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Annual Lions Club, 4-H Pancake Supper To Be Held March 20

Tickets are now on sale for the annual pancake supper scheduled for March 20 at the Robert Lee School lunchroom. The 4-H Club members are selling the tickets for the supper; tickets also will be available at the door. The price of the tickets are \$2.00 for children 12 years and under; \$3.00 for over 12 years and adults. Preschoolers will be charged \$2.00 if they have a plate of their own. The supper will be beginning at 6 p.m. and continue until 8 p.m.

The big entertainment show will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the

school auditorium under the direction of Edna Havins and Addison Davis. They have planned a "SUPER" show - so don't miss it! Talent galore awaits you, the sponsors emphasized.

Entertainment will be different this year - the main feature being presented will be a take-off on the well known TV "HEE HAW" Show. The Community Choir will present the "Robert Lee Tee Hee Show", featuring music, comedy, and mostly etc. Plans are underway for a guest country and western group. (Watch for more details next week.)

Those who attend will be faced with a meal of hot buttered pancakes with syrup and bacon, and coffee or milk. In addition, several hours of entertainment by local and area talent.

The pancake supper is sponsored by the Robert Lee-Silver Lions Club and the Coke County 4-H Clubs. The proceeds from this supper will be used for community projects by the Lions and 4-H'ers.

Lone Star Gas Files Notice Of Rate Increase

Lone Star Gas Co. manager, Joe L. Morales, filed an application for a rate increase which would raise the average residential customer's monthly bill in Robert Lee about \$3.75 in the winter and \$2.14 in the summer.

Based on Lone Star's rate application, a residential customer who uses an average of eight thousand cubic feet of gas a month paid \$24.93 for gas service in the winter. Under the requested rate, that same customer would pay \$28.80.

Commercial gas customers' rates would also increase under the requested rate schedule.

"Our customers are accustomed to dependable natural gas service," said Morales. "This rate increase is necessary to continue a high performance level and for other necessary expenses, such as maintaining and improving the local pipeline distribution system, which are vital to dependable service."

Lone Star's last rate increase in Robert Lee became effective March 1977.

"Since that time, every business, including Lone Star, has experienced increased operating expenses," says Morales. "And, of course, unlike other businesses that can raise their prices as expenses go up, we must apply to the city council for a rate increase. No one likes rising prices, but any business must earn enough money to meet operating expenses and still achieve a reasonable profit. Even though our expenses have gone up, Lone Star still has one of the lowest average operating costs per customer when compared to any of the other major gas utilities in Texas," he said.

Girl Scouts Are Selling Cookies

The Girl Scout and Brownie Cookie Sale is now in progress.

The local scouts will have a booth set up at the post office Saturday morning, March 14, from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. A spokesman for the group said, "If you have bought cookies and need more, or if you have not been contacted yet, this will be your opportunity to purchase them."

The scouts and leaders express their thanks to everyone for their support this year.



Mary Ann Lackey

New Extension Agent Named For Coke Co.

The Coke County Commissioners Court has appointed an Extension agent for home economics.

She is Mary Anne Lackey of Junction, whose appointment here becomes effective April 16. She will succeed Kathy L. Jobe, who resigned recently to live in Ranger.

Miss Lackey's appointment was announced by Coke County Judge D.W. Sims and Ken Cook of San Angelo, director of the West Central District in the Texas Agricultural Extension service.

A graduate last May of Tarleton State University at Stephenville, Miss Lackey is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R.C. Lackey. Her father is superintendent of the Kimble County Electric Cooperative.

At Tarleton, she earned the bachelor's degree in home economics education. She became a member of Rho Iota Delta, professional society for home economists, and of Alpha Chi, national honor society.

The agent was also voted both Junior Class Favorite and Senior Class Favorite at Tarleton, where she was Miss TSU of 1980.

Steer Basketball Players Earn All-District Honors

The Robert Lee High School basketball teams have placed one boy and two girls on the District 13-A all district teams. Scott Long, Leigh Ann Rynnion and Dianna Tinkler were selected by coaches of the district for membership on the mythical team.

Coaches from Garden City, Robert Lee, Sterling City and

Bronte met in Bronte to make the selections.

Robert Lee placed one boy and two girls on second teams and honorable mention went to two boys.

The complete list of selections follows:

BOYS FIRST TEAM

Lance Ball, Senior, Bronte
Jeff Barr, Senior, Sterling City
Lonny Greenfield, Senior, Sterling City

Duane Hirt, Junior, Garden City
Scott Long, Junior, Robert Lee

BOYS SECOND TEAM

Greg Barr, Sophomore, Sterling City

Shane Colvert, Sophomore, Sterling City

Rick Doss, Junior, Water Valley

Jeff Schoenfield, Junior, Bronte

Darren Williams, Junior, Robert Lee

Bobby Zuniga, Junior, Bronte

BOYS HONORABLE MENTION

Rudy Baldares, Junior, Robert Lee

Craig Foster, Junior, Sterling City

Steve Griffin, Senior, Sterling City

Joey Luckett, Senior, Bronte

Joel Percifull, Senior, Robert Lee

GIRLS FIRST TEAM

Connie Bryan, Junior, Bronte

Anita Jansa, Junior, Garden City

Jan Herral, Senior, Sterling City
Leigh Ann Rynnion, Sophomore, Robert Lee

Dianna Tinkler, Senior, Robert Lee

GIRLS SECOND TEAM

Camille Badgett, Junior, Bronte
Jana Calverley, Senior, Garden City

Lorraine Cornando, Senior, Sterling City

Sujane Parker, Junior, Bronte

Kellye Percifull, Senior, Robert Lee

Frankie Walker, Junior, Robert Lee

GIRLS HONORABLE MENTION

Tammy Doss, Senior, Water Valley

Kim Hirt, Senior, Garden City

Tavia Teschendorf, Senior, Bronte

Gayla Troctor, Senior, Water Valley

District 13-A basketball for 1981 was completed Tuesday night when the Greenwood Rangers defeated Sterling City, 63-46, in a boys bi-district contest played at Big Spring. Greenwood will advance to regional competition.

