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Livestock Show Big Success; Many Awards Presented

The annual Coke County trophy. Livestock Show started out in typical cold weather fashion, but Monday's weather warmed up considerably by noon and it proved to be a bright day.

It was particularly bright for the winners of the show as they came out on top of some stiff competition of 73 FFA and 4-H Club members exhibiting

some 235 animals. Clay Bloodworth won the grand champion trophy in market swine contest. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Bloodworth of Silver. Tom Ensor took the champion lamb trophy donated by Nathan's Jewelers. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Lee Ensor of Bronte. Everett Wilson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Wilson of Robert Lee, showed the champion steer, and Lynn Gulley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Gulley of Robert Lee, won the champion heifer

B Team Tourney To Be Continued

The Robert Lee B Tournament which was partially played last weekend and cancelled because of bad weather conditions, will be continued Saturday.

The tournament was in the second round of play when hazardous driving conditions caused school officials to cancel the remaining games.

The first game will be- Cindy Walker. gin at 9:30 a.m. Saturday with Robert Lee girls going up against Mertzon. The Steers and Hornets will play in the second game.

Consolation finals will then be played, followed by games for third place. The finals Saturday night will see the two top teams in the boys and girls brackets fight it out for the championship trophies.

The public is invited to attend the remaining games of the tournament. School officials are hoping weather conditions will be better than last weekend, and that the tournament can be completed.

Breeders trophies went to the following winners: calf, Clifford and Susie Wilson; lamb, J. Lee Ensor; pig, Cindy Walker.

Winning showmanship awards were: beef calf, Everett Wilson; lamb, Jana Ragsdale; swine, Buddy Wallace.

Following the judging of the various classes, the annual sale was held with 72 animals going across the block. They brought a total of \$3915 to their owners. Edward Cumbie of Bronte served as auctioneer

Listed below are the winners of various classes through third place:

SWINE BREEDING GILTS: 1. and 2. Russell Johnson; 3. Cindy Gartman. LIGHT DUROCS: 1. Cindy Walker; 2. Donnie Grant; 3. Bill Grant Jr. MEDIUM WEIGHT DUROCS:

1. Cindy Walker; 2. Bob Flowers; 3. Joel Percifull.

HEAVY WEIGHT DUROCS: 1. Clay Bloodworth; 2. Buddy Wallace; 3. Cindy

CHAMPION DUROC: Clay Bloodworth.

RESERVE CHAMPION DUROC: ualized, since some Buddy Wallace.

LIGHT WEIGHT HAMPSH-IRES: 1. Jana Gartman; 2. Randy Gartman; 3. Cindy Walker.

HEAVY WEIGHT HAMPSH-IRES: 1. and 2. Cindy Walker; 3. Randy Gart-

CHAMPION HAMPSHIRE:

RESERVE CHAMPION HAM-PSHIRE: Cindy Walker. LIGHT WEIGHT CROSS-BRED: 1. Pat Percifull; 2. Joel Percifull; 3. Kellye Percifull. MEDIUM WEIGHT CROSS-BRED: 1. Kerry Gartman; 2. Debbie Askins; 3. Doug Tounget.

HEAVY WEIGHT CROSS-BRED: 1. and 2. Cindy Walker; 3. Doug Roberts. CHAMPION CROSSBRED: Cindy Walker.

RESERVE CHAMPION CROSS-BRED: Cindy Walker. OTHER PURE BRED: 1. Clay Bloodworth; 2. Dough Tounget; 3. Scot

CHAMPION OTHER PURE BRED: Clay Bloodworth. RESERVE CHAMPION OTHER Continued on Page 7

County Officials Given Pay Raises By Committee

Coke County elected officials had to present their cases before the county grievance committee last Friday afternoon in order to get their salaries set for 1979.

Necessity for action by the grievance committee was necessary because of failure to publish a notice of intent to set salaries at the annual budget hearing last September.

The 1979 budget which was adopted included a 10 per cent raise for all elected officials, but Judge D.W. Sims said last week before convening the committee that the law clearly stated that the notice had to be published in a newspaper in the county at least 10 days before the salaries were set.

Basically, the grievance committee agreed to the 10 per cent increase for the elected county officials. The raise varied in some instances, as the committee felt that the salaries should be eqofficials were drawing more pay than others. However, there were some other changes made in the adopted budget. County commissioners' salaries were raised more than the 10 per cent, but their car expense allocation was lowered to compensate for the raise.

Another change was in the salary of the county judge. He was raised to compensate for the loss of income due to abolishment of the office of county school superintendent. The committee also decided that the county judge should have no car expense and the salary was increased to make up that difference.

