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Earth-Soaking March Rains Brighten Looks of County

Coke County residents have a changed attitude this week resulting from the fine rains which fell last weekend and the first of this week.

Farmers and ranchers were jubilant over moisture which promises to give them a good growth of spring grass

Absentee Voting Underway for April Elections

Absentee voting began this week in the three elections which are coming before voters on April 7. Voters who will be out of the county on election day or are eligible for some other reason, may vote absentee in person or by mail.

To be elected on the first Saturday in April are three trustees for the Robert Lee School, three aldermen for the Robert Lee city council and two directors for the West Coke County Hospital District.

A great deal of interest in all the elections has been shown since all three are contested—a situation which does not often develop. Highest interest apparently lies in the voting for school trustee where eight citizens would like to be elected to the board. Four candidates are running for city alderman and three will be elected. Three names are on the ballot for hospital board director and two of them will be successful.

Those who wish to vote absentee should appear in person at the places and before the persons named below as absentee clerks. Ballots to vote absentee by mail also may be requested from the clerks named.

For school trustee Mrs. Reba Roberts is absentee clerk at the Robert Lee School tax office.

For city alderman, Mrs. Edna Havins is absentee clerk at the city hall.

For hospital district director, Mrs. Mildred Reese is absentee clerk at the county clerk's office in the courthouse.

and fields of wheat and oats can almost be seen growing.

Most of the reports received by the Observer indicate that Robert Lee received 2 inches of rain.

Heaviest amount reported was 4.5 inches on the Barton Waldrop place at Hayrick.

Some reports on Monday's rain were:

Bobby Baker, southwest of town, 1.75.

Raymond Bloodworth, Silver, 1.1.

J.M. Prine Jr., Sanco, 1.6.

Tom Rives, Friendship, 2.3.

Frank Percifull, southeast, 1.5.

David Key, west of town, 2 inches.

A slow drizzle fell during the past weekend and yielded about a half inch of rain. Another run of showers came Tuesday night and most everyone reported another half inch, so the above Monday measurements can be increased about 1 inch.

Wednesday's forecast called for more rain during the afternoon and night with a clearing trend setting in Thursday.

Golfers to Play For Rehab Center

A golf tournament to benefit the West Texas Rehabilitation Center will be held Sunday, April 1, at Mountain Creek Golf Course in Robert Lee. The tournament is being sponsored by Alpha Omicron Nu Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi.

The sorority is hoping for a large group of golfers to tee off at 1 p.m. Prizes will be awarded for the three top places. All proceeds will go to the Rehab Center which operates facilities in Abilene, San Angelo and Snyder.

Mr. and Mrs. Foy Askins spent the weekend in Lubbock with Mr. and Mrs. Ray Askins. They were joined there by Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Buttram of Hamlin. Mrs. Buttram, (Lorene), is a sister of Foy and Ray.

Coke County May Soon Have Another Town

A third incorporated city for Coke County may be a reality in the near future. Requirements have been met and an election has been called to incorporate an area west of Robert Lee into a town to be known as Spence City.

County Judge D.W. Sims reported Wednesday morning that he has called the incorporation election for April 7, the same date that three elections will be held in Robert Lee. The election is to be held at Edith Country Store and Cecil Brewer has been named election judge.

Judge Sims said a petition was presented to him containing 24 signatures. At a fact-finding hearing Tuesday, it was determined by County Clerk Mrs. Winnie Waldrop that 20 of the persons who signed the petition were registered qualified voters. Judge Sims said that a minimum of 20 signatures is necessary

for him to call an election.

In addition to the petition the group backing the movement presented affidavits which showed that at least 200 persons reside in the area to be incorporated. A minimum 200 population is also a requirement for calling the election.

Judge Sims said so far as he could determine all documents were in order and all require-

New Pastor for Church of God

Lance Springer, 21, of Fort Worth is the new minister of the Church of God which is located at 1113 Childress in Robert Lee.

Rev. Springer served as associate chaplain at Tarrant County Jail 2½ years prior to moving here March 1 to begin duties with the local church. He extends a special invitation to everyone to attend the church services.

ments met for calling the election.

The area proposed to be included in the new city includes approximately 157 acres. Most of the area lies north of Highway 158; however 1.83 acres is south of the highway.

Cecil Brewer told The Observer Wednesday morning that the residents of the area feel more people will be moving in when Lake Spence catches more water and a consistent growth is anticipated.

Roy Ford of Big Spring, former Coke County attorney, and David Greenhaw of Stanton are doing the legal work for the group backing the incorporation.

Steers Are Tops At Golf Tournney

The Robert Lee Steer golf team won the tournament held here Friday of last week. The team came in with a score of 343, three strokes under second place Iraan.

Clay Allen was first medalist with a 75; Jimmy Tidwell of Bronte was second medalist with 78; and third medalist spot went to McCoy of Haskell.

Individual scores for the Robert Lee golfers were: Allen 75; Brett Clark 86; Wes Sawyer 87; Kevin Roe 95.

