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Friends, Neighbors Pay Tribute To Mrs. Yarbrough, Historian

More than 200 friends and relatives gathered at the Recreation Center in Robert Lee Sunday afternoon to pay tribute to Mrs. Jessie N. Yarbrough, Coke County historian. The reception marked the publication of her book, "A History of Coke County, Home of the Rabbit Twisters"

Mrs. Yarbrough has spent practically all of her adult life gathering material for the book. It was first published as a thesis for her master's degree, but many additions, changes and corrections have been made.

County Extension Agent Sterling Lindsey presided at a short program at 3 p.m. Robert Lee Mayor Robert Vaughan read a proclamation declaring May 31 to be "Jessie N. Yarbrough Appreciation Day" and presented her with a framed copy of the document.

Ulmer Bird, another Coke County historian, paid tribute to the honoree, as he noted that she has been chairman of the Coke County Historical Survey Committee since its inception in 1963. During this time, 20 historical markers have been erected in the county at sites which have special significance.

Bird also called attention to Mrs. Yarbrough's service as a teacher for 48 years in Coke and other area counties. Since her retirement in 1960, she has spent hundreds of hours tutoring students who needed special help with troublesome school work. In addition, she has served as correspondent for San Angelo and Abilene daily newspapers. She used the money she earned writing for the newspapers to purchase books for the libraries at Robert Lee and Bronte Schools.

Elto Mims of Water Valley, also a Coke County historian, paid tribute to Mrs. Yarbrough. "Her influence is world-wide," Mims said, "Who else in Coke County can say they pinned diapers on the governor of New Mexico, or gave him cookies, or wiped his nose?" Mims also recalled that world-famous novelist James Michener once spent three hours with Mrs. Yar-

brough, picking her brain for authentic historical details to be used in one of his novels.

County Judge D.W. Sims said that Mrs. Yarbrough's efforts in preserving and writing history were invaluable to the county and everyone interested in its history. He presented her an engraved plaque expressing official appreciation from the county.

Mrs. Yarbrough was the last speaker on the program. She told the audience she was grateful for the recognition and related some of her early day experiences. She said even though she has a master's degree, "I went to school only one long term, but I went for 15 summer terms." She also thanked several persons who have helped her in compiling information and writing her book.

After the program, Mrs. Yarbrough spent a busy two hours autographing books and visiting with well-wishers.

It was truly a day when lots of people showed lots of love and appreciation for a great lady.

Members of Mrs. Yarbrough's family who were present for the reception included: Jo and Virgle Barrett and Ila and Houston Hill, Burnett; Charles Hill, James Hill Sr., Billie Ann and Kenneth Baker, Midland; James Wyche and Laurie Wyche, Erie, Pa.; Betty Jo and Bobby McGregor, Panhandle; Marie and Neil Brayboy, Amarillo; W.E. and Mabel Newton, Albuquerque, N.M.

Also, James, Reba and Keith Newton, Littlefield; Lena Mae and Hope Herrington, Carrizo Springs; Ann (Herrington) Brymer, Big Wells; Allene and Buck Cartwright, Sweetwater; Helen Jackson, June Snelson, Connie and Bob Stevens, Brandon and Michael, San Angelo; Christine Olsen, Odessa; Jerry Thomason, Maurice and Jo Nell Yarbrough and Maxine Fields, Robert Lee.

Fire Prevention District Discussed At Meeting

A large group of volunteer firemen from Robert Lee and Bronte, county and city officials and other citizens met Monday night at the Bronte City Hall to hear about and discuss the formation of a rural fire prevention district in Coke County.

Allen R. Baca of Austin, a community assistance specialist with the Texas Department of Community Affairs, was present and explained a little known Texas statute which provides for the creation of such districts. The law was enacted in 1957 and some 17 counties have created 31 districts which provide financial assistance to 112 volunteer and paid fire departments in Texas.

Baca explained the law to his

audience and said the scope of activities of fire prevention districts can be about as broad or as limited as citizens wish it to be.

Districts have the authority to levy a tax not to exceed three cents per \$100 valuation for use of fire departments and other emergency functions, such as ambulance service. He said fire prevention districts can be compared to hospital or water districts which provide services not met by existing county or city governmental bodies.

Baca said the creation of a district would in no way affect the autonomy of the Robert Lee and Bronte Volunteer Fire Departments.

The procedure for creation of a district is for citizens to present a petition to the commissioners' court signed by at least 100 qualified voters who reside and own property in the district. After the county clerk certifies the eligibility of at least 100 of the signatures, the commissioners may call an election. If the

election carries, the commissioners will issue and order that the district has been legally formed and appoint a five-member fore commission to administer the affairs of the district. Commissioners are appointed for two year terms. County Judge D.W. Sims told the group that the approximately \$75 million valuation of Coke County would net \$22,500 a year which could be used for fire protection and other emergency services. All four Coke County commissioners were present, including George Newby and Finis Millican of Robert Lee and Bobby Vaughn and Jerry Parker of Bronte. County Attorney Bill Helwig was also at the meeting.

President Willie Johnson of the Bronte Fire Department presided. No action was taken on the formation of a district but representatives from both towns said they would discuss and consider the matter.

Baca left information kits with the firemen and officials

Reynolds Back As RL Pastor

John W. Reynolds was re-assigned as pastor of the First Methodist Church in Robert Lee. He is beginning his third year as minister for the local church.

Appointments were announced Monday by Bishop Ernest T. Dixon Jr., resident bishop of the church's San Antonio area, which covers 70 counties of South and Southwest Texas.

The annual Southwest Texas Conference met at Travis Park United Methodist Church and La Villita Assembly Hall in downtown San Antonio through Wednesday evening.

Howard Johnson is the new pastor at Bronte, succeeding T. Irving King Jr., who was assigned to Smithville.

Sanco Homecoming June 13, 14; I. A. Bird, 99, To Be Honored

The annual rural gathering on the original scene in the open country of Coke County when the descendants of the settlers and their friends and kin get together on the grounds and under the big old tabernacle will be held Saturday and Sunday, June 13-14 at Sanco.

The only person living in Coke County who was in one of the wagons that rolled into Yellow Wolf Valley in the 1880's is 99,

going on a hundred, still lives on his ranch in the community, is expected to be present as he has always been, and a special place in the proceedings is dedicated to him.