Judge Sims said this week that the changes were made to simplify and equalize county officials' salaries and, basically, the salaries were raised the 10 per cent which was approved last fall.

The grievance committee is made up of four citizens of the county whose names are drawn from the grand jury of the previous year. This year's committee was composed of Frank Demere, Lora Belle Brown, Joe Ash and Sue Millican. Serving with this citizen group are the sheriff, tax assessor-collector, county attorney, county clerk and county treasurer. The county judge serves as chairman but has no vote.

In order for the committee to have the final say in matters which are presented, all nine members have to vote unanimously. If one member had voted against any of the salary changes, the matter would have gone back to

the commissioners' court for action. Judge Sims said he received a 9-0 vote on every grievance presented by the county officials. Sims said he based his decision to convene the committee on the law (39-K) which states that public notice must be given 10 days before salaries of elected officials are set.

Weaver New FB Insurance Man

Dennis Weaver of Big Spring has taken the position of agency manager of the Coke-Sterling Farm Bureau Insurance Co. He has taken the place of Waldon Millican who has decided to devote full time to ranching.

Weaver has been an agent with Farm Bureau in Big Spring for the last two years and has been a member of the Million Dollar Club both years.

The new agency manager plans to move his family to this area as soon as housing can be found. His wife, Janice, is a teacher in the Big Spring Schools and has resigned her position there, effective this week. They have two children, Timmy, 8, and Jennifer, 8 months. Weaver grew up in Hamlin and is a graduate of Hamlin High School.

Weaver said he would like for everyone to come by the Farm Bureau office in Robert Lee and get acquainted. "I'd like to meet as many folks as possible and invite everybody to come by the office for a visit and cup of coffee," he said. He also has a 1979 calendar-almanac for his visitors.

Weaver said George Demere will continue to serve as agent for Farm Bureau in Sterling City.

Make sure the pilot light for gas stove burners is properly adjusted--it could be burning more fuel than necessary.

Area Experiences Icy Weekend, Two Sunny Days, More Cold Wednesday

Cold wet weather returned to the Coke County area Wednesday morning after a brief respite Monday and Tuesday from the freezing drizzle of the weekend. Last weekend was miserable with just enough moisture provided to cover everything with a glaze of slippery ice. Travel and even stepping outside were hazardous Saturday and Sunday.

Monday morning dawned cold but clear and the sunshine started burning off the icy glaze

which had accumulated Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Tuesday was warm enough to melt most of the ice which remained.

However, another front moved in Tuesday night and cold drizzle was falling Wednesday. A report just before noon said the moisture was freezing just north of Blackwell.

Weather forecasters said this area might receive measurable rain during the spell which started Tuesday ROBERT LEE OBSERVER PUBLISHED EVERY FRIDAY

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Grievance Committe Does Good Job

The action of the Coke County grievance committee last Friday afternoon deserves the applause of every taxpayer and citizen of Coke County.

County officials were given a reasonable raise in pay, the first they have had in two years. This doesn't seem to be out of line, considering inflation.

But the best thing they did was to designate almost all the income of each official as salary for serving in an office.

Car expense accounts are out, except for \$50 a month for each of the four commissioners. They formerly had been drawing \$75 a month to operate their vehicles.

All the income of the county judge is now salary. There are no car expenses and no pay for serving as county school superintendent. He just draws a salary.

The simplification of the salary schedule will make it much easier for any citizen to go to the courthouse, take a look at the budget and see exactly what each job pays.

Another good result of the meeting was equalizing salaries of the county officials. Heretofore there were some inconsistencies in the amount drawn by various officials, supposedly based on the importance and amount of work involved in each job. We feel that all the positions are important, else we wouldn't have the office set up. And, as for the amount of work, they should all work full time and give the jobs their best efforts - all day every day.

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Judge D.W. Sims said the discussion was

News from West Coke Hospital

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

Jan. 2: Fern Havins, Elizabeth Gray admitted. illegal. Eunice Ellis dismissed.

Jan. 3: Louella Davidson, Marie Hester, Pauline Thompson, Bryan Gartman, Douglas Morris admitted. Sila Nowlin dismissed.

Jan. 4: Inez Minjarez, Amanda Harmon admitted. No dismissals.

Jan. 5: Lola Allison, Clara Hood, Josie Sims, Dale Wojtek admitted. Fern Havins, Ronald Walton, Hazel Morrow dismissed.

Jan. 6: Vickie Northam, W.E. Jacoby admitted. Buck Duncan dismissed.