Team placings were: 1. Robert Lee 346; 2. Iraan 346; 3. Ballinger 349; 4. Reagan County 361; 5. Bronte 363; 6. Haskell 367; 7. Colorado City 368; 8. Forsan 378; 9. Eldorado 391; 10. Sterling City 399; 11. Merkel 406; 12. Wylie 408; 13. Stanton 409; 14. Baird 415; 15. Robert Lee B 424.

Scores for the B team members were: Buck Duncan 94; Mark Riley 104; Joel Percifull 109; Buddy Wallace 117; Scot Long 121.

The golfers will take part in a tournament Tuesday at Colorado City.



NICE TO LOOK AT--Cindy Walker has been named Most Beautiful and Kevin Roe was selected as Most Handsome in Robert Lee High School. Cindy is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D.J. Walker Jr. and Kevin is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Wayne Roe.

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Ten Coke County Ranch Families To Place Brands on A&M Center

Representatives of 10 Coke County present and former ranch families will be in College Station next Monday, March 26, to place brands in the new Kleberg Center on the Texas A&M University campus. The event is part of a state-wide program sponsored by Texas A&M University and the Texas Agricultural Extension Service to recognize persons and families from across the state for their contribution to the beef cattle industry. Because of space, only eight honorees plus two additional for historical reasons were selected per county.

The Coke County delegation will be joined by other families from the 17 county area in Extension District 7.

Families and ranches selected from Coke County whose brands will be used in the branding program and the family member nominating the brand include: the J.R. Mims Ranch, nominated by Elton Mims; the C.A. Bowen Ranch, nominated by Don Bowen; the Joe W. Arledge Ranch, nominated by Mrs. Joe W. Arledge Jr.; the H.C. Allen Ranch, nominated by G.C. Allen.

Others in the group are the John Q. McCabe Ranch, nominated by Wayne McCabe; the Rafter C Ranch, nominated by LeDrew Arrott; the Hamilton Ranch, nominated by C.W. (Bill) Hamilton; F.D. Copeland Ranch, nominated by Mrs. Jervis Bullard and Cynthia Ann Hipp.

The two ranches selected for historical reasons were the L.B. Harris Ranch, nominated by Helen Willcockson, and the Chadbourne Ranch, nominated by Brian Richards.

Criteria used in selecting the ranches and brands included tenure, contribution to the cattle industry, location and continuous use of the ranch brand.

The Coke County delegation will affix their brands in the spiral stairwell of Kleberg Center in a special program next Monday at 10:00 a.m. Included in the program will be a welcome and address by Dr. Zerle Carpenter, head of the Animal Science Department of Texas A&M University.

Beware of certain herbal teas containing buckthorn bark and senna, suggests a foods and nutrition specialist. Although these herbs are not harmful, they are known to have a laxative effect she points out.

Pancake Supper Is "The Best"

The 1979 Robert Lee-Silver Lions Club, Coke County 4-H Club pancake supper held in the Robert Lee School cafeteria last Friday evening was considered the best held in recent years. A total of 550 people were fed according to representatives of the two organizations.

The two organizations wish to thank the many individuals and businesses that helped with the project. Both organizations will benefit from the proceeds of the supper.

Also, a special thanks is extended Edna Havins and Add Davis for their work in preparing and handling the entertainment that was provided for the evening. The community as a whole is commended for their support of the program, said those in charge.

Read carefully and understand a credit contract before signing it, advises a consumer information specialist.

PROPERTY INSURANCE TOPIC OF MEETING

Property Insurance sometimes leaves many people with a lot of unanswered questions. Everyone is invited to a free educational meeting sponsored by Coke County Family Living Committee and Assistant Extension Agent Kathy Jobe to get answers. The program will be held in the old recreation hall in Robert Lee, 7:30 p.m., Thursday, March 29.

Dennis Weaver, Farm Bureau Insurance representative, will present the program along with a question and answer session. Miss Jobe will provide some basic property insurance information.

Pageant Assn. To Make Plans

Coke County Pageant Association, Inc. will hold a general meeting in the Lions Club building in Robert Lee on Thursday, March 29, at 7:30 p.m. All persons interested in the association are urged to attend.

Business relating to the up-coming summer's production of the annual pageant, "OLE COKE COUNTY, Home of the Rabbit Twisters", will be discussed.

Production time will be July 20-21 and July 27-28.

Officers urge your attendance on March 29.

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LOCAL FHA MEMBERS ATTEND AREA MEET

Members of the FHA attended the Area II Future Homemakers of America meeting at the Convention Center in San Angelo March 17. Members who attended were Vallery Deen, Charwayne Harris, Kathy Reyes, Pamela Harris, and FHA Sponsor Mrs. Eloise Guerrant.

The meet started at 9:00 a.m. with the opening ceremony and the introduction of officers and guests. The guest speaker was Phyllis Cicero, a former FHA State President. She is attending the University of Texas where she is majoring in art and drama.

FHA members had a great experience at the meet and learned the real meaning of what FHA really is, said one of the girls who attended.

