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At Annual Banquet

RLHS Athletes Are Honored



Mike Davis and Anthony Percifull with Trophies

Approximately 150 persons were present last Saturday night when Robert Lee High School athletes were honored at the 1974-75 Athletic Banquet. The event was held in the school cafeteria.

Following a meal of turkey and dressing with all the trimmings, a program of recognition and presentations of awards was conducted.

The Rev. Roy Epperson led the invocation and a welcome was extended by Supt. Jimmy Bickley.

Coach Chris Frederick recognized members of golf, tennis and boys basketball teams and the managers; Coach Bobby Meason recognized the Steer football team and the boys track team and the managers; and Coach Ronnie Ruff gave recognition to the girls basketball and track teams and their managers.

Coach Meason also expressed his thanks to the cheerleaders, pep squad, Steer Band and all others who participated in and supported the athletic program during the year.

Mike Davis, a senior and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Add Davis, received the annual Steer Award. He was elected by his teammates to receive this honor which denotes leadership, ability and representation of the team both on and off the field.

Anthony Percifull, a sophomore and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Percifull, was selected by the coaching staff as recipient of the new annual Jethro Pugh Extra Award, which was awarded for his extra effort given throughout the season.

Seniors Liz Bickley, Elaine Milligan and Donna Cooley, on behalf of the girls basketball team and Coach Ruff, presented the following three trophies to Prin. Jerry Gibbs to be placed in the school's trophy case: Championship Trophy of the Bronte Tournament, District 9-A Championship Trophy and Bi-District 9-A and 10-A 1974-75 Championship Trophy.

Incidentally, Coach Ruff reported that Southlake-Carroll, the team that defeated the Robert Lee girls by 3 points at the regional tournament, went on to win the state championship by going into triple overtime play.

Guest speaker for the occasion was Bob Harrison of Stamford, who spoke on "What It Takes to Make a Champion." In spelling out the word CHAMP, he said that C stands for courage, H for heart, A for attitude, M for modesty and P for pride. These attributes, Harrison said, can make one a "champ."

In conclusion of the program, the benediction was given by Clyde Dukes.

Weldon Fikes Selected Conservationist of '74

Weldon Fikes has been selected as the Outstanding Conservationist for the Coke County Soil and Water Conservation District for 1974.

Fikes operates several places in the district and has taken an active

interest in improving each of the places. Some of the conservation practices that have been applied are: terrace construction, conservation cropping system, pond construction, deferred grazing, proper grazing use, brush management, and range seeding.

He has taken special interest in improving the productive capacity of the land by controlling undesirable brush species, followed by range seeding of adapted grass mixtures.

The primary grasses that have been seeded are K.R. Bluestem, kleingrass, sideoats grama, blue panic, and green sprangletop. These grasses produce large amounts of high quality forage. They are excellent for protecting the soil from erosion.

Fikes was selected for this honor by the board of directors of the Coke County Soil and Water Conservation District.

In addition to his farming and ranching operations, Fikes also serves as Coke County auditor.

He and his wife, Bryce, have three married daughters. They are active workers in Robert Lee Baptist Church as well as civic affairs.



Weldon Fikes

Funeral Held Here For Hugh Smith

Funeral services for Hugh Green Smith, 88, were held Monday at 2:30 p.m. in the Robert Lee Baptist Church. Rev. Roy Epperson, pastor, conducted the services, assisted by Rev. A. A. Kendall, pastor of the First United Methodist Church, and John Gross, minister of Southside Church of Christ. Burial was in Robert Lee Cemetery under direction of Newby Funeral Home.

Mr. Smith died at 2:59 a.m. Sunday at West Coke County Hospital after a short illness.

He was born Oct. 14, 1886, in San Saba County, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Richard Burton (Elizabeth Edwards) Smith. He and Minnie Maude Jones were married Oct. 14, 1908, at Milburn, Tex., by Rev. Thames a Baptist minister, as they sat in their buggy in front of the parsonage. They came by wagon to Coke County in December 1909, stopping for a short time and then going on to Reeves County. They returned to Coke County the following year and began farming on the Press Walling place.

In 1918 he and his family went to Homing, Okla., where they lived for five years, working in the oil field. They returned to Coke County in 1924 to stay and in 1929 bought the McDorman place in the Wildcat Community, nine miles southwest of Robert Lee. They lived there until his retirement in 1959 when he and Mrs. Smith moved to Robert Lee.

At an early age, he was taught the art of hunting, trapping and fishing by an older brother, and

Deadline Passes For Two Elections

Midnight, March 5, was the deadline for candidates to file for the two positions on the Robert Lee School board of trustees and the three positions for aldermen on the city council. The elections will be held April 5.

Up to noon Wednesday, three candidates had announced for school trustee, the two incumbents, D. J. Walker Jr. and Foy Askins, plus Ben Bessent.

City Secretary Edna Havins reported Wednesday that only one candidate had announced for the city council election. Hank Baker filed Tuesday night. The terms of Frank Hearn and Dale Wojtek expire next month. The recent resignation of Robert Large leaves a third position to be filled.

Another election to be held April 5 will name two directors to the board of West Coke County Hospital District. Terms of Victor Wojtek and W. E. Jacoby expire this year. Both Wojtek and Jacoby have been petitioned to run again. Also petitioned to have their names on the ballot are Joe Ash and Maurice Yarbrough. Filing deadline is 25 days before the election.

