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Robert Lee's Sales Tax Is Up 43% Above Last Year

Business is good in Robert Lee, if the amount of retail sales is any indication of things looking good. According to information released this week by the office of State Comptroller Bob Bullock, sales in Robert Lee were up 43 per cent over the same period of 1978.

The figures are calculated as a basis for the one per cent sales tax which is sent each month to cities from the state office.

Students Getting Ready for Region

Interscholastic League activities are over for most students at Robert Lee High School but quite a few are still practicing for upcoming regional events.

Literary events and girls track will be held this weekend at Abilene.

Competing at the regional level in literary events will be Steven Ray in informative speaking and David Lackey and Bobby Phillips in number sense.

Girls who will be traveling to Abilene for track include Lisa Devoll in high jump, triple jump and mile relay; Elsa De La Pena in shot put and mile relay; Renea Flanagan in 880 yard run and mile relay; and Delight English, mile relay.

The RLHS golf team took top honors in the district and will take part in the regional tournament at Abilene April 25 and 26. Members of the team are Clay Allen, Brett Clark, Wes Sawyer, Kevin Roe and Joel Percifull.

The boys regional track meet will be held April 27 and 28 at McMurry in Abilene. Among the trackmen going will be the mile relay team, made up of Ricky Tijerina, Brett Clark, David Lackey and Mark Riley. In addition, Tijerina will be in the 880 yard dash and Clark will be in the 440 yard dash.

Graves Parks is the only member of the Steer team to reach region in a field event. He will compete in the pole vault contest.

A check received this week amounted to \$966.30, which makes the total thus far for the year \$5,604.84. The amount received last year at this date was \$3,910.23, an increase of \$1,694.61 or 43 per cent.

The retail sales tax is not an absolutely accurate measurement for the health of the business community, since many sales are to schools, churches, cities and other groups which are exempt from paying tax, and many exempt items are sold on which nobody pays tax. However, the proportion of increase should be a reasonably accurate indication of the growth of the economy.

Bronte was not nearly as fortunate as Robert Lee in the amount of its one per cent tax rebate. The City of Bronte has received \$3,282.89 so far this year, compared to \$3,078.40 for the same period of last year for an increase of six per cent.

Houston was in its usual top position, receiving \$7.6 million in April; Dallas received \$4.9 million; San Angelo \$197,181.

Banquet Planned For Community

Plans are being made for the annual Community Banquet which is scheduled this year for Saturday, May 19, in the school cafeteria.

Curley Hayes of Abilene will be the guest speaker. Presentations of the "Lion of the Year" and "Citizen of the Year" will be announced during the program.

A spokesman for the Robert Lee-Silver Lions Club said "everyone should mark the date on the calendar and plan to attend this special program".

More details will be published later.

Wilma Carwile spent the Easter holidays in Abilene with her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Ward and Alyson.

Commissioners Court Sets Meeting to Discuss Paving

Potholes, chuckholes, or whatever you choose to call them are causing lots of problems over the U.S., the State of Texas and Coke County. Weather conditions during the past winter as well as the 1977-78 cold months played havoc with paved streets and roads all over the country.

Coke County commissioners have been trying to repair some of the worst ones in their precincts and crews of the Texas Department of Highways and Public Transportation can be seen operating daily in an effort to fill up the hundreds of holes.

The county commissioners say there is no way they can keep up with the repair work which is needed now.

County Judge D.W. Sims said this week that the commissioners tell him they have neither the equipment, the manpower nor the funds to do the necessary work.

Consequently, the commissioners' court has been called to meet in special session

Friday (today) to discuss the matter of calling a bond election to provide funds for repairing the streets in Robert Lee and Bronte and paved rural roads in the county.

Harvey W. Schmidt, consulting engineer of Amarillo, has submitted a preliminary estimate of the cost of \$396,000. This is the amount he figures it will cost to patch all the holes and sealcoat the pavement in Coke County.

In addition to the repair work, this amount would also provide funds for laying five new blocks of paving in Bronte and 11 in Robert Lee.

Commissioners were contracted Tuesday night and all four expressed themselves as being in favor of calling the bond election to let the citizens of the county decide if they want to keep the streets in good repair or try to get by with makeshift repairs and let the paving deteriorate even more.

The commissioners ex-

pressed what might be termed "solid but reluctant support" of a bond issue. They all noted the unquestionable need for making the repairs, but were not too happy about spending the large sum of money required to do the job.

The consensus was that the cost of making the repairs was not going to get any cheaper and that the damage to the paving can only become greater.

The commissioners pointed out that the financial condition of the county is good. The county owes \$95,000 on the last bond issue which was voted in 1972 for repairing and sealcoating roads and streets. However, the interest and sinking fund for retirement of this bond, as of Dec. 31, 1978, had \$105,187.62 in it, more than enough to retire the outstanding indebtedness.

FRIDAY MEETING

Judge Sims said that everyone who is interested in the bond issue is invited to attend the meeting Friday morning. It will be at 10 o'clock at the courthouse. Bond company and engineering representatives will be present to help answer questions and the entire matter is expected to be thoroughly discussed.