PERSONALS

David Meadows is spending this week at home during Spring break from Angelo State University. He went to Austin over the weekend to visit with Mr. and Mrs. Steve Meadows.

Mr. and Mrs. S.B. Plumlee recently spent three weeks with their children, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Plumlee of Houston and Mr. and Mrs. R.C. King of Lake Jackson. Visiting with the Plumlees Monday were Mrs. T.D. Black, her daughter-in-law, Millie, and her grandson, Clifford, all of Big Spring. Mrs. Black is a former Robert Lee resident.

Visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Jim Herford over the weekend were Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Herford and son, Charlie, of Winnsboro and Doug Herford and Kellye Duncan of San Angelo.

Debbie Askins went to Killeen over the weekend to visit her sister, Rhonda Askins, who teaches and coaches in the Killeen Schools.

REPORT YOUR NEWS



LIONS CLUB MEETING

1 - 3rd Tuesday of each month - 7 P.M. Lions Club Community Center

Lunchroom Menu

Monday, March 26: Pigs in Blanket; Cheese stick; Buttered potatoes; Applesauce; Milk.

Tuesday, March 27: Salisbury Steak; Macaroni and tomatoes; Green beans; Hot biscuits and butter; Peanut butter brownies; Milk.

Wednesday, March 28; Sausage on a Stick; Cheese stick; Pinto beans; Turnips and greens; Corn bread and butter; Fruit cobbler; Milk.

Thursday, March 29: Barbecue on Bun; French fries with catsup; Pickle slices; Cinnamon rolls; Milk.

Friday, March 30: Meat loaf; Blackeyed peas; Cream potatoes; Hot rolls and butter; Lime pear jello; Milk.

ALPHA KAPPA PI HAS "FAMILY" PROGRAM

Alpha Kappa Pi met Wednesday night, March 14, in the home of Delight English. Fourteen members were present along with four guests from Alpha Omicron Nu Sorority, Nita Gaye Williams, Kathy Post, Lynne McIver and Debbie Shaffer.

The program was presented by Gaye Sawyer on "Family". The American Cancer Drive set for Tuesday, April 3, was discussed. Alpha Kappa Pi members will begin knocking on doors about 5:30 that afternoon asking for donations to this drive.

Also discussed was the ordering of more Christmas trees as several have expressed their interest in having more Christmas decorations this year. The Sorority decided to order five more trees.

Next meeting will be March 28 in the home of Nell Hines. Jo Runnion will present the program "Career".

Mrs. Ricky Mashburn and son, Tony, left Wednesday for Galveston after spending two weeks with Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Baker and Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Mashburn. They have recently moved to Galveston from El Paso.

Mrs. Milton Lemons of Alpine was a weekend guest of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Bryan.

WORSHIP WITH US AT THE Southside Church of Christ

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Track Teams Place at Forsan Meet

Track teams from Robert Lee High School went to Forsan Saturday for competition in both boys and girls divisions. The boys team took fourth place while the girls came in seventh.

The big pointmakers for the boys team were the 400 meter relay team which captured first place and the 1600 meter relay team which took second. Robert Lee also won second in the 400 meter dash.

The girls failed to win any first place spots but took second in the high jump and shot put.

BOYS RESULTS

400 Meter Relay--1. Brett Clark, Mark Riley, Robert Tijerina, Edwin Wilson, 46.8.
800 Meter Relay--3. David Lackey, 2:12.3; Ricky Ross 2:24.7.
400 Meter Dash--2. Ri-

cky Tijerina, 55.0; Darren Williams, 58.8.
200 Meter Dash--5. Robert Tijerina, 25.4; Brett Clark, 25.8; Edwin Wilson, 26.0

100 Yard Dash--6. Robert Tijerina, 11.6; Mark Riley, 11.8.

1600 Meter Relay--2. Ricky Tijerina, Mark Riley, David Lackey, Edwin Wilson, 3:40.6.

Long Jump--6. Darren Williams, 18' 14 3/4"; Ricky Ross, 17' 2 3/4".
Pole Vault--5. Graves Parks, 9' 6".

GIRLS RESULTS

High Jump--2. Lisa Devoll, 4' 10".

Shot Put--2. Elsa De La Pena, 30' 10 1/2".

400 Meter Relay--5. Elsa De La Pena, Delight English, Renea Flanagan, Lisa Devoll.

800 Meter Relay--5. Same team as 400 meter relay.

1600 Meter Relay--5. Elsa De La Pena, Delight English, Renea Flanagan, Brenda Gray.

COMING EVENTS

Next weekend will be a busy one at Robert Lee School. A junior high track meet will be held Thursday, March 29, and a high school boys and girls meet Friday, March 30.

The district UIL literary meet will be held at Robert Lee Saturday, March 31.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Mouser, Mandi and Brad of Wilson and Bill Newell, Hartley and Mary of Fredricksburg visited over the weekend with Mrs. Irene Newell. Other guests included Kip Prather of Lubbock, Beth Prather, Mr. and Mrs. Shell Williams, Rebecca and Kurt and Buddy Wallace of Robert Lee.