This is I.A. Bird, who was born in a log cabin near Hico in Hamilton County Dec. 15, 1881. At five years of age he rode in the wagon that rolled down Gobbler Creek into the Yellow Wolf Valley in 1887, bearing Miller Bird, Rosa Ann Bird and their six children to a new home.

This was between the first site of Sanco and the present site, land now owned by J.W. Service. At 18, I.A. Bird taught the Horse Mountain School but ranching was in him and an inside job was not, so he has been in ranching ever since, and practically all of the time at Sanco.

Sunday, June 14, at 10:30-12 will be the annual homecoming program, and at noon beef, beans, and ice tea, along with whatever eatables anyone wishes to bring will be spread, country dinner-on-the-ground style under the tabernacle, courtesy Sanco Community Association.

Saturday night before will be an informal get-together at 7:30 p.m. also under the tabernacle.

Financing is done by voluntary free-will giving. Secretary-treasurer is Josephine R. Bird, and this is done by bringing cash or checks to tables prepared and tended for that purpose.

Homecomers and others interested in the history of Sanco and Coke County will find books and supplementary publications, including those of Mrs. Jewel Prtichett, Mrs. Bryan Yarbrough, and Ulmer Bird available at the Sanco Store Saturday afternoon, and at the meeting Saturday night.

Meeting Set At Northside

The Northside Church of Christ will hold a meeting next week, beginning Wednesday, June 10, and continuing through Sunday, June 14.

Leo Copeland of Seminole will be preaching. Mr. Copeland and his family are former residents of Robert Lee. He served as minister for the local congregation during the late 1960's.

Services will be held Wednesday through Saturday evenings at 7:30 with Sunday services at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.

A special invitation is extended to all to attend this series of meetings.

Recent visitors of the H.C. Schooleys were, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Schooley, Bradley and Lisa Schooley of Burleson, and H.C. Schooley Jr. of Seminole. Jack and H.C. are the Schooley's sons.



IN APPRECIATION--An official "Thank You" from Coke County went to Mrs. Jessie N. Yarbrough at a Sunday afternoon reception when County Judge D.W. Sims presented her with an engraved plaque. She recently

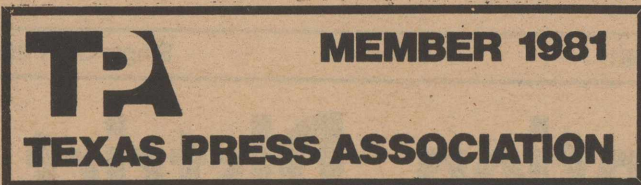
published a book, "A History of Coke County, Home of the Rabbit Twisters." From left are Judge Sims; Ulmer Bird, another Coke County historian; Mrs. Royce Smith [seated], a neighbor of

Mrs. Yarbrough; Mrs. Yarbrough; and Ben Oglesby, publisher of the Robert Lee Observer and Bronte Enterprise. [Photo by Goss Graphic Services, Colorado City]

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TOM LOEFFLER
Congressman
21st District-Texas

**Reports from
Washington**

A World of Senseless Killing

In a world of senseless killing, Pope John Paul II now suffers as one more victim. An attack on him is an assault on everything peaceful and rational.

Today's assassin seems to have no cause but himself.

The victim is now the President with his graceful courage; the Pope with his warm human love. But the murderer is nothing — not even a madman — just a sick fool.

As a result, our generation is continually being numbed by a litany of violence for the sake of violence.

The spread of terrorism itself can be seen as a sign that order and authority are breaking down within nations as well as between nations.

This is part of a general insanity. It all stems from the same thing — an intention to prove there's nobody that cannot be shot down. A weird logic.

Perhaps the attempt on President Reagan and now the Pope will turn the world against terrorism. But I doubt it. It should make terrorists see for what they are: outlaws in the world.

There certainly is no justification for their deeds since they have aimed at our President and one of the greatest apostles of justice and peace in the world.

Unfortunately, we live in an age of violence and that violence reaches the highest levels. You cannot have a continuous state of war in Ireland or a continuous state of war in Lebanon or a continuous state of fear in other countries without the explosion of dark forces in the minds of individuals unable to face the strife and stress of their lives.

One thing that gives me tremendous concern is that it seems we are becoming accustomed to this kind of violence and terrorism. You see it every night on television. But when it strikes a man who has spent his life promoting peace, it snaps you back to the reality of just what violence can do.

A State Department official said recently there were 7,000 terrorist incidents in the last 12 years, causing 8,000 killed and wounded. The CIA's annual report on international terrorism for 1979 said there were 3,336 "international terrorist incidents" from 1968 to 1979, causing 2,689 deaths and 5,595 wounded.

Publication of the 1980 report has been delayed but when it is released, officials say, it is likely to double the number of officially counted incidents in each of the years since 1967 and give a new total of about 7,000.

There currently is debate within the agencies to expand the definition of terrorism to include "all acts of violence intended to impact on a wider audience than the victims of the violence." By that definition, the shootings of President Reagan and Pope John Paul would be a terrorist act.

Today, sadly, no one and no thing is safe from someone's rage or madness.

We find ourselves no longer surprised when we hear the news of another leader's life being threatened. Instead there is only a world's grief when the attempt succeeds. Or deep gratitude as is now with President Reagan and the Pope when the attempt fails.

It is perhaps fitting to hope that the Pope's suffering is within some divine design and will in time disclose redemptive purpose — and that a cheering and speedy recovery will be part of that grand design.

In the aftermath, as columnist William Safire said recently, we should recognize that presidents and popes "face a worldwide epidemic of assassination. Whether the work of madmen or terrorists, each attempt generates the publicity that gives the idea to others."

At present, there is no way to guard against it. We can only hope to reduce the risk.

Sadly, the bulletproof vest may become a necessity.

"For a priest, taking care shows no lack of faith; and for a politician, being prudent shows no lack of courage."

TAXPAYERS HAVE RIGHT TO APPEAL PROPERTY VALUES

Kenneth Graeber, executive director of the State Property Tax Board, today reminded Texans of their right to appear before local Boards of Equalization (BOE) to appeal values assigned to their property for ad valorem tax purposes.

"The right to appear before the BOE is the single most important remedy that is available to taxpayers regarding the value which is placed on property," Graeber said.

"The board is the taxpayer's opportunity to be heard in an informal setting and without incurring expensive court costs," he added.