Robert Lee girls were district and bi-district winners. They played in the regional tournament a couple of weeks ago, but lost to Follett in their second game.

Absentee Vote Starts Monday

Absentee voting in the April 4 elections will start Monday, March 16, and continue through March 31. Persons who are eligible to vote absentee should report to the places where the balloting is being conducted.

Those who wish to vote in the city election can do so at the city hall. Hours are from 8-12 and 1-5.

Those who want to vote in the election for hospital district election should report to the office of the county clerk in the courthouse.

Persons who want to vote in the school trustee election may cast their ballots at the office of the school superintendent.

ONE ACT PLAY TO HAVE DRESS REHEARSAL

The RLHS one act play cast will give a dress rehearsal for the public Tuesday, March 17, at 7 p.m. in the school auditorium. The contest will be March 24.

R.B. King, of El Paso, spent several days last week with his brother, Dave King. He returned home last Friday.

Lake Cabin Owners Victims Of Epidemic of Burglaries

Owners of lakeside cabins and trailers have been plagued with burglars during the past week on both sides of Coke county. Seven

burglaries have occurred at Oak Creek Lake and six at Lake Spence.

In addition, there were five break-ins at Oak Creek Lake on Feb. 27.

Sheriff Marshall Millican said five of the violations at Lake Spence occurred on Property belonging to members of the Harmon family and the sixth one occurred at Eugene Wanoreck's place.

Buddy Dyess, lake patrolman at Oak Creek Lake, said the seven places burglarized there belong to the following persons: Robert Young of Midland, C.G. Eckert of McCamey, H.G. McAdams of McCamey, H. Madison of Abilene, Ralph McLaughlin of Big Spring, Darrell Hendrickson of Blackwell and Forrest Burnett of Fort Stockton.

Dyess said most of the loot being stolen consists of television sets, micro-wave ovens, radios and other small items.

Sheriff Millican said 165 barrels of oil was stolen Wednesday night of last week from the Tidwell lease southeast of Robert Lee. A water transport truck belonging to Keno Construction Co. was taken from a site about nine miles west of Robert Lee, but it was later recovered.

Millican said law enforcement officers need the cooperation of everyone in the county to stop the break-ins. He asked everyone to report any suspicious looking vehicles or unusual activities to his office.



FOOTBALL SEASON--Honored during the past football season were Kellye Percifull, Football Sweetheart, and Jose Saucedo, Cheerleader Hero. Kellye is the

daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Percifull and Jose is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Raul Saucedo. [Photo by Winnie McPeck]

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Moto-Cross Champion Race Set

Third race of a four race series to decide the West Texas Moto-cross championship will be held at Bronte Sunday, March 22. Practice begins at 9 a.m. and racing begins at 11 a.m. with the mini bikes.

Over 100 riders participated in the second race at Midland on March 8, and that many riders are expected at Bronte.

Each "Moto" consists of four to 10 laps around a .9 mile natural terrain course, and each class (bike size) will run two " motos." The best combined score is declared the winner. The smaller bikes and less experienced riders will race the shorter races and the big bike experts will probably race 10 laps.

The race will last until 5 or 6 p.m. There is a maximum \$1000 expert purse for this race. Spectator fee is \$4.00 and concessions will be available.

The track is located two miles south of Bronte on the Colorado River, on the paved road past the football field. The track has ramp type jumps, dips, sharp turns and 60 to 70 mph straightaways, and

should be good for spectating.

Area participants will be Kerry Wrinkle, Jim Bob Jacobs, and Richard Jacobs of Robert Lee and Kelly Glenn of Bronte. Numerous riders are expected from San Angelo and some from as far away as Amarillo.

County Road To Be Closed

Coke County Commissioner's Court met Monday to consider the closing of "Friendship Lane," a county road extending west from Highway 208 to Lake Spence. The lane now runs through privately leased land to the present lake water level.

A petition opposing the closing was filed and received. Also accepted was a petition bearing signatures of those supporting the closing. The meeting was open to the public for discussion. Speaking for the closing were CRMWD representatives. After all the pros and cons were heard, the commissioners voted for an immediate closing of the road.

The county judge and the commissioners are in Fort Worth today for the annual West Texas County Judges and Commissioners Association.

REPORT YOUR NEWS!



Jerry Lackey's Country Folk

At the early morning coffee-shop round-table where this writer has indulged in conversation and breakfast for more that 10 years now, the gathering on any given day may include: ranchmen, bankers, lawyers, real estate and insurancemen, mohair and cow traders, one newspaper columnist, one hardware store owner and one preacher. Every now and then, a heavy construction contractor, the local trashman, a house roofer and a shoe salesman join in.

Area of talks and opinions vary from the sheep market to stock market, hunting and fishing, state of the economy and the price of gas to world affairs. We have freely advised four U.S. presidents over the last decade and solved all their domestic and world crisis, yet somehow we never get the message through to the White House.

During football season, we replay Sunday's games on Monday and for the past several summers provided a springboard of consultation for the Houston Oilers when they camped in Angelo. During that time, coach Bum Phillips was part of our group two or three mornings a week and we coached him on how to get to the superbowl. Another summer and we would have won

it, too!

Oh, I forgot to mention, Saturday and Sunday mornings usually focus in on the area, regional and world oil situation. You see, it is those days when we are joined by the Tom Brown of Midland who maintains a Nasworthy Lake retreat cabin. He loves to fish and this is the biggest stream near home.

The other day, Charlie Johnston brought in a copy of conversation clipped from the Wall Street Journal. The ad in boldface type read: "Wanted, one million sheep, 2-3 years old, 75 percent male."

