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SWEETHEART AND BEAU-- Members of the Robert Lee FFA Chapter selected Sheri Ebenstein as their Sweetheart for the year and FHA Chapter members el-

ected Marty Caston as their Beau. Sheri is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Herring and Marty is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Caston.

More Candidates File Before Deadline Passes

Good Rains Start First of Month

Robert Lee and the surrounding area experienced some unusual weather for the first few days of March, as fine rains fell. The official measurement in Robert Lee since last Saturday was 2.60 inches.

Teddy Pitcock called in from Sanco and reported 1.4 inches from Saturday till Tuesday and a heavy downpour Tuesday dumped 1.5 inches, for a total of 2.9.

The rain which started Saturday was like the usual winter rain with no violent weather. A heavy fog Monday burned off and skies were clear Monday afternoon.

A front moved in Tuesday, bringing weather more typical of springtime. Thunderstorms were reported over much of West Texas and tornados were sighted in a number of places. Coke County was under a tornado alert Tuesday afternoon, and 1.65 of rain fell at Robert Lee.

Farmers and ranchmen were jubilant over the rain and feel that fields and pastures are in better condition than they have been a long time. Small grain fields are rapidly turning a deep green color, showing the rapid growth of wheat and oats.

The warm weather which has been typical of most of this winter has caused fruit trees to bloom and citizens are concerned that another freeze is likely to kill the 1981 fruit crop.

Wednesday was clear and the sun was shining brightly. However, strong winds were blowing.

Mr. and Mrs. Randy Lewis and baby of Midland met her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Tinkler, in Levelland to attend the play-off games there.

John Hinnard and Mr. and Mrs. Sid Burns and Jeremy of Denver City attended the regional tourney in Levelland last weekend.

The deadline for candidates to file for the three April 4 elections was drawing near Wednesday afternoon as the Observer was being made up. Deadline was 30 days before the elections.

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

CITY ELECTION

A third candidate filed for the city council Wednesday morning.

Board Extends Three Contracts

Contracts of three Robert Lee School personnel were extended at a meeting of the board of trustees on Feb. 19. Action was taken on the contracts of the two school principals and athletic director.

Jerry Gibbs had his contract extended through the 1983 school year. The high school principal is now serving in his ninth year as an administrator in the Robert Lee Schools.

The contract of William Hood was also extended through 1983. He has served as principal of the elementary school for the past five years.

Third member of the faculty whose contract was extended was Jerold Epperson, athletic director and head football coach. His new contract runs through the 1982 school year. This is his second year as athletic director.

The contract of Supt. Jimmy Bickley was extended through 1984 at the January meeting of the school board. The trustees will take up the matter of classroom teacher contracts at their March meeting.

J.A. Dunklin is seeking one of the three vacancies which occur this year. Incumbents F.W. Prentice and Jody Rodriguez had already filed. Allen Clendennen is the other council member who goes off this year but he did not run for re-election. Holdover members are Mayor Robert Vaughn and council members Alice Beaty and Wilson Bryan.

SCHOOL ELECTION

It looked as though nobody was going to announce for school trustee until Wednesday when three candidates came out for the two spots which will become vacant in April. The two incumbents, Phil Ray and W.L. (Dub) Metcalf, plus a third candidate, Mary Herring, are running for the two vacancies.

Holdover school trustees who have either one or two more years to serve are Joe B. Flowers, J.C. Wallace Jr., Ray Aldridge, Mrs. Bobby Roberts and John Stephens.

HOSPITAL ELECTION

Two directors of the West Coke County Hospital District will be elected April 4. Petitions requesting the names of Mrs. Barbara Chesney, Jody Rodriguez, Paul Burns and Teddy Pitcock be placed on the ballot. However, it was reported Wednesday that Burns had withdrawn as a candidate, leaving three persons seeking the two positions. Holdover directors are T.M. Wylie Jr., Steve Oleksiuk and Wayne McCabe.

All three of the elections will be held Saturday, April 4.

There is a possibility that more candidates filed late Wednesday, as filing was permitted until offices closed Wednesday afternoon.

CHARGES ARE FILED ON THREE IN BURGLARY OF PHARMACY

Apparently the healthful atmosphere of living in Coke County is not as alive and well as most citizens would like it to be. Developments have occurred during the last couple of weeks which none of Coke County can be proud.

Drug busts have occurred and disruptions have been reported at the Bronte School apparently starting from a burglary which occurred Feb. 11 at Hurley Pharmacy in Bronte.

Three persons have been arrested, two from Tom Green County, and one from Coke County. A fourth party was to be interrogated by Sheriff Marshall Millican Wednesday in Brady. One arrest was made Feb. 25 and two on Feb. 28.

The case started after Hurley Pharmacy was burglarized on the night of Feb. 11. Owner Elmer Hurley said the burglars broke open the locks on his front door to gain entrance and took about \$200 worth of narcotics. He said he would rather not say what the street value of the drugs would be, but it was a substantial amount.

Local law enforcement officers requested help on the case and narcotics agents from Midland came to their aid. After being presented "with probable cause" evidence, County Judge D.W. Sims issued a search warrant to allow officers to go into a Bronte residence. They came up with sufficient evidence to arrest three persons.

Arrested were Rick Windham and David Yawn of San Angelo and Pam Knight of Bronte. They were all charged with burglary of a building. They were taken before Justice of the Peace of Precinct 2 Cecil Kemp, who set their bond at \$20,000. Windham

made bond almost immediately, Judge Kemp said, so he raised the bond to \$75,000 on Yawn and Windham. It is reported, also, that Windham is under \$20,000 bond for an offense in Tom Green County.

On the recommendation of County Attorney Bill Helwig, the amount of Ms. Knight's bond was lowered to \$2500, and she is now out of jail. However, Yawn and Windham remain in the Tom Green County jail.

Sheriff Millican said Tuesday night that he was going to Brady Wednesday to question the fourth suspect.

