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Bronte Girls, Robert Lee Boys Win **Top Honors in Junior High Tourney**

The Robert Lee Junior High Tournament held last weekend brought out lots of fans to see the games which began on Thursday and continued through Saturday night.

Bronte girls and Robert Lee Boys took the championship trophies. Eula girls and Bronte boys were defeated in the finals to claim second place honors. Roscoe girls and boys won third place and consolation honors went to Sterling City boys and girls.

BOYS GAMES The Robert Lee boys gave Christoval a 50-13 licking in their opening game. Just about everybody made points with Les Gray leading with 12; Kirby Rasco had 8; Caesar DeLaPena 6; Jimmy Skinner 5; Gi-1bert Abalos 4; Bobby Boone 4; Garry Palmer 3; Larry Palmer 3; Jim Herring 2; Gery Naico 2; Douglas Roberts

Farm Welding Course to Be Held

A Farm Arc Welding short course for adult farmers will be held Feb. 4-7 under the sponsorship of the Robert Lee High School Vocational Agriculture Department, according to Supt. Jimmy Bickley and Sid Long, teacher of vocational agriculture.

Royce Hart, Arc Welding Specialist with the Vocational Agriculture Division of the Texas Education Agency, and the Department of Agricultural Engineering at Texas A&M University, will do the instructing in the course. He is headquartered at Texas A&M Universtiy.

The short course at Robert Lee High is scheduled to begin Feb. 4, 1980 at 7:00 p.m. in the vocational agriculture building. Other meetings in the series of four will be held Feb. 5, 6 & 7. During the dates the short course is in progress, Hart will be available to assist farmers with individual problems and to provide on-the-farm instruction, according to Long. Enrollment fee is \$10.00.

The Dogies had a real contest in their second game but pulled it out 28-24 in overtime. Skinner and Rasco both had 8; Eddie Hood 6; Abalos 3; Boone 3.

In the finals with Bronte the Dogies had another close one, but came out ahead 31-29 when the final buzzer sounded. Skinner hit 14 points; Hood 6; Rasco 4; Abalos 4; Boone 3.

PLAY STERLING CITY The Dogie teams went to Sterling City Monday night and took two victories and one defeat. The girls A team took a 27-18 win over Sterling City. Tomlinson hit 12; Longoria 5; Ebenstein 4; Metcalf 4; Patti Jeffrey 2.

Sterling City boys downed the Dogies A team 30-25. Rasco hit 16 points; Abalos 5; Gray 2; Skinner 2.

The Dogie B team poured it on Sterling City 36-3. Scoring were De-LaPena 12; Roberts 8; David Rodriguez 6; Darryl Mulkey 4; Phil Stephens 2; John Stephens 2; Joe Torres 2.

The junior high teams are participating in a tournament this weekend at Sterling City and will host Grape Creek Monday night.

Board Extends Bickley Contract

Robert Lee School's board of trustees met Thursday, Jan. 17, and voted to extend the contract of Supt. Jimmy Bickley for an additional year. The extension makes his contract run through June 30, 1983. Bickley is now serving in his 15th year as head to the Robert Lee School System and is in his 26th year in the teaching profession.

ELECTION CALLED The school board members called a trustee election for the first Saturday in April. Terms of Wayland Drennan and J.C. Wallace Jr. expire this year.

NOTICE School Tax Assessor Mrs. Reba Roberts reminds everyone it is time to sign the homestead and over-65 applications between now and April 1, 1980

Capture First District 25-B Play

The first half of District 25-B basketball competition was completed Tuesday night for Robert Lee teams. The girls won the first half by defeating Bron-

LEBLANC COMPLETES INFANTRY COURSE

son of Mrs. Jeanette Mundy, Robert Lee, recently completed advanced individual training at the U.S. Army Infantry School, Fort Benning, Ga.

The training included weapons qualifications, squad tactics, patrolling, landmine warfare, field communications and combat operations. This qualified him as a light-weapons infantryman and as an indirect fire crewman. any of the duties in a rifle or mortar squad. LeBlanc is a 1979 graduate of Cambelback High School, Phoenix,

te 48-32. Bronte boys were winners of the first half when they squeaked by the Steers 51-49.

