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Girls In Regional Tourney

Wednesday is Deadline for Filing for April Elections

Deadline is drawing near for candidates to file for spots on the ballots to be used in the three elections in April. Wednesday, March 4, 30 days before the elections, is the final day for candidates to file. A check with the filing offices Wednesday morning showed that no new candidates have come out since last week.

Elections will be held April 4 to name school trustees, city council members and hospital district directors.

In the school election terms of Phil Ray and W.L. (Dub) Metcalf expire this year. Neither of them nor any other candidates had filed Wednesday morning. Candidates should file in the office of Supt. Jimmy Bickley.

In the city election, three council members go off this year. They are F.W. Prentice, Jody

Rodriguez and Allen Clendenen. Prentice and Rodriguez have filed for reelection. Other candidates should file with City Secretary Mrs. Edna Havins at the city hall. Holdover members are Mayor Robert Vaughan and council members Alice Beaty and Wilson Bryan.

Two hospital directors will be elected April 4. Terms of George Newby and Earl Lindsey expire this year. Petitions have been presented requesting the names of Mrs. Barbara Chesney, Jody Rodriguez, Paul Burns and Teddy Pitcock be placed on the ballot. Hospital directors who have another year to serve are T.M. Wylie Jr., Steve Oleksiuk and Wayne McCabe. Candidates may file at the business office in the hospital.

Mrs. Preslar Celebrates 90th

A surprise luncheon was held Sunday, Feb. 22, in the ranch home of Mr. and Mrs. T.K. Whiteside honoring Mrs. Alice Preslar on her 90th birthday. Fifty relatives and friends attended.

The table was covered with a white satin and net cloth trimmed with gold braid. A large birthday cake, decorated with red roses, was the centerpiece for the serving table.

Mrs. Preslar's three children were present to help with the celebration, Howard D. Preslar of Borger, Mrs. Jay (Floryne) Evans of Cross Plains, and Mrs. T.K. (Louise) Whiteside. Mr. Evans and Mr. Whiteside also attended.

Grandchildren present included Howard C. Preslar of Birmingham, Ala., Mr. and Mrs. Bart Preslar of Carrollton, Bennie K. Whiteside of Jackson, Miss., Mr. and Mrs. Johnny (Jo Alice) Parks of Ballinger and Mr. and Mrs. Maxie Evans of Cross Plains.

Great-grandchildren attending were Cathy Casey of San Angelo, Jay and Jana Parks of Ballinger and Teena and Glenda Faye Evans of Cross Plains.

Other relatives and friends present were Velma Denman of Robert Lee, a sister of Mrs. Preslar; Mrs. Loma Preslar, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Preslar, David and April of San Angelo; Mr. and Mrs. Scott Thomas and grandchildren, Lindsay and Jimmie, and Mr. and Mrs. Steve Clark all of Odessa; Joyce Hodges of Sterling City; Mr. and Mrs. Rick Watts of Arlington; Bill Evans, Jerry Don and daughter of Lockney; Kevin Evans, Bessie Whiteside and Mr. and Mrs. E.H. McCullough of San Angelo; Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Crawford, Monty and Staci of Early; Mrs. Norma Ruth and the Rev. and Mrs. John Reynolds and Claire of Robert Lee.

FOUR FROM ROBERT LEE MAKE TECH HONOR ROLL

More than 5,100 students at Texas Tech University qualified for the deans' honor rolls in the six colleges during the 1980 fall semester.

Among them were Lisa Bes- sent, Richard Long, Buddy Wal- lace and Carla Wojtek of Robert Lee.

To qualify for a dean's honor roll a student must have a grade point average of 3.0 or more on a 4.0 scale and must have taken as many as 12 semester hours of work.

Texas Tech has an enrollment of more than 23,000 students in six colleges: Agricultural Sci- ences, Arts and Sciences, Business Administration, Education, En- gineering and home Economics.

Scout Leaders Awarded Pins

Four Girl Scout leaders from Robert Lee have received tenure award pins from the West Texas Girl Scout Council. The awards are made to the leaders for the years of service they have devoted to the Girl Scout program.

A 10 year award went to Barbara Jameson and five year awards went to Kathy Paden, Tancie Bell and Hazel Abbott.

Mrs. Martha Selzer and Farrell of Munday and Mrs. Terrie Blair of Sweetwater visited Sunday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wes Kinsey.

Buy and Sell With Want Ads!

The Robert Lee High School girls basketball team stayed alive Friday night when they defeated Greenwood 66-63 in a bi-district game played at Howard Junior College in Big Spring.

The win gives the girls a spot in the regional tournament to be held this weekend at South Plains College Coliseum in Levelland.

