

# Robert Lee Observer

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## Bank To Have Open House



ROBERT LEE STATE BANK-- NEW SECTION ON LEFT

### ROBERT LEE, BRONTE GIRLS PLAYOFF GAME TUESDAY

The 1981 basketball season ended Tuesday night for the Robert Lee High School boys, but it's not over for the girls.

The girls team took a 52-45 victory over Bronte Tuesday to win the second half of District 13-A competition. Since Bronte won the first half, the two teams will have to play a tie-breaker.

School officials met Wednesday morning and decided on a one-game playoff. It will be played at Ballinger at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 17.

In the other games last Tues-

day night, the Bronte boys defeated the Steers 43-32. The girls B team downed the visitors from Bronte with a score of 50-30.

The girls A team game was a thriller, with a close score most of the time. At halftime it was tied 21-21. Making points for the Robert Lee girls were Leigh Ann Runnion with 14; Kellye Percifull 12; Diana Tinkler 7; Frankie Walker 7; Mary Galvan 6; Martha Bickley 4; Amy Percifull 2.

Making points for the boys were Darren Williams with 15; Scot Long 8; Quint Anthony 4; Joel Percifull 3; Rudy Balderas 2.

In the girls B team game Cindy Gartman was top scorer with 14; Tracie Tomlinson had 13; Debbie Cummins 11; Sara DeLaPena 8; Lupe Munoz 4.

#### WATER VALLEY GAMES

Water Valley was in Robert Lee last Friday night for three games but were not able to get a winner in either of them.

The girls A team score was Robert Lee 69, Water Valley 21. Tinkler had 22 points to lead the scoring; Runnion was close behind with 20; A. Percifull had 9; DeeAnna Key 6; Cummins 4; DeLaPena 4; Walker 2; K. Percifull 2.

The boys A team defeated Water Valley 52-46. Long was high pointer with 13; Williams hit 12; Percifull 10; Bob Flowers 10; Lupe Torres 5; Balderas 2.

Mrs. Wayman Robertson underwent extensive surgery Monday in a San Angelo hospital. Wednesday morning her condition was reported to be satisfactory.

### MR. AND MRS. BEN BESSENT ESCAPE HOTEL FIRE

Ben and Mary Bessent called Robert Lee relatives Tuesday night that they were safe after escaping from a hotel fire in Las Vegas, Nev.

The Bessents had taken their daughter to California and were on their way back to Texas. They stopped in Las Vegas and were staying at the Hilton Hotel when the fire broke out.

They said they spent the rest of the night in their van after escaping from the burning building.

Early reports said eight persons died in the blaze and many more were missing.

### Jr. High Teams Whip W-Valley

Water Valley Junior High basketball teams came to Robert Lee Monday night and took a real beating at the hands of the Dogie teams. Robert Lee girls won smashing 62-9 victory and the boys won by a score of 50-19.

Scoring leader for the girls was Jana Gartman with a big 21; Tracy Pearson had 12; Carol Longoria 8; Patty Bloodworth 7; Tancie Bell 6; Dana Anthony 4; Sue Ann Millican 2; Melanie Epperson 2.

Kirby Rasco was top scorer for the boys with 10 points; Greg Grim had 8; Bobby Boone 6; Douglas Roberts 6; Phillip Stephens 6; Joe Torres 4; John Hinnard 4; David Rodriguez 2; Michael Wilson 2; Caesar DeLaPena 2.

The junior high teams will complete their schedule Monday, Feb. 16, when they travel to Bronte. The girls A team and boys A and B teams will tangle with the Shorthorns, beginning at 5 p.m.

Robert Lee State Bank has just completed a major expansion program and the public is invited to drop by for a visit and inspection of the new facilities Tuesday of next week, Feb. 17. Hours for the open house will be from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m.

Gerald C. Allen, chairman of the board and president of the bank, said this week that directors, officers and employees are joining him in issuing a cordial invitation to everyone to come by for a visit, refreshments, and a look at the enlarged and improved home of the bank.

Besides the free favors and refreshments, the bank will give away some door prizes at the open house. Prizes probably will be a \$100 Savings Bond and two \$50 Savings Bonds. Everyone is invited to register for these valuable gifts which will be awarded to some lucky winners.

