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Coke County Fair Plans Made

Open House Set At Sanco P. O.

An Open House will be held Saturday afternoon at the Sanco Post Office and Store, from 2 until 4 p.m. The event will observe the closing of the 83 year old post office, the oldest in Coke County.

Coke County Historical Survey Committee is sponsoring the Open House and will serve refreshments. The public is cordially invited to attend. Another article in this newspaper gives more de-

tails and some historical information about the post office.

A business meeting of the historical survey committee will be held after the open house.

Frank Hearn New Councilman

Frank Hearn won a city council post in a special called city election last Saturday. He received 24 of 43 votes in the election, held on a strictly write-in basis. There were no candidates who filed for the position.

Hearn will fill the post, vacated by the resignation of M. L. (Pete) Smith. Other members of the council include Aldermen Dale Wojtek, Robert Large, James Craig and Mrs. Yvonne Devoll. Wilson Bryan is Mayor. Others receiving scattered votes were: Jesse Eads 7; Bill Allen 6; Ronnie Devoll 2; Smith 1; Hank Baker 1; Victor Conner 1; and Annie Mae Cox 1.

Hearn is chief engineer for Union Texas Petroleum. He is a native of Coke County.

Dogies Humble Eldorado, 22-0

In their first home appearance Robert Lee Dogies came through again with a good defense and beat Eldorado Jr. High team, 22-0, here last Thursday night. Mike Percifull started the scoring with an interception for a 17 yard return for a TD. George Abalos ran the extra points.

Second and third quarters were scoreless. But in the fourth period, Walter Flowers and Jim Craig tackled the Eldorado quarterback in the end zone for a safety which made it 10-0. Poly Abalos received the free kick at his own 45 and with good blocking returned it all the way for another Dogie TD. Minutes later with the Dogies in possession again, Poly Abalos circled right end and from 27 yards out scored the final touchdown.

The Dogies play here this week with Roscoe.

Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Boone of Fort Stockton were weekend visitors in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sloan Boone.



Sheri Pitcock

Sheri Pitcock Wins District; Going to State Dress Revue

Miss Sheri Pitcock, Coke County 4-H member, will be among the 46 4-H girls from across the state who will participate in the 1971 edition of the State 4-H Dress Revue Oct. 14-16 in Dallas. Sheri won the privilege of taking part in the state event by being County and District Revue winner. Sheri, a freshman in Texas Tech, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Pitcock of Sanco.

Finalists in the annual 4-H fashion parade represent more than 15,000 girls and 150 boys currently enrolled in clothing projects in the 13 Texas Extension districts.

Top winner in the youth educational activity is awarded a trip to National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago, Nov. 28-Dec. 2.

Contestants will register at Sheraton-Dallas Hotel Oct. 14, with a get acquainted party planned for the evening's activity.

Judging will take place Friday morning. 4-H'ers in the State Dress Revue actually judge each other, considering the general garment appearance, suitability of fabric, style and color to the individual, accessories selected and overall poise of the contestant.

A press luncheon honoring 4-H Dress Revue participants will be held in the Sheraton's Houston Room at 1 p.m. Friday. Winners will be announced and awards presented. The Fuller Foundation, Inc., is the luncheon sponsor.

Two style shows for the pub-

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Plans are progressing on the Coke County Fair or County Exhibit to be held on Saturday, Oct. 23, in the Robert Lee School gymnasium.

Mrs. Roe Receives Service Award

Mrs. Fay C. Roe returned to work Monday following a trip to Miami, Fla., where she received the Distinguished Service Award for outstanding accomplishments as Coke County Home Demonstration Agent. Mrs. Roe was recognized on Friday, Oct. 1, at a breakfast and was presented a certificate by E. L. Kirby, Administrator of the Federal Extension Service.

The national meeting, held in the American Hotel in Bal Harbour, Miami, Fla., was attended by 55 Texas Home Demonstration Agents. A total of 1484 agents from 47 states and Puerto Rico registered at the meeting.

Mrs. Roe was accompanied on the trip by her husband, A. J. Roe Jr. They visited their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Roe III, in Waco, also Mr. and Mrs. Clyde A. Brooke Jr. in New Orleans. Mrs. Roe and Mrs. Brooke were college roommates and had not seen each other in 28 years. Other places of interest visited by the couple were Bellingrath Gardens, numerous antebellum homes, home of Art Ringling, owner of Ringling Brothers Circus near Sarasota, Fla., the museum and grave of Evangeline at St. Martinville, La., and Cape Kennedy. On their return trip they visited Mrs. Roe's sister, Mr. A. W. Gibson, in Dallas. Later in the week they drove to Lubbock to visit their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. James E. Brown, and Mr. Roe's cousin, Mrs. O. D. Reed, and Mr. Reed.

