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Prospects for Higher Taxes Disturbing to Coke Taxpayers

A lot of rumbling noises expressing dissatisfaction with new tax valuation figures have been heard in Coke County this week.

A board of equalization met last Friday and heard grievances from a large number of taxpayers who were unhappy with the market value valuations placed on their property by McMorries & Co., the firm hired to appraise property in the county.

An organized effort was being made by some citizens the first of this week to try to determine if some legal recourse is available to get the valuations lowered.

Last Play Day Moved Up To August 29th

Date for the last official play day for the 1981 season has been moved up from Sept. 5 to Aug. 29. Also, the business meeting which was scheduled for Sept. 5 has been moved to Aug