

# Robert Lee Observer

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Section A

## Low School Bid Is \$691,420

### School Carnival Set Saturday Night

The annual Halloween Carnival sponsored by the RLHS Student Council will be held Saturday night, with plenty of entertainment and food for all age groups. The affair will begin at 5:30 p.m. and continue into the night.

Various booths will be located in rooms, as follows:

- 1A: Balloon Man
- 1B: Pick a Pocket
- 2A: Country Store
- 2B: Fish Pond
- 3A: Choose-a-number
- 4A: Spin-a-Pie
- 4B: Pull-a-String
- 5: Spin-a-Prize
- 6A: Grab Bag
- 6B: Spook House
- 7: Dart Throw
- 8: Basketball Throw
- 9: Sponge Throw
- 10: Cake Walk
- 11: Food Booth
- 12: Bingo

Sponsors said everyone is cordially invited to attend, and lots of fun is promised. Proceeds will go to the classes and the Student Council.

### Coke Jaycees Have Installation Meet

Bronte Mayor Royce Lee, a director of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, was speaker at the installation banquet for the Coke County Jaycees, Tuesday night, Oct. 15. The meeting was held in the recreation hall in Robert Lee. The newly organized group alternates meetings between Bronte and Robert Lee.

Garland Davis was master of ceremonies and Steve Stevens of San Angelo was installing officer.

Installed were Thomas Lee of Bronte, president; Ben Bessent, Robert Lee, first vice president; Terry Bryan, Robert Lee, second vice president; and Sherman Williams, Robert Lee, secretary-treasurer. The Board of directors includes C. R. (Butch) Service and James Deen, Robert Lee; and Elroy Buter and Robert Sanders, Bronte.

There were 73 persons present, including members and wives and guests from other clubs at Snyder, Colorado City, San Angelo, Ballinger and Abilene.

### INJURED IN FALL

Elias Torrez, 33, of San Angelo was injured while working at the Robert Lee Dam site Wednesday afternoon of last week. He suffered a broken leg in a fall.

Torrez, who is employed by Terry Construction Co., building the Morning Glory spillway at the dam, reportedly fell about 20 feet to the ground.

He was brought to West Coke County Hospital in Robert Lee for emergency first aid, then taken to Shannon Hospital in San Angelo.

Visiting guest speaker at the Northside Church of Christ Sunday was Clarence Eager of Brownwood. He spoke at both the morning and evening services. He spent the day in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Jones.

### SINCERE APPRECIATION

This edition is our first Soil Conservation Edition. We are extremely pleased with it, and hope to make it an annual affair. Our reason for this hope is not that we make a lot of money out of special editions, (because we don't when the extra expense is counted), but we consider conservation of soil and water as our most important problem. Casualties in Vietnam, serious as they are, may pale into insignificance when compared with the casualties which may be forthcoming in our populous country, unless we maintain our land at top production. Food, which comes from the soil, and only from the soil, is the most serious problem of the world, even today.

There are many persons who deserve special thanks for making this edition possible. First, may we thank our advertisers,

without whom we could not have financed the extra pages. Second, and almost first, may we thank the personnel of the Soil Conservation Service. Their cooperation ran a close second to our advertisers in making this edition possible. W. E. Jacoby, head man in the SCS; L. L. Wilkins, Jim Barnhill and Rex Brand did a lot of extra work in preparing most of the stories. We sincerely appreciate their efforts and the use of their pictures.

Also we appreciate the work of Mrs. Fay C. Roe, county home demonstration agent; Sterling Lindsey, county agricultural agent; J. E. Quisenberry, office manager of ASCS; and Alton R. Pyburn, head of the Farmers Home Administration, for their help in preparing special articles for this edition.

We are deeply grateful to all these friends.

## Soil Conservation Tour Scheduled

A tour designed to show the latest methods in soil and water conservation will be conducted Tuesday, Oct. 29, beginning at 2 p.m.

The tour will be of interest to anyone who feels that soil and water conservation is important in 1968, said W. E. Jacoby, district conservationist with the Soil Conservation Service. He added that the public is invited to make the tour.

The tour will start in front of The Bronte Enterprise office in Bronte, and everyone who wants

### ANTERLESS DEER PERMITS

A limited number of anterless deer permits will be issued Friday, Oct. 25, at the court house in Robert Lee. A map of the areas where they may be taken is on the bulletin board at the court house.

Everyone who leases their land for hunting is required to have a shooting preserve license, which can be purchased at the county clerk's office.

to inspect all of the soil and water conservation practices scheduled is urged to be ready to leave at that time.

First stop on the tour will be on the D. K. Glenn place, south of Bronte, where the last shovelful of dirt will be turned to officially conclude the soils survey which has been going on in Coke County since 1957.

Jim Barnhill, soil scientist with the SCS, has done most of the work on the survey during the last two years, but his final report will include information which was started to be compiled 11 years ago.

Also to be shown on the Glenn place will be a demonstration of seeding old fields to range grasses, following brush control by root plowing.

Next stop on the tour will be at the place of Mrs. Edna Butner, northeast of Bronte. Here, those making the tour will be able to see effects of brush control by aerial spraying. Also to be shown

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Another big step was taken Tuesday afternoon when bids on Robert Lee's proposed new school were opened. Frank Cannon, General Contractor, of San Angelo was the low bidder and apparent winner of the contract on the big project. His bid was \$691,420.

Supt. Jimmy Bickley said that school officials were very well pleased with the bid, as it was within a reasonable amount of the architect's estimate and also within the amount of funds available for the project.

Three bids were received. In addition to Cannon's, bids were

### Steers to Meet Rotan 'Hammers

The Robert Lee Steers will have an out of town game Friday night when they travel to Rotan to meet the Yellowhammers in a conference game.

Rotan pulled the upset of the week last Friday when their lads, winless up to that time, defeated the powerful Aspermont 11. The score was 28-18. The win put the Yellowhammers in first place in district standings, but they remain in the cellar in season standings.

Game time for the Friday contest is 7:30 p.m.

### Last Week's Results

Besides the 28-18 upset of Rotan over Aspermont, and the 22-7 loss of Robert Lee to Wylie, Roscoe downed Wall, 19-14.

### This Week's Schedule

Robert Lee will play at Rotan; Roscoe will travel to Aspermont; and Wall will play at Wylie.

### Robert Lee Win MOD Tournament

Robert Lee golfers won handily in the March of Dimes Tournament played Sunday at Mountain Creek Golf Course. They recaptured the rotating trophy which was held by Bronte golfers the past year.

While determining the 1968 Coke County Champions, the golfers were also helping the Coke County March of Dimes, as \$120 was turned in to help that cause.

Forty entries, 27 from Robert Lee and 13 from Bronte, were divided into six teams. Robert Lee scored 34 points to Bronte's 15.

Golfers who didn't get to play in the MOD tourney played later in a handicap tournament. Bill Allen had low score with a 69 and was awarded a dozen golf balls.

submitted by Kasch Bros., Inc. of Big Spring and Locus Construction Co., Inc., of Abilene. The high bid was \$704,600.

Money for the school construction project was provided last March when voters of Robert Lee Independent School District voted a \$700,000 bond issue, by more than a four-to-one majority. Count on the election was 312 for the bond issue and 74 against.

Bickley said the school now has \$735,345 plus interest which brings the amount to \$742,449 to spend for the new buildings and equipment. The bid of \$691,420, when subtracted from this figure, leaves \$51,029 which can be used for needed equipment and payment of architect's fees.

Apparently, work will begin on the building in the near future. The successful bidder announced he would be ready to begin construction within 10 days of issuance of the final work order, and the architect said all contracts and other paper work necessary for issuing the work order would be completed within a week to 10 days.

All members of the school board were present for the bid opening, including Truman Hines, Douglas Gartman, J. W. Service Jr., D. J. Walker Jr., Lewis Heuvel, Bill Blair and E. H. Ivey.

### 176 Persons See County Exhibit

Many items of interest were viewed during the annual Exhibit held Friday and Saturday in the Recreation Center in Robert Lee. About 175 persons attended the Exhibit sponsored by the Coke County Home Demonstration Clubs. Visitors from San Angelo, Winters, Ballinger, Kermit, and San Antonio attended along with persons from Silver, Water Valley and Robert Lee.

A Mexican saddle of undetermined age owned by Johnny Ruth of Robert Lee, caused many comments as did three green eggs laid by a hen owned by Jennifer Lovelace of Robert Lee.

Art work, decorated cakes, quilts, crochet, Crewel embroidered pictures, plants, dried arrangements, antiques, historical items, needlework, candle holders, decorated bottles, articles of clothing, Christmas decorations, tablecloths, and stockings, canned goods, pecans and many other items filled the Recreation Center.

Home Demonstration Club members were hostesses for the event.

### Lost Hour Will Be Regained Sunday

Persons who like to grab a short nap after their regular getting up time will have a chance Sunday to sleep a whole hour longer than usual.

Sunday is the day to move the clocks back to Central Standard Time.

After the time change, persons who go to work from 7:30 to 8 in the morning will be able to move around in daylight. On the other hand, however, the sun will set about 6 p.m. rather than 7.

## G. H. Childress Dies From Injuries

Funeral services for George Henry Childress, 82, were held at 10 a.m. Monday in Robert Lee Baptist Church. Burial was in Robert Lee cemetery, directed by Williams Funeral Home.

Mr. Childress was injured in a 3 car accident Saturday afternoon and died about 4:25 p.m. in West Coke County Hospital.

He was driving east on Highway 158 in the city limits, in front of the Add Davis Grocery and Station, when his car was in collision with an auto traveling

west, occupied by two Midland men. The pair, Ernie Lambert and Sam Brown, were not injured. The third car, driven by J. D. Elkins, was following the Childress vehicle, which was pushed into him by the impact.

Mr. Childress came to Coke County in 1890 with the parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. John Childress. He farmed many years and built and operated a barbecue cafe on West 10th Street for several years.

He was married to Roxie New-

man Dec. 12, 1908 in Robert Lee. She died June 19, 1967.

Survivors include two sons, T. B. (Biggun) Childress of Robert Lee and Earl Childress of Coleman; four grandchildren, Mrs. Addison Davis, Mrs. J. W. Wallace of Robert Lee, Marc Childress of Coleman and Mrs. Doyle Adams of Garland; and seven great grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Homer Car-wile, Cecil Mayfield, David Key, Weldon Johnson, O. B. Jacobs and O. H. Campbell.



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HOME ON LEAVE

Drexel Skipworth arrived home last week on a 20 day leave from the U.S. Navy. He has completed his basic training at Camp Pendleton, Calif. When he returns to the base he expects to be sent to Vietnam.

He is visiting in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Skipworth, and with his wife, Suzanne, who is making her home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Burns.

Lunchroom Menu

Monday, October 28

Hamburgers, buttered corn, lettuce, tomatoes, onions, pickles, potato chips, milk, chocolate pudding.

Tuesday, October 28

Tamale pie, buttered rice, pineapple applesauce, jello on lettuce, hot rolls and butter, milk, apple crisp.

Wednesday, Oct. 30

Pinto beans, turnips and greens, potato salad, corn bread, butter, milk, peach cobbler.

Thursday, October 31

Beef pot roast and gravy, roast potatoes, cole slaw, hot rolls, butter, milk, apricots.

Friday, Nov. 1

Fish sticks with tartar sauce, creamed potatoes, garden salad, hot rolls, butter, milk, chocolate cake.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Royce Hood, Jana and Eddie Royce, and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Hood were weekend guests at Brownwood in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Davidson.

Mrs. W. T. McAdams and children of Wellington visited here last weekend in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Mitchell and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Rutledge of San Angelo visited last Monday with her niece and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Killiam.

Mr. and Mrs. Carleton Boone of Kermit were weekend guests in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sloane Boone.

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# VOTE

For Humphrey

Political Adv. Paid for by Coke County Democrats for Humphrey and Muskie  
Matthew G. Caperton, Chairman

# H D Agent's News Dept.

By MRS. FAY C. ROE

Hams are being featured in many grocery stores — but before you buy, do you know ham? Test your ham I. Q.

1. Should you cook ham before eating? Not necessarily. There are two types of ham: fully cooked ham, and those which need to be cooked after purchase. The fully cooked ham, indicated by the label, needs no further treatment. Any ham not labeled "fully cooked," "cooked" or "ready-to-eat" must be cooked before eating.

2. Which part of the ham offers the best value? The butt half of the ham has a smaller percentage of bone and other waste—but the price is higher than the shank half. Center slices have little waste and higher price tags.

3. What is meant by labels reading "ham", "ham, water added" and "imitation ham"? Moisture is added during the ham curing process. When hams are shrunk to original fresh weight the label reads "ham." If the product has up to 10 percent added moisture, the label will read, "ham, water added." "Imitation ham" has more than 10 percent moisture added.

### Bad Weather Tips

If you are carrying an umbrella against the threat of rain, hook the handle to the inside sleeve of raincoat or overcoat. You won't forget it someplace.

When a hat gets rain soaked, shake off excess water. Do not rub it. Turn up brim and push out the dent. Pull the inside leather band out and stand the hat on it. After the felt has dried naturally reshape it.

Let wet shoes dry naturally on a good shoe tree.

### Packing Tips

Use sheets of aluminum foil as layer dividers in luggage. The sheets are handy for wrapping damp or soiled articles when repacking.

Anytime you pack at night for an early morning departure, leave the bag open overnight. The air will keep things from wrinkling.

If your bag has ties or straps to keep clothes in place, slide a piece of cardboard or tissue under the buckles or knots when you tighten them. This avoids creases and muzzing clothes.

When packing, wrap your jewelry and other fragile items in tissue paper or in a pair of socks and pack into shoes.

## PERSONALS

Weekend visitors in the Cliff Caulder home were Mr. and Mrs. David Fernandez of Silver. Other guests Sunday were Mrs. Hazel Caulder of Bronte and Mr. and Mrs. Buck Pilkington of Winters.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hedrick of San Angelo visited Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Smith Monday.

Earl King of Fort Worth is here spending a week with his aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Fields.

Visitors spending the weekend here in the home of Mrs. Alfred Lofton were her son, Norris Lofton and children of Kermit. Her sister, Mrs. Edna Boykin of Brownwood is here on an extended visit while Mrs. Lofton is convalescing after being released from Bronte Hospital last week.

Rangeland having an abnormal amount of weeds on it is in a process of deterioration or recovery. Is your range like this? If so, what process?

HELP YOURSELF  
AND YOUR COUNTRY  
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### ESCUE REUNION

A reunion of the Escue family was held Sunday at Robert Lee Recreation Center. The annual affair is held in October because a large number of family members have birthdays during this month.

Present were Mr. and Mrs. Roy Casey and Leroy, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Service Sr., Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Service Jr., and family, Mr. and Mrs. Butch Service, Mrs. Violet Kirkpatrick and Roy Braswell, all of Robert Lee.

Also, Mrs. Floyd Higgins and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Escue and sons, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Escue and family, and Mrs. Jack Cowley, all of San Angelo; Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Allen and son of Goldsmith; and Mrs. Comie Lee Hallmark Jr. of Denver City.

## Officials Stress Hunting Safety

AUSTIN — "Don't pull the trigger until you identify your target — it may be your best friend," says Robert G. Mauermann, deputy director of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

"Every year, in Texas and the rest of the U. S. hundreds of persons are killed or injured when they are mistaken for game. The 1967 Uniform Hunter Casualty Report from the National Rifle Association indicated 189 persons were killed or injured in the U. S. because of this mistake," Mauermann said.

According to Mauermann, many of these injuries could have possibly been prevented by the victim himself.

"A blaze orange hunting vest could mean the difference between life and death," he said. "Hunters shouldn't overlook this important piece of clothing when they take to the woods this season. A blaze orange vest makes it less likely that the hunter will be mistaken for game."

According to the National Shooting Sports Foundation, Inc., four states — Massachusetts, Iowa, Maine and Colorado — have made blaze clothing mandatory for certain types of hunting.

The Foundation says blaze orange stands out better than any other color at the critical times of dusk and dawn when other colors fade. For instance, many shades of red turn to black in shadows or periods of low light.

Nearly a dozen manufacturers have come out with caps, vests, capes, wrap-arounds, Sam Browne belts and even blaze-tipped boot socks to make hunters more visible.

"If more hunters will wear blaze orange," says the Foundation, "hunting accidents can be reduced greatly in two categories, the mistaken-for-game and walking-in-to-line-of-fire accidents."

The Foundation says some hunters may feel shy about trying such a conspicuous color the first time. "They feel as though they are clad in a neon sign. The thing that really sells them is hunting with a companion all day who is wearing blaze orange. When they see how easy it is to spot him, they are at a sporting goods store the next morning," says the Foundation.