Sawyers Attend Rites for Relative

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. (Buzz) Sawyer, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Sawyer and Mrs. Garland Davis went to Ranger Wednesday to attend funeral services for Aubry Arnold Lyon, 81, a brother of Mrs. Sawyer.

Mr. Lyon died Monday in Cleburne hospital after a brief illness. He had moved to Cleburne two years ago from Ranger.

Funeral was at 1:30 p.m. in Killingsworth Funeral Chapel in Ranger with burial in Evergreen Cemetery there.

He was born in Mart, and was a retired restaurant operator.

All persons and business firms are asked to participate by entering items or setting up booths. Firms planning to set up booths are asked to write or call Mrs. Fay C. Roe so that plans can be made for space needed.

Individuals are asked to show articles that will be of interest to anyone attending. Suggested areas from which exhibits may come, but not limited to these areas, are antiques, historical items, scrapbooks, collections of all sorts such as bottles, arrow heads, rocks, glass and ceramics; also, clothing, art work, crafts, holiday ideas, horticulture, etc.

Youth and school groups are especially urged to enter any items made.

The County Fair or Annual Exhibit is sponsored by the Home Demonstration Club members and the County Historical Survey Committee. It is open to the public to exhibit and attendance is free.

Exhibits are to be set up Friday afternoon from 3:30 to 5 and the public is invited Saturday, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Don Thorpe New Deputy Sheriff

Don B. Thorpe of Big Spring has been appointed new deputy sheriff for Coke County. He assumed his duties Monday morning. Thorpe and his family will live in Bronte and he will fill the vacancy created when Grady Culter resigned the position several weeks ago.

Thorpe graduated from Forsan High School and attended Howard County Junior College. He also attended the Law Academy in Big Spring and other law enforcement schools. He served six years on the Big Spring police force.

The new deputy is married and he and Mrs. Thorpe have two daughters, Tonya, 7, and Shayntina, 4.

They are living in the house formerly occupied by Mrs. J. B. Cole in Bronte.

Lions Light Bulb Sale Tuesday

Robert Lee-Silver Lions Club will conduct their annual Light Bulb Sale next Tuesday, club officials announced this week. The sale will be begin at 5:30 p.m.

The Lions will make a door to door canvass of the town, asking everyone to buy light bulbs from them.

Proceeds from the sale will go for the many projects sponsored by the Lions, most of which are youth related. Leaders of the service club expressed appreciation for the fine patronage given their light bulb sales in the past. Terry Bryan is currently serving as president of the Lions Club.

He said, "We invite all the citizens of Robert Lee to stock up on light bulbs next Tuesday. You'll be assisting in the many fine projects of the Lions Club and getting your money's worth at the same time."

Rites Held Monday For Mrs. Young

Funeral services for Mrs. Haddah Homa Young, 86, were held at 3 p.m. Monday in Robert Lee Baptist Church. Burial followed in Miles Cemetery under direction of Newby Funeral Home.

Mrs. Young, member of a pioneer Runnels County family, died at 7:30 p.m. last Saturday in West Coke County Nursing Home.

She was born in Travis County Sept. 29, 1885, and moved to Runnels County with her parents in 1889. She was graduated from Miles High School and worked for the Miles Messenger until her marriage to S. R. Young May 24, 1909. They moved to Robert Lee in 1939 and published the Robert Lee Observer for several years. Mr. Young died in 1963. She was a member of the Baptist Church.

Survivors include a son, Horace Young of Westfield, N. H.; a daughter, Mrs. Victor (Ronda) Wojtek of Robert Lee; a sister, Mrs. S. D. Childress of San Angelo; eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were: Maurice Yarbrough, Homer Carwile, Finnell Smith, Weldon Fikes, Melvin Childress and Kenneth Lackey.

Linda McBroom Injured in Wreck

Miss Linda McBroom, 22, escaped serious injury last Friday in a car-truck collision about three miles south of Brady.

She is a student at the University of Texas at Austin and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Russell McBroom of Robert Lee.

A car in which Miss McBroom was traveling west on Texas Highway 71 was in collision with a livestock truck which was traveling north on U. S. 87 toward Brady. Officers said the highway was slick.

The crash completely ripped off the right side of the car, stripping the gasoline tank and igniting it. Firemen kept the fire under control.

Miss McBroom was taken to a Brady hospital for treatment. She was released during the weekend and brought home by her parents.

District Play to Start

Robert Lee Steers begin district play Friday night, traveling to Bangs for a 9-A tilt.

Bangs lost to DeLeon last week, 44-0, and is at the bottom of district standings with an 0-4 record. Robert Lee is tied for second place with Mason, both having a 4-1 season record. So-

nora is leading in district standing with a perfect 5-0 for the season.

However, Robert Lee's Rudy Abalos is leading the district in scoring. He has scored six touchdowns, 11 points after, and one field goal for a total of 50 points. Noel of Sonora is second with 30 points.