Roach's Store Hit By Burglars

Roach's Dry Goods in Robert Lee was burglarized last Thursday night with considerable merchandise stolen by the lawbreaker. Among the merchandise missing were approximately two dozen pairs of jeans, some double knit pants, shirts, underwear, etc. Also taken was approximately \$50 in cash. Sheriff J. Lee Ensor said the entire haul would amount to \$300 to \$400.

Ensr pointed out, however, that it is extremely difficult for the owner of a store of this type to determine exactly just what was taken. The burglar gained entry to the store through a back window.

Also burglarized recently was the home of C. E. Ford at Lake Spence. Ford, an Odessa attorney, said no one had been staying at the place for about two weeks when the burglary was discovered. Missing items include a black and white TV

SCHOOL OUT FRIDAY

Classes will be dismissed Friday at Robert Lee School in order for students to attend the San Angelo Fat Stock Show.

set, a battery charger, two boat motors and a lantern. Value was estimated at least \$500, according to information released by the office of the sheriff.

Some other burglaries on the east side of the county have probably been cleared up, Ensor said, as most of the missing goods has been found in Abilene. A suspect has been apprehended in Oklahoma and Texas lawmen are trying to have him extradited to face trial in Texas.

Among the places burglarized was the farm of W. E. Hartman of Fort Worth. His place is located north of Tennyson. Items missing included a black and white TV, two saddles, a saddle blanket, two pocket knives, a lantern and a large butcher knife.

The same suspect is expected to be questioned about burglaries in the Blackwell area and other places.

Services Wednesday For Mrs. Croslin

Mrs. Hester Croslin, 82, died Tuesday at 8:10 a.m. in a San Angelo hospital following a short illness. Services were conducted at 10 a.m. Wednesday, March 5, at the First United Methodist Church of Robert Lee, with the pastor, the Rev. A. A. Kendall, officiating. Services were directed by Newby Funeral Home.

Mrs. Croslin was born Hester Le-roir on Oct. 22, 1892, in Faight, Tex. She was married to Claude Bedford Croslin in 1910 in Lamar County. The Croslins were a well known family of Lamar County where they resided and he farmed for many years until his retirement. Mr. Croslin died in 1966.

Mrs. Croslin spent the past seven years in Dallas and Robert Lee. At her death, she was a resident of the West Coke County Nursing Home in Robert Lee.

Survivors are three daughters, Mrs. A. W. (Ella May) Gibson of Dallas, Mrs. J. V. (Eunice) West of Honey Grove and Mrs. A. J. (Fay) Roe Jr. of Robert Lee; one sister, Mrs. Katherine McHam of Paris; four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Graveside services will be held today (Thursday) at 11 a.m. in Paris, with the Rev. Don Shaw, pastor of Cavanaugh United Methodist Church of Greenville, conducting the services. Burial will be in Evergreen Cemetery.

Pallbearers were James E. Brown, A. J. Roe III, Fred Beaty, Tom Rives, Clarence Mitchell and Bill Roe.

ABC TOURNEY SUNDAY

All golfers are invited to participate in an ABC Tournament Sunday March 9, at Mountain Creek Golf Course in Robert Lee.

Everyone taking part should be signed up by 1 p.m. as tee off time is at 1:15. Prizes will be awarded to the three winning teams.

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**ALPHA KAPPA PI MEETS
WITH MRS. ROYCE HOOD**

Members of Alpha Kappa Pi met Feb. 26 in the home of Mrs. Royce Hood with Mrs. Bobby Roberts serving as co-hostess.

President Mrs. Leon Sockwell read a letter thanking the sorority for its contribution to the 1975 state project, Help Autistic Children.

The program, "Drama, Part II," was given by Mrs. Jack Mathews and Mrs. Wayne Mashburn.

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SUMMARY OF PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS SPECIAL ELECTION APRIL 22, 1975

**NUMBER ONE
ON THE BALLOT
(S.J.R. No. 3)**

Repealing Sections 48a, 48b, 51e, and 51f of Article III and Sections 62 and 63 of Article XVI of the Texas Constitution, Article XVI of the Texas Constitution is amended to:

Provide for the revision and consolidation of provisions relating to state and local retirement systems and programs and to provide that all general laws that have established retirement systems and optional retirement programs for public employees and officers in effect at the time of the adoption of this constitutional amendment will remain in effect, subject to the general powers of the Legislature.

Provide that the amount a participating officer or employee contributes to the employee retirement system or the teacher retirement system shall be established by the Legislature but may not be less than 6% of current compensation and providing further that the amount contributed by the state may not be less than 6 nor more than 10% of the aggregate compensation paid to participating persons, except that in an emergency, as determined by the Governor, the Legislature may contribute more than 10% of the aggregate compensation paid to persons participating in state retirement systems.

Provide that the Legislature shall provide for local retirement systems created by any city or county for its officers and employees and shall further provide for a state-wide system of benefits for officers and employees of counties or other political subdivisions of the State which may voluntarily participate, and

to further provide that a state-wide system of benefits shall be provided for officers and employees of cities which may voluntarily participate.

