this office. Mrs. Williams also gave the program entitled "Human Relations". Committees for the 1978-79 year were assigned by the new officers as: Scrapbook - Kathy Post; Publicity - Cynthia Metcalf; Librarian - Sharon Kelton; Service -Debbie Shaffer; Telephone - Gayle Bolding; Social - Audrey Duncan; Program and Yearbook -Donna Bailey; Secret Sister - Nita Gaye Williams; Ways and Means ship - Nita Gaye Will-

Glasscock to Be In R-Lee Friday

Woodrow Glasscock, Democratic candidate for congressman from the 21st District, will be in Robert Lee Friday morning. He is scheduled to arrive here about 10 a.m.

Mrs. Golda Smith, Precinct 1 Democratic chairman, said Glasscock would visit various places in Robert Lee in behalf of his candidacy.

BETA SIGMA PHI TO CELEBRATE BIRTHDAY

Beta Sigma Phi, a social, cultural and service organization for tion of the 47th anniversary of its founding.

Beta Sigma Phi is the largest women's sorority in the world. Celebrations will take place in the 24 countries in which the organization's 250,000 members in over 12,000 chapters exist. The organization is non-academic, nonpolitical, and non-sectarian. The keynote to Beta Sigma Phi is friendship.

The Founder's Day celebration on April 29 at the Old Rec Hall marks the 47th anniversary of the sorority's founding. The organization was founded in Abilene, Kansas by Walter W. Ross. The anniversary will be observed by the two chapters in Robert Lee, and by all the other chapters around the world.

Sheri Millican is serving as chairman of the Founder's Day activities. The toastmistress for the evening is to be Kathy Post, president of Alpha Omicron Nu. Other members of both sororities taking part on the program are: Donna Bailey, Mary Bessent, Gayle Bolding, Joydelle Dean, Nelle Hines, Dorene Mashburn. Betty Mathews, Lynne McIver, Beth Prather, Jo Runnion, Debbie Shaffer and Nita Gaye Williams.

ment.

We need your help if you want to keep a health care facility in your county and if you don't want the facility we need to know that too.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS WEST COKE COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT /s/ Fern Havins Curtis Walker Larry Anderson Joe R. Ash Earl Lindsey

Jim Dunklin spent last weekend in the Texas Panhandle. Mrs. Ruth visited her son and family, the Bert Sheppards, at Spearman while Mrs. Dunklin visited friends in Borger. Mrs. Ruth recently spent

BOARD OF DIRECTORS EAST COKE COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT /s/ LeDrew Arrott Eddie Alexander Stover Taylor Noel Percifull

Mrs. J.H. Ruth and Mrs. some time in Austin to help care for her granddaughter, Mrs. David Barkley, the former Jackie Brock, who was recuperating from surgery. Lynne McIver; Member-She also visited her daughter and son-in-law, iams. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Brock.

Patronize Our Advertisers

Delores McCabe has been selected for the honor of presenting a special message from the sorority's president.

Awards will be presented to local members and outstanding members from each sorority will be recognized.

In the bathroom, "nonslip strips" should not only be applied to bathtubs and shower but also to ramps and steps to make them less slippery.

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Menu

Monday, May 1: Barbecue Wieners; Scalloped Potatoes; Green Beans; Hot Biscuits and Butter; Applesauce and Milk.

Lunchroom

Tuesday, May 2: Grilled Cheese Sandwiches; Vegetable Soup; Potato Chips; Banana Pudding and Milk. Wednesday, May 3: Pinto Beans with Meat; Turnip Greens; French Fries with Catsup; Cornbread and Butter; Fruit Cobbler and Milk. Thursday, May 4: Hamburgers; Corn; Onions, Pickles, Tomatoes, Lettuce; Apricot Fruit Jello and Milk. Friday, May 5: Chicken Spaghetti; Buttered Carrots; Green

Salad; Hot Rolls with Butter; Cake Squares and Milk.

May 4 Meeting Called at Sanco

A meeting of the Sanco Community Association has been called for 7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 4, at the Sanco Store building.

Everyone in the area or elsewhere who is interested in the Sanco Homecoming, Sanco Community or Sanco Cemetery is invited and urged to attend this meeting. Plans will be made toward getting the cemetery and tabernacle grounds ready for the annual Sanco Homecoming which will be held, as always, the first Sunday in June. This year it will be June 4.

Mr. and Mrs. R.C. Sawyer recently visited Mr. and Mrs. Garland Davis and sons at Medina and Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Sims and girls at Houston.

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RL Judging Team Going to State

The Robert Lee FFA Livestock Judging Team has qualified for the State Judging Contest to be held Saturday at Texas A&M University at College Station.