"The final responsibility rests with the man carrying the gun," says Mauermann. "He must be sure of his target. He must realize that there is not game in every bush and that every rattle, every movement is not a target. He should keep in mind that the only time he is justified in pulling the trigger is when he is absolutely positive the target in his sights is the game he hunts."

Martin Casey was admitted to the Shannon Hospital in San Angelo last Tuesday for a medical checkup. He was released Friday.

## Robert Lee Women Attend Demo Show

Mrs. Cumble Ivey Jr., Mrs. Willis Wayne Smith and Mrs. Charles Sims went to Austin Tuesday to attend the Democratic style show and luncheon at which Mrs. Lyndon Johnson and Mrs. Hubert Humphrey were the most prominent guests. Mrs. Johnson introduced Mrs. Humphrey to the 1300 ladies present, representing all areas of Texas.

Prominent Democratic ladies from all over the nation were present and participated in the style show, covering fashions from 1774 to the present, and portraying Democratic ladies from out of the past. Cactus Jack Pryor was master of ceremonies for the luncheon and introduced the ladies at the head table, which included Mmes. Johnson, Humphrey, John Connally, Preston Smith, Crawford Martin, and others as the "most glamorous group of grandmothers in the United States." He noted that Mrs. John Connally just barely "got in under the wire" since her first grandchild was born on Monday.

Theme for the style show was "Alexis, We Love You." Alexis was the man, who, when asked what made America so great, responded: "The superiority of the American Woman." The last model to appear on the show was Mrs. Patrick Nugent, the former Luci Johnson, and her 16-month-old son, Patrick Lyndon.

The local ladies were seated at the table next to Mrs. Nugent and said that her little son stole the show as he toddled down the style show ramp to his famous grandmother.

The affair was held in the Terrace Room of the Terrace Motor Hotel.

BE WISE, INVEST REGULARLY  
IN U. S. SAVINGS BONDS.

## Voting Rules for Newcomers Cited

Voters in the coming general election who moved into the county on or after May 5, 1968 must vote in the county clerk's office by November 1, according to information received from County Clerk Mrs. Winnie Waldrop.

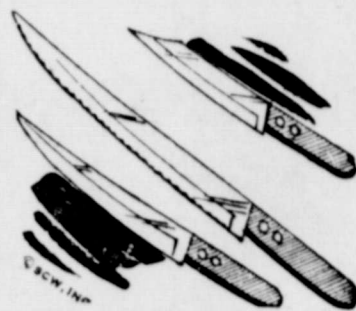
Formerly, persons who moved from one county to another could not vote during the first six months after the change of residence, but a new law enacted last year now permits them to vote on all statewide offices including President and Vice President, and on proposed constitutional amendments, but not on local offices and issues.

However, instead of voting at a regular polling place on election day, they must vote during a special time period in the county

their new residence. This period, which is the same as the period for absentee voting, began on October 16 and will end on November 1.

If the voter has lived in the same congressional, legislative, or judicial district for six months, he may also vote on that district office.

In order to vote, the person must be registered as a Texas voter for the 1968 voting year, and he should have his registration certificate with him when he applies for his ballot at the county clerk's office. However, if he has lost his certificate, he may vote after making an affidavit of its loss.



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# Steers Drop District Opener To Wylie

By RONNIE BAKER

The Steers were plagued by mistakes that will never win ball games. If the Steer defense had not been so consistent on their play, the score would have been much worse than it was.

## First Quarter

The Steers received the opening kickoff at the 8 yard line. With a return only to the 14, they made a 1st down at their own 25. Then a penalty put the ball back on the 10, where Wylie held. From punt formation, the Steers made their second mistake. The punt hit one of their own men, and the Wylie Bulldogs got the ball at the 4 yard line. On the first play the quarterback kept the ball and rolled in for the TD. The try for extras was no good and after the first play by Wylie, the score was 6-0.

The Bulldogs kicked to the 10 and with a return to the 20, the Steers started again. Going to the air, the Steers had a pass picked off on the Robert Lee 34 yard line and Wylie had the ball again. But the Steer defense held at the Steer 38 and Wylie punted to the Steer 8. The Steers couldn't move and punted out to their 43.

After a 6 yard gain, Wylie punted again and it carried into the end zone. The Steers got the ball at the 20 yard line. They ran one play to the 26 and fumbled, and Wylie recovered there. Wylie moved for short yardage, and then a 3rd down pass interference call gave them new life as they moved to the Steer 9 yard line. A quick pass over the middle and Wylie was on the scoreboard again. The kick was the extra point was good and Wylie led 13-0. Wylie kicked off to the Steer 22. Robert Lee advanced it to their own 32. One play and the first quarter ended.

## Second Quarter

The Steers got a first at their own 46, then another on the Wylie 35. But again the Steers fumbled and Wylie got the ball at their 39. The Steer defense held at this point and Wylie punted to the Steer 8. Robert Lee made two quick first downs to the Steer 35, but Wylie held at that point. Mumford punted a good one to the Wylie 15, but a fine return put the ball on the Wylie 46.

As Wylie went to the air, Darrel Pitcock picked a pass off at the Steer 49, to give them new life. A good rush put the ball on the Wylie 30, where with 1st and 10, quarterback Mumford found Bill Burns in the flat and pegged one to him. Burns raced to the corner for the Steers first counter. Andy Cole kicked the extra points and it was 13-7.

Lane Beaty kicked off to the 20 with a return to the 30 yard line. There the Steer defense hit hard and Wylie fumbled on the 31, and Randy Smith recovered for the Steers. But the Steers couldn't take advantage of the break and had to punt, with Mumford's punt going out of the end zone. Wylie got the ball at the 20 yard line. Again they fumbled, this time with Jim Ballard recovering at the Wylie 25 yard line. The Steers drove down to the 9 yard line where they had a 1st and goal, but that's as far as they could go. Wylie took over and moved to the 10 as the clock ran out in the first half.

## Third Quarter

Wylie received the ball at the 34, with no chance for a return. Wylie made a 1st on their own 44, where the Steers held and Wylie punted to the Steer 22. Robert Lee fumbled again and Wylie got the ball on the Steer 20. From this Wylie tried a field goal to no avail.

The Steers took over the ball on their own 20. They made a 1st at the 31 and Wylie held at the 35. Wylie tried to move and got only to the Steers 32, here they lost possession of the ball on downs.

Mumford quick kicked to the Wylie 30, where they started to move, making a 1st at the Steer 41, then to the 28 and again at the 11. There their quarterback rolled out and scored again. The kick was good and the score was now 20-7.

The kick off carried to the 5, where it was misplayed and the Steers had to start from the 6 yard line. The Steers made a 1st down on their own 22 as the 3rd quarter ended.

## Fourth Quarter

The Steers moved for a 1st at their 32, then another at the 48 where Wylie held. Mumford got off a good kick but it was brought back on a penalty and he had to try again. This time the ball sailed over his head and he finally got possession at the 10 yard line. On the first play Wylie was penalized to the 25 where they had a 1st and goal. The Steers held at the 5, then Mumford quick-kicked to the Steer 41. Wylie made a 1st on the 28 but fumbled and Larry Sockwell recovered for the Steers at their own 10 yard line.

Mumford tried a pass and dropped back into the end zone. A hard pass rush followed and he was tackled in the end zone for a two point safety, making the score read 22-7.

The Steers free kick carried to the Wylie 44. It was returned to the 50. Wylie made a 1st at the Steer 36, but they fumbled again and Jim Ballard recovered another one. The Steers couldn't advance with it, however, and Wylie got the ball at the 30. After another field goal try failed, the Steers had the ball on their own 20. Going to the air again, Wylie intercepted and returned to the Steer 15 yard line. One play and a stall for time ended the ball game.

## Hospital News

Oct. 15 — Mrs. Ruth Denman admitted. James Hall, C. C. Parker dismissed.

Oct. 16 — Mrs. M. A. Cox, Mrs. Reuben Sample admitted. Mrs. Lena Russell, Mrs. Elwood Ham-bright, Mrs. Ouida Scott dismissed.

Oct. 17 — Melvin Childress, Mrs. Virgil Wilson admitted. Mrs. Ruth Denman, Mrs. J. O. Rudd dismissed.

Oct. 18 — Mrs. Reuben Sample, Mrs. Gorman Walker, Mrs. Virgil Wilson dismissed.

Oct. 18 — Mrs. Ethel Green, C. C. Parker admitted. Lee Li-gon, baby boy Sample dismissed.

Oct. 20 — Mrs. Bertha Clay, Ned Thomason, Andy Cole ad-mitted. Melvin Childress dis-missed.

Fifteen patients remained in the Hospital and seven were in the Nursing Home Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Lord of Eunice, N. M., are spending this week here in the homes of relatives, Mr. and Mrs. O. D. At-kins, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Child-ress, Mr. and Mrs. Sam McGal-lion and Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Camp-bell. The Lords are enroute home after spending a month in Fort Smith, Ark., visiting their daugh-ter, Mrs. Clell Varnadore, and her family.

Lane Beaty spent the weekend in Dallas visiting his sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Eu-gene Kegans. They visited the State Fair.

## HEARD AT SANCO

Guests in the home of their pa-rents, Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Gart-man, last Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Walker and children of San Angelo, Mr. and Mrs. Butch Winkler and children of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Gartman and family and Mr. and Mrs. Teddy Pitcock and family.

Douglas and Robert Walker, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Walk-er, spent the weekend with their grandparents.

Mr. and Mrs. Ulmer Bird were honored with an anniversary din-ner in the home of her brother, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rorex, in Lubbock last Friday. They also visited other relatives over the weekend.

Mrs. Bob Gulley has returned home after spending last week in Abilene with her mother, Mrs. Evelyn McKinley, who was ill in Hendricks Memorial Hospital. She is reported recovering satisfactor-ily.

Miss Sharlett Frizzell of Sweet-water was a guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Derrick last Sunday.

Mrs. Louie Frizzell, and Mr. and Mrs. Larry Frizzell of Sweet-water visited Mr. and Mrs. Robert Walker last Sunday.

Robert Walker returned to the West Coke County Memorial Hos-pital Monday.

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# County Agents News Column

By STERLING LINDSEY

Coke County produced five screwworm cases last week and others were stopped before they started. Also, Sterling, Tom Green, Concho and Runnels Counties showed several cases in the latest release from Mission.

The east side of the county appears to be in greatest danger of a buildup. Rupert Robbins, Edward Cumbie, Walter King and Claude Ditmore have reported screwworm cases. Also, H. H. Brunson stated that he doctored two baby calves that contained fly blows.

Foster Sims Price reported one case from the west side of the county.

The next two or three weeks will be key weeks in the screw-worm control program. The weather, fly drops, the number of new calves, spraying of livestock, and the frequency of checking livestock are factors that must be considered in summing up our situation. Any precautionary measures that can be taken such as spraying and delaying surgery will hold down the number of incubation places available to the screwworm.

Many people are commenting about the tests in which wool was removed from sheep by hand after the sheep had been treated with a chemical. The process shows promise, but must undergo several tests before it will be released by USDA. Further tests must be conducted to determine whether or not the chemical causes a residue in the animal's meat and also whether it will alter the quality and/or growth of wool fiber. This probably means two or more years of additional testing.

Lee and Bill Roessler of the Oenaville Community in Bell County know that deep plowing is an aid for controlling cotton root rot. They broke land used in a demonstration to a depth of 12 inches in October 1967. This year the deep plowed area, with only a trace of dead cotton, produced 315 pounds of lint per acre while the check plot produced 189 pounds per acre and contained about 75 percent dead cotton. Bill and Lee said results would have been even better had the plowing been done during the hot, dry days of August.

Whether we like it or not, frost and freezing weather are just around the corner. The change in weather will affect plan growth. When the growth of all members of the Sorghum family, including Johnsongrass, sudan, milo, forage sorghums and all hybrids, is stopped by frost, they sometimes develop a high prussic acid content and become a hazard to grazing livestock.

Certain chemical changes occur in the frost-wilted plants, and are responsible for the prussic acid development. The poison acts quickly and can kill an animal within a very short time after the damaged plant is eaten.

Frosted Johnsongrass or sorghum should not be grazed until the damaged plants are as dry as good quality hay or at least a week after the frost. If it is ready

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to cut for hay before the frost, it may be cut immediately, provided adequate curing time is allowed. Silage made from frost-damaged plants is safe as soon as the ensiling process is complete.

Young plants or second growth suckers are more likely to cause trouble than older plants nearing maturity. Too, the more luxuriant the growth, the more likely the plants will be dangerous when their growth is interrupted.

## PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Bloodworth of San Angelo visited Saturday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Bloodworth, and with his uncle, Robert Walker, who is ill.

Mr. and Mrs. James E. Brown of San Antonio were guests over the weekend in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Roe Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Hollis of Odessa were here for a weekned visit with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Wojtek and Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Hollis.

Weekend visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sonny Black were his brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Black and son of Del Rio.

J. C. Wallace and children, Jackie, Buddy and Susan visited Sunday with his daughter, Marilyn, who is attending Abilene Christian College.

## SMITH FAMILY REUNION

Annual Smith family reunion was held Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Smith.

Attending were Mr. and Mrs. Felix Puett of San Bernardino, California, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Smith of Dallas, Mr. and Mrs. Willie Wallace of Amarillo, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Coffey and Jimmy of Dennison, Linda and Cathy Duncan of Sherman and Frank Smith of San Angelo.

All of the group also visited in the home of Mrs. Pete Davis, who was ill and unable to attend the family gathering.

Linda and Cathy Duncan spent some time during the weekend with their grandmother, Mrs. Bert Duncan.

## HIGHWAY PATROLMAN SPEAKER FOR '64 CLUB

Robert Sanders of Bronte, local highway patrolman, was speaker for the '64 Study Club when it met Oct. 8 in the home of Mrs. Bill Beaty. Mrs. Jack Denman was co-hostess.

Sixteen members and one guest were present.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 24, in the Recreation Hall. Representative Forrest Harding will be guest speaker.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Wallace were overnight guests Saturday in the home of his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Wallace.

## Political Announcements

The following candidates have authorized The Observer to announce their candidacy for nomination to the office shown below, and on the indicated party ticket.

### DEMOCRAT

For State Representative:  
GEORGE BAKER  
Of Pecos County

### REPUBLICAN

For State Representative:  
JIM KENT  
Of Ward County

Weekend visitors in the J. B. Robertson home were Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Robertson of Abilene, and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Aldridge of Dallas. Mrs. Robertson returned home with her daughter, Mrs. Aldridge, to spend a week.

## WELCOME

Robert Lee Baptist Church  
West 11th and Chadbourne  
Bill Beaty, Pastor

Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship .... 11:00 a.m.  
Training Union ..... 6:00 p.m.  
Evening Worship .... 7:00 p.m.  
Wednesday  
Prayer Meeting ..... 7:00 p.m.



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# A TIME FOR DECISION

A Presidential election, the most important one in our lifetime, is close upon us. With three candidates in the race Texans are confronted with such a variety of appeals that some confusion is not surprising. We see some of our top state political leaders urging support of Hubert Humphrey on the self-serving appeal of party loyalty. We see fine Texans tempted to support George Wallace because they like his outspoken position on certain issues and are thus swayed by an appeal of sheer emotion. With full respect for the right of every Texan to make a personal decision, this message in behalf of Richard Nixon is offered as

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change. He has proved consistently anti-Texas. He is famous for his filibuster against Texas owning its tidelands. He has fought our right-to-work laws and sought to destroy our vital oil depletion allowance. On every issue of world importance his position is contrary to that of most Texans. Humphrey, an ultra-liberal founder of the ADA organization, would gain executive authority for radical minority viewpoints should he become president. This cannot happen by popular vote. In view of his vicious attacks upon George Wallace, what a ghastly miscarriage of intent it would be if Wallace supporters themselves should throw the election into the House of Representatives where every Wallace vote in Texas would automatically go to Humphrey!

### GEORGE WALLACE CANNOT

be denied his impressive showing. A number of fine people heed his third party call. The very least that can be said is that he has dramatized the desires of many people for a change of direction in the affairs of our government. However, the very most his supporters can hope for is to split the popular vote so that all of us would be at the mercy of Washington politicians who would elect our president for us. This is Hubert Humphrey's only hope for election. The more positive way to vote for change is to recognize the many fine merits of Richard Nixon and his program, then vote for Nixon to assure the election of our president by the people instead of by the Congress!