Well, first of all, our experts couldn't visualize that many sheep still existing in the western United States with so many coyotes and eagles about. Second, 75 percent male? Are they wanting muttons, bucks?

The subject was carried forth through several come and go sessions, several dozen consumed eggs of scrambled and fried kinds, two pouched not mention some waffle and pancake and oatmeal orders. We finally decided to keep watch to follow the story. And again, I may have to take the matter up with one of our lawyer members such as Pat Hall and maybe call Chicago for Paul Harvey to "get the rest of the

story."

We always receive the daily weather report and forecast tied back with historical data to 1936, 1947 or even back to 1919...depending on the age of the oldtimers around the table that particular day. Boze Hartgrove and Tom Poteet can remember back that far. And Chester Kenley can add a comment.

J.W. West remembers every cent he made during those years ...and undoubtedly still has every penny with added interest. Our Church of Christ preacher, Silas Triplett, still puts forth a sermon or two per week but claims he's making most of his money from real estate. But before you get the wrong idea, Brother Silas gives to the Lord in his budget and every now and then he writes a check to the Rehab Center.

P.H. Coates Jr. of Brackettville was by last week.

We got back to the political situation when Nick Pappas arrived. Nick is one of my morning hero's. Besides bringing us some of his wife's good Greek bread or candy from time to time, Nick is a deep-thought philosopher. He puts down his pipe and after organizing his thinking while Silas leads us in silent prayer, Nick lays out the game plan.

In the end, even the lawyers are convinced President Reagan is the last chance in saving the nation's economy. but in the days that follow, even that will be debated in the daybreak sessions as well as congress. That is, when and if we ever find out who the nut is who wants a million sheep.

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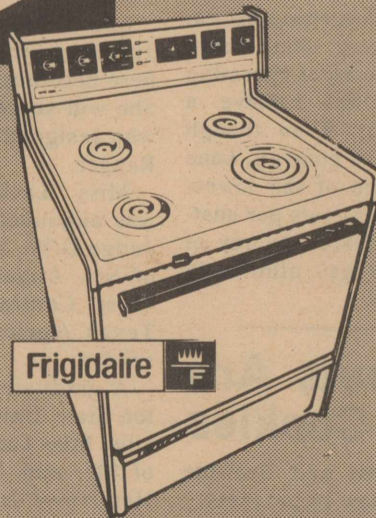
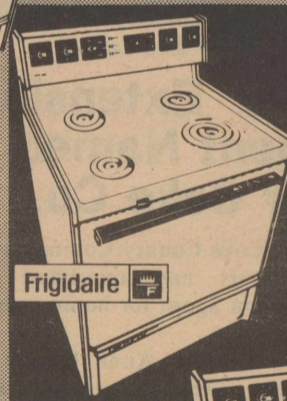
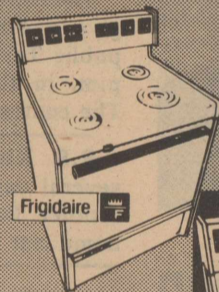
Robert Lee Mt. Creek Golf Club Tournament Schedule 1981

March 8-Sun.	*ABC Tournament
March 20-Fri.	High School Invitational, Gerald Epperson
April 4-Sat.	*ABC, West Texas Rehab Center Benefit Beta Sigma Phi, Linda Link
April 12-Sun.	*ABC Tournament
April 26-Sun.	*ABC Tournament
May 9-Sat.	*ABC Tournament
May 24-Sun.	*ABC Tournament
June 13-14-Sat.-Sun.	Robert Lee Annual Partnership & BBQ *\$60.00 PER TEAM, First 64 Paid Teams
Shotgun Start Both Days-8 a.m. & 1 p.m.-Call for Tee Time	
June 20-Sat.	Junior Tournament, \$10.00
June 28-Sun.	*ABC Tournament
July 11-Sat.	*ABC Tournament
July 18-19-Sat.-Sun.	Father-Son, Father-Son-in-Law Tourney \$15.00 Per Team
Aug. 1-Sat	*ABC Tournament
Aug. 15-Sat	*ABC Tournament
Sept. 6-7-Sun.-Mon. [Labor Day]	2 Day Partnership *\$50.00 PER TEAM, 2 Man Teams
Shotgun Start Both Days-8 a.m. & 1 p.m.-Call for Tee Time.	
Sept. 19-Sat.	*ABC Tournament
Oct. 3-Sat.	*ABC Tournament
Oct. 24-Sat.	*ABC Tournament
Oct. 31-Sat.	*ABC Tournament
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Steers Finish Third At G-City

Robert Lee High School boys made 64 points and took third place honors at the Garden City track meet Saturday. Lupe Munoz won first place in two events for the girls and made 20 points. Graves Parks was the only boy to take a first place.

Munoz took first place honors in the 3200 meter run with a time of 13:34 and in the 1600 meter run with 6:15.1.

BOYS RESULTS

The relay teams took second and third places to lead in accumulating points.

440 relay (Graves Parks, Darren Williams, Mando Sanchez and Buck Duncan), 2nd, 45.9.

1600 relay: (Duncan, Stephen Ray, Sanchez and Williams), 3rd,

3:51.4.
400 meter: Ray, 3rd, 55.6.
100 meter: Sanchez, 4th, 11.5.
110 hurdles: Duncan, 4th,

15.7.
3200 meter: Gary Palmer, 6th, 12:13.2.

200 meter, Williams, 6th, 24.8.
800 meter, Lupe Torres, 7th, 2:26.4.

1600 meter: Palmer, 7th, 5:39.8.

Pole vault: Parks, 1st, 12 feet; Jim Herring, 6th, 8'6".

Long jump: Williams, 2nd 17' 10 3/4"; Parks, 6th, 17; 1 3/4".

