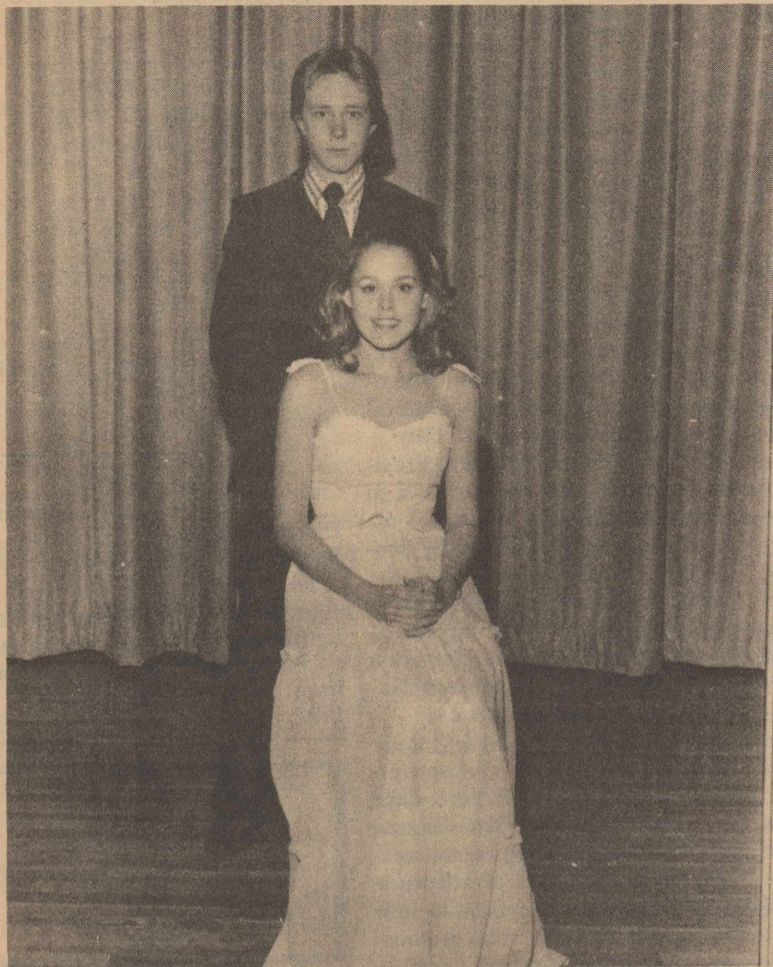


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NICE LOOKERS--Students of Robert Lee High School selected the best looking boy and girl recently. Marty Caston was selected Most Handsome boy and Lori Allen was chosen Most

Beautiful Girl. Marty is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Caston and Lori is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Allen. (Photo by Winnie McPeck)

Robert Lee Girls 2-0 During Past Week; Boys Win One, Lose One

The Robert Lee High School basketball teams have had another good week. The girls varsity team has taken victories from Sterling City and Garden City,

while the boys split their games, losing to Sterling City and winning over Garden City. The boys B team also took a victory from Sterling City.

"Mother's Day Out" Program Gets Underway

"Wednesday's Children," Robert Lee's "Mother's Day Out" program, got off to a great start last week. Jan. 28 was the first day for the children to attend "Wednesday's Children" at the Methodist Church and give their mothers a day out. The 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. program of activities included creative play, drawing, story time, picnic outside for some, nap time, music and grocery store play.

Mothers are requested to make reservations ahead of time, but if anyone needs the service and does not have a reservation, she may take her child to the church Wednesday morning. If there is room for the extra children, they may be left without making prior arrangements. If the day's program is full, those without reservations will have to try again later.

Sara Reynolds, one of the sponsors of the program, urged mothers to use the service by calling her at 453-2417 on Monday evenings between 7 and 8:30, or on Tuesday mornings between 9 and 10:30. Reservations are needed, she said, because of limited space and staff.

"But do remember," Mrs. Reynolds said, "come on Wednesdays even if you have not made a reservation." She added, "Give yourself a break and give your kids some fun."

Sterling City came here Friday night of last week and dropped their game to Robert Lee by a score of 69-37. Leigh Ann Runnion had 24 big ones to lead the scoring; Mary Galvan had 13; Dianna Tinkler 12; Frankie Walker 10; Kellye Percifull 4; Amy Percifull 2; DeeAnna Key 2; Martha Bickley 2.

The Sterling City lads ran up a 61-40 victory over the Steers. Lupe Torres was leading scorer with 9; Quint Anthony had 8; Bob Flowers 7; Scot Long 5; Kyle Gibbs 4; Joel Percifull 3; Rudy Balderas 2; Scott Stephens 2.

The boys B team poured it on the Eagles and took a 62-34 win over the visitors. Jimmy Skinner hit 19 points; Larry Palmer had 13; Eddie Hood 11; Kyle Gibbs 7; David Hubbard 6; Gery Naico 4; Randy Bohannon 2.

GARDEN CITY HERE

More home games were on tap Tuesday night when Garden City was here, only to take home two defeats. The Robert Lee girls won by a score of 66-42 and the boys game gave the Steers a 46-30 win.

Scoring for the girls were Tinkler with 20; Runnion 16; Walker 10; Galvan 5; Bickley 5; A. Percifull 4; K. Percifull 4; Cindy Gartman 2.

Long led the boys scoring with 20; Flowers had 12; Baldares 8; Torres 3; Gibbs 2; Percifull 1.

Water Valley will be here Friday, Feb. 6 for boys and girls A and girls B games, starting at 5 p.m. Last games on the schedule will be Tuesday, Feb. 10, when Bronte will be here for boys and girls A games, starting at 6:30

Local Pee Wees Capture Wins

Robert Lee Pee Wee basketball teams went to Grape Creek Monday night and both boys and girls took victories. The girls downed the Grape Creek team 20-10 and the Robert Lee boys outdistanced their opponents 25-18.

Missy Grim was the big point-maker for the girls with 14; Rachel Metcalf had 4; and Lin Long 2.

Points for the boys were pretty evenly distributed with Tom Garinger making 6; Randy Gartman 5; Stevie Ebenstein 4; Rick Drennan, Jeff Meyers, Wes Hood, Jason Herring and Isais Rodriguez 2 each.

Rick Drennan At Ft. Worth

Rick Drennan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wayland Drennan, will be participating in the Ft. Worth Stock Show this week. Rick, a member of the Robert Lee Junior 4-H Club, will exhibit two steers in the big Ft. Worth Show. He will exhibit one shorthorn and one hereford steer.