Robert Lee is scheduled to play Valley at 8:30 p.m. Friday. If the girls win their first game, they will play again at 11 a.m. Saturday, and, if they win their second game, they will play a third game at 7 p.m. Saturday. Valley is a consolidated high school located half way between

Quitaque and Turkey.

GREENWOOD GAME

Leigh Ann Runnion put on a scoring show for Robert Lee, sinking 30 big points. She made 14 free throws, and all the girls were great in that department, as the team sank 26 of 35. Dianna Tinkler also was a high scorer with 18.

The thrilling last seconds of the game saw Runnion sink two free

Classes will be dismissed at 2:30 p.m. Friday, in order for students and teachers to have plenty of time to drive to Levelland for the regional basketball tournament. The Robert Lee girls team will play at 8:30 p.m.

Fans are urged to make the trip to Levelland and back the girls. Players are hoping they will play again Saturday. The tournament is a single elimination event, and the girls will have to defeat Valley Friday night in order to continue in the Saturday action.

So, they need all the help they can get--your help.

Local Sales Tax Payments Rise

Payments of the one per cent sales tax to the City of Robert Lee was up 103 per cent over last year when checks were mailed out from the State Comptroller's office in Austin on Feb. 2.

Payments through Feb. 8 amounted to \$5,119.04, compared to \$2,512.87 for the same period of 1980.

A phone conversation with an employee in the comptroller's office indicated that a change in bookkeeping procedures is responsible for some of the big gain and that inflation is another contributing factor. However, she seemed to feel there was bound to be some increase in real sales, with a 103 per cent increase.

City sales tax is collected along with the four per cent state sales tax and rebated monthly to cities by the comptroller.

shots to give Robert Lee a one point edge, with three seconds remaining. Tinkler stole the in- bounds pass and dropped it into the basket, to give the local girls their 66-63 victory. Some local fans felt there was some confusion in the operation of the clock in the final seconds, but it came out all right anyway.

Scoring for Robert Lee were: Runnion 30; Tinkler 18; Kellye Percifull 8; Amy Percifull 4; Frankie Walker 4; Martha Bickley 2.

Score by quarters:
RL 11 17 15 23--66
GW 6 25 7 25--63

James Herford Honored For 35 Years Service

James Herford was honored Tuesday evening Feb. 17, with a dinner at "The Shack" in Snyder for 35 years of service with Sun Pipe Line Company. Also honored was W.W. Mitchell of Snyder.

Presenting the service pins to the honorees was Ed Lewis of Longview. Among those attending the dinner were Mrs. Herford, Marvin Collins of the Corpus Christi office, and Bud Smith and Chip Crawford of the Longview office.

Herford started with Sun Pipe Line Company on Dec. 3, 1945, at Corpus Christi. After working at Premont, Ingleside, and Sun Field, he came to Silver in 1950.

Herford, and his wife Laura, who is a third grade teacher here, have two sons, Doug of Robert Lee and Ernest of Winnsboro.

After visiting here several weeks, Mrs. Bill Craddock has returned to her home in Medina. She was accompanied there by her mother, Mrs. Willie Clark, who will enter the Bandera Nursing Home in Bandera. Willie's many friends may write to her at Box 51, Medina, Tx. 78055.

Public Schools Week Program Set March 4

Public Schools Week will be observed next week at Robert Lee, and the public is invited to participate. Supt. Jimmy Bickley said Robert Lee School will have open house all week, and parents and others who are interested are invited to come by any time during regular school hours.

A special program is planned for 7 p.m. Thursday, March 4, in the school auditorium. The school bands will present several numbers and refreshments will be served in the school cafeteria. Those attending will have an opportunity to visit with school administrators and teachers during the refreshment period.

Supt. Bickley said anybody is welcome to visit the school at any time, but special emphasis is placed on it during Public Schools Week. He said everyone has a cordial invitation to come by this week and to attend the Thursday night program.

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Hood of San Angelo underwent extensive heart surgery in San Antonio, Feb. 14. Born Feb. 5, she will require further surgery at a later date. She was reported to be slightly improved Monday. Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Hood of San Angelo are the baby's grandparents and Mrs. Ruth Hood of Robert Lee is a great-grandmother.

PEANUT BUTTER PLUS RAISINS AND CARROTS

Tired of the same old peanut butter and jelly sandwich?

Try mixing one cup peanut butter with one cup chopped raisins and one-half cup shredded carrots, says Cass Ryan-Crowe, a foods and nutrition specialist.

This will make enough spread for six sandwiches, she adds.