The wording of the proposed amendment as it will appear on the ballot is as follows:

"The constitutional amendment revising and consolidating provisions relating to state and local retirement systems and programs and providing for a maximum state contribution to state systems of 10 percent of the aggregate compensation paid to individuals."

**NUMBER TWO
ON THE BALLOT
(H.J.R. No. 6)**

Amending Article III, Section 24 of the Texas Constitution to:

Provide an increase in salary for members of the Legislature from \$400 per month to \$600 per month.

Provide an increase in the per diem rate for members of the Legislature from \$12 to \$30 for each day during each Regular and Special Session of the Legislature.

Provide an increase in the transportation allowance for members from \$.10 per mile to the rate prescribed by law for employees of the State of Texas.

The wording of the proposed amendment as it will appear on the ballot is as follows:

"The constitutional amendment setting the salaries of members of the legislature at \$600 per month and setting a per diem of \$30 per day during legislative sessions and a mileage allowance at the same rate provided by law for state employees."

**Lunchroom
Menu**

Monday, March 10: Macaroni and cheese, spinach and eggs, baked beans, biscuits and butter, milk and ice cream.

Tuesday, March 11: Meat loaf, buttered rice, English peas, celery sticks, hot rolls and butter, milk and fresh oranges.

Wednesday, March 12: Pinto beans, pickled beets, buttered potatoes, cole slaw, corn bread and butter, milk and peach cobbler.

Thursday, March 13: Hot dogs with chili, combination salad, buttered hominy, potato chips, milk and chocolate pudding.

Friday, March 14: Turkey and dressing with giblet gravy, candied sweet potatoes, green beans, hot rolls and butter, milk and fruit Jello with cream.

**HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION
WORK TO INCLUDE COKE**

Some of the highway construction contracts let in February by the Texas Highway Commission include San Angelo area work.

The work, supervised by Durward R. Watson, district engineer, will be in the following counties: Coke, Concho, Crockett, Kimble, Menard, Reagan, Runnels, Schleicher and Tom Green.

Contract for the work was awarded to Strain Brothers, Inc., of San Angelo. Low bid was \$701,868.96.

The project, which will require an estimated 75 working days, will be under the direction of James R. (Bobby) Evans of San Angelo.

The contract calls for seal coating 152.8 miles of highway.

Actual work in Coke County includes 4.148 miles on State Highway 158 from the Runnels County line to U. S. 277 in Bronte.

Improvements in counties contiguous to Coke County which will be of local interest include 13.231 miles on State Highway 158 in Runnels County west to the Coke County Line. Both of these projects are on the Bronte-Ballinger highway.

Another stretch of improvement is described as 13.130 miles on U.S. Highway 277 from the Coke County Line to the Railroad Crossing. This includes the stretch of Highway 277 from the county line north of Orient to the railroad crossing northeast of San Angelo on the Bronte-San Angelo highway.

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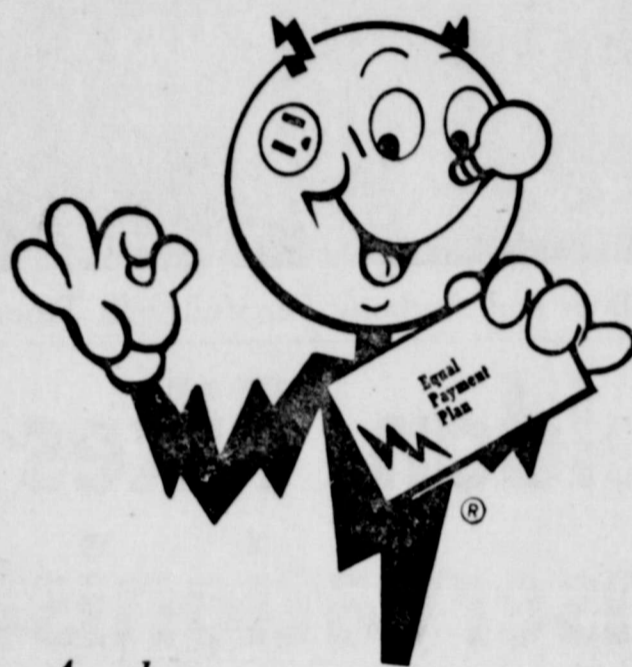
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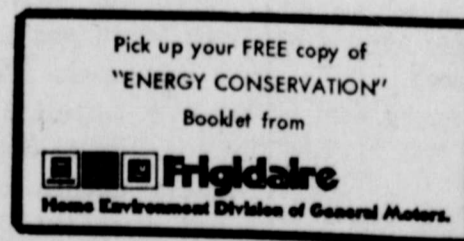
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News from West Coke Nursing Home

By Mildred Sparks

Blooming in the late fall, next to the wall in the Nursing home flower garden will be a new bronze chrysanthemum. Some folks will give it a

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We are extremely fortunate in having the support of all our churches as well as individuals and organizations. In January the following churches held services at 2 p.m. on Sundays: Pecan Baptist, Northside Church of Christ, Robert Lee Baptist Church and Southside Church of Christ. First United Methodist, Emmanuel, Pecan Baptist and Northside Church of Christ came for our February services. Bro. Roy Epperson comes each Thursday for Bible Study. We want you to know we appreciate all this. We were glad to have Mrs. Ray

Stevens and Mrs. Carol Faust back again for music and song.