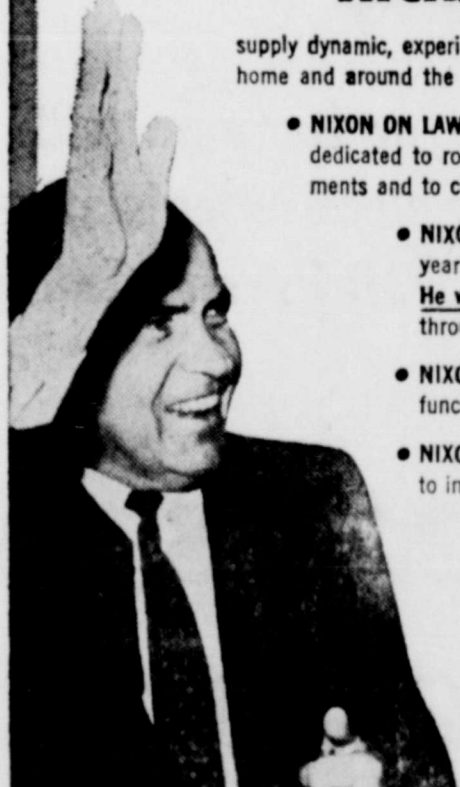
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- NIXON ON OTHER PROBLEMS has solid solutions PLUS solid backing of enough members of Congress to implement those solutions.

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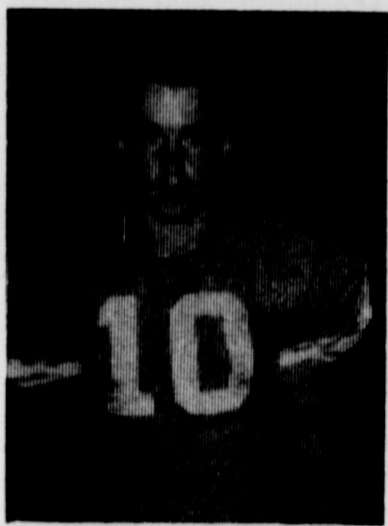
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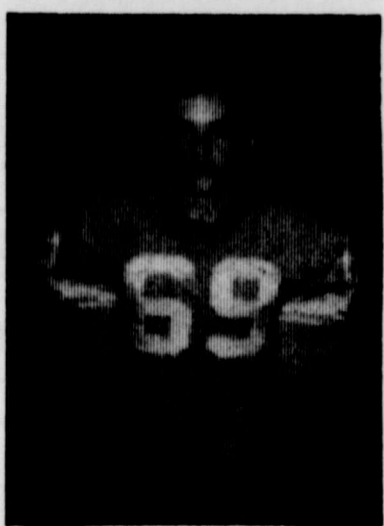
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# Friday Night

## Robert Lee vs. Rotan

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#### 1968 SCHEDULE

##### Non-District Games

Robert Lee 6, Menard 3  
Robert Lee 6, Bangs 7  
Robert Lee 8, Eldorado 53  
Robert Lee 32, Eden 0  
Robert Lee 30, Bronte 15

##### District Games

Robert Lee 7, Wylie 22  
Oct. 25—Rotan There  
Nov. 1—Aspermont Here  
Nov. 8—Roscoe There  
Nov. 15—Wall Here

West Texas Utilities

Adams Abstract Co.

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County Commissioner, Precinct 3

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Jack and Juanita Trimble

Robert Lee State Bank

Fern Havins  
County Commissioner, Precinct 1

Add Davis Grocery, Sta. & Trailer Park

Baker's Grocery

Bahlman Cleaners

Mrs. Jerry Thomason  
Coke County Treasurer

Key Feed Store

West Way Grocery

Ross Service Station

Fran-Cilla Flowers & Gifts

Froggy's Cafe

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Davis and Girls

Mr. & Mrs. W. W. Thetford  
County Judge's Office

Coke Tax Assessor-Collector Office

McDorman Premier Station

Dawn Floral & Specialty Shop  
Mr. & Mrs. W. D. McAdams

Williams Funeral Home

Farris City Drug

Mrs. Winnie Waldrop  
County Clerk

Duncan Trailer Park  
Maurice & Elna Duncan

Jay Denman Enco Service Station

Roach's Dry Goods

Mr. & Mrs. Weldon Fikes

Bryan's Ready Mix Concrete

Sheppard Apartments & Trailer Park

Bell's Auto Parts

Alamo Theatre

Anderson Automotive

Coke County Butane  
Bob Fields

Gordon's Variety Store

Ivey Motor Co.

Hood's Upholstery Shop

Jones Barber Shop

Vaughan Chevrolet Co.

Mack's Gulf Station & Laundry

Jim's Texaco Station

Melvin Childress  
County Sheriff's Office

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**SOIL CONSERVATION TOUR**  
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are results of soil pitting done about 10 years ago.

Next stop on the tour will be the Billy Joe Luckett place west of Bronte. Here, terrace and waterway construction will be demonstrated, along with seeding of sorghum with a mixture of native grasses.

The tour will then head north to the Waymon Percifull farm northwest of Bronte. On display will be seeding of native grasses and bermuda pasture. Also, those making the tour will be able to see Percifull's irrigation system, water for which is obtained from Structure No. 2 in the system of dams on the Kickapoo Creeks above Bronte.

The tour will be sponsored by the Coke County Soil Conservation District. Officers of the district are J. W. Service Sr., chairman; Weldon Fikes, vice chairman; Joe Rawlings, secretary; M. C. Hendry and D. K. Glenn, members.

**Cemetery Assn. To Meet Thursday**

Definite plans for improving Robert Lee Cemetery will be made tonight (Thursday) when committee members meet at 7:30 p.m. in the city hall. Announcement of the meeting was made at Tuesday's meeting of the BCD. President Hugh Lewis said that cards calling the meeting had been mailed to all committee members.

Tentative plans for cleaning up and improving the cemetery have been under discussion for several months, and Lewis said he felt the meeting this week would get something concrete underway.

Supt. Jimmy Bickley told BCD members about the bid letting which was held later in the day, to build new school facilities in Robert Lee. Complete information on opening the bids is being run in another story in this week's Observer.

President Lewis asked for some discussion on the organization's annual Christmas party. He noted that it is time to start making plans, if the BCD is going to sponsor the event again this year.

After some discussion, it was decided to poll the merchants of the city to determine their wishes about having the party. Results of the inquiries will be announced at next week's meeting.

Some discussion also was held on the purchase of additional Christmas decorations for the city. Some new decorations were bought last year, and it was the intention of the BCD to purchase some material each year until all the old decorations are replaced.

Lewis said several persons had mentioned that they thought the decoration of a tree and the lawn of the courthouse would add a great deal to the Christmas spirit in Robert Lee. J. E. Quisenberry was requested to check with county officials, get their viewpoint on this matter, and report at next week's meeting.

Seventeen members were present.

**SENIORS SELLING CANDY, BUMPER STICKERS**

Seniors of RLHS are well stocked with merchandise which many Robert Lee residents will need and want. They are selling big sacks of Halloween candy which are perfect for trick-or-treaters who will be invading the town next Oct. 31.

Also, for Steer football fans, they have a supply of bumper stickers which have "Robert Lee Steers" printed on them.

Interested persons may contact any member of the senior class for this merchandise.

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**NO HUNTING**

Because of past abuses, no hunting will be allowed on the J. W. ARLEDGE ESTATE and PALMER LEEPER RANCHES IN COKE and NOLAN COUNTIES for the 1968-69 season. Game warden patrolled.

**Devoll, Baker Jameson Win 1st**

The ABC golf tournament played Oct. 13, was won by a team made up of Ronnie Devoll, Ronnie Baker and Bob Jameson with an eight under par 64. Their prize was nine new golf balls each.

A seven under par 65 was shot by two teams to tie for second place. The second place winners were John Heck, Dale Wojtek and Billy Wayne Roe, and Richard Beene, J. L. Tinkler and Jim Barnhill. The two teams divided the prizes and wound up with five golf balls each.

**METHODIST WOMEN TO HAVE SPECIAL OBSERVANCE**

Members of the Women's Society of Christian Service of the Methodist Church in Robert Lee will participate next week in an important annual observance of United Methodist women throughout the United States.

The "Call to Prayer and Self-Denial," initiated in 1887, focuses on guided mission study, an offering for special world and national projects, and a deepened spiritual life.

Theme for the 1968 observance is "Christ, the Giver of Life."

The program meeting for women of the Methodist Church will be held at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 29, at the church.



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Section B

## Coke Soil District Has Served 20 Years



**GOVERNING BODY** — Five men make up the board which governs the policies and operations of the Coke County Soil Conservation District. From right to left, they are D. K.

Glenn, Bronte, member; Joe Rawlings, Bronte, secretary; M. C. Hendry, Silver, member; Weldon Fikes, Robert Lee, vice chairman; and J. W. Service, Robert Lee, chairman. To

their left are L. F. Stewart, field representative with the State Soil and Water Conservation Board, and W. E. Jacoby, local district conservationist.

By W. E. Jacoby  
District Conservationist, SCS

This is the 20th year of operation for the District. It is a legal subdivision of the State of Texas. The District is governed by a five-man board. One supervisor is elected each year and serves a five-year term. Election is by local land owners in each zone of operation. The district secures technical assistance from the Soil Conservation Service through a signed memorandum of understanding with the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

The district was organized to render a public service in connection with the use of its natural resources and erosion control within its boundaries. It is intended that this service will encourage adoption of a more stable agricultural and land use program within the District.

The District has experienced considerable changes in economic and social conditions since its organization in 1947. Much information has been obtained in the field of conservation operations and practices. This has caused supervisors to take a look at its over-all responsibilities, and to bring the District program in focus with these conditions. Change in ownership of land has been rather rapid over the last twenty

years. Land prices and operating costs have spiraled upward. Small operators have been forced to seek additional jobs to supplement their farm income. Many professional and business people have entered the field of agriculture, with little or no knowledge or experience in the need for conserving our natural resources. This has brought about a greater demand for technical services.

The District, recently prepared and published its new long-range program, which will give emphasis to development activities such as planning multiple use of resources. They envision the allocation of more time and money for a comprehensive conservation program to include watershed plans, with multiple purpose structures, and the development of recreational facilities. District supervisors will work to encourage the orderly growth of communities in accordance with resource capabilities and the solution of water and land management problems in the rural areas and small towns. Supervisors believe the years ahead offer the Conservation District great opportunity to strengthen the ideal of local self-government for achieving vital goals in the care and orderly development of its natural resources.

### Stock Numbers Should Be Varied According to Rainfall

By Rex Brand  
Range Conservationist, SCS

How to make adjustments in livestock numbers rapidly enough to prevent over-use of grass plants when production is low, and how to keep income as high as possible when the grass crop is so variable are two problems confronting

area ranchmen from year to year. In times of serious drought every rancher makes some adjustment in livestock numbers on his grassland. Often these adjustments are made too late to avoid losses in animal weights, damage to grass plants, and costly feed bills.

Many ranchers cooperating with the Coke County Soil and Water Conservation District have found through experience that they can overcome such problems by stocking a basic breeding herd of livestock below what can be carried during an average year. In years

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## Coke County Soil and Water Conservation District

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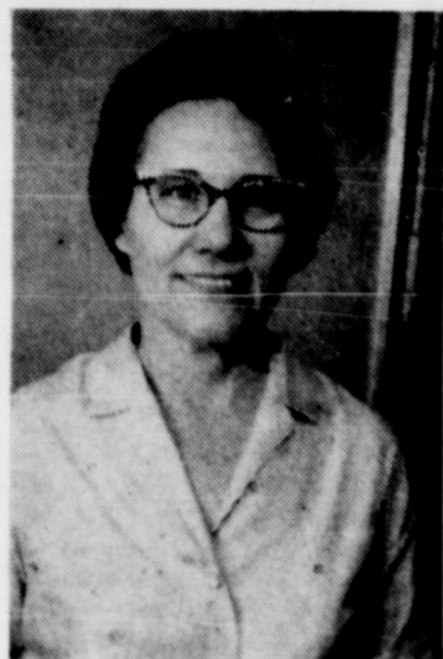
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THESE THINGS WE BELIEVE...

That man has God-given responsibility for conserving and improving the precious soil, water, plant, and wildlife resources with which our Creator has endowed us, and without which man cannot live. That conservation of our natural resources is and should be everybody's business, with

major responsibility resting upon local people, primarily on those who own and operate the land. That your local Soil Conservation District is the medium with which all individuals and agencies can effectively work together in solving their local land and water conservation problems.

# County Agents Serve Citizens



By Mrs. Fay C. Roe  
Home Demonstration Agent

The Home Demonstration Clubs in Coke County are active in all phases of community life. The clubs are a means of continuing education for the homemakers who are members. They study safety, family life, citizenship, recreation and arts, family stability, consumer competence, family health, housing, and community resource development. They participate and often times are leaders in such work as cancer, heart and March of Dimes programs in the county. They contribute to the needy and underprivileged in the county.

At the present there are three active clubs in the county. They are composed of members from all areas of the county. The clubs are Green Mountain, Friendship and Bronte Senior. Bronte Zeta Delta has been inactive since June. There are plans underway to organize a club of young homemakers in Robert Lee during October.

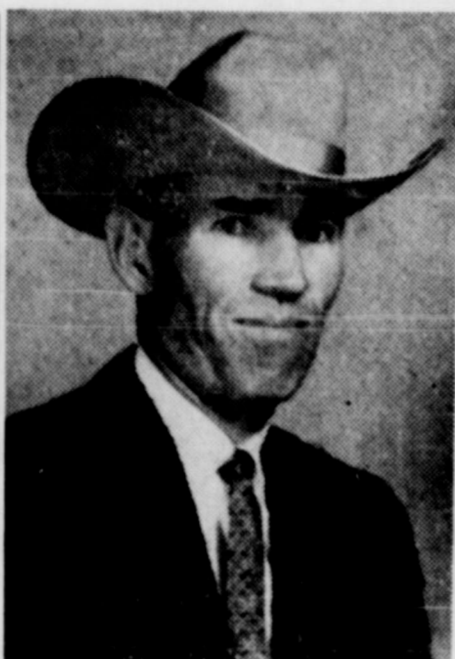
Clubs operate individually yet they are an integral part of the County Home Demonstration Council. The County Council meets monthly to hear reports, give advice to clubs, make plans for county events and to coordinate all Home Demonstration activities in the county.

The Home Demonstration Council and Home Demonstration Clubs sponsor and assist with many 4-H events each year. They also sponsor educational programs for non club people. They have just held a county-wide exhibit that was attended by a large crowd. They have several special events planned for the immediate future, a program on breads and Christmas foods. A cookbook with recipes by club members is to be printed within the next few weeks. These will be for sale to the public. Other projects being planned are a luncheon on November 5, Christmas party and a barbecue dinner to be served at the County Stock Show on January 6, 1969.

The 1968 officers of the County Council are Chairman, Mrs. J. C. Boatright; Vice Chairman, Mrs. R. L. Page; and Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Curtis Walker.

Club presidents are Friendship, Mrs. W. H. Robertson; Bronte Senior, Mrs. Leslie Rolla; Green Mountain, Mrs. R. L. Page; and Bronte Zeta Delta, Mrs. Noel Brevard. There were 68 club members active during the year.

When a rancher rests a pasture, he is allowing Nature's processes to work FOR him!



By Sterling Lindsey  
County Agent

The Agricultural Extension Service originated more than a half century ago with the aim of providing educational assistance and leadership in program development in the fields of Agriculture and Home Economics. The Service today has the same basic goal despite the many changes in procedure and clientele worked with.

A farm demonstration to control the cotton boll weevil, conducted in Kaufman County, Texas, gained national recognition. Within a few short years the Extension Service was organized to work with rural people, both adults and youth. The farm or home demonstration, a new technique in education methods, was the basic education method used.

The Agricultural Extension Service is a cooperative program between the United States Department of Agriculture, the State Land Grant College and a particular county. The local county agents are representative of the Land Grant College and the USDA serving the public of a given county. The Coke County Agricultural Extension Agents are Texas A&M University employees cooperating with the USDA and assigned to serve the people in Coke County.

The basic service responsibility of the Extension Service is in the fields of agriculture and home economics. But, other fields and other groups and individuals are served also.

The 4-H Club organization, like the Extension Service, founded in Texas, is a basic responsibility of the county Extension Service. Working with local groups called clubs and with individuals on home projects, the Extension Service aims at developing leadership and enterprise knowledge among the club members. The four H's used in the club emblem signify development of the Head, Heart, Hands and Health.

Coke County has seven 4-H Clubs with 168 members enrolled. Local volunteer leaders provide leadership for specific interest groups such as clothing, foods, and the County Horse Club. Approximately fifteen different types of projects are found among the members.