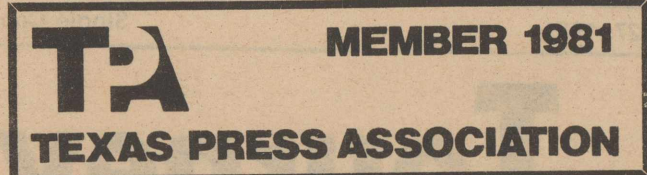
LOVES OF THE BAND--Members of the RLHS Band have selected their Band Beau and Band Sweetheart for the year. Band Beau is Bobby Phillips and

Band Sweetheart is Teena Barrett. Bobby is the son of J.W. Phillips and Teena is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Barrett. [Photo by Winnie McPeck]

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The President's Economic Message: A Declaration of Independence from Government

Reviewing the President's economic message of a week ago, one theme comes through very clear: now is the time for action. Promises for a reduction in Federal spending, and the regulation that chokes off productivity, and costs jobs, have been made before. But the promises have not been backed up with action.

If action is not taken now, the President made it clear, the future we leave for our children will be a future written in uncertainty.

The President pulled no punches. Nor did he draw a rosy picture of the gravity of the economic condition confronting our country. His diagnosis of our ailment was frank, and his prescription for recovery equally frank. Few Americans who listened to his remarks would disagree this country must make some fundamental changes in the way it manages its economic affairs. Not tomorrow. Or the next day. But beginning right now.

The wheels have already been set into motion to reduce, restrict or remove the largest obstacle to economic growth in America — government and its reckless spending habits.

We have heard much about what the President and his economic advisers consider essential to end budget deficits. Specifics of the President's blueprint for economic recovery were spelled out on February 18. We all know what must be done now. What is most important to me, however, is that spending reductions be equitable — that they place no undue burden on any one segment of our society. I believe reductions in spending can be accomplished without wielding the meat-axe to programs affecting those Americans who are truly in need.

Some important steps have already been taken that will help us achieve long term economic objectives. The President, for example, called for an end to price controls on domestic crude oil and its by-products. This is a strong indication the Administration is serious about this country regaining its energy independence.

The impact of decontrol will be two-fold. First, our energy industries will now have the incentives to search out and produce hard-to-find resources. Less than one-third of all crude oil now produced in the United States was still under price control. By removing this small amount from controls now — rather than waiting for them to end in September under phased decontrol — we maximize 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. Freeing-up our energy industries to produce the storehouse of resource wealth this country has been blessed with is only part of the reason the President's decision was welcome. Fundamentally more important, the President served notice that his Administration will be practicing what it preaches.

Government is not the key to a vibrant and expanding economy, with jobs for those willing to work, and opportunities for investment in the future.

These are achieved through a free market economy — through the competition of ideas, goods and services that provide incentives and promote opportunity.

Our country was founded on such principles, in case we have forgotten it. It was written as an article of faith in our Constitution. Over recent decades, however, we have allowed a burgeoning government to preempt the principles of a free market. Our economy — and our whole system of values — have suffered as a result. We have an obligation to ourselves — and to our children — to restore our economy to the greatness it once was.

I believe that was the real message the President conveyed to us. It is time for a new "Declaration of Independence" in this country, a Declaration of Independence from the oppression of government.

Coke Agricultural Products Are Valued at \$6.6 Million

The market value of agricultural products sold by the 342 farms in Coke County amounted to \$6.6 million or an average of \$19,340 each, up from \$4.3 million in 1974 with an accompanying increase in production costs, according to a preliminary report of the 1978 Census of Agriculture released today by the Bureau of the Census, U.S. Department of Commerce.

A breakdown of the county's total agricultural sales for 1978 followed by that for 1974, is as follows: Crops, \$227,000 compared with \$209,000; livestock, poultry, and their products, \$6.4 and \$4.1 million.

While the value of gross sales rose, the farmers' costs also climbed since 1974. For example, expenditures for feed for livestock and poultry for 1978 were \$1.3 million compared to \$844,000; costs of gasoline, diesel and other petroleum products were \$465,000 compared to \$233,000. Farm energy costs of all types totaled \$538,000 for 1978. The estimated market value of machinery and equipment per farm increased from \$11,724 to \$16,204.

Of the total farms in the county, 36 had gross sales of \$40,000 or more and 175 had sales of under \$10,000. Farms operated by individuals or families represented 87 percent of the total; farms operated by corporations accounted for 1 percent. Some 82 percent of the operators owned all or part of the land they operated.

In 1978 the average age of farm operator was 55.1 years. Since 1974 the proportion of operators listing farming as their principal occupation changed from 53 percent to 40 percent.

Data in the reports for acreage and inventories for 1978 and 1974 are generally comparable; however, improved coverage in 1978, especially of smaller farms, should be taken into consideration in making direct comparisons of farm counts. Dollar values have not been adjusted for changes in price levels.