Weekend guests of Mrs. Marjorie Harwell were Mr. and Mrs. David Dixon and Dianna of San Antonio, Janet Dixon of Point Comfort, Mrs. Barbara Billings of Sanderson and Ikey Billings of Del Rio. Also Mrs. Jerry Thomason, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Roberts and Douglas of Robert Lee.

Women who are happiest in dual-career marriages have only modest career ambitions, according to a University of Texas study. Both men and women felt least conflict among roles when their spouses gave them support for their activities, when they had favorable self-concept and when they were committed to their jobs.

THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF COKE

TO THE RESIDENT QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF WEST COKE COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an election will be held within the West Coke County Hospital District on the 7th day of April, 1979, in accordance with the resolution calling said election, which was adopted by the Board of Directors of said Hospital District on the 19th day of March, 1979, the same being attached hereto and made a part of this notice for all purposes.

(District Seal)

Larry Anderson
Secretary, Board of Directors
West Coke County Hospital District

MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF WEST COKE COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT

ON THIS, the 19th day of March, 1979, the Board of Directors of the WEST COKE COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT convened in session at the regular meeting place with the following members present:

Fern Havins, Chairman
Victor Wojtek, Member
Curtis Walker, Member
AND WITH THE FOLLOWING ABSENT, TO WIT, Larry Anderson, Secretary, Earl Lindsey, Member, CONSTITUTING A QUORUM, when the following proceedings were had:

Mr. Victor Wojtek introduced the following resolution:

A resolution calling an election for the directors of the West Coke County Hospital District; providing the time and place therefore; and enacting provisions incident thereto and moved its adoption. Mr. Curtis Walker seconded the motion and upon the vote being called for, the motion carrying with it the adoption of the resolution, was unanimously adopted by all directors present.

MINUTES APPROVED THIS 19th day of March, 1979.

Fern Havins
Chairman, Board of Directors
West Coke County Hospital District

(District Seal)

A RESOLUTION CALLING AN ELECTION FOR 2 DIRECTORS FOR THE WEST COKE COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT; PROVIDING THE TIME AND PLACE THEREFOR; AND ENACTING PROVISIONS INCIDENT THERETO:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE WEST COKE COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT, COKE COUNTY, TEXAS:

SECTION I: That an election be held on the 7th day of April, 1979, with the West Coke County Hospital District for the purpose of electing two Directors for said District and said election shall be held under the General Laws of the State of Texas regulating general elections, except as the same are modified by Chapter 315, Acts of the 58th Legislature, Regular session, and only resident qualified electors shall be entitled to vote.

SECTION II: That the ballots for said election shall be prepared in sufficient number and in conformity with Chapter 6, V.A.T.S. and written or printed thereon shall be the name of the candidates who comply with the provisions of Chapter 315, Acts of the 58th Legislature, Regular Session.

SECTION III: No person shall be eligible for the office of Director unless he is a resident of the District, owns land subject to taxation therein and unless at the time of such election he shall be more than 21 years of age.

SECTION IV: The polling places where the election shall be held and presiding officers at each of the said polling places are as follows:

POLLING PLACE	PRESIDING JUDGE
Courthouse, Robert Lee	Ms. Golda Smith

Mrs. Charlotte Wojtek is hereby appointed as Assistant Judge and Mrs. Mildred Reese as Clerk for Absentee Voting at the Election herein ordered and Absentee Voting shall be conducted at the Courthouse, Robert Lee, Texas, and said Clerk shall keep the office open between the hours of 8:00 A. M. and 5:00 P.M. each day that is not a Saturday, a Sunday or on official State Holiday, all in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 424, Acts of the 58th Legislature, Regular Session, 1963.

Section V: Notice of the election shall be given by publishing a substantial copy of the resolution one time in a news paper of general circulation in the District, the said publication to be at least ten (10) full days prior to the election.

PASSED AND APPROVED, this 19th day of March, 1979.

ATTEST: Fern Havins
Chairman Board of Directors
West Coke County Hospital District

Larry Anderson
Secretary, Board of Directors
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Out of the suit recently tried in San Angelo, Mary L. Prine versus Safeway store and two of its employees, and out of information from others, have come several conclusions which I think are important to every one, especially to women shopping in San Angelo.

In their campaign against shoplifters, several stores, not all Safeway, in the last few years have been striking right and left and arresting any woman they find with an item in her purse such as they have in their stock.

Few San Angelo stores give itemized sales tickets, so it is impossible for a woman to prove where she bought the item she has in her purse, unless the clerk from which she bought it just happens to remember the purchase and that is not likely.

Fortunately, the woman who actually sold the two Harlequin Romance books to Mary at Woolworth knew her, had some conversation with her, and testified to the fact. The charges under which she was imprisoned were dismissed as soon as municipal court met the following Monday.

In the suit for damages resulting, the jury voted unanimously that Mrs. Prine did not steal the two books, indicated that the jury did not believe the stories told on the stand by the two clerks.