Other results last week include Junction 15, Eldorado 6; Mason 20, Goldthwaite 3; Menard 26, Rocksprings 0; Sonora 21, Rankin 12.

Other games on this week's schedule are Mason at Eldorado and Sonora at Menard, both district games.

Sanco P. O. to Close Friday

(Editor's note: Ulmer Bird, former Sanco postmaster and editor of the Observer, brought in the following article as copy for a small brochure which he and his wife, Postmaster Josephine R. Bird, want to have printed as a commemorative token of the closing of the 83 year old Sanco post office. We looked over this material and at once concluded that it was of considerable historic value. Therefore, we have swiped Mr. Bird's story and are printing it verbatim below. After all, it isn't everyday that a Texas county closes up the oldest operating post contained within its boundaries. This is truly a moment that deserves our attention and remembrance.)

The Sanco post office will pass into history at 5 o'clock, the close of business Friday of this week, Oct. 15. No post office business will be transacted after that hour.

Post office closing covers will be post marked for stamp collectors Friday. The last mail placed in the boxes will be Friday morning.

Saturday morning, the front will be closed, as accounts and accountable property are transferred to the Robert Lee postmaster, Hugh Lewis.

Saturday afternoon after 1:30 the place will be open for a time of visiting between neighbors, former patrons, and friends and visitors. The invitation is open to anyone and everyone.

Observing the passing of the old post office into history, the Coke County Historical Survey Committee will host an open house for two hours, to express appreciation for the contribution the Sanco community has made to the history of Coke County from before the county's founding. They will serve refreshments.

The Committee will also hold its meeting in the living room at the store, to transact regular business and to hear Josephine Bird, retiring postmaster, outline tentative plans for preserving the office enclosure as is, along with building and authentic early 20th Century antique items in the building and about the property.

She has announced that the building will be open every Saturday, with special attention to children and family groups who make sentimental and recreational journeys to the store and Yellow Wolf Valley.

Closing of the Sanco post office October 15 marks the end of 83 years since July 10, 1888, when what has long been the oldest operating post office in Coke County was established.

There have been twelve postmasters during that time. The shortest term for a Sanco postmaster was that of Miller Bird—25 days—from August 24, 1889, to Sept. 18, 1889, the second to hold the office. The first, J. L. Durham, had resigned to take the newly established office at Hayrick, the new county seat of the new county.

Mr. Bird evidently held the office while Lucratius C. Bullion was making up his mind to take it, which was as of Sept. 19, 1889. Dates are all from old records in Washington, D. C.

The one serving longest was Hiram J. Gartman, from June 11, 1924, to June 30, 1948—24 years and 19 days. Second longest term was that of the presently retiring postmaster, Josephine R. Bird, with 16 years, four months and 14 days. Actually she did some work regularly in the office of her husband Ulmer Bird, making a total of some 19 years for her, in the postal service.

Third longest as postmaster was Mrs. Fannie Durham, who followed Mr. Bullion Dec. 9, 1890, 16 years, two months, and one day, until Feb. 10, 1907, when William O. Tubb was appointed. This was Ol Tubb, evidently short for Oliver.

By this time, the new townsite, one mile west of the old site, had been platted by I. A. Bird, and Mr. Tubb put in a store diagonally across the road or street intersection southwest of the present building, and facing north. Post office and country store occupied this building until 1920.

Loransa C. Clevenger bought out Ol Tubb and was appointed postmaster Feb. 17, 1909, operated store and office until Dec. 5, 1915. He sold to William H. Cambell, who succeeded him and kept store and office until June 10, 1924, when he resigned the office, closed the store and gave his full time to the farming and ranching business.

The office was discontinued, possibly for lack of anyone to apply for it. In the meantime, R. C. Cosby had bought the old blacksmith shop which S. S. Craddock had operated at the old Sanco, then at his own farm, and later moved to the new Sanco. It was directly across the street from the store and facing it.

Jess Craddock, son of the first blacksmith, had run the shop, taking on some automobile repair work as a few of the vehicles came into the Yellow Wolf Valley, then selling the shop and moving to Robert Lee to go full time into the automobile business, the first in the county.

Cosby got an agency for the Dodge, moved over east of the shop, built him a big new building, and moved the shop into it. But by that time the most severe drouth of Coke County history was underway—1916-17-18—and the rush to sell hacks and buggies and buy gas buggies came to a standstill. He gave it up, sold to the late Ike Gartman, and moved to New Mexico. He now lives at Cochise, Arizona, and drills irrigation wells. He is remembered among cowpeople for his fancy inlaid bits and spurs.

Mr. Gartman ran the shop until 1924, selling to his brother, the late H. J. Gartman, who moved from Llano, put partitions, ceiling, more doors and windows into the building, installed a store in the front, living quarters back of the store, and applied for the office of postmaster.