Each local government which collects property taxes must have a board of equalization to hear taxpayer appeals on values. Most BOEs meet during May until about mid-June, Graeber said.

Taxpayers who rendered their property to the local assessor must be notified of the time and place of the BOE meeting if the assessor increased the value rendered.

Graeber said those who did not render still have the right to appear before the BOE, but persons in this category will have

to learn on their own when the board will convene.

BOE sessions are open to the general public. Time and location of the meeting must be posted in the administration office of the jurisdiction and with the appropriate county clerk. A city BOE, however, is not required to file notice with the clerk.

Additionally, at least 10 days prior to the BOE meetings, notices must be published in a general-circulation newspaper that serve the local area. The information is also available from each tax office by telephone.

Graeber said there are two basic situations in which taxpayers are entitled to receive an adjustment in their tax value:

--If it exceeds local market values. If the property owner finds and submits to the BOE the kind of evidence which indicates the value assigned to that parcel of property is too high, then the taxpayer would be entitled to reduction in the valuation.

--If it is valued higher than similar property. Regardless of what other property like yours is selling for, the value of property on the tax roll should be about the same as the value for all

similar properties in the jurisdiction.

Graeber added that tips on presenting an appeal are outlined in the agency's pamphlet "Taxpayers' Rights, Remedies, Responsibilities!" which is available to local taxing units.

He reminded taxpayers that BOE's sole authority is over the value of property. "The board must limit the taxpayers' discussion only to matters concerning property values. Discussions regarding the amount of taxes or the injustice of taxation merely waste the taxpayer's time.

"These complaints should be referred to the appropriate governing bodies," he said.

Graeber noted that in a number of counties, the new county-wide appraisal districts are providing 1981 appraisal rolls to one or more local taxing jurisdictions. In those counties, the appraisal district will appoint the board of equalization for the taxing jurisdictions being served.

Information will be made available locally on when and where the BOE will meet, regardless of whether it is named by a taxing jurisdiction or by the appraisal district," Graeber noted.

He added that appeals procedures will be the same before all BOEs in the state.

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Hospitals Saving More Than Lives-The Texas Voluntary Effort

West Coke County Hospital has been certified and successful, along with 303 other hospitals in Texas, as participants in the Texas Voluntary Cost Containment Effort. A total of 385 hospi-

als actively participated in this vital effort by submitting budget information to the Texas Voluntary Cost Containment Review Committee for review.

Continued diligence on the part of all hospitals is imperative not only because of potential legislative and regulatory reprisals, but also more importantly because of the industry's and individual hospital's commitment to provide the best quality health care to patients at the lowest and most reasonable price.

West Coke County Hospital will continue our efforts to voluntarily contain hospital expenditures and maintain high health care standards," a spokesperson said.

MOVING?

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Bickley, Rasco Graduate From Western Texas

Stella Bickley and Karen Annette Rasco of Robert Lee were among the students receiving Associate in Arts degrees at Western Texas College commencement exercises on May 21.

Dr. James F. Stewart, Jr., president of the University of Texas at Tyler, was guest speaker for the program.

Miss Bickley, a member of the WTC women's basketball team, the Dusters, has recently accepted a basketball scholarship from Midwestern State University in Wichita Falls. Midwestern competes in Division II along with Abilene Christian University, Tarleton State University, and others. Miss Bickley served as a captain of the Dusters this season and started in all 32 games of the season. She set a new Duster assist record of 172 in 1980-81.

Their parents are Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Bickley and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Rasco.

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE REP IN ROBERT LEE

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

Bullock said Enforcement Officer Dru Beck will meet with local taxpayers in the Commissioner's Courtroom at the County Courthouse from 9 to 10 a.m.

"If Robert Lee area merchants, or anyone else for that matter, have any questions about state taxes or need help in preparing state tax forms, Ms. Beck 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.

Willcockson Rites Tuesday

Mrs. J.R. (Helen) Willcockson, 53, of Austin and formerly of San Angelo died at 1 p.m. Saturday in Austin.

Services were at 11 a.m. Tuesday in Emmanuel Episcopal Church with the Rev. Morris Elliott, rector emeritus officiating. Burial was in Fairmount Cemetery under the direction of Johnson's Funeral Home.

Mrs. Willcockson was born Dec. 10, 1927, in San Angelo. She was married to J.R. Willcockson July 15, 1952, in Bismarck, N.D. survivors include her husband; two daughters, Margaret Willcockson Turner and Helen Harris Willcockson, both of Austin; two sons, Gregory Allen Willcockson of San Jose, Costa Rica, and James R. Willcockson Jr. of Robert Lee; a sister, Mrs. E.A. Blackburn Jr. of Houston; and three grandchildren.

Gibbs Services Held Saturday

Masonic graveside services were held at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 30, at the Andrews Cemetery for General G. Gibbs, 93, of Andrews. He died Wednesday morning at Shannon West Texas Memorial Hospital in San Angelo.

Gibbs moved to Andrews from Gainseville 33 years ago. He was a World War I army veteran and served in France.

He was born Jan. 2, 1888, in Duncan, Okla., Indian Territory. He worked as a pumper switcher for Sinclair Oil Co. until his retirement 20 years ago. He was a Baptist and Mason.

Mr. Gibbs married the former Lilly Grace Turner July 13, 1918, in Augusta, Kan. She preceded him in death Sept. 22, 1980.

Survivors include four sons, Jerry Gibbs of Robert Lee, Delbert M. Gibbs of Weslaco, G.G. Gibbs Jr. of Tyler and Charles Lawler of Seminole, Okla.; one daughter, Thelma Womack of Almagordo, N.M.; 12 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Marie Hester is recuperating at home after being released from St. John's Hospital in San Angelo last Monday. She was taken to San Angelo by ambulance last Thursday suffering from a lung and bronchial ailment.



LIONS CLUB MEETING

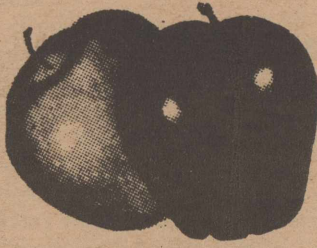
1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month-7 P.M.

LIONS CLUB COMMUNITY CENTER

WORSHIP WITH US AT THE Southside Church of Christ

BIBLE STUDY ..10:00 a.m. EVENING WORSHIP . 6 P.M.
 WORSHIP11:00 a.m. WED. BIBLE STUDY . 7 P.M.
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Lb.

