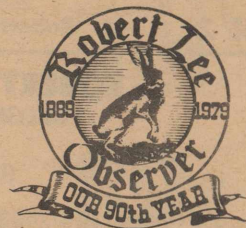


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Association to Start Work On 1980 'Ole Coke County'

The Coke County Pageant Association, Inc. has announced a general meeting of the association to be held Monday night, March 10, 7:30 p.m. in the courthouse conference room. Officers hope everyone will make a special effort to attend the meeting. Everyone interested in becoming a member of the association, making a private contribution, or voluntary service is invited. Plans for the third annual production of "OLE COKE COUNTY--Home of the Rabbit Twisters" will be presented.

"Each year since the organization of the Coke County Pageant Association, Inc. has been

Mercury Falls As March Roars In

March ^{came from} in like a lion, all right, as Coke County and the surrounding area had its coldest weather of the year last weekend. Last Saturday, the first day of the new month, was not anything to brag about. Chilling winds and sub-freezing temperatures greeted those who were brave enough to stick their heads outside Saturday morning.

But that was not the worst of it. Saturday night and Sunday morning brought low mercury readings which are not common in this part of the country.

Some Coke Countians, who are well known for their honesty, said their thermometers showed reading of 3 to 8 degrees above zero early Sunday morning. The official low at the Weather Bureau in San Angelo was 9 degrees.

The weather moderated somewhat Monday and Tuesday, but it still was not the balmy climate usually enjoyed by West Texans, as the wind blew incessantly out of the west and stirred up a lot of dust.

The forecast called for continued cold Thursday and Friday, but promised a milder weekend.

interesting and challenging and 1979 was no different," said Association President Alice Beaty. "Each year we have made progress toward our goals. 1980 promises to be an interesting year - we hope a good year," she added. 1980 will involve continued landscaping and beautification of the Mountain Creek Amphitheatre, and the production of the pageant for two weekends, July 25-26 and August 1-2.

The association would like to say THANK YOU for the support given by the members and contributors. "We look forward to 1980 with optimism, knowing that we have a story to tell that will interest people, and that we are serving a needed educational and cultural purpose as well as preserving the colorful history of Coke County," Mrs. Beaty said.

21-B All-District Team Announced

The boys All-District Basketball Team for District 21-B for 1979-80 was announced this week. Bronte and Robert Lee hogged the spots on the first team.

The conference winning Longhorns took three places on the first team and the runner-up Steers took two.

Members of the first team were Jay Schoenfield, Brett McKibben and Brian Champion of Bronte and Kerry Gartman and Ricky Ross of Robert Lee.

SECOND TEAM

Named to the second team were Vic Conner of Robert Lee, Don Hamilton and Lance Ball of Bronte, Danny Freeman of Trent and Randy Trull of Blackwell.

Receiving honorable mention were Scot Long, Joel Percifull and Darren Williams of Robert Lee, Vince Guthrie and Darrell Frizzell of Divide and Jim Palmer of Blackwell.

Coaches of District 21-B made the selections.

Politics Warms As Races Develop in April Elections

Contests have developed during the past week in all three of the elections which will be held Saturday, April 5. New candidates have filed for school trustee, city alderman and hospital district director.

There is a possibility that more candidates will file before the deadline, as the check on candidates was made about noon Wednesday. Candidates for city and school offices have until 5 p.m. Wednesday to file, while hospital district candidates have until 5 p.m. Monday.

As of Wednesday morning when the Observer was being put together, the elections looked like this:

CITY ELECTION

Mayor Robert Vaughan was unopposed in his bid for reelection. However, three candidates were seeking two spots on the city council. Incumbent Alice Beaty is seeking reelection, and new candi-

dates Wilson Bryan and Les Gray are also seeking a place as alderman. The other alderman whose term expires this year is Larry Anderson.

Holdover council members are Allen Clendennen, Lewis Heuvel and F.W. (Pete) Prentice.

SCHOOL BOARD

Most sought after offices in the April elections are for school trustee. Six candidates had filed for a spot on the ballot and voters will elect only two. J.C. Wallace Jr. is the only incumbent who has filed for reelection. Other candidates include Jeffie Roberts, Les Gray, David Yeager, Arthur Runnion and Gaylon Pitcock. The other trustee whose term expires this year is Wayland Drennan.

Trustees whose terms do not expire this year are Phil Ray, John Stephens, Joe Flowers, Ray Aldridge and W.L. Metcalf.

HOSPITAL DIRECTOR

Four candidates had filed for a spot on

the hospital director ballot. Larry Anderson is the lone incumbent seeking reelection. New candidates are Steve Oleksiuk, Les Gray and T.M. Wylie Jr. Holdover directors are George Newby and Earl Lindsey.