Rick will be accompanied to Ft. Worth by his parents and County Extension Agent-Agriculture, Sterling Lindsey.

Mrs. Roy Walker has returned home after undergoing surgery last Tuesday at Shannon Hospital in San Angelo. A silicone joint replacement was done on her finger and the hand will be in a cast several weeks.

Convalescing at home is Mrs. W.D. McAdams who spent over two weeks in an Abilene hospital.

"Farm Bureau Week In Texas" To Be Observed February 9-14

Coke-Sterling County Farm Bureau is joining with scores of other county FBs across the state to observe the week of Feb. 9-14, 1981, as "Farm Bureau Week in Texas."

The special week has been so designated by County Judge D.W. Sims and Governor William Clements, according to John E. Stephens of Robert Lee, local president. Counties will be conducting membership drives during that period.

The Texas Farm Bureau is seeking to increase its 1980 membership of 263,218 member families. The local Farm Bureau which ended the 1980 year with 644 member families, is also working for another gain in members--at least to 650 families.

Farm Bureau began almost 70 years ago. It is now organized in 2,800 counties in all states except Alaska.

The first Farm Bureau began in 1911 as a "bureau" of the local chamber of commerce in Broome County, New York. The first Farm Bureaus were organized primarily to help pay the salaries of the new county agents being hired to relay the latest agricultural information from land-grant colleges.

Most states had organized local county Farm Bureaus before

Meals on Wheels Studied by Court

There is a possibility that the Meals on Wheels program for the elderly may come to Coke County. The commissioners' court in a meeting Monday voted to underwrite 10 per cent of the cost until September 1981, if the many details of the program can be worked out.

A large crowd of interested persons met with the commissioners and expressed their desires that the program be initiated. Included in those present were representatives from the Department of Human Resources, a representative of the program in San Angelo and the administrators of the two hospital districts in the county.

County Judge D.W. Sims said members of the court were told that the federal government will pay up to 90 per cent of the cost

and the remainder has to be underwritten by some local group. The commissioners agreed for the county to be responsible for the additional 10 per cent, or perhaps slightly more.

Judge Sims said the county is concerned only with the underwriting of the program and details such as cooking, delivering, etc., will have to be done by some other agency. The program would provide one hot meal a day for five days a week to an estimated 30 persons.

Judge Sims said federal programs such as Meals on Wheels are financed from September to September, and for that reason, the commissioners would not commit the county beyond that date.

District Extension Agent Ken Cook and County Extension Agent Sterling Lindsey met with the commissioners to discuss a replacement for Miss Kathy Jobe who resigned effective Jan. 31 as Extension Agent--Home Economics.

Cook told the court that he felt there would be some difficulty in filling the vacancy due to the small amount of travel expense allowed by the county. Following a discussion the commissioners voted to increase the travel allowance to \$1500 a year for the home economics agent and to \$1300 per year for the agricultural agent.

Another group of interested persons met with the court in connection with a recent request to close a portion of county road known as Friendship Lane. County Attorney Bill Helwig advised the commissioners to hold a public hearing on the matter. A notice is being published in this newspaper calling the hearing for Feb. 17. A decision on the road closing will be made after the hearing.

Sheriff Marshall Millican met with the commissioners and presented his case for the county to employ another deputy sheriff. The request was denied.

After approval of bills for payment the commissioners and judge adjourned.

Mr. Groundhog Sees Shadow

In West Texas, Mr. Groundhog is about as reliable a forecaster for weather as anyone else and he says six more weeks of winter.

He saw his shadow, bright and clear, Monday, Feb. 2, when the sun rose without a cloud anywhere close. It must have meant something, for the mercury dropped to the low 20's Monday morning after a week of spring-like weather that ushered out January.

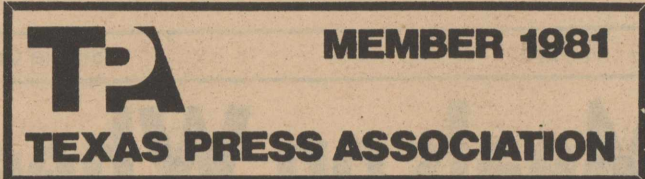
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FARM BUREAU --
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Increased legislative activity, particularly on the state level, along with establishment of economic service programs, helped push the membership upward in the years just after World War II. By the early 1950s, county units had been organized in almost all major agricultural counties in Texas. Membership reached 100,000 members by 1966 and has more than doubled since that time.

The Texas Farm Bureau, which maintains a full-time legislative office in Austin, has accomplished much in the field of state legislation in the past three decades. Recently, TFB waged a statewide campaign to pass a tax relief bill which provides for assessment of agricultural land on its productive value rather than its speculative value.

Farm Bureau has also helped secure animal health laws, a new diagnostic laboratory, farm-to-market road system, egg-grading law, tractor gas tax refund, sales tax exemption of agricultural production items, funds for agricultural research and education, and improved seed, feed, and farm chemical laws.

BEWARE OF OFFERS FOR OIL REBATES

It has been reported to the Better Business Bureau of San Angelo that Retail Oil Association has been advertising in the area newspapers offering fuel rebates. The bureau in investigating this company offer received a report from the Birmingham, Ala. Better Business Bureau about Retail Oil Association located in Heflin, Ala., stating that the company had not responded to the Alabama Bureau's request for information. The San Angelo Bureau requests that interested consumers exercise caution in doing business with a company that has not responded to a Bureau's request for information.

MAKE FRUIT TREATS

Make fruit treats by dipping orange sections, pineapple chunks, banana slices or other fruit pieces in yogurt, suggests Mary K. Sweeten, foods and nutrition specialist. Then serve on colored toothpicks for added interest, she says.

REPORT YOUR NEWS!

Loeffler Assignment To Key Subcommittee Good For District

U.S. Congressman Tom Loeffler (R-TX) today won assignment to two key subcommittees of the House Committee on Appropriations, assuring residents of the 21st Congressional District of a crucial voice for their interests in a strong military and effective policies regarding our vital natural resources.

Appointed to the Subcommittee on Military Construction, and the Interior Subcommittee, Loeffler emphasized the importance of the issues that will come before him.

"Rebuilding our military superiority," Loeffler said, is one of the first -- if not the first priority -- of the new administration and the new congress. Our military, including our military bases and other installations, has been allowed to deteriorate to a dangerously inadequate state. I will be working hard on the Military Construction Subcommittee to reverse that decline. Our military installations must be improved to meet the needs of a strengthened national defense."