Shot: Duncan, 4th, 39' 10 3/4".

High jump: Ray, 4th, 5'6".

Discus: Quint Anthony, 7th, 102' 10".

The high school boys and girls will go to Eden Saturday for a track meet.

COACH DUKES ATTENDS STATE BASKETBALL MEET

Coach Clyde Dukes, who coached the Robert Lee High School girls to the regional semi-finals, attended the state tourney in Austin last Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Held in Austin's U.T. Super Drum, the tourney always provides exciting action.

Of special interest to fans in this district was Nazareth's unprecedented fifth straight Class A title. In semi-final action, they overpowered LaRue La Poyner 70-35 and went on to win the title over Colmesneil 83-49. With a season record of 35-2, they were not seriously threatened all year.

MISS JODY PADGETT AND JON BILL BROCK MARRY

Miss Jody Padgett and Jon Bill Brock were married Feb. 17 in the home of the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Russell. Parents of the bride are Mrs. Hazel Bailey of San Angelo and the late Bill Padgett. Mrs. Opal Jacoby officiated.

Refreshments were served to close friends and family after the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Brock are residing in Robert Lee.

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Bryan's Return From Tour

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Bryan, traveling with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dean Bryan of Fortuna, Calif., returned last week from a month's tour of six southeastern states. They enjoyed New Orleans, La., admired the white beaches of Mississippi along the Gulf, and were impressed with the famous Bellingrath Gardens and the city of Mobile, Ala. On the sixth day out, the group reached Florida where they "Combed" the state for two weeks.

A few highlights in Florida included shell hunting, visiting historical sites, exploring cities, and visiting outstanding areas such as the fabulous Everglades, Cypress Gardens, Disney World, and Sea World. The drive of more than a hundred miles of "the highway that went to sea" led to Key West, a very unusual area. A high point was a tour of Kennedy Space Center.

The drive up the east coast of Florida gave access to numerous famous beaches, St. Augustine, the oldest city in the U.S. with its interesting historical sites, and Jacksonville, Savannah, Ga., and Charleston, S.C. the most northerly point reached, were as "Old South" as picture books had shown them to be.

During the return trip, several libraries were visited in Alabama and East Texas in a search for Bryan ancestor information. Near Hawkins, Texas visits were made to the sites of Wilson's and Frank Dean's birth place, and to the home of their Cumbie grandparents.

Upon return home, Wilson observed that Coke County is the greenest and best looking country he had seen in a month. Much of the area in the states and East Texas through which the Bryans traveled was dry. Rain traveled along with them, however, much to the delight of local citizens. "You'd have thought," Frank stated, "that they were West Texans."

After spending a few days with Doris's mother, Mrs. Nellie Simpson, of San Angelo, and other relatives and friends, the California Bryans started west early this week. They plan to arrive in San Francisco to celebrate the 32nd birthday of their son, Pat, who lives there with his wife, Gayle, then continue north to the redwood forest and Fortuna.

In bidding farewell, Doris made a forecast. "After Frank rests a little bit and plants his spring garden, he will probably start research for another trip for 'the Bryan Gang'."

HAS SURGERY

Mrs. Opal Crabb was transferred to St. John's Hospital in San Angelo for tests last Thursday. She underwent surgery there Friday afternoon and was slightly improved Sunday.

NOTICE

A Budget hearing will be held by the City of Robert Lee, Monday, March 23, 1981, 7 to 8 p.m. in City Hall. The budget for the fiscal year of 4-1-81 to 3-31-82 will be presented. The public shall have a right to provide written and oral comments on the entire budget, and ask questions concerning the relationship of revenue sharing to the budget.

A copy of the entire budget proposed for adoption will be available for public inspection at the City Hall, 6 E. 7th St., Robert Lee, after March 13.

Robert D. Vaughan
Mayor

City of Robert Lee



A LOT OF TURNIP--Martin Casey of Robert Lee says he didn't grow the turnip he's holding here, he "just let it grow." This is the biggest one he's pulled out of his patch this year, and it tips the scales at 13 pounds. He also has pulled up one that weighed eight pounds. Mr. Casey always has a beautiful garden, but he admits that this year's turnip patch "just about raised itself."

FFA, 4-H Enter S-Angelo Show

Members of the Robert Lee FFA who are in San Angelo this weekend for the annual stock show and rodeo number about 14. They started the first of the week getting their animals to the big West Texas show, which will be concluded Saturday.

Sid Long, Robert Lee vocational ag. teacher and sponsor of the FFA, said the following students were going to the show: Tim Bosworth, Scot Long, Joey Millican, Matt McKinney, Bob Flowers, Clifton Millican, Kyle Gibbs, Scott Stephens, Stan Ray, Steven Ray, Terry Millican, Jim Herring, Kerry Wrinkle and Eddie Hood.

Coke County 4-H members also will enter animals in the San Angelo show. County Extension Agent Sterling Lindsey said the following persons will exhibit animals:

Steers--Rick Drennan and Doug Roberts.

Pigs--Doug Roberts and Craig Grant.

Lambs--Jana Ragsdale, Waylan Ensor, Lin Long, Tim Mackey, Rachel Metcalf, Carrath Metcalf, Pammy Millican, Dianna Tinkler, and Randy Stephens.

Breeding sheep--J. Lee Ensor, Martin Lee and Stephen Lee.

McBRIDES BREEDER OF CHAMPION STEER

Tami Wester, a San Angelo 4-H'er, had the champion British cross market steer sold for \$2,700. Breeder of the champion

animal was McBride and Sons, ranching on the Matapeake Ranch, south of Robert Lee.

Gerald McBride and his family are working cattle this week, in readiness for their annual club calf sale in Llano on March 14.