Dr. Kit Coming To Robert Lee

The Great Dr. Kit, black-bearded hypnotist of international fame, will appear at Robert Lee High School auditorium for one night only on Monday, March 10, showtime 7:30 p.m. This great showman is being brought here by the RLHS student council.

Dr. Kit is one of the few master hypnotists and showmen, who in the past 20 years has continuously broken box office records in city after city throughout Europe, Canada, U.S.A. including Hawaii and Alaska. This great entertainer and showman has been acclaimed as one of the greatest attractions on tour today, and he has hypnotized over eighty thousand people in the past.

"Professional researchers have been able to achieve remarkable results in correcting such habits as stuttering, stammering, smoking, biting of finger nails, weight reduction, plus others through hypnosis, says Dr. Kit". During the show the Great Dr. Kit will demonstrate the phenomenon of mass hypnosis and will actually hypnotize 15 to 20 local volunteers from the audience at one time.

The Great Dr. Kit Show has been described as the most amazing and funniest entertainment sensation to be seen in many years. It is a clean, wholesome show for the entire family. Advance tickets are now on sale by the
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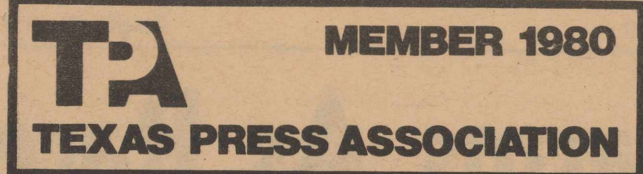
Homecoming Royalty--This year's Homecoming King and Queen are Ricky Ross and Kellye Percifull. They were honored at festivities last fall. Kellye is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Percifull and Ricky is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ross.

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Blood Pressure Clinic Set at Hospital

Coke County residents are invited to have their blood pressure checked at no charge by volunteers with the

Statement Of Intent To Change Rates

General Telephone Company of the Southwest, in accordance with the Rules of the Public Utility Commission of Texas, hereby gives notice of the Company's Intent to implement a new schedule of rates in Texas effective April 1, 1980.

The proposed changes in rates will affect all customer classes and are designed to increase the Company's gross annual revenue derived from local service by 37%.

A complete set of revised rate schedules has been filed with the Public Utility Commission at Austin, Texas, and is available for public inspection in each of the Company's Business Offices in the State of Texas. A summary of the Company's rate filing has also been sent to the Mayor's Office of each affected municipality.



GENERAL TELEPHONE

West Coke County Hospital District EMS. The free blood pressure clinic will be held on Saturday, March 15 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Lion's Club building in Robert Lee.

All persons who would like to have their blood pressure checked are invited to come by during these hours. The students in the Emergency Care Attendant (ECA) course sponsored by the EMS will assist with the clinic. These students are due to take their state exams for licensure on March 17.

An EMS spokesman said, "Come by and accomplish two things at the same time: have your blood pressure checked (this is important for you) and support the EMS (this is important for the volunteers working with the EMS). See you there!"

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Nutritious Fish Helps Food Budget

By Kathy Jobe

Trying to stretch your 1980 food dollar? Texas fish can help.

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Fish supplies high-level protein with practically no waste.

Since fish steaks and fillets contain few bones and no fat, you pay for only what you eat, and when cooked properly fish has practically no shrinkage.

Baking is one of the easiest ways to cook fish, and the following baked-fish recipe makes delicious use of many of the fine native species.

"Fish Au Gratin" is a cheesy casserole featuring a light spicy flavor achieved with parsley, paprika and a dash of pepper.

For more seafood ideas, request recipes at no charge by just sending a postcard to SEAFOOD RECIPES, Texas Agricultural Extension Service,

Room 442 Kleberg Center, Texas A&M University, College Station, Tx 77843.

FISH AU GRATIN

- 2 pounds fish steaks or fillets
- 1½ teaspoons salt
- Dash pepper
- ½ cup flour
- 2 tablespoons grated onion
- 1 can (10½ ounces) condensed cream of celery soup
- 1 cup grated cheese
- 2 tablespoons chopped parsley
- Paprika

Remove skin and bones as necessary and cut fish into serving-size portions.

Add seasoning to flour. Roll fish in flour and place in a well-greased, shallow, 1½ quart casserole.

Add onion to soup and spread over fish.

Top with cheese and parsley. Sprinkle with paprika.

Bake at 350 degrees for 25 minutes or until fish flakes easily when tested with a fork.

Makes six servings.

PANCAKE SUPPER MARCH 21

The annual 4-H and Robert Lee-Silver Lions Club Pancake Supper will be held March 21, Friday at 6 p.m. in the Robert Lee School Cafeteria.