Members of the team are Richard Long, Lynn Gulley and Kerry Gartman. Sid Long is sponsor and coach of the team.

The Robert Lee livestock judges qualified for state competition by virtue of their performance at the Area II Livestock Judging Contest held last Saturday at Texas Tech University in Lubbock.

MENTAL HEALTH DRIVE IS PLANNED

Bellringer marchers will go house-to-house during Monday, May 8, collecting for mental health in Robert Lee. Organizing the drive is Mrs. Alice Beaty. Proceeds from the campaign will benefit the Mental Health Association, a voluntary nonprofit organization.

SERVICES IN DALLAS FOR MRS. LEE BROWN

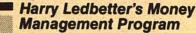
Mrs. Lee (Flora) Brown, of Dallas, died Wednesday, April 19, in a Dallas hospital. Funeral services were Thursday in Dallas.

Mrs. Brown was a for-

mer resident of Robert Lee and Silver. Survivors include her husband of Dallas; a son, Lee Roy Brown, and

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a daughter, Violet Brown, both of Dallas.



As a fiscal conservative, I have developed a comprehensive program to effectively manage the \$2 Billion dollars on deposit in the State Treasury. Here are aspects of it:

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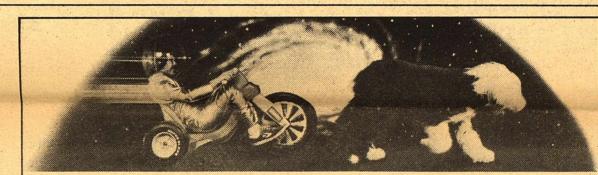
Rate of Return: The State Treasurer should not play politics with our tax money. I pledge to put the taxpayer's money to work earning the *highest* interest available.

Cash Flow Forecasting: Using modern management techniques, we can accurately determine how much money the state needs in liquid funds. The state's obligations must be paid on a timely basis at minimum administrative cost.

People all over Texas are responding enthusiastically to my campaign. I appreciate your support. I know that the public trust must be earned, and it is a responsibility I accept. I ask for your vote on May 6th. If you share my concerns, encourage your friends and neighbors to vote for Harry Ledbetter for State Treasurer in the

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Whether we can take advantage of this opportunity depends mostly on whether we'll be allowed to recover our actual costs on a timely basis.

Without the ability to pay our gas bill, earn a reasonable rate of return on our investments and recover our operating expenses, we will be unable to continue an aggressive supply program in time for it to be really effective. PAGE 5

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Texas Commissioner of AGRICULTURE *Important to* <u>ALL Texans</u>! rol, Adv. Pd. for by Resgan V. Brown, P.O. Box 13475, Austin, Texas 78711 Lone Star has weathered too many storms in the last 69 years to shy away from the challenge of the energy future. We know what must be done to meet that challenge, and we'll meet it.

The groundwork is done.

There are excellent reasons for optimism. Foremost of these is the fact that 50% of the known onshore gas reserves in the United States are in areas where Lone Star already has pipeline systems in operation.

The energy outlook becomes even more promising when you consider the enormous, long-term potential of the gas fields under development in Texas' Gulf Coast waters. Lone Star is already buying some offshore gas. And we intend to buy enough of it to satisfy our customers' demand as it becomes available in volumes large enough to be gathered efficiently and economically.

ciently and economically. Lone Star's ability to take delivery of new natural gas reserves as they are developed gives us an outstanding opportunity to buy our

There is no shortage of natural gas.

There's only a shortage of the low-priced, easily accessible gas that nearly everyone took for granted in years past.

If gas producers are given incentives to continue their risks in exploring for deeper, more inaccessible reserves, there is little reason for our high-priority customers to face natural gas shortages until we're deep into the 21st century.

After that, the future for gas energy still looks good. The technology for gasifying coal is a fact, not some fantasy of the future. And our nation has enormous coal deposits.

Converting it into gas makes sense. Because gas burns clean and doesn't pollute. It also makes economic sense, because this gas can be distributed through the pipeline system we have, and the families who have gas appliances can keep right on using them.

How long can you depend on Lone Star for gas service? We intend to make sure your children's grandchildren can depend on us.

Lone Star Gas Company We're working energetically for your area's future.

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Revival to Begin Here Wednesday

A revival will begin Wednesday, May 3 at Emmanuel Pentecostal Church in Robert Lee. The meetings will feature plenty of inspired gospel singing every night, along with healing at preaching services. Evangelist will be the Rev. Billy M. King of Mississippi.