I do not believe them. In fact I have good reason to believe they were lying under oath. I witnessed the firms lawyer distorting, twisting to the point of falsifying Mrs. Prine's testimony, and the jury evidently did not believe that, either.

The jury's decision not to award damages hinged, I think on technicalities. The fact stands out that Mrs. Prine was summarily sent to jail for something she did not do. She was informed at the police station of a rule at the jail that she had the privilege of making one telephone call--only one. If her husband had not been with her at the time she was put in a cage in the paddy wagon, she in all likelihood could not in one call have contacted anyone to bring her the cash money to make

bail, as he in all likelihood would not have been in the house at the telephone the moment she called, and she could not have made another call.

This, for most women caught in such a predicament amounted to de facto denial of bail. If her husband had not been with her, and she had failed in the first attempt to make a contact by telephone, she would have remained in jail from Saturday afternoon to Monday morning, or until he had come to town and found her - not too easy a thing to do, as he wouldn't have the remotest idea what had happened to her.

Mrs. Prine had traded with this Safeway store through all the years it had stood there, making checks all the time. These checks had, of course, passed through the office, could have been observed by the manager. But evidently the store had no way whatsoever of knowing that - no files to check on, and both the manager and the security guard swore they had never seen the woman before.

Up until then my wife, sometimes with Mary, sometimes alone had shopped at this store when in San Angelo. Brought face to face with what happened to a neighbor and realizing it could just as well have happened to her, she immediately ceased her visits to the store. Since then we have bought most of our groceries in Robert Lee.

When we do go to San Angelo for other purposes we occasionally buy groceries at a well known home-owned superbly stocked, courteous super market, where we have no fear of encountering that sort of humiliation and insult.

With the gasoline situation coming more and more to a critical point, and with the price we are paying for it now, we have decided that we are not bettering ourselves by going away from home for our groceries. After arriving at San Angelo one has to drive miles to do shopping. The gasoline and the time consumed make up for any margin in the prices and raise the question if there are ANY bargains in this deal. We do not any longer see the point of trading with people who will never know us, never have any use for us, and at the drop of a hat will humiliate us.

We will do most of our shopping at home where we are known. And we warn all Robert Lee and area women that if you buy and put in your purse any item of merchandise, see to it that the item is named on the sales slip you get, and if it is not, see that the clerk does it, or have a memo pad handy and write out the identity of the item, the price, and the store where bought and make the clerk initial it, and if she will not do that walk out and leave the item lying.

OTHERWISE, YOU RISK GOING TO THE SAN ANGELO JAIL for having in your purse any item you cannot prove is yours, for the philosophy in a number of stores has been. "If you can't prove it yours, it is ours."

ULMER BIRD

Bandera Services For Mrs. Robbins

Mrs. Vera (Sheppard) Robbins, 82, of Bandera died Saturday, March 10, in a Bandera nursing home.

Services were held at p.m. Wednesday, March 14, in Grimes-Plummer Funeral Chapel of Bandera. Burial was in Evergreen Cemetery in Devine with graveside services conducted by the Order of the Eastern Star.

She was born Nov. 5, 1896, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M.B. Sheppard who were long time Coke County residents. She was married to B.J. Robbins. He died in 1968. She was a Methodist and a member of the Order of the Eastern Star in Devine.

She is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Geraldine McHaffey of Carlsbad, N.M., Mrs. Vama Stranger of Caldwell, Iowa, and Mrs. Nova Heiser of Prince George, Va.; three sons, Miles Robbins of Carlsbad, Telvy Robbins of Bandera and Wesley Robbins of Burley, Idaho; two sisters, Mrs. W.A. Shelton of Houston and Mrs. H.H. King of Abilene; 21 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.

Two brothers, A.B. Sheppard and Delmar Sheppard, preceded her in death.

Relatives attending the services included Norma Sheppard Ruth of Robert Lee, Mrs. H.H. King of Abilene, Sarah Lou Davis of McAllen, Mrs. Jerry Cloud of Lubbock, Nelda Ann Brock of Austin and Floyd Sheppard of Georgia.

A Message of Thanks

I feel that somehow I must thank all my friends and neighbors who have stood behind me during the hellish nightmare of being falsely arrested and jailed for shoplifting in a San Angelo food store.

As most of you know, I was completely exonerated of the charges which were filed in municipal court in San Angelo. The charges were filed on a Saturday and were dropped on the following Monday when a clerk at F.W. Woolworth store testified that she had sold me the books which Safeway Stores charged I stole from them.

Last week 51st District Court in San Angelo heard a damage suit I filed against Safeway. Even though the jury did not see fit to award me any damages from the incident, I feel that the public airing of what can happen to an innocent customer (of 22 years in my case) should be made known to the public. I especially want the women of Robert Lee and this county to know that they can be detained, arrested, humiliated and suffer severe mental and physical damage from such an experience.

It is wonderful to know that my friends in this community did not believe the ridiculous charges which were filed against me. Your confidence, continued friendship and support were all that sustained me during this ordeal.