Entertainment will be held in conjunction with the supper as in the past years. Anyone interested in entertaining contact Add Davis or Edna Havins.

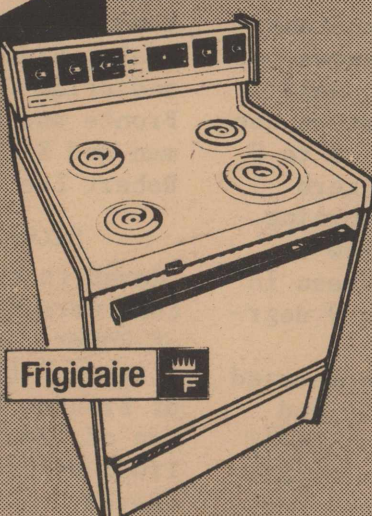
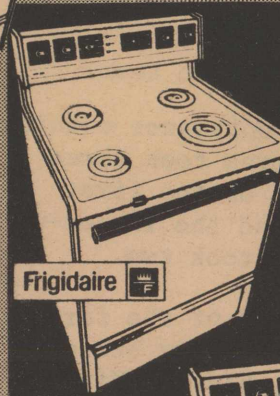
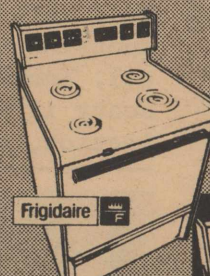
For further information contact your County Extension Agents, Sterling Lindsey and Kathy Jobe or the Lions Club president, Mike Post.



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Mayor Vaughan Names Mrs. Beaty To See All RL Citizens Are Counted

In an effort to encourage everyone to be counted in the 1980 census, Mayor Robert Vaughan has appointed Alice Beaty, alderman, as chairperson of the committee.

"The success of the 1980 census count in Robert Lee is vitally important," Mayor Vaughan said. "Not only does our community's political representation in the U.S. Congress and in the State legislature rest on census population totals, but large amounts of federal and state funds are returned to Robert Lee each year based on census statistics."

"For example," he continued, "in the current budget year, we are receiving \$3,041.00 in federal revenue sharing funds. The Office of Revenue Sharing of the U.S. Treasury uses census population and per capita income figures to allocate these payments to each community. If everyone is not counted, it means our community will be shortchanged and we will not receive our fair share of these tax funds which, after all, come from our residents in the first place."

Mayor Vaughan said Mrs. Beaty will undertake an intensive public education campaign to inform all residents about the importance of cooperating with the census. Census questionnaires will be delivered to each household on Friday, March 28, 1980. Householders are requested to answer the census questions and mail them back in the enclosed preaddressed envelopes on Tuesday, April 1. If a preaddressed envelope is not provided, householders are asked to complete the questionnaire and hold it until a census worker visits to pick it up.

Mrs. Beaty, along with her committee will be making speeches on be-

half of the census before community organizations, and generally endorsing public cooperation with the census at every opportunity.

Community organizations and individuals interested in cooperating with the committee have been invited to contact Alice Beaty at 453-2461 or 453-2695.

Lunchroom Menu

Monday, March 10: Fish krispies with tartar sauce, cream potatoes, green beans, hot rolls and butter, milk, diced pears.

Tuesday, March 11: Spaghetti with meat sauce, lettuce, tomato salad, english peas, hot biscuits and butter, milk, ginger bread.

Wednesday, March 12: Pinto beans with meat, turnip greens, tator tots with catsup, corn bread with butter, milk, fruit cobbler.

Thursday, March 13: Hot dogs with chili, carrot, cabbage slaw, corn, milk, cowboy cookies.

Friday, March 14: Salisbury steaks, cream potatoes, mixed vegetables, hot rolls, butter, milk, applesauce cake with icing.

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Plans and specifications including minimum wage rates as provided by Law are available at the office of Gerald G. Lackey, Resident Engineer, San Angelo, Texas, and State Department of Highways and Public Transportation, Austin.

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MR. AND MRS. POLY ABALOS

Terri Fuentes and Poly Abalos Are Wed Feb. 24 in Angelo Ceremony

Terri Fuentes and Poly Abalos were married at 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 24, in San Angelo.

The ceremony was performed by Justice of the Peace Ruth Nicholson in Ricardo's Restaurant.

Parents of the bride are Mr. and Mrs. Richard Fuentes of San Angelo. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Abalos of Robert Lee.

Wedding music was provided by organist Lee Hood, of San Angelo, who accompanied Tonya Abalos of San Angelo, vocalist and the groom's sister-in-law.