Scoring for the girls were Dianna Tinkler with 16; Leigh Ann Runnion 15; Lisa Devoll 10; Debbie Askins 4; Brenda Gray 2; Elsa DeLaPena 1. Board Meets, Pvt. Edward G. LeBlanc, Making points for the boys were Kerry Gartman with 18; Ricky Ross 15; Robert Tijerina 10; Buck Duncan 2; Darren Williams 2; Vic Conner

Robert Lee teams went to Blackwell last Friday night and swarmed over the Hornets with two big wins. The girls had a score of 77-29 and the boys won 51-29. Devoll was high pointer for the girls with 28; Runnion had 21; Tinkler 17; DeLaPena 5; He was taught to perform Askins 2; Carolyn Simpson 2; Lupe Munoz 2. Gartman was top scorer Frank Demere Jr. of for the boys with 21; Ross had 19; Tijerina 4; Hines said this week Williams 3; Joel Percifull 2; Conner 2.

The teams will travel to Garden City tonight (Friday) for non-district contests and get back into district competition Tuesday night when Trent comes here.

Tax Appraisal **Elects Officers**

Members of the board of directors of the Coke County Tax Appraisal District met Thursday, Jan. 17, in the Commissioners' Court Room at the courthouse in Robert Lee. Main item of business was to organize the board and elect officers.

Royce Fancher of Bronte was elected chairman; Chester Wilson of Bronte, vice chairman; Truman Hines of Robert Lee, secretary; Arch Mathers of Silver and Water Valley, members. that the board is now taking applications for the position of chief appraiser and a suitable location for the board's office is being sought. He said contact with banks is being made to find a depository for the district.

The single appraisal board for taxing entities in the county was set up by the last session of the Texas Legislature. Taking part in the organization for Coke County will be the Bronte and Robert Lee Schools, the cities of Robert Lee and Bronte and Coke County. The county may or may not use the services of district appraiser, at its own discretion. Coke County elected to participate.

The directors will meet the first Monday of each month in the Commissioners' Court Room at 7:30 p.m. and meetings are open to the public.

Girls B Team Is Winner at Miles

RLHS girls B team took three straight games to win first place at the Miles B Team Tournament last weekend. The boys B team was not so fortunate as they lost their first game, won their second and lost in the consolation fin-

GIRLS GAMES In their first game the girls slipped by Winters 45-41. Brenda Gray was top scorer with 18; Frankie Walker had 8; Mary Galvan 7; Becky Taylor 5; Martha Bickley 5; DeeAnna Key

Their second contest was somewhat easier as they defeated Ballinger 54-35. Walker was high with 13; Bickley had 9; Gray 8; Galvan 4; Yolonda Torres 4; Amy Percifull 4; Sara DeLaPena 4; Key 2; Taylor 2; Debbie Cummins 2; Lupe Munoz 2.

The girls went up against Miles Saturday night in the finals and took a big victory, 51-35. Walker was leading scorer with 17; Bickley hit 13; Gray 11; Key 5; Taylor 3; Percifull

BOYS GAMES Winters defeated the Steers 50-32 in their first game. Scoring were Rudy Balderas with 8; Quint Anthony 7; Kyle Gibbs 6; Steven Ray 5; Lupe Torres 4; Bob Flowers 2. The Robert Lee team

took a 52-42 win from

Eden in their second game. Anthony and Gibbs led scoring with 11 each; Ray had 10; Balderas 7; Matt McKinney 8; Torres 3; Flowers 2. In the consolation finals the Steers lost a close game to Santa Anna, 42-40. Anthony was top pointmaker with 11; Gibbs had 7; Baleras 6; Flowers 4; Torres 6; Ray 3; McKinney 2; Scott Stephens 1.

Individual honors went to Brenda Gray who was Most Valuable Player in the girls division, and to Frankie Walker and Rudy Balderas who were named to the alltournament teams.



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Alcohol Affects Unborn Child

This is Fetal Alcohol
Syndrome Awareness Week
in Texas and an effort
is being made to acquaint the public with
the effect of alcohol
use by mothers on unborn children. Mrs.
William P. Clements is
honorary state chairperson for the event.

The Runnels, Nolan that result from alcohomand Coke Council on Alcohol is sponsoring the program in this three-county area. Pamphlets are being placed in schools, doctors' offices and hospitals, according to Tom Watson, counselor for the three-county area. that result from alcohomand in that result disease, physical deformities, mental retardation and eye disorders.