The County Extension Service works with local program building committees to determine program needs and to select educational programs needed. The county planning committees give priority in their planning to the fields of greatest agricultural economic importance to the coun-



**DIVERSION STRUCTURE** — Built to protect the field below from water runoff, this diversion structure is located on the farm of D. K. Glenn east of Bronte. It was built in cooperation with the Great Plains Conservation Program, under direction of the SCS.

ty. Sheep and cattle production, field crops production, and range management are the areas in which specific programs are presented as the need arises and/or the county committees deem desirable.

Assistance is provided individuals on all facets of agriculture. Office calls, conferences, visits, demonstrations and home visits to give assistance on specific problems that arise are part of the service of the county Extension Agents. Specialists in specific

fields can be contacted for information where needed to give assistance to individuals or groups.

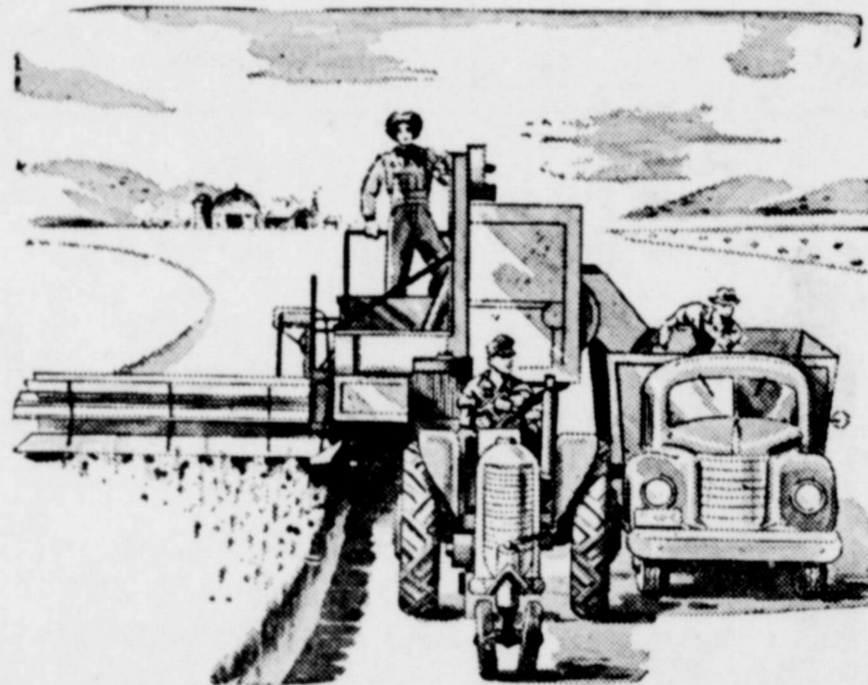
The county Extension Service has available for the public bulletins and leaflets dealing with fields of agriculture, home lawns, gardens, orchards, etc. Most of the publications are free of charge and available for the asking through the County Agents.

The Extension Service is available also for assistance with local groups such as the Farm Bureau,

Trappers' Association, Game Management Association, Livestock Protective Association, Stock Show Association and various civic groups. The Extension Service will cooperate with all local groups and give assistance where possible with programs, bulletins, and other educational events.

The County Extension Service is available to anyone or any group desiring assistance with problems related to the fields of Agriculture or Home Economics.

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### USDA Offers Aid for Development Of Outdoor Recreational Facilities

The demand for outdoor recreation has never been greater. From all indications it will continue to grow at a rapid pace. With more leisure time, more spendable income, and more mobility, people will seek the out of doors in increasing numbers.

Interest in outdoor recreation in the past 15 years has far outstripped population trends. Recreation visits to national forests alone has increased 240 per cent in the past ten years.

Much of the demand in the out of doors is for water based recreation. People enjoy swimming, fishing, canoeing, boating, water skiing, hunting, and skin diving. They also want to go picnicking, camping, hiking, sight seeing, and just relax near the water.

There are many avenues open for developing local public water-based recreation facilities. One of the newest approaches is through small watershed projects.

How is it done? Recreation opportunities are virtually unlimited on the small lakes created in watershed projects. Even the single-purpose reservoirs — those engineered solely for flood protection, offer some recreation development possibilities.

The watershed reservoirs will

have more lasting benefits, however, if planned for public recreation and for fish and wildlife development in the beginning.

U.S.D.A. may now help local project sponsors enlarge dams to form bigger and deeper bodies of water that are better suited to a full range of water-based recreation. The U.S.D.A. can also help local sponsors pay for land rights and build recreation facilities bordering on water. The U.S.D.A. may pay up to 50 percent of the cost of enlarging a reservoir, purchasing additional land and installing minimum basic facilities for public recreation use.

Minimum basic facilities may include boat docks and ramps, beach development, picnic tables and fireplaces, sanitary facilities, public water supply, power facilities, roads and trails, parking lots and other similar or related facilities needed for public health, safety, access to, and use of the recreation area.

Federal cost sharing for land rights includes the land in the reservoir needed for recreation purposes and the adjacent land area set aside for recreation and for access roads.

Local sponsoring organizations must pay their share of the re-



PASTURE PLANTING—This place east of Bronte, was seeded in rows in 1953. The green sprangletop developed a luxuriant growth.

creation development costs and in addition assume the responsibility for operating and maintaining the watershed structure and recreation area.

The U. S. Department of Agriculture has delegated responsibility for administering the small watershed program to the Soil Conservation Service.

The S.C.S. uses the experience of and cooperates fully with city, county, state, and other federal

agencies in helping local organizations develop watershed recreation facilities.

Local sponsors may obtain a low-cost federal loan through the Farmers Home Administration to help pay their share of the project costs.

Additional information on the watershed program may be obtained from any local S.C.S. office.

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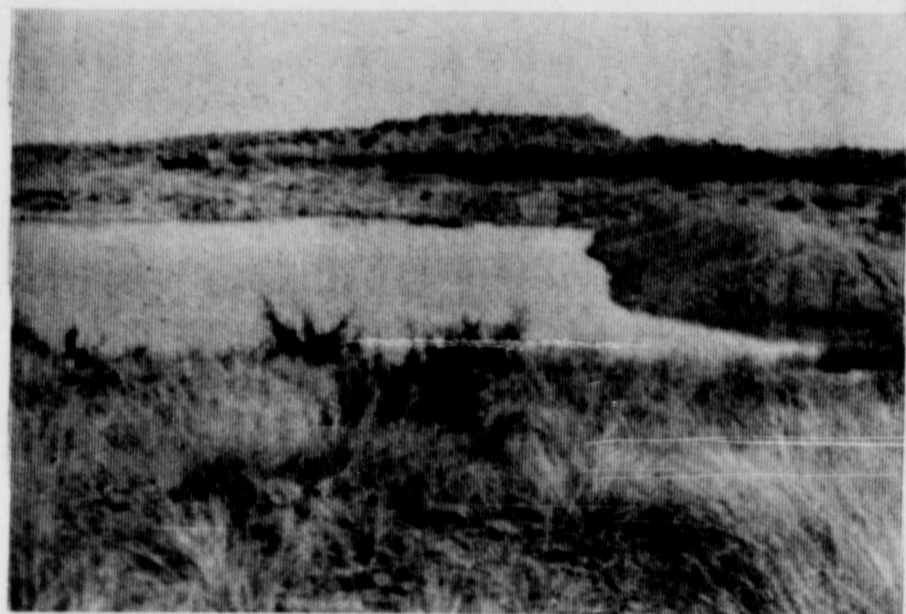
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Robert Lee, Texas

# WT Farm Ponds Good Source of Stock Water

By L. L. Wilkins

Conservation Technician, SCS



**PLENTY OF STOCK WATER**  
—This dam-type pond on the Cumbie Ivey ranch southeast of Robert Lee has a storage capacity of 7.76 acre feet, a

depth of 20 feet, and surface area of one acre. Not large at all as lakes go, nevertheless, it will provide an abundance of stock water as it stands here.

Good, clean water is one of the essentials for livestock production, says Cumbie Ivey. Ivey, who ranches near Robert Lee, had this pond built in October, 1964. Ivey, a cooperator with the Coke County Soil and Water Conservation District, requested technical assistance from the Soil Conservation Service in site selection and engineering necessary for staking and construction check out of the pond. It was determined that a dam type pond was best suited for the location as it would provide the most storage capacity. Ivey received financial cost-share assistance through the Great Plains Conservation Program for construction of the pond.

Ivey started improving his

rangeland in April 1965 by tree-doing his brush and seeding a mixture of native and introduced grasses.

By establishing a good grass cover Ivey has been able to protect the pond from filling up with silt. The life of a pond can be ten times greater with the silt hazard reduced. By grazing and deferring to maintain at least 50 percent of the grass on the ground it will act as a de-silter and aid in retaining the original storage

capacity of the pond much longer. If the location, size, and design of a ranch pond are carefully planned it may serve several purposes. A pond can be used not only for livestock water and to get better distribution of grazing, but also for a family recreation area for picnicking, fishing, hunting and fire control. By installing recreation facilities next to ponds some landowners have realized additional income by charging for hunting and fishing.

## Fostering Wildlife Has Possibilities for Coke Ranchmen

By Jim Barnhill  
Soil Scientist, SCS

Wildlife on most farms and ranches is a crop to be enjoyed by the land operator and his family and friends. It is a secondary crop from which one expects little or no income.

On other farms and ranches in Coke County it is one of several important crops. Wildlife is becoming more important as a secondary source of income to landowners each year. Many times only a small change in management of fields or rangeland will encourage wildlife populations to increase. Most wildlife production will be incidental to land uses other than wildlife land. In many cases the most practical and economical use of some land areas is specifically for wildlife. Some areas will require protection from fire and grazing from domestic

animals while other areas need supplemental food plantings, water development, or cover establishment.

Wildlife land may also include some of the larger lakes and ponds, where fish pond stocking and fish pond management are the major practices.

The demands upon rural areas

for recreational purposes continue to increase. Places for sport hunting and fishing are in demand. Coke County lands have the potential to meet many of the recreation needs in this area and at the same time open up a new source of income for landowners.

Wildlife on your land can help you have a better farm or ranch.

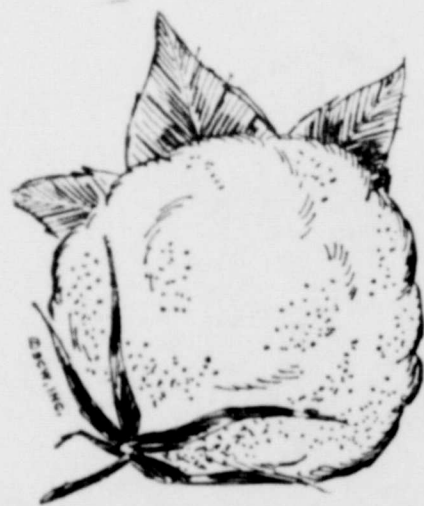


**IMPORTS**—Mouflon sheep on the Paul Villaret ranch near Tennyson are an exotic wild game imported into this country. The Mouflons are natives of the islands of Corsica and

Sardinia in the Mediterranean. These animals have adapted well to Coke County. In addition to their esthetic and recreational value they are a good source of food.

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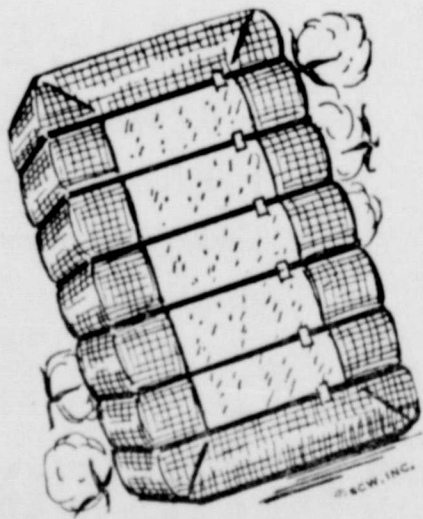


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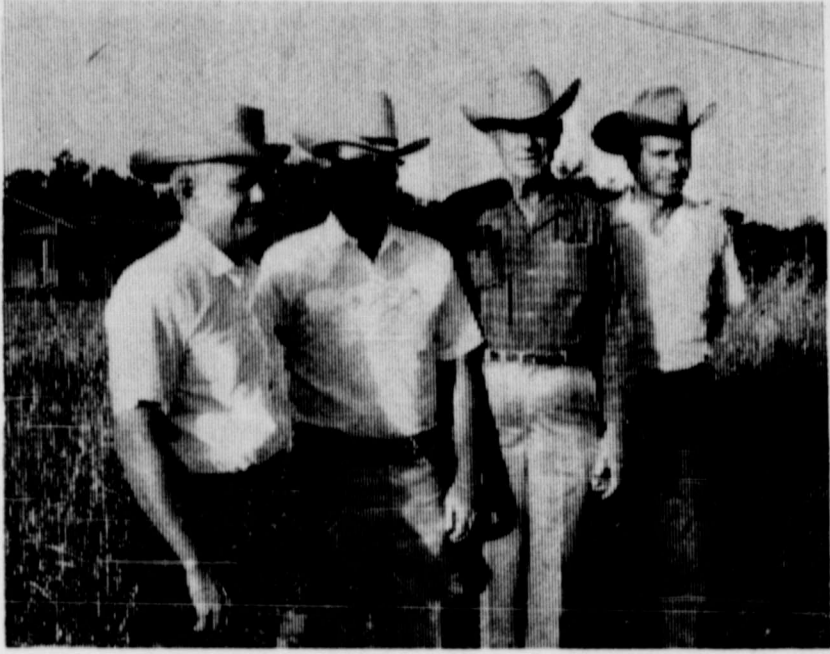
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**READY TO HELP**—Personnel of the Coke County Soil Conservation Service who are always ready to help farmers and ranchers with their soil and water problems, are shown

here. From left, they are W. E. Jacoby, district conservationist; Rex Brand, range conservationist; L. L. Wilkins, conservation technician; and Jim Barnhill, soil scientist.

## SCS Personnel Ready To Help Land Owners

The Soil Conservation Service (SCS) is the U. S. Department of Agriculture's technical agency for soil and water conservation. It cooperates closely with federal and state agencies which deal with loans, cost sharing, fish, wildlife, recreation and other matters related to land and water use.

SCS brings together in one staff the trained conservationists needed to solve land and water problems.

SCS develops and carries out a national soil and water conservation program through soil and water conservation districts, as one of its main functions, so far as local farmers and ranchers are concerned.

It also:

Carries out the responsibilities of the U. S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) in watershed protection and flood prevention projects and river basin investigations.

Plans and applies measures and practices that reduce flood damage in 11 major watersheds.

Administers the Federal part of the national cooperative soil survey.

Administers the Great Plains conservation program.

Heads USDA's National Inventory of Soil and Water Conservation Needs.

Helps develop USDA's annual Agricultural Conservation Program, gives technical assistance to farmers and ranchers participating in the cost-sharing provisions of that program, and provides technically adequate designs and specifications for the jobs undertaken.

Gives technical assistance to land owners and operators participating in the conservation credit program of the Farmers Home Administration.

Has departmental leadership in establishing income-producing recreation areas on private land and public recreation areas in watershed protection projects.

Helps local sponsors develop and carry out resource conservation and development projects.

Gives technical help in rural areas development, cropland conversion, and related activities involving wise use of land and water resources.

Four federal employees work with farmers and ranchmen in the SCS office located in the court house at Robert Lee. The office is headed by W. E. Jacoby, work unit conservationist, and he

By Bobby Palmos, Pastor,  
First Methodist Church,  
Robert Lee

Soil stewardship reminds man of his obligation to God as a steward for the soil, water, and other related resources with which he has been blessed. Consider the countryside, infinitely varied, infinitely rich, infinitely demanding; the countryside is a masterpiece of God's creation. It is the unmatched panorama of the Plains, the Piedmont and the Prairies, cradling a thousand irreplaceable rivers and valleys. It is the home of our farms and ranches, our forests and parks—a storehouse of wealth for which there is no substitute. The countryside is the source of our food, the vast inland reservoir of our water. It holds our remaining wilderness, spawns streams of darting fish, and spreads welcome haven for nature's wildlife. It joins ten thousand small watersheds where rains can be managed for the good of man.

The countryside is a treasure in jeopardy. Undervalued and unguarded, it now invites misuse and neglect. It is a landscape where great original beauty, already scarred, risks further abuse. It is losing its children who, over the years, fed its strength. The countryside is the shrinking space between our cit-

ies—the target of headlong, unguided expansion. Though it is a prize to be cherished, no champion rises to speak for it. The countryside is the battleground of stewards and wastrels, where men of responsibility must oppose the forces of haste and greed. In our time it is in our care — to spoil or protect, to waste or develop.

Consider the countryside. Consider it well for Robert Lee and Coke County know well, and have seen many, the blessings which come from being good stewards of our natural resources.