PRE-KINDERGARTEN DAY SET FOR MAY 3

The little kids who will start to kindergarten next fall will get a taste of school May 3 when Pre-Kindergarten Day will be held from 8:45 till 11:45 a.m. at the Robert Lee Elementary School.

Prin. William Hood said all youngsters who will be five years old on or before Sept. 1, 1979, will be eligible to attend kindergarten next fall and should attend the activities May 3.

Further details will be run in next week's Observer.



SOPHOMORE FAVORITES--Selected by the sophomore class as Class Favorites for 1978-79 were Joel and Kellye Percifull. They are the son and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Percifull. (Photo by Winnie McPeek)


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Loeffler Having Busy Holiday

Usually, Congress takes an Easter "break" or District Work Period" of about ten days to allow Congressmen to relax, be with their families, enjoy the holidays at home -- and work in the district.

This year is no exception, as the House officially shut down business on the evening of April 10, not due to officially resume again until noon on April 23.

One would think congressmen would eagerly head for fishing poles, golf clubs and the like to shrug off some of the pressures of public life. But not so for one, Congressman Tom Loeffler of Texas.

"I've got a district the size of the State of Pennsylvania," the Texas freshman noted. "It is very difficult to visit with all the people I'd like to see throughout the district, especially in the far-flung West Texas portions. That's why, during this break, I plan to

travel over 1,000 miles to 22 towns and cities to meet with many I have not been able to hear from since I've been in office."

Loeffler's schedule includes visits to: San Antonio, San Angelo, Kerrville, Mason, Llano, Kingsland, New Braunfels, Leakey, Rocksprings, Sonora, Sterling City, Garden City, Crane, McCamey, Rankin, Big Lake, Mertzon, Wall, Ballinger, Winters, Bronte and Robert Lee.

"By the end of May, I will have made, as an elected Congressman, a personal visit to every one of the 32 counties which lie within the District," Loeffler noted.

ACCIDENT CONTROL--The Texas Agricultural Extension Service notes 10 emergency telephone numbers that every family should keep handy. These include the doctor, druggist, hospital, ambulance, neighbor, police, fire department, gas company, electric company and poison control center.

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"From the Top of Old Hayrick" Will Be Introduced at Autograph Party

An autograph party to introduce a new book about Coke County will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, April 22, in the fellowship hall of the First United Methodist Church in Bronte.

The 190 page book, entitled "From the Top of Old Hayrick," was written by Jewell G. Pritchett of Abilene. A subtitle says the book is "A Narrative History of Coke County."

Mrs. Pritchett has been a resident of Abilene for more than 50 years, but she has deep roots in Coke County dating back to 1886 when her grandparents came to Coke County.

She is a descendant of the pioneer Lasswell family and is related to a number of persons who still live in Coke County.

"From the Top of Old Hayrick" contains 16 chapters, beginning with a general description of the county and giving some topographi-

cal and geographical information about the area. The second chapter deals with Fort Chadbourne, the first white settlement in the county. Chapters deal with present communities as well as some of those which have withered and died for various reasons. Various other subjects are covered in additional chapters.

United Methodist Women of the Bronte church invite everyone to come by Sunday afternoon to meet Mrs. Pritchett and talk about the book. She will be happy to autograph a book for

anyone who wants to purchase a copy. The book sells for \$11.95.

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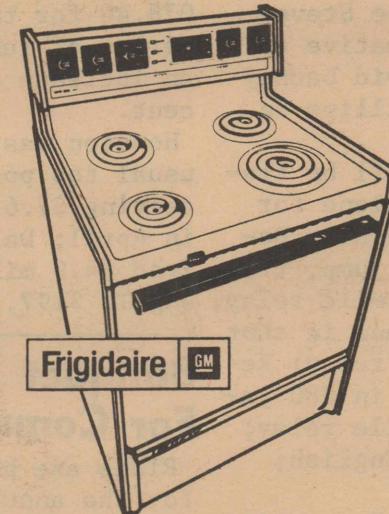
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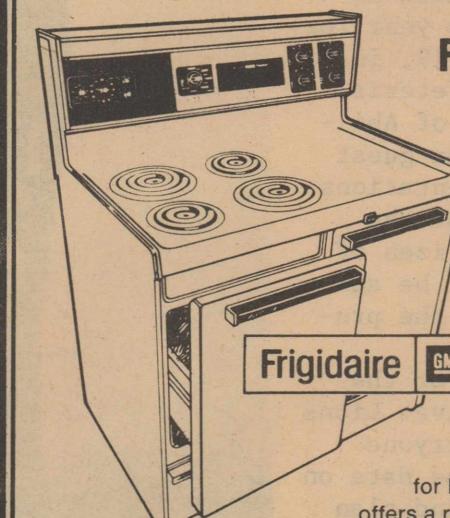
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**SHEILA CUMMINS
WORKS ON STAFF
OF WINNING PAPER**

Sheila Cummins of Robert Lee was among the journalism students at Western Texas College who attended the 55th annual Rocky Mountain Collegiate Press Association convention April 4-7 in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Miss Cummins serves as exchange editor for WTC's student newspaper, The Western Texan. WTC's newspaper was rated second in its division in general excellence and in typography, layout and design. Several WTC students won awards in contests at the convention.