"For nine months, you body is your baby's alcohomand in that result from alcohomand in that res

FAS Awareness Week is an intense campaign to alert individuals to possible birth defects caused during pregnancy by our most popular legal drug, alcohol, Watson said. "It's not thought of as a drug," he noted, "and is consumed freely during pregnancy."

The baby born to an alcoholic mother can exhibit all the symptoms of a street corner drunk. It's called "the fetal alcohol syndrome" and 40 per cent of the offspring of chronically alcoholic women are born with it or similar defects that result from alcohol abuse, including heart disease, physical deformities, mental retardation and eye disorders.

"For nine months, your body is your baby's home," Watson said.
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Charles E. (Chuck)
Adami has been promoted from engineer at the West Texas Utilities
Co.'s San Angelo Power Station to Superintendent of the company's Oak Creek Plant near Blackwell.

He succeeds Harvey H.
Madison, who was named
superintendent of the
Fort Phantom Hill Power
Station near Abilene.
Madison replaced William
M. Anderson, who was
promoted to manager of
plant operations, with
responsibilities involving all eight of WTU's
major power stations.
Adami is a native of
Winters and a graduate

Adami is a native of Winters and a graduate of Seagraves High School. He received a mechanical engineering degree from Texas Tech University in August, 1977, and joined WTU as results engineer at the San Angelo Power Station. He served in the Army, including duty in Vietnam, from 1970-72.

He and his wife, Ralene, have one child, Evan Charles, 7 months old.



CHARLES E. (CHUCK) ADAMI

Madison had been manager of the Oak Creek Plant since 1970. He joined WTU in 1941 and worked in the Concho Plant at San Angelo and the Abilene Plant before moving to Oak Creek

News from West Coke Hospital

Jan. 15: Gaylon Pitcock, Mike Guiterrez admitted. Robert Anderson, Lillie Anderson dismissed.

Jan. 16: Henry Maples admitted. Henry Autrey, Lois Mae Smith, Russell McBroom, Dona Bryan dismissed.

Jan. 17: No admissions. Gaylon Pitcock, Hilario Rodriguez dismissed.

Jan. 18: Ray Mundell admitted. No dismissals. Jan. 19: No admissions. Ray Mundell dismissed. Jan. 20: No admissions. No dismissals.

Jan. 21: Jerry English, Henry Autrey, Sarah Tomlinson. No dismissals.

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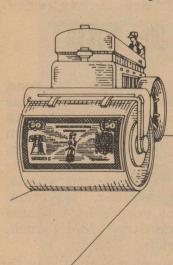
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Good Rains Fall Over Coke Area

Coke County and West Texas had some cold wet weather over the weekend and the first of this week. Most reports showed that the Robert Lee area received about .7 of an inch. Mrs. L.A. Radde, who lives west of town, had one inch. The rain came with a cold front which dropped temperatures below freezing Tuesday night. Wednesday morning brought clear sunny skies and a prediction that warmer weather could be expected. An unusually wet December plus the rain this week has given a big boost to small grain fields and past-

Russell McBroom was transferred from West Coke County Hospital to the VA Medical Center in Big Spring Wednesday, Linda Link was hostess Jan. 16. He had entered the Robert Lee hospital on Jan. 9 after suffering a stroke. His address is Ward 3 West; VA Medical Center; 2400 S. Gregg St.; Big Spring, Texas 79720. Mr. and Mrs. Tom Mc-Broom of San Antonio and Marilyn McBroom of Abilene recently visited with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Russell McBroom.



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LIONS CLUB MEETING

1 - 3rd Tuesday of each month - 7 P.M. Lions Club Community Center there a few more weeks.

Lunchroom Menu

Monday, Jan. 28: Vegetable beef soup, pear and cottage cheese, crackers, milk, peanut butter brownies.

Tuesday, Jan. 29: Pigs in the blanket with mustard, baked beans, whole kernel corn, milk, applesauce.

Wednesday, Jan. 30: Pinto beans, turnip greens, potato salad, corn bread and butter, milk, fruit cobbler. Thursday, Jan. 31: Barbecue on bun, french fries with catsup, sliced pickles, milk, chocolate cupcakes with

icing. Friday, Feb. 1: Turkey casserole, english peas, buttered carrots, hot rolls with butter, milk, peanut butter supreme.