A delight to us all were the Valentine tray favors that were made by Mrs. Virginia Wallings' fifth grade class.

February birthday celebrations were Alice Preslar and Lettie McDonald. The party was sponsored by Mrs. Eloise Guerran's sixth period homemaking class. They brought three beautiful cakes they had made. Serving cake and punch were Mary Kay Baker, Vicky Bevan, Karen English, Linda Havins, Christine Lara, Janice Lara, Brenda Mathews, Debra Reed, Teresa Torres and Jeania Tinkler. They sang "Happy Birthday" while the gifts were opened.

The Northside Church of Christ brought us a set of dominoes and we are using them because Wednesday is game day. Bro. Gross, minister of Southside Church of Christ, and members of his congregation came in the afternoon for checkers,

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dominoes and eventually, I hope bingo. Cleve Casey and Pearl Mayo play a challenging game of dominoes.

Southside Church of Christ brought us an album of the King James Version of the New Testament recorded by the American Bible Society.

Six residents attended the Senior Citizens luncheon and party on Feb. 15. Pearl Mayo, Ruth Clift, Naomi Brown, Pearl Childress, Dave Milligan and Jim Robertson all went for lunch and some stayed for dominoes.

Pearl Childress is our new resident and a most welcome addition. We are truly glad to have her.

The West Coke County Nursing Home and Hospital staff thank you most sincerely for your help and support.

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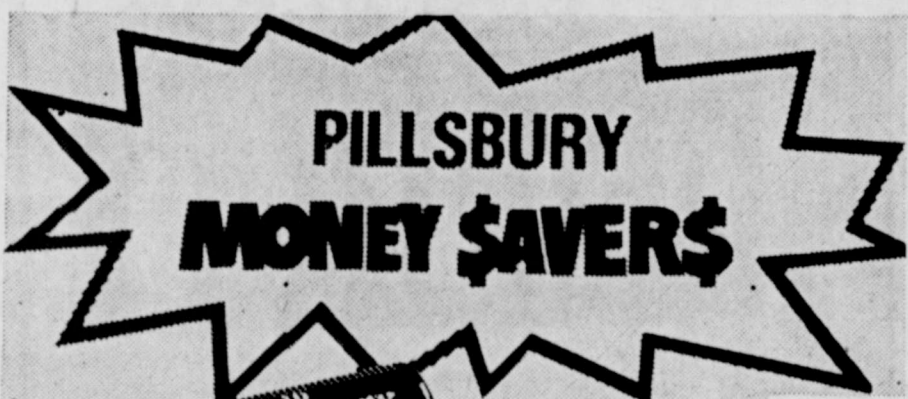


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SMITH FUNERAL —
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participated in these sports many years.

Mr. Smith was a deacon of the Pecan Baptist Church for many years. He later moved his membership to the Robert Lee Baptist Church where he was active until his health became bad. He also served several years on the Wildcat School board and was active in community activities.

Survivors are his wife of Robert Lee; four sons, Wesley Smith and Delbert Smith of San Angelo, Wayne Smith of Houston and Cecil Smith of Odessa; three daughters, Mrs. Homer (Lucille) Carwile and Mrs. Lowell (Margaret) Roane of Robert Lee and Mrs. A. D. (Aleene) Williams of San Angelo; a brother, Kirby Smith of Mercury; nine grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Floyd Harmon, R. C. Patterson, Bobby Baker, Melvin Childress, W. D. McAdams and Gary Williams, all of Robert Lee, Conley Owens of Abilene and Norris Lofton of Snyder.

Weekend visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Jett Hood were his brother and sister, Hood, of Brownwood and Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Mrs. Dwayne Williams, LaVon and Darrell of Snyder. Mrs. Williams is a daughter of the Jett Hoods.

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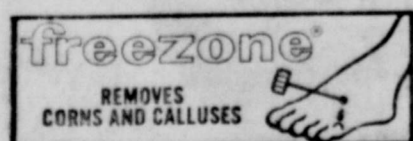
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Big Crowd Attends Schools Program

A large crowd attended a program held Tuesday night in the Robert Lee School auditorium which was presented in observance of Texas Public Schools Week.

Supt. Jimmy Bickley welcomed everyone and after a short speech turned the program to George Strickland, director of the music department.

The Beginner Band, composed of fifth graders, presented two numbers: Liz Bickley, Valerie Baker, Sheila Roberts and Myna Roane, a clarinet quartet, played "Four Schubert Waltzes" and the Stage Band played three selections for the audience.

A time of visitation and serving refreshments followed the program.

Junior Hi Tracksters Place at Eldorado

Robert Lee Junior High girls and boys were in Eldorado last Friday for a junior high track meet. The local girls took third place and the boys finished sixth among the 16 schools entered.

Placings in girls events: Shot put, Audrey Williams, 4th; Discus, Williams, 2nd and Linda Cooley, 5th; Broad Jump, Lisa Devoll, 4th; High Jump, Devoll, 1st, and Karen Rasco, 6th; 80 yard low hurdles, Williams, 2nd; 440 relay, Karen Flowers, Devoll, Elsa De La Pena, Brenda Cooley, 4th; 330 yard dash, Wyndell Skinner, 6th; 100 yard dash, De La Pena, 4th; 880 yard relay, De La Pena, Flowers, Williams and Skinner, 2nd; 1320 yard relay, Williams, Flowers, Devoll and Renea Flanagan, 2nd.