Loeffler also criticized years of federal regulation and involvement in -- and particularly Washington's infringement on -- the rights of states to control their own resources.

"Our natural resources are too valuable to this country's future to be entrusted to the bureaucracy in Washington. I intend to see -- through the appropriations process -- that states and localities

have a greater voice in determining the wisest use of those resources.

"Before the Interior subcommittee will be the appropriations for such issues as predator control, the strategic petroleum reserve, fossil energy research, and energy conservation, not to mention a host of other issues of critical importance to our nation's resource future. This Subcommittee must address each one with the importance each deserves. I will be doing so, and I know my colleagues on the Subcommittee will be doing the same," Loeffler said.

ON OIL DECONTROL

(The following is the text of Congressman Tom Loeffler's reaction to the President's Executive Order removing Federal price controls from crude oil:)

"Effective immediately, President Reagan has taken action to remove remaining Federal controls on crude oil and its by-products. I believe it goes without saying this action is the first -- and perhaps the most important -- step the new Administration can take in regaining our Nation's energy independence.

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rather than in September under phased decontrol -- means we are maximizing our ability to produce our own energy needs at the earliest possible time, at the lowest possible price, and with the least impact to the American economy, and to the American consumer.

"Finally we are taking positive steps to release the stranglehold OPEC has held on this country since 1973."

COKE COUNTY RODEO ASSOCIATION TO MEET

The Coke County Rodeo Association will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 12, in the council room at the Bronte City Hall. Plans will be made for the organization and activities of the group for the 1982 season.

Anyone who is a member or is interested in becoming a member is invited to be present, said Brendi Gentry, secretary.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Coke County Appraisal District office at 710 Austin in Robert Lee is the place.

Everyone in Coke County is to sign the Homestead Exemptions, Renditions and Agriculture use or Productivity Forms. Anytime from Jan. 1, 1981 to April 1, 1981.

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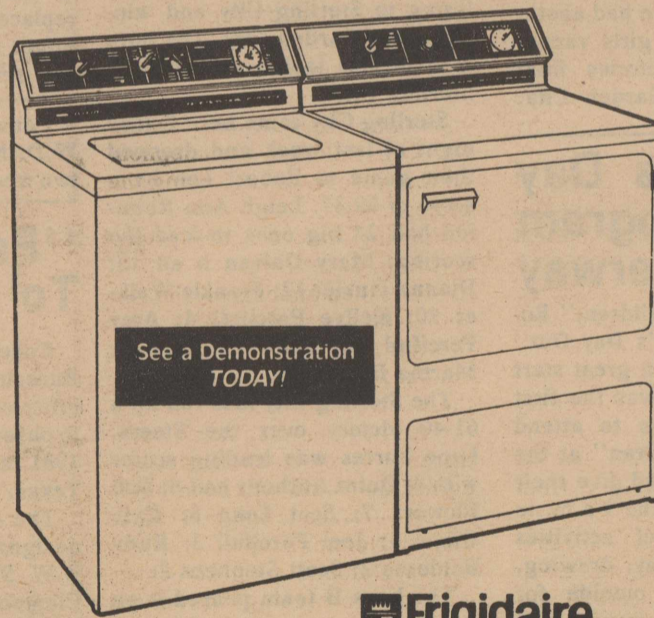
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Robert Lee Jr. High Teams Second At Sterling City Tourney

Robert Lee Junior High basketball teams had a busy weekend when they took part in the Sterling City tournament Jan. 29, 30 and 31. Both boys and girls teams took second place honors in the tourney, losing out to Bronte in the championship games.

BOYS GAMES

The Robert Lee lads were paired with Sterling City B team in their first game Thursday and took an easy win, 56-14. Kirby Rasco was top scorer with 10; Bobby Boone, David Rodriguez and Caesar DeLaPena had 8 each; Doug Bell 6; Joe Torres and Greg Grim 4 each; Doug Roberts, Phil Stephens, John Hinnard and Michael Wilson, 2 each.

In their second game the Dogies had to play Sterling City A team and it was somewhat more difficult than their first contest. However, they took a

27-25 victory to continue into the finals. Boone and Grim were high pointers with 10 each; Rasco had 4; Rodriguez 2; deLaPena 1.

The Dogies lost the championship game to the Bronte Short-horns, 44-30. Roberts was leading scorer with 10; Grim had 9; Rasco 6; Rodriguez 3; Stephens 2.

GIRLS GAMES

The Robert Lee girls took an easy 19-8 victory over the Bronte B team in their opening game. Jana Gartman was top scorer with 10; Carol Longoria had 7; Tracy Pearson 2.

Their second game, with Sterling City, was a lot tougher but they finished up with a 20-18 victory. Longoria led the scoring with 9; Gartman had 5; Pearson 3; Melanie Epperson 2; Sue Ann Millican 1.

The girls ran into trouble in the finals and lost to Bronte, 42-12. Longoria had 10 points and Epperson had 2.

GRAPE CREEK GAMES

The Dogie teams went to Grape Creek Monday night and the boys brought home a 41-33 victory while the girls lost 32-26.

Grim had a big 16 to lead the scoring; Stephens hit 8; Rasco 6; DeLaPena 5; Roberts 2; Torres 2; Heath Gardner 2. For the girls, it was Longoria with 15 big ones; Gartman with 8; Pearson 3.

The junior high teams have two more scheduled nights of basketball. Water Valley will come here Feb. 9 and Robert Lee will go to Bronte Feb. 16.

Local Scouters To Attend Boy Scout Jamboree

Thirty-six lucky Scouts will be traveling to Fort A.P. Hill, Va., next summer to attend the National Boy Scout Jamboree, announced O.L. Bradley, Jamboree chairman of the Concho Valley Council, Boy Scouts of America.

The Scouts were approved by the Council Jamboree Committee and are from 16 different Scout Troops in the 23½ counties served by the Concho Valley, Bradley added.

Robert Lee Scoutmaster Gene Hinnard will be one of four leaders of the Concho Valley Council group. His son, John Hinnard, will be one of the 36 Scouts to make the trip.

The group will depart from San Angelo the morning of July 23 by bus to Dallas/Fort Worth Airport where they will fly to Washington, D.C., for four exciting days of sightseeing. From there they will go by bus the 50 miles to the Jamboree site where they will be joined by 25,000 other Scouts and adults from the United States and several foreign countries for a full week of activities. The group will return to San Angelo on Aug. 5.