Witnesses were Mr. and

Mrs. Willie Abalos of Sonora, the groom's brother and sister-in-law, and Mr. and Mrs. Carlos Lopez of San Angelo, the bride's sister and brother-in-law.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held in the restaurant.

Mrs. Abalos is a 1977 graduate of San Angelo Central High School and is employed at her father's restaurant, Ricardo's.

Her husband is a 1976 graduate of Robert Lee High School and is employed by C&C Lease Co.

The new Mr. and Mrs. Abalos are making their home in San Angelo.

Elementary Honor Roll

Elementary School Principal William Hood has released the following honor roll for the fourth six weeks of the 1979-80 school year:

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

Fourth grade: Stevie Ebenstein, Randy Gartman, Jason Herring, Wes Hood, Rachel Metcalf, Robert Runnion.

Fifth grade: Becky Clendennen, Nikki Epperson, Tim Garringer, Lin Long.

Sixth grade: Dana Anthony, Jana Gartman, Jim Bob Jacobs.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hatley and Billy of Goltry, Okla., and Mr. and Mrs. Steve Hatley, Tamera and Tanya of Conroe, were weekend visitors of Mrs. Ell Hatley.

Jr. Tracksters Going to Forsan

Robert Lee will host a junior high track meet Thursday, March 13, for both boys and girls teams of the area. A large number of junior high track teams are expected to be present for the event.

The junior high teams will go to Forsan Friday (today) for competition on the track.

HIGH SCHOOL TRACK
High school boys and girls track teams will travel to Sterling City Saturday to that school's annual invitational meet.

Last Saturday's track meet was called off because of cold weather.

GOLF MEET SET
Area high school golf teams will be in Robert Lee Friday, March 14, for a tournament at Mountain Creek Golf Course.

Robert Lee School Honor Roll Given

Robert Lee High School Principal Jerry Gibbs announced the following honor roll for the fourth six weeks of the 1979-80 school term:

Seventh grade: Douglas Roberts, Michael Wilson.

Eighth grade: Sheri Ebenstein, Carrath Metcalf.

Ninth grade: Quint Anthony, Becky Taylor.

Tenth grade: Scot Long, Frankie Walker.

Eleventh grade: Candy Alderman, Dianna Tinkler.

Twelfth grade: Debbie Askins, Clay Bloodworth, Brett Clark, Elsa DeLa Pena, Lisa Devoll, Danny Doss, Renea Flanagan, Kerry Gartman, Jana Hood.

M.A. Cox recently returned home after a six weeks visit with relatives in Houston, Plano and Boise City, Okla. He visited his sons and their families, the Russell Coxes of Houston and with the Jim Coxes in Plano.

Another son, Bill Cox of Houma, La., picked his father up at Plano and they went to Boise City, Okla., to visit a granddaughter, Sandra Newlin, and her family. Mr. Cox and Bill also toured Palo Duro Canyon State Park before returning to Robert Lee.

FORMER RESIDENTS VISIT
Earl Adkins of Walla Walla, Wash. and Mr. and Mrs. Archie A. Harris of San Angelo were in Robert Lee last Thursday to visit Mr. and Mrs. O.D. Adkins and Mr. and Mrs. Jess Adkins. O.D. and Jess are uncles of the visitors.

Earl, who is a former resident of the Sanco and Silver communities, arrived in Texas Feb. 13 and visited with Mr. and Mrs. Roy Stroud at Ranger before going on to San Angelo to visit the Harrises. Mrs. Harris is the former Mary Adkins and Mrs. Stroud is the former Eva Mae Adkins.

Before returning to Washington, Mr. Adkins plans to visit another sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Bill (Glenna) Humble, at Portales, N.M.

While in Robert Lee, Mr. Adkins and Mrs. Harris came by the Observer office for a visit and he subscribed to the Robert Lee Observer. They reported they had been out to the Sanco Cemetery and had driven around the Sanco area looking for familiar sights and places.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Walker of San Angelo, Wanda Martin and Eddie Caulder of Merkel and Debra Caulder of Robert Lee, visited Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Walker.

Former Silver Woman Dies

Mrs. O.F. (Bess) Bradham, 76, of Coleman and a former Silver resident, died at 6:45 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 27, in West Texas Medical Center in Abilene.

Services were at 2 p.m. Friday at Walker Funeral Home Chapel. Burial was in Coleman City Cemetery under the direction of Walker Funeral Home.

Mrs. Bradham was born April 23, 1903 in Ellis County and was married to O.F. Bradham on Dec. 18, 1920. They moved to Coleman from Silver in 1964. He died in 1966. She was a member of Central Baptist Church.