In the boys events: David Lackey took 1st in the 330 yard dash, 40.9; Lackey, Clay Allen, Terry Ross and Randy Collins, 3rd in 1320 yard relay; Lackey, Allen, Ross and Collins, 4th in the 440 relay, 52.2; Buddy Wallace, 5th in Discus, and Lackey, 5th in broadjump.

They will participate in the Coahoma track meet Saturday.

ATTENDS UNCLE'S FUNERAL

High School Prin. Jerry Gibbs was in Hobbs, N. M., Monday to attend funeral services for his uncle, T. O. Gibbs, 90, who was a resident of Hobbs. Principal Gibbs accompanied his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Gibbs, from their home in Andrews.

GAMES SCHEDULED

The Robert Lee High School seniors will sponsor volleyball and basketball games Monday, March 10, at 7 p.m. in the RLHS gym.

The senior girls will play the faculty women in volleyball and the senior boys will take on the faculty men in basketball.

Tickets will be 50 cents for adults and 25 cents for students.

Robert Lee to Host Girls Track Meet

A total of 34 girls track teams will be in Robert Lee Saturday for a high school girls track meet.

Action will get underway at 9:30 a.m. with field events and running preliminaries will begin at 10 a.m. Finals will begin at 2:45 p.m.

Everyone is invited to attend any or all of the all day affair.

Frank Schroeder, brother of Mrs. James (Maxey) McClure, returned to his home in Coram, N. Y., last Saturday after spending a week in Robert Lee with Mr. and Mrs. McClure. Other recent visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Brown and Travis of Enid, Okla. Mrs. Brown, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. McClure, is the former Dianna Kinney.

PUBLIC INVITED TO SEE SLIDES PRESENTED BY MISSIONARY

The public is invited to attend a slide presentation at 7:30 p.m. tonight (Thursday) at Northside Church of Christ when Jack Hutton, from Namikango Mission near Zomba, Malawi, Africa, will show color slides and report on work being done there. The slides will feature the Malawi people, their land and culture and the mission program.

Hutton, who has spent two years in Malawi and is in the states on leave will soon be returning to the African Mission work in Malawi.

Flanagan Receives 20 Year Award

R. L. Flanagan, local game warden, was awarded a 20 year service pin by the Texas Parks & Wildlife Commission Friday, Feb. 28, at Austin. Flanagan and five other men were presented awards by Pierce Johnson, chairman of the commission. Also on the program was Executive Director Clayton Garrison who reviewed the men's careers with the department.

Flanagan began his work as a game warden in Burnet County in 1954. At the end of that hunting season, he went to Texas A&M for one semester, graduating in May 1955.

After graduation, he was assigned to Edinburg, Hidalgo County, for a short time and then returned to Burnet County where he was stationed at Lake Buchanan from 1955 to 1959. In 1959 he was transferred to Ballinger and came from there to Robert Lee in 1962.

He was born and reared in Comanche County, where his father, C. A. Flanagan, still resides.

He and his wife, Evelyn, are parents of two daughters, Renea, who is a seventh grade student at Robert Lee School and Mrs. Richard (Margaret) Lehr of Odessa, and a son, Randy, also of Odessa. They have one grandson, John Richard Lehr.

Girl Scouts to Have 63rd Anniversary

The 63rd anniversary of Girl Scouting will be observed during Girl Scout Week March 9-15. The week long observance will begin with the traditional Girl Scout Sunday on March 9 when the girls will attend the church of their choice.

Another event scheduled for the Girls Scouts, Brownies and Cadets of the Robert Lee, Bronte and Blackwell area, is a Father-Daughter Barbecue, "A Look Back," to be held March 15 at 7 p.m. in the Bronte Community Center. A Bicentennial theme will be used at the affair.

Donations of meat or cash are needed for the barbecue. Anyone who would like to help the Scouts by contributing money or meat can call Ginger Hagen at 453-2982 or Mary Herring at 453-2690 in Robert Lee or Mary Sprenkle at 473-5181 in Bronte.

Girls Look Good At Santa Anna Meet

The high school girls track team placed sixth among the 17 schools entered Feb. 28 in the girls meet at Santa Anna.

The mile relay team and 880 yards relay teams ran for fourth place wins for the high points of any event. Five girls, Vicki Gartman, Stella Bickley, Tammy Hambright, Kathy Reed and Janice Bloodworth, make up the teams.

Virgilla Streng was third in shot put competition, while Cindy Ash was fourth and Betty Flowers sixth. Streng placed fourth in discus.

In the 880 yard dash Debbie Smith was fourth and Carla Wojtek fifth.

LaNell Flowers finished fifth in the 440 yard dash.

Steer Band Having A Busy Time

During the past few months the Robert Lee Steer Band has been preparing for various contests scheduled for February and March.

On Feb. 25, the Stage Band participated in the Roscoe Stage Band Festival held at Roscoe High School. Nine Class A bands were entered including Robert Lee. The Steer musicians brought home a large trophy for third place honors. Other Class A bands competing were: Albany for first place, Roscoe for second, Rotan, Munday, Haskell, Early, Iraan and Wylie. Linda Havins, trombone soloist, was selected for the All-Star Band in Class A.