Apples

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CALIFORNIA CARROTS

1 lb. bag 35c

FLORIDA RADISHES, 6 Oz. bag

3 for 65c

FRESH CORN from Florida

3 loose ears 59c



Russet

POTATOES

10lb. bag

\$2.19

PRICES PIMENTO CHEESE 14 oz. ctn. \$1.69

American Heritage 1/2 Moon Cheese \$1.43

MEADOWLAKE OLEO, in qtrs. lb. 49c

Canned Biscuits

Lite Fluff

99c

5 Cans

SUNSHINE VANILLA WAFERS

11 oz. 69c

PARKAY SQUEEZE OLEO

16 oz. bottle 89c

MAALOX LIQUID

12 oz. bottle \$1.99

Fresh Start

Detergent

70 Oz. Bottle \$5.99

Kraft Bar-B-Que Sauce

28 oz. bottle \$1.39

DELMONTE CATSUP

44 oz. bottle \$1.39

SCOTTOWELS

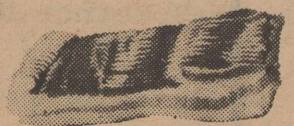
large roll 89c

Bacon

Bulk Sliced

Lb.

\$1.19



Dankworth German Sausage

ring \$1.39

BONELESS CHUCK ROAST

lb. \$1.89

HAM

Hormel

Cure 81

By Piece

Lb.

\$2.69

Prices Effective June 5 & 6



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Coke County Audit

RECAPITULATION OF VARIOUS FUNDS

OPERATING FUNDS	BALANCE JAN.1,1980	RECEIPTS AND TRANSFERS 1980	AVAILABLE	DISBURSEMENTS & TRANSFERS 1980	BALANCE DEC.31,1980
General	\$232,984.19	\$ 558,467.48	\$ 791,451.67	\$461,341.01	\$330,110.66
Road and Bridge	\$ 57,726.35	\$ 141,353.06	\$ 199,079.41	\$122,798.74	\$ 76,280.67
Farm to Market	\$103,592.51	\$ 165,723.64	\$ 269,316.15	\$105,976.72	\$163,339.43
Social Security Fund	\$ 9,708.69	\$ 44,782.88	\$ 54,491.57	\$ 51,394.06	\$ 3,097.51
Coke Co. Library Memorial	\$ 153.33	\$ 270.00	\$ 423.33	\$ 293.63	\$ 129.70
Law Library Fund	\$ 135.00	\$ 225.00	\$ 360.00	\$ 104.00	\$ 256.00
Criminal Justice Planning	\$ 2,707.56	\$ 4,242.50	\$ 6,950.06	\$ 4,897.25	\$ 2,052.81
Victims of Crime	\$ 20.00	\$ 170.00	\$ 190.00	\$ 152.00	\$ 38.00
Coke County Revenue Sharing	\$ 24,267.24	\$ 73,152.13	\$ 97,419.37	\$ 91,494.45	\$ 5,924.92
Law Enforcement & Education	\$ 904.65	\$ 1,676.00	\$ 2,580.65	\$ 1,673.90	\$ 906.75
Coke Co. Attorney Hot Check	\$ 0.00	\$ 333.69	\$ 333.69	\$ 333.69	\$ 0.00
Total Operating Funds	\$432,199.52	\$ 990,396.38	\$1,422,595.90	\$840,459.45	\$582,136.45
INTEREST AND SINKING FUNDS					
Coke County Road Bond 1972, I&S	\$ 95,240.84	\$ 7,464.22	\$ 102,705.06	\$ 28,118.75	\$ 74,586.31
Coke County Road Bond 1979, I&S	\$ 42,484.87	\$ 59,001.95	\$ 101,486.82	\$ 52,346.03	\$ 49,140.79
Total All County Funds	\$569,925.23	\$1,056,862.55	\$1,626,787.78	\$920,924.23	\$705,863.55
Plus Outstanding Checks December 31, 1980					\$ 1,972.42
Balance in Bank December 31, 1980					\$707,835.97

BONDED & WARRANTED INDEBTEDNESS

WARRANTED INDEBTEDNESS

	DATE OF ISSUE	DATE OF MATURITY	RATE OF ISSUE	AMOUNT OF ISSUE	AMOUNT RETIRED	AMOUNT OUTSTANDING	PRINCIPAL 1980	INTEREST 1980
Machinery Warrants								
Precinct No. 3	12-4-78	12-8-80	5.5%	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$10,000.00	\$ 550.00
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BONDED INDEBTEDNESS

Coke County Road Bonds	4-1-72	6-1-82	4 - 4 3/4	\$200,000.00	\$150,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$ 2,968.75
Coke County Road Bonds	7-1-79	2-1-89	5 - 6.5%	\$400,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$370,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$22,306.03
TOTAL BONDED and WARRANTED INDEBTEDNESS				\$620,000.00	\$190,000.00	\$420,000.00	\$65,000.00	\$25,824.78

In compliance with the statutory duties of the County Auditor, I submit herewith the annual report of the financial condition and operations of Coke County, Texas, for the year beginning January 1, 1980, and ending December 31, 1980.

I hereby certify that this report is true and correct according to the records of my office.

Respectfully submitted,

Assistant:
Dovie Cummins

Weldon Fikes
County Auditor
Coke County, Texas

Audit

FUNDS

DISBURSEMENTS & TRANSFERS 1980	BALANCE DEC. 31, 1980
\$461,341.01	\$330,110.66
\$122,798.74	\$ 76,280.67
\$105,976.72	\$163,339.43
\$ 51,394.06	\$ 3,097.51
\$ 293.63	\$ 129.70
\$ 104.00	\$ 256.00
\$ 4,897.25	\$ 2,052.81
\$ 152.00	\$ 38.00
\$ 91,494.45	\$ 5,924.92
\$ 1,673.90	\$ 906.75
\$ 333.69	\$ 0.00
\$840,459.45	\$582,136.45
\$ 28,118.75	\$ 74,586.31
\$ 52,346.03	\$ 49,140.79
\$920,924.23	\$705,863.55
.....	\$ 1,972.42
.....	\$707,835.97

WARRANTED INDEBTEDNESS

AMOUNT OUTSTANDING	PRINCIPAL 1980	INTEREST 1980
\$ 0.00	\$10,000.00	\$ 550.00
\$ 0.00	\$10,000.00	\$ 550.00
\$ 50,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$ 2,968.75
\$ 370,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$22,306.03
\$ 420,000.00	\$65,000.00	\$25,824.78

statutory duties of the County Auditor, annual report of the financial condition of the County, Texas, for the year beginning on December 31, 1980.