So on June 11, 1924, Washington recorded the Sanco post office re-established, with Mr. Gartman in charge. Through the rest of the twenties, the thirties, World War II and two years following, until the cotton business had dwindled, the community with it, the dean of Sanco storekeepers wore the pine board floor from his grocery counter to the post office window and back.

The community had grown and then gone down along with the cotton farming industry. In the first years of Mr. Gartman's

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Lunchroom Menu

Monday, Oct. 18

Hamburger patties and gravy, creamed potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, butter, milk, jelly.

Tuesday, Oct. 19

Italian spaghetti and cheese, English peas, cole slaw, hot rolls, butter, milk, ice box cookies.

Wednesday, Oct. 20

Corn dogs, lima beans, spinach, corn bread, butter, milk, apple cobbler.

Thursday, Oct. 21

Bologna and cheese sandwiches, lettuce, tomato slice, buttered corn, milk, potato chips, banana pudding.

Friday, Oct. 22

Barbecue chicken, buttered potatoes, combination salad, hot rolls, butter, milk, peanut butter supreme.

Hospital News

Oct. 5: Mrs. C. J. Broklas admitted. Sam McGallion dismissed.

Oct. 7: Linzy McDorman, Dallas Johnson admitted.

Oct. 8: Mrs. Willie Abalos admitted. Dallas Johnson, Mrs. Bill Roach and Tammy dismissed.

Oct. 9: Cumbie Ivey Sr. admitted. Mrs. C. J. Brooks, Mrs. Willie Abalos, Mrs. Bob Fields dismissed.

Oct. 10: Linzy McDorman dismissed.

Oct. 11: Mrs. Perry Mullis, Mrs. Roy Bazar, Mrs. Francisco Rivera, Baby Boy and Baby Girl Rivera admitted. Mrs. Perry Mullis, Cumbie Ivey Sr. dismissed.

As of Tuesday morning there were eight patients in the hospital and 28 in the nursing home.

PERSONALS

Mrs. Pearl Schotley and Mrs. Mary Large returned home over the weekend from a three weeks visit with relatives at Brady, Springtown, Ft. Worth and Whitewright. The ladies and Mr. and Mrs. Turney Casey attended a funeral Friday at Graham for their nephew and cousin, A. J. Henderson.

Waymond Robertson had eye surgery at Clinic Hospital in San Angelo last Friday. He was released and came home Monday, and is reported to be making a fast recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred L. Beaty were weekend guests of her niece and family, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Waltrip, at Liverpool. Mrs. Beaty's mother, Mrs. George Baxter, returned to her home at Alvin after a visit here.

Mrs. Alma Varnadore returned home this weekend following a month's visit in the homes of her children and their families: Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Mac Mathis at Wylie and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Varnadore at Garland. She then spent some time with her granddaughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Hufstедler, at Littlefield.

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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tenure, the Luttrell and Keeney Gin steamed away in the fall of the year, its whistle echoing into the hills around.

The first gin had been installed by Wesley Meek just after the turn of the century—around 1905—just back of the old house for some years now the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Prine Jr. This house was also built by Mr. Meek as his home while he ran the gin. Some time in the lean teens, this gin had been dismantled.

The vacant land west of the store, now often grown high in grasses, still holds hidden away in the growth the concrete foundations of that later gin, and there cotton wagons from all over northwestern Coke County crowded the lot, and the cotton farmers often crowded the marble-topped soda fountain the Gartmans had installed.

When the veteran postmaster-storekeeper reached the age at which the government retired postal people, a neighbor, Mrs. Lennie D. Allen, was appointed, July 1, 1948, relinquishing the office in August 1949, Mrs. Alta Gartman, daughter-in-law of the former postmaster being appointed to succeed her.

With her husband, Truman, and children, Mrs. Gartman had residence then in the otherwise vacant brick school building, and moved the office there, installing it in the hallway.

Meantime, Ulmer Bird and wife, Josephine, had moved back to Sanco "temporarily" following his three years duty with the Army during World War II, returning from Europe in April 1946. When Mrs. Gartman resigned to move to Sterling City, Mr. Bird "temporarily" undertook the office, May 28, 1952. Early in 1953 he leased the store building, Mr. Gartman having closed it and moved away.

A few cases of canned goods spread thin on the old shelves, and the "temporary" turned into 18 more years in which the stock grew to about \$1,500 worth, which filled the shelves.

Mr. Bird "finagled," as he puts it, the transfer of office and store to Mrs. Bird, June 1, 1955, and he took off to the pasture, later in June 1962 buying the Robert Lee Observer, which he owned and operated as editor-publisher until early 1965.

Since she took the office, it and the store have been the exclusive enterprise of Josephine R. Bird, and into the store she put a part of her separate estate. Although held as common property, the building, land, and stock have been and are actually her own, according to Mr. Bird, who adds, "It is her work and management that has kept it open the past sixteen years, and for whatever service the old place has been, she deserves full credit."