The Rev. James H. Sanders, pastor, said, "Everyone is cordially invited to come and partake of the experience that began on the day of Pentecost."

Services will be held daily at 7:30 p.m. except on Sunday when they will be at 10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Board Named for Green Mt. Center

New board members for the Green Mt. Community Center were elected at a meeting April 13. Named to the board were Finis Harmon, Conrad Millican and Floyd Harmon. Mrs. Conrad Millican was elected secretary-treasurer.

Another meeting has been called for 7:30 p.m. May 4, in the Old Rec Hall in Robert Lee to discuss the future of the Green Mt. Center. Everyone who lives (or has lived) in the area is urged to attend the meeting and express an opinion as to what should be done with the center. Those wanting more information on the matter are invited to call one of the board members.

Mrs. Myrl Schooley, San Antonio and her sister, Mrs. Olive Hays of El Paso visited in the Turney Casey and Pearl Ditmore home last Thursday. Mrs. Schooley is an aunt to Mrs. Casey.

AKP ELECTS OFFICERS, CONTINUES WORK

April 29, 1978

ON DECORATIONS Alpha Kappa Pi chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met April 12 in the home of Joydell Deen. Pledge Rituals were held for Linda Boone and Gaye Sawyer. Officers and committee chairmen were selected for the 1978-79 year.

The new officers are: president, Jo Ann Runnion; vice president, Nell Hines; secretary, Jeanette Jacobs; treasurer, Beverly Bell.

The new chairmen were: publicity, Jeanette Jacobs; membership, Nell Hines; program and yearbook, Dwala Casey; service, Joydell Deen; social, Dolores McCabe; telephone, Gaye Sawyer; scrapbook, Mary Bessent; ways and means, Beverly Bell; librarian, Beth Prather; and secret sister, Betty Mathews. After the business

meeting Beverly Bell gave the program on "Friendship". The last meeting for the 1977-78 year was held April 26 in the home of Jo Ann Runnion with Mary Bessent giving the program on "Human Relations".

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS Alpha Kappa Pi sorority would like to thank the most recent contributors to the Christmas decorations fund. They are Mr. and Mrs. Jim Herford, Mr. and Mrs. Willis W. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. JOhn D. Mumford, Ruby Hearn, Bobbie Allen, and Skinner's Grocery.

Everyone is asked to look for the posters around town showing what the decorations are going to look like.

Alpha Kappa Pi members are still accepting donations.



Hernandez Rites Held in Angelo

Mass for Nora L. Hernandez, 17, of San Angelo were held at 2 p. m. April 20 in Sacred Heart Cathedral with the Rev. Gilbert Rodriguez officiating. Burial was in Calvary Cemetery. Rosary was held April 19.

Miss Hernandez died at 2 p.m. April 17 in John Sealy Hospital in Galveston after a short illness.

She was born Aug. 30, 1960, in San Angelo where she had lived all her life. She was a student at San Angelo Central High School. Survivors include her parents, Albert Hernandez and Mary Y. Hernandez, both of San Angelo; two brothers, Fernando Hernandez and Adam Hernandez, both of San Angelo; paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Rogello Hernandez of San Angelo; maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Lara of Robert Lee; and a maternal great-grandmother, Mrs. Rosa Ybarra of Robert Lee.

Mt. Creek Golf Activity High

There was a lot of activity at the Mt. Creek Golf Course this past weekend, as approximately one hundred people came to play. This number includes the 45 who played in Sunday's ABC tournament.

First place with the low score of 62 went to Bob Vaughan, Larry Horton and Mickey Pierce. Second place went to Bobby Menchaca, Bill Hood and Charles Bryan. Third place winners were Tom Sawyer Jr., Doug Acton and Frank Percifull.

The next ABC tournament will be Sunday, May 7.

The June partnership tournament is scheduled for June 10-11. The entry fee for this tournament is \$50. This fee

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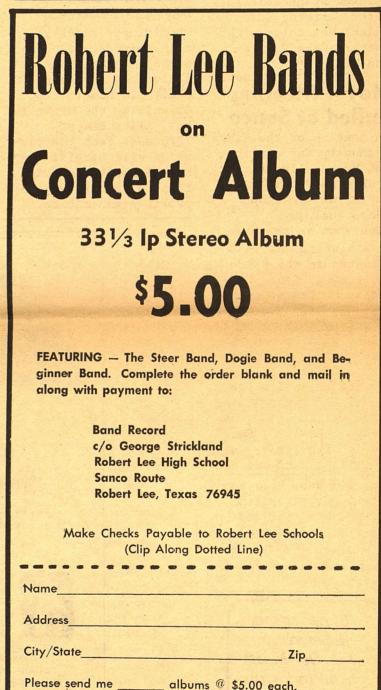
The Green Mountain HD Club recently met in the home of Mrs. Bettie Page with Mrs. Curtis Walker as co-hostess. Six members were present.