The real estate for the addition was obtained from Adams Land and Realty and the old building which stood between the bank and the post office was demolished to make way for the new construction. The old walls of the Roe Building were found to be structurally sound, but they are the only part of the old building which was used in the new addition.

G.W. Anderson of Robert Lee was general contractor for the new bank addition. He used a number of specialist contractors for special jobs.

The building was constructed on a cost-plus basis by Anderson. Allen said he felt this was the best route to go and that he was well pleased with the results. "I think we got a jam-up good job for the amount of money we spent," he said. He added that he felt the expansion program would take care of the bank's needs for many years to come, and "we will have a very good home for the cost."

The enlargement program has provided offices in the new part for President Gerald C. Allen, Executive Vice President William H. Allen and Vice President and Cashier Willis W. Smith.

The space released when their offices were moved provided a more spacious area for the lobby in which customers conduct their everyday banking business.

Besides the new offices, the

addition provides a new vault; storage space for bank records which must be kept for many years; an employee lounge and reception room complete with refrigerator, soft drink bar, tables and chairs, and other conveniences. Also, there is a rental space which the bank rents to Bill Allen for his insurance business.

Gerald Allen said the bank now has more vault space in which to install safety deposit boxes, adding that they will be put in place when manufacturers are able to supply them.

Allen said the enlargement of the bank's space coincides more or less with the tremendous growth which has taken place in the last few years. "More business requires more work and more space," he said, "and we have added this extra space in order to provide our customers with more complete service."

The Robert Lee bank provides all the services of a "full service bank" except for a trust department. Allen said he was especially proud of the bank's input into the economy of the community.

"Many people don't realize that banks are savings institutions just the same as other businesses which bear that name," the local bank president said. "The fact of the matter is," he noted, "we poured almost two-thirds of a million dollars in interest to our savings account customers in 1980." The actual figures show that the Robert Lee State Bank paid savings accounts customers and purchasers of certificates of deposit 666,505 last year.

The bank had, at a check earlier this month, 2747 accounts. This figure includes both savings and checking accounts. Customers come from near and far, but most of them are near. However, the bank has accounts with persons who reside in such far-away places as Louisiana, Oklahoma, California, New Mexico, Arizona and many other states of the U.S.

The modern building, located at the northwest corner of the courthouse square, was completed in October 1956, when the bank moved from its old location. At that time, land was purchased from the Roe Estate to provide the site at the northwest corner of the county courthouse.

Cost of the new building, which was thought to be quite exorbitant at that time, ran up to \$50,000.

The bank was chartered in 1936 and was housed in the building now occupied by the Robert Lee Observer until the move was made to the present location in 1956.

Bank Photos by Winnie McPeck

Eddie Meredith, grandson of Mrs. Allie Childress, recently spent several days in Angelo Community Hospital in San Angelo. He will remain here in Robert Lee while recuperating from treatment of complications of a near-fatal car accident almost two years ago, near Houston.

### R-Lee Council Orders Election

Members of the Robert Lee City Council has ordered an election to be held Saturday, April 4, for the election of three councilmen.

Council members whose terms expire this year are F.W. Prentice, Jody Rodriguez and Allen Clendennen. Prentice and Rodriguez have filed for re-election.

Any other candidates have until March 4, 30 days before the election, to file. Candidates should file at the city hall.

Holdover members of the council who have another year to serve are Mayor Robert Vaughan and members, Alice Beaty and Wilson Bryan.

#### SCHOOL ELECTION

Robert Lee School's board of trustees called an election at its January meeting for the election of two trustees. Terms of Phil Ray and W.L. (Dub) Metcalf expire this year. The school election will be held April 4, also.

Directors of West Coke County Hospital had not called an election early this week. However, they are expected to act on the matter at a meeting next week.

### EVERYBODY INVITED TO WOMANLESS WEDDING

Members of the Bronte Volunteer Ambulance Service are inviting all their friends in Robert Lee to attend a Womanless Wedding Saturday night. A cast of approximately two dozen persons will be in the all-male production.

The ceremony will take place in the Bronte School auditorium, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Admission prices are 2.00 for adults and \$1.00 for students.

Proceeds derived from the show will go into the fund to purchase a new ambulance.