I especially want to thank all those persons who so willingly testified in my behalf at the hearing of the damage suit. Your testimony as to my character and reputation will always be appreciated and cherished.

Mary L. Prine



More Christmas Decorations Due

Because of interest expressed by a number of Robert Lee residents in having more Christmas tree decorations, Alpha Kappa Pi members have decided to order five more of the ornamental trees.

The new order will make a total of 20 trees which will be available next Christmas to decorate the town.

Alpha Kappa Pi is seeking help in financing the decorations and anyone who wishes to donate may contact any member of the sorority.

One donation for the project has been received and the members would like to thank Mildred Sparks with Germania Farm Mutual for her gift.

LOOK WHO'S NEW

Mr. and Mrs. Tooter Jameson of Silver are parents of a son, Joe Ross, born at 7:13 p.m. Saturday, March 10, in the Shannon Hospital at San Angelo. He weighed 8 pounds, 13 ounces.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Ross Foster of Sterling City and Mr. and Mrs. G.A. Jameson of Big Lake. Great-grandparents include Mrs. Vera Jameson of Silver, Mrs. Lena Foster of Sterling City, Mrs. Sophie Skeete of San Angelo and Mrs. Joe Elliott of Big Lake.

SELECT NEMATODE-RESISTANT PEACH ROOTSTOCK--Homeowners should select peach varieties that have a rootstock resistant to root knot nematodes, suggests a plant pathologist. Nema-guard rootstock provides excellent resistance to nematodes, which are microscopic worm-like animals that can cause severe damage to plants.

Mrs. Ruth Humble, of Pueblo, Colo., and Mrs. Lydia Ayres, of Ravia, Okla., have been visiting their brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Roy P. Ross. Mrs. Humble went on from here to join a group for a tour of Jerusalem and Mrs. Ayres will remain in Robert Lee until she returns around March 30.

USDA Approves Grazing, Haying Of 1979 Wheat

Farmers who planted wheat for 1979 harvest now have another option to consider: They may graze or cut hay on their wheat acreage, Secretary of Agriculture Bob Bergland said. Wheat grazed or cut for hay under the special acreage grazing and hay program will qualify for the same deficiency payment rate as wheat harvested for grain.

Wheat program participants will be allowed to graze cattle or cut hay on wheat acreage equal to the higher of (1) 50 acres or (2) 40 percent of their total intended plantings of wheat, feed grains (corn, sorghum and barley) and upland cotton.

"We are taking this action to encourage the production of more beef later on this year", Bergland said, "Calves now on wheat pasture ordinarily would have to come off and be sold about March 15, to permit the wheat to mature for harvest, while the action we are taking today would permit them to remain an additional 60 days or so. This should result in slightly higher rates of gain and therefore more beef later on this year. It should also encourage the movement of a few more calves onto wheat pasture and more beef from those calves as well.

"While the impacts of this action will be slight, it should nonetheless slow the expected increase in beef prices," he said.

Producers participating in the special wheat acreage grazing and hay program must also comply with normal crop acreage (NCA) requirements and with set-aside requirements for wheat harvested for grain and feed grain crops planted on their farm(s). There will be no advance payment or minimum payment guarantee this year as was provided to 1978 special wheat acreage grazing and hay program participants. The deficiency payment rate for 1978-crop wheat was 52 cents per bushel.

The 1979 wheat deficiency payment rate will be determined in December and will be the difference between the established target price (\$3.40 per bushel) and the higher of either the national average market price during the first five mon-

ths (June through October) of the marketing year, or the national loan rates (\$2.35).

Producers wishing to use this option may indicate their intentions at their local Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS) County Office during the 1979 wheat and feed grains program signup period currently underway. The signup period ends April 30.

Set-Aside Acres May Be Grazed

Coke County farmers who sign up for the 1979 set-aside program will be permitted to graze the set-aside and voluntary diversion acres this spring until May 1, according to Fred McCabe Jr. Chairperson of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation (ASC) Committee. They can also graze this acreage in the fall beginning Nov. 1, 1979.

Set-aside acreage must be cropland that was tilled within one of the last three years in the production of a crop other than hay or pasture, unless the hay crop was in normal rotation with small grain or row crops, or was accepted set-aside in 1978. Orchards, vineyards, strips in skiprow planting patterns and other areas that are too small or are abnormally shaped are excluded, McCabe said.

He pointed out that land designated as set-aside must be devoted to an approved conservation practice that will protect the land from weeds, wind and water erosion.

"The land must have the protection established on it as soon as practical after the beginning of the normal period for planting spring crops," he said.

Before approving special cover and practices, the State ASC Committee obtains concurrence from the state conservationist and also consults with various wildlife agencies, organizations and other interested groups to assure that the set-aside and voluntary diversion will be adequately protected.

Farmers who comply with the set-aside programs are eligible for commodity loans, voluntary diversion, disaster and deficiency payments. Farmers have until April 30 to sign

up to participate in the 1979 set-aside program. Additional information on the signup, set-aside acres, or grazing may be obtained from the Coke County ASCS office.