This report is true and correct according to the records of the County Auditor.

Respectfully submitted,
Weldon Fikes
County Auditor
Coke County, Texas

Commissioners Meet to Discuss Road Matters

Coke County commissioners met Monday and had a long discussion on a couple of matters pertaining to county roads, but declined to take any action on either.

Cecil Coalson met with the court and requested the commissioner to consider returning some road rights on a county road which was closed in 1963. The road under consideration was closed when the flood control dams were built on the Kickapoo Creeks back in the 1960's.

L.W. Duncan also met with the court and opposed Coalson's request.

County Judge D.W. Sims said the commissioners decided to ask County Attorney Bill Helwig to research the matter and report back to them at their second meeting in July. Further consideration will be given the matter at that time.

Another road problem discussed was the low water crossing over Sand Creek about 3.6 miles south of Silver. The crossing was built after the old bridge was determined to be unsafe and was closed to traffic last year. However, recent heavy rains have heavily damaged the low water crossing, creating a crossing problem for traffic.

Don Glass, consulting engineer, made a report to the commissioners on possible solutions to the problem. He said one solution to the problem would cost \$38,000, while another less expensive way would cost \$12,000. The commissioners delayed a decision and want to study the matter some more.

Approval and payment of bills concluded the meeting.

The court will meet Monday in its second monthly session.

Audit Printed In This Paper

A copy of the annual audit of Coke County is being published this week. The financial statement, prepared by Auditor Weldon Fikes, covers the period from Jan. 1, 1980 to Dec. 31, 1981.

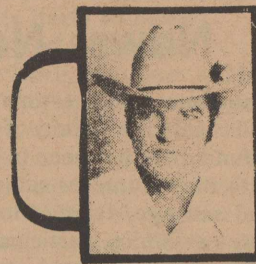
Assessed valuations for 1980 almost doubled over 1979, due to inflation and increased oil activity. The valuation figure went from \$38,778,310 to \$76,579,260. However, the tax rate was decreased from \$1.40 per \$100 valuation to \$1.17, which yielded a total \$890,655.47 in taxes levied.

Balance on hand on Jan. 1, 1980, was \$569,925.23, compared to \$707,835.97 on Dec. 31.

Precinct 3 had the only outstanding warranted indebtedness at the beginning of the year, but the \$10,000 owed by the precinct for machinery was retired during 1980, leaving the county with no outstanding warrants.

Bonded indebtedness of Coke County consists of two road bond issues, one in 1972 and one in 1979. The amount of both issues was \$620,000, with \$420,000 outstanding at the end of 1980.

Readers are invited to study the audit in this week's paper. Detailed copies of the documents may be seen in the office of the county auditor. The Robert Lee Observer and Bronte Enterprise also have copies available for inspection.



Jerry Lackey's Country Folk

There's an old saying and even a song: "We only pass this way once. Take your time and enjoy it. One could adapt such a theme to living in West Texas at this period in time, 1981. For the farmer, it's difficult to get the hay cut, conditioned, baled and in the barn between showers. For ranchers, their pastures are paradises.

In some areas, the stormy weather of May has shown its scorn. Just the other day pea size to baseball size hail hit a strip or two to spoil what would otherwise be bumper crops of oats and wheat.

Areas blessed with just moisture and none of the severe conditions will mark up the best spring in years. That spell which flooded Austin last week dropped an inch or more of rain in San Angelo and vicinity, working into some hail down around Junction and the downpour in the Capital City.

Those areas where tall green grass and wildflowers are prevalent is a sight to behold. The other day my family and I were enroute to Fredericksburg via Brady and Mason. Taking the backroads, the farm and ranch pavements, the way I always do I made a wrong turn when the children were fighting. Well, it cost us an hour but we did view some beautiful farms and ranches in Concho and McCullough County we hadn't counted on.

O.D. Striegler's stockfarm over near Salt Gap is among them. It was an education for my daughters to find people living in these somewhat isolated places. We in turn observed some of the best dryland grain and outstanding lambs you can imagine.

Don Baxter of Mason said the Bud Baxter Ranch is in top shape. "It's the first time I can remember that the livestock couldn't keep up with the growth."

Arthur and Mary Danz of Fredericksburg had us some good eating peaches as well as some to freeze. Back in the 1970s when young Danz Orchard first produced a crop, I was there with pen and camera to do a feature story on their operation.

So, every season since I head to the peach store on the Stone-wall highway to try their produce. We have already made a freezer of homemade ice-cream flavored with the Danz peaches. Arthur,

they are better this year and I can't wait until mid-summer and the big juicy ones are ready for harvest.

Well, the travels continue and the territory looks good in about every direction. In Ozona the other day visiting with a gathering of Lion's Club folks, the story was the same.

Vernon Jones, warehouseman in Ozona, commented: "Not only is the terrain in good shape, the wool market has us moving tonnage without having to hold it long after shearing and without having a sale."

Chester Kenley, Crockett County ranchman, has recorded 16 inches of rain since January 1. "And everything on the ranch is all good palatable grass. We don't have any weeds!"

Andy Smith says the Big Lake direction is looking more like Eldorado and Sonora Country. Reagan County ranchman D.K. McMullan can't recall a better year in the last ten or so but adds: "It just scares me to death to see it looking so good. There has got to be some bad around the corner."

Like the song says: "We only pass this way once", lets enjoy it!

News from West Coke Hospital

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

May 26: Willie Yarbrough, Fred McCabe, Richard Rood, Robert Phillips, Waymon Robertson and Manual Abalos admitted Marshall Freeman dismissed.

May 27: no admissions. Ruth Beal and Lowell Roane dismissed.

May 28: Melba Abernathy admitted. Richard Nichols, Diane Hambright, Willie Yarbrough, Robert Phillips and Manual Abalos dismissed.

May 29: Macie Wrinkle and Marshall Freeman admitted. Richard Rood and Waymon Robertson dismissed.

May 30: Vida Peays and Alice Wood admitted. Macie Wrinkle, Melba Abernathy and Joe Moore dismissed.