The theme for the Jamboree will be "Scouting's Reunion With History." The year 1981 is the 200th anniversary of the last major battle of the Revolutionary War when Cornwallis surrendered to George Washington at Yorktown--about 100 miles from the Jamboree site.

Alternates are being selected now to supplement the troop roster. Scouts interested in applying for an alternate position in the Jamboree Troop should contact the Council Service Center at 104 Park Dr., P.O. Box 1584, San Angelo, Texas 76902, to request consideration. Phone number of the Service Center is (915) 655-7107.

'64 Study Club Meets With Mrs. Vaughan

The '64 Study Club met Tuesday, 27, in the home of Pauline Vaughan. The president, Nancy Allen, presided during the business meeting. She explained the Vial of Life project. She reported several calls from interested persons and that Radio Station KRUN in Ballinger had telephoned that they were advertising the project.

Starting date for the project was Feb. 3.

Mrs. Allen announced that the club will assist the Lions Club this spring by decorating for the banquet honoring the Citizen of the Year.

Patti Ivey, nursing home beautification project chairman, reported that work will soon begin on the entrance to the West Coke County Nursing Home.

Lois Dunklin, program chairman for the evening, introduced Irene Newell who reviewed the book, "How to Cope," by Erma Bombeck. This was done in a clever and amusing way to the enjoyment of everyone present.

Refreshments were served to 20 members and one guest, Mrs. Marvin B. Simpson, by the hostesses Pauline Vaughan, Reba Roberts and Virginia Milliff.

Sunday afternoon visitors of Mary Tubb were Mrs. Doris Killam and daughter, Stella, and Mrs. Monroe Prine all of San Angelo. Ava Lou Davis of Killeen recently spent the weekend with her mother, Mrs. Tubb.



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West Coke County EMS News

By Lou Wright, REMT

Volunteers with the West Coke County Ambulance Service would like to take this opportunity to thank each of you who purchased sausage from us during our sale. Each of you will have a big part in the new ambulance when our fund finally reaches that magic number and we can order it. The sausage should be in in about two weeks and each order will be delivered as soon as possible.

The West Coke County EMS is sponsoring, in cooperation with MEDIC XIII, an EMT course to be held in Robert Lee. The course will register on Monday, Feb. 9, and classes will meet from 6:30 - 10:30 p.m. each Monday and Thursday thereafter. Final examination will be given in April. The course will cost \$112.50 per student. Those persons who will sign up to serve at least one year

on one of the ambulance services in Coke County will have \$100 of this tuition paid by Coke County. The remainder (\$12.50) will cover the cost of the textbook.

Please call Dorothea Helen Wright, NREMT, Course Coordinator, at 453-2241 (after 4 p.m.) or contact her at the school to pre-register for the course. The course will involve about 81 hours of classroom lecture, demonstration and practice and 40 hours of in-hospital work. Completion of the course and passing of the state examination will give the student a Class A (EMT) emergency medical service license.

We would also like to thank the Observer staff for its constant support. Without this means of communication, our volunteer service would be hard put to get out news about the ambulance service. We really do appreciate all of the space allowed us. Words just can't express our appreciation.

75 YEARS AGO

By Joan Davis

The 1906 Observer had some interesting advertisements such as: Use Ayer's Hair Vigor - May the acquaintance result in rich, thick hair and you will never be gray. Also: Robert Lee Livery Stable - Thad Green - Prop. - My horses are good drivers and my vehicles the very best. Located south side of the square.

A scholarly and earnest preacher, Elder M.W. Daily, was with the First Baptist people, Sunday. Al. were mightily pleased with his discourses.

Tom Goss has a squad of men busy at work this week, moving Evans Drug Store over a few inches to make room for the new masonic building.

A.E. Marshall, the sewing machine man, received a green stick break to his leg, but is getting along nicely.

We congratulate our sister city of Bronte for securing the depot on the Orient.

The death angel visited the home of Mrs. Mary Sawyers last Saturday, and took away her beloved husband R.F.M. Sawyers. The Masons buried him, at 86 years, at Point Creek Cemetery.

County Surveyor Wm. Clift was called to Bronte Monday, on business.

Burton Rites At Levelland

Lilly Mae Burton, 76, of Levelland died at 10:35 a.m. Monday in Lubbock General Hospital after a long illness.

Services were at 10 a.m. Wednesday in George C. Price Funeral home chapel with the Rev. Claude Northcutt and Rev. Michael D. Moreland, pastor of First Presbyterian Church, officiating. Burial was at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday in Paint Creek Cemetery west of Robert Lee.

Mrs. Burton was born Nov. 28, 1904, in Coke County, the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. I.C. Page, early day settlers in the Paint Creek community. She was married to Bert Burton Dec. 23, 1922, in Robert Lee. He died July 5, 1979. She moved to Levelland from Wink in 1946.

Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Bill Cowart of Pecos; two sisters, Mrs. Bert Modgling of Weatherford and Mrs. Donna Sparks of Santo; four grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Mrs. Ted Haley recently spent eight days in the Angelo Community Hospital in San Angelo. She is recuperating at her home from surgery on Jan. 14.

LUNCHROOM MENU

Monday, Feb. 9: Corn meal twists, cheese stick, baked beans, french fries with catsup, milk, sliced peaches.

Tuesday, Feb. 10: Macaroni and cheese, blackeye peas, carrots, corn bread, butter, milk, white cake with chocolate icing.

Wednesday, Feb. 11: Bean chalupas with cheese, lettuce and tomato salad, corn, chopped onion, milk, fruit cobbler.

Thursday, Feb. 12: Barbecue chicken, green beans, cream potatoes, hot rolls, butter, milk, peanut butter supreme.

Thursday, Feb. 12: Bologna-cheese sandwiches, pork and beans, sliced pickles, milk, fresh orange.

Friday, Feb. 13: Barbecue chicken, green beans, cream potatoes, hot rolls, butter, milk, peanut butter supreme.

ROBERT LEE INVITED TO WOMANLESS WEDDING

Residents of the Robert Lee area are invited to attend a Womanless Wedding which will be sponsored by the Bronte Volunteer Ambulance Service. The show will be held at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 14, in the Bronte School auditorium.

More than two dozen performers will provide a night of hilarious comedy, sponsors said.

Admission price will be \$2.00 for adults and \$1.00 for students.