Not only here, but across our nation a deep rooted change is taking place. Natural resources too long taken for granted, are being regarded with increasing importance. Clean water and air, as well as trees and the soil, are becoming every man's concern, as well they should be. Many are those today who are awakening to the need for better soil stewardship.

Of particular importance now, if we are to have a future, not only as an area but as a nation and a world, is to take the initiative to provide for an adequacy of productive soil as well as healthful water and air tomorrow. So we realize that today is a time for several things:

1. A time for courage, or self examination of our own con-

sciences to see how well we are meeting our responsibilities to God for the care of His resources.

2. It is also a time to speak up for what ever new or added steps you as a responsible citizen see needed to protect and/or develop the resources around you.

3. Then it is a time for initiative, because great values are in the balance. It is time for you to join in the planning with others in our community and area who share these same ideals. Yes, it is time to become involved before it becomes too late to make any difference. Let us not be guilty of apathy, for this is certainly not creditable to man as an individual or as a steward of God.

4. Then last it is a time for leadership, your leadership. Because the job to be done is as large as Robert Lee, Bronte, Coke County, and to the ends of the earth. Yes, awareness of the need is good; taking some initiative is better; but joining with God and others in an all out effort that secures the greatest benefit to all is best.

The Earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof. This is the day which Thou hast made; and this is the time to falter not, but to build up. Therefore, let us consider the time and the job at hand. Let us consider them well. AMEN.

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# Farmers Home Adm. Provides Farmer with Many-Purpose Loans

The Farmers Home Administration has done a great deal in Coke County in the last few years to enable residents to build new homes, improve their farming operations, and add new equipment for business purposes.

Below is some information issued by Alton R. Pyburn, county supervisor for the organization.

He points of emphasis of the Farmers Home Administration in 1968 are to: (1) Strengthen the family farm; (2) Combat rural poverty; and (3) Develop rural America. To accompany these objectives, the agency has a program of varied loans and responsibilities. Listed below are the loan types and the present status of each in Coke County.

## Operating Loans

These are made to eligible operators of not larger than family sized farms or ranches to assist in making improved use of their land and labor resources and to make adjustments necessary for successful operators. Funds are advanced for equipment, livestock, feed, seed, fertilizer, refinance chattel debts, pay living expenses, and other similar purposes.

Coke County at present has 15 operating loan borrowers. Loan funds in the amount of \$214,300 have been advanced to these operators. The outstanding balance on these loans at present is \$150,386. Most of this unpaid balance has not yet matured as the capital goods portion of this loan can be amortized over a seven year period.

## Economic Opportunity Loans

At present, this loan is not available in Coke County. It was made to families to increase their incomes and was made for small businesses as well as agricultural purposes.

There are now five of these loans in Coke County with outstanding balance of \$14,826.

## Farm Ownership Loans

These loans are to help family farmers to buy farms, or land to enlarge their farms, to construct or repair buildings, improve land, and refinance and improve land.

At present there are 19 of these loans in the county and \$402,900 was advanced to enable these 19 small farmers and ranchers to improve and own land.

## Soil and Water Loans

Soil and water loans are made to develop, conserve and make better use of soil and water. This includes ponds, terracing, irrigation, brush pushing and reseeding, wells, windmills, fencing and other development of this type.

Only four loans in the amount of \$9,740 have been made in this county. This one loan Coke County has a big potential for that is not being utilized to its fullest degree. Loan funds, however, are used up until next July.

## Waster and Waste Disposal System Loans and Grants

These are made for the construction of rural community water and waste disposal systems to public bodies and non-profit organizations.

The City of Robert Lee secured a grant of \$166,000 for sewerage and water development and a loan of \$189,400 for construction of a modern sewerage system and treatment plant.

## Comprehensive Water & Sewer Plan

Coke County, through their Regional Planning Commission consisting of the county judge and

mayors of Bronte and Robert Lee, obtained a planning grant in the amount of \$1,800 for a Comprehensive County Plan developed for water and sewer needs for Coke County for the next 20 years.

Both Robert Lee and Bronte received a map presented to each city with a future growth and expansion plan. Fifty copies of the plan were made available and delivered to the Planning Commission.

## Rural Housing Loans

Loans are made to farmers and rural residents to construct or repair homes or farm service buildings. Coke County has 57 loans at present with \$544,190 being advanced for this purpose.

## Emergency Loans

Emergency loans are made to eligible farmers and ranchers where natural disasters such as drouth, hail, etc., have occurred. Coke County at present is not in an emergency status. However, this loan was widely used during the great drouth of the 50's in Coke County.

## Senior Citizen & Low Income Rental Housing

This loan is made to an individual or to a co-op for the purpose of providing eligible families a decent place to live. There has been a lot of interest in this field but no loan has been made to this date.

## Grazing Association Loans and Soil and Water Group Loans

These loans are made to eligible groups for shift in land use to develop grazing areas. No loans have been made in Coke County for the category but there is an application filed.

## F.H.A. Administration

The county office is at Robert Lee in the courthouse and the office is open Thursdays from 1 to 3 p.m. Coke County Farmers Home Administration County committee consists of three members and this committee approves eligibility for loans. Present members are James Allen, J. D. Harmon and Bert Blaylock.

The county office personnel are Alton R. Pyburn, County Supervisor and Polly Brazil, county office clerk.

It is the policy of the Farmers Home Administration to work closely with the county commissioners, the county officials, Robert Lee and Bronte city governments, and other Coke County local communities in carrying out the agency's programs.

Coke County has two fine banks and, with their services, assist in making it possible for this U.S.D.A. agency to get its program to Coke County citizens.

Farmers Home Administration loans are not made in competition with any private lending agency and many of the loans made by F.H.A. are refinanced by private credit after the loan purposes are carried to conclusion.

The county supervisor is a member of the Technical Action Panel and the Great Plains Conservation Committee. Farmers Home Administration loans, where possible, are developed with other branches of the local, state, and federal governments, so that maximum use of all programs can be delivered to the citizens of Coke County.

Grass is like a building: the bigger the building, the deeper the foundation; likewise, the taller the grass, the deeper the root system.

# ASCS Stabilizes Economy

By J. E. Quisenberry  
ASCS Office Manager

The purpose of this office as indicated in the title is to stabilize the economy of farmers and ranchers as well as the rural communities of America. The ASCS also helps to conserve the soil for future generations.

Programs are administered through farmer-elected committees. The newly elected committee for Coke County is made up of Frank Percifull, chairman; Fred McCabe Jr., vice chairman; C. E. Arrott, regular member.

Community committee for "A" community: J. W. Service Jr., chairman; Arthur Runnion, vice chairman; Thomas W. Wiginton, regular member. Community "B": Robert C. Lasswell, chairman, Royce Fancher, vice chairman, James P. Arrott, regular member. Community "C": Finis Harmon, chairman, Fred McCabe Sr., vice chairman; Ben A. Boykin, regular member.

These farmers and ranchers are responsible for the various programs in the county, subject to certain acts of the Congress as administered by the federal and state offices.

Some of the programs that are administered by the elected com-

mittees in Coke County are:

The 1968 Cotton Program, which has to date paid \$81,221.82 to 117 participating farmers.

The 1968 Wheat Program, through which \$10,108.22 has been paid to 26 participating farms.

The 1968 Feed Grain Program, which has paid \$92,150.72 to the 193 participating farms.

The 1968 CR Program, which has paid 10 contracts in the amount of \$7,647.01.

The 1968 CAP Program, which has paid \$40,045.41 on 35 agreements.

The 1968 ACP, to date, has paid \$40,207.99 to 73 participating farms. This is matching money with the farmers and ranchers paying an equal amount for approved conservation practices on their individual farms and ranches.

An incentive payment has been made to ranchers on their 1967 wool and unshorn lambs for \$276,180.04 to 198 producers. These payments were made in April 1968.

Another incentive payment has been made on 1967 mohair for \$55,722.51 to 34 producers. These payments, also, were made in April 1968.

Two 1968 warehouse oat loans

were made for \$3,036.45; five 1968 farm stored oat loans totaled \$5,823.80, and one 1968 farm stored barley loan was made for \$1,330.80.

These are just some of the programs administered by ASCS farmer-elected committees.

A total of \$613,474.77 has been disbursed to farmers and ranchers in Coke County to date to help stabilize the economy of the county. This money has a tremendous impact on all business firms, as well as promoting the prosperity and well-being of the farm families who receive it. Without some help of some kind it is doubtful that a large number of farmers and ranchers could continue to operate in the county, because of the large gap between what they have to buy and the price they must sell their products.

Personnel in the office include J. E. Quisenberry, office manager; Robert Forman, performance supervisor; Mrs. Carl Brock, chief clerk, and Mrs. Gene Hinnard, clerk. The office is located in the courthouse at Robert Lee.

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**GRASS AND CATTLE**—Good grass and good cattle go together, as shown in this photo taken on the Cumbie Ivey Sr. ranch east of Robert Lee. Ivey is looking over his stock which are enjoying the grass resulting from brush control treatment and seeding of green sprangletop, sidecoats grama, blue panicum and K.R. bluestem.



**GOOD STAND**—A good stand of grass resulted from brush control by root plowing on the Simpson Bros. Ranch near Robert Lee. Here Bill Simpson looks over the area which was seeded to Lehmann lovegrass, green sprangletop, sidecoats grama and K.R. bluestem.

### Hybrids May Answer Sunfish Problem

AUSTIN — The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department has come up with a possible solution for sunfish overpopulation in lakes and ponds.

The solution could be hybrid sunfish, a cross between the female redear and the male green sunfish. The end product is a sunfish population whose individual members grow much faster than their parents and have only a fraction of their reproductive capacity.

Harmon Henderson, fish hatchery superintendent at the Department's San Marcos fish hatchery where the hybrid was developed, says the new sunfish is unique in physical appearance and is quite as beautiful as its parents.

"The San Marcos Fish Hatchery began experimenting in 1963 with the possibilities of producing a hybridized sunfish for stocking ponds," says Henderson.

According to Henderson, the problem with normal sunfish is that one female may produce from 12,000 to 65,000 eggs. The resulting population spiral results in over stocked fish which can't grow.

Henderson says various methods have been used to control sunfish populations including rotenone treatments of ponds as well as seining. Ponds with controlled water levels have been lowered sufficiently to expose sunfish nests and eggs to air and thereby to destroy them.

But with the hybrid, there is no need for these measures. The hybrid are reproduced at the ratio of four males to one female. An experimental pond, drained after hybrid eggs hatched, turned up an average of only 300 offspring per female.

Experimental stocking of hybrids in farm ponds has proven

to be successful with some of the hybrids reaching two pounds in two years.



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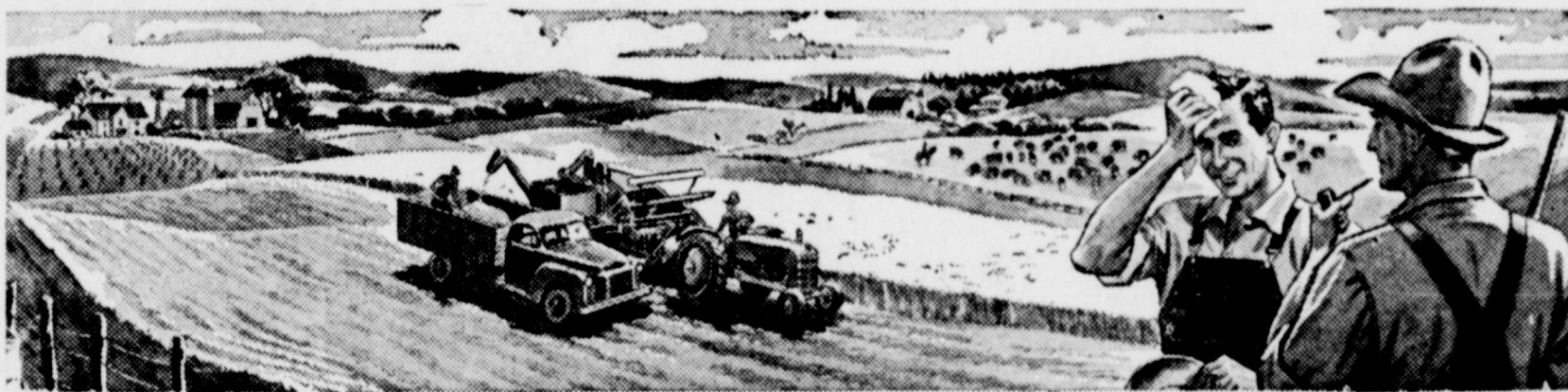
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## Use of Soil a Partnership Operation

By Harry K. Morris, Pastor  
First Baptist Church, Bronte

In the account in Genesis of creation it is recorded, "And the Lord God planted a garden eastward in Eden; and there he put the man whom he had formed." (Genesis 2:8). Then it is stated, "the Lord God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and keep it." (Genesis 2:15).

Thus from the earliest records

## Stock Numbers -

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of average or above average rainfall the extra grass produced may be used by keeping stocker animals from the basic herd or buying additional stocker animals. This system enables the rancher to readily adjust the number of animals to the amount of grass being produced without incurring losses in animal weights, damaged grass plants, costly feed bills, and lowering livestock prices.

Coke County ranchers are finding that with flexibility in stocking rates they can grow more pounds of grass per acre and produce more pounds of livestock, which is the key to a successful ranching operation.

Editor's note: Rex Brand, range conservationist with the SCS, prepared graphs showing average rainfall for Coke County by months and by years, which graphically portray the theme of the story above. However, due to lack of space we are not running the graphs. The monthly drawing shows peak rainfall months are May, June, September and October. Brand said, "A good covering of grass helps get more efficient use of moisture during these high rainfall months. Likewise, the yearly graph shows annual rainfall may vary widely on either side of the 18-inch average for Coke County. For instance, the 1952 rainfall was slightly over 10 inches, while in 1961 it rained more than 30 inches. The range conservationist said, "Varying amounts of rainfall produce varying amounts of grass, and stocking rates should be flexible enough to keep livestock numbers in balance with grass produced.

of mankind, there has been a partnership between God and man. God took the initiative in the partnership. He is the Senior Partner, not only by right of longevity, but by his complete ownership of the earth and the ownership of the junior partners.

"In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth." (Genesis 1:1). "And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life and man became a living soul." (Genesis 1:7). "An God saw everything that he had made, and, behold, it was very good." (Genesis 1:31).

The Psalmist was only confirming the truth from Genesis when he wrote, "The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein." (Psalm 24:1). God has provided the working capital in the form of land, rain, sunshine and seeds. Man is the steward with the responsibility to dress and keep the creation of God.

The key to the partnership is found in the top soil. Man has no control over the rain or the sunshine. But it is within his power and realm of responsibility to protect the top soil. The Dust Bowl days of the 1930's helped open the eyes of many Americans to the need for adequate soil conservation practices.

Much progress has been made in the past 30 years as more and more people have given attention to the protection of the top soil. But we have a continuing reminder, right here in our own county, of the great amount of soil that is being lost as we observe the muddy waters of the Colorado River as it flows through Coke County.

It is not just those who farm and ranch who are the losers. We all are losers. We all depend upon the soil and the products of the soil for food, clothing and shelter.

We tip our hats to those who are aware of their partnership with God. We add our encouragement to every action of soil protection and conservation. May God's blessings and grace continue upon this wonderful land of His in which He has allowed us to dwell.