The story of Sanco is an epic of a determined and courageous people holding to the way of life they love. It became a populous community with the introduction of cotton farming on the small homestead into which the Yellow Wolf country was first divided. One hundred and sixty acres of land, with a few cows and a cotton patch sustained those early families so long as the years averaged fairly reasonable. But their livelihood suffered what for many was practically a fatal blow in the bitterly dry years of 1916, '17 and '18.

Many sold out to those with more substantial holdings and more enduring credit, and left the country for the Plains, New Mexico, or other more favored lands.

Cotton farming revived considerably in the late teens and early twenties, but boll weevil and uncertain prices took their heavy toll, and in the late twenties, the rural economy that had held a populous community together was on its way out. Livestock business was the only agricultural business in the main that survived.

The depression of the thirties just about finished the job so far as small farmers were concerned. At the end of World War II a good many came back from the armed forces and war industries, to fill most of the houses, pews in the churches and classrooms in the school.

But livestock alone could not keep them all and one by one they left, to make a living in machine shop, factory, or the professions. Those who remained until the Silver Peak oil development—the Jameson Field came in—younger men got the jobs in the oil field and some ranchers got help from oil leases and royalties, and so ranchers and landholders stayed on through the seven years dry times of the fifties.

Meantime, the tabernacle, scene of many camp meetings, and the now vacant school building were going into ruin, the church roofs wearing out, their paint weary, the community the butt of jokes by those who thought too little of it, and of some sad conversation by those who perhaps thought too much of it.

However, the community organized, tidied up and planted the cemetery, re-roofed the old school building, which was deeded to the community association.

The annual homecoming was begun in 1954 and those from near and far attending it raised the money to put a new roof on the tabernacle. The opening of the NE-IAB oil field brought in some small income to tabernacle and community, which helped to maintain them, along with the annual donations by homecomers and the work and checks of the local people.

So for another 18 years, Sanco already written off by many, continued in name and fact. It has stayed because the people wanted it. What now?

What more than memory abides

Among these scenes so old and dear.

When talk or silence barely hides

The insistent tear!

The little white village has friends everywhere. The register of visitors has names from clear across the nation. The grass this fall grows tall up the valleys and even the mountain slopes. The homecoming will be held again—the 18th—the first Sunday in June.

The future?

Quien sabe?

—Ulmer Bird

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CHIFFON TOWELS, large roll - - 3 for \$1.00

CLOROX 1½ gal. jug **79c**

TIDE - - - - - king size box \$1.25

5 Lb. Bag

Gladiola Flour **55c**

JELLO, reg. 3 oz. box - - - - 2 for 25c

GRIFFIN'S BLACK PEPPER - 4 oz. can 33c

½ Gal. Crt.

Gandy's Ice Cream **79c**

½ Gal. Crt.

Gandy's Frozan **39c**

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Mr. and Mrs. John Durrett Sr. of Houston spent the weekend here with their daughter, Diane, who is an Extension Service assistant, training under the supervision of Mrs. Fay C. Roe and Sterling Lindsey. The family attended Sunday morning services at First United Methodist Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Ell Hatley spent three days on a trip to Helena, Okla., where they visited their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hatley and boys. They attended the Thursday night football game and saw little Bob help his team win with a score of 34-0. They returned home Saturday.

Ranchers Attend Menard Field Day

A Brush Control and Range Improvement Research Annual Field Day was attended last Thursday by three Coke County ranchers, Weldon Fikes, C. E. Arrott and L. B. Menielle. Also attending was Rex Brand of the Soil Conservation Service. The tour was conducted on the Gene Whitehead ranch at Menard.

The field day was sponsored jointly by Texas A&M University, Texas Brush Control and Range Improvement Association, Soil Conservation Service, Soil and Water Conservation Districts, Texas Society of Range Improvement and private industry, in cooperation with the Whitehead ranch.

Many different types of brush control and range seeding research were observed. Latest information was received on control of mesquite, shinnery oak, live oak, latebush, juniper, algerita, Texas persimmon and other undesirable shrubs and plants. Different techniques for range seeding were also noted. Methods of chemical control were discussed, including evaluation of promising experimental chemicals, and new techniques for aerial application. Benefits of brush control, including livestock gains, ease of handling, forage production and wildlife behavior were discussed.

About 400 ranchers and others were in attendance.

ROACH'S Remodeling Sale is Continuing.

Take a Look at the Ads. A little time spent in reading them is time well spent.

Visiting during the past weekend with Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Key were Mr. and Mrs. B. Shelburne and little sons, Ian Key and David Paul, of Plainview. Also with them was Jimmy Shelburne of Amarillo. The vis-

itors are grandchildren of the Keys. G. B. and Gene Shelburne, also grandsons of the Keys, visited here Monday and Tuesday and went fishing. G. B. is on six months leave from his work as a missionary in Africa and Gene lives in Amarillo.