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ROBERT LEE

Name of City (Nombre de la Ciudad)

Notice is hereby given that a City Officers' Election will be held on the 4th day of April, 1981, in the above named city for the purpose of electing the following officers for said city: Mayor,¹ 3 Aldermen,¹ ~~Commissioners.~~¹ Said election will be held at the following polling places in said city:

- In Election Precinct No. 1, at City Hall Building;
- In Election Precinct No. _____, at _____ Building;
- In Election Precinct No. _____, at _____ Building;
- In Election Precinct No. _____, at _____ Building.

The polls at each of the above designated polling places shall on said election day be open from 7 o'clock a.m. to 7 o'clock p.m.

The absentee voting for the above designated election shall be held at City Hall Building, in said city, and said place of absentee voting shall remain open for at least 8 hours on each day of absentee voting which is not a Saturday, Sunday or an official State holiday, beginning on the 20th day and continuing through the 4th day preceding the date of said election. Said place of voting shall remain open between the hours of 8-12 o'clock a.m. and 1-5 o'clock p.m.

Dated this the 18th day of February, 1981.

(Se da aviso por la presente que se llevará a cabo una Elección de Funcionarios de la Ciudad el día 4 de Abril de 1981, en la ciudad arriba mencionada para el propósito de elegir a los siguientes funcionarios para dicha ciudad: Alcalde,¹ 3 Concejales,¹ ~~Comisionados~~¹ Dicha elección se llevará a cabo en los siguientes lugares de votación en dicha ciudad:

- El Precinto Electoral Núm. 1 en el Edificio publico de la Ciudad _____;
- El Precinto Electoral Núm. _____ en el Edificio _____;
- El Precinto Electoral Núm. _____ en el Edificio _____;
- El Precinto Electoral Núm. _____ en el Edificio _____.

Los sitios de votación arriba designados para dicha elección se mantendrán abiertos en el mencionado día de elecciones de las 7 a.m. a las 7 p.m.

La votación ausente para la elección arriba designada se llevará a cabo en el Edificio publico de la Ciudad, en dicha ciudad, y dicho lugar de votación ausente se mantendrá abierto por lo menos ocho horas en cada día de votación ausente no siendo sábado, domingo o día festivo oficial del Estado, principiando 20 días y continuando hasta el cuarto día anteriores a la fecha de dicha elección. Dicho lugar de votación se mantendrá abierto de las 8-12 a.m. a las 1-5 p.m.

Fechado esta día 18 de Febrero de 1981.)

Robert D. Vaughan
Mayor (Alcalde)

Jr. High Teams Run At Forsan

The Robert Lee Junior High track team traveled to Forsan Friday for their first track meet of the season. The Dogies made a total of 64 points to take third place honors.

Kirby Rasco was the only

Party Honors Calvin Sparks

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin (Buckle) Sparks honored their father with a retirement party Saturday night, March 7.

Hosting the gathering at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sparks were Jackie and Ralph Walker, Doris and Ronnie Fox, Jerry and Wallace Colburn, C.L. and Nada Sparks, and Bucky and Barbara Sparks.

Mr. Sparks retired from Union Texas (Allied Chemical).

Approximately 125 guests attended the event.

Out of town guests included Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Bridges of Hermleigh; Mr. and Mrs. Royce Sparks and Mr. and Mrs. Jake Sparks of Sterling City; Mr. and Mrs. Garvis Swanson of Stephenville; Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Eldridge of Blackwell; Cleo Butts of Ballinger; Mr. and Mrs. Otis Smith and Gilbert Bosquez of Bronte; Mr. and Mrs. Whitey Roberts of Miles, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Thorpe of Seminole and Mr. and Mrs. W.E. Bailey and Mr. and Mrs. Neil Howard all of Odessa.

Also Mr. and Mrs. James Brodelon, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Ortego and Mrs. and Mrs. Buz Smith all of Eunice, La.; Mr. and Mrs. Greg Collins, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Moore, Lois Alexander, J.C. Massengel and Jolynn Colburn all of Lubbock; Mr. and Mrs. Harold McEwen, Rick Spencer, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cowley, Charlene Turney, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Walker, Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Cowley, and Deck Fox, all of San Angelo.

Also present were a host of friends and family from Robert Lee.

member of the team to capture a first place, but he did it in the 300 meter low hurdles.

Complete results were:

400 relay: (Jim Bob Jacobs, Greg Grim, Douglas Roberts and David Rodriguez), 3rd, 50.7.

110 intermediate hurdles: Rasco, 6th, 20.8.

100 dash: Jacobs, 6th, 13.1.

300 low hurdles: Rasco, 1st, 48.3; Kevin Johnson, 4th, 49.6.

200 dash: Grim, 3rd, 25.9.

1600 run: Heath Gardner, 5th, 6:03.

1600 relay: (Grim, Roberts, Rodriguez and Rasco), 5th, 4:20.9.

Discus: Caesar DeLaPena, 6th, 91'3".

Long jump: Grim, 3rd, 17' 1 1/2"; Rodriguez, 4th, 17'1".

High jump: Rasco, 4th 5'2".

Pole vault: Rodriguez, 3rd, 8'6"; Rasco, 5th, 8'.

Both boys and girls junior high teams will participate in a meet at Sterling City Thursday, March 19.

Service For Mr. Arbuckle

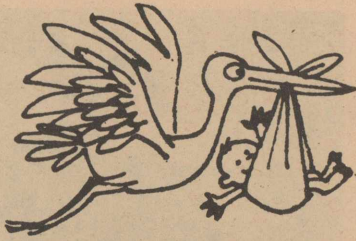
Turett Ellis Arbuckle, 53, died March 9 in the Veterans Hospital in Houston. Services were held March 12 at 2 p.m. in the Robert Lee Baptist Church. The pastor, Rev. Roy Epperson, officiated. Burial was in Sanco Cemetery.

He was born, Oct. 6, 1927, grew up in the Sanco community and attended the Robert Lee School.