# Deferred Grazing Heals Pastures

By Rex Brand  
Range Conservationist, SCS

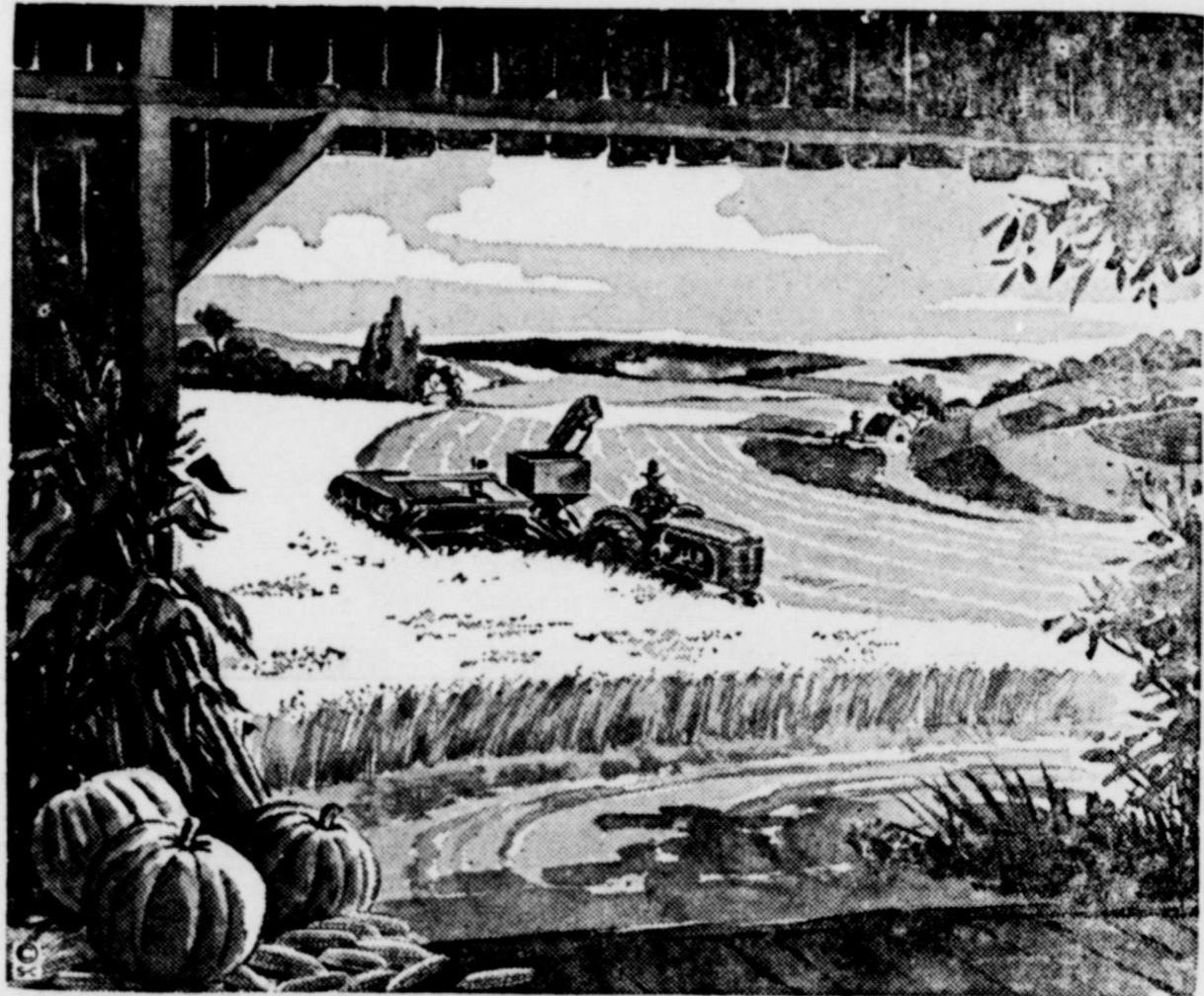
Coke County ranchers have found by practicing a system of deferment they can improve their rangeland. Deferment will promote plant reproduction, establishment of new plants, and provide a feed reserve for fall and winter grazing or emergency use.

Livestock should be kept out of the pasture being rested for at least a three month period between April 1 and November 1. A minimum deferment of three months will allow the grass plants to make good growth and seed production. Longer deferments may be needed on pastures that are in poor condition. By working out a grazing system ranchers can allow some deferment each year.



DEFERRED GRAZING — An excellent recovery of native grasses in this pasture was brought about by a planned system of deferred grazing. It shows proof of what rest can do for a worn-out pasture.

# A Bountiful Harvest



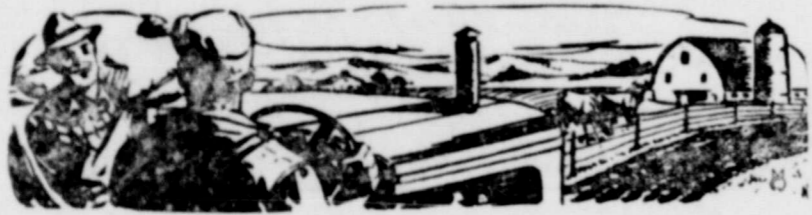
## Can Be An Important Result Of Proper Land Use

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Section C

## Dams Now Protect Kickapoo Watershed

By W. E. Jacoby

District Conservationist, SCS

Half of the country's \$1.2 billion average annual flood damage

occurs on headwater streams and the smaller tributaries of rivers. About half of the damage is agricultural; the other half is suffered by small towns, cities, and in-

dustries.

In many of these watersheds community leaders are faced with other water problems, such as lack of municipal and indus-

trial supplies; sedimentation and pollution of streams, lakes, and reservoirs; and insufficient water for recreation.

This program is proving to be an important link in the chain of economic renovation and progress under way in many of America's communities. And small watershed projects are becoming an

increasingly essential part of large-scale river basin development work throughout the country.

The Kickapoo Creek Watershed located in the District near Bronte is a typical watershed project. Here land treatment and six flood prevention structures have been

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**NEED WAS APPARENT** — Flood damage north of Bronte in 1953 shows the devastation left by the overflow from the Kickapoo Creeks after a night of heavy rain in the area above. Similar damage occurred in

1957. Two devastating floods in four years brought about a concentrated effort by local citizens to obtain some flood control structures on the usually placid creeks. Sparked by Bronte Lions Club and backed

by the Coke County Commissioners Court, the need for the dams was easily proved and the Texas Legislature passed a bill creating the water district which oversees the project.



**KWCID DIRECTORS**—The five member board which operates Coke County Kickapoo Water Control and Improvement District posed for this photo during its October meeting. Seated, from left, are Norman R. Kiker, secretary and clerk for

the board; Preston Davis, member; D. K. Glenn, president. Standing, from left are, Wayman Percifull, member; W. E. Jacoby, district conservationist with the Soil Conservation Service; and Royce Fancher, vice chairman.

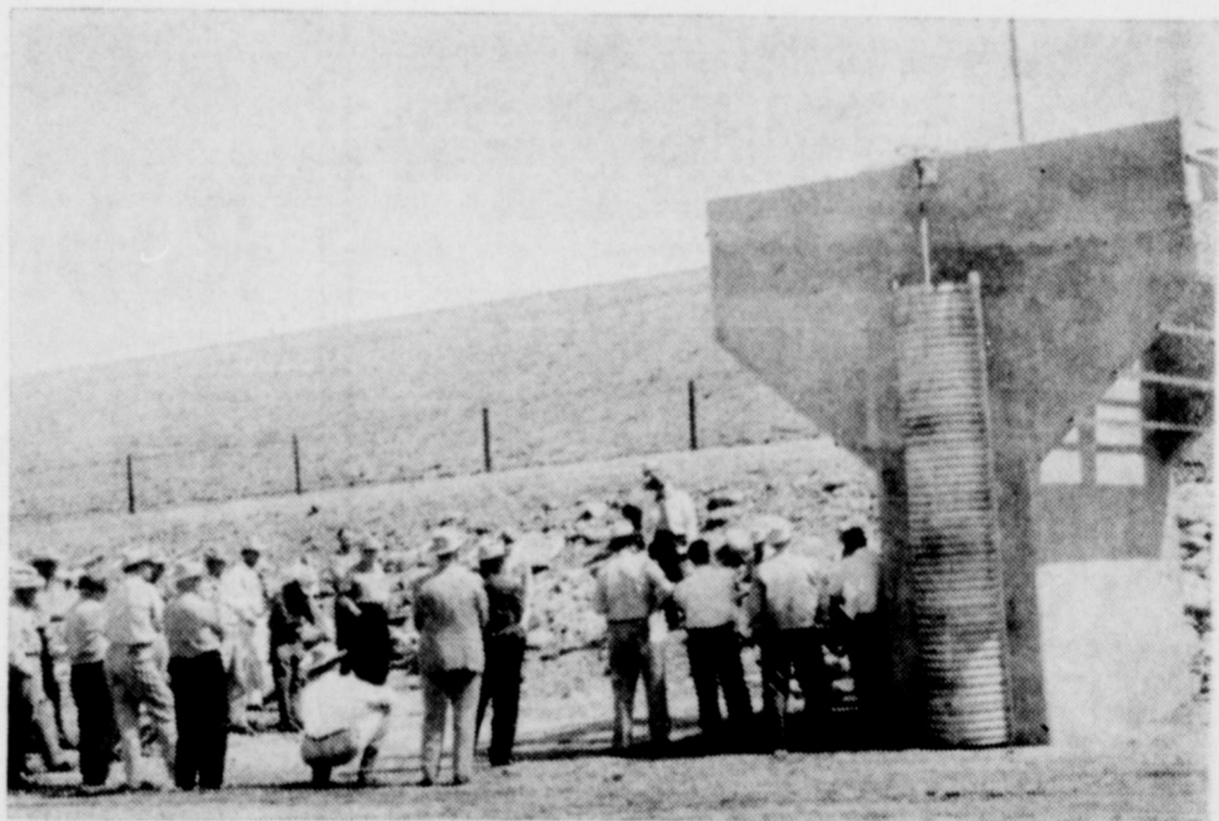
## To Protect Your Property . . .

### THE COKE COUNTY Kickapoo WCID

was created to serve as the instrument for building the dams which are protecting the lives, soil and other property of the residents of the Bronte area.

The Kickapoo WCID was created by an act of the Texas Legislature in June 1959 for the purpose of serving as a supervisory body in the construction and maintenance of the six dams on the Kickapoo Creeks north and west of Bronte. The dams were completed at a cost of \$573,730.

Today all the dams have water impounded behind them, with enough reserve capacity to take care of any excessive rainfall which could threaten the area, including the City of Bronte, with flooding. The directors are grateful to Coke County and the Commissioners Court for preliminary survey funds, to the land owners involved and to all others who were instrumental in making this project a success. We feel that the money provided by the Soil Conservation Service was well spent for the protection it provides to life, soil and property on this watershed. We also believe this project is an outstanding example of conservation and proper land use.



A Group Inspects Work at One of the Damsites

## Coke County Kickapoo Water Control & Improvement District No. 1

ROYCE FANCHER, Vice President

PRESTON DAVIS, Member

D. K. GLENN, President

NORMAN R. KIKER, Secretary & Clerk

WAYMAN PERCIFUL, Member

# Great Plains Program Aids Operators

By W. E. Jacoby  
District Conservationist, SCS

Coke, in 1957, became one of the counties designated in the Great Plains Area to receive technical and financial assistance for carrying out soil, water and plant conservation practices.

Congress during its 84th Session had recognized this broad belt of farming and ranching region as having peculiar problems not found in other parts of the country. It was noted that the soils which are among some of the richest on the continent were subject to severe wind and water erosion once denuded of vegetation. Farmers, ranchers and city people had experienced these conditions during the dust bowl days of the thirties. Long dry spells and high wind conditions not only brought havoc to this area, but large segments of population in the United States experienced severe health problems due to air pollution and other hazards brought about by drifting

## AS OLD AS U.S.

Soil erosion in the United States is at least as old as the nation. Washington, Jefferson and other early leaders recognized the danger. Patrick Henry said, "He is the greatest patriot who stops the most gullies."

Almost 70 per cent of soil erosion occurs in April and May. Good range cover in the spring will help prevent the loss of valuable soil, as well as help store moisture for the dry months in the summer.

Farmers and ranchers should keep a close watch for screw-worms. More cases have been reported this past summer than in several years. Some cases have been found in Coke County.

Mud in the river is soil that probably will never produce more crops.

dust particles. Millions of tons of rich soil was lost forever from this region.

The Great Plains Conservation Program was put into effect in order to minimize these hazards, which are brought about by erratic climate conditions, primarily lack of rainfall and sufficient cover during the winter and spring months.

Soil Conservation Service was given the responsibility of administering this program. Local soil and water conservation districts, such as the Coke County District, are assisting with the job through their regular conservation program. Based on a complete conservation plan for the unit agreements are entered into between the land owner or operator and the SCS on a volunteer basis.

Many farmers and ranchers of Coke County feel that they are helping to bring a more stabilized agriculture to the Great Plains Region and, at the same time, are making their land more productive by participating in this program.

To date 75 agreements have been worked out with producers on approximately 104,000 acres of range and cropland in Coke

## FROM THE HEART OF A STEWARD

"I till a small bit of the soil of America," writes an Illinois farmer. "My partner is my wife. The Creator is our landlord. I use the soil, the rains, the snows, the frosts, and the sun to bring forth my harvests. These are also the tools of the Almighty. Thus I feel I am a fellow craftsman with the God of Nature.

"Also I realize I have responsibilities to God as well as to my fellowmen. I recognize my duty to take good care of the acres entrusted to me, that I may at last turn them over to the generation following me more fertile than when they came under my husbandry.

County. Length of these contracts varies from three to ten years, based on the individual's desire and how fast he wants to apply his practices. Producers have been earning about \$50,000 per year on all practices.

The most popular practices selected by producers have been brush control and seeding of disturbed areas. Root plowing, tree dozing and chemical control have been carried out on about 40,000 acres of which 30,000 has been seeded to native and introduced grasses. Sixty earthen ponds and about 50 wells and concrete reservoirs have been installed along with seven miles of water pipeline and 31 miles of cross fencing. Producers like these practices because they enable them to get better distribution of grazing and allow for needed rest periods of pastures at planned intervals.

Cropland practices are also being installed at a fairly rapid rate. About 75 miles of terraces and 10 miles of diversions have been constructed. Another 1500 acres of old cropland have been protected by establishment to permanent grasses. Management type practices are being used by all participants to get maximum results and prolonged benefits from the program.

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## A Perfect Tribute...

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# Robert Lee Reservoir

Coke County...

is already blessed with much fine ranch and farm land and with a great many fine hunting and fishing places. However, as we look at the possibilities which will be opened to us when Robert Lee Reservoir is completed, we realize we have hardly begun to make full use of the opportunities that will soon be ours. Proper land use is probably the biggest single factor in the profitable development of these resources.



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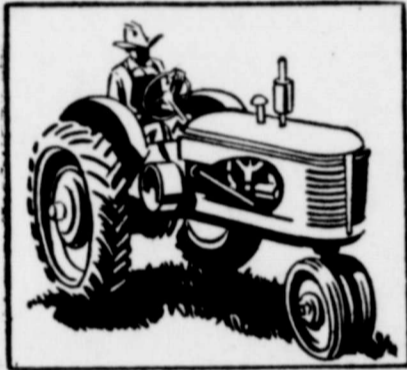
# PRODUCTS *of the* FARM

## Conservation

AND PROPER

## Land Use

Are Extremely Important to Our Future and Prosperity



Coke County is still basically an agricultural community, contributing large quantities of food and fiber to our nation's well-being. All of us should be aware of the importance of our soil as the only source of food for our millions of people.



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For Doing Your Part to Save Our Soil and Water

## Recreation - - a new industry . . .

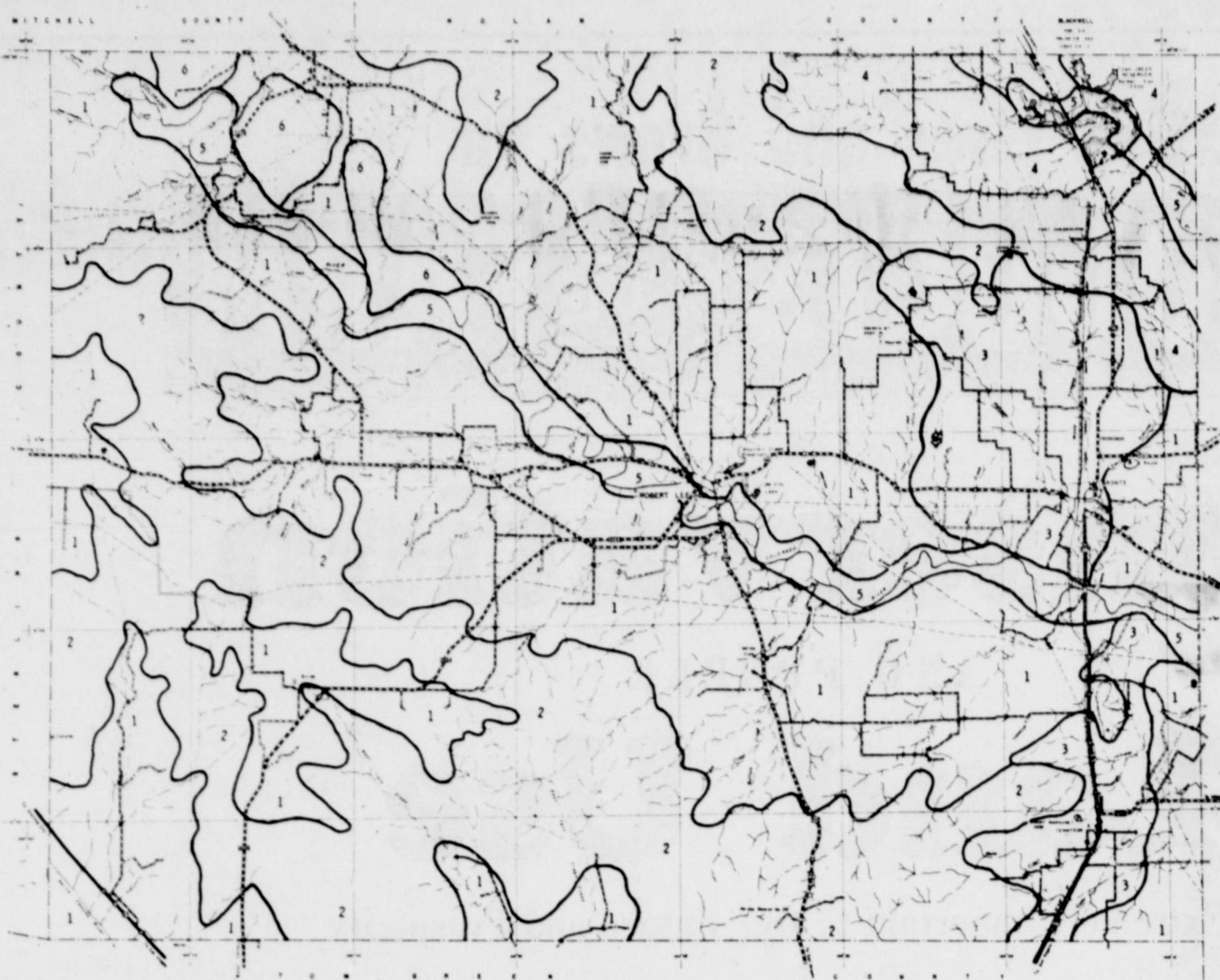


Recreation is of considerable importance now . . . but upon completion of Robert Lee Reservoir, it will boom . . . if we use our opportunities wisely. Fishing and water sports will bring thousands of people to this county. Another possibility for profitable use of our resources is hunting. This popular sport is now limited, but could be used to add thousands of dollars to the income of our farmers and ranchmen.