Robert Lee
"Tee Hee" Show
coming
March 20



BI-DISTRICT WINNERS--The Robert Lee girls basketball team lost out last weekend at the regional tournament, but they did attain the high honor of being the bi-district champions of this

area. Standing, from left, are their coach, Clyde Dukes, and players, Leigh Ann Rynnion, DeeAnna Key, Frankie Walker, Mary Galvan, Mary Ann Abalos, Debbie Cummins, Dianna Tink-

Robert Lee Girls Fall To Follett In Semi-Finals Of Regional Meet

The Robert Lee girls basketball team went to the regional tournament held at South Plains College in Levelland. The girls won their first game but lost out in the second to be eliminated

from the competition.

A large crowd of family members and friends made the trip to Levelland to boost the team in the two games played.

In their first game Friday night, the girls took a 53-46 victory from Valley High School. Leigh Ann Rynnion made a big 19 points to lead the scoring; Frankie Walker hit 10; Dianna Tinkler 9; Kellye Percifull 6; Amy Percifull 5; Debbie Cummins 2; Martha Bickley 2.

The girls went up against Follett in their second game which was played Saturday morning. The Follett bunch was tough and really put the pressure on Rynnion, Robert Lee's usual high pointer. Tinkler and Walker were top scorers with 12 each; Rynnion had 9; Bickley 6; K. Percifull 2.

Follett met Nazareth in the finals and lost to the defending state champions.

The girls and Coach Clyde Dukes are looking forward to another exciting season next year. They are expecting another good team, as they will graduate only two seniors from the varsity team.

ler, Brenda Gray, Kellye Percifull, Lupe Munoz, Amy Percifull, Martha Bickley, Becky Taylor and Cindy Gartman. Seated are the team managers, Kenda Rasco, Tina Barrett and Lori Allen.

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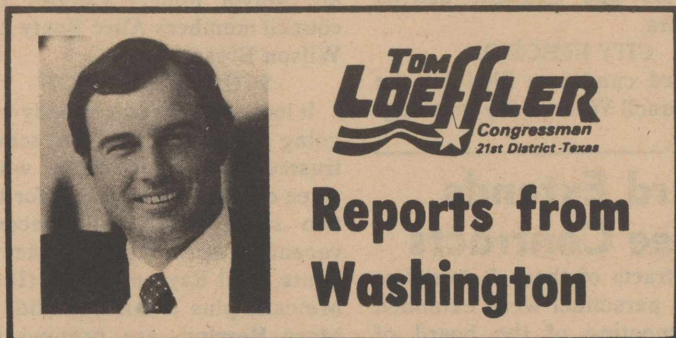
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Congressman
21st District-Texas

**Reports from
Washington**

East-West Relations Conditional On Soviet Restraint

The Reagan Administration, during its first weeks in office, has wasted no time in laying down the law to the Soviets on ground rules for improved relations between the Super Powers.

From now on, Moscow has been told through diplomatic channels, it will have to play by the rules of the game. In other words, if there is to be progress on reaching agreement on a whole range of issues between our two countries, the Soviets must observe an agreed code of international conduct.

The new Administration's hard line on diplomacy is long overdue. For too long, the United States has watched from the grandstands while Moscow has marched, unrestrained, to expand its sphere of influence worldwide. The policy of this Administration is unequivocal. The United States will no longer be the bystander to Soviet insurgency. From now on, Moscow's activities will be linked directly to the development of better relations with the United States.

The Reagan Administration is not writing new rules. It is merely demanding adherence to old ones. They have officially existed between the United States and the Soviet Union since 1972. Both countries adopted a set of principles at that time calling for reciprocity and mutual restraint in international affairs.

The Soviets, of course, have ignored the spirit and the letter of that agreement, acting without reservation in seeking unilateral advantage.

No one called Moscow's hand in Afghanistan, in Africa, or anywhere else around the world. Absent decisiveness by the United States, the Soviets have made the most of their opportunities.

The Reagan Administration has served notice it will deal differently with Soviet adventurism. Before this country will sit down at the bargaining table with the Soviets to discuss such issues as arms control, trade, and the extension of financial credits, there must be a new understanding of the limits to Soviet expansionism.

A new show of determination by this country will have tangible benefits. First of all, it will convince many of our allies who are now skeptical of American resolve, that we intend to stand firm against Soviet strategy for world dominance. Moscow will no longer dictate the course of East-West relations.

Moreover, for too long, Moscow has calculated that it runs no risk of reprisal from the United States, no matter what it does internationally. No longer so. The Reagan Administration now has thrown some uncertainty into this equation.

Few countries understand better than the Soviet Union that power equates with influence in global strategy. The Soviets know power and use it to their advantage. Over the past few years, like many other countries throughout the world, the Soviets have doubted America's power — and our willingness to use the power we do have.

Unfortunately, their calculations may have been correct. Not so any longer.

The Reagan Administration has made it clear that no objective will be more important for this country internationally than rebuilding our military power, and reestablishing our influence around the world.

We will not be asking for confrontation. We will always be willing to sit down at the negotiating table to bargain with the Soviets in good faith. But before we do so in the future, the Soviets must demonstrate they intend to do the same. Not with their words. But with their actions.

Few initiatives will send a clearer message to our allies — or to our adversaries.

We intend to play by the rules of international conduct. From now on, the Soviets will be required to do the same.

LAKE SPENCE FISHING NEWS

Despite dreary, damp weather, the fishing was good on the lake this weekend. The catfish have really been biting, with some striper and white bass action. Crappie fishermen will have to be patient, however, as they have not began to move into shallow water much yet.

Paint Creek Marina reported C.C. Weir of Robert Lee caught a 8½ pound blue cat, Feb. 25. Jeff Dodson of Abernathy brought a 16 pound striper into Wildcat Fish-A-Rama.

Hillside Grocery & Bait reported several good weekend catches: G.W. Anderson, Robert Lee, five channel cat to 3 pounds, Kenneth Burns, Odessa, two blue cats, 13½ pounds and 18 pounds, C.C. Weir, Robert Lee, 9½ pound blue cat, Charles Tyler, a stringer of 10 white bass to 1½ pounds, and Bill Bedford, Odessa, with 3 blue cat to 8 pounds.