May 31: Emma Lee Box admitted. No dismissals.

June 1: Henry Varnadore, Harvey Reid, Leora McCabe and Christine Roach admitted. Emma Lee Box dismissed.

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West Coke EMS News Notes

By Lou Wright

In April 1979 the previously operated ambulance service was discontinued. In response to this a group of civic-minded citizens contributed to an ambulance fund and a 1971 suburban type vehicle was purchased. In May that year, four volunteers began training as Emergency Care Attendants (ECAs) in order to begin the service. The first run was made in June of that year. In July, two of the volunteers began the next level of training, Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) and were state certified in September.

Later that year, one of the volunteer EMTs became a state certified EMS Instructor and an ECA course was held in Robert Lee in 1980. For quite some time, the service operated with a total of five volunteers. Then two additional volunteers completed EMT training raising the total to seven.

In April 1981, a class of EMTs was graduated in Robert Lee. At the present time, there are a total of 10 volunteers operating the 24 hour a day, 7 days a week service. One of these is trained to the ECA level, eight are certified EMTs and the 10th is currently completing paramedic training in the Anson-Jones Foundation program in Abilene which is scheduled to take state exams in June.

The 1971 ambulance was a used vehicle when it was purchased and will accommodate up to two patients at one time but if this occurs, little or no room is left for the ECA or EMT to provide care. The West Coke County EMS has set a goal to purchase a new high rise style

ambulance and estimates this will cost in the vicinity of \$25,000. A fund drive has been in progress with the volunteers selling cakes and sausage, taking blood pressures at clinics, participating in a "flea market" and trying in many other ways to raise the necessary money.

Needs of the service include a new ambulance and as the training level of the volunteers increases, additional equipment need will have to be met after the new ambulance is in service. Volunteers meet their own expenses with Coke County paying some of the cost of training. The Robert Lee-Silver Lion's Club paid the tuition fees for the first group of ECAs.

The BIG FUND RAISER for the summer will be held in th County Park in Robert Lee on July 4 with a barbecue, cake auction and other activities. Tickets for the barbecue are available from any ambulance service volunteer or by calling 453-2275 or 453-2258 and are priced at \$4.00 for adults and \$2.00 for children under 10 years. Donations of any size are also welcomed, of course.

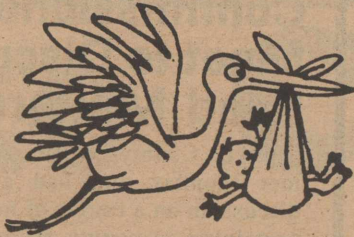
MRS. TOM SAWYER JR. HONORED AT BRIDAL TEA

A bridal tea honoring Mrs. Tom Sawyer, Jr. was held last Friday evening in the home of Mrs. Billy Wayne Roe.

Hostesses for the tea were: Jennie Lee Tinkler Laura Herford, Pauline Blair Dean and Kellye Percifull, Myna Kay Copeland, Lawana Millican, Donna Ash, Ruth Robertson, Robbie Morrison, Dolores Roe, Judy Millican, and Susie Wilson.

Punch and cookies were served from crystal appointments. Carrying out the bride's chosen colors was the centerpiece for the serving table featuring a yellow silk flower arrangement. Special out of town guests were the bride's mother, Mrs. Bill Snodgrass of San Angelo, and Mrs. Paul Garrison and Gina Garrison of Medina.

The couple will be moving to Pasadena later this month. The bride, a registered nurse, will be employed in a hospital there and the groom is employed by Dupont, Inc. in Pasadena.



LOOK WHO'S NEW

Jessica Smith is a new arrival in the home of Dr. and Mrs. Jackie G. Smith of Stephenville who became her adoptive parents on May 27.

She was born May 18, weighed 6 pounds 6 ounces and is 20 inches long. Her mother is the former Marilyn Wallace.

Jessica's grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Wallace, Jr. of Robert Lee and Mr. and Mrs. Jess Smith of Roscoe.

Her great-grandparents are Mrs. H.L. Bloodworth of Silver and Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Wallace of Robert Lee.

Desiree' Nichole is the new daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Kilpatrick of Grape Creek. Born at Shannon Hospital in San Angelo, at 1:58 p.m. on May 20, she weighed 7 lb. 5 oz. and was 21 inches long. She has a brother, Quentin Lee, 4 years old.

Grandparents are Mrs. Addie Johnson of Robert Lee and Mrs. Beth Kilpatrick of Sterling City. Mr and Mrs. L.A. Griffin of Sterling City are the baby's great-grandparents.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Jeffries spent last week on vacation in Batesville, Ark. They were accompanied by their daughter, Jana Jeffries, of San Angelo. The family visited with numerous relatives and old friends in the area. They found Arkansas unusually cool and green this year.

Mr. and Mrs. Elton McGinnis of Eldorado visited Mrs. Pearl Dittmore Sunday.

SLOTS STILL OPEN FOR PARTNERSHIP TOURNAMENT

Mrs. Red Smith announced the Mountain Creek Golf Club still has openings for the Robert Lee Annual Partnership Golf Tournament and barbecue which will be held Saturday and Sunday, June 13 and 14.

The first 64 paid teams will pay \$60 per team to play and often some are turned away. Everyone is encourage to register in order not to be disappointed. Registration includes tickets for the BBQ supper held on Saturday evening from 5:30 until 8:00.

Greens and fairways are beautiful and in good shape. An excellent tourney is expected. Mrs. Smith said.

Turney Casey was admitted to St. John's Hospital Monday, June 1. He is in room 223.

Cancer Drive Raises \$1408

Mrs. Wayne Mashburn, Coke County Cancer Crusade chairman pronounced the recent drive a big success. The campaign raised a grand total of \$1408.93.

Broken down, the Alpha Kappa Pi Sorority, who made the door-to-door canvass, turned in a total of \$1101.53 and the '64 Study Club, who called on local businesses, collected \$307.40 for the worthy cause.

Mrs. Mashburn, along with the clubwomen said they "extend our appreciation to all who donated and were so generous, to defeat a disease that can strike at random, anytime.

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or such other date as new rates become effective in the City of Robert Lee to be charged for natural gas service to residential and commercial customers in the environs areas (outside incorporated limits of Robert Lee, Texas)

The rate schedule is expected to furnish a 14.38% increase in the Company's gross revenues in the environs of Robert Lee, Texas

A Statement of Intent has been filed with the Railroad Commission of Texas and is available for inspection at the Company's business office located at 111 W. Twohig, San Angelo, Texas.