Conservation and Proper Land Use  
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# Coke County Commissioners Court



# Survey A

## LEGEND

1. Potter-Mereta-Olton association: Very shallow to deep, lamy, calcareous and non-calcareous soils over plains outwash.
2. Tarrant association: Very shallow, clayey, calcareous soils on limestone hills.
3. Olton-Miles association: Deep, noncalcareous, loamy soils over plains outwash.
4. Cobb-Cosh association: Deep and shallow, loamy, noncalcareous soils over sandstone.
5. Miles-Colorado association: Deep, noncalcareous, loamy soils of stream terraces, and calcareous, loamy bottomland soils.
6. Tivoli-Brownfield association: Deep, noncalcareous, undulating, sandy soils.

GENERAL SOIL MAP — COKE COUNTY, TEXAS

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## Conservation Pays . . .

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Soil conservation methods which have been put into practice in Coke County the past few years have added hundreds of thousands of dollars to the value of property as well as producing almost immediate results for the land operator.

**Congratulations to all for the past progress and benefits to Coke County resources.**

**J. D. HARMON**  
CONSERVATION CONTRACTOR

Robert Lee, Texas

# Adds to Knowledge of Soils

By Jim Barnhill  
SCS Soil Scientist

The Standard Soil Survey of Coke County is nearing completion. The survey was started in 1957 as a part of the technical assistance furnished the Coke County Soil and Water Conservation District by the Soil Conservation Service. The General Soils Map accompanying this article shows the six broad soil areas in the county. The above map is only a part of the information that the soils scientists obtained during the course of the soil survey. As they traveled over the county it was fairly easy to see differences in the landscape from place to place.

Some of the differences are the shape, steepness, and length of the slope, the kinds of wild plants and grasses that grow and the kinds of agriculture practiced.

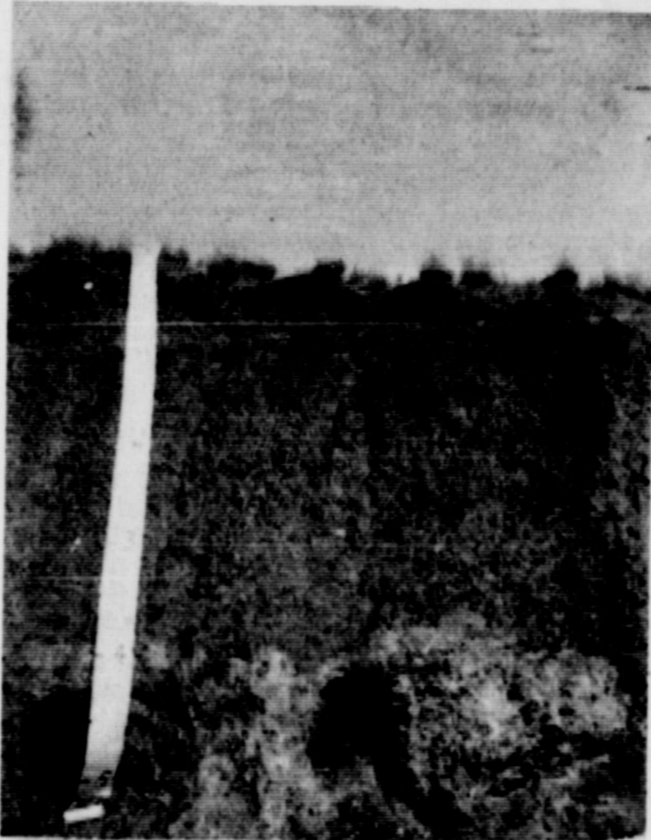
With the more obvious differences there are other differences less easily noticed in the pattern of soils. The soils differ along with other parts of the environment. The main differences noticed upon close examination are the depth, color, texture, and amount of free lime in the soils.

Coke County soils are divided into six distinct landscapes or "kinds of country." Each broad landscape is divided into differ-

ent soil patterns. By drawing a line around the different patterns of soil on a small map a general soil map of the county was made. Each kind of pattern is sometimes called a soil association. The pattern of course is not strictly uniform in each association, but the same soils are present in somewhat the same arrangement. Such a map is useful to those who want a general idea of the soils of the county or those who want to compare different parts of the county.

It must be remembered that these are only broad associations. A detailed soils map of your farm or ranch can be seen at the Soil Conservation office in Robert Lee.

In about three years a detailed soil survey report will be published on the soils of the county and will contain comprehensive information about the soils, and how they react, recommended conservation treatment for the soils, estimated yields, engineering interpretations, and a discussion of rangeland and wildlife. Considerable information on the early history, climate and natural resources of Coke County will be included for those who are not familiar with the county. This report should be of interest to the farmer, rancher, engineer, student, and home gardener.



**LOTS OF DIFFERENCE**—The photo on the left shows a deep soil, while the one at the right is shallow and limits root growth. At left is Olton clay loam, which is a fine textured permeable soil occurring in

Coke County. There is no layer in this soil to limit root, air, and water movement. In soils such as this roots of native grass plants are often found at depths of four to five feet. On

the right is shallow, fine textured Tarrant clay. Note that only a few roots are able to penetrate into the limestone layer. This soil has very little capacity for water storage.



**A BIG JOB**—Jim Barnhill, soil scientist with the Soil Conservation Service, is making a soil survey east of Bronte. It is part of the survey started in 1957. This hydraulic-powered auger mounted on a half-ton pickup, makes soil surveying easier, increases production, and

makes possible a more intensive and detailed examination of the soil. This auger will penetrate five feet deep and bring up a two-inch diameter core that may be examined for color, texture, structure, and depth of free lime.

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# Is This Soil or Dirt? There Is a Difference

By Jim Barnhill,  
Soil Scientist, SCS

"Dad, what is the difference between soil and dirt?"

It was one of those sudden questions that pop up and put parents behind the eight-ball. I stalled for time as I dealt another hand of bridge, trying to remember if I had ever heard an answer to that one.

I hadn't. But I took a cue from a long-ago course in biology which defined a weed as a plant out of place. "Son, soil covers most of the land — except where bare rock is exposed — and as long as it is where it belongs it is soil.

"But when it gets on your face or on clothes it is dirt. When it rains and sticks to your feet it is mud, but if you leave it where it belongs it is just wet soil," I added, warming to the subject. "If the wind blows it about it becomes a part of a sandstorm or dust storm" — I had learned there is a difference. "If it is washed into a lake it becomes sediment and may some day fill the lake and ruin it."

"Why?" I was behind the eight-ball again.

"Why? what?"

"Why does dirt ruin the lake?" Wives and guests get a secret delight when a father is carried beyond his depth by a few simple questions from a youngster. But wives earn their keep when they stop the questions before the father loses patience and becomes embarrassed. The child was sent to bed with a promise that "Your father will tell you all about it later when he isn't busy at cards."

So the next morning I called the local office of Soil Conservation Service to find out just when soil becomes dirt, why it ruins a lake, and related questions. That is how I found out about the soil survey being carried on in my county.

I learned that soil isn't just soil

— or dirt either, for that matter.

There are twenty four distinct kinds of soil in my county, all listed by name, and described — and these are only a small percentage of several thousands of soils in the nation that have been identified, analyzed, and described. Each soil is broken down into "mapping units" because of differences in depth of the topsoil or subsoil, the slope on which it lies, its erodibility or other factors that affect its suitability for use in agriculture or forestry.

On aerial photographs covering all of the county, soil scientists draw in the boundaries between all of the soil "mapping units." The soil scientists have walked over the land, boring holes, measuring soil depth and slopes, estimating how much had been eroded away, determining percentages of sand, silt, and clay — in short, making a complete inventory of the county's soil resources. Within each soil separation on the map is a symbol. These symbols open up a wealth of information.

I was shown the map on which our town was located. The houses on our street showed up as tiny dots, and I picked out our home. The symbol for our soil was 19A, and when I ran it down I found that the soil was Olton clay loam.

The surface was brown to dark brown. I agreed. The topsoil was a reddish brown clay, and 30 to 48 inches below the surface lay a pinkish, soft caliche stratum. I hadn't dug down that deep, so I took their word for it.

The clay subsoil takes water slowly, I learned, so during wet seasons the soil becomes saturated and much of the water during a hard rainstorm will run off and cause erosion. Ditches must be kept open to provide drainage. There was mechanical and chemical analysis of my soil.

An engineering table showed

the soil to be poor to build a road on, but would make fair road fill material. If a steep bank were left on a roadside or cut it would slough and slide rapidly. It is only fair for building foundations, and no good at all for a sewage disposal field for septic tanks.

If the land were in a farm it would be fairly productive. With good management it could produce 175 pounds of lint cotton, 1,000 pounds of grain sorghum, 10 bushels of wheat, or provide 30 cow-days of grazing per acre.

I hadn't wanted to learn that much about any soil. But this is my soil, even if it is only a city lot.

I was fascinated. I asked about the soil on some farms that belonged to friends. I found out why they were productive, and what the crop yields should be under good management.

I made it a point to visit with one of these farmers, discuss his range management program, his fertilizer use, and his yields. Because of a silly question asked by my son, I can now talk intelligently to my farmer friends about their interests.

Proper grazing use consists of leaving enough leaves to grow enough roots to grow more leaves.

Did you know that should the harvest of grass completely fail for a single year, famine would almost depopulate the land?

## It took a million years to make the soil—

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**"and the lean and ill-favoured kine  
did eat up the first seven  
fat kine."**

—Genesis, Chapter 4, Verse 20



We all remember Pharaoh's dream and Joseph's interpretation ... of the Seven Years of Plenty and the Seven Years of Famine.

We also remember the "Dust Bowl" period of some years past. Even more fresh in our memory is the seven dry years of only a few years ago.

No one claims that Soil Conservation will do away with cycles of drought and cycles of abundant rainfall, but ...

It has been proven that Soil and Water Conservation, crop rotation and proper range management will make the dry years less destructive and they will cut down on erosion from wind, then when the rains come again (as they always have) the run off and gully washing will be negligible.

## Improve Pastures



**Soil Conservation Doesn't Cost  
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Conservation farming practices increase yields, add to wool and mohair production, increased lamb and kid flocks—better beef production. These many benefits all mean an increase in farm earnings.

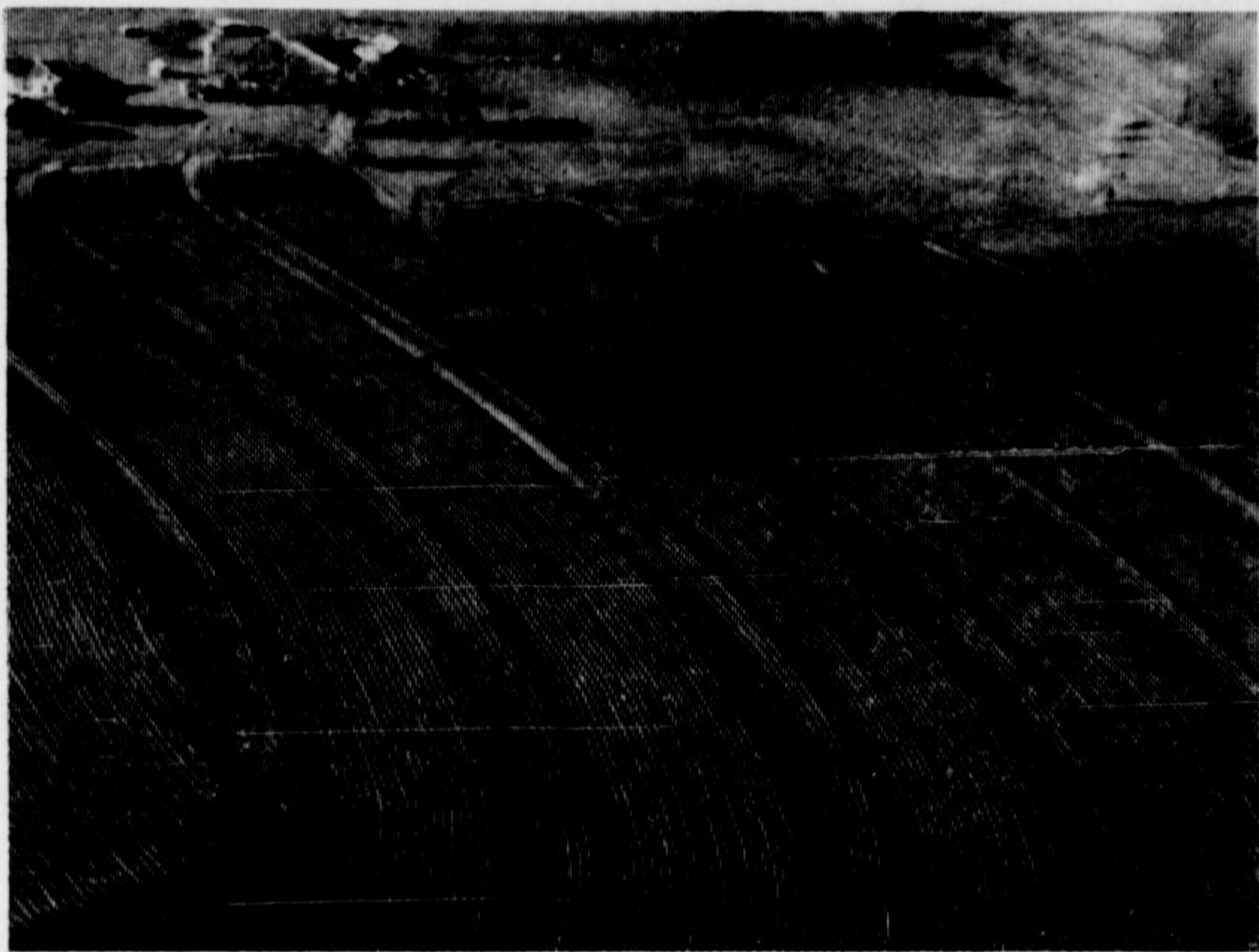
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**SIMPLIFY OPERATIONS** — A system of parallel terraces greatly simplifies the problems of the farmer in plowing. Troublesome point rows are almost or entirely eliminated and the structures are placed to leave an even number of rows between them in order to accommodate modern farming equipment. Consideration is given to equipment to be used in designing the width of the base and slope of the terraces.

## Parallel Terraces Simplify Work

By L. L. Wilkins

Conservation Technician, SCS

Parallel terraces are at least a partial answer to the problems of conservation farming. Changing terrace styles help Coke County farmers adapt modern farm equipment to their operations.

The size and shape of the terrace ridge is changing. The farming equipment to be used, rather than the water carrying capacity of the terrace, determines the design of the terrace system. On moderately sloping fields the terrace ridge is made broad so that the side slopes will accommodate the full width of equipment to be used. This allows the entire terrace to be farmed.

The spacing between terraces also is selected to fit the type of equipment used, allowing for an even number of rows between terraces. Troublesome point rows are reduced or eliminated.