Also with nice catches were Herman Edwards and Gene Gore, Odessa, two blue cat at 6 pounds and one yellow cat, 6 pounds, R.C. Rainwater, Robert Lee, one blue cat, 6 pounds and one 5½ pound blue cat, Dennis Goff, Odessa one 6 pound blue cat, one 4 pound striper, and 12 channel cat up to 1¼ pound, and Walter Tumlinson, Robert Lee, 122 channel cat up to 3 pound and one 8 pound blue cat.

SKINNY'S GROG.

Robert Lee: G.W. Anderson - 5 c/cat to 3 lbs.; C.C. Weir - 1 Blue cat 9½ lbs.; R.C. Rainwater - 2 Blue cat 6 lbs. and 5½ lbs.; Wallace Tumlinson and Party - 122 c/cat and 1 Blue Cat 8 lbs.

Odessa: K.L. Burns - 1 Blue Cat 18 lbs.; Charles Tyler - 10 w/bass; B.L. Bedford - 3 Blue Cat to 8 lbs.; Herman Edwards and Gene Gore - 2 Blue Cat to 6 lbs., 1 yellow cat 6 lbs.; Dennis Goff and Party - 1 Blue 6 lbs., 12 c/cat to 1 lb., 1 Striper 4 lbs.

WILDCAT FISH-A-RAMA

Andrews: R.C. Horton - 6 c/cat to 7 lbs.

Gail: Lonnie King - 1 Striper 23 lbs.; Bob Bagley - 1 Striper 9 lbs.

PAINT CREEK MARINA

Robert Lee: C.C. Weir - 1 Blue Cat 8½ lbs.

TRIANGLE GROC.

Odessa: K.L. Burns - 1 Blue Cat 13½ lbs.

News from West Coke Hospital

Feb. 24: Ethel Green, Annie Wood admitted. O.H. Wood (expired).

Feb. 25: Barbara Sparks admitted. No dismissals.

Feb. 26: Emma Cumbie admitted. Cumbe Ivey Jr., Barbara Sparks dismissed.

Feb. 27: Leora McCabe admitted. No dismissals.

Feb. 28: Pearl Ditmore admitted. Gilbert Davis, Ethel Green, Annie Woods dismissed.

March 1: No admissions, no dismissals.

March 2: Ruth Williams admitted. Leora McCabe, Emma Cumbie dismissed.

EOLA FIREMEN TO HAVE TUPELO OPRY PROGRAM

The Eola Fire Department is sponsoring a benefit show Friday, March 6, starting at 8 p.m.

Included among the many artists expected is the late Elvis Presley's cousin, Tony Presley.

Advance tickets for adults are selling for \$4.00, but will cost \$6.00 at the door. Kids under 16 may purchase tickets at the door for \$3.00.

Proceeds will be used to add to and improve the equipment of the Eola Fire Department.



PLENTY OF WATER--Kickapoo Creek Watershed structure No. 1 held a lot of water following the heavy rains which occurred on

Sept. 9, 1980. The reservoir up in less than 24 hours, proving the value of the structure in preventing and erosion.

Land Care Affects Flooding

Kickapoo Creek Watershed structure No. 1 was completed in October of 1961. Since that time it never had water pass through the primary spillway. This changed, however, on Sept. 9, 1980. There was practically no water at all in the reservoir the previous day. In less than 24 hours the reservoir received enough runoff water to cause the primary spillway to function for several hours.

This demonstrates the need for the six watershed structures on

the Kickapoo Creek watershed. It should also remind us that the condition of these structures can change almost over night.

The maintenance of these structures is critical to their liveliness. The treatment of the land that drains into them can also affect their longevity.

Good conservation of the land in the Kickapoo Creek watershed can assist the structures in doing the job for which they were built. A flood such as the one that hit the Bronte area on Aug. 19, 1953 could occur again if we do not maintain these structures.

Assistance in developing conservation plans is available through the Coke County Soil & Water Conservation District. Please contact the Soil Conservation District for any information or assistance.

Road Closing Hearing Set

A hearing has been called by the Coke County Commissioners Court for 2 p.m. Monday to discuss the closing a portion of the county road north of Robert Lee known as "Friendship Lane." The hearing will be held in the commissioners' court room in the courthouse at Robert Lee.

The meeting was originally scheduled for Feb. 17, but was rescheduled for March 9.

The road extends from Highway 208 westward to Lake Spence.

Interested citizens are invited to attend the hearing and participate in the discussion before the commissioners make their decision on the closing of the road.

Services Held For Oran Wood

Funeral services for Oran Haskell "Hack" Wood, 73, of Bronte were held at 10:30 a.m. Friday, Feb. 27, at Central Baptist Church in Bronte. Officiating was the pastor, the Rev. Dewey Hines. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery under direction of Shafer Funeral Home.

Mr. Wood died at 7:10 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 24, in West Coke County Hospital in Robert Lee.

He was born April 10, 1909, in West Plains, Mo., and moved to Texas in 1930. He had lived in Santa Anna and San Angelo before moving to Bronte last year. He was a butcher and was employed by Thrif-Tee Food Market before he became ill.

Survivors include a son, Jack Wood of Springfield, Mo.; three daughters, Maxine Norris of Grand Prairie, Wilma Jean Tweedy and JoAnn Bradford, both of Independence, Mo.; 18 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Change Proposed In Number of JPs In Small Counties

A House Joint Resolution has been prepared by Representative Larry Don Shaw which would enable counties with less than 10,000 population to decide how many justices of the peace and constables they will employ.

The resolution, if passed, would provide for the citizens of Texas to vote on a constitutional amendment removing the present provision that each county shall have not less than four justice precincts.

If the amendment is approved by Texas voters, it would then be up to each county to decide by local option election how many justice precincts they want.

Shaw prepared the bill at the request of County Judge D.W. Sims, who has contended for some time that four JP's in a county the size of Coke, places an unnecessary expense on taxpayers.

Sims told this newspaper that Coke County is the only county in Shaw's district that supports four JP's. The district is made up of Coke, Sterling, Howard, Borden, Scurry and Dawson Counties.