AON PROGRAM ON PERSONAL BEAUTY

for the Jan. 17 meeting of Alpha Omicron Nu. Everyone was a co-hostess for the pot pourri supper which members enjoyed. Cindy Bessent presented the program on "Personal Beauty." Members welcomed a guest, Diane Simpson, from the sister sorori-

LETTERS TO

Dear Editor:

Enclosed is my check for renewal of my Observer subscription for the next year.

We look forward to its arrival each week, so that we may keep informed of friends, family, and events of the area. Keep up the good work.

Sincerely, Dwain Walker 604 Lavina Dr. Mechanicsburg, Pa. 17055

Bill Matlock Jr. is undergoing treatment at the Veterans Hospital in Big Spring. Friends who would like to write him or sent cards should address them as follows: Bill Matlock Jr.; Veterans Hospital, Room 504; 2400 Gregg St.; Big Spring, Texas 79720.

Matlock entered the hospital in December and is expected to be

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Physical Fitness Program Set Jan. 31

The County Extension Office in Coke County is sponsoring an educational program on weight control through a proper diet and exercise program. These factors will be discussed at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 31, in the Robert Lee Recreation Hall.

Ms. Patrice McKinney of Colorado City will

MARTY DUNN AND BRETT CLARK WED IN HOME CEREMONY

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Dunn announce the marriage of their daughter, Marty, to Brett Wilson Clark of Robert Lee. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Casey of Robert Lee, and Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Clark of San Angelo.

Grandparents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. V.M. Box of Robert Lee, and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Woods of San Angelo. Mrs. Annie Woods is great-grandmother of the bride.

The wedding was in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Casey with Rev. Roy Epperson officiating. Becky Sublett was maid of honor. Best man was Barry Clark, brother of the groom. Frances Dunn, sister of the bride, was candlelighter.

A reception honoring the couple followed the ceremony.

FM 2034 TO RECEIVE SEAL COATING JOB

Bids for the improvement of 108 miles of various sections of highways in Coke, Concho, Crockett, Glasscock, national average price Kimble, Reagan, Runnels. Schleicher, Sterling and Tom Green Counties are scheduled to be received in January by the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation.

The work will consist of seal coating the roadways with an application of asphalt and rock to promote waterproofing and help maintain roadway strength.

District Engineer Durwood Watson of San Angelo said seal coating will be applied to portions of FM 2034 in Coke and Tom Green Counties. It is the highway from Robert Lee to Water Valley.

The completed seal coat projects will provide a better riding and skid-resistant surface for motorists.

James R. (Bobby) Evans of San Angelo is the department's engineer in charge of the work.

present the program. She is owner of the "Shaping Up Shop" there. "You will be given examples of proper diets and exercises that will get you in better shape," said County Extension Agent Kathy

Educational programs conducted by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, or national ori-

USDA Sets 1980 Wool, Mohair **Price Supports**

Federal wool and mohair price supports for 1980 will be \$1.23 per pound and \$2.903 per pound respectively, up from this year's \$1.15 and \$1.943.

According to Ray Fitzgerald, administrator of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, the 1980 support price for each commodity is at 72.4 percent of parity.

Fitzgerald said pulled wool will continue to be supported at a level comparable to the support price for shorn wool through payments on unshorn lambs.

As in past years, shorn wool payments will be based on a percentage of each producer's returns from sales,

Fitzgerald said. The percentage will be that required to raise the received by all producers for shorn wool in 1980 up to the support price of \$1.23 a pound. Currently shorn wool prices are averaging about 85 cents per pound.

Any mohair payments will be calculated in a manner similar to wool. However, Fitzgerald said, mohair payments for 1980 probably will not be necessary as it appears that the average price received by producers in the open market will be higher than the support price.



Nicaragua, with 57,143 square miles, is the largest Central American republic.

Robert Lee School **Honor Roll Given**

Principal William Hood has released the honor roll for the third six weeks and for the first semester at Robert Lee Elementary School.

THIRD SIX WEEKS Third grade: Cody Anthony, Ericka Clendennen, Kim Hood, Scott Ray, Johanna Service.

Fourth grade: Stevie Ebenstein, Randy Gartman, Jason Herring, Rachel Metcalf, Robert Runnion, Kelly Tomlin-

Fifth grade: Becky C1endennen, Nikki Epperson, Tim Garringer, Lin Long, Lee Ann Molinar, Gayla Sanders.