GERALD C. ALLEN  
Chairman of Board and President



WM. H. (BILL) ALLEN  
Executive Vice President



WILLIS W. SMITH  
Vice President and Cashier

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### Baby Sitters Must Register

Anyone who cares for even one child outside that child's own home is subject to regulation by authority of Texas Child Care Licensing law as stated in the Human Resources Code, Section 42.001.

This law, which became effective in 1976, provides for the registration of any "babysitter" who cares for six or fewer children on a regular basis.

Registration is a simple process which can be done entirely by mail. It involves the completion of an application and two checklists, one concerning fire prevention and one regarding health and safety. The caregiver is also required to keep on file immunization records and signed parental permission forms for medication, emergency medical treatment, and trips and activities away from the home.

Registration is mandated by law and civil penalties can be invoked against those who care for children and refuse to be registered. The intent of the law, however, is not to prevent individuals from caring for children. The intent, rather, is to protect the health, safety, and well-being of the children who stay in day care arrangements. This in turn protects the individual giving the child care.

If you are caring for children in your home, or if your child stays in an unregulated day care home, please contact Suzette Menchaca, the day care licensing representative for Coke County. Mrs. Menchaca is available to answer any questions the public might have concerning registration or day care. She handles all complaints concerning licensed or unlicensed day care centers. Mrs. Menchaca may be contacted by writing Day Care Licensing Division, Texas Department of Human Resources, P.O. Box 951, San Angelo, Texas, 76901. The office is located on Bell at Pulliam Street. The telephone number is (915) 655-0576.

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## Representative Larry Don Shaw Reports from Austin

### INHERITANCE TAX--DRUG BILLS INTRODUCED

Of all the taxes we pay, probably the one that consistently generates the most criticism is the inheritance tax.

As things now stand, a certain amount of the STATE inheritance tax (sometimes called a death tax) can be subtracted from the heir's FEDERAL inheritance tax in the form of a tax credit.

This session, I'm co-sponsoring with Republican State Rep. Gerald Geistweidt a bill which would effectively abolish the state inheritance tax and still retain the right of the state to receive revenues that would otherwise be paid to the federal government.

In other words, the State of Texas will collect the amount - and ONLY the amount - that the federal Internal Revenue Service would allow as a tax credit against federal inheritance taxes. (If the State doesn't take that money, the federal government will.)

No estate would pay more in death taxes than it would under the present system, and most estates will pay less. Texans will save millions of dollars in accountants' and attorneys' fees, since the dual federal/state tax returns and audits will no longer be required. And by using the

federal credit as the means of computing the State's share, the job of the State Comptroller's office would be vastly simplified. In fact, our proposal, House Bill 325, should save the Comptroller's office more than \$300,000 a year in administrative costs alone, with very little drop in state revenues.

Another measure I'm co-sponsoring with Rep. Buck Florence, House Bill 109, would cover a loophole in the Texas Controlled Substances Act. As the law stands now, a person breaks the law if he "knowingly or intentionally manufactures, delivers or possesses with intent to manufacture or deliver a controlled substance," a controlled substance, of course, meaning an illegal drug.

The loophole in the law is that CONSPIRACY to commit a crime like this is not a crime in itself.

House Bill 109 would make it an equally-serious crime to CONSPIRE with one or more persons to manufacture or deliver a controlled substance.

Conspiracy charges are extremely difficult to prove in most cases, but this bill should help to make it possible, in cases of blatant and undeniable wrongful intent, to stop some crimes involving drugs before they're ever committed.

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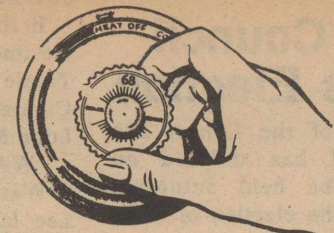
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Robert Lee, Texas

### Energy Saving tips on Electric Heating.



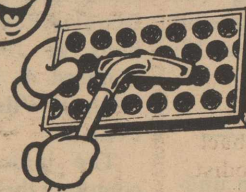
**Check your thermostat setting.** Recommended temperature setting for winter heating is 68°. Remember, the lower you set the thermostat in the winter the lower your energy cost.