Jan. 7: F.L. Haley, Darrel Copeland admitted. No dismissals. Jan. 8: Sara Lara, Era Kennedy, Neil Black admitted. Josie Sims, Dale Wojtek, Vickie Northam, Douglas Morris, Bryan Gartman, Marie Hester, Sally Gartman dismissed.

TEXAS ARBOR DAY---Texas Arbor Day is Jan. 19, ted as Coke County's a day especially set aside to plant trees. Trees are important to preserving the environment. They provide shade and lumber, reduce noise levels, and help filter dust from the air. It is important to plant adapted varieties and species.

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prompted by a ruling which went into effect June 6, 1978, which states that JP's must conduct court and other official business within the boundaries of their precincts. The Precinct 1 JP office has been in the courthouse for years, but the courthouse is located in Precinct 3.

ation illegal. Sims said he had issued a memorandum, effective immediately, that conducting Precinct 1 court cases in the court house is

which Judge Sims said

makes its present oper-

The commissioners are studying the use of space in the courthouse and there may possibly be no JP office in the courthouse, even though Precinct 3 now has a justice of the peace, resulting from the election of Mrs. Cova Sparks to the position in the General Election last November. Judge Sims said the court will take more time to study the space problem before a decision is reached.

In other business the commissioners officially approved salaries of county officials as set by the Coke County Grievance Committee last Friday. (See story else- ation. where.) Names were also drawn for a grievance committee for 1979 and will be announced as soon as the persons have been notified and accepted.

Judge Sims was appoinrepresentative on the Concho Council of Governments. Other business consisted of routine matters.

Fisher's Office

WASHINGTON -- Congressman Tom Loeffler finally moved into his new office in the Longworth House Office Building --Number 1213.

But, turns out Number 1213 is an old hand at being a part of Loeffler's 21st Congressional District.

On a recent trip back to the Hill Country, freshman Congressman Loeffler was rubbing elbows at a small party in the home of veteran 21st District Congressman O.C. Fisher.

During a discussion between the two, Fisher politely asked, "Which office did you draw, Tom?" Loeffler was anything but prepared for the look of incredulity that swept over Fisher's face when he reported, "1213 Longworth".

After a moment's shocked silence (doubtless, Fisher computed the odds of drawing that particular office in that particular building from among the 435 offices available spread throughout three massive House office buildings), Fisher finally exclaimed, "I had 1213 Longworth for 15 years -- from 1949 until 1964!!"

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DEPUTY SHERIFF GETS TELEPHONE

Deputy Sheriff Fred Kessler now has a telephone and the number is 453-2266.

Sheriff J. Lee Ensor said that Kessler could be contacted at this number when he is at home and is needed.

Buddy Wallace On Super Team

Robert Lee Steer Buddy Wallace was selected for membership in one of the most exclusive groups in West Texas when he was named to a guard position on the All-West Texas Super Team. Announcement of the selections was made in Sunday's San Angelo Standard-Times.

Selections were made by sports writers of the Standard-Times with the help of coaches throughout the area.

up of players from schools in Class B through Class 3-A. No Class 4-A players are included in the selections.

Wallace and Max McGhee of Wink were the only two players from Class B schools who were selected for honor.

Other players selected were from Fort Stockton, 2. Colorado City, Kermit, San Saba, Andrews, Fre- The girls A team had dericksburg, Brownwood, Alpine, Iraan, Kerrville, Stanton, Snyder and Menard. Coach Gordon Wood of Brownwood was named Coach of the Year.

Wallace is a 6 foot, 190 pound senior at Robert Lee High School and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Wallace Jr. He was also selected as a member of the Standard-Times' Class B All-West Texas team. He is active in FFA and other student activities at RLHS.

Among the visitors in the home of Mrs. C.G. Walker during the Christmas holidays were Mr. and Mrs. W.G. Robertson, Corky and Kim of Lindsey, Okla., and Mr. and Mrs. J.K. Eaton, Jerry and John of Andrews, M Mr. and Mrs. Bob Gilliland of Odessa, Mr. and Mrs. J.M. White, Jamey and Joel of Orange, and Mr. and Mrs. J.K. Eaton Jr., Mark and Melissa of San Angelo.

Teams Getting Back on Schedule

After about a month lay-off, Robert Lee High School basketball teams are getting back in swing in preparation for district competition. The Christmas holidays and cancellations due to weather and sickness have caused some slow-down in progress of the teams. Four teams went to Sterling City Tuesday night and took three victories, suffering one defeat.