Guests visiting Mrs. Elsie Latham Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Rives, Mrs. Blackie Bowen and Mr. and Mrs. Traveler Adkins, all of Odessa. Mrs. Latham has been a nursing home resident since November 1980.

RL SENIORS TO HAVE SPAGHETTI LUNCH

The senior class of Robert Lee High School will have a spaghetti lunch Sunday, Feb. 8, at the New Rec Hall in Robert Lee. Serving will start at 1 p.m. and continue until all the customers have been served.

Tickets are \$3.00 per plate and can be purchased in advance from any senior, or they can be purchased at the door.

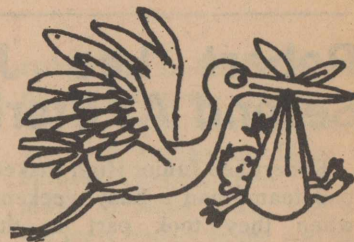
The seniors invite everyone to "come out and enjoy a delicious meal and help the class at the same time."

LISA DEVOLL MOVES UP TO SECOND PLACE AT ASU

Lisa Devoll of Robert Lee and a freshman wing on the Rambelle basketball team at Angelo State University, last week moved up to second place scorer on the team.

She now has an average of 9.1 points per outing. Senior post Lee Ann Hughart who stands 6-1, leads the Rambelles with a 14.4 average.

The Rambelles will host the annual ASU-Nathan's Tournament this weekend. Last weekend they split four games at the Rice university Tournament played at Houston.



Congressman and Mrs. Tom Loeffler are the proud parents of a healthy boy, Cullen Crawford Loeffler, born at 7:24 p.m. Jan. 28 at Washington's Sibley Memorial Hospital.

Weighing 8 pounds, 11 ounces, and measuring 22 inches, the newest member of the Loeffler family will remain with his mother, Kathy, in the hospital for a brief time, then return to their Virginia residence.

Kathy, Cullen, Lance, the Loeffler's first son, and Tom, are all doing fine.

ALPHA KAPPA PI MEETS

Alpha Kappa Pi met Jan. 18 in the home of Dwala Casey. Twelve members were present.

Dorene Mashburn gave the program on "Music - Popular".

The next meeting will be a salad supper at Konner's Korner on Feb. 11.

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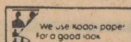
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NOW IS THE TIME TO PRUNE

By Sterling Lindsey
County Extension Agent

January and February are excellent months for pruning most all trees and shrubs with the exception of Spring flowering shrubs such as gardenias, forsythias, bridal wreath or similar plants. The improper pruning of trees and shrubs can be just as bad or worse than no pruning at all.

Incorrect results in poor growth, improper growth, unnatural plant forms, poor flower and fruit production, and sometimes results in death of a plant.

Everett E. Janne, Extension Horticulturist, offers a few pointers to consider when pruning.

Do not top trees. Topped trees often die because the topped branches cannot heal, thus letting in decay fungi and bacteria. Also, side branches below topped stubs are usually weaker and are subject to wind damage.

Prune at the right season. Prune deciduous trees and shrubs, vines, ground covers and evergreens during the winter.

Use proper tools. Hand shears can handle twigs under one-half inch in diameter. Long-handled lopping shears are needed for timber one-half to one inch in diameter. Branches larger than one inch in diameter should be cut with a pruning saw.

Make all cuts flush with the trunk. Otherwise stubs won't heal properly and decay and deterioration may spread down the trunk of the tree until wind topples it.

Repair damaged plants at once. Plants should be kept healthy year-round; this means pruning damaged twigs or branches immediately.

Use common sense with pruning. Watch for limbs that may fall over power lines or damage other property.

Always prune after transplanting. Pruning is especially important for bare rooted plants; this compensates for roots lost during digging.

Beware of the door to door pruner. If you can't handle the pruning job yourself, hire someone with an established operation and years of experience.

Have reason for pruning. Don't prune just to pass the time of day.

Use sharp tools when pruning. Hand shears and a small pruning saw will usually take care of all the average gardeners' pruning needs.

Pruning in mid-branch induces new growth. To prevent future branching, always cut back to a major limb, twig or bud. If more compact growth is desired, cut back terminal shoots or in mid-branch to induce branching.

Treat all cuts or wounds over two inches in diameter with a horticultural asphalt or orange shellac to seal off the wound and to prevent rot or insect and disease entry.

Do not destroy the natural form and beauty of the plant when pruning. In other words, trim but never butcher. This incorrect pruning is often seen on mimosa and crapemyrtle.

Think in terms of thinning out bushy and many-stemmed shrubs such as Quince, Nandina and Hydrangea rather than shearing the total plant. Remove some canes or stems at ground level. You also may wish to cut some stems in mid-branch to make the plant more dense.

Roses: Prune bush-type in late February or early March, just prior to spring growth.

Hollies and other berrying plants: Prune now, but remember hollies and other berrying-type plants such as Pyracantha produce berries and two-year old

wood; thus if the gardener removes current or new growth, he also eliminates future berries.

Spring flowering shrubs should be pruned after flowering, as should climbing roses.

PRUNING FRUIT TREES

There is something magical about raising fruit in your own backyard. Although it may be less expensive to buy the fruit from a retail market in some years, the freshness and quality of most home grown fruit can hardly be beat.

When talking about quality we usually don't acknowledge the importance that pruning plays in the production of good quality home grown fruit. Research has proven that size, color and overall quality is enhanced by proper pruning.

Peach, plum, nectarine and apricot trees are pruned so that the center of the tree is opened to sunlight and that good ventilation occurs. The time to begin pruning is when the trees are first planted. These fruit trees should be cut back to a height of 24 inches. As the trees grow the first year, select three or four scaffold limbs which grow near the top of the 24 inch cut. Prune off all other limbs below the scaffold limbs. These scaffold limbs are permanent and should be selected with equal distance between limbs when possible.

As the tree gets older, yearly dormant pruning during February is required. Continue to keep the center of the tree open and attempt to contain the height of the tree by topping. When topping older trees avoid excessive removal of last years growth. This new growth on peaches, apricots and nectarines and to some extent on plums is the location of your future crop.

Plum trees require the same scaffold pruning during the development stages of the tree. After bearing commences, yearly dormant pruning should begin. A light pruning consisting of removal of about 1/3 of the previous seasons growth and only light thinning of the inside branches and fruiting spurs. All low hanging limbs and water sprouts arising from the scaffold branches or trunk should be removed.