Sims said, for example, if Coke County were divided into two justice precincts, instead of four, it would save the county \$13,200 a year in salaries, in addition to the expense of operating two offices.

The bill also provides that constable precincts would be determined by the same method, which also could save additional salaries and expenses.

Sims said he had pushed for this change in setting up precinct lines because he felt citizens of the county should have the opportunity to determine by vote how many officials they need.

The judge urged Coke County citizens who are in favor of passage of this legislation to write Representative Shaw at P.O. Box 2910, Austin, Texas 78769. He pointed out that it is urgent to act now, if the people want to make the change, so the matter can be brought up during the current session of the legislature.

Isbell Services Held Feb. 27

Funeral services for Herman Elbridge Isbell, 59, were at 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 27, at First United Methodist Church. The Rev. John Reynolds, pastor, officiated. He was assisted by Jamie Paden, minister of Southside Church of Christ.

Burial was in Robert Lee Cemetery under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home. Pallbearers were Clyde Lewis, Jack Martin, Jr., Chuck Steckney, Bobby Steckney, Rusty Isbell and Harold Mathis. Santa Fe Railroad co-workers were honorary pallbearers.

Mr. Isbell suffered an apparent heart attack at his home and was dead on arrival at West Coke County hospital about 1:20 a.m. Wednesday.

He was born Feb. 22, 1922, in O'Brien, son of Charles C. and Vera (Yarbrough) Isbell. He was married to Brenda Ashbrook May 25, 1979 at Grape Creek.

He was a World War II veteran and had been employed at Santa Fe Railroad 34 years. He was a Methodist.

Survivors include his wife, Brenda; two daughters, Linda Woody of Lubbock and Laura Gestes of Livingston; two brothers, Robert D. (Bob) Isbell of Abilene and J.H. Isbell of San Angelo; a sister, Mrs. Maurice Sallow of Roswell, N.M.; six grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Services Held For Mary Hollis

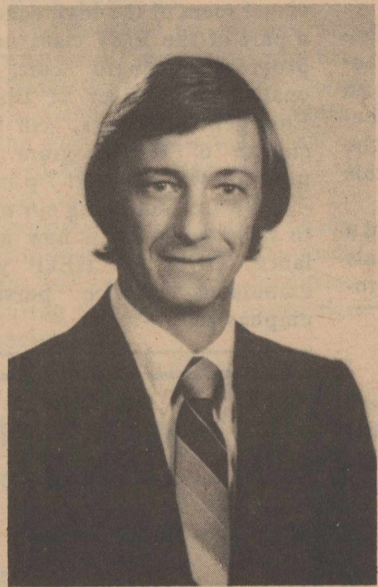
Services for Mary Alice Hollis, 77, were at 3 p.m. Monday, March 2, in First Assembly of God Church in Snyder. The Rev. James Jackson, pastor, officiated.

Burial was in Hillside Memorial Gardens in Snyder directed by Bell-Seale Funeral Home. Pallbearers were grandsons, Mike Hollis, Tommy Hollis, Bennie Hollis, Trey Andrews, Barry Andrews and John Green.

Mrs. Hollis died at 12 noon Saturday, Feb. 28, in St. Mary's Hospital in Lubbock where she had been a patient two weeks.

She was born March 19, 1903, in Mexia. She was married to Tom Fred Hollis Aug. 17, 1918 in Carter County, Okla. She had lived in Snyder the past three years and formerly resided at Electra. She was a member of First Assembly of God Church.

Survivors include her husband; a daughter, Mrs. Jewell Andrews of Corpus Christi; two sons, Eugene Hollis of Robert Lee and Floyd Hollis of Snyder; two sisters, Irene Wells and Dilly Mann both of Bowie; three brothers, Calvin Davis of Fort Smith, Ark., Frank Davis of Lone Grove, Okla. and Nathan Davis of Dayline, La.; nine grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.



DON HESTER

Hester Takes New Position At Abilene

A Robert Lee native and former Abilenian has joined First Security Savings Association of Abilene as a branch manager and retail sales financing specialist.

Don Hester, who was born in San Angelo and graduated from the Robert Lee High School, will manage First Security's Ely Square office in addition to his lending responsibilities.

Hester first lived in Abilene in the early 1960's when he was assigned to one of the U.S. Army's Nike Hercules Missile Sites that protected Dyess Air Force Base. Following his discharge from the Army, Hester was associated with the American Finance Company in Brownwood.

While there, he married the former Carolyn Key of Brownwood. The Hesters now have two children, Bryan, 12, who is a student at Jackson Elementary, and Lee Ann, 5.

Hester managed the SIC Finance office in Abilene for seven years before joining the Midland National Bank in Midland and is returning to Abilene from his work with that bank.

In announcing Hester's appointment, Wm. E. Gilliland, president of First Security Savings, said: "Don has a wonderful background in consumer lending, particularly in working with durable good dealers. We are anxious to expand our lending in this area, so we are very pleased that he decided to come back to Abilene at this time."

The Hesters make their home at 1909 Chimney Wood in Abilene. He is the son of Mrs. Marie Hester of Robert Lee.

PERCIFULLS ENJOY VISIT AT REGIONAL TOURNEY

Traveling to Levelland for the girls basketball play-offs were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Percifull, Pat and Joel, Mrs. Danny Mauldin and children of San Angelo, and Mrs. Donny Thompson and children of Bronte. They were met there by two other sons, Anthony, who is a commercial pilot instructor with Sandene Aviation, Inc. of Lubbock, and Danny Percifull and children of Odessa. Danny is employed with Sun Oil Company. Mr. and Mrs. Mike Percifull of San Angelo were unable to attend.

The family was there to watch Kellye and Amy play their last games as teammates as Kellye is a senior this year.

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MOTTS APPLE JUICE qt. bot. 89c

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WASHINGTON DELICIOUS APPLES lb. 39c

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20c off label Limit One

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WHERE THE BIBLE IS TAUGHT

Robert Lee Pee Wee Teams Have Good Season In 1981

Pee Wee teams of the Robert Lee Elementary School have had a good season and wound up with some victories in February in the tournaments in which they took part.