The boys A team were defeated 49-40 by the Sterling City lads. Coach Roddy McIver was optimistic, however, stating," We were able to play Sterling City a better game than we did during the Robert Lee tourney." Making points for the Steers were Kevin Roe 14; Wes Sawyer 9; Brett Clark 8; Kerry Gartman 2; Mark Riley 2; Ricky The super team is made Tijerina 2; David Lackey 1.

The boys B team pulled out a 28-24 victory over the Eagles in overtime play. Scot Long and Robert Tijerina both hit 6; Joel Percifull, Edwin Wilson and Steven Ray each had 4; Darren Williams and Jose Saucedo each hit

GIRLS GAMES an easy time of it as they defeated Sterling City 41-23. Lisa Devoll was high pointer with 15; Cindy Walker had 9; Karen Rasco 4; Delight English 4; Debbie Askins 3; Elsa De La Pena 2; Renea Flanagan 2; Kellye Percifull 2. The girls B team also had an easy win, ending up with a 20-8 score. Dianna Tinkler was high with 8; Mary Ann Abalos had 7; Dee Anna Key 4; Mary Galvan 1. District play will

start tonight (Friday) when the teams host Trent. They will go to Divide Tuesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Heffernan and Dusty of Omaha, Neb. recently visited in the Turney Casey Home.



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ALPHA OMICRON NU HAS BUSY DECEMBER Members of Alpha Omicron Nu had a busy month during December. Dec. 11 was the date of the seventh regular meeting of the year. The meeting was held in the home of Kathy Post with Debbie Shaffer serving as co-hostess. Sheri Millican presented the program entitled "Careers." The pledge ritual was given to Linda Link and Hazel Abbott.

The eighth regular meeting was hosted by Linda Link on Dec. 21. This meeting also served as the annaul Christmas party and each member provided part of the refreshments. Lynne McIver presented the program on "Service" and then members enjoyed refreshments. Following refreshments, members opened gifts from their secret sisters.

First meeting of the new year was held January 8 in the home of Vicki Yeager. Hazel Abbott served as co-hostess to six attending members. Final plans were made for a "White Elephant Sale" and plans were also made for a "Card and Domino" social to be held Jan. 27. Nite Gaye Williams presented a program on "Life Expectancy" and gave each member a test of factors to see how long each member should live. Members enjoyed refreshments and a shortened pledge ritual was given to Vicki Yeager.

unchroom

Monday, Jan. 15: Sausage on a stick; Cheese stick; Pork and Beans; Hot Biscuits and butter; Butter potatoes; Milk; Peach half.

Tuesday, Jan. 16: Hamburgers; Onion, lettuce, tomato, pickles; Butter corn; Cookies; Milk.

Wednesday, Jan. 17: Pinto beans with meat; Pickled beets; Potato salad; Corn bread butter; Peach Up-side Down Cake; Milk.

Thursday, Jan. 18: Tamalies with chili; Butter rice; Carrot cabbage slaw; Chopped onion; Hot Biscuits and butter; Milk; Apple

Crisp. Friday, Jan. 19: Fish Krispies with tarter sauce; French Fries with ketchup; Carrots and peas; Hot Rolls and butter; Milk; Mixed fruit.

MISS JAN GREEN AND MR. WHEILES TO WED

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Carrol Green announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Jan, To Randy Wheiles, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Wheiles of Andrews.

Wedding vows will be exchanged on June 2 at Southside Church of Christ in Robert Lee. The bride-elect is a 1975 graduate of Robert Lee High School and is presently attending Abilene Christian University, a senior, to graduate in May.

The prospective bridegroom is a 1973 graduate of Odessa High School. He is presently attending college in Odessa and is employed by Investments Property Management, Inc.

> REPORT YOUR NEWS!

J. T. THETFORDS TO BE HONORED

All friends and relatives of Mr. and Mrs. J.T. Thetford are invited to attend a reception Sunday, Jan. 14, in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary.

The Thetfords are former residents of this area and now reside at Sunset.

The celebration will be held from 2 until 4:30 p.m. at the New Recreation Center in Robert Lee.

MRS. ROSS HONORED WITH BRIDAL SHOWER Mrs. Terry Ross, the former Shery Caves, was honored at a bridal tea Sunday, Jan. 7, from 3 to 4:30 p.m. in the home of the Bill Allens. Hostesses were Bobbie Allen, Doris Shandley, Nita Gaye Williams, Phelan Wrinkle; Charlene Rogers, Geanette Skinner, Diane Hambright, Melba Heck, Sue Anderson and Ruth Will-

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sirs:

Inclosed is my check in the amount of seven dollars to renew my subscription to the Robert Lee Observer.

issue of your paper as it keeps me informed of all the happenings around Robert Lee and what goes among my former friends and neighbors of Robert Lee.