Installation of parallel terrace systems has been simplified by the use of modern, heavy, earth-moving equipment that can do necessary smoothing, cutting, and filling to install a workable terrace system.

Several parallel terrace systems have been installed in Coke County. The most recent one was installed on the D. K. Glenn farm east of Bronte.

Construction costs average 10 cents per linear foot. Cost share assistance is available through the Great Plains Conservation Program or the Agricultural Conservation Program.

Assistance in designing a parallel terrace system is available through the Soil Conservation Service office in Robert Lee.

### 4-H ONCE ONLY 3-H

There were not always four H's in the 4-H clover emblem. Around 1909 a three-leaf clover overlaid with three H's was designed and made into pins. These were awarded to prize winning corn club members, forerunners of the 4-H movement. The original H's stood for Head, Heart and Hands, as they still do.

Then in 1911 at a meeting of club leaders in Washington, D.C., a pioneer of boys' and girls' club work, O. B. Martin, recommended a fourth H be added. The new H represented Health and the club became fourfold.

Many times if a person would give just a little foresight to the possible results of an action, there would be less contamination of our streams and lakes. Think twice before washing any kind of chemicals. It would help stamp out pollution.

## Save The Soil

if you would save our country

Population experts are not very optimistic about America's continued ability to provide food and fiber for the millions who are expected to be living 50 years from now. Our only hope is for the farmers and ranchers of the country to keep their land in top productive condition.

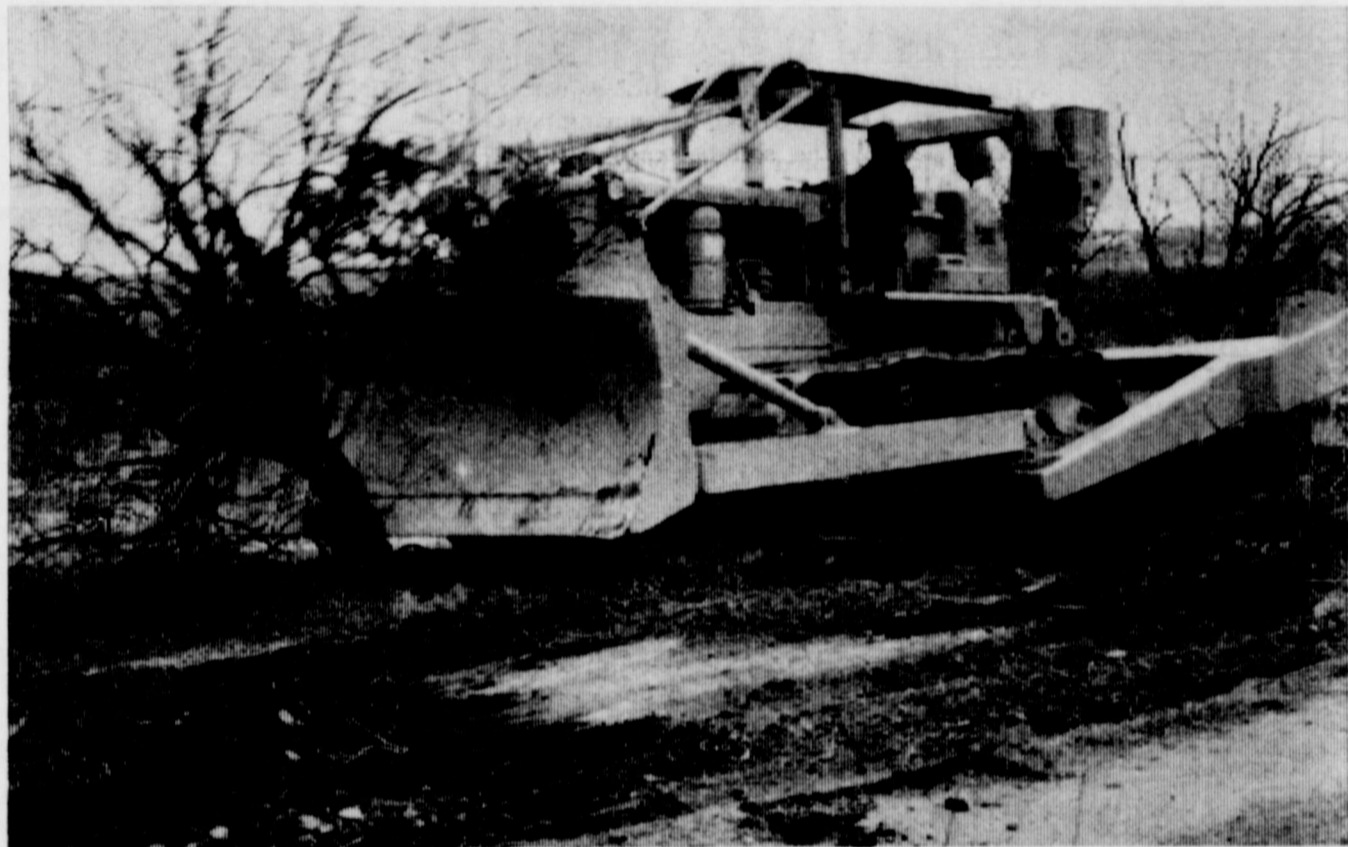
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## Soil Conservation Pays

The Demand's  
**GREAT**  
The Reward  
**GREATER**

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## ACP and Soil Conservation Practice Jobs

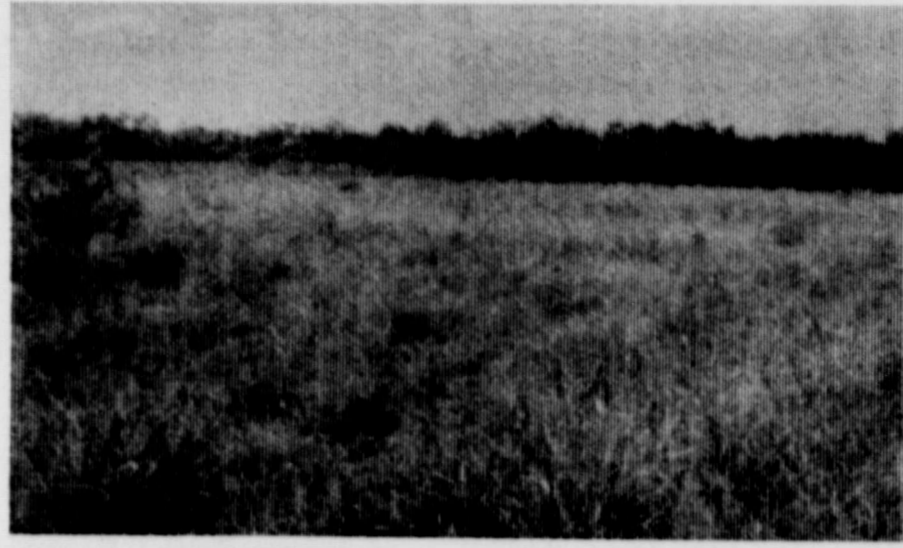
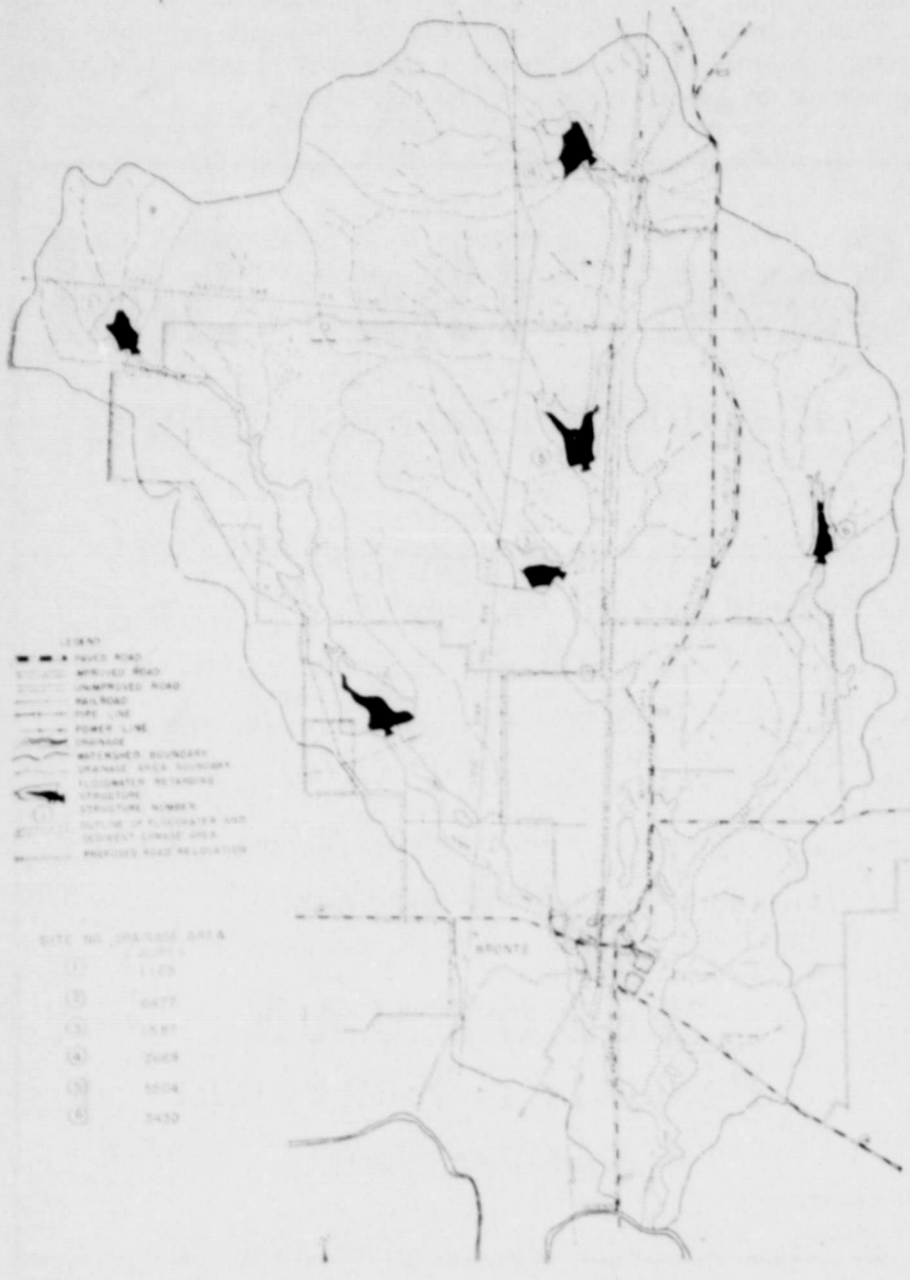
- Tanks
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- Root Plowing, Chopping, Raking and Seeding

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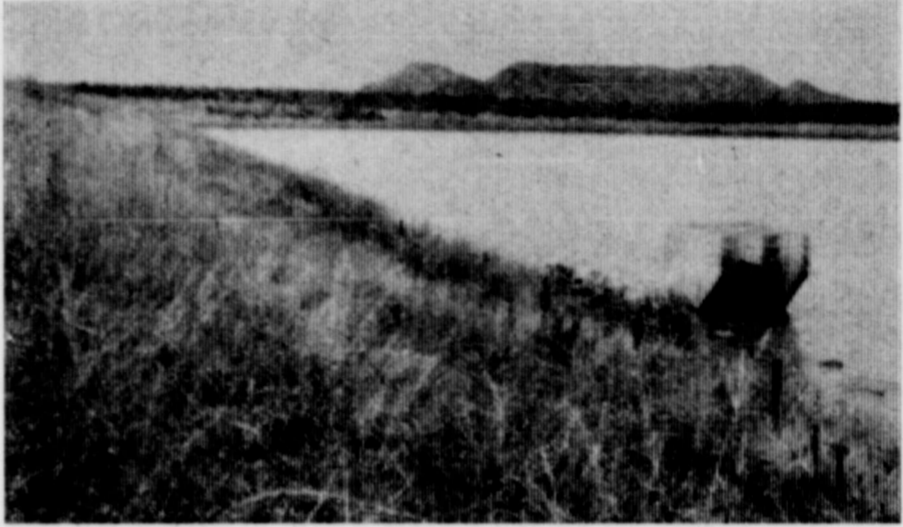
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**REAL IMPROVEMENT —** In this area below Site No. 5 of the Kickapoo Flood Control project, shows how abundant grass can be grown below the dams. Flood prevention gives land owners many opportunities to improve their land, such as root plowing and seeding grasses without the danger of flooding hazards.



**BEAUTY IN WEST TEXAS—** A lake of water anywhere in West Texas is a thing of beauty, particularly when it does double duty to prevent flooding in the area below. Here is Structure No. 5 of the KWCD project. Note the luxuriant growth of grass at the left on the dam. The structure in the edge of the water is the spillway which allows flood water to draw down gradually and remain within the existing creek channel, thus preventing flooding below.

## Coke Soils Most Valuable Resource

By Jim Barnhill  
Soil Scientist, SCS

The soils of Coke County are perhaps its greatest natural resource. They were inherited from the geological formations of the county which have been acted upon through the centuries by both the climate and the vegetative cover of our section of West Texas.

Twenty-three different soils are found in Coke County, as revealed by the recently completed Standard Soil Survey made of the county by the U. S. Soil Conservation Service in cooperation with Texas Agricultural Experiment Stations.

Most of our soils are upland soils. Some are developed from limestone and calcareous shales, some from sandstone and acid shales, and some from wind deposited soil layers. Some are deep, some are shallow to rock or gravel and some are tight clays; some are loose sands, and some are mellow and silty. Slopes vary from nearly level areas to bluffs nearly vertical.

A few of our soils are bottomlands such as the area along the Colorado River. These soils were carried in from neighboring counties. They are mixed with quartz sands, limes, silts, and some clays. The bottomlands of local creeks have deep, dark and light colored soils washed in from the upland areas of Coke County.

Since the soils we work with are ours to have and to hold, the Coke County Soil and Water Conservation District, with technical assistance from the U. S. Soil Conservation Service is endeavoring to install the best conservation farm plan possible on each farm or ranch under application in the county.

Soils data collected during the course of the survey now completed will be published in book form and distributed to all interested land owners and public officials of Coke County. This book will include aerial maps of every section of the county, with a description of the soils, weather, geology, and additional information on yields and soil management.

## Water District —

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combined to protect valuable agricultural land, road, livestock, railroad, and city property.

The Coke County Commissioners Court made available funds for the survey and preparation of the watershed work plan. Technical assistance and funds for construction were provided by the Soil Conservation Service. The Kickapoo WCID No. 1 was organized as the legal structure to provide for contracting, construction, operation, and maintenance of

works of improvement. This provision was made possible by the voters in the watershed district. Easements were provided by the owners of land on which the structures, sediment pool, and flood water would be located. These easements were signed with the Kickapoo WCID. This organization now has the responsibility for the operation and maintenance of all structures, with technical assistance from the Soil Conservation Service. The District has responsibility for the land treatment phase of the watershed and will provide over all leadership in the total watershed program.



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IN WEST TEXAS**

## PRACTICE SOIL CONSERVATION

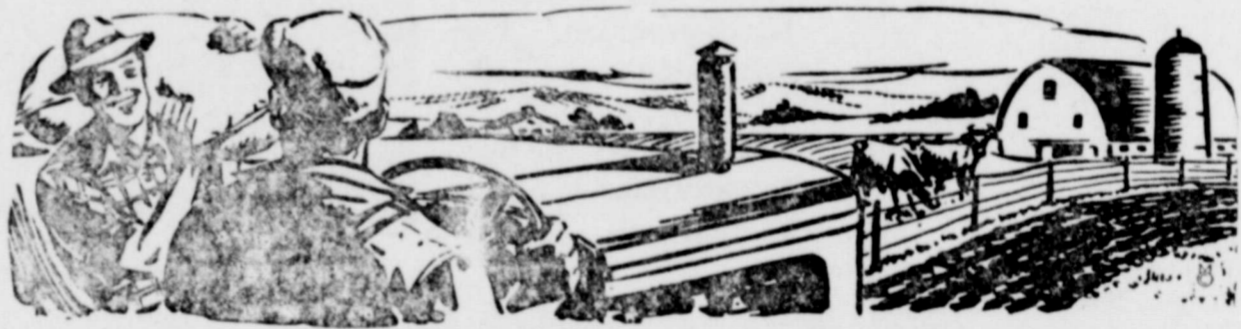
Practicing proven soil and water conservation methods can mean the difference between a productive farm or ranch and a wind swept, water eroded piece of land like that shown above. Congratulations, Coke County farmers and ranchmen, for your progressive conservation program.

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