He was a resident of Pasadena at the time of his death. He served in the Army Air Corps in 1945-46 and was in the U.S Army in 1951-55.

He was a carpenter by occupation and a member of the Sanco Baptist Church.

Survivors include, his wife, Carol, of Pasadena; two sons, Roy Ellis Springer and Wilburn Springer, both of California; one daughter, Mrs. Mike (Annie) Ledbetter of Odessa. Also, three step-sons, Richard, James and David Zink, all of Houston; two step-daughters, Susan and Anita Hedler, both of Houston; 16 grandchildren; and one sister, Mrs. Harvey Reid of Sanco.



LOOK WHO'S NEW

Erin Jo is the new daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Box of Odessa. Born there Feb. 26, she weighed 7 lbs. 4 1/2 oz. She has a brother, Damon, three years old. Proud grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. J.D. Harmon and Mr. and Mrs. V.M. Box; greatgrandparents are Mrs. Bessie Caston and Mr. and Mrs. J.R. Harmon.

Barnes Service Held March 7

Clinton P. Barnes, 79, San Angelo, died at 12:05 a.m. Wednesday, March 4, in Shannon Hospital.

Services were at 11 a.m. Saturday in Johnson's Funeral Home chapel with Paul Shero of Colorado and Jackson Street Church of Christ officiating. Burial followed in Lawnhaven Memorial Gardens.

Mr. Barnes was born Oct. 27, 1901, in Sterling City. He was married to Hertha Feil Jan. 20, 1929, in San Angelo. He was a farmer, a member of Colorado and Jackson Street Church of Christ and had lived in San Angelo 75 years.

Survivors include his wife; a daughter, Loise Gorman of Andrews; two sons, J.P. Barnes of Brandon, Fla., and Melvin Barnes of Lubbock; three sisters, Ellen Higgins of Robert Lee, Susie Bennett of San Angelo and Alberta Barnes of San Antonio; seven grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

AKP HAS BIRTHDAY PARTY AT NURSING HOME

Alpha Kappa Pi met Feb. 7, at the West Coke County Nursing home to celebrate birthdays for February.

On Feb. 11, 14 members met at Konners Korner for a salad supper. Evelyn Flanagan was welcomed as a new member. Beth Prather gave the program on "Speech."

Feb. 25, 16 members and two guests from Alpha Omicron Nu, Gay Williams and Kathy Post

met in the home of Phelan Wrinkle. Dolores McCabe gave the program on "Esthetics - Perception of Beauty."

Visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Smith this week were Mr. and Mrs. G.B. Shelburne of Houston. The ladies are sisters and have spent a great deal of time with their mother. Mrs. D.P. Key, a nursing home resident, and their brother and family, the David Key's.

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Randy Cook

Randy Cook Receives DAR Citizen Award

Randy Cook is the recipient of the Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizen Medal at Snyder High School. He was chosen for the honor because of his scholarship, leadership, honesty, community and school activities and patriotism.

Randy is the son of Mrs. Georgia Jones and is a grandson of Mr. and Mrs. George Newby of Robert Lee.

The prestigious DAR award is given annually as a way of encouraging the qualities named above and recognizing the student who serves as an example for these qualities in American youth.

INJURED IN FALL

Mrs. Ruth Jenkins of Bryan is visiting in the home of her daughter, Mrs. William Matlock. She will remain with her grandchildren, Madelyn and Billy, for an extended time. Mrs. Matlock suffered a fall in her home last Thursday and had surgery Monday in Shannon Hospital in San Angelo to repair a broken pelvis. She is expected to remain there for therapy for awhile.

Mr. and Mrs. John Carver and children have recently moved here from Colorado City. He is a Sun Oil Company employee and is working in Silver. The couple are former Robert Lee students. Mrs. Carver is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Heck of Robert Lee.

School Honor Rolls Given

Principal William Hood has announced the fourth six weeks honor roll:

Third grade: Karla Aldridge, Brooke Boone, Tiffany Jameson, Dawn Kleiber, Becky Padgett, Jon Rogers.

Fourth grade: Ericka Clendenen.

Fifth grade: Jason Herring, Rachel Metcalf, Robert Runnion, Kelly Tomlinson, Claudette Walker.

Sixth grade: Becky Clendenen, Debbie Flowers, Lin Long.

LUNCHROOM MENU

Monday, March 16: Barbecue wieners, cream potatoes, baked beans, hot rolls, butter, milk, peanut butter brownies.

Tuesday, March 17: Spaghetti with meat sauce and cheese, blackeye peas, carrots, angel biscuits, butter, milk, pear half.

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

Thursday, March 19: Hot dogs with chili, carrot cabbage slaw, french fries with catsup, milk, applesauce jello.

Friday, March 20: Fish krispies with tartar sauce, green beans, cream potatoes, hot rolls, butter, milk, cake squares.

Golf Tourney Held Sunday

Cold, damp weather did not keep the golfers from turning out for the ABC tourney Sunday. The threesome of Clarence Tinkler and John Broom, San Angelo, and Fern Havins were the first place winners with a 67 score. Dennis Weaver, John Carver, and John Heck were second with a 69. Homer Burleson, John Slaughter, and Jeff Spencer shot a 70 for third place. Winners were presented with golf balls.

Red Smith, manager of the Mountain Creek Club house, reported an excellent recovery of the course from last fall's flood. He says extra work by everyone has put the course in its best shape ever. A busy tourney schedule is planned for the spring and summer.



JUDGE SIGNS--Coke County Judge D.W. Sims signs a proclamation designating March 8-14 as Older Worker Week in Coke County. The Green Thumb program hires only older workers and encourages employers to make more use of their skills.

Standing behind Judge Sims, from left, are: Geneva Minnick, Green Thumb outreach worker; Lois Wallace, Green Thumb-COG van driver; Margaret Martin, Coke County Center supervisor; and Zola Hatley, Green Thumb outreach worker.