Keep up the good work, SENIOR CITIZENS NOTICE and many happy returns for a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Sincerely, E.L. Reid Box 140 Rt.1 Grannis, Ark. 71944

Dear Jewell, Since we have moved up here in Yankee territory, we have really missed seeing Robert Lee folks occasionally. Therefore, we would like to subscribe again

to the Observer, and keep up with all that's going on at home. It certainly would be a much-needed ray of sunshine up here. We hope you have a

good year in 1979. Enclosed is a check I look forward to each in the amount of \$7.00.

Sincerely, Beth Walker 604 Lavina 717-697-5337 Mechanicsburg, PA 17055

Senior Citizens of Robert Lee and the surrounding area are invited to attend the monthly pot luck luncheon which will be held Jan. 18 at the Community Hall.

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Everyone is invited to remain for games and visiting after the luncheon.

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Funeral Is Held For Mrs. Hendley

Mrs. Virgle (Bess) Hendley, 57, formerly of Robert Lee, died at her home in Alice Monday, Jan. 8, after a sudden illness.

Services were at 10 a.m. Thursday in Eubank Funeral Chapel at Canton with the Rev. Lyle Pierce, pastor of First United Methodist Church of Robert Lee, officiating. Burial was in Haven of Memories Memorial Park in Canton.

Bessie Ruth Kellis was born July 17, 1921, and was married to Virgle Hendley. They moved to Robert Lee from Colorado City and lived here about 17 years. Mrs. Hendley accepted a position at the county tax assessor-collector office when moving to Robert Lee and worked there until August of last year. She and her husband moved to Alice about 3½ months ago.

She is survived by her husband; a son, Harold Kellis Hendley of Bedford; two grandchildren; and three sisters, Ophelia Kellis, Johnny Kellis and Ollie Mills all of Dallas.

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Services at Bryan For Mrs. Branch

Graveside services for Mrs. G.R. (Gussie) Branch, 90, were at 2 p.m. Monday, Jan. 8, in Bryan City Cemetery.

Mrs. Branch died Sunday morning at Rotunda Nursing Home in Gatesville where whe had been seriously ill since suffering a stroke in October.

Agnes Augusta Buchanan was born Jan. 4, 1889, in Bryan and was married to George Robert Branch. She had lived most of her life in Bryan and was woman's editor for the Bryan Daily Eagle newspaper 15 years. She had lived in Gatesville the last 2½ years.

Survivors include a son, Dr. George R. Branch of Dallas; three daughters, Mrs. Allen (Frances) Bloodworth of Silver, Mrs. W.G. (Nita) Knight of Brenham and Mrs. Ray (Gussie) Scruggs of Gatesville; nine grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

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Kings Attend Inauguration

Mr. and Mrs. Dave King and their family had a pleasant experience New Year's Day when they were in Santa Fe, N.M., to attend inauguration ceremonies for Mr. King's nephew, Bruce King, the new governor of New Mexico. Their three daughters accompanied them to Santa Fe.

The governor's office is familiar to Bruce King, who served four years as governor from 1971 to 1975. Since New Mexico has a law that a governor may not succeed himself, King had to wait four years to run again.

The group from Coke
County attended the
inauguration ceremonies in the morning of
New Year's Day, and
reception in the afternoon, and the inaugural
ball that night. Alice
King, the first lady
of New Mexico, was
hostess at a coffee
Tuesday morning in the
governor's mansion for
relatives who attended
the festivities.

Going with Mr. and Mrs. King to the inauguration were Mr. and Mrs. Harry Anderson of Austin, Mr. and Mrs.

Dan Hall, Judy and Dana of Columbus, Ohio, and Joyce and Rex Walker of Odessa. They had to travel in ice and snow both going to and coming from Santa Fe.

The Hall family from Columbus and Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Walker, Dave and Rex of Odessa spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. King.



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I am indebted to my friends and neighbors in the precinct for the encouragement and kind words you have had concerning my appointment to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Hood. Also, I want to thank the other commissioners for considering me and appointing me to this job.

It will always be my aim to give this job my very best efforts and to serve you honestly, impartially and efficiently.

Thanks to everyone for your past kindnesses, and I look forward to your future cooperation and help. Please contact me when you have a problem or an opinion to express concerning the duties of this office.