**Lunchroom
Menu**

Monday, April 23:
Pigs in Blanket; Cheese stick; Baked beans; French fries; Applesauce; Milk.

Tuesday, April 24:
Italian Spaghetti; Blackeye peas; Green salad; Hot biscuits and butter; Peanut butter brownies; Milk.

Wednesday, April 25:
Bean chalupas with cheese; Lettuce-tomatoe salad; Chopped onion; Whole kernel corn; Crackers; Peach cobbler; Milk.

Thursday, April 26:
Barbecue on Bun; Pickle slices; French fries with catsup; Cranberry jello; Milk.

Friday, April 27:
Fried chicken with gravy; Green beans; Cream potatoes; Hot rolls and butter; Peanut butter supreme; Milk.

Bill Brown was scheduled to undergo heart surgery Wednesday at St. Mary's Hospital in Lubbock.

Mrs. Arthur Runnion and children, Leigh Ann and Robert, visited her mother, Opal Ellisor, at Kernes from Thursday until Sunday. Other guests of Mrs. Ellisor were her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Shelton, of Pittsburgh, Tex.



**LIONS
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1 - 3rd Tuesday
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**Texas Senate
Honors Carwile**

Mrs. J.L. (Wilma) Carwile has received a letter from Senator W.E. (Pete) Snelson, along with a copy of Senate Resolution No. 346. The resolution was passed by the Texas Senate in memory of her late husband, James Lowell Carwile.

The resolution notes that Mr. Carwile was foreman of the Foster Price Ranch for 37 years and was a longtime deacon and Sunday school teacher in Robert Lee Baptist Church and "an outstanding citizen of Robert Lee and the State of Texas."

The document was signed by Lt. Gov. W.P. (Bill) Hobby, president of the senate and Betty King, secretary.

PERSONALS

Recent guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Vaughan included Mr. and Mrs. Norman Watson and Mike of Arlington, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Watson and Steve of Andrews, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Lomas, Jennifer and Mark of Delhi, La., Mr. and Mrs. Darrell May of Victoria, Mrs. A.J. Cain and Mrs. M.F. Hodnett, both of Big Spring, Paula Vaughan of Waco, Mr. and Mrs. Will Johnson, Tracey and Brady of Snyder, Lisa Bessent of Lubbock, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Bessent, Mr. and Mrs. Randy Bessent and Cody Bill of Robert Lee.

Mr. and Mrs. David Waldrop and Stacy of Midland visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Mayfield and Glenn Waldrop, last weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Riley Waldrop and Jaclyn visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Joe Speck, at Aspermont over the weekend. They attended a birthday celebration Friday night in honor of Mrs. Waldrop's grandmother, Mrs. Willie Gatlin, of Aspermont.

Mrs. Mike McManus and daughter, Claire, of Taos, N.M. is spending two weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Adkins. Mr. and Mrs. Ross Adkins, Jessica and Zachary of San Angelo and Mr. and Mrs. MacAdkins, Michelle and Michael, of Robert Lee, visited Sunday in the Adkins' home.

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Shopping for Health Insurance

By Kathy Jobe
County Extension Agent

Time and study put into selecting a health insurance policy pay off.

The type and amount of insurance coverage available ranges from minimum basic protection to almost all-inclusive features which pay for practically every expense associated with illness or injury.

Whether evaluating a present policy or buying new insurance, here are some key points to explore in any health care program:

1) What services does it cover--and how well? While an affordable program is not likely to cover expenses to the last penny, it should protect against most illness or injury costs.

Besides normal hospital services and surgery, look for at least partial coverage of such expenses as diagnostic tests, prescription drugs, out-patient care and private nursing.

Consider today's costs when these expenses are expressed in specific dollar amounts.

2) How many days of coverage do you get?

Most hospital policies put a limit on the number of days for collecting benefits.

This may relate to how many consecutive days of hospitalization or the total number of days in the year. Keep in mind that the average hospital stay is about eight days.

Disability policies may also restrict the period of time for collecting benefits.

Or, the amount may be reduced after a certain number of payments.

Remember, however, that social security

pays disability benefits after five months if it seems likely that an illness will continue for at least 12 months.

Also, except in some group plans, there is no income tax or disability income.

3) Are there deductibles? And how much are they?

These can range from none for basic coverage to \$1,000 or more for major medical policies. The higher the deductible, the lower the cost of the policy.

You may also have to decide the percentage that major medical is to cover.

Do you want the insurance company to pay 80 percent, with 20 percent remaining for you to pay? Or, are you willing to assume a higher percentage of these future costs in trade for lower premiums now?