Other results of the census show the 342 farms counted in 1978 had an average size of 1,466 acres. For 1974, 296 farms were counted with an average size of 1,647 acres. The land in farms

totalled 501,226 acres in 1978 and 487,474 acres in 1974. Crops were harvested from 6,471 acres in 1978 and 9,996 acres in 1974.

The inventory of cattle and calves changed from 23,251 in 1974 to 22,731 in 1978. The number of sheep changed from 62,876 to 67,201 in 1978, while the number sold changed from 43,126 to 41,631.

Acreages of crops harvested for 1978 and 1974 were as follows: wheat, 339 acres vs. 386 acres; sorghum for grain, 1,642 acres vs. 1,529 acres; cotton, 574 acres vs. 767 acres; hay, 2,362 acres vs. 3,583 acres; oats, 819 acres in 1978.

The figures are for farms qualifying under the definition: Any place from which 1,000 or more of agricultural products were sold, or normally would have been sold, during the census year.

The agriculture census was conducted in 1979 to obtain data on the nation's farm production and sales for calendar year 1978. Information from the farm census, the 21st of a series which began in 1840, will be used by federal, state and county agencies, agricultural colleges, agricultural and business groups, and farmers to help make a variety of decisions about agricultural programs and policies.

LAKE SPENCE FISHING NEWS

Henry Autrey of Triangle Bait reported that Mrs. Bernie Bailey of Jal, N.M., caught a 22 lb. Blue Cat Thursday of last week fishing from her boat, with rod and reel, she said the big fish bit on a slab. The same afternoon, R.L. Flanagan took a 6 pounder on the same bait, near her.

Permian Bass Club of Odessa held a tournament on Lake Spence this weekend. It was fished by 72 of their members but most went away disappointed. Only a small number of black bass were caught, a 4½ pounder winning the tourney.

A large number of fishermen turned out this week to fish but high winds and cold water temperatures of 45 degrees at 10 feet accounted for the poor catches.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that Coke County will receive sealed bids in the office of the County Judge until 10 o'clock A.M. Monday, March 9, 1981, for the following:

1-New Chasis-Cab, 2 ton truck, GVW 19,500, V-8 Engine (Not less than 350 cubic inches), Cab to axle not less than 72 inches)
6-9.00 x 20, 10 ply nylon tires with tubes

2-Speed rear axle
Heavy duty rear springs (not less than 23,000 lb. with auxiliary overloads)

Heavy duty front springs
Power Steering
4-Speed transmission
West Coast mirrors
Heavy duty radiator
Disc Wheels
Fuel tank not less than 30 gal.
Heavy Duty Vinyl Seats
5 Yard dump bed installed.
The County has for trade-in:
One used 1961 Chevrolet Truck Chasis

For further information, contact George Newby, Commissioner of Precinct No. 1, Robert Lee, Texas, 76945.

The Commissioners' Court of Coke County reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waiver any technicality.

Weldon Fikes, County Auditor

75 YEARS AGO

By Joan Davis

Miss May Cumbie, one of Bronte's most charming, young ladies, has accepted a position with the Robert Lee Millinery Company.

J.H. Burroughs will erect a handsome 2 story, concrete block building on our city square. It will be an imposing 25 x 80 feet. The lower floor will be leased out as a store building and the upper reaches will serve as the Masonic Hall. Work has been in contemplation for some months. Lodge #696 meets the Saturday night on or before each full moon.

An evening party for young people was held at Wild Cat Friday night. Music by Miss Zella Murtishaw was enjoyed by all. Voting for the pleasure and fun of all, most handsome young man honor went to John Stroud. Most beautiful young lady was Miss Zella Murtishaw. Cake and punch was served to the young group.

Mrs. Henry Wyatt of Sanco shopped in our city Saturday. For Sale - fine roses - all colors - 10 cents each. See Mrs. J.D. Davis.

Take Prickly Ash Bitters for powerful kidney medicine - \$1.00 a bottle.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Mr. Oglesby:

It is with sincere appreciation that I write you in regards to the beautiful plant that we displayed in our lobby yesterday during the opening of our new quarters.

I would sincerely like to thank you for the write-up that was in the paper last week pertaining to the open house and also for the pictures of the officers, directors and employees. Also I would like to thank you for the ad that is in the paper each week.

It is certainly our pleasure to have you as a customer of our bank. It is our sincere wish that we may give you the service that you so deserve in the future.

Sincerely yours,
G.C. Allen

Dear Mr. Allen:

Thank you very much for your kind words on the contents of our paper on Feb. 13. Kind words are not easily come by for weekly papers, and we do sincerely appreciate yours.

Since we, just as you, are interested very much in the orderly growth and development of the Robert Lee community, I would like, once again, to congratulate you and the bank's directors on providing the fine facilities which the people of Coke County need and deserve to have. You have provided a banking home that is beautiful, functional and worthy of the fine growth you have experienced in the past several years.