Any affected person desiring to contest such changes in rates can file a complaint with the Director of the Gas Utilities Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P. O. Drawer 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas, 78711.



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Jack Denman Named Plant Superintendent

Jack Denman has been selected as plant superintendent for Sun Gas Company's Oklahoma City District. His assignment to the district's headquarters in Oklahoma City will be effective approximately July 1.

Denman, a 28-year veteran of Sun Gas processing plant operations and foreman of the CO-2 facility at Snyder from 1972 to 1979, will be responsible in his new job for seven gas plants in Oklahoma and one in California.

Denman will succeed Joe Mayfield, who retires July 1.

Sun Gas is the nation's 10th largest supplier of natural gas and natural gas liquids, producing and marketing about two percent of the gas energy consumed in the United States. It is a major operating unit of the Sun Company.

Denman, his wife, Frances, and their family are former residents of Robert Lee. He was employed at West Coke County Hospital for several years. Their daughter, Mrs. Mike (Kathy) Post still lives in Robert Lee.

Green Preaches Here Sunday

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Green and their daughter Lynn visited last week in the home of Mrs. Edna Havins. Former residents of Robert Lee, Green was minister for the Northside Church of Christ congregation while here and is now working with a Medford church. He spoke at the morning service at Northside and during the evening worship showed slides of his recent missionary trip to southern India. Sponsored in part by the local church, he was accompanied by his daughter, Lynn, and three other area ministers. They worked and taught in four orphanages there for a month. Disease and starvation are prevalent among the young there, he said, and dry, poor, soil conditions, lack of knowledge, and poverty all contribute to the sad condition of the Indian people.

Mrs. Willie Price and son, Jeff, of Akron, Colo., are spending this week with her mother, Mrs. H.L. Bloodworth, of Silver, and visiting other relatives.

SIMS' ATTEND GRADUATION

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sims attended graduation exercises last week-end in Galveston for their son, Ronnie Sims. He received a Doctor of Medicine Degree from the University of Texas Medical Branch there. Sim's grandmother, Mrs. Thelma Mauldin accompanied them to the ceremonies.

While in the Houston area, Mr. and Mrs. Sims also attended graduation ceremonies for their grand-daughter Teri Kay Sims, daughter of Richard Sims. An honor graduate, she received her diploma from Eisenhower High School in Houston and will attend the University of Texas at Austin this fall.

Weekend Rain Is 2.6 Inches

Stormy weather hit Coke County last weekend and dumped 2.6 inches of rain on Robert Lee.

An inch fell Friday and another downpour Friday night and Saturday morning left 1.6 inches.

The rain was accompanied by high winds and brilliant lightning, but no damage was reported to the Observer.

Ranchers are delighted with the rain, but those who have grain crops still in the field are beginning to wish for a few days of dry warm weather, so they can cut the bountiful oat and wheat crop that has grown this year.

Bronte reported 3.2 inches of rain Friday and Saturday with small amount of hail. The Maverick area was hard hit by a hail storm.

RL-SILVER LIONS WORKING ON PLAY CENTER

Robert Lee-Silver Lions Club is doing the work on the new play center for kids in Robert Lee County Park. Volunteers from the club have been working on the project as a special attraction for the little fellows in the area.

Features of the park include swinging tires, a fireman's pole for sliding and other fun things for youngsters.

Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Coulter and Summer Lyn, Mr. and Mrs. Turney Casey all of Robert Lee, and Layne Coulter and Pat Heffernan of Bronte, spent four days last week near Stamford, doing some fishing.

Little League Games Begin

The Robert Lee Little League has begun its 1981 season and would like to invite everyone to come out and support the kids. This year Robert Lee will have games with Bronte and Sterling City.

No schedule has been drawn up as yet, but forthcoming games will be posted at the Little League Park.

The concession stand will be open during the games and everyone is invited to enjoy popcorn, snow cones, candy and soft drinks.

The kids and their coaches said they "would like to extend special thanks to Heart O' Texas Savings & Loan and Ernest Clendennen, Inc., of Silver for so generously sponsoring the teams this year.

Robert Lee was behind 4-3 in a hot contest with Sterling City last Friday when the game was called in the third inning due to rain.

Members of the squad are: Jeff Meyers, Scott Robertson, Shane Smith, Ricky Drennan, Larry Griffin, Wes Hood, Randy Gartman, Jason Herring, Stevie Ebenstein, Robert Runnion, Kelly Tomlinson, Rick Harrington, Julian Torres, Clint Smith, Joel Herring, Cody Anthony, Raymond Hodnett and Stacy Griffin.

75 YEARS AGO

By Joan Davis

(Note: Though early day schools were different, teachers already had meetings to compare notes. School was much shorter—three to five months, according to how much harvest time families needed and length of bad spells of weather. Are any of your teachers listed here?)

The teachers of Coke County met in the offices of County Judge Jowers at 9 o'clock January 2 and enrolled for the teacher's Institute. Mr. Phillips of Bronte was elected to preside over the session. According to plans the afternoons of each week day were spent visiting different schools and noticing the regular classroom room of other teachers.

The committee on course of study for the county schools as adopted throughout the county are as follows: schools with 1 teacher will have 7 grades; 2 teachers should have 8 grades; 2 Plans are to look forward to the day when schools with 3 or more teachers might have 10 grades as conditions require.

The following teachers are in attendance during the session: Profs. F. B. St. John, Alonzo Phillips, D.H. Creager, N.C. Brown, T.J. Rankin, Boykin S. Fryer, Wade L. Smith, James Tunnell, J.T. Harmon, H.B. Stephenson, W.R. Womack, Robert B. Allen, and W.L. Carr.

Mrs. Dora T. Jowers, Anna Whitman, and Alonzo Phillips. Misses Nettie Barnett, Ida and Emma Aycock, Daisy Simpson, Momie McCabe, Carrie Lackey, Jessie Stickney, Mary McCauley, Ruby Durham, Julia Haya, Emma Hall, Jewell Caperton, Lula Hayley, Mabel Brooks, Carrie Norton, Lula Wilkins, Ada Woulard, and Miss Meadows.