4) What are the exclusions?

These are the services and/or circumstances not covered by a health insurance policy.

Be sure to read the portion of the policy where these exclusions are spelled out.

5) How long are the waiting periods?

A new policy may not go into effect immediately. There is a waiting period, usually two weeks to a month, before you can collect benefits for illnesses.

6) Are you covered for pre-existing conditions? How soon?

Some companies can get very tough about paying benefits for an illness or injury which existed before the policy was issued.

These restrictions are explained in the policy, and may exclude any pay-

ment for as long as two years. So, take a careful look at the policy language.

7) Is the policy non-cancellable by the company?

No coverage is worth much if it can be cancelled at the option of the insurance company--perhaps, because of too many claims.

To avoid this, choose a policy that only you can cancel and for which the premium cannot be increased. This feature, of course, will add to the cost.

To hold down the initial premium yet keep the right to renew, look for a guaranteed renewable policy. This permits the company to increase the premium at renewal time, but only if it does so for all persons owning that particular type of policy.

8) How about maternity benefits?

If this is important, examine the policy carefully to see what limits--in time and dollars--are placed on the coverage.

9) What is the insurance company's record for paying claims fairly and promptly?

There are always companies that are more efficient than others and some that would rather fight a claim than pay it.

Although no easy source of information exists for comparing claim record payments of various companies, an inquiry to the state's insurance department about a specific company will usually bring helpful facts.

Or, contact the State Board of Insurance, 1110 San Jacinto, Austin, Texas 78701.

Also, check out a company's financial standing in Best's Insurance Report, a standard reference volume found in many public libraries.

LAWNS RECOVERING SLOWLY--Most lawns are recovering slowly this spring due to the unusually harsh winter, says a turfgrass specialist. Lawns that were in poor condition last fall due to disease and insect problems and those with a heavy thatch suffered extensive damage from cold weather. To speed recovery, scalp the lawn with a mower, apply a complete fertilizer, and control broad-leaved weeds to reduce competition.

Several cross-fences were constructed so a better grazing system could be used. Several ponds and diversions were built to provide water for improved grazing distribution.

Millican has applied and is using an excellent conservation program on his ranch. Programs such as this benefit all the people by reducing water runoff, prevents erosion, prevents silt deposits in



CONSERVATIONIST OF THE YEAR--Conrad Millican, left, accepts an award plaque from Horace L. Scott Jr., secretary of the board of directors of the Coke County Soil and Water Conservation District. Millican was selected conservation rancher of the year for the Coke County SWCD in recognition of his effective program of conserving the soil and water on his ranch.

Conrad Millican Is Conservationist Of Year in Coke County District

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Pecan Trees Need Frequent Sprays

By Sterling Lindsey

Beautiful pecan trees and regular harvests of high quality pecans begin each spring with frequent zinc sprays. Good foliage is the secret to optimum growth, healthy trees and regular production. Mature pecan trees can have double the amount of foliage with three or four zinc sprays in April and May. Leaves on mature trees are full grown by June, so spray early and frequently. Young pecan trees can grow six feet instead of six inches in one year if zinc is sprayed onto the foliage every two to three weeks from April until August. This is of course in combination with a good management program.

There are two types of zinc which can be used in Texas, zinc sulfate or NZN. Each is effective. Commercial pecan producers have used zinc sulfate with good results for over 40 years. Caution will need to be used however because zinc sulfate can kill many types of plants, so spray it only onto pecan foliage. NZN is a new type of zinc which is a liquid. It was developed by Dr. J. Benton Storey of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station. NZN is highly soluble, less toxic to other vegetation and readily available at many garden centers.

The commercial rates of zinc for spraying pecan foliage in Texas are 2 pounds of zinc sulfate or 1½ quarts of NZN per 100 gallons water.

The homeowner should use 2 teaspoons of zinc sulfate or NZN in one gallon of water.

Other forms of zinc, such as zinc chelates or tree injectors, have been tested but have not been found to be an effective source of zinc for pecans in Texas.

Zinc is utilized by pecan foliage for the manufacture of a growth hormone called indole-acetic-acid. Without zinc and indole-acetic-acid pecan growth is greatly reduced. The leaves will be small and the shoots will be short and in clusters forming what is commonly called "zinc rosette". Zinc is not readily translocated from shoot to shoot; consequently, frequent zinc sprays are needed if new growth is to receive zinc. This is also why good coverage is

important. Since aerial application does not give complete tree coverage, commercial growers have to depend on ground sprayers for zinc applications.

There are over 600,000 acres of native pecan trees in Texas. Yet strange as it may seem pecans are one of the few plants that cannot absorb zinc from the soil. Texas soils frequently contain very high levels of zinc but because of the high pH nature of alkaline soils a high percentage of the soil zinc is not soluble in the soil water and is thus unavailable to the pecan. Applications of zinc to the soil are of no significant value to pecan trees in Texas.