Remember that pruning stimulates new growth and invigorates the tree.

SBA DECLARATION # 1900 DEADLINE IS FEB. 12

"During the months of December and January the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) made arrangements for representatives from the Lubbock Disaster Office to meet with Texas agriculture producers and related businesses at various locations to provide information about the SBA disaster program and make applications available for persons to apply for low-interest recovery loans," said John H. Fall, branch manager of the SBA Lubbock Disaster Office.

Fall continued, "The farm disaster loan program is designed to provide low interest recovery loans for losses sustained during the 1980 production year as declared by SBA's declaration #1900".

Declaration #1900 expires Feb. 12, 1981, and physical loss applications must be received by the SBA Lubbock Disaster Office by the close of business or post-marked by midnight. The deadline for economic injury disaster loan applications is May 12, 1981.

For more information, interested persons may contact the SBA Lubbock Disaster Office, located at 720 Texas Avenue, by calling (806) 762 7481.



Rep. Shaw Has 2nd Thoughts On Governor's New Program

My immediate reaction to the Governor's recent State of the State and Budget speech was generally positive. He endorsed the creation of a huge water trust fund, he asked that gasohol be exempted from the 5 cents-per-gallon state gasoline tax, and he took a strong stand against letting other states dump their nuclear wastes in Texas. I applaud these positions.

Since the Governor's speech, however, I've had a chance to study his remarks a little closer, and I've concluded that there actually were two speeches -- the one he did make...and the one he didn't.

The speech he didn't make would have mentioned the need for property tax relief and reform. It would have braced the subject of illegal or undocumented aliens. It would have included some mention and perhaps even some recommendations about energy conservation and the need to develop solar and other alternative energy sources. It would have mentioned the special needs of elderly Texans, including tax relief for those on fixed incomes and allowing the substitution of generic prescription drugs for their identical but higher-priced brand-name equivalents.

Likewise, the Governor made no mention of the high interest rates, utility rates and auto insurance rates that are squeezing all Texans.

The Governor did say that if Texas were an independent nation, it would have the 13th largest economy in the world. What he failed to explain is why, in light of our healthy economy, Texas should rank 48th among the states in its support of public libraries, 48th in the average acreage of state parks per person, 38th in compensation of our teachers, 40th in state financial support of public education, and an unforgivable 54th among all the states and territories in assistance and programs for our needy senior citizens.

Instead of attacking these problems, the Governor called for the creation of a brand new State Department of Commerce. He asked for a phenomenal \$150 million more than the Legislative Budget Board recommended for the bureaucracies of the executive and administrative agencies of the state government. And our millionaire Governor asked that his own salary be increased by \$10,200 in 1982 and by another \$7,100 in 1983.

Where did he recommend that we cut state spending? He asked for significant cuts in the Legislative Budget Board's proposed budgets for education, family farmers, educational programs for the blind and deaf, and services for the aging, among others.

Yet, all in all, his budget proposal is only 2 percent less than that of the Legislative Budget Board.

We need to trim our state government, but we need to do it in the right areas. It's all a matter of priorities, and I welcome your comments.

Use a hand calculator to keep track of prices at the grocery store, suggests Linda McCormack, a family resource management specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, the Texas A&M University System.

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BY

D. W. Sims, COUNTY JUDGE

Coke, COUNTY

Robert Lee, TEXAS


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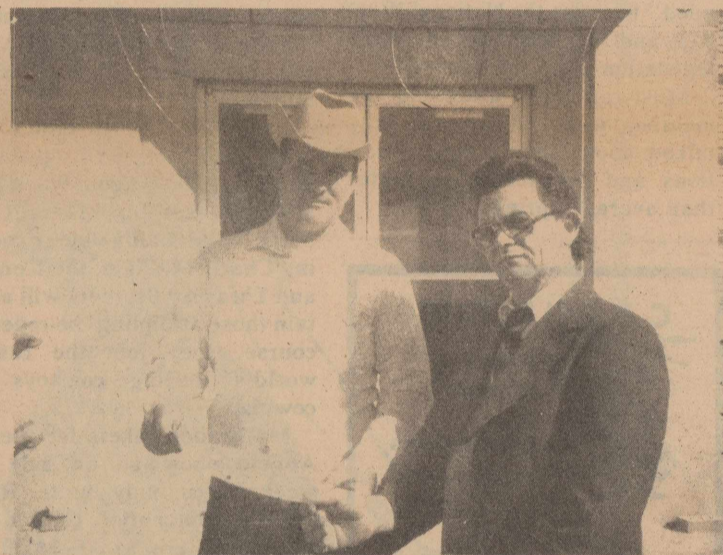
An adequate supply of food and natural fibers is essential to our Nation. Many of the citizens of Coke County are dependant, directly or indirectly, upon agriculture for their livelihood. All of our citizens benefit from the continuing advancements in agriculture.

Farmers and ranchers have learned the value of improving agriculture and rural life in America through organization. Four out of five agricultural producers in this Nation are voluntary members of Farm Bureau, an independent farm organization striving to build a better social and economic life for farm and ranch families and all Americans.

Therefore, I, D. W. Sims, County Judge of Coke County, do hereby designate February 9-14, 1981, as FARM BUREAU WEEK in Coke County, and urge our citizens to give due recognition to this observance honoring the Coke County Farm Bureau.

In official recognition thereof, I hereby affix my signature this 29th day of January, 1981.

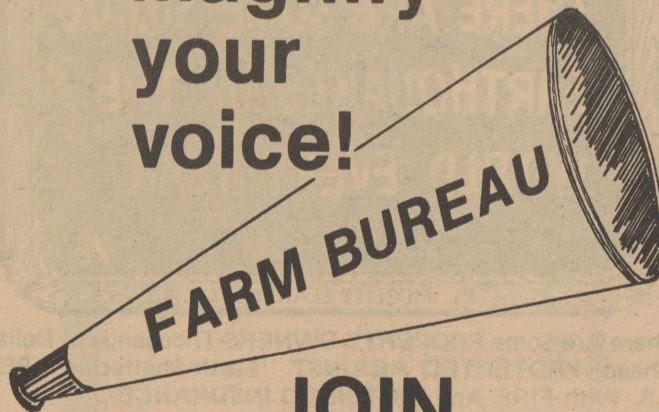
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County Judge D. W. Sims Presents His Proclamation To Farm Bureau President John Stephens

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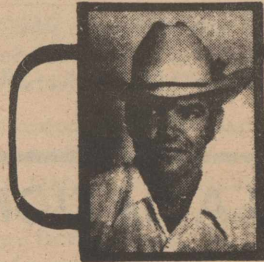


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Jerry Lackey's Country Folk

Martin Wardlaw of Del Rio was a day late getting to San Antonio for the annual January National Wool Growers Association convention. "There are priorities in any business...I was shearing sheep," he smiled.