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Miss Durrett Training Here

A newcomer to Robert Lee is Miss Diane Durrett, Extension Assistant, who is training under the supervision of Mrs. Fay C. Roe and Sterling Lindsey, Coke County Extension Agents. Diane arrived Oct. 1 and will remain here until Jan. 1, 1972. She will then have a county assignment as County Home Demonstration Agent in District VII.

Miss Durrett is a native of Houston. She graduated from the University of Houston in August with a BA degree in Home Economics Education. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. John Durrett Sr. of Houston.

Miss Durrett will be attending meetings, working with 4-H and Home Demonstration Club members, as well as in community events while she is training in Coke County.

Mrs. C. G. Walker Sr. recently spent a week visiting her two daughters and their families, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Robertson at Odessa and Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Eaton at Andrews.

ROACH'S Remodeling Sale is Continuing.

RUNNELS BAPTIST ASSN. TO HAVE 64TH MEETING

Runnels Baptist Association will have its 64th annual meeting Monday, Oct. 18, at the 7 Street Baptist Church in Ballinger. The meeting will get underway at 2:30 p.m., followed by supper at 6 p.m. and the worship service at 7 p.m.

The Rev. Harry Morris of Bronte will deliver the annual sermon.

Youth Rally

The Runnels Baptist Association Youth rally will begin at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 16, at the Southside Baptist Church in Winters. A group of Hardin-Simmons University students will present a religious drama.

FAMILY GET TOGETHER

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Linton of Barstow, Calif., visited here for a week in the homes of her sister, Mrs. Frank Bryan and her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Linzy McDorman.

The family had a reunion Sunday, Oct. 3, in the home of Mrs. Bryan. Other brothers and sisters attending were Mr. and Mrs. Henry Brooks and Mrs. Lela Gilbert, all of Brownwood; Mr. and Mrs. Howard McDorman of Sweetwater; Mr. and Mrs. Elton Mayfield and Bonnie Sue of San Angelo; Mrs. Dean Childress and Melvin Childress, Robert Lee.



Notes From The Oil Field

Thomas D. Humphrey Oil Properties, Ltd., Dallas, will drill a 6,000 foot wildcat in southeast Coke County, four miles southwest of Tennyson and 3 1/2 miles east and slightly south of the one-well Schuch (Caddo) Field. It is the No. 1 J. P. Arrott.

Location is 2,080 feet from the south and 1,980 feet from the west lines of 19-EL&RR, Abst. 143.

It is 1/2 mile south of Great Western Drilling Co. No. 1 Arrott, a 5,800 foot failure abandoned Aug. 24; and 3/4 mile east-southeast of Champion & Gregory No. 1 Arrott, a 5,607 foot wildcat re-entry, abandoned on June 5, 1970.

Items of Interest From R-Lee BCD

Tuesday's BCD meeting was devoted entirely to discussion of the progress being made on the proposed brochures for use in advertising the City of Robert Lee and surrounding area. Colored pictures that have been made were shown and it was decided that more pictures are needed before choosing the eight that will be used in the brochures.

Roy Ford volunteered to use his camera and make more pictures. It was also agreed that retakes will be necessary on some of the pictures that were too dark to be usable.

W. D. McAdams, president, presided for the meeting. There were 12 members and one guest, Don Thorpe, new deputy sheriff from Bronte, present.

Gladewater Rites For Mrs. Smith

Mrs. Jessie Mae Smith, 78, died last Thursday at 10 a.m. in a Gladewater hospital after a short illness.

Funeral services were at 10:30 a.m. Saturday in the Church of Christ at Gladewater. Walter Talley, minister, officiated. Burial was in Highland Cemetery at Deport.

Mrs. Smith had lived at Gladewater since 1937, having moved there from Jefferson.

She is survived by two sons, M. L. (Pete) Smith of Robert Lee and C. E. Smith of Gladewater; two daughters, Mrs. Clayton Burk and Mrs. Thelma Threadgill, both of Gladewater; two sisters, Mrs. Nellie Critson of Gladewater and Mrs. Maude Franks of Deport; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were grandsons, Ronnie Smith, Eddie Smith, Randy Smith, Morris Smith, Bobby Chandler and John Burkett.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Smith and Randy returned Monday after spending several days at Gladewater and attending the funeral.

B Team Downs Eldorado, 3-0

The Steer "B" team put together a real good defense and capable running attack to take their first win of the season from Eldorado "B" here last Thursday. Score was 3-0.

Eldorado was a much larger team. The only score was a field goal by Doug Herford in the third quarter from 27 yards out. The "B" team is showing real improvement.

An Observer want ad will do it.

Hardin Funeral Held Saturday

Funeral services were held Saturday in Brownwood for William Presley Hardin, 34, of Ft. Worth, who died Thursday in a Ft. Worth hospital after a long illness.