Relative humidity has a great effect on foliar absorption of zinc. In far west Texas extreme difficulty can be encountered in getting the zinc into the leaf. Along the Gulf Coast, absorption can be extremely easy. Zinc should not be concentrated to 2X or 4X rates because foliage burn can result during periods of high humidity. The use of spreaders are not recommended because they can result in accelerated drying and reduced zinc absorption.

A pecan grower can determine if his zinc sprays are effective by observing the amount of terminal growth the trees make during the year. Mature trees should make 5 to 10 inches of shoot growth annually. Nonbearing trees should make 24 inches of shoot growth each year. In addition, leaves collected in August or early September can be analyzed in a chemical laboratory to determine the concentration of zinc in the leaves. A level of 75 ppm is considered a minimum and 125 ppm is optimum. It is very important to have the leaves washed before analysis to prevent measuring the zinc that may remain on the surface of the leaf.

Zinc alone is not the answer to perfect pecans. It is however a very important cultural requirement. With good zinc management other cultural practices such as fertilization and irrigation will be more effective. However, fertilization or irrigation without zinc sprays is of little value. So, zinc sprays are one of the pecan growers most important first steps to success.

Pageant Assn. Making Drive For Members

Membership drive is on for the Coke County Pageant Association. "Buy One and Sell One--A Chain Reaction" is the slogan for the drive.

Membership chairman Dee McCleskey, is being assisted by members of The '64 Study Club of Robert Lee. Assisting from the club are Pauline Vaughan, Lois McCleskey, Yvonne Conner, Zera Fields, Alice Beauty, Thelma Jo Hinnard, Opal Jacoby and Reba Roberts. Any other member of The '64 Study Club will also accept payment for a membership.

Eligibility for memberships is not restricted to residents of Coke County. Patron Memberships are \$15 for singles and \$25 for a family. Other categories of memberships are available for \$100, \$250 and \$500. The cost of a membership is tax deductible. Voting privileges, and seating preference for the pageant show in the amphitheatre go with a membership.

Money received from the sale of memberships will be used for financing the pageant and improving the amphitheatre. The needs include sound and lighting equipment, fences, mini-park, plaque for names of charter members, ticket booth, concession stand, housing for props and equipment, etc.

Help the Coke County Association preserve our history. Buy one--Sell One, A Chain Reaction!!

Cancer Drive Raises \$1133

The 1979 drive for funds for the American Cancer Society was a big success because of the generous donations of the citizens of Coke County, according to the persons who worked during the campaign. Contributions made by Coke Countians totaled \$1,133.35.

In Robert Lee members of Alpha Kappa Pi collected \$632.80 from their door to door canvass. Members of the '64 Study Club raised \$131.00 from business firms of Robert Lee. Members of the '69 Study Club of Bronte collected a total of \$369.79.

Those in charge of the drive said they would like to say "thank you" to everyone who worked and to everyone who contributed.

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Career Day Held At Bronte School

Students of Robert Lee and Bronte High Schools met at Bronte Tuesday for a Career Day program which provided them with information in approximately 15 occupational fields. The program was planned and coordinated by County Extension Agents Sterling Lindsey and Kathy L. Jobe.

The address opening the day-long session was given by Jim Glossbrenner, coordinator for career guidance at Angelo State University. Other highlights of the day were talks by State FFA President Mark Baker of Arlington and James C. (Curly) Hays of the Public Relations Department of West Texas Utilities Co. in Abilene.

Students had an opportunity to select four areas for meeting with consultants and who were qualified to advise them and answer their questions.

Among the consultants were farmers, ranchers, Coke County game warden, law enforcement officers, the Coke County attorney, representatives from Sun Oil Co. and the Concho Valley Center for Human Advancement. Representatives were also present from Angelo State University, McMurry College, Western Texas College, Abilene Christian University, Texas Tech University and Texas State Technical Institute.

Supt. C.B. Barbee of Bronte said the program was one of the best he had ever witnessed.

"I want to commend Miss Jobe and Mr. Lindsey for the fine program they presented," he said, "and the students of Robert Lee and Bronte for their interest and wholehearted participation."

FEEDING THE SMALL BREEDER FLOCK--A hen's nutrition is a vital element in the hatchability of her eggs, says a poultry specialist.

When fully developed poultry embryos fail to hatch, it's usually because some essential element was missing from the hen's diet. Therefore, hens should be fed special "breeder" rations rather than "laying" rations.

French vanilla ice cream is basically ice cream, except richer. It has egg yolks added which gives it the rich color and taste.



FISHING REPORT from Lake Spence

WILDCAT FISH-A-RAMA

Arvin Spencer, Odessa, 1 Stripper at 11 3/4 lbs. Mary Lou Costabile, Colorado City, 1 Stripper at 9 3/4 lbs.

Jimmy Hensley, Big Springs, 3 Stripper to 8 1/2 lbs. Graham Flippin, Midland, 1 Stripper at 2 3/4 lbs.

Vi Ramdel, Midland, 3 Stripper to 4 1/2 lbs. Kirk Pearcy, Andrews, 1 Stripper at 21 1/2 lbs.