Roll call was answered with "What I enjoy doing every day." Plans were made for a new cookbook to be published by county HD clubs and a report was given on the last HD Council meeting. Members enjoyed a flower guessing game.

Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Butler of Quinlan visited over the weekend of April 15 with her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Buster Pierce. WALLACE RECEIVES AWARD Cisco Jr. College recently recognized over 200 students in an Awards Presentation held at the college.

Receiving awards from Robert Lee was: James Morris Wallace, son of Mr. and Mrs. Royce Wallace of Robert Lee, won an award for making the President's List.

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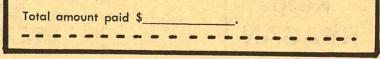
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Service Held for Oscar Kresta

Funeral services for Oscar Kresta, 68, of San Angelo were held at 2 p.m. Thursday of last week in Johnson's Funeral Home in San Angelo. Officiating were the Rev. Jimmy Rogers of Grace Temple Baptist Church and the Rev. Edgar Tatum of Baptist Tabernacle Church. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery in Bronte. Mr. Kresta died at 4:45 a.m. April 19 at his home.

He was born Oct. 22, 1909, in Lavaca County and was married to A1media Nail on Dec. 8, 1932, in Ballinger. They lived in the Bethel Community in Runnels County many years before moving to Robert Lee. While living in Robert Lee Mr. Kresta was engaged in farming and his wife worked as a nurse at West Coke County Hospital. They moved from Robert Lee to Santa Anna, then moved to San Angelo five years ago. He was a member

of the Baptist Tabernacle Church.

Survivors include his wife; one stepson, Roy Bethune of Arkansas; one brother, Henry Kresta of Ballinger; one sister, Aurelia Davis of Ballinger; six grandchildren; and 11 greatgrandchildren.

4-H Horse Judges Third in District

The Coke County Senior 4-H horse judging team placed third in District 7 contest held in Abilene last week. Clay Bloodworth was sixth high individual in the contest and Lynn Gulley was ninth high individual. The other team members participating were Scot Long and Russell Johnson.

The junior team from Coke County placed eighth in the district. Team members were Terry Joe Millican, Bud Johnson, Donnie Grant and Wayne Sprenkle.

An open contest was held for leaders and extra 4-H Club members. Bob Gulley was second high individual.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

Sealed Bids, addressed to WELDON FIKES, COUN-TY AUDITOR, COKE COUN-TY, 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 loca-

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Texas. All proposals shall be accompanied by cashier's or certified check upon a national or state bank in the amou- the '69 Study Club of nt 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 perdiem wages for work of a similar character in the locality where the work is performed, shall be paid all laborers, workman and mechanices 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

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Cancer Crusade Raises \$1203.92

Mrs. Wayne Mashburn of from the residential Robert Lee chairman of the Coke County Cancer Crusade, reported this week that the 1978 drive for funds has been successfully concluded and a total of \$1,203.-92 was contributed by county donors.

Mrs. Mashburn said that she and Mrs. Billy Joe Luckett of Bronte. co-chairman of the Crusade, along with members of Alpha Kappa Sorority and the '64 Study Club of Robert Lee, and Bronte, would like to say "thank you" to everyone who contributed. Alpha Kappa Pi Sorority collected \$662.35

area of Robert Lee; the '64 Study Club collected \$188.00 from Robert Lee business firms; and the '69 Study Club collected \$353.57 at Bronte for the total of \$1,203.92.

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"Thank all of you very much for making the Cancer Crusade a big success," Mrs. Mashburn added.

Supt. Jimmy Bickley of Robert Lee and Supt. C. B. Barbee of Bronte flew to Austin Monday where they attended to matters concerning the two schools.



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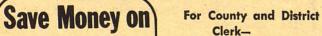
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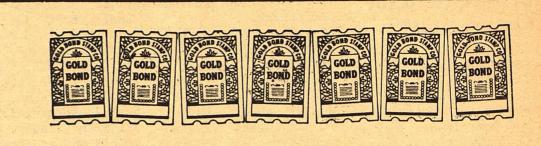
The Observer has been authorized to announce the candidacy of persons listed below for the offices and in the elections indicated:

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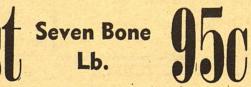
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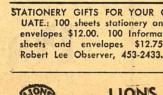
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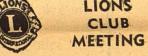


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