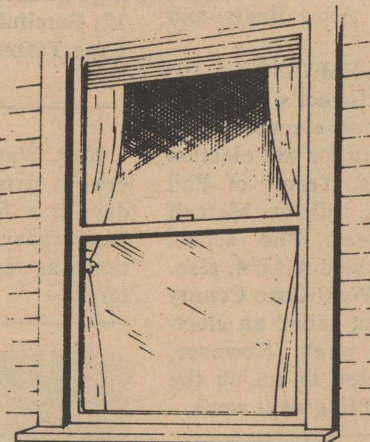
**Have your heating system checked regularly!** Proper servicing is good preventive maintenance.



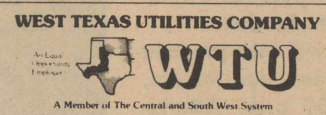
**Keep filters clean.** Check the filter every 30 days on forced-air systems. If filter is permanent, clean it by manufacturer's directions, if it's disposable, replace when dirty.



**Have your home properly insulated!** Adequate home insulation keeps the warmth in, cuts energy use... can pay for itself by lowering heating (and cooling) costs.



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### Bank Directors Make Policies

Officers of the Robert Lee State Bank really are the persons who run the bank. But the policies which they enforce are set by members of the board of directors.

These men meet at regular intervals to decide on important matters that require their attention as well as to set up the policies of the bank.

Gerald C. Allen is chief executive officer of the bank, as well as serving as chairman of the board and president.

William H. Allen also is a member of the board and serves as executive vice president of the bank.

Willis W. Smith, another member of the board, is vice president and cashier of the bank.

Mrs. Pansy Bloodworth, another officer of the bank, serves as assistant cashier, but she is not on the board of directors.

Directors, besides the aforementioned Gerald C. Allen, William H. Allen and Willis W. Smith include the following:

Cumbie Ivey Sr., rancher and retired Ford Dealer.

Victor Wojtek, rancher, businessman and retired theatre operator.

Vaughan S. Davis, operator of West Way Grocery store.

E.A. Clendennen, owner and operator of a Silver welding service.

### 'B' Teams 1st At Sterling City

Robert Lee High School B teams went to Sterling City for a one-day tournament. Four teams were entered in the boys and girls divisions. The Robert Lee teams took first place honors in both divisions.

The teams went up against Garden City in their first games and defeated Sterling City in the finals to take first place.

#### GIRLS GAMES

The Robert Lee girls downed Garden City 41-30 in their opening game. Sara DeLaPena was high pointer with 18; Tracie Tomlinson had 12; Cindy Gartman 10; Lupe Munoz 1.

The girls had little trouble in the finals as they poured it on Sterling City 52-12. DeLaPena was high again with 14; Tomlinson, Gartman and Munoz tied for second place scoring honors with 10 each; Carrath Metcalf had 8.

#### BOYS GAMES

Robert Lee boys whipped out Garden City 37-21 in their opener. Larry Palmer was high pointer with 13; Jimmy Skinner had 10; David Hubbard 7; Gilbert Abalos 3; Gery Naico 2; Eddie Hood 2.

In the finals, the Steers downed host Sterling City 48-35, to take first place. Skinner had 20 points to lead scoring; Hood was close on his heels with 19; Abalos 5; Hubbard 4.

### IN FORT WORTH SHOW

Rick Drennan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wayland Drennan, exhibited two steers in the Ft. Worth Show last week with his hereford steer placing 11th in the light weight hereford class. His short-horn steer failed to place.

### LUNCHROOM MENU

Monday, Feb. 16: Barbecue wieners, green beans, french fries with catsup, hot rolls, butter, milk, chocolate cake with icing.

Tuesday, Feb. 17: Grill cheese sandwiches, vegetable soup, pickle slices, milk, peanut butter brownies.

Wednesday, Feb. 18: Beef tacos with cheese, lettuce tomato salad, corn, chopped onion, milk, fruit cobbler.

Thursday, Feb. 19: Chili and beans, lettuce wedge, potato chips, crackers, milk, fresh apple.

Friday, Feb. 20: Salisbury steak with brown gravy, cream potatoes, english peas, hot rolls, butter, milk, slices peaches.

### 75 YEARS AGO

By Joan Davis

In 1906, "three wagonloads of settlers and goods, and several horsebackers, passed through our midst, heading to New Mexico. We wish them a safe and opportune journey."