A one day tourney Feb. 14 at Bronte had teams from Sterling City, Robert Lee, Water Valley and Bronte. A strong Robert Lee girls team won first place honors and the boys came out in third place.

GIRLS GAMES

In their opening game the Robert Lee Pee Wees walloped Bronte 40-6. Missy Grim hit a big 20 points; Lee Ann Molinar had 16; Lin Long added 4.

The Robert Lee girls had little trouble with Sterling City in the finals, as they took a 24-8 win. Again Grim was high with 12; Molinar had 4; Debbie Flowers 4; Long 2; Rachel Metcalf 2.

BOYS GAMES

The boys played a fine game but they let the lads from Bronte slip by them with a 17-14 win. Scores were made with Jeff Myers 4; Stevie Ebenstein 4; Larry Griffin 2; Isais Rodriquez 2; Robert Runnion 2.

The Robert Lee boys came back to take third place, however, when they swamped a Water Valley Team 44-11. Tim Garringer was top scorer with 10; Ricky Drennan and Wes Hood each had 6; Jason Herring 5; Runnion 4; Larry Griffin 3; Jeff Meyers, Isais Rodriquez, Shane Smith, Randy Gartman, Stevie Ebenstein, 2 each.

A boys B team game was played which was not connected with the outcome of the tournament, and Robert Lee downed Bronte 16-7. Scoring for Robert Lee were Kelly Tomlinson with 6; Pammy Millican 4; Curt Garringer 4; Luther Lara 2.

CARLSBAD TOURNEY

The Pee Wee teams participated in the Carlsbad tournament Feb. 19-21 and the girls took second place honors, while the boys were consolation winners.

BOYS GAMES

Veribest edged Robert Lee 22-20 in the first game of the tourney. Pointmakers for Robert Lee were Wes Horn with 6; Jeff Myers and Robert Runnion with 4 each; Tim Garringer, Randy Gartman, and Jason Herring with 2 each.

In their second game the Robert Lee boys downed Trinity Lutheran 17-6. Jeff Myers scored 5 points and 2 points each were

made by Tim Garringer, Larry Griffin, Isais Rodriques, Randy Gartman, Wes Hood and Stevie Ebenstein.

In the contest for the consolation championship Robert Lee whipped San Angelo Catholic 29-23. Myers was high pointer with 9; Rodriquez and Runnion each had 6; Garringer and Rick Drennan each had 4; Ebenstein had 2.

GIRLS GAMES

The girls won second place at the tourney. They started out by defeating Veribest 15-8. Missy Grim was high pointer with 8; Lee Ann Molinar had 3; Lin Long 2; Rachel Metcalf 2.

In their second game, the Robert Lee girls downed Trinity Lutheran 28-7. Grim was high with a big 21; Metcalf and Rose Ybarra 2; Becky Clendennen 1.

In the championship finals Wingate outdistanced the Robert Lee lassies 34-16. Grim was high pointer with 10; Debbie Flowers 4; Kristi Wrinkle 2.

Jeff Myers and Missy Grim were named to the all-district teams of Carlsbad tourney.

Season records for both boys and girls teams were 5-2.

Gayle Bolding is coach of the girls team and William Hood coaches the boys.

Richter Service Held In Kansas

Alice Lucille Richter, 81, of San Angelo, died at 11:20 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 28, in Park Plaza Nursing Home at San Angelo.

Services were at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Hilpieu-Swain Funeral Home chapel in Dodge City, Kan. Burial was in Maple Grove Cemetery in Dodge City.

Mrs. Richter was born Aug. 28, 1899 in Dodge City, Kan. and was married to Homer Richter June 4, 1919 in Offerle, Kan. He died in September 1970.

Survivors include a son, Homer W. Richter of Robert Lee; a daughter, Mary Ellen Frederick of Denver, Colo.; seven grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Natural Gas Firm Renamed

In a move to reflect more accurately its major business orientation, Sun Gas Gathering Company has been re-named Sun Gas Transmission Company, Inc.

In announcing the name change, president R.C. Zuehlke said the new name more accurately describes the company's lines of business, which are the purchase and resale of natural gas, plus related transportation, gathering and conditioning services.

Incorporated in 1976 as a wholly owned subsidiary of Sun Company, Sun Gas Transmission is licensed to operate in 13 states and has transmission and gathering activities in north central and south Texas.

West Coke County EMS News

By Lou Wright, REMT

The West Coke County Ambulance Service is pleased to announce that Lou Wright is now an EMT-special skills. She will begin the completion module of the paramedic program later this month.

The public is invited to attend a program on hazardous materials on Monday, March 9. The pro-

gram will be held in the audio-visual room of the high school as a part of the EMT class now in progress. Kenneth Scott, regional liaison officer of Disaster Emergency Services, will be in charge of the program. The program will begin at 7 p.m.

"We are continuing our efforts to raise funds for a new ambulance. HELP us HELP you!" ambulance service personnel emphasized.

RITUALS HELD FOR TRISHA CLAY BY AOM

Rituals for Trisha Clay were held Feb. 26 in the home of Nita Gaye Williams as the second monthly meeting for Alpha Omicron Nu took place.

Eight members were present and four guests, Nell Hines, Phelan Wrinkle, Mary Bessent and Diane Simpson.

Plans were discussed for a garage sale to be held March 7. Founders Day plans also were made.

The program was given by Sheri Millican and Lana Clendennen.

The next meeting is scheduled to be held at Konner's Korner on March 12.

ATTEND FUNERAL

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Rasco were in Houston Feb. 24, to attend the funeral of her nephew, Tim Beene, 22, of Katy. Mrs. Rasco spent several days in the home of her sister, Mrs. James Beene of Houston. They were accompanied to the funeral by another sister, Mrs. Scott Feagan, and her mother, Mrs. Casey Rinker of Roby.

Beene died of an accidental gunshot wound as he attempted to take down a gun from a closet shelf.

HAS HIP SURGERY

Mrs. Violet Kirkpatrick had hip surgery Tuesday, Feb. 24, at Shannon Hospital at San Angelo. She is recuperating at home after being released last Friday and is resting comfortably.