Mr. and Mrs. Turney Casey attended the marriage of their grandson, Timothy David Coulter, and Sheila Ann Lee, May 23 in the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Martin N. Lee of Bronte. Mr. and Mrs. Grady L. Coulter are parents of the groom.

Miss Davis To Teach Special Education

Nadine Davis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Add Davis, has moved to Robert Lee where she has accepted a position with the local school system and will teach special education. A teacher in Irion County school district for three years, Miss Davis earned her Master's Degree on May 15 from Angelo State University. She will attend school the first summer session at the Small Schools Co-op in Wall.

Lake Spence Fishing News

Wanoreck's Paint Creek Marina
Doug Phillips and Roy Blair- 1 blue cat 11½ lb. on trotline; a blue cat 8 lb.

Donny Moore- Sterling City- 1 blue cat at 14½ lb. on trotline.

Bob and Joyce Dawson- Lubbock- 15 stripers totaled 84 lbs. Roy Rowe- Lubbock- 30 white bass; 5 stripers totaled 20 lbs.

Wildcat Fish- A-Rama
Mary Lou Costabile- Colorado City- 1 striper at 6 lb.

Scott Boren- Midland- 1 striper 6 lb.

Bobby McWilliams- Midland- 2 stripers, 5 and 6 lb.

R.C. Horton- Andrews- 1 striper 4 lb.

Skinny's Hillside
W.B. Tumlinson- Robert Lee- 33 channel cat to 6 lb.

Lake Spence was muddy from rains late last week, but caught no measurable amount of water.

ROBERTSON IN ICU

Waymon Robertson was transferred from West Coke County Hospital to Intensive Care Unit of St. John's Hospital in San Angelo last Friday.

Tuesday, he was reported to be improving but was expected to remain in ICU for several days.

He is being treated for a heart condition and pneumonia.

Mr. and Mrs. Bascom Chesney and Mr. and Mrs. Turney Casey spent Mother's Day week-end visiting in the home of Pam Millican of Grapevine. They were joined by the Chesney's other two daughters, Lela Shelton of Dallas and Mr. and Mrs. Larry Thomas (Cindy) of Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Boone, Bobby and Brooke spent last week in the home of Glenn and Cherry Lawson of Glen Rose. Mr. and Mrs. Lawson and Craig, former residents of Robert Lee, have recently been transferred from the Coke County Soil Conservation office to the office in Somervell County. The two families enjoyed a day at Six Flags Over Texas in Arlington, but spent most of their time on the banks of the Paluxy River.

Mr. and Mrs. H.C. Schooley attended senior graduation exercises for their granddaughter, Lisa Renee Schooley, at Burleson High School May 29.

Sawyers Attend Graduation

Mr. and Mrs. R.C. Sawyer attended the junior high graduation ceremonies in Medina last Thursday night to see their grandson, Gary Davis, graduate. Gary, son of Supt. and Mrs. Garland Davis, was salutatorian of his class with a 96.4 grade average. He was also given the spelling award, named first in oral reading and ready writing, and fifth in number sense. Named to the student council for next fall, he was also elected to serve as drum major for 1981-82 for the Medina High School marching band.

On Friday afternoon, the Sawyers flew from San Antonio to Houston for their son-in-law's graduation from the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston.

Ronnie Sims, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sims and husband of Kenny S. Sims, received a Doctor of Medicine degree in ceremonies there. The graduation was held in the Moody Center in Galveston.

Mr. and Mrs. Sawyer returned to San Antonio Sunday on their return flight and drove home by car.

Sparks Family Has Reunion

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Sparks was headquarters for the Sparks family reunion last weekend. All nine of the Sparks children were present.

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Sparks were hosts for a cookout Friday night. A fish fry Saturday night was hosted by Bill, Jake, Calvin and Sam Sparks and the Sunday dinner was hosted by Mr. and Mrs. Jack Horner.

The nine children present, some of them with their spouses, included Mrs. Annie Lee Stewart of Canon City, Colo., Bill Sparks of Roswell, N.M., Jake Sparks of Sterling City; Calvin Sparks of Robert Lee; Mrs. A.M. (Ruth) Blair of Phoenix, Ariz., Mrs. G.L. (Mable) Swanson of Stephenville; Mrs. Jack (Jerry) Horner, Mrs. Wayne (Jo Bob) Hulse and Sam Sparks of Salt Flats.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Snead and their daughter, Angela, of Oxon Hill, Md. are in Robert Lee visiting relatives this week. Former students of local schools, they are enjoying visits with their parents, J.C. Snead and Mrs. Lillian Middleton, and other relatives and friends. Snead, retired from the Air Force, is a senior engineer with a consulting firm in Arlington, Va.

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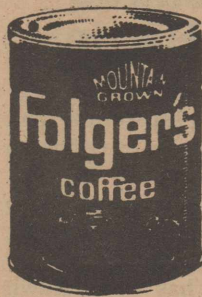
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2 For

98c

- GLADIOLA CORN MEAL 5 lb. bag 89c
- CORN KITS 2 for 43c
- Charmin Bathroom Tissue 6 roll pkg. \$1.59
- DAWN LIQUID 32 oz. \$1.69

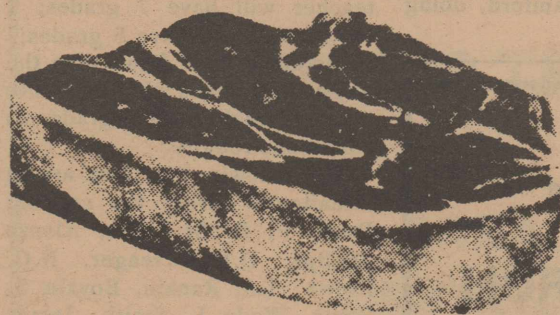
Clorox II

6 1/4 Lb.

\$2.99

- LITE FLUFF BISCUITS, 8 oz. 2 for 43c
- Parkay Light Spread Oleo 2 lb. tub \$1.39

- POTATOES 10 lb. bag \$2.19
- CARROTS 1 lb. cello 29c
- YELLOW ONIONS lb. 39c
- CABBAGE lb. 15c



Chuck

ROAST

Lb. - 99c

- SEVEN BONE ROAST lb. \$1.19
- ROUND BONE ROAST lb. \$1.29

Beef Franks

Oscar Myer
1 Lb. Pkg.

\$1.79

Gooch Franks

12 oz. pkg.

99c

BAKER'S Groc. & Mkt.