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John McCabe was in the city, from the Divide, trading Saturday.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. D.L. Buchanan, on Sunday March 13, a son.

To the traveling public, we now have the mail line to San Angelo. Fare 1 way, \$2 - round trip, \$3. Dawson and Green, Prop.

The little son of Ed McDorman was bit two times by a mad dog. A mad stone was immediately secured from Mr. Childress and when applied to the wounds, stuck repeatedly. It was not learned if the child was taken to Austin for treatment or not.

Bob Owen was in Robert Lee on business last week and visited friends in the courthouse. Owen, former county attorney, left that office to enter private law practice in Austin.

### HAS BACK SURGERY

Brenda Mathews of San Angelo, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Mathews, underwent back surgery Feb. 4 in Methodist Hospital in Houston. The surgery involved a complicated procedure to correct a curvature of the spine.

She was put in a body cast Wednesday; this one is to be worn six months. Mathews returned to his business this week, but Mrs. Mathews will remain with her daughter until her release.

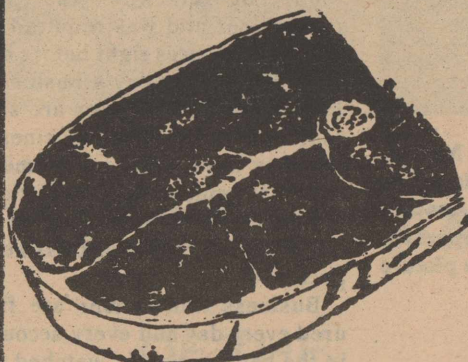
Turney Casey is recuperating at home after an extended stay in St. John's Hospital in San Angelo. He is much improved, after being on the critical list for some time.

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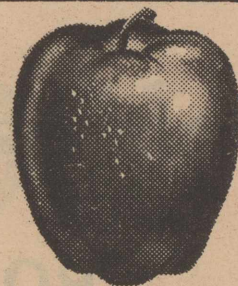


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**MORRISON CORN KITS** 6 oz. pouch 23c  
**Sunshine Tru-Blu Cookies** 1 1/2 lb. bag 99c

**Maryland Club** **Coffee** Lb. **\$2.29**

**DELMONTE SWEET PEAS** 303 size can 39c  
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**DELMONTE CATSUP** 32 oz. bottle 99c

**Apples** Washington Delicious lb. **39c**



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### LIONS CLUB MEETING

1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month-7 P.M.

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WORSHIP ....11:00 a.m. WED. BIBLE STUDY . 7 P.M.

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**READY TO SERVE YOU--**Employees of Robert Lee State Bank who are ready at all times to serve customers are: front row, left to right, Dale Fields, Rheba Taylor, Pansy Bloodworth, Bobby Allen and Cynthia Metcalf; back

row, left to right, Cathy McGinley, D'Ann Eubanks, Kristy Roe and Gayle Shandley. Another employee, Margaret Epperson, was not present when this picture was made.

## Bookkeeping Has Become Computerized

Most folks who are over middle age, and younger ones who have grown up watching television have a picture of the bank bookkeeper who goes back to work at night and works for many hours to make the books balance.

That picture was not terribly distorted until a few years ago when bookkeeping in most banks became computerized.

Machines which would add and subtract were the first innovations to relieve the tedium of the young banker who was just starting out and was required to get all the figures right before the start of the next day's business. Today, adding machines are still useful in the banking business, but they have been complemented with a much more sophisticated development--the computer.

Robert Lee State Bank has kept pace with this progress.

Business transactions are figured every day and every account in the bank is closely watched by the unblinking eye of the computer.

Statements of the bank are produced by one of these magnificent machines. They are not without error, but they are much more accurate than the young men who used to do bank bookkeeping.

Robert Lee State Bank purchased a No. 8200 NCR computer system some time ago. Cost of the basic hardware was approximately \$40,000. However, appurtenances and supplies required to operate the machine increased the price by several thousand dollars. Savings and time deposit accounts, expense accounts and the general ledger are taken care of by the computer, and other bookkeeping functions are being added to its workload.

### TO SHOW AT SAN ANTONIO

Kim and Marty Caston, daughter and son of Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Caston, will exhibit swine in the San Antonio Show next week. Kim has one duroc barrow entered in the junior show and Marty has one entered in the big open show. Kim will attend the show with her mother, Leta Caston and uncle, L.W. Davis, of Roscoe.