Seven Steer Band members will be participating in the UIL Solo and Ensemble Contest to be held Saturday at Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene. Members going and their specialties include: Cathy Roe, clarinet solo; LaJohnna Deen, French horn solo; Morris Wallace, cornet solo; and Liz Bickley, Sheila Roberts, Valerie Baker and Myna Kay Roane, clarinet quartet.

Five of the Steer Band lasses have been accepted for the Texas Woman's University All-Girl Band Festival to be held March 13-15. Audition tapes from bands all over the state were sent to TWU for selection of participants. Robert Lee is honored to have all five of its entries accepted.

Those selected were Lesa Lindsey, flute; Liz Bickley and Sheila Roberts, clarinet; Jan Green, contra-bass clarinet; and Linda Havins, tuba. The girls will spend three days of concentrated rehearsal in preparation for the Festival Concert to be held Saturday evening in Denton.

On Friday (tomorrow) the band will be in San Angelo to march in the Rodeo Parade which will start at 10 a.m. downtown. They will also attend the 2 p.m. rodeo performance before returning to Robert Lee.

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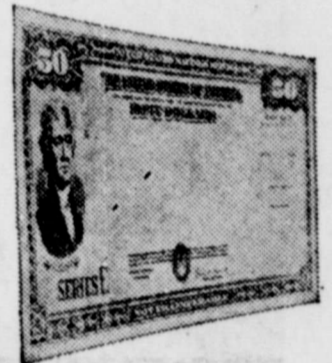
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Della Katherine Dean and Milton Wayne Lemons Exchange Wedding Vows in Saturday Ceremony

Della Katherine Dean of Robert Lee and Milton Wayne Lemons of Sanderson were married at 3 p.m. Saturday, March 1, in the First United Methodist Church of Robert Lee, with the Rev. A. A. Kendall, pastor, officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Bryan of Robert Lee and the late Jeff Dean. The bridegroom's mother is Mrs. Lewis H. Lemons.

Jacinta Busenlehner of Austin, a former college roommate of the bride, served as bridesmaid and Glenn Haynes of Sanderson was best man. Ushers were Jerry Dean of Austin and Frank Owens of Sanderson.

The bride was given in marriage by Mr. Bryan. Special guests were Mrs. Della Henry of Arlington and Mrs. Katherine Parris of San Angelo, aunts for whom the bride was named.

Vocalists were Mr. and Mrs. Tony Dean of Matador, and organist was Keith Butler of San Angelo.

A reception featuring the bride's chosen colors of orchid and yellow,

was held in the Fellowship Hall of the church. In the houseparty were Mmes. George Newby, Marvin B. Simpson, Delbert Walling, Bryan Yarbrough, Raymond McCutchen, Gene Hinnard, Terry Frank Bryan, Ann Martin, Richard Bryan, Jerry Dean, Bob Lomas and Glenn Haynes.

Mr. and Mrs. Lemons will live in Amarillo where he is a student in Texas State Technical Institute.

Out of town guests attending the wedding included Mrs. D. H. Kingston and Mr. and Mrs. David Dean, Balmorhea; Mrs. Nora May, Weatherford; Rev. and Mrs. Walter Galloway, Mr. and Mrs. Eldon McGonnagil, Mrs. Walter Groth, Tim Patterson and Red Wagner, Marathon; Miss Peggy Haines, Richardson; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Owens, Mrs. Laura Haynes and Jo Lynn Haynes, Sanderson; Mr. and Mrs. Charlie McAnally, Alpine; Rinda Beth Wojtek, San Angelo; Mr. and Mrs. Otis Smith, Bronte; Mr. and Mrs. Bob Lomas, Abilene.

Coke Rodeo Assn. Created Recently

A joint meeting of the Coke County Riding Club and the Coke County Roping Club was held Feb. 23 at Bronte, and the two groups voted to merge into one organization to be known as the Coke County Rodeo Association.

All activities to be held in the future at the Bronte Rodeo Arena will be under the supervision of the new organization.

Membership cards will be printed and sold to those who wish to join the new organization and participate in events at the arena.

Next meeting of the group will be at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 11 in the vocational ag. building in Bronte. Everyone interested is urged to attend, as playdays, Coke County 4-H Horse Show and other important items of business will be discussed.

Officers of the new Coke County Rodeo Association are: president, Merle Griffin; vice president, Gary York; secretary, Connie York; treasurer, Marshall Millican; reporter, J. Lee Ensor.

Greenwood Takes Bi-District Win from Miles

The Greenwood Rangers squeaked by the Miles Bulldogs 61-60 in a bi-district Class B game played here Tuesday night. A large crowd of

local and visiting fans watched the contest which had been close and exciting from start to finish.

With 2:54 showing on the clock the score was tied 54-54. Greenwood led 59-56 with 1:05 left and Miles closed the gap to 58-59 with 47 seconds left. Miles lost the ball and Greenwood sank two more points. The battling Bulldogs got the ball with 8 seconds left and sank another basket, but it was not enough, leaving the final score at 61-60.

Miles led 30-26 at the half and 44-38 at the start of the fourth quarter.

The Rangers will advance to the regional competition which will be held this weekend in Levelland.