During the four day meeting of the Salt Lake City, Utah, headquartered organization, much was covered concerning the welfare of sheepmen. Some 400 attending heard from economists, politicians, veterinarians, scientists, feedlot operators, and bankers. And in many respects, the news from the speakers was not good.

Jack Barton, president of Federal Intermediate Credit Bank of Texas, says in 1980's is the crossroads for agriculture. He predicts the first part of the 80's will be bad years for producers. "But things are going to happen in the first part that will make the years from 1985-90 good and prosperous...for those that survive the first part," he added.

Barry Flinchbaugh, assistant to the president, Kansas State University, stated the price of food will increase from 10 to 15 percent in 1981 alone.

Yet, wool producers were told they will need to play politics heavily in 1981 "for their own good" because the National Wool Act and a mountain of other legislation is up for renewal.

Most ranchmen attending the meeting were jubilant as they talked about their range conditions and prospect of a better than average spring.

Joe Jackson of Ranger told neighbors of receiving some good wet snow but "my area is still a little dry compared to other parts of the country."

Fred Walker of Comstock said from two to three inches of snow on top of rain has made a difference.

Jack Groff of Kerrville commented "good surface moisture from several snows and rains have made promise that the Texas Hill Country has a good spring coming." Jack says between judging livestock shows and visiting his place he observes more green each time he "heads to the ranch."

Frank Weed, Jr. of Uvalde believes South Texas has made "a giant turnaround following the severe drought of last summer."

I.W. Terry of Sterling County adds that area "could use a little more moisture but otherwise, things are looking up."

Howard Derrick of Eldorado smiled: "We can always use another rain. His neighbor, Jimmie Powell of Fort McKavett predicts a good spring.

Roy Jacoby of Menard, breeder of fine club lambs, made the convention also. Roy is making many of the county and area stock shows this season as "Many of the 4-H and FFA kids are using some of my lambs...and winning!"

Speaking of stock shows, let's post notice here of the 1981 edition of San Angelo Stock Show & Rodeo set for March 11-15. Some outstanding talent including Charly McClain, the Kendalls and Thrasher Brothers will entertain those attending the rodeo. Of course, they join the cast of world's leading cowboys and cowgirls.

Mail order tickets for the San Angelo show go on sale this week. (You may write Rodeo tickets, Convention Center Office). Seats are \$4.00, \$4.50 and \$5.00 plus .50 cents for handling. Other tickets go on sale to the public Feb. 23.

Boyd Service Held In Dallas

Mrs. Mary Boyd, 74, died at her home in Dallas Monday, Jan. 5, after a sudden illness. She was a sister of Mrs. Melvin Childress and Mrs. O.D. Adkins of Robert Lee and had lived in this area during her early teen years.

Funeral services were on Jan. 7 with Bert Mercher, Church of Christ minister, officiating. Burial was at Wrestland Memorial Park in Dallas.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Johnny Boyd.

Survivors include a brother, Howard McCullough of San Angelo; four sisters, Edna Adkins and Essie Childress of Robert Lee, Mrs. J.D. (Ione) Wilson of Dallas and Cleo Lord of Eunice, N.M.; and several nieces and nephews.

News from West Coke Hospital

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

Jan. 27: Willie Barnett, Darlene Arredondo admitted. Frank Allen, Mary Katherine Ervin dismissed.

Jan. 28: Julia Gloria, Orville C. Drake admitted. No dismissals.

Jan. 29: Jimmy Munoz admitted. Darlene Arredondo dismissed.

Jan. 30: LaDair Sherrill admitted. Willie L. Barnett dismissed.

Jan. 31: No admissions. Orville C. Drake, Jimmy Munoz dismissed.

Feb. 1: Petra Mireles, Basilio Mireles admitted. LaDair Sherrill dismissed.

Feb. 2: Inez Walker, General G. Gibbs, Willie Clark, Buford Elkins, Odessie Clawson admitted. No dismissals.

LAKE SPENCE FISHING NEWS

With cool weather moving back in, no significant fishing catches have been reported. Some scattered reports of crappie and white bass were heard, but the temperatures remain cold. February usually marks the start of an upswing in activities for both fish and fishermen.

Schedule for Nursing Home

West Coke County Nursing Home weekly activities include the following regular schedule:

Mondays we play "Bingo" at 10 a.m.

On Tuesdays and Wednesdays Bible study begins at 10 a.m. Bro. Roy Epperson conducts Bible readings on Thursday at 3:30 p.m. Bible study by Sue and Larry Anderson starts at 3:30 p.m. on Friday.

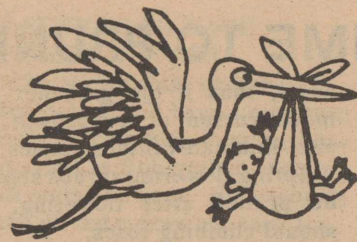
Domino games are also enjoyed on Wednesday afternoons at 2 p.m.

We welcome anyone who would like to join us for these activities.

Perry Post was admitted to Angelo Community Hospital Sunday morning. It was reported Tuesday afternoon that he was undergoing tests.

Mrs. Waymon Robertson was admitted to St. John's Hospital in San Angelo Tuesday afternoon for tests and possible surgery.

Mr. and Mrs. Buster Pierce had friends from Midland, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Pate and Travis, visiting with them over the weekend.



LOOK WHO'S NEW

Matthew Logan is the new son of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Moseley of San Angelo. His mother is the former Beverly Shandley.

Logan was born at 12:51 p.m. Friday, Jan. 30, at Angelo Community Hospital in San Angelo. He weighed 7 pounds, 14½ ounces and is 22 inches long.

The baby's grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Richard Moseley of Rochelle and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Shandley of Robert Lee.

Mr. and Mrs. R.D. Shandley, Sr. of Clinton, Ark. are his great-grandparents.

PUPPET TEAM COMING TO BAPTIST CHURCH

The College Hills Baptist Church puppet team from San Angelo will be in Robert Lee Feb. 15 to present the "Music Machine" for the evening worship service.