Mrs. Billie Wallace visited here from Fort Worth last week with her sister, Mrs. Add Davis, and an aunt, Mrs. Dot Childress.

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## Puppet Show Sunday at 7:00

Robert Lee Baptist Church invites everyone to attend the puppet show, Music Machine, at 7:00 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 15. The show will be presented by the College Hills Baptist Church of San Angelo in the sanctuary of the local church.

### NOTICE TO BIDDERS REPLACEMENT SOUND SYSTEM

The Robert Lee Independent School District will receive sealed bids on a sound system as indicated below until 7:30 p.m. March 19, 1981, in the office of Superintendent Jimmy Bickley, Robert Lee Independent School District, Sanco Route, Robert Lee, Texas, 76945. Bids will then be opened and read aloud.

Bids received late will be returned to the bidder.

**DELIVERY DATE:** For immediate installation - please state time required for installation - \_\_\_\_\_ days.

**NOTICE:** Please indicate the brand name of items you are bidding on a component basis in the space provided below each item.

**TERMS:** Bidder state terms here: \_\_\_\_\_

1. **General Conditions:** The work included in this bid shall be performed outside of school hours, evenings after 4:00 p.m., or on weekends and shall include furnishing, delivery and installation of all items of equipment, complete with any and all required installation hardware as may be required for a skilled and workmanlike installation of a complete sound system whether such items are specifically listed or itemized or not.

2. **Cleaning the Site of the Work:** This contractor shall remove from the site of the work all rubbish, trash, discarded packing materials and cartons, and other debris caused by his operation, and upon completion of the work, the entire area of his work shall be left in a broom-clean condition.

3. **Guarantee:** All equipment in this contract shall be guaranteed against all defects for a period of one year, after final acceptance, due to faulty workmanship, installation or materials. This contractor in event of such defects arising within specified time, shall correct same upon written notice from the owner, without expense to owner. It is understood however, that guarantee does not cover normal or usual wear and tear due to usage, and where the owner has altered the equipment from its originally installed condition, or damaged, or permitted to get out of order.

4. **Insurance:** The contractor shall furnish a certificate of insurance as follows for the duration of this contract. The owner shall be named as additional assured under the Liability Policies. Insurance certificates shall be furnished before contract is granted.

a. Workmen's Compensation Insurance as required by law.

b. Public Liability Insurance in minimum limits of \$100,000/\$300,000.

c. Property Damage Insurance in minimum limits of \$100,000.

d. All insurance shall be carried with insurance companies licensed to operate in the State of Texas, and the policies shall be written by agents who are bonafide residents of the State of Texas.

5. **Bid Security:** Each proposal, or bid, shall be accompanied by an acceptable Bidders Proposal Bond Security made payable without recourse to the owner. Such instrument to be in the amount of five percent (5%) of the largest possible total proposal, or bid, including the consideration of any alternates, or combinations, as a guarantee that, if awarded the contract to do the proposed work, the bidder will immediately enter into a contract with the owner and execute the required bonds in the forms prescribed. Should the bidder fail to enter into a contract within ten (10) days from the date of notification of the award of the contract to him, then the Bid Security shall be declared forfeit and shall become the property of the owner. This action shall in no way be construed as a penalty, but shall be considered to be the amount of liquidated damages sustained by the owner due to the failure of the bidder to enter into a contract to perform the work entailed. However, if the owner fails to award a contract within thirty (30) days from the date of the opening of the bids, both dates inclusive, then the Bid Security shall become void and shall be returned to the bidder by the owner.

6. **Contract Performance Bond:** The bidder to whom award of the contract is made, shall, within ten (10) days of notification of award of the contract, enter into a formal contract to do the required work and shall furnish a Contract Performance Bond (on bid awards totaling \$25,000 or more) written by a bonding company authorized to write such instruments in the State of Texas and through an agent who is a bonafide resident of the State of Texas. The amount of the Contract Performance Bond shall be one hundred percent (100%) of the contract.