Sixth grade: Jana Gar-

SEMESTER HONOR ROLL Third grade: Cody Anthony, Ericka Clendennen, Kim Hood, Scott Ray, Johanna Service. Fourth grade: Stevie Ebenstein, Randy Gartman, Jason Herring, Robert Runnion, Kelly Tomlinson.

Fifth grade: Becky Clendennen, Nikki Epperson, Lin Long, Lee Ann Molinar, Gayla Sanders.

Sixth grade: Jana Gar-

Principal Jerry Gibbs has released the honor roll for Robert Lee High School for the third six weeks of the 1979-80 school year, as follows:

Twelfth grade: Debbie Askins, Lisa Devoll, Danny Doss and Wade Wallace.

Eleventh grade: Candy Alderman, Mitch Gibbs and Dianna Tinkler.

Tenth grade: Scot Long. Ninth grade: Leigh Ann Runnion and Becky Tay-

Eighth grade: Carrath Metcalf.

Seventh grade: Douglas Roberts and Michael Wilson.

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Beeferendum Coming in February

Robert Lee Observer

By Sterling Lindsey

out the United States will, in the near future, have an opportunity to vote in a referendum on a Beef Research and Information Order. The 1976 Beef Research and Information Act authorizes a national program under which cattle producers would be assessed to finance research and information activities designed to improve markets for cattle, beef and beef products. The program will be established only if producers vote to approve the order. Some of the major poi-

nts of importance involved in the program are as follows:

1. To be eligible to vote, a qualified producer must register to vote during the period from Jan. 28 to Feb. 6. Registration must be done in the County ASCS Office in the county where your cattle are located.

2. The voting period will be from Feb. 19 through Feb. 22, at the County ASCS office.

3. Any bonafide cattleman, regardless of the number of animals owned, refunded, if the order may register to vote. Anyone owning cattle during 1979 would be a bonafide cattleman.

4. A person may vote absentee if they secure the necessary forms from their local ASCS office.

5. For the order to become effective, 50

percent of the producers registering must Beef producers through- vote in the referendum and a majority of those voting must vote in favor of the order.

6. The basic purpose of the act is to set up a program to finance research and information of February. One of activities designed to improve markets for cattle, beef and beef products.

7. To finance the program an assessment wou-1d be made by the buyer each time cattle are sold. The slaughterers would collect and send assessments to the beef board.

8. The assessment rate cannot exceed two-tenths Holcombe, Executive of 1 percent of the sale price of the cattle for the first two years of the program. After that, the board could change the rate with USDA approval, but cannot go above five-tenths of 1 per-

9. High valued breeding or dairy animals would be exempt from assessment until slaughter. Only the slaughter value will be taken into consideration.

10. Any producer wishing his or her money is passed, would have their money refunded when accompanied by proof of payment.

We encourage all Coke County cattled producers to study and weigh the values of the program. Then register and vote their conviction regarding the Beef Referendum.

Most producers are aware that a new proposal is being made or a new plan is soon to receive final consideration as the Brucellosis control plan Texas will place in force in the near future.

Six hearings have been scheduled over the state for the first half these will be held in San Angelo, at 9 a.m. Feb. 5 in the District Courtroom of the County Courthouse. If you wou-1d like to voice an opinion on the Texas Plan, you are encouraged to attend the meeting in San Angelo.

Written comments are also invited. They may be sent to Dr. John W. Director, Texas Animal Health Commission, P.O. Box 12966, Austin, Texas 78711. Written and oral comments will be accepted up to and including Feb. 29. The Texas Animal Health Commission proposes to conduct a final hearing and adopt the regulations on Feb. 29, in Austin. The exact time and place will be announced at a later date.

Again, if you wish to offer comment regarding the Texas Brucellosis Plan, we encourage you to attend the meeting in San Angelo on Feb. 5 or send your written comments to the Texas Animal Health Commission in Austin.



The Coke County Livestock Association would like to express its appreciation to the individuals andor firms purchasing animals at the 1980 Coke County Fat Stock Show:

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Beeferendum is a cattle industry effort to win approval of a uniform collection plan for beef research, consumer information, promotion and foreign market development. The Beef Research and Information program will be established if a majority of cattlemen vote "yes" in the Feb. 19-22 referendum.

Drennan said both the registration and voting will take place at the county ASCS office. Absentee registration and voting will be permitted; cattlemen interested in the absentee procedures should contact the ASCS office. The referendum rules provide for one vote for each separate cattle business entity--be it an individual, a family business, a partnership or a corporat-

For the referendum to be valid, 50% of those registering must vote. And for the referendum to pass, a simple majority of those voting must be in favor of the program.

ion.