Older Worker Week Proclaimed

Older Worker Week is planned for March 8-14, according to the U.S. Department of Labor. Texas Farmers Union Green Thumb, Inc. is encouraging employers to recognize their older workers during this week.

Evidence that the older worker is a high-quality employee is mounting. According to a survey made recently among some of America's largest corporations, 84% of the personnel directors queried thought that older employees are more productive. Older workers were also more satisfied with their jobs than younger workers, according to the survey conducted by the Corporate Committee for Retirement Planning. Older workers were found to have better attendance and lower accident rates as well.

Green Thumb is a rural older worker employment program funded through the Department of Labor and is working to eliminate the unfounded prejudice against older workers.

Green Thumb directly hires nearly 1,000 workers 55 years of age and older, on a part-time basis. Green Thumb employees are placed in community jobs throughout the 107 county area in which the program operates. These workers not only demonstrate the value of accumulated

experience and wisdom acquired with age, but also contribute services that their communities might not otherwise afford.

Green Thumb Director Diane Parrish urges both public and private employers to recognize their older employees during this Older Worker Week. "I've found that formal education and chronological age have nothing to do with one's ability," said Parrish. "During their years of work, they have learned a great deal, have gained invaluable experience and have come to appreciate and be proud of doing a good job. We should remember, especially during this week, that capability, not age, is the true measure of a

workers worth."

Green Thumb is an equal opportunity employer and is one resource for locating older job-seekers. For more information, employers may contact the Texas Employment Commission in their area or write to the Texas Green Thumb office at: P.O. Box 7898 - Waco, Texas 76710; or call 817-776-4700.

Laniers To Be Honored With Reception Sun.

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. E.A. (Dink) Lanier are invited to a reception on Sunday, March 15, from 2 to 5 p.m. in honor of the couple's twenty-fifth wedding anniversary. The event will be held in the New Recreation Center at Robert Lee.

Hosting the celebration will be the couple's children, Mr. and Mrs. Tony Bullard of Snyder and Brad Lanier of Robert Lee, assisted by the grandchildren, Tonya and Victor Bullard of Snyder.

Dink and Jackie were married in Sweetwater on March 18, 1956. This was also her parents' wedding anniversary.

During their twenty-five years of marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Lanier have lived in Sweetwater, Roscoe and Robert Lee.

Parents of the honored couple are Mr. and Mrs. Jess Womack and Mr. and Mrs. R.A. Lanier all of Blackwell.



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Lake Spence Fishing News

Skinny's Hillside

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Wildcat Fish-A-Rama

Jeff Dodson - Abernathy - 16 striper.

Wanoreck's Paint Creek Marina
C.C. Weir - Robert Lee - 3 blue cat on trotline - total weight 15 lbs.

Roy Rowe - Lubbock - 1 bluecat 17½ lbs. on trotline.

Darryl and Becky Davis and children; Richard and Carol Neely and children - Hobbs, N.M. - 13 white bass total weight 9½ lbs.

From the various marinas and bait stands - several catches - mostly trotline - not much crappie news yet - water remains cold.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

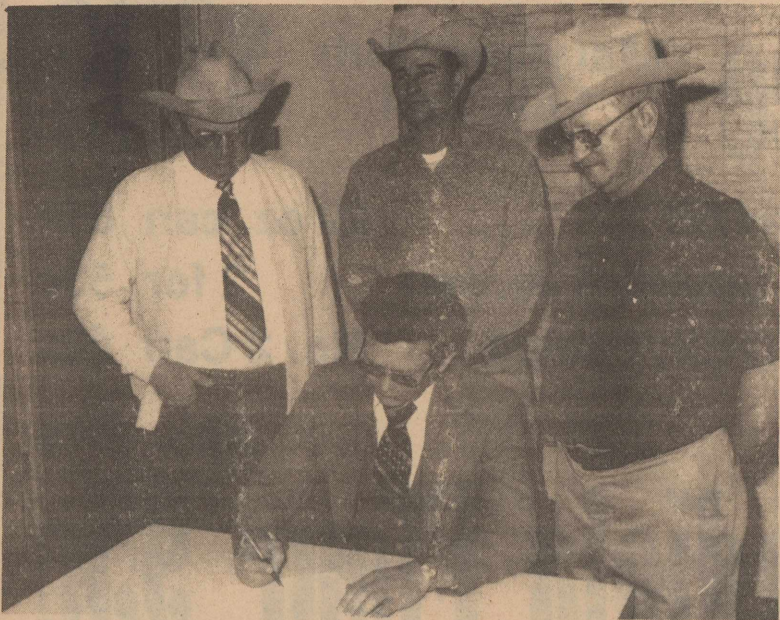
Everyone in Coke County is to sign the Homestead Exemptions, Renditions and Agriculture use or Productivity Forms. Anytime from Jan. 1, 1981 to April 1, 1981.

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The children of
Mr. and Mrs. E. A. (Dink) Lanier
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Nineteen hundred and eighty-one
from two until five o'clock
in the Community Center
City Park
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AG DAY SET--Coke County Judge, D.W. "Dub" Sims, signs proclamation proclaiming March 19, 1981, as Agriculture Day in Coke County. Witnessing the signing are, left to right, L.W. Duncan, chairman of the Coke County Extension Service County Program Building Committee; John Stephens, president of the Coke County Farm Bureau; and Aubrey Denman, chairman of the Coke County ASC Committee.

"Agriculture Day" Proclaimed In State of Texas for March 19

The theme for the Agriculture Day in Texas is "Agriculture: it's your heartbeat Texas." The theme is a very fitting one in that agriculture is the single largest multiplier of income in the state with over \$30 billion annually added to the economy. Texas leads the nation in total number of cattle, sheep and goats. Texas leads the nation in total mohair, wool and cotton production. Texas is among the top four states in total fresh vegetable production and our state ranks second in the nation in total agricultural production.