7. **Inspection of Work:** After the work requested herein is completed, the successful bidder shall call upon the Superintendent to make inspection of the work. As work progresses, if conditions warrant an interim inspection or consultation, the successful bidder shall notify the Superintendent of the condition or need. The specifications are listed in order to insure quality sound coverage. Bidder will be expected to provide all necessary equipment to provide the quality necessary for the applications intended. Approval of the working system as a whole must be given by the Superintendent before payment will be made.

8. One payment for this work will be made upon the successful completion of all work and the approval of the Superintendent.

Specifications can be picked up at the office of the Superintendent.

## HEAP Deadline Is February 28

This is a reminder for the citizens of Coke County who have not made application for the Home Energy Assistance Program of 1981. You have only until Feb. 28, 1981, to fill out an application.

The Home Energy Assistance Program is designed to assist low income Texans in paying for the increasingly high cost of energy necessary for the heating of their homes. Cash benefits will be provided to eligible households in the form of a state check mailed directly to the household. If you qualify for the HEAP assistance, it will be one check and one check only.

If you wish an application form call Diane Luckett in the county judge's office, 453-3641, or call her in Bronte after 5:30 p.m. and on weekends at 473-4821.

## Arctic Front Chills Area

Mild weather came to a halt late Tuesday morning when a norther hit dropping temperatures sharply. High winds made the weather disagreeable and caused it to feel colder than thermometers showed.

An unofficial reading early Wednesday showed the temperature standing at 9 degrees. However, the wind had died down and the sun was shining brightly, so area residents were expecting warmer weather by Wednesday afternoon.

Clouds produced some snow early Tuesday night, but it failed to stick and there was no indication Wednesday morning that snow had fallen.

### Taxpayer's Signatures Necessary on Return

Federal income tax returns must be signed and dated, the Internal Revenue Service said. In the case of married taxpayers who file jointly, both spouses' signatures must appear on the form.

When married taxpayers file joint returns, lack of income or absence from the home of one spouse is not a valid excuse for a missing signature on the return. Both spouses must sign regardless of their individual incomes. If one spouse is away from home, the return should be sent to him or her prior to filing, according to the IRS.

Spouses who cannot sign due to disease or injury may have their husbands or wives sign for them. After signing the infirm spouse's name in the proper space, the words "By (name of the spouse who signed), Husband (or Wife)" should be added.

The spouse who signed should also attach a dated statement to the return that includes the following information: the name of the return, the tax year, the reason the other spouse cannot sign, and that the ill or injured spouse has agreed to having their name signed.

If a spouse cannot sign the joint return for any other reason, the husband or wife can sign only if given a valid power of attorney.

### LAKE SPENCE FISHING NEWS

The fish were not as enthused this week as the fishermen at Lake Spence. Dreary weather and cold water conditions were discouraging. The only notable catch was reported by Hillside grocery. Roy Roe of Lubbock caught a 15 pound striper over the weekend.

## News from West Coke Hospital

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

Feb. 3: Roxie Ross, Raymond Vaughn admitted. Basilio Muiles, Petra Muiles dismissed.

Feb. 4: Lillian Caperton admitted. Julia Gloria dismissed.

Feb. 5: No admissions. Lillian Caperton, Inez Walker dismissed.

Feb. 6: Grace Boykin admitted. Roxie Ross, Raymond Vaughn dismissed.

Feb. 7 through Feb. 9: No admissions. No dismissals.

## Foster Parents Are Needed

Foster parents for children who need help are being recruited by the Texas Department of Human Resources. A problem has developed with more children who need placing than there are foster parents to take them.

Orand Carroll, foster parent recruiter of Abilene, was in Bronte late last week and said he would like some families who would take in some children who need help.

The main goal of the foster home program is to provide temporary care for children until their own home environment can be made safe and suitable for their development, Carroll said.

Foster parents are reimbursed for room, board and medical expenses. Both couples and singles may be qualified for the work.

Anyone who is interested in more information on the foster parent program should contact Joan Fry, Box 1116, Sweetwater, Texas 79556, phone 915-235-5485.

## PUBLIC NOTICE OF TAX EXEMPTIONS AVAILABLE TO HOMEOWNERS

The Coke County Appraisal District is currently accepting applications for residence homestead exemptions. The deadline for filing is April 1, 1981. Applications should be filed as early as possible to avoid inconvenience to the homeowner.