FINIS MILLICAN

Commissioner, Precinct 3

RESOURCES	LIABILITIES	
Loans and Discounts\$3,052,686.53	Capital Stock \$ 100,000.00	
U. S. Bonds and Securities 249,633.00	Surplus 240,000.00	
Warrants and State Bonds 919,919.26		
Other Bonds 3,470,881.54	Undivided Profits 469,160.63	
Federal Funds Sold 700,000.00	Reserves 27,152.61	
Banking House 22,205.00	Other Liabilities 70,704.82	
Furniture and Fixtures 17,139.82	Deposits 8,565,855.12	
Cash and Exchange 1,006,515.35		
Other Assets 33.892.68		
\$9,472,873.18	\$9,472,873.18	

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Weather Stops Jr. High Tourney

The Robert Lee Junior High basketball teams were going great at the Bronte tournament last weekend when the contest had to be called off because of hazardous driving conditions caused by the cold damp weather.

Both the boys and girls situated in Coke Counteams won their first two games and were ready to go into the finals when the tournament was cancelled. Bronte school officials said this week the tournament would not be continued, since an open weekend would not be availabel until the latter part of February.

GIRLS GAMES In their first game the girls defeated Wingate 32-17. Yolanda Torres was high pointer with 11; Martha Bickley hit 8; Leigh Ann Runnion 5; Debbie Cummins 2; of Section 185, Same Lupe Munoz 2; Amy Percifull 2; Sara De La Pena 2.

In their second game the girls gave the Bronte girls a 52-14 shellacking. Runion had a big 22; Bickley 12; Torres 4; Cummins 4; Munoz 4; Percifull 2; De La Pena 2; Sheri Ebenstein 2.

BOYS GAMES The Dogies took a 35-23 win over Wingate in their opening game. Quint Anthony was high pointer with 13; Kyle Gibbs 6; Scott Stephens 6; Lupe Torres 6; Everett Wilson 4.

The Dogies' second game was a bit closer with a 19-15 win over Water Valley. Anthony hit 6; Gibbs 5; Torres 4; Wilson 4.

The junior high teams were scheduled to have games with Bronte last night (Thursday) and will be busy Jan. 18, 19 and 20 hosting the Robert Lee Junior High Tournament.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Kane, Eatontown, N.J. and Mr. and Mrs. Mike Casey, Abilene, spent Friday thru Monday in the Turney Casey home. Other New Years visitors were Rev. and Mrs. Bascom Chesney, Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Coulter, Bill Mundell and Kathy Casey, draft or cashier's San Angelo; Larry Casey, Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. G.L. Coulter, Tim and Layne and Mr. and Mrs. Rocky Heffernan, Pat and Stacy, Bronte, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Casey, Mrs. Pearl Ditmore, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Hinton and H.C. Schooley, Robert Lee. Mrs. Kane is a daughter of Mrs. Hinton.

Association reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids.

FLOYD HARMON 28-3tc

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to an order of the Trustees of the Green Mountain Community Recreation Association approved at a meeting of said body held on December 4, 1978, the following described property, including all improvements located thereon, ty, Texas, to-wit: A two acre tract of land, more or less, being out of and a part of that certain tract of land containing four acres, more or less, out of the S.W. corner of Section No. 184, in Block 2, H. & T.C. R.R. Co. Survey, described by metes and bounds as

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

follows: BEGINNING at a rock pipe in which an iron pin is driven in the public road at the S.W. corner said Section 184 and the S.E. corner R.R.;

THENCE E. 276.6 feet, set stake for corner; THENCE N. 630 feet, set stake for corner; THENCE W. 276.6 feet to Section line, set stake (iron pin) for corner;

THENCE S. 630 feet to place of beginning, and containing four acres, more or less, SAVE AND EXCEPT, however, that certain 2 acre tract of land, more or less, as described in that certain deed dated August 25, 1971, executed by W.W. Thetford, County Judge, Coke County, Texas, to Albert N. Fields, recorded in Vol. 164, page 516, Deed Records of Coke County, Texas, reference to which is here made for all pertinent purposes. will be sold for cash. Sealed bids for such property addressed to Mr. Floyd Harmon, Chairman, Edith Route, Robert Lee, Texas, 76945, will be received until 1:00 o'clock p.m. on the 9th day of February, 1979, at which time the same will be open-

This property fronts on Texas State Highway #158 and is near Lake Spence.