Drennan urged all local cattle producers and feeders to vote

"yes" in the referendum. He pointed out the urgent need for a selfhelp program that would provide the funds to fight anti-beef propaganda, promote the nutritional value of beef, combat beef substitutes, counter extremes of the cattle cycle, expand foreign markets and increase demand for

"Consumer demand for beef, as measured by share of income spent for beef, will continue to decline unless we take postive steps now. Nobody else is going to provide the nutrition research and information that are needed. We are going to have to do · the job ourselves, and the only way to be sure an adequate job is done is to set up an industry-wide, uniform collection plan."

"Just having a superior product isn't enough any more. We must take charge of our own destinies. We must be sure the research and information program is approved."

Drennan said that every cattleman along the production chain will automatically invest 2/10 of 1% (20¢ per \$100) of the value he adds to the animal. At the end of the chain, the packer will collect and remit the combined assessments to the Beef Board. A producer may get a refund upon request.

LOOK WHO'S NEV

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Bolding announce the adoption of a daughter. Bree Ann Elizabeth Bol-

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. John Conley of Wichita Falls and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Bolding of Plainview. Greatgrandparents are Myrtle Watson of Wichita Falls and Jess Bolding of Healton, Okla.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Behan Erin and Rebecca of West Chester, Pa., and Mr. and Mrs. Albert (Tooter) Fields and Brad of La Porte spent last week with the ladies' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Heuvel. Mr. and Mrs. Fields and Brad also visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Fields.

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Production of Forage Can Have Big Effect on Profits of Coke Ranchers

Forage production for many acres in Coke County is far below what they are capable of producing. When early settlers first came to this area they believed fuel, and so on. they would never run out of grass. Because of this over-stocking of good grasses through- this process. Seeding out the county. Most of the county had stands of grasses such as Indiangrass, Little bluestem, Sideoats grama, Cane bluestem, Sand bluestem, Vine mesquite and many others. Today these grasses are not as dominant on our ranges as before. Severe droughts of previous years have also reduced production of range forage.

The simple fact is that ranchers are actually grass farmers. They allow grass and forb production on the land and harvest it with livestock or wildlife. The livestock or wildlife is also their means of selling their product. The more good quality forage a rancher can produce the more economically he can produce beef, wool or mutton. An increase in good quality forage in many cases does not mean an increase in livestock numbers. Live- 50% by weight of the stock numbers may be high enough already but the increase in good quality forage can reduce overhead. This

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would be done by requiring less supplemental feeding. Costs included here are not only the cost of the feed but also labor, equipment, Nature has a way of rebuilding its rangeland but this may take many reduced excellent stands years. Man can speed up of adapted grasses has proven to be effective in many cases. Some of the grasses seeded in this county in the past are: Indiangrass, Kleingrass, Sideoats grama, Sand lovegrass, Blue panicum, King Ranch bluestem, and Klegberg

> Range seeding is a useful tool to put low producing rangeland back into good shape. But is is only as good as the treatment it receives. Newly seeded grasses need a full growing season deferment as least for good root development. In some cases additional deferment is needed. This will pay off in the long run. A well established stand is easier and more economical to manage than a struggling one. Care must also be taken to properly manage established stands. This can be done by taking only annual forage production. A systematic deferment is also beneficial in maintaining good stands.

> For more information or assistance on range seeding please contact the Coke County Soil & Water Conservation Dis-

County, District Court Sessions To Hear Cases

County Court is sched-

uled to convene next week in the courtroom at the court house in Robert Lee. Judge D.W. Sims will preside. Pre-trial hearings will be held Tuesday, Jan. 29, beginning at 9 a.m. and trials are set for 9 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 5, when a jury will be available. Some 22 cases are on the county docket. District Court also has a session set for February. Pre-trial hearings will begin at 9 a.m. Monday, Feb. 4 and trials will begin at 9 a.m. Monday, Feb. 25. Two jury cases are on the docket and 11 non-jury cases are

listed. All the cases

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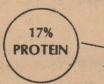
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may be rejected.

Political **Announcements**

The Observer has been authorized to announce the candidacy of persons listed below for the offices and in the elections indicated:

> DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY MAY 3, 1980

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For Sheriff-

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