PAINT CREEK MARINA Sheryl Adams, Lubbock, 1 Stripper at 10 lbs. Fred Deeter, Odessa, 1 Blk at 5 lbs.; 1 Stripper at 5 lbs.

Micky Carlen, Jimmy Carlen, Lubbock, 10 Blk. and 4 Stripper to 4 1/2 lbs. Jim Jone and party, Lubbock, 9 Stripper. Jerry Hatfield, Snyder, 1 Stripper at 10 lbs.

TICKS PLAGUE PETS, OUT-DOOR FOLKS--Tick numbers increase dramatically with warmer weather causing inconvenience and health hazards for homeowners and pets. Their bites may become inflamed and infected due to toxic secretions and the blood-sucking pests can spread certain diseases, notes an entomologist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. Brown dog and American dog ticks are the most common. Household sprays containing 0.5 percent diazinon or ronnel will control light infestations. Carbaryl (Sevin) or diazinon dusts or sprays can be used outdoors.

MANURE REDUCES IRON DEFICIENCY IN SORGHUM--Feedlot manure can solve iron deficiency problems in grain sorghum that reduce crop yields. Iron deficiency is especially a problem in sorghum on high calcium soils. In tests, manure applied at five tons per acre increased sorghum yields about as much as higher rates.

A 1.75 liter bottle (59.2 fluid ounces) for distilled spirits is less than one-half gallon (64 fluid ounces).

Varnadore New County Agent

William L. (Bill) Varnadore of Athens, Ga., has been named county extension agent in agriculture for Jackson County (Georgia).

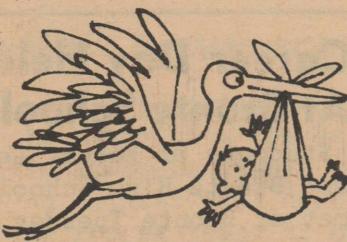
Prior to appointment to this position, Varnadore was meat lab supervisor at the University of Georgia where he was involved in management of meat facilities, student workers, meat sales, teaching meat labs, research in meats and work on his Ph.D.

He received a bachelor of science in animal science at Texas A&M University in 1971. He holds a master degree in meats from the same university and has done work on his Ph.D at Texas Tech University and the University of Georgia. He has also been an assistant professor at both California Polytechnical State University (where he coached the livestock judging team) and has done research with Cryovac and Iowa Beef Processors.

Varnadore's wife, Betty, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A.V. Hughes of Robert Lee. They have two children, William Clay, age eight, and Clint Lee, age four.

He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Varnadore of Robert Lee and the late Mr. and Mrs. Dee Walker.

Weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Shandley were Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Shandley and Michael of Odessa and Mr. and Mrs. Lane Shandley and Lance of Robert Lee.



LOOK WHO'S NEW

Stacy Renea Roach is the new daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Roach of Lubbock. She was born at 8:45 p.m. Friday, April 13, in a Plainview hospital and weighed 6 pounds, 2 ounces.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. W.E. Cryer of Lee, Fla. and Mr. and Mrs. W.T. Roach of Robert Lee. Mrs. Leola Scott of Robert Lee is the baby's great-grandmother.

ALPHA KAPPA PI HAS MARCH MEETING

Preceding the regular meeting of Alpha Kappa Pi on March 28 in the home of Nell Hines Rituals of the Jewels was held for Linda Boone, Margie Wojtek and Gaye Sawyer.

The meeting was opened by the president, Jo Runnion, with all 15 members present, along with three guests from Alpha Omicron Nu, Nita Gaye Williams, Debbie Shaffer and Vickie Yeager.

Business included making plans for the Founder's Day, in which AON will join AKP in celebration of the beginning of Beta Sigma Phi. Officers were voted on at the meeting and the program on "Career" was presented by Jo Runnion.

Next meeting was scheduled for April 11 in the home of Gaye Sawyer. Nell Hines was scheduled to present a program on "Health."

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Mashburn went to Austin over the weekend to visit their daughter, Rena Mashburn. They were joined there by their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Rick Mashburn and Tony of Galveston.

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Juniors, Seniors Enjoy Banquet

"April Showers" was the theme of the Junior Senior Banquet held April 7 in the school cafeteria.

The junior class hosted the affair and senior class members and sponsors were their special guests. Other guests included members of the high school faculty, school administrators and board members along with their wives or husbands.

The program was opened by a "Welcome" extended by Renea Flanagan and the invocation by Joy English.

The meal of barbecue, beans, corn, potatoe salad, peach cobbler, rolls, butter and tea was served by a group of sophomores and freshmen.

Buddy Wallace, on behalf of the senior class, expressed appreciation to the juniors, their sponsor and parents for the banquet and for their part in making this school year an enjoyable one.

A highlight of the evening was the reading of the class prophecy, which was presented by Clay Bloodworth, and the class will by Lori Robertson.

The program ended with closing remarks by Jana Hood and the benediction by Clyde Dukes.