Mr. Allen, as you well know, the growth of your bank has not come about just with physical improvements. You, the other officers, the directors and your courteous employees really are the key to the success of Robert Lee State Bank. Your service is great.

Again, let me congratulate you on melding together all the things that people like in their bank. You have done it wonderfully well, and I am proud to be one of your customers. Thank you sir.

Ben Oglesby

Dear Newspaper Editor:

I am writing to ask you to help me and my school get the armadillo to be the official state mammal of Texas. We think the armadillo would be good because most people like them, they are interesting, they build good homes, and they eat fire ants. They have a tough hide - like a cowboy's boot.

Resolution HCR 53 is in Austin now and we need help to get it passed. Would you please ask your readers to write to their Representative and Senator and ask them to vote for it.

If any school kids or teachers want more information, they can write to: Armadillo in '81, Oak Creek Elementary, 3975 Gladeridge, Houston, Texas 77068, and we will send some things.

Yours Truly,
Sloan Childers, Age 10
President-Armadillo Council

COTTON SWEATERS

Cotton sweaters will be strong fashion items for spring '81, says Ann Vanderpoorten, a clothing specialist.

They are versatile and come in a wide range of bright and pastel colors, she adds.

REPORT YOUR
NEWS!



PUPPET EXPERT--Mary Lou Serratt, a puppet expert, will be in Robert Lee to conduct a workshop in puppetry at the Robert Lee Baptist Church. She

is from Amarillo and will instruct groups from other area churches, as well as those from Robert Lee who are interested.

Puppet Workshop This Weekend

Mrs. Mary Lou Serratt, puppet expert from South Georgia Baptist Church, Amarillo, will be here this weekend to conduct a puppet workshop at the Robert Lee Baptist Church.

Teams from Colorado City

Calvary Baptist Church, San Angelo College Hills Baptist Church and Robert Lee Bethel Baptist Mission and Robert Lee Baptist Church will be training.

The Young Disciples of the host church will be assisting with food and other jobs.

A group of ladies will learn how to construct puppets and learn how to help do mission work through the puppet ministry. Local puppet directors are Dale and Janice Burnett. Jeffie Roberts is in charge of the concession stand.

Mrs. Carolyn Long, youth and music director said the public is invited to the puppet show at 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 28, in the sanctuary of the Robert Lee Baptist Church.

Davis Service Held at Winters

Funeral services for John S. Davis, 53, of Winters, were held Monday at 2:30 p.m. in Winters Memorial Chapel. Burial was in Northview Cemetery.

He died early Saturday morning at his home.

He was born Sept. 10, 1927, in Drasco community. He was married to Christine Merck April 27, 1978, in Ballinger. He was an oil field worker and was field supervisor for Bishop & Sons Co. for the past eight years.

Survivors include his wife; a son, Johnny Davis of Winters; two step-daughters, Jan Graczyk of St. Paul, Minn. and Jere Smith of Midland; three brothers, P.C. Davis Jr. and L.C. Davis, both of Odessa, and J.B. Davis of Abilene; six sisters, Belah Allen of Adrian, Fannie Townsend of Hereford, Addie Bell Johnson of Robert Lee, Mary Ella Tyce of San Antonio, Myrtle Kelley of Abilene and Bertha Mitchell of Winters; and four grandchildren.

Mrs. L.E. Smith is in satisfactory condition after having hip surgery Monday in St. John's Hospital in San Angelo. She was admitted to the hospital Feb. 19 for tests, and later suffered a fall in her room there, breaking the same hip broken in a fall 10 years ago. Her son, James, of Guymon, Okla., remains here visiting his mother.

LUNCHROOM MENU

Monday, March 2: Pigs in blanket with mustard, baked beans, tator tots with catsup, milk, applesauce.

Tuesday, March 3: Spaghetti with meat sauce, blackeye peas, carrots, hot rolls, butter, milk, peanut chocolate clusters.

Wednesday, March 4: Pinto beans with meat, macaroni and tomatoes, spinach, corn bread, butter, milk, peach cobbler.

Thursday, March 5: Barbecue on bun, corn, pickle slices, milk, fresh orange.

Friday, March 6: Turkey casserole, lettuce tomato salad, english peas, hot rolls, butter, milk, peach half.

MRS. BURNETT HONORED

Mrs. Dale Burnett was honoree at a baby shower Saturday afternoon.

The event was from 3 to 4:30 p.m. in the Bill Allen home.

Hostesses were Bobbie Allen, D'Ann Eubanks, Dale Fields, Jeffie Roberts and Jo Nell Yarbrough.

Buy and Sell With Want Ads!