Jasper Gaines of Levelland visited with former classmates and friends and attended the girls basketball tourney there. He is the son of Mrs. Lillie Gaines of Robert Lee.

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Wednesday, March 11: Pinto beans, turnip greens, french fries with catsup, corn bread, butter, milk, fruit cobbler.

Thursday, March 12: Hamburgers, lettuce, tomato, onion, pickles, corn, milk, fresh apple.

Friday, March 13: Salisbury steak with brown gravy, cream potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, milk, pear crisp.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Rasco, Kirby and Karen stayed with Chris and Sam Bean of Littlefield during the regional girl's basketball tourney in Levelland.

The Bean's also attended the games and visited with friends there. Bean, a former Robert Lee coach and teacher is the girl's basketball coach in Littlefield and Mrs. Bean is also employed in the school system.

Judd Pitcock, of Purcell, Okla., spent two weeks with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. D.J. Walker Jr. His family, Mr. and Mrs. Darrel Pitcock, Audra and Jerrod, came to Robert Lee over the weekend to pick Judd up and visited the Walkers and Mr. and Mrs. Teddy Pitcock. Jenny and Laura Purvis, of Sonora, also visited a couple of days last week with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Walker.

Mrs. Maggie Henderson of Graham, her daughter and son, Gladys Carter and Lewis Dee Henderson, both of Weatherford, visited Tuesday of last week with Mr. and Mrs. Turney Casey and Mrs. Pearl Ditmore. Mrs. Henderson is an aunt of Mrs. Casey and sister-in-law of Mrs. Ditmore.

Saturday visitors of the Caseys were Sybil Hester and Billie Rae Hallmark of Bronte.

SBA LOANS AVAILABLE UNTIL APRIL 13

The deadline for farmers and ranchers to file physical crop loss disaster loan applications under the Small Business Administration (SBA) declaration #1900 is April 13, 1981. Businesses have until July 13, 1981, to apply for Economic Injury Disaster Loans. This declaration covers the drought and extreme heat conditions during the 1980 crop production season.

If a Farmers Home Administration (FmHA) borrower suffers a disaster loss, it is suggested the borrower apply first with FmHA. An applicant cannot receive the total amount of his eligibility from both FmHA and SBA for the same disaster loss to his crops. Under SBA guidelines, should an applicant not receive his full eligibility from FmHA, he could apply with SBA for the difference provided his application is received by the April 13 deadline.

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Band Gets High Ratings At UIL Solo and Ensemble Contest

Six members of the Robert Lee High School Band went to a UIL Solo and Ensemble Contest Saturday, Feb. 21, at Abilene Christian University. All six of the entrants did well, receiving a Division I and three Division II ratings.

Kenda Rasco was graded Division I, the highest rating, for her clarinet solo.

Bobby Phillips rated Division II

for his tuba solo.

Carrath Metcalf was given Division II for her bass clarinet solo.

A clarinet quartet made up of Frankie Walker, Kenda Rasco, Debbie Cummins and Sheri Ebenstein, also rated Division II.

Members of the band are now working on music for their UIL Concert and Sightreading Contest to be held in Vernon April 7.

Miss Mary Grace Ray is director of the Robert Lee School's band program.

CAR REBATES NOT PART OF SALES TAX

Texans don't need to pay taxes on factory rebates offered for the purchase of new cars, State Comptroller Bob Bullock has ruled.

He also said car buyers who have mistakenly paid automobile sales on the rebate amount are entitled to a refund.

Bullock said the big three American automobile manufacturers are all currently offering some type of rebate to encourage the sale of new cars.

Bullock said rebates are cash discounts regardless of the method used to compute the amount or the method used to pass the rebate along to the consumer.

Rebates should be deducted from the price of a new car before the state's four percent motor vehicle sales tax is calculated.

If the sticker price is \$7,500, for example, and the rebate is \$500, the price of the car for tax purposes is \$7,000, he said.

Information about tax refunds can be obtained through the Comptroller's Motor Vehicle Sales Tax office by calling toll-free, anywhere in Texas, 1-800-252-5555, extension 171.

'64 CLUB PROGRAM ON "SEE TEXAS FIRST"

Eighteen members of the '64 Study Club met Tuesday, Feb. 24, in the home of Lois Dunklin. Guest speaker for the evening was Gene Hirschfeld, public affairs officer, District 7, Highway Department, from San Angelo. The theme for the program was "See Texas First."

Hirschfeld showed a film of interesting places and things to see and do in Texas.

Mrs. Pauline Coalson Barron was accepted as a new member of the club.

Co-hostesses with Lois Dunklin were Lois McCleskey and Ruby Jones.

The March 10 meeting will be "A Night on the Town."

Club members will go to San Angelo for a Dutch treat dinner and a visit to the Concho Valley Home for Girls, under supervision of Pat Rice, administrator.

Sell What You Don't Need With a Want Ad

Promotion Goes To Mrs. Casey

The Heart O' Texas Savings Association is pleased to announce the promotion of Mrs. Dwala Casey to the position of assistant regional co-ordinator.

Mrs. Casey will supervise the savings operation of the association for Winters, Ballinger, Robert Lee, San Angelo, Big Lake, Sonora and Eldorado.

She has been an assistant vice-president of the association and manager of the Robert Lee Branch since its opening in July, 1979. Reuben Senterfitt, President of the Heart O' Texas Savings Association, said the outstanding job she has done in Robert Lee and her knowledge of the savings operation well qualifies her for this promotion.

Mrs. Casey will work out of the Robert Lee office. Mrs. Gaylon (Kaye) Pitcock has been employed as assistant manager of the Robert Lee branch.

As a director of the Heart O' Texas Savings Association, Robert Vaughan stated that the assets of the association has quadrupled in the last three years. The tremendous growth in the association, the third oldest in the State of Texas, reflects the confidence of the people in Central Texas of our efforts to provide good service to them.

Mrs. Casey said she would like to thank the people of Robert Lee and Coke County for the support they have shown for the Heart O' Texas Savings Association.