A money order, bank check in the amount of 5% of the submitted bid should accompany the successful bid will be applied to the purchase price. All other money orders, bank drafts and cashier's checks will be returned to the unsuccessful bidders. The Green Mountain

Community Recreation

NOTICE OF BIDS FOR COUNTY DEPOSITORY Notice is hereby given by the County Judge of Coke County, Texas, for Depository of said Coke County and Coke County School District Funds for the next two years, in accordance with Article 2544 (25-50) Revised Civil Statutes, 1925 of Texas, at the February Term, beginning on the 12th day of February 1979. Said Court will receive proposals from any banking corporation, association or individual bank in said County that may desire to be selected as the Depository of said County. opened and read.

on, association or individual bank in said County desiring to bid. shall deliver to the County Judge on or before the first day of the Commissioners Court at which the selection of the Depository is to be made, a sealed proposal, stating the rate of interest that said banking corporation, association or individual banker, offers to pay on the funds of the County for the term between the dates of such bids and the next regular term for the selection of a depository.

Any banking corporati-

Said bids shall be accompanied by a certified check for not less than one-half of one per cent of the County's revenues of the preceding year as a guarantee of good faith on the part of the bidder, and that if his bid should be accepted he will enter into bond as herein provided, and upon failure of said banking corporation, association or individual banker that may be selected as such Depository to give the bonds required by law, the amount of such certified check shall go to the County as liquidated damages and the County Judge shall readvertise for bids, said Court reserving the right to reject any and all bids proposed. GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE this 8th day of January, A.D. 1979. (Seal) D.W. Sims, County Judge

28-3tc Freeze cranberries before grinding to pre-

Coke County, Texas

vent juice loss.

CONTRACTORS' NOTICE OF TEXAS HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION Sealed proposals for constructing 160.077 miles of Seal Coat on Various Highways in Tom Green, Reagan, Irion, Runnels, Schleicher, Glasscock, Kimble, Concho, Crockett and Coke Counties covered by CSB 70-1-38, CSB 77-1-13, MC 77-3-20, MC 77-4-19, CSB 77-6-46, CSB 158-1-42, MC 158-3-17, CSB 159-7-2, CSB 344-2-27, CSB 396-3-17, CSB 405-1-12, CSB 558-7-8, CSB 650-4-25, CSB 829-1-17, CSB 870-3-12, CSB 1644-3-6, CSB 2278-1-6, CSB 2279-2-12 & CSB 3291-1-3 will be received at the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation, Austin, until 9:00 a.m., January 18, 1979, and then publicly

Plans and specifications including minimum wage rates as provided by Law are available at the office of James R. Evans, Resident Engineer, San Angelo, Texas, and State Department of Highways and Public Transportation, Austin. Usual rights reserved.

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Public Notice Notice is hereby given that persons who own their residential homestead may apply for the Homestead Exemption at the office of the Tax Assessor-Collector of the Robert Lee Independent School District between the dates of January 1, 1979 and

April 30, 1979.

PERFORMANCE OF FIRST-CALF HEIFERS--Firstcalf heifers need special attention as they often experience rebreeding problems due to stress factors, says a livestock specialist. These can be overcome by separating heifers from mature cows the last three months of gestation and through the breeding season, and breeding virgin heifers 20 to 30 days earlier than the regular cow herd to assure early calves. Early weaning and limited daily suckling also take stress off firstcalf heifers.

When selecting an iron, consider cord placement. Cords fitted for right-handed persons contribute to accidents when used by left-handed persons. Right- and left-handed persons can use irons with the cord centered in the middle back, the specialist suggests.

RECYCLE POINSETTIA PLANTS---With special care, that poinsettia plant you received for Christmas can be brought into flower for Christmas, 1979. As its color fades, reduce watering. Cut the plant back about mid-April, repot, water and place in a sunny location. Later move it outdoors. To bloom by Christmas, the plant must be kept in total darkness from 5 p.m. to 8 a.m. from early October through Thanksgiving.

WINTER DRIVING TIPS

If you're like most people, you probably don't realize how cold weather can affect the performance of your tires.

Every time the temperature drops 10 degrees, your tires lose a pound of air pressure, and underinflation causes dangerous excess wear. Underinflation can also induce tire failure. Road checks reveal that at least one out of four cars is driving on seriously underinflated tires-4 or more psi below the vehicle manufacturer's recommendation. Check your tire pressure even more often in winter than you do the rest of the year-at the very least, once a month.



Another thing to check is your tire's "footprint"—the flattened section where the tread meets the road. It can be easy to see in snow, dirt or mud. When that footprint is smooth-down 1/16th of an inch or less tread depth, your tire is dangerous. Nearly 90 percent of tire trouble happens in the last 10 percent of tread wear.