Survivors include two sons, James Bradham of Corpus Christi and Paul Bradham of Longview; three daughters, Mrs. Raymond (Helen) Kellner of Ira, Mrs. Leonard (Barbara) Sharp of Tuscola, and Mrs. David (Rosaland) Fuller of Georgia; a sister, Mrs. Lillian Sullivan of No-vice; a brother, Vardie Dale of Coleman; 8 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

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members of the student council for \$1.50 for students and adults. Tickets can also be bought at the door on night of show for \$2.00. Tickets for grade school students are \$1.00.

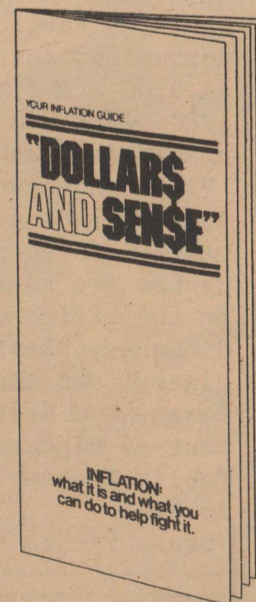


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ELIZABETH BICKLEY

Elizabeth Bickley Now Working at Midland Hospital

Elizabeth Bickley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Bickley, graduated from Texas Tech in December, 1979, and received her medical technology certification from Midland Memorial County Hospital in January, 1980. She is now employed as a Medical Technologist at Midland Memorial County Hospital. After attending Cisco Junior College for two years, where she served as drum major of the Cisco Junior College band, she attended Texas Tech one year; then she was in training one year at Midland Memorial County Hospital.

She is a 1975 graduate of Robert Lee High School. She was a member of the Beta Club, served as class treasurer, was an all-district basketball player, class favorite and was honored as Miss RLHS. She was a member of the Student Council and was drum major of the Steer Band. Recently she went to Dallas where she took the registry test for certification with the American Society of Clinical Pathologists.

NOTICE

A public budget hearing will be held by the City of Robert Lee on March 17, 1980, from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. in the City Hall. The public has a right to attend this meeting and to provide written or oral comments on the entire budget for the City of Robert Lee for the fiscal year of April 1, 1980, to March 31, 1981, and to discuss the relationship of revenue sharing to the rest of the city budget. A copy of this budget is available for public inspection at City Hall.

Robert Vaughan
Mayor
Edna Havins
City Secretary

Club to Landscape Nursing Home

The '64 Study Club met Feb. 26 in the home of Opal Jacoby, with Maybelle Stewart presiding in the absence of Pauline Vaughan, president. Sixteen members and one guest were present.

The theme of the meeting was "Show and Tell," a presentation of art and literature by students of Robert Lee High School. Alice Beaty introduced Lucile Bryan who showed some of the art entries, then various members read some essays and poetry. Mrs. Bryan stressed the encouragement of the creative and performing arts and the awareness of our heritage.

Patti Ivey reported on the progress of the landscaping of the nursing home and presented a landscaping

plan made up by Mrs. Ridgeway of San Angelo. Mrs. Ivey discussed the costs and it was decided to make a start by buying five trees. The club voted to give \$200 from the club fund to pay for the trees. It was suggested that the club designate memorial contributions to go toward the landscaping project until it is finished. The club voted to put boxes in the places of business to collect money to be applied to the landscaping fund.

Alice Beaty discussed costumes for the members to wear as hostesses at the pageant and encouraged them to start working toward that end.

Co-hostesses with Mrs. Jacoby were Alice Beaty and Vivian Jacobs. The next meeting will be March 11 in the home of Lois McCleskey.

"I am a great friend to public amusements, for they keep people from vice."
Samuel Johnson

Funeral Is Held For Mrs. Jay

Mrs. Sam (Virginia) Jay, 68, of Eldorado and formerly of Robert Lee, died about 6 a.m. Monday, March 3, at Schleicher County Medical Center in Eldorado.

Memorial services were conducted at 3 p.m. Tuesday at Northside Church of Christ in San Angelo with Portis Ribble, minister of West Angelo Church of Christ, officiating.

Burial was in Robert Lee Cemetery under the direction of Johnson's Funeral Home of San Angelo.

Virginia Williams was born May 9, 1911, at Olde Towne, Va., daughter of Thomas F. (Tom) and Mabel (Lewis) Williams. She and Sam Jay were married June 16, 1934 in Mertzon. They lived in Robert Lee until moving to San Angelo in 1961. Mrs. Jay was secretary for the City of Robert Lee from 1951 to 1959. Mr. Jay died Feb. 23, 1974. She had moved to Eldorado from San Angelo three years ago.