LIONS CLUB MEETING

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

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BEST MAID SALAD DRESSING qt. 89c
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Dr. Pepper or Sugar Free Dr. Pepper 6 Can Crt. **\$1.69**

GOOCH BLUE RIBBON BACON lb. \$1.39

GOOCH COUNTRY SAUSAGE 2 lb. roll \$1.99

FRESH PORK ROAST lb. \$1.19

Pork Chops FRESH Lb. **\$1.39** 

OWENS CHILI, reg. or chunky 1 lb. roll \$2.19

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IT WAS FUN--Persons who participated in the Valentine banquet at the Robert Lee Baptist Church had loads of fun. Among the funmakers were, from left, Ida

Bell Service, Mary Herring, Kathy Post and Kathy Brasher. It all happened Feb. 11 when adults of the church entertained the youth.

Baptist Host Valentine Banquet For Church's Young People

"Under the Big Top" was the theme for the annual Valentine banquet given Feb. 11 by adults of Robert Lee Baptist Church to honor their youth. It was well attended by the young people, most of whom wore long dresses and suits.

The new Rec Hall was decorated to look like a circus tent, complete with a ringmaster and three white ponies in the center ring. Other items of art, clowns, balloons and crepe paper were beautifully arranged to create the circus atmosphere.

Spending many hours on the decorations were committee members: Kathy Brasher, chairman; Pat Stephens, Carole Clendennen, Ida Bell Service, Mary Herring, Kathy Post, Glenda Service, Wanda Oleksiuk and Gen Anthony.

Slap stick comedy entertainment was put together by program chairman Carolyn Long and executed by members: Janice Weaver, Margaret and Roy Epperson, Pat and John Stephens, Terri Key, Laura Fackelman, Gene Hinnard, Johnny Service, Gary and Gay Williams, Joe and Warren Brasher, Les Copeland and Harvey Reid.

Sid Long served as master of ceremonies and announcer for the circus.

Next on the program was Dianna Tinkler with the announcement that Frankie Walker and Scot Long were king and queen. They presented hobo sticks, ribbons and trophies.

Clowns for Christ, Gary and Ann Jones, added color to the banquet and Martha Hart accompanied herself on the guitar and sang original gospel compositions. Dale Chadwick gave a talk on soul winning and shared some of his own witness experiences. These four guests are from San Angelo and members of the College Hills Baptist Church.

Those attending said the food was delicious. It was cooked and served by Mr. and Mrs. Pete Prentice, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Flowers and Mr. and Mrs. Zeddie Beal.

Typing invitations and programs was done by Margaret Epperson. Pictures were taken by Margaret Epperson and Sid Long.

General chairman, Carolyn Long, expressed thanks "to everyone who helped make the banquet a successful extravaganza."

Mrs. Lillian Counts To Head 1981 Bike-A-Thon Campaign

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital is proud to announce that Mrs. Lillian Counts has been named to head the 1981 Spring Bike-A-Thon Campaign in Robert Lee.

In making the announcement, Clifford Damstrom, St. Jude director for the Southeast Region, stated, "We are proud to find such a dedicated person for this important job."

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital is the largest childhood cancer research center in the United States, and it is the first research center dedicated exclusively to the research and conquest of catastrophic diseases of children, such as cancer and other life-destroying diseases," Damstrom stated.

"Children come to St. Jude for one purpose: A chance to live," Damstrom stated. "But no one has ever been charged for medical treatment. Yet medicines and treatments are extremely expensive. St. Jude has always been supported by the public, and we must continue to rely on public support to help finance the research and patient care programs. Over 70% of our 26 million dollar budget must come from public support. That is why this Bike-A-Thon is so important."

Danny Thomas, who founded St. Jude Children's Research Hospital because of a vow, stated its purpose clearly: "To wipe catastrophic diseases of children from the face of the earth."

"Since Thomas opened the research center in 1962, his dream of conquering cancer and other diseases that destroy our children has been brought closer to reality," stated Damstrom.

"Thomas is still extremely active in pursuing this goal, and he inspires all of us in this cause."

The location and time of the Bike-A-Thon in Robert Lee will be announced later by Mrs. Counts. Volunteers or interested parties are asked to contact her. "Your help is needed," Mrs. Counts said.

LOTS OF STEP-FAMILIES

Step-families make up between 10 and 15 percent of all households, with 8-10 million children, says Diane Welch, a family life education specialist.

MILES INVITES COKE TO WOMANLESS WEDDING

A civic minded group of citizens at Miles has issued an invitation to Coke Countians to attend a Womanless Wedding at 7 p.m. Saturday in the Miles School auditorium.

Proceeds from the event will be used to help defray the expense of restoring the Miles Opera House, a historical landmark in that city.

They billed the show, which will feature 52 gentlemen, as the place to come Saturday night "to forget all your troubles and have a good laugh."