LOCAL YOUTHS WIN AT ANGELO ART CONTEST

Three Robert Lee students received recognition in the Youth Art Contest sponsored by the San Angelo National Bank and promoting the San Angelo Stock Show and Rodeo.

In Division Two, which consisted of grades 3, 4 and 5, Everett Wilson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Wilson, won third place prize of \$10.

Receiving honorable mention were Bobby Foust, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Foust, and Tommy Bosworth, son of Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Bosworth.

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Hospital News

Feb. 25: Hester Croslin admitted.
 Feb. 26: Sharon Till admitted.
 Hester Croslin dismissed.
 Feb. 27: Yvonne Conner, Elsie Latham, Mike Wilson dismissed.
 Feb. 28: Dewitt Snead, Tom Winton, Elsie Latham admitted.
 March 1: Sharon Till dismissed.
 March 2: Georgia Roe admitted.
 March 3: Jessie Eads Jr. admitted.

ATTEND "CAT" MEETING

A barbecue and maintenance care meeting was held last Thursday night at the Knights of Columbus Hall in San Angelo. It was sponsored by Treanor Equipment Co. of Abilene Caterpillar dealer for a wide area of West Texas.

Following the barbecue supper, films were shown and talks made on the care and maintenance of Caterpillar equipment.

Attending from J. D. Harmon, Inc., Coke County conservation contractor, were Carlton Caston, Frank Casey, Otis Watson, Luther Lara Jr. and Ernest Ybarra.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Springer and Shyrl of San Diego, Calif., visited a few days last week with her sister and brother-in-law Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wyatt.

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HARMONS ATTEND NATIONAL LAND IMPROVEMENT CONFAB

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Harmon of Robert Lee were among the more than 1300 members of the National Land Improvement Contractors of America annual convention held Monday through Wednesday of last week. The convention was the 27th annual gathering of the organization and was held at the Hilton Del Rio Convention Center in San Antonio.

The 1200-plus members present included representatives from 30 states and 40 from Canada. The Harmons reported this was the "best and largest convention held and the first in Texas." Last year's gathering was in Williamsburg, Va.

Gov. Dolph Briscoe and U. S. Rep. Omar Burleson were two main speakers on the program. Both of the speakers emphasized the need for making agricultural lands of Texas and America more productive. They cited the world wide need for more food production and pointing out the wise use of available land is of paramount importance in achieving this goal.

The 1976 convention will be held in San Diego, Calif.

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From October 1 To December 31, 1974

FUND	Balance Oct. 1, 1974	Receipts	Disbursements	Balance Dec. 31, 1974
Jury	\$ 18,633.20	\$ 0	\$ 537.76	\$ 18,095.44
General	6,498.89	149,841.10	43,978.94	112,361.05
Officers Salary	1,610.29	33,658.53	23,518.94	11,749.88
Road & Bridge	38,452.53	28,361.65	30,380.99	36,433.19
Farm to Market & Flood Control	22,082.54	53,082.66	25,497.64	49,667.56
Social Security	15,665.69	0	6,435.70	9,229.99
Law Library	115.00	30.00	0	145.00
Criminal Justice Planning Fund	738.65	720.00	669.75	788.90
Coke County Road Bond Interest and Sinking No. 1972	9,250.48	27,125.50	3,948.75	32,427.23
Revenue Sharing Trust Fund	44,169.80	17,173.00	22,894.48	38,448.32
Lateral Road	11,716.75	0	11,716.75	0
TOTAL	\$168,933.82	\$309,992.44	\$169,579.70	\$309,346.56

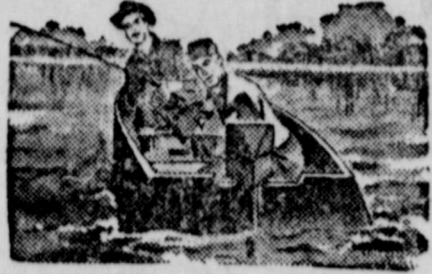
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BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority appeared Jerry Thomason, County Treasurer of Coke County, Robert Lee, Texas, who being duly sworn, says the within and foregoing is a true and correct statement as taken from the Quarterly Report of the County Treasurer of Coke County, Texas.

Jerry Thomason
 County Treasurer, Coke County, Texas

Betty Griffin
 Notary Public in and for Coke County, Texas

(SEAL)



FISHING REPORT from Lake Spence

The Permian Bass Club of Odessa recently held a bass tournament at Lake Spence with 91 fishermen showing up on Saturday and 78 on Sunday.

Windy Stoneman was the champ for the Saturday activity with three black bass that totaled 12 lbs., 8 ounces. He also had the largest single fish, a nice one at 5 lbs., 2 oz.

The other members of the top 10 in Saturday's competition were Robert Dewoody, five at 12 lbs., 9 ozs. Milt Ardry, three at 8 lbs., 15 ozs. Wallace Langley, three at 8 lbs., 14 1/2 ozs.

Russell Johnson, two at 4 lbs., 12 ozs.

Billy Fine, four at 9 lbs., 8 ozs. Lois Schwager, one at 4 lbs., 1 oz.

Skip Skipworth of Robert Lee, three at 10 lbs., 5 ozs.

Lynn Pearce, three at 10 lbs. Frank Fielding, three at 4 lbs., 1 ozs.