FISHING REPORT from Lake Spence

PAINT CREEK MARINA

Jack Culberson, Odessa, 1 striper at 9 lbs.
B. Finley, Brownfield, 1 striper 4½ lbs.

L.L. Reynolds, T.R. Noe, Odessa, 4 channel cat, 1 bluecat 16½ lbs.
5 striper to 9 lbs.

Philip Bogley, Odessa, 1 striper 11 lbs.

WILDCAT FISH-A-RAMA
Ed Shields, Phil Henson, Odessa, 3 crappie to 2 lbs., 5 channel cat to 3 lbs.

Odin Miler, El Paso, 3 black to 6 lbs.; 1 striper 10 lbs.

Cecil Sudduth, Gary Ledford, Winters, 5 striper to 12½ lbs.; 3 black to 1½; 5 white bass to 2 lbs.

Dian Whithenberg, Winters, 1 striper 7 lbs.

HILLSIDE GROCERY

Lois and Bill Schwager, Odessa, 47 crappie to 1½ lbs.; 8 black to 2½ lbs.

SELECT DISEASE-RESISTANT PECANS---To get the most out of pecan trees, homeowners should buy disease-resistant varieties. Pecan scab is a major disease of pecans. Resistant varieties such as Choctaw, Cheyenne, Shawnee and Desirable should be planted in areas receiving 28 or more inches of rainfall annually. Even with resistant varieties, a limited spray program should be followed.

ACCIDENT CONTROL---Many auto accidents are caused by poor communication. Changing lanes or making turns without signaling can be particularly dangerous. Signal your intentions well in advance so other drivers can anticipate your moves, advises the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

REPORT YOUR NEWS



Facts from a pro on driving to survive.

Q: Is a flashing red light at night the same as a 4-way stop on a regular stop sign?

—N. B., Austin

A: Yes. A flashing red light, day or night, means you must make a complete stop until it is safe to continue. Yield the right of way to vehicles on your right.

Q: Which lights are the safest to use if you have to drive in fog?—R. N. Angleton

A: When driving in fog, dust, heavy rain or other adverse weather conditions, always use your low beam headlights. Bright lights will only hinder your visibility more. And fog, for instance, will reflect bright or high beams lights almost like a mirror. You should also remember to switch to your lower beams when within 300 feet of following or 500 feet of meeting another vehicle. And never look directly into approaching headlights. The brightness could momentarily blind you.

Q: How long can I expect the brakes on my car to last before they need relining?

—J.M., Temple

A: On the average, about 25,000 miles for the front brakes and about twice that for the rear brakes. But brake life depends mostly on how and where the car is driven. A car driven mostly on the highway, where the brakes are used infrequently, will not need a brake job nearly as often as a car driven in town, where the brakes are used many times for every few miles. Brakes should be checked about every ten thousand miles. The rear brakes should be checked each time the front brakes are relined.

If you have a question on driving, send it to:
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Deferred Grazing Is Good Practice

By Joe Gonzalez
Soil Conservationist
Deferred grazing means "postponing or resting grazing land for a prescribed period". It can also be defined as "delayed grazing". The longer the beginning of grazing is delayed, the better opportunity exists for new plants to become established and for old plants to gain vigor. Deferred grazing implies delaying grazing until after the most important forage plants have set seed, although with plants that reproduce vegetatively, seed maturity may have little significance.

There are certain advantages to this type of grazing. If grazing can be deferred every few years, then the forage plants will have better opportunity for reproduction. Grazing after seed maturity injures plants less and is believed to be beneficial, since animals scatter and trample the seed in position for growth. By allowing key range plants or forage plants to grow unhindered during the period most favorable for their growth (also called growing season), they are enabled to produce a greater quantity of seed. This is commonly known as "natural re-vegetation". Nearly equal advantages result from deferred grazing on plants that reproduce vegetatively. Rhizome production is decreased greatly with continuous heavy grazing pressure; in fact, there may be a total absence of production.

Another advantage of deferred grazing is the improvement of hydrological conditions and reduction of soil loss and siltation. When the above is administered to the land, we also improve the appearance of range with inadequate cover so as to restore natural beauty and enhance the quality of the environment.

Why should we rest our pastures? Is resting beneficial in grazing management? These are just some of the most commonly asked questions that a livestock producer ponders.

Before we can answer these questions, plus many others faced by the grass manager, we must review the mechanics of how grass grows. First of all, plants are the only living thing in nature that make their own

food, commonly called sugar. This sugar or "plant energy" causes the plant to grow more leaves and roots. Energy (sugar) not used for growth is changed by the plant to starch and stored in the roots for later use. This "root reserves" will become next year's food or can be used immediately when the leaves or top growth dies or are grazed. Without the root reserves the plant is weakened. If grazing pressure does not cease, the plant will ultimately die.

Sugars also combine with mineral elements from the soil to make proteins, plant oils, and fats. Unused oxygen and water vapor escape through the leaf pores. Animals get these foods when they eat foliage or seed.