Survivors include a son, Robert Lewis Jay of Eldorado; two sisters, Willie Belle Hatley of San Angelo and Laura Jones of Christoval; four brothers, Sam Williams of Robert Lee, John Williams of Redondo Beach, Calif., Tommy Williams of Bloomington, Ind., and Jim Williams of San Angelo; and four grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Gary Williams and Bill Allen of Robert Lee, Darrell Smith of San Angelo; Steve Blaylock of Midland; and Guy Whitaker and Jim Best of Eldorado.

AKP HAS DEMONSTRATION ON AEROBIC DANCING

Alpha Kappa Pi met the Old Rec Hall Feb. 27 to watch and participate in a demonstration of aerobic exercise presented by Kate Nelson and two students from the San Angelo YMCA. Classes will begin March 17 at the Y.

Following the demonstration members adjourned to the home of Mary Bessent for the regular monthly meeting. It was announced that \$151.50 had been deposited in the Heart of Texas Savings and Loan towards the purchase of Christmas lights.

After the meeting, three of the members were presented with shower gifts appropriate to their new roles.

The next meeting will be March 12 in the home of Jo Runion.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Bryan visited in Weatherford last weekend with Della Lemons and son. The group drove to Jacksboro to visit the Tony Deans.

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Coke County Judge Sims Completes Course at Big Spring State Hospital

County Judge D.W. Sims has just completed a course through Angelo State University which has given him a greater insight into the matter of committing citizens to state hospitals.

Most of the work on the course which required 450 hours of study was done at the Big Spring State Hospital.

Sims said he was particularly interested in the course since a county judge is one of three persons who ordinarily has to sign the papers to get a person "committed." The other two who must sign include a member of the ill person's family and a licensed physician.

"I feel that a lot of county judges have been mere rubber stamps in getting persons sent to state hospitals when a family member and a physician have signed the necessary papers," Sims said.

Judge Sims has been working on the course since last October, spending time on Thursdays and Fridays as well as weekend days of Saturday and Sunday,

at the Big Spring facility. Most of his time was spent interviewing clients, studying their needs and making recommendations.

He said he learned that "a lot of people are detained there whose problems could be better served somewhere else. He pointed out that it takes \$75 a day to keep a person in the Big Spring Hospital "and that money comes out of the taxpayers' pockets."

Sims took the course and made the trips to Big Spring at his own expense and came back to his office on the Thursdays and Fridays he was away to look after any county business which came up during his absence.

He said, "I hope this study has made me a better county judge," noting that he felt the course would make him more knowledgeable about the need to have persons committed to state institutions.

REPORT YOUR NEWS!

News from West Coke Hospital Food Preservation Course Planned

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

Feb. 26: Charlotte Wojtek, Avis Cook, Henry Autrey admitted. Bertha King dismissed.

Feb. 27: No admissions. Lena Russell, Don Glenn dismissed.

Feb. 28: Elva Jameson admitted. Lillian D. Walker, Charlotte Wojtek dismissed.

Feb. 29: Ila Weir admitted. Inez Nutter, Henry Autrey dismissed.

March 1: Gertie Rives, Henry Varnadore, Doris McCarley admitted. Ida Adams, Velma Denman dismissed.

March 2: Neva J. McKee admitted. Elva Jameson dismissed.

March 3: Sallie Gartman, Julia Garza admitted. Neva J. McKee dismissed.

There will be a free Food Preservation Short-course offered in Robert Lee at the new recreation center on March 13, 18 and 27 at 7 p.m. All people regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion or national origin are invited to attend one, two or all three meetings. The Coke County Extension Office is sponsoring the shortcourse. There will be films and excellent information given on the latest in food preservation. Remember it is getting close to that time again -- this year you can be prepared!



State Department of Highways and Public Transportation

COMMISSIONERS SESSION SHORT

Coke County Commissioners' Court had a short session Monday with little official business on the agenda.

Judge D.W. Sims said another short session is expected this coming Monday, but predicted that it would be busier than the previous meeting.

The judge said the commissioners approved bills for payment and scheduled several matters to be taken up at the next meeting which are required to be considered at a regular session of the court. The first Monday meeting of the commissioners each month is a called meeting, while the second Monday session is a regular meeting.

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REMEMBER!