Hubert Scruggs, one at 3 lbs. Danny Langley, one at 3 lbs.

In the Sunday action Russell Johnson had three heavyweights that totaled 8 lbs., 12 ozs.

Jim Todd, three at 7 lbs., 12 ozs. Billy Fine, three blacks at 5 lbs., 5 ozs.

Herbert Pearce, three at 5 lbs. Wallace Langley, three at 4 lbs., 5 1/2 ozs.

Robert Huckeba, one at 2 lbs., 8 1/2 ozs.

Donnie Rhodes, one at 2 lbs., 3 1/2 ozs. Jess Anthony, one at 2 lbs., 3 ozs.

Bryan Cooper, one at 2 lbs., 1 oz. Gene Aier, one at 1 lb., 15 ozs.

Dannie Langley, one at 1 lb., 13 ozs.

Russell Johnson had the largest fish on Sunday, weighing 4 lbs., 12 ozs.

San Angelo Bass Club

The San Angelo Bass Club met here last weekend with Dick Owens taking top honors. He had five blacks up to 5 lbs., 5 ozs., for a total of 19 lbs.

Butch Kuhns, four to 3 lbs., 11 ozs., total 11 lbs., 1 oz.

Danny Cochorn, for to 3 lbs., 1 oz., total 9 lbs., 15 ozs.

Russ: Baumann, two to 2 lbs., 13 ozs., total 5 lbs., 2 ozs.

Tommy Vanzant, 1 at 4 lbs., 6 ozs.

Ben Walters, 2 blacks, to 4 lbs., 6 ozs.

Albert Valdez, 1 at 4 lbs., 2 ozs. Don Batko, 1 at 1 lb., 12 ozs.

Other recent catches:

Y. J.'s Marina

Dair Sherrell, 4 blacks to 2 1/2 lbs.

Lee Atwood, Lubbock, 1 striper at 5 1/4 lbs.

James Bone, Lubbock, 1 striper at 4 1/4 lbs.

Buddy Ussery, Lubbock, 15 white bass.

Bill Bomer and Danny Faulks, Odessa, 1 black at 4 lbs.

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L. D. Chrine, Big Spring, 1 striper at 4 1/2 lbs.

William Bell, Midland, 6 crappie to 1 lb.

C. D. and H. W. Harris, Odessa, 4 stripers to 8 1/2 lbs. and 15 channel cat to 2 lbs.

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Jessie Harmon, Robert Lee, 3 blacks to 2 lbs., and 1 channel cat.

Floyd Harmon, Robert Lee, 3 blacks to 3 lbs. and 2 channel cat.

John Page and party, Robert Lee, 2 stripers at 12 lbs. and 8 lbs.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Carstensen and Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Taylor, Odessa, 27 crappie, 1 black and 1 striper.

Wildcat Fish-A-Rama

Dave Lungstrum, Independence, Mo., and Bill Stanfield, Pittsburg, Mo., 1 black at 4 1/2 lbs., 10 white total 17 1/2 lbs.

Pat McShane, Kermit, 1 black at 2 1/4 lbs. and - white at 1 1/4 lbs.

Don Hendley, Brownfield, 1 striper at 3 lbs.

Leon Page, Brownfield, 9 white bass to 1 1/2 lbs.

Maurice and Bubba Duncan, Robert Lee, 2 stripers at 9 lbs., 6 ozs. and 5 lbs., 3 ozs.

Hillside Grocery

Dalles Johnson and Ronnie Caulder, Robert Lee, 1 black at 6 lbs. and 8 crappie, total 6 lbs.

C. C. Weir, Robert Lee, 1 striper at 4 lbs. and 1 black at 5 1/2 lbs.

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During the recent Texas Farm Bureau Board Meeting rates were approved for the Texas Farm Bureau Group. The new rates will be reflected in billing for the April 1, 1975 quarter. Benefits remain the same. The increased rates reflect continued inflation and increased utilization. Your state Farm Bureau is making detailed studies of optional plans for your consideration in the future. Rates were approved as follows:

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given by the Parks and Wildlife Department that a public hearing will be held at 2 P. M. on March 26, 1975, at the County Courthouse at Robert Lee for the purpose of gathering information concerning proposed hunting fishing and trapping regulations for Coke County.

As the result of action by the Texas Legislature, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission is responsible for the setting of seasons, bag limits, and means and methods of taking the wildlife resources in Coke County. All interested persons are urged to attend and comment upon the proposed regulations. 1tc

Varsity Team 10th At Santa Anna Meet

The Robert Lee Steer track team competed in the Santa Anna track meet last Friday, and with only six Steers participating, took 10th place among the 18 teams competing.

The Steers finish 4th in both the 440 yard relay and the mile relay. George Abalos scored 4th in the long jump and Shell Williams was 4th in the 120 yard high hurdles and the 330 yard intermediate hurdles.

Members of the 440 relay team are Williams, Lyn Sockwell, G. Abalos and Poly Abalos. Mile relay members are Walter Flowers, G. Abalos, Sockwell and P. Abalos.

Steve Blair competed in the shot put and discus throw for the Steers.

The Steers will not compete in a meet this weekend, but will host a triangular meet Thursday (today) with Bronte and Sterling City as guest teams.



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