He was a nephew of Mrs. Blackie Keener of Robert Lee, who attended the funeral, and a cousin of Dr. John Stevens, president of Abilene Christian College.

Burial was in Brownwood. He was a member of the Church of Christ.

Other survivors include a son; two daughters; his mother and stepfather and his grandparents.

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Steers Buffalo Forsan, 40 - 12

The Steers did this one in style with the defense scoring nearly as much as the offense. The Steers did it last Friday night when they went to Forsan and downed the Buffaloes, 40-12.

The Steer defense was sort of "blaa" in the first half as the score was tied, 12-12, at the half. But it stood to reason why, as the Steers definitely had a better ball club. They stayed back on their heels a little too long. It changed after the half as the Steers got down to the nitty gritty business and really put the helmet to them. It was a different ball club that came out the second half and the offensive charge netted big chunks in the Forsan line. The passing attack was just right to make the running attack work.

First Quarter

The Steers received the opening kickoff with the kick carrying out of the end zone. With the ball at the 20, the Steers could net only 8 yards and Mumford punted to the Forsan 47 yard line. Forsan moved quickly through the Steer defense as they made 1st downs at the Steer 42, the 29 and 16. Then the Forsan QB rolled out and went around end for the first score of the ball game. The extras failed and Forsan led 6-0.

Again Forsan kicked off out of the end zone and with the ball at the 20, the Steers moved for 1st downs at their 38 and then to the 50 and again to the Forsan 36. The Buffs got tough and held the Steers on downs at this point and they took over. The defensive line held the Buffs and they punted to the Steer 30 yard line. Rudy Abalos took the punt

and behind good blocking ran the ball all the way back to the Forsan 21 yard line, just nearly breaking loose. First play netted 4 yards and on 2nd down Bob Mumford broke through a hole in the right side and went 17 yards for a Steer TD. The extras failed and the score was tied 6-6.

Abalos kicked off to the Forsan 10 with a return to the 26. The Buffs made a 1st at their 41 as the first quarter ended.

Second Quarter

The Steers held at the 48, but Forsan got a 1st at the Steer 48 on a 4th down penalty. The Buffs went to the air and Abalos intercepted at the Steer 44. The Steers got hasty and fumbled back to them at the 46. Forsan made a 1st at the Steer 34 and again at the 13. The defense held and Forsan attempted a field goal but the try was wide and the Steers got the ball at the 20 yard line. Again fumbleitis set in and the Steers lost the ball at their 25 yard line.

On the first play a little razzle dazzle pass and lateral netted the Buffs another TD. The extras failed, but they led, 12-6. The Steers received the kickoff at the 10 and returned to their 28, but a penalty put the ball back to the 13 yard line.

The Steers made a 1st at their 37, but Forsan intercepted a desperation pass at the Steer 38. The Steers held on downs at their 36 and then they moved for a 1st at the Forsan 47, another at the 36; then a 5 yard loss set them back to the 41. With less than a minute to go, Johnny Wolfe hit Danny Percifull on the 30 with a pass. He followed good blocks by Wink and Flanagan and raced in for the tying score. PAT try failed and at the half it was 12-12.

Third Quarter

The Steers kicked off to the Buffs and with the ball at the 20, Forsan went for a 1st at the 31 and again at the 44. Then Wolfe intercepted a pass and returned to the Forsan 39. One running play and then another pass to Percifull worth 31 yards put the ball at the 5 yard line. Mumford crashed to the 1, but next play the Steers were penalized back to the 16. Wolfe called the right play and hit Abalos in the left flat for another Steer TD. Abalos circled end for 2 points and the score was 20-12.

The Steers kicked off to the 12 with a return to the Forsan 28. The Steer defense then proceeded to force Forsan to lose ground and the Buffs punted to the Steer 40 with a return to the 50 yard line. The Steers made a 1st at the Forsan 42, again at

the 25, then to the 10. On second down from the 1, Abalos followed the blocking and went in for a touchdown. Extras failed. Score: 26-12. The Steers kicked off and the 3rd quarter ended with the ball at the Forsan 28.

Fourth Quarter

Forsan made a 1st at their 39, but the Steers held and they punted short to the Steer 42. Forsan held the Steers at this point and Mumford punted to the 10 with a return to the 29. On second down Forsan tried a little razzle dazzle option pitch, but Rudy Abalos had it figured out and cut in between the quarterback and pitch man and went 34 yards untouched for another Robert Lee score. Abalos ran

the extra points and the score was 34-12.

Abalos kicked off to the Forsan 18 and it was returned to the 26. The Steers held there and the Buffs punted to the Steer 37. The Steers lost back to the 29 and were forced to punt. Mumford punted to the Forsan 35 with no return. Forsan made a 1st at the Steer 46, then again at the 33. But Abalos got into the act again and intercepted a pass at the Steer 35. He raced 65 yards, untouched again, for a TD. The extras failed and it was 40-12.