- **CENSUS DAY IS APRIL 1, 1980**
Your questionnaire will arrive in the mail on Friday, March 28, 1980.
- **PLEASE ANSWER ALL CENSUS QUESTIONS THAT APPLY TO YOUR HOUSEHOLD**
- **PLEASE MAIL BACK YOUR CENSUS QUESTIONNAIRE ON APRIL 1 IN THE ENVELOPE PROVIDED!**
If you don't get a brown return mail envelope, hold your completed questionnaire for a census worker to pick up.
- **YOUR PERSONAL ANSWERS ARE CONFIDENTIAL BY LAW**
No one outside the U.S. Census Bureau can see or use your personal answers for 72 years. Only statistical totals are ever published.
- **IF YOU NEED HELP ANSWERING SOME QUESTIONS**
There's a telephone number on the mailing labels on the census questionnaires. Please call for any assistance you may need.
- **SPANISH-LANGUAGE QUESTIONNAIRES ARE AVAILABLE**
If you or a friend or relative prefer a questionnaire in Spanish, just call the telephone number which appears on census questionnaire mailing labels.



"Sometimes we get more government than we really want."

Reviewing a list of legislative "ripoffs" in the last session of the Texas Legislature, Larry Shaw cites a property tax break given to East Texas timber giants, fourteen separate House votes to escalate interest rates, the weakening of the Consumer Protection Act, the \$25.00 new car documentary fee (which will take millions of dollars out of Texans' pockets each year) and other items.

This legislation favors lenders and vendors. It works against those in the middle incomes.

It could never pass except for the help it receives from legislators in league with lobbyists all across the state. Some of this strikes awfully close to home.

Larry Shaw says it's time to remember the people of the 63rd Legislative District. The special interest that interests him . . . is **you**.

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Ceremony Kicks Off 1980 Census

At a ceremony Feb. 13, officials cut a length of computer tape, officially opening the district office in Pecos from which the 1980 Census of Population and Housing will be directed in this area.

Janet Faulkner, manager of the district office, explained that computer tape is symbolic of the Census Bureau's modern electronic equipment that will process the data collected in the census.

This district office will be headquarters for census operations in 25 counties in West Texas including Coke County.

With the official opening, the active phase of the census gets under way in this district. About 260 crew leaders and census takers will be hired and trained. Detailed arrangements will be made for the enumeration of people in institutions, jails, hospitals, colleges, and places other than homes, all in preparation for April 1 when the actual enumeration begins.

On March 28 the postal service will deliver a census questionnaire at each residential mailbox. Each household will be asked to fill out its questionnaire and hold it for the census taker. Census takers will begin making their rounds on March 31.

There are 23 other census districts where this method of enumeration will be used. The Census Bureau estimates that about 10 percent of the U.S. population lives in these areas. For the remainder of the population, most of whom live in large cities and their suburbs, there are 385 census districts. Householders here will receive questionnaires bearing their addresses on March 28. They will be asked to fill them out and mail them back on April 1 in the postage-paid envelope provided. Census takers will have to call at those households that have not returned their questionnaires within a reasonable time.

However, all districts are alike in one respect in that some households will fall into a sample and be asked to provide more information about each person and about the housing. In places of 2500 population or more, one-in-six households will be in the sample. In areas with populations

of less than 2500, one in every two households will fall into the sample. This large sample in less populated areas is necessary in order to provide statistically adequate data for use as the basis for federal revenue program allocations. Households not in the sample will receive the "short" form which has seven population questions about each person in the household and 12 housing questions about the dwelling.

The Census Bureau says that having the questionnaire in the home

for several days enables the family to fill it out when all members are likely to be present at some time and can provide accurate information about themselves and about the housing.

Prospective census workers in Coke County were interviewed and tested Wednesday morning at the Robert Lee Recreation Center.



General Telephone Files For First Statewide Rate Changes Since 1976; New Rates Should Be More Equitable

For the first time since the Public Utility Commission of Texas began regulation of Texas telephone companies, General Telephone Company of the Southwest is asking for rate changes designed to produce about \$58 million in additional annual local revenues. Because this case is being filed on a statewide basis, adhering to statewide rate making principles, there is no "average" increase we can quote for an "average" customer. Increases will vary from community to community. Rates for all General Telephone customers in Texas will be affected, but there will be no changes in long distance rates. Here is our case:

Phone service is a good buy

You don't need us to tell you prices have gone up. But the price for phone service hasn't gone up as much as you may think. In fact, you may easily spend more on coffee for coffee breaks than you do for a month of basic local service. Contrast that with the prices you pay for shoes and sugar or gasoline and hamburger. Or contrast it with what we pay for poles, wires, cables, etc. We can't sell 1980 service at 1976 prices...and stay in business.

We're facing facts

America's investor-owned utilities are fighting to stay financially sound and we're in the middle of that fight. As part of on-going good management, we constantly work to improve the efficiency of our operations. We've even gone to the length of redesigning truck bodies ourselves because we needed a less expensive, lighter weight, more fuel efficient model and automotive engineers weren't interested in the small (to them) number we'd purchase. We've managed to avoid the rate increase arena for nearly four years through efforts like these but they aren't enough any more. We don't intend to become a financial burden to anyone...and we can face facts. So, let's face this one: it's either a rate increase or some other alternative.