Two types of homestead exemptions from school taxes are available to taxpayers who owned their residence homesteads on January 1 of this year. First, the general homestead exemption is available to all homeowners and exempts \$5,000 from the market value of the homestead.

Second, any person who is 65 years of age or older or who is disabled can be exempted an additional \$10,000 from the market value of the homestead. Proof of age or disability may be necessary.

"Disabled", in this case, refers to the definition found in the Federal Old-Age, Survivors, and Disability Insurance Act under the Social Security Administration. Disability is defined as inability to engage in any substantial gainful employment which exists in the national economy, or, in the case of someone who is 55 and blind, inability by reason of such blindness to engage in the employment in which he was previously engaged. The person claiming disability does not necessarily have to be drawing benefits from Social Security.

Homeowners age 65 or older who apply for their exemption will be granted a tax freeze. If application is not made, the tax freeze will be lost for this year.

If you have questions about qualifying for exemptions or filing application forms, contact the Coke County Appraisal District office at 453-2274, or come by 710 Austin St., Robert Lee.

If you are a landowner and would like to pay taxes in 1981 on the productive value of your land, rather than the market value, please come to the Appraisal Office and apply for the Open-Space Land Valuation (productive valuation).

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## County to Collect Back Taxes

Coke County Commissioners' Court met Monday in regular session and had a busy day.

Albert Walker, representing a firm which has contracted to collect delinquent taxes for the Bronte School, met with the court and requested that he be allowed to collect delinquent taxes at the same time. The commissioners voted to enter into a contract with him. Fee for collecting the taxes is 15 per cent.

The court considered again a request from the '69 Study Club of Bronte for some funds to buy playground equipment for the county parks. The motion had been tabled at a previous meet-

ing. In a split vote the court allowed \$1,000 each for the parks in Robert Lee and Bronte for this purpose.

In other business the court:

\* Accepted bids from First National Bank of Bronte and Robert Lee State Bank to serve as county depositories.

\* Heard a report from the Texas Parks & Wildlife Commission outlining preliminary proposals for changes in hunting, fishing and trapping laws.

\* Approved a request from General Telephone Company to bury a telephone cable on county road right of way.

\* Heard a report that some repair work on the courthouse air conditioning system is going to be needed soon.

\* Heard a report from County Attorney Bill Helwig of the necessity to change the date of a hearing on closing part of a county road known as Friendship Lane. The originally scheduled

date of Feb. 17 was changed to March 9.

\* Also heard a report from the county attorney that an opinion from the attorney general's office indicates that there may be a conflict of interest in Commissioner George Newby also serving as a director of West Coke County Hospital District. Helwig indicated it may be necessary for Newby to resign his position on the hospital board. It was brought out, however, that his term expires in April, anyway.

\* Went into executive session to discuss a personnel matter.

\* Paid bills.

Judge D.W. Sims said the court had a fruitful day and he appreciated all the input from citizens into the meeting.



Tradition has it that it is bad luck to move on a Friday.

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### NOTICE COMMISSIONERS' COURT OF COKE COUNTY, TEXAS

Notice is hereby given that the public hearing set for the 17th day of February, at 10:00 o'clock a.m., at the county courthouse in Robert Lee, Texas, has been rescheduled for Monday, March 9, 1981, at 2:00 o'clock p.m., in the commissioners' courtroom. At such time the Commissioners' Court of Coke County will consider a petition 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. Burks Survey.

Petitioners seek to close said road at the intersection of said road on the north boundary line of the T. Burks 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 10th day of February, 1981.

Commissioner Court of Coke County  
D.W. SIMS COUNTY JUDGE

### 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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### CARD OF THANKS

With thankful hearts, we thank those for their prayers, cards, visits, calls, flowers, food, and other expressions of concern during Turney's illness.

Irma, Turney, and Family 33-1TP

WANTED: Manager and Maintenance operator for Coke County Water Corp. Contact Bobby Baker, Robert Lee, Texas Ph. 453-2413. 33-1TCBP

### PUBLIC NOTICE

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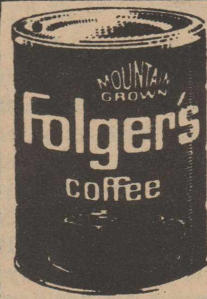
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