75 YEARS AGO

By Joan Davis

A 9-pound girl made her advent at the home of Cecil Norred recently. She is a fine musician and has regular hours from 4 to 10 p.m. No instructions are required.

Music, singing, and laughter were enjoyed by the young folks at Mr. and Mrs. Bud Schooler's cheerful home after church Sunday. Rev. D.C. Ross preached to fill his regular appointment.

Mr. B.N. Tannyhill and Miss Eliza Vincent were happily married at the Ladie's Store, Thursday afternoon at 1 o'clock. One of the country's best citizens, Mr. Tannyhill is well known around and about. Miss Vincent is a stranger here but her loving disposition has made a host of friends. Elder J.B. Hooten officiated and the Observer wishes them long life.

Hereafter all work done by me will be only on 30 and 60 days. I can no longer do your work on fall time as heretofore - J.J. Vestal.

B.A. Boykin of Wild Cat paid us a pleasant call and had his figures set ahead on our subscription list.

Library Notes

Saturday hours for the Coke County Library have been changed to 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. However, this Saturday only, the library will close at 1 p.m.

Library hours are:
Monday--Closed
Tuesday--8-12 (Preschool story hour 10-10:45)
Wednesday--8-12 and 1-5
Thursday--1-5
Friday--8-12
Saturday--1-2

The library memorial for February was given by Hank Baker.

The storyhour each Tuesday morning has 18 children signed up. A special thank you to the following women who volunteer their time to help with the storyhour: Kathy Post, Marie Thompson, Donna Waldrop, Teri Key and Hazel Abbott.

COMPTROLLER REP TO VISIT ROBERT LEE

State Comptroller Bob Bullock will have a representative from his San Angelo office in Robert Lee on March 16 to assist local taxpayers and answer questions about state taxes.

Bullock said Enforcement Officer Steve Mercer will meet with local taxpayers in the courtroom of the Coke County courthouse from 9 to 10 a.m.

"If Robert Lee area merchants, or anyone else, have any questions about state taxes or need help in preparing state tax forms, Mercer will be there to assist them," Bullock said.

"We're trying to cut the red tape in this office, and we believe these face to face sessions with taxpayers help do just that," Bullock added.

The San Angelo office, headed by Bill Teaver, serves San Angelo and surrounding counties.

DECAY-RESISTANT FENCES

For a lasting wooden privacy fence around the home, take steps to prevent decay. Use metal posts or wood posts pressure-treated with a preservative, suggests a wood products specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M University System. Wood used for horizontal stringers as well as vertical boards should be naturally decay-resistant heartwood or be pressure-treated with a preservative. Keep vertical boards about 2 inches above the ground.

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RLHS Honor Rolls Posted

Principal Jerry Gibbs has announced the following honor roll for Robert Lee Junior High and High School for the fourth six weeks:

Seventh grade: Dana Anthony, Patty Bloodworth, Kevin Johnson.

Eighth grade: Heath Gardner. ATTENTION: Four subjects or more are required to make the high school honor roll.

Ninth grade: Sheri Ebenstein, Carrath Metcalf.

Tenth grade: Quint Anthony, Martha Bickley, Leigh Ann Runnion, Rebecca Taylor.

Eleventh grade: Lori Allen, DeeAnna Key, Scot Long.

Twelfth grade: Bobby Phillips, Dianna Tinkler.

REPAIR IRRIGATION UNITS FOR EFFICIENCY

Costs of irrigating cropland can be reduced by keeping irrigation pumps and power units in good repair to improve fuel efficiency, says an economist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M University System. To evaluate the potential profitability of such repairs, consider current pumping efficiency, depth from which water is lifted, interest rate, cost and expected life of the improvement, and current condition of the power unit and pump. Repair costs to increase pumping efficiency 10 percent from 40 to 50 percent can usually be paid in two years from reduced fuel costs.

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For the cowboy of that era the physical hardships, 20 hour days, branding, and countless unknown dangers along with loneliness and only male companionship produced no entertainment. So around the campfires at night under the stars was born the singing cowboy.

That rich tradition stayed with the American west through the periods of outlaws and men with six pointed stars, the Indian fights and the range wars. When motion pictures with sound came along, some of the first westerns featured singing cowboys. John Wayne's first appearance on the silver screen was as a singing cowboy.

There were Gene Autrey and Roy Rogers and San Angelo's own Rex Allen. Rex's family roots go back to Robert Lee. His grandfather is buried on the historic Fort Chadbourne Cemetery near Bronte. Rex Allen liked to sing and liked cowboys.

At a tender age, his family was embarrassed by Rex's father and his friends coming to San Angelo one night on horses and shooting up the town "the way we did later in the movies," he said in an interview. So he packed the family and left taking the old Goodnight-Loving Trail away to Arizona.

Well, someday Rex Allen has always had a special spot in his heart for West Texas. He has been the national chairman for Cattlemen's Round-Up for Crippled Children for 22 years. And over a dozen years ago he put together the first telethon to raise operating money for West Texas Rehab Center in Abilene.

The telethon grew each year with a 16-station network carrying the show earlier this year. Growing parallel was WTRC. and

now, WTRC--San Angelo, a third campus providing services for the handicapped, has outgrown its quarters.

Come next week on March 10, one of Hollywood's few original singing cowboys, Rex Allen is coming back to home ground to kickoff the \$1.5 million WTRC-San Angelo building drive. A live one-hour television show debuts at 8 p.m. central time over KCTV-Channel 8-San Angelo co-hosted by Allen. The show will also include Johnny Desmond and the Rehab '81 Orchestra, Rex Allen, Jr. and Margo Smith.

The next day, March 11, Rex Allen will address the San Angelo Press Club. That group, the combined media and public relations organization of the Concho Valley, happens to have a president named Jerry Lackey. (It's one of my free jobs to serve the public which sometimes takes 30 hours per week.)

One of the delights of the Press Club job is having our meeting in the relaxed atmosphere of our new home...Gideon's. The charm and hospitalities are garnered from the beautiful restaurant on the banks of the Concho River. Well, anyway a place which dates back to 1884 when the singing cowboys were on the trail and could possibly be one of the buildings Rex's father shot up before moving to Arizona, is going all out for Rex Allen Press Club Day!