It will start at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary of the Robert Lee Baptist Church. The public is invited and urged to attend.

MRS. LONG RECEIVES SPECIAL TRAINING

Carolyn Long, youth and music director at Robert Lee Baptist Church, attended the Rec-Lab at Glorieta, N.M., Jan. 24-31. Along with more than 200 Baptist leaders from all over the United States, Mrs. Long attended conferences that will help her better serve her church in the areas of music, drama, puppets, games, banquets, publicity and worship.

STRESS HEALTH BARRIER

Stress is one of the most important barriers to health, says Cindy Wilson, a family life education specialist.

More than eight of every ten people indicate a need to have less stress in their daily lives, and many are finding it harder to cope with the problems of everyday living now than they did a few years ago, she reports. Low-income families and single parents are among those finding it particularly hard to cope today, Mrs. Wilson adds.

Spending the weekend in Midland were Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Blair and Amanda. They were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bloodworth.

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Miss Jobe Is Honored at Tea

Miss Kathy Jobe, bride-elect of Michael Shane Doss, was honored with a gift tea Thursday evening, Jan. 29, in the fellowship hall of the Robert Lee United Methodist Church.

Miss Jobe's chosen colors of purple, shades of lavender accented with pink were used on the serving table and registry table. The serving table was centered with a candleabra with appointments of crystal. Mrs. C.E. Arrott presided over the serving table.

Mrs. Randy Bessent registered guests during the appointed hours of 7 to 8:30 p.m. Special guests were the bride-elect's mother, Mrs. Donald Jobe of Graham; Miss Rhondy Huckabee

COMMISSIONERS COURT OF COKE COUNTY TEXAS

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held on the 17th day of February, at 10:00 o'clock A.M. at the county courthouse in Robert Lee, Texas at which time the Commissioner's Court of Coke County will consider a request to discontinue a portion of a county road at the south boundary line of the M.C. Brisker Survey and the north line of the T. Burks Survey, said road commonly known as Friendship Lane.

Said road extending west from the intersection of Highway 208 and the North boundary line of Section 409, H&TC Ry. Co. Survey, Block 1-A, extending westerly along the North boundary line of Section 410, H&TC Ry. Co. Survey, Block 1-A, and the South boundary line of Section 377, H&TC Ry. Co. Survey, Block 1-A; Thence turning northwest along the northwest section line of the L.B. Harris Survey;

Thence turning southwest along the northwest section line of the L.B. Harris Survey and the southeast section line of the M.C. Brisker Survey, continuing southwesterly to the T.C. Burks Survey.

Petitioner seeks to close said road at the intersection of said road on the north boundary line of the T. Burk Survey, and the southwest boundary line of the M.C. Brisker Survey.

The Commissioners Court on said date will consider the Petition to close said road and the comments by the public offered at such time.

DATED this 2nd day of Feb., 1981.

Commissioners Court of Coke County by D.W. SIMS, COUNTY JUDGE.

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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 February 27, 1981.

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 23%.

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.

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of Coleman; Mrs. Roxie Hodnett and Mrs. W.A. Vaughan, mother and grandmother of the groom. Approximately 30 guests registered from Bronte and Robert Lee.

Hostesses were Mrs. Fred L. Beaty, Mrs. Roy Tinkler, Mrs. Ben Bessent, Mrs. Joe Ash, Mrs. Larry Anderson, Mrs. Alonzo Robbins, Mrs. Randy Bessent, Mrs. C.E. Arrott and the Bronte Extension Homemakers Club.

A farewell coffee was held Friday morning at the county courthouse for Miss Jobe, Coke County Extension Agent-Home Economics, who resigned her position as of Jan. 30. Miss Jobe will be married on Feb. 7 in the Baptist Church of Graham.

Sterling Lindsey, County Extension-Agriculture, expressed appreciation to Miss Jobe for her two years of service and presented her an electric blanket from the "Courthouse Gang."

Mrs. Donald Jobe of Graham, mother of Miss Jobe, was a guest at the coffee.

1980 IRA CONTRIBUTIONS ARE STILL ACCEPTABLE

Eligible workers have until Tuesday, April 15, 1981, to make their 1980 contributions to their Individual Retirement Savings Arrangements (IRA's); however, if they file their 1980 income tax returns after April 15 on an extension, they have until the date that they file their returns to make their contributions.

Since penalties are assessed for excessive contributions, this period for making contributions allows taxpayers to closely calculate the amount of the contribution, make the contribution, and still be able to deduct it from their 1980 taxable income, the IRS explains.

IRA's are taxpayer-initiated retirement plans set up by workers not covered by qualified pension or retirement plans where they are employed. IRA's also are available to non-working spouses of eligible workers.

Many banks, insurance companies, credit unions, and other financial institutions can provide

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additional information on setting up and maintaining IRA's. In addition, the IRS has a free booklet, IRS Publication 590, "Tax Information on Individual Retirement Arrangements," can be ordered by mail using the order form in the tax package, or by calling the IRS number in the local telephone directory. If more convenient, it can also be picked up at most IRS offices.

NEW FABRIC COMING

Stretch quilted fabric will appear on the market next winter, says Ann Vanderpoorten, a clothing specialist. A narrow, hidden band of elastic is used in the quilting, allowing the fabric to stretch with the wearer, she explains.

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ZESTA CRACKERS

1 lb. box 73c

HORMEL CHILI

15 oz. can 99c

Shortening

Swifts Jewel
42 Oz. Can

\$1.39

DELMONTE CATSUP

24 oz. bottle 89c

HI-DRI TOWELS

big roll 55c

Bathroom Tissue

HI DRI
4 Roll Pkg.

95c

LIQUID JOY

32 oz. bottle \$1.39

TREND DETERGENT

giant box 99c

Parkay Stick Oleo

Lb. **63c**

PARKAY DIET SOFT OLEO

1 lb. tub 65c

LITE FLUFF BISCUITS

2 for 39c

Sliced Strawberries

Magic Garden
10 Oz. Pkg.

39c

V.I.P. WHIP TOPPING

8 oz. crt. 63c

FRENCH FRIES, Lynden Farms 2 lb. bag 69c



POTATOES

10lb. bag **\$2.09**

APPLES, Washington Delicious

lb. 39c

Pork Chops

Loin Cut
Lb.

\$1.19

HORMEL LITTLE SIZZLERS 12 oz. Pkg. \$1.19

Bacon

Sliced Slab
Lb.

\$1.19



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