Following the banquet, a dance was given by the seniors at the Recreation Hall. Music was provided by Don Riley and the Cooley Hand Band.

Senior class officers include Buddy Wallace, president; Cindy Walker, vice-president; Vallery Deen, secretary; Waid Davis, Karen Flowers, and Wesley Sawyer, business managers; Karen Rasco, treasurer. Sponsors are Miss Dorothea Wright and Clifford Wilson.

Junior class officers are Kerry Gartman, president; Renea Flanagan, vice-president; Jana Hood, secretary. Danny Vaughn is the class sponsor.

BREAKFAST IS EARLY BEFORE SENIOR TRIP

Before departing on the Senior trip April 8, class members, their sponsors and parents of the seniors gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Wayne Roe for a 4:00 a.m. breakfast.

The travelers left Robert Lee at 5 a.m. for Santa Fe, New Mexico. Accompanying the group were sponsors Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Wilson, Miss Dorethea Wright and Mark Jenkins.

PERSONALS

Jennifer and Mark Lomas, children of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Lomas of Delhi, La., have returned home after spending two weeks with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Vaughan and Mr. and Mrs. George Lomas.

Mrs. Dave King was admitted to Shannon Hospital in San Angelo last Friday for tests and observation.

Visiting with the J.T. Stewarts last week were their daughters and two grandsons, Mrs. Kay Biggs and Alan of Arlington and Mrs. Vicki Scrubs and John Dewey of Premont.

Visiting with Mr. and Mrs. H.L. Bloodworth of Silver during Easter weekend were Mr. and Mrs. Carl Bloodworth, Lori and Amy of Sundown, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bloodworth of Kermit, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Bloodworth, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Bloodworth, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Bloodworth, Clay and Patty all of Silver, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Bloodworth and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Morton of San Angelo, and Mr. and Mrs. Waymon Robertson, Mrs. J.C. Wallace Jr. and Buddy, and Mr. and Mrs. Troy Millican of Robert Lee.

Mrs. Ellen Higgins returned home Saturday after spending several days in Midland with her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. John L. Bruton and Patty. Sunday guests of Mrs. Higgins included the Brutons of Midland, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Terry, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Terry, Mrs. Kayo Higgins, Mr. and Mrs. Ron Jaton and son, all of San Angelo, and Mrs. Linda Rees of Big Lake. Billy Higgins, of Anchorage, Ak., visited with his mother and other family members Sunday afternoon via a long distance telephone call.

Recent visitors in the Turney Casey home were Mr. and Mrs. Bascom Chesney of San Angelo, Pat Heffernan and Mr. and Mrs. G.L. Coulter of Bronte, Mr. and Mrs. Turney Coulter of Big Lake, Mrs. Opal McKee of Cerritos, Calif., Mrs. Bill Rosenbaum of Clinton, Ohio, and David Drennan of Grapevine.

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HEAD LICE STILL A PROBLEM—Head lice continue to be a problem in the United States, particularly in urban areas during late winter and early spring, point out entomologists with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. The tiny pests suck blood, causing intense skin irritation and itching. Continuous scratching may cause skin abrasions that could lead to bacterial infection. Head lice spread by physical contact, particularly among school children. Personal hygiene and thorough laundering of clothing and bedding are vital for warding off infestations.

Do not "warm up" home-canned fruits and vegetables in a microwave oven—it might not destroy the fatal botulism poison. Researchers do not know the length of time required for a microwave oven to kill the dangerous toxin, the specialist explains.



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News from West Coke Hospital

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

April 10: Essie Childress admitted. Buster Hargraves, Alma Adkins dismissed.

April 11: No admissions. M.L. Smith, Essie Childress dismissed.

April 12: H.L. Thompson, Debbie Shaffer admitted. Nellie Adair dismissed.

April 13: Martha Alexander, Effie Carwile admitted. Debbie Shaffer, Minnie Wrinkle, Chanda McBroom, Gertrude King dismissed.

April 14: Myrtle Howe, Edna Adkins admitted. Martha Alexander, Harve McPeeters dismissed.

April 15: Una Walton admitted. H.L. Thompson dismissed.

April 16: Josephine Monjares, Zella Walker, Lou Ella Bessent admitted. Jose and Josephine Monjares (newborns). Lou E. Bessent dismissed.

SS MAN COMING TO COKE
Garland Gregg, representative of the San Angelo Social Security office, has scheduled his May visit to Coke County for May 3.

He will be at the city hall in Bronte between 10:30 and 11:30 a.m. and at the courthouse in Robert Lee between 1 and 2 p.m.

Anyone who wants to file a claim for benefits, get information, or transact other business with the Social Security Administration may contact him at this time. Persons who are unable to meet with him are encouraged to call the office in San Angelo. The telephone number is 949-4608.

If you need to file a claim for social security benefits, call first. We can probably take care of it over the phone.

USE FORM 1040X TO CHANGE TAX RETURN AFTER YOU'VE FILED

If you need to change something on your Federal income tax return after you've filed, you can make the correction on Form 1040X, according to the Internal Revenue Service.