"We are preparing a cowboy lunch treat for the Press Club members that day," says owner Joan Nobles.

So, starting March 10, its going to be a full week for cowboys in San Angelo. Following Rex Allen and the big TV show, the 1981 edition of the San Angelo Stock Show and Rodeo runs for the remainder of the week with the nations leading pro-cowboys and Nashville's modern singing ones!

"Come a ti yi yip-pi yip-pi yay yip-pi yay!"

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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Screwworm Samples Still Important

Livestock producers may continue to send suspected screwworm samples to the Mission facility, Dr. John Holcombe, executive director, Texas Animal Health Commission, said today.

"Even though the plant at Mission is no longer producing sterile screwworm flies, personnel are at the plant to inspect any suspected samples of screwworms," he explained.

Mailing kits are available from county agent's offices, feed stores, vocational agriculture teachers, or from area TAHC offices. "It is important that ranchers continue to inspect their animals regularly, and to submit suspected screwworm samples to the fly lab at Mission. The kits can be mailed postage-free," Dr. Holcombe said.

Only about half as many suspected samples have been submitted thus far this year compared to 1980. "We need many more to make sure no undetected screwworm case is going unnoticed," he said.

Because of the success of the program in the U.S., sterile screwworm fly production is now centered at the plant in Mexico. Facilities for sterile fly production at Mission have been "moth-balled"; the plant could be reactivated if needed.

Inspectors of the TAHC are continuing to trap flies along the Mexican-U.S. border. "But we need the help of ranchers throughout the state in this effort to keep Texas screwworm-free," Dr. Holcombe said.

COKE COUNTY LIBRARY HOURS ARE CHANGED

A slight change in hours during which the Coke County Library will be open has been announced. The change is reducing the number of hours the library will be open on Saturdays.

The schedule now is:
Monday--Closed
Tuesday--8-12
Wednesday--8-12 and 1-5
Thursday--1-5
Friday--8-12
Saturday--10-2

Area residents are reminded that the library has a large number of books and other material available for the public, and everyone is encouraged to use them.

WOMEN SOFTBALL TEAM TO HAVE MEETING

Women of the Bronte area who are interested in playing on a softball team during the coming season are invited to attend meetings March 10 and 12. The gatherings will be held at the Bronte baseball field in the County Park.

The lady baseballers will start working next week and all of those who want to participate should bring their gloves and be ready to start doing some work.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given by the Parks and Wildlife Department that a public hearing will be held at 7 p.m. on March 17, 1981 at the County Courthouse at Robert Lee for the purpose of gathering information concerning proposed hunting, fishing and trapping regulations for Coke County.

As the result of action by the Texas Legislature, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission is responsible for the setting of seasons, bag limits, and means and methods of taking the wildlife resources in Coke County. All interested persons are urged to attend and comment upon the proposed regulations.



Representative Larry Don Shaw Reports from Austin

One of the more controversial bills currently being considered in the Legislature is a measure to raise the drinking age in Texas from 18 to 19. It's not fair, and many 18-year-olds will undoubtedly consider it a slap in the face, but I support it. Here's why:

Most young Texans are still in high school when they turn 18. When they turn 19--almost without exception--they're in college or they're working fulltime at a job or they're married and setting up a home of their own.

The difference in age is minimal, but the difference in life situations is immense. Many--in fact, most--18-year-olds are mature, responsible young citizens ready and eager to enter the adult world and begin their life's careers. Still, their circle of friends includes many fellow high school students who are 17, 16, or younger. They participate in school activities together, and they socialize with each other outside of school. And at that age, two factors can be overpowering: The pride of reaching legal adulthood, and the peer pressure from friends to share in the benefits of reaching that legal milestone. In short, the legal ability to drink is often an overwhelming temptation to do just that, and the ties of friendship often lead the new 18-year-old to want to share his or her legally-purchased alcohol illegally with younger associates. As a result, many more Texas high school students are drinking today, and not only 18-year-olds but younger students, as well.

In fact, some students, according to testimony from a number of school officials, are drinking before school starts in the morning and leaving school at noon to drink instead of eating lunch. And for an 18-year-old, its all legal, at least until a drunk student assaults a teacher or a fellow student, increasingly common occurrences, especially in

the major urban school districts of our state.

The argument against raising the legal drinking age is the same one that resulted in the lowering of the age from 21 to 18 more than a decade ago. Namely, if a person is adult enough to fight and die for this country, he is adult enough to drink. It's a good argument, and that's why I will support an amendment to exempt 18-year-old military personnel from the new 19-year-old age limit.

As for the rest of you who are, approaching 18, you're getting a raw deal and I regret it. But your 19th birthday will arrive and fade into the distant past much too soon.

Pancake Supper Set March 20

Plans have been made for the Annual Robert Lee-Silver Lions Club - Coke County 4-H Clubs Pancake Supper. Representatives of the two organizations announced Friday night, March 20, as the date for the 1981 supper.

The supper will be held from 6-8 p.m. in the Robert Lee School lunchroom with entertainment starting at 6:30 p.m. in the school auditorium.

The entertainment is again headed by Edna Havins and Addison Davis. This year's edition will feature the Community Choir doing a take-off from the well known TV Show "Hee Haw".

Tickets should go on sale late next week by the County 4-H Club members.

Everyone is encouraged to have a night out and enjoy the meal and entertainment on March 20.

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 Sincerely,
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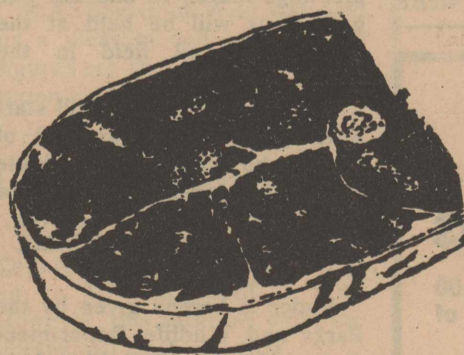
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