The Steers kicked off and held Forsan as time ran out. Final score: 40-12.

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Furniture and Fixtures	8,396.53
Cash and Exchange	552,439.43

\$3,575,915.12

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Capital Stock	\$ 100,000.00
Surplus	150,000.00
Undivided Profits	53,601.95
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Unearned Interest	15,000.00
Deposits	3,236,069.07

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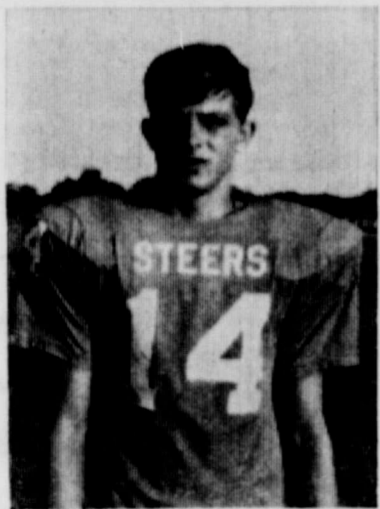
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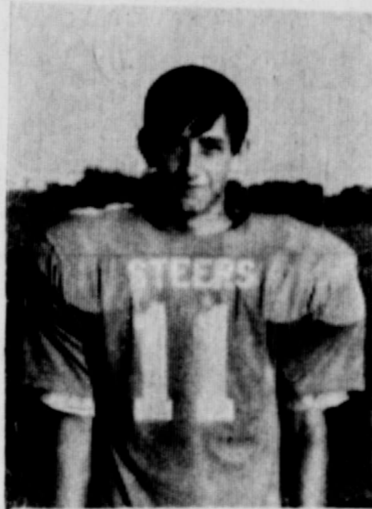
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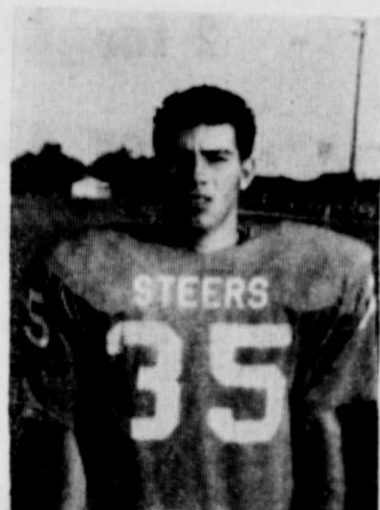
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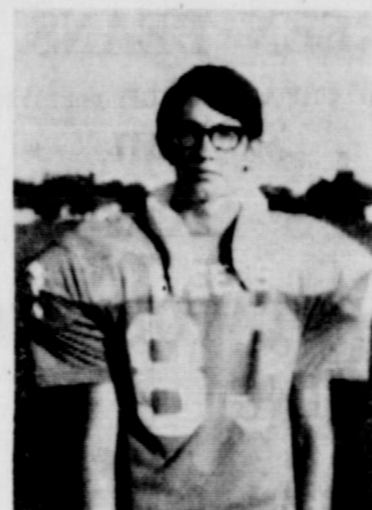
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The State 4-H Dress Revue is sponsored by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service as a feature of the State Fair of Texas.

Screwworm Case Found in County

Coke County has sustained a confirmed case of screwworms, its first in approximately two years. A sample submitted by Donald Mauldin, taken from a baby calf on his place south of Robert Lee, was confirmed as being screwworms.

All Coke County operators are encouraged to be on the lookout for possible worm cases, said County Agent Sterling Lindsey, and to take precautionary steps to prevent a screwworm outbreak.

The recent weather conditions have produced growth conditions favorable to screwworms. Also, confirmation of this case was delayed several days. Regular checks on all livestock could help prevent additional cases showing up in our area, Lindsey said.

The county agent said he would like to mention one other possibility. Conditions for small grain grazing this fall looks very good. These same conditions make the possibility of a fall army worm outbreak very possible. Everyone needs to be on guard for the insect.

"Normally one of the first signs if you do not see the worm," Lindsey said, "is a pale and/or yellowish to brown spot will show up in the pasture or field. If the worms are thick enough, they will cut off the leaves, leaving the stalk or stem usually. A heavy outbreak can reduce the grazing capacity considerably."

Lindsey added: "Should you need to spray a small grain field, sevin, methyl parathion, parathion and toxaphene are the insecticides recommended to be used. Be sure to follow the controls and directions listed on the insecticide label."

NOTICE

Alton Pyburn, representative of the Farmers Home Administration, will not be here for his regular visit on Thursday, Oct. 21. An FHA group will attend a district meeting in Midland on that day.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Vinson of El Paso visited over the weekend here recently with Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Burns.



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