The IRS said that generally the Form 1040X may be used to amend your tax return any time during the three years following the due date (including extension) of the original return. The form is available from IRS Offices.

For more effective communication, know and understand what you really feel and decide what you want for yourself before you begin to speak with someone, says a family life education specialist.



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WTU to Build New Power Plant

West Texas Utilities Co. Thursday announced the purchase of a site eight miles southeast of Vernon for construction of a new coal-fired electric generating plant.

The plant will be built on a 1920-acre tract purchased from W.T. Waggoner Estate. Center of the site is about three miles southwest of Oklaunion and the same distance from the Fort Worth and Denver Railway. The land purchase agreement was signed Thursday, April 12, in Vernon by Walter Meller, general supervisor of all WTU power plants, said the site near Oklaunion was chosen after an exhaustive study of possible locations by Tippett and Gee, an Abilene consulting engineering firm.

"We are extremely pleased that our plans appear to meet the approval of civic leaders of Vernon and Wilbarger County, as well as the Waggoner Ranch people," Meller said. "Everyone we have dealt with has been most cooperative."

The new power plant will be operated by WTU, but is presently being considered as a joint project to be shared by other companies in the Central and South West System. Engineering design and construction of the new plant will be managed by CSW.

Central and South West Corp. is a utility holding company with headquarters in Dallas. Its operating companies

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are Public Service Co. of Oklahoma, Tulsa; Southwestern Electric Power Co., Shreveport; Central Power and Light Co., Corpus Christi; and WTU.

No date has been set for actual beginning of construction, but Meller said preliminary environmental impact studies will start immediately.

Present plans call for an ultimate generating capability of about 2 million kilowatts. This would make it one of the largest power plants in the state, and by far the largest in WTU territory.

The plant will consist of three generating units, to be built successively, which means that construction work at the site possibly will be under way for about 15 years. Total cost is expected to exceed \$1 billion.

The first of the generating units is expected to be in commercial operation by 1987.

The decision to turn to coal for future generation was made after the Railroad Commission of Texas ruled that natural gas could not be used as boiler fuel in new plants, and that the use of gas in existing plants must be reduced beginning in 1981.

WTU's plans call for use of low sulphur western coal. The coal probably will come from Wyoming or Colorado.

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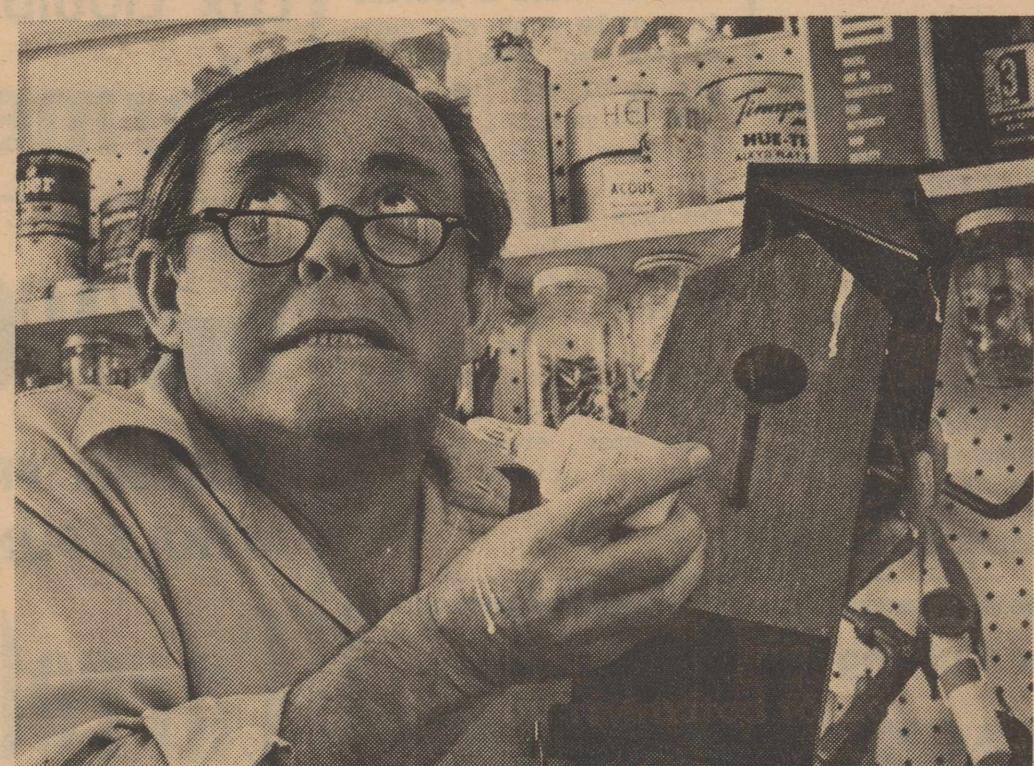
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spot in the small cars
competition.

Jim Bell said he hopes
to have a much larger
group of racers on hand
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