Tickets will sell for \$2.00 for adults and \$1.00 for students.

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Representative Larry Don Shaw Reports from Austin

You may recall a recent, much-publicized case in which a woman was badly beaten, dragged down a gravel road and raped. By the time the act of rape was actually committed, the victim was in a state of terror and offered no resistance to her assailant.

Her attacker was subsequently apprehended, tried and convicted of aggravated rape, but the conviction was overturned by the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals.

Bentsen Offers Tax Tips For Older Citizens

Senator Lloyd Bentsen on Friday said a pamphlet of "tax tips" that might save older Americans money when they file their income tax returns this year is available from his Austin office.

Bentsen said the pamphlet, "Protecting Older Americans Against Overpayment of Income Taxes," will be provided to anyone who contacts his Austin office: 912 Federal Building, Austin, Texas 78701, or telephone (512) 397-5834.

"I want to be sure everyone is aware of the tax benefits that accrue to older Texans. If you pass age 65 before the last day of the taxable year, for example, you can claim an additional \$1,000 exemption in addition to the regular \$1,000 exemption. If both a husband and wife are over 65 both can claim an additional \$1,000 exemption," Bentsen said.

"The pamphlet explains this benefit and others available to people who have reached their 65th birthday and it should prove useful to many Texans."

"Anyone interested can obtain a copy by simply making a request to my office in Austin and the pamphlet will be mailed promptly," Senator Bentsen said.

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The Court held that, at the time of the rape--after the victim had been beaten and dragged--there was insufficient "Threat of death, serious bodily injury, or kidnapping" to justify a conviction on a charge of aggravated rape.

In response to this outrage, I am co-sponsoring House Bill 230, which essentially makes any rape an aggravated rape if the assailant compels the victim "to submit or participate by any threat, communicated by actions, words, or deeds, that would prevent resistance by a woman of ordinary resolution, under the same or similar circumstances, because of a reasonable fear of harm."

In short, House Bill 230 should make it easier to prove charges of aggravated rape--a first degree felony--and it defines an aggravated rape as nearly any rape compelled by a threat, whether the threat is specifically spoken by the assailant or is merely logically understood by the victim.

Unless this bill is passed, we will continue to see too many cases in which a woman is not only brutalized by a rapist but is subsequently brutalized by our courts when she is made out to be the guilty party because, out of terror, she submitted to her assailant without the narrowly defined, specific and overt threat required by the existing law.

Tower Receives Special Award

Senator John Tower (R-Texas) Tuesday night of last week was named "Minute Man of the Year," the highest honor bestowed by the Reserve Officers Association of the United States (ROA).

The award is presented annually on behalf of the 126,000-member ROA in honor of "the citizen who has contributed most to national security in these times."

"Of course I am honored to receive this award, but it takes on a special meaning in light of the group bestowing it and this particular point in history when the country appears to be waking up to the importance of maintaining a strong national defense," Tower said upon learning he was to receive the Minute Man Award.

"And above all, we must remind the country that the most important link in our national defense system is comprised of the men and women in uniform, both on active duty and reserve status," he continued.

"If we can't maintain the caliber and morale of our military personnel, we will watch the very foundation of our defense system begin to erode."

Tower was unable to accept the award personally as he was meeting with government leaders in several European and Middle Eastern nations on his first fact finding mission as chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee.

Mrs. Lilla Tower, the Senator's wife, accepted the award for him. Senator John Warner (R-Va.) delivered the major address at the Washington Hilton banquet that expected more than 2,000 reserve officers and their spouses from throughout the United States and overseas.

SBA Disaster Loan Deadline Is Extended

The filing deadline for obtaining disaster loan assistance from the U.S. Business Administration has been extended for 60 days. The filing deadline affects those who experienced drought damages to farms, ranches and related enterprises in Texas.

The new filing deadline is April 13, 1981, for physical drought losses - crop losses, pasture damages, loss of livestock, etc. For economic injury losses, the new deadline will be July 13, 1981. This extension will allow farmers more time to calculate losses due to a late harvest season.

The interest rates on SBA physical loss disaster loans are either 5% or 8 1/4%, depending upon the borrower's financial ability. The lower rate will apply to those who could not borrow from commercial, private or non-federal sources. The interest rate on Economic Injury Loans is 8 1/2%. Loan maturities are established by SBA Loan Officers in accordance with the applicant's ability to repay the loan.

Farmers, ranchers and other businesses may inquire about the SBA farm disaster loan program from either the Austin Farm Disaster Branch Office at 5555 N. Lamar Street, Austin, Texas (512) 458-1851 or at the Lubbock SBA Farm Disaster Branch Office at 720 Texas Avenue, Lubbock, Texas (806) 762-7481. The SBA also maintains a toll free number 1-800-252-9726 for your information.