Approximately 95% of total plant food is derived from the air and sunlight. Since the greatest majority of plant food is manufactured in the leaves, it is essential for plants to have sufficient leaf area or top growth (above ground growth). Without this growth, a plant can not survive for long. For these reasons, deferment is a highly recommended practice for sound grazing management.

It's surprising how most of us can understand the care and feed requirements of livestock for maximum growth and reproduction. We know that fat stock are impossible without adequate food. It is essential to good range management that the rancher appreciates his role as a grass grower. How many of us can recognize "fat grass" or grass with good vigor? Healthy grass results only from adequate food supplies. This principle applies both to herbage production and to seed and vegetative reproduction. The concept is basic to good range management.

In summation, green plants are the factory in which in which carbohydrates are manufactured from the raw materials of air and soil. Never has man duplicated, or even completely understood, the operations of these delicate factories. Yet should they cease, man and all other life must ultimately perish.

The reasons for deferment are many. For sound technical advice on the implementation of deferred grazing on

your ranch, contact your local Soil Conservation Service Office that assists your local Soil and Water Conservation District.

News from West Coke Hospital

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

March 13: Kim Caston, Paul Barron admitted. Lena Russell, Esmerjildo Hernandez, Sara Tomlinson dismissed.

March 14: No admissions. Alma Adkins, Mary Sue Ybarra, Heather Ybarra dismissed.

March 15: Ernest Ybarra, Gladys Marquis, Ida Adams admitted. Lola Allison, Lola O'Rear, Kim Caston, Gladys Pierce dismissed.

March 16: Edith Batton, Lem Batton admitted. No dismissals.

March 17: Jeffery Jackson admitted. Geroge McCaleb, Gladys Marquis, Ida Adams, Jeffery Jackson dismissed.

March 18: Rex Saunders admitted. Paul Barron dismissed.

March 19: J.E. Quisenberry, W.E. Burns admitted. Rex Saunders dismissed.

Hospital Is Cited For Efforts to Cut Patient's Costs

West Coke County Hospital District of Robert Lee has been awarded a certificate indicating its participation in the State and National attack on rising health care costs.

Upon issuing the certificate, O. Ray Hurst, President, Texas Hospital Association (THA), Austin, said, "we are pleased to recognize another THA member hospital for its dedication to help hold down the rising cost of health care. Although hospital costs in Texas are thirty (30) percent below the national average, hospitals across the State are joining in the voluntary effort to help reach a national industry goal of two percent per year reduction in the rate of increase for two years."

Participating in the Texas voluntary effort together with hospitals are physicians, nurses, pharmacists and other health care groups. Over 20 health, business and state government groups, including the governor's office have organized to effectively deal with the problem of rising health care costs.

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Advice - Remove The Temptation

The familiar saying, "don't tempt fate," is excellent advice for motorists. Although many drivers take measures to keep their vehicles from being stolen, they unwittingly tempt thieves by leaving valuable articles where they can be seen by potential criminals. The following crime resistance measures may help protect valuables left in automobiles:

Automobiles should be locked when unattended. Door lock buttons with knobs on the end should be replaced with the knobs that are tapered at the end since the latter are harder to pull up with a wire inserted through an opening in the window. Valuables should not be left where they can be viewed by someone outside the car. Lock packages, coats, etc., in the trunk, or hide such items under the seat.

Tape decks and citizens band (CB) radios should be mounted out of sight if possible. Consider using a portable rather than permanently-installed antenna so it can be removed when a vehicle is unattended. The antenna can mark the car as a target for CB thieves.

Tape decks and CB radios should be permanently marked with a unique number traceable to the owner. Motorists should contact

local law enforcement for advice as to which number (state drivers license, etc.) should be utilized for this purpose since different numbers are used in different areas of the country. Decals indicating that all property within the vehicle has been marked with a traceable number should also be obtained and affixed to windows on each side of the vehicle.

CATTLE BUILDUP POSSIBLE---The liquidation phase of the current cattle cycle may be ending and some herd buildup may begin during 1979, says a livestock marketing specialist. While cattle and calf numbers were down during 1978, the decrease was much less than in 1977. While total numbers of beef cows were down 5 percent, there were 13 states which had just as many or more beef cows than a year ago.

Childcare payments to grandparents became eligible for a tax credit beginning in calendar year 1979.

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The school's Board of Trustees has set up the following qualifications for applications:

1. Must meet any education standards established by the School Tax Assessment Practices Board.

2. Must meet the minimum requirements established by the School Tax Assessment Examining Board.

3. Must be bondable.

4. Must provide own transportation.

5. Must be available for employment not later than May 1, 1979.

6. Must be willing to live within the boundaries of Bronte Independent School District. The salary is negotiable.

Anyone interested in this position should make application at the office of Supt. C.B. Barbee.

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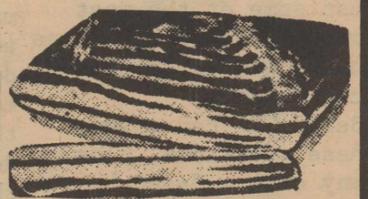
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