If your tires have merely worn off the original tread, they can be either retreaded or traded in for quality retreads. Retreads, like new tires, must pass Federal standards, but cost about half as much. Retreads are approved by the Federal Aviation Administration and the Air Force.

Keeping an eye on your tires this winter can help make more sure you can keep your car on the road.

BE A PART-TIME SOLDIER.

If you want to do something different and challenging 16 hours a month, then the Army Reserve is the place to do it. From repairing a radio to driving a tank. Call your local unit to see what's available. It's listed in the white pages under "U.S. Government."



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CINDY WALKER AND RESERVE CHAMPION PIG

STOCK SHOW RESULTS -Continued from Page 1

PURE BRED: Doug Tounget. GRAND CHAMPION SWINE: Clay Bloodworth. RESERVE CHAMPION SWINE: Cindy Walker.

SHEEP

LIGHT WEIGHT FINE WOOL: 1. Lin Long; 2. Scot Long; 3. Dianna Tinkler. MEDIUM WEIGHT FINE WOOL: 1. Lisa Lee; 2. Dianna Tinkler; 3. Bill Carper.

HEAVY WEIGHT FINE WOOL: 1. Tom Ensor; 2. and 3. Bill Ensor. CHAMPION FINE WOOL: Tom Ensor.

RESERVE CHAMPION FINE WOOL: Bill Ensor. LIGHT WEIGHT CROSS BRED: 1. Kyle James; 2. Lin Long; 3. Amy Percifull.

MEDIUM WEIGHT CROSS BRED: 1. Lin Long; 2. Jana Ragsdale; 3. Kyle James.

HEAVY WEIGHT CROSS BRED: 1. and 2. Sheila Lee; 3. Dianna Tinkler. CHAMPION CROSS BRED: Lin Long.

RESERVE CHAMPION CROSS BRED: Jana Ragsdale. LIGHT WEIGHT MEDIUM WOOL: 1. Stan Ray; 2. Bill Carper; 3. Teresa Littlefield.

HEAVY WEIGHT MEDIUM WOOL: 1. Tom Ensor; 2. Jana Ragsdale; 3. Marty Caston.

CHAMPION MEDIUM WOOL: Tom Ensor.

RESERVE CHAMPION MED-IUM WOOL: Jana Ragsdale. SOUTHDOWN: 1. Jana Ragsdale; 2. Kathy Ensor; 3. John Halamicek. CHAMPION SOUTHDOWN: Jana Ragsdale.

RESERVE CHAMPION SOU-THDOWN: Kathy Ensor. GRAND CHAMPION LAMB:

Tom Ensor. RESERVE CHAMPION LAMB: Jana Ragsdale.

CATTLE BREEDING HEIFERS: 1. and 2. Lynn Gulley 3. Steven Ray.

LIGHT WEIGHT STEERS: 1. Doug Roberts; 2. Clay Bloodworth; 3. Steve Ray. HEAVY WEIGHT STEERS:

1. Everett Wilson; 2.

Michael Cervenka; 3. John Cervenka. GRAND CHAMPION STEER: Everett Wilson.

RESERVE CHAMPION STEER: Michael Cervenka.

ACCIDENT CONTROL---About one-sixth of all fatal traffic accidents occur on Friday or Saturday night between 10 p.m. and 3 a.m. It's a time for extra caution when driving.



Johannes Gutenberg, the father of printing, was originally a goldsmith.



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FOR SALE: Clean 1971 Ford pickup, CB and camper. 1972 Cutlass Olds, clean. Phone 473-4491. 1tp-BP

CARD OF THANKS

The families of Aubrey Bagwell wish to express their heartfelt thanks to our mony friends who extended their support, prayers, and compassion dur-ing our recent sorrow. We are most grateful for the special kindness shown by Mr. and Mrs. Shaffer and Rev. King and for the flowers, food and other kindnesses.

CARD OF THANKS

May we use this method of thanking our neighbors and friends for all the flowers, memorials, visits, food, our recent time of sorrow.

Our sincerest thanks to Dr. Shin, the Hospital Staff and Nursing Home Staff for their kindness and concern. The Family of Winnie Snead

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Another tip: Don't overlook the economics or convenience of traveling by train since over 1,500 trains serve more than 475 cities with rates that are less expensive than airlines. The family car can be the biggest bargain of all, but with the near completion of the federal interstate highway program, bus transportation has become extremely rapid from city to

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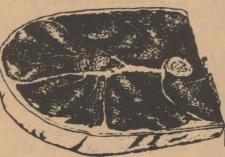
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