SHOW AT MATHIS FIELD

The U.S. Air Force Air Demonstration Squadron, the Thunderbirds, will perform their precision aerial maneuvers at Mathis Field March 21.

The Thunderbirds will arrive at Mathis Field March 19 and perform the afternoon of March 21.

A Tactical Air Command unit, the Thunderbirds squadron is composed of seven pilots (including five demonstration pilots), three support officers and 65 enlisted personnel performing in 28 different career fields. The squadron demonstrates the precision of formation flying, the maximum performance capabilities of the T-38 Talon Jet Trainer, and the flexibilities of a modern tactical flying unit.

The Thunderbirds demonstration pilots perform 33 maneuvers in their 30-minute show. They perform an average of 100 air shows a year and have never cancelled a demonstration due to maintenance problems.

News from West Coke Hospital

Feb. 17: No admissions. Marshall Freeman dismissed.

Feb. 18: No admissions. Leola Skelton, Iva Bell dismissed.

Feb. 19: O.H. Woods admitted. Joe Irma Johnson dismissed.

Feb. 20: Santo Tijerina admitted. No dismissals.

Feb. 21: No admissions, no dismissals.

Feb. 22: Gilbert M. Davis. No dismissals.

Feb. 23: Cumbie Ivey Jr., Victor Collett admitted. Bessie Walker, Santos Tijerina dismissed.

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LOY WRINKLE FOUND GUILTY OF DWI CHARGE

Loy Wrinkle of Bronte was found guilty of DWI, subsequent offense, in a session of 51st District Court Monday. He pled nolo contendere and the jurors which had been called were dismissed.

Wrinkle will be formally sentenced March 6 to eight months in the Texas Department of Corrections.

The case of Ynes Lara of Robert Lee was passed. He has been charged with burglary with intent to commit a felony.

303RD BOMB GROUP LOOKING FOR MEMBERS

The 303rd Bomb Group (H) Association is looking for all WWII airmen (aircrew and support) who served with the 303rd Bomb Group (H) in Molesworth, England 1942-1945. The purpose of the Association is to assist in contacting former friends, receive news of the 303rd Reunions, and maintaining the active status of the 303rd. The Association feels that many of the former 303rds have not heard or are aware of the Reformation of the 303rd, and may be living in this area. Former members of the 303rd are asked to contact JOSEPH VIEIRA, 6400 Park Street, Hollywood, FL 33024, for further information. Other former 8th AF during WWII may write to 8th Air Force Clearing House, 3911 NW 173rd Terrace, Opa Locka, FL 33055.

CENSUS FIGURES SHOW TEXAS' URBAN GROWTH

Preliminary 1980 census figures show that Texas is growing by leaps and bounds. Texas' population is now pegged at 14,150,575, a gain of almost 3 million people, or an increase of 26.38 percent, since 1970, notes a community development specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M University System. Harris County has the most people, 2,395,365, with Dallas County second at 1,551,032. Loving County in Far West Texas is the most sparsely populated with only 91 persons. Counties with the largest percentage growth during the past decade were Hood, Montgomery, Fort Bend, Collin and Rockwall.

LEAVE A RECORD

Leave a record with your will -- of insurance policies, bank accounts and death benefits for which claims must be filed, reminds Nancy Greanovsky, a family resource management specialist.

Beefing Up The Army

Today's volunteer peacetime Army is an unqualified flop, requiring extensive restructuring and a new identity. It is seriously understaffed, leading Sen. Sam Nunn (D., Ga.) to comment that "our military-manpower problem may prove to be our nation's No. 1 security problem."

So writes Ralph Kinney Bennett in the March Reader's Digest. He reports that the Army is "inadequately trained, indifferently disciplined and composed increasingly of minorities and undereducated or barely educatable whites. About 50 percent of recruits have high-school diplomas, and better than 45 percent are 'Category IVs,' the lowest intelligence category permitted in the service."

There is an even more serious problem, however: Bennett charges that the government itself has destroyed the Army's identity. "Civilian authorities have replaced leadership with 'management' and egalitarian experimentation," he writes. "They have made the Army into a combination school, encounter-group and jobs program rather than a disciplined fighting force ready to defend the nation."

Basic training is a mere eight weeks; bayonet drill is virtually nonexistent and hand-to-hand combat training is rare. Twenty percent of Army women are unable to move out with their units in the event of an emergency because of pregnancy or their status as sole parents of small children.

The problems until now have been virtually ignored by a series of administrations, beginning with the Kennedy years. Congress must help rectify them by making extended service better paid and by rewarding NCOs with pronounced pay differentials to prevent further loss of experienced personnel. This, combined with a return to leadership, training and discipline will produce the combat-ready Army the nation needs, the author asserts.

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