What alternatives?

1. Downgrade customer service.
2. Defer plant and equipment additions.
3. Let our shareowners' investment deteriorate.
4. Ask our employees to give up justified wage increases.

Alternative 1: Downgrade customer service

You expect phones to work as close to 100 percent of the time as is possible and when phone service is out, you want it fixed. Fast. We agree. And you don't want to wait to get service to begin with, no matter how fast Texas grows. We also agree. Therefore, we can't let service deteriorate simply because costs of providing it increase. In fact, from our point of view, service in some spots could stand improving...and we ought to know: we've been in this business a long time. But improvements cost money.

Alternative 2: Defer plant and equipment additions

We've already done that...or as much as we possibly could. Texas has been experiencing unprecedented growth and that's nice, because growth is healthy. The trouble is we have had to spend (and borrow) unprecedented amounts of money (at unprecedented interest rates) to provide the facilities to meet that growth. And the dollars we spent in 1979 and will spend in 1980 don't buy as much as they used to. They don't even buy as much as they did the last time we had increases in rates - 1976. We've had customers tell us, "Look, my service is fine. Let it stay the same until 1999, just leave the rates alone." Sounds great, but it's not that simple. Even if it were possible, we'd still be spending millions each year just to maintain what's out there now. Practically speaking, however, we can't stand still. The rules under which we operate say we must meet all reasonable service requests in a timely manner. Telephone equipment is complex and it can't be put in overnight. With the way Texas has been growing and the way inflation is rampaging; some days it seems as though it will take all the running we can do and all the dollars we have just to stay in the same place. The engineering and construction work we do (and pay for) today determines the quality and quantity of service tomorrow.

Alternative 3: Let our shareowners' investment deteriorate

Everyone loves this answer...except the shareowners...and they may be you directly, or indirectly, if you have a pension plan, life insurance or own mutual fund shares. Realistically, however, shareowners have to earn a reasonable return on their investment. Otherwise, they don't invest. Would you? It was yesterday's investment money which bought the equipment serving you today and today's investment money is needed to buy the equipment to serve you tomorrow.

Alternative 4: Ask our employees to give up justified wage increases

Our employees are skilled and dedicated and we need them. To cut costs by denying them justified increases would be counterproductive. We must pay competitive wages and benefits to attract and hold employees with the skills and productivity we need. As Texas grows, we'll need even more. If we lose or can't find quality employees, your service could suffer.

So what's left?

That's pretty obvious: a rate increase. But it won't happen right away. It's not that simple and it isn't automatic. Most businesses, if their costs go up, simply raise their prices or drop the service. We are a regulated utility and even when we aren't receiving enough money for service, we must continue providing it and keep on doing so until we can

Legal Aid for Low Income Citizens

Do you have a legal problem? If so, and you have limited income, West Texas Legal Services may be able to assist you. West Texas Legal Services provides free legal assistance in most non-criminal cases in the following areas: Housing Problems; Access to Health Care; Protection of Consumer Rights; and Government Entitlements such as AFDC and SSI.

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prove to the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC) that we're in financial need. Only then can we plead our case for a rate increase. What's more, it takes time before we receive authority to increase rates. By then, inflation may have lowered the buying power of the dollar enough so we're right back where we started or worse.

The tax collector wins

We're asking for about \$58 million in additional annual local revenues, half of which will go to increased taxes. Just about half of any increase we ever get goes to increased taxes.

About those varied increases

We can't give you an "average" increase for an "average" customer. Increases are going to vary, literally, all over the map of Texas. The chief reason is a shift from city-by-city rate-making to statewide rate-making. When this shift is completed, you will be paying rates based on the number of telephone numbers you can call without a long distance charge. We think you'll find this system fairer to all.

No increase is popular

We know you aren't going to like an increase in phone rates. In today's economic climate, we don't blame you. We don't like it, either. We also didn't like the astounding increases in electricity, gasoline, telephone equipment, taxes, interest rates, etc., we've faced over the last few years...but we've had to pay them.

We're consumers ourselves

We're trying to be as open and aboveboard as we can. There's nothing hidden about our operations and we aren't some giant out to gouge the consumer. We're consumers ourselves and we're doing our best to protect you and your phone service...and to keep the rates for it within everyone's reach.

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The Observer has been au-
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MIKE EZZELL

For Sheriff--

MARSHALL MILLICAN
HARRY PALMER

For County Tax Assessor-
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For Commissioner, Precinct 1--

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