Within Coke County, agriculture is a vital economic factor, also. Minerals and labor provide more income to the county, but more people depend upon agricultural returns for a livelihood. The gross income from agricultural sources in Coke County in 1980 was about \$9,000,000.

During the past several decades important changes have occurred in agriculture just as they have in other areas of the economy. Improved technology and mechanization has greatly reduced the man hours required to produce a product. The increasing use of synthetics and the screwworm eradication program would be major factors affecting Coke County agriculture. Likewise, transportation, marketing, storage, credit and energy have played key roles in changing the agricultural economy.

The county's average rainfall since 1950 is 19.51 inches. Unofficial records kept before the drouth years from 1949 to 1956 up the average to 20.48 inches.

The heavier rainfall months are the fall and spring months. Normally, the summer months, when moisture is needed most, produce little rainfall.

Geographically, Coke County is located between weather stations at San Angelo on the south and Abilene on the north. The following chart of their records is used to secure Coke County's median:

San Angelo	Abilene
Median Temperature...66.2	64.1
High....111	109
Low.....1	-1
No. days, 90 plus	112
No. days 32 or less	42
First freeze date (Av.)	11-16
Last freeze date (Av.)	2-14
Wind-high	69
Wind-average	10.8

Coke County has a 226 day growing season and a mean temperature of 65 degrees. The county contains 915 square miles and 583,000 acres of land. Pasture land makes up 86% of the county total acres. Latest figures show 57,617 acres of cropland and 386,917 acres of pasture land.

The 1969 Census of Agriculture - our latest census with complete figures - the county data shows the following agricultural statistics for Coke County.

Farms - 327
Land - 450,110
Average size - 1376.4 acres
Total Land Area - 582,912
Porportion in Farms - 77.2%
Value of Land and Buildings - \$43,644,467
Average Per Farm - \$133,469
Per Acre Average - \$96.96
Cropland
Farms - 254
Acres - 57,104
Pasture or Grazing
Farms - 202
Acres - 32,019
Irrigated Land
Farms - 9
Acres - 513
All Other Land
Farms - 287
Acres - 386,917

STATISTICAL INFORMATION

Coke County is located in the Low Rolling Plains of Texas. Some agricultural statistics that may be of interest to you are as follows:

Total Land Acres	583,000 Acres
Farm Land	50,000 Acres
Pasture Land	3,200 Acres

Range Land	503,163 Acres
Water	18,000 Acres
Other	8,549 Acres

LIVESTOCK AND LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS - 1980

All Cattle	26,000
Cows that have calved	16,000
All Sheep -	60,000
Ewes 1 Year and Over	45,000
Wool Produced	480,000
All Angora Goats	5,000
Mohair Produced	46,000

Thirty-eight percent of the county's families derive income from agricultural pursuits. An additional 6% of the families derive some income from agriculture and 78% of the county's acres are devoted to agricultural enterprises.

Beef cattle and sheep are the leading agricultural producers in the county, followed by goats, and mohair, grain and hay crops and cotton.

Coke County contains 327 farms, 511 less than in 1930, 167 less than in 1950. Correspondingly, the sizes of farms and/or ranches have increased. So have the dollars invested per farm or ranch. Only a few small operations remain. Most of these are owned or operated by part time farmers, elderly or retired people, or by veterans that have purchased land. The larger operations have remained stable. Most of the small family farms have disappeared.

The following chart illustrates the changes that have occurred:

	1930	1950	1960	1970
Farms	838	494	337	327
Acres (Average)	651	1,204	1,801	1,376
Value (Average)	\$12,061	\$36,434	\$62,331	\$133,469
49 Acres & Less	53	17	61	12
50 - 99	76	16	37	15
100 - 179	239	77	32	35
180 - 259	136	45	6	24
260 - 499	141	116	47	65
500 - 999	91	97	3	59
1,000 - + A.	102	126	120	117

Despite the many changes the fewer persons directly related to agriculture, agriculture remains a vital factor in the county and State economy.

News from West Coke Hospital

March 3: Opal Crabb admitted. No dismissals.

March 4: Dola Wood admitted. Ruth Williams dismissed.

March 5: Alice Preslar admitted. Opal Crabb, Pearl Ditmore dismissed.

March 6: No admissions. No dismissals.

March 7: No admissions. Dola Wood dismissed.

March 8: No admissions. No dismissals.


March 9: Ruby Hearn, Edythe Stout admitted. No dismissals.

FIDDLERS CONTEST SATURDAY AT SAN ANGELO

West Texas' best fiddle players will be competing in an old time fiddler's contest Saturday, March 14, at Sunset Mall in San Angelo. Contestants ranging in fiddling experience from 1 year to 50 years will compete for prize money amounting to \$700.00 with first, second, third, fourth & fifth place winners in two different age categories.

The first place winners in each category will battle it out for the Grand Master Fiddling Champion title and trophy. The contest is scheduled to begin at 1 p.m. with fiddlers from Milano, Abilene, Midland, San Antonio and Uvalde as well as San Angelo. Winners will be announced at 6 p.m. Chester Derrick of Odessa formerly of Tennyson, will be the master of ceremonies.

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LYNDEN FARM FRENCH FRIES 2 lb. bag 69c

Potatoes 10 Lb. Bag \$2.19

CARROTS, 1 Lb. Cello Bag

2 for 59c

APPLES, Red Delicious

lb. 35c

Beef Brisket Boneless Lb. \$1.49

WISCONSIN LONGHORN CHEESE lb. \$2.19

GOOCH BACON 1 lb. pkg. \$1.39

GERMAN SAUSAGE, Dankworth ring \$1.39

Pork Chops Loin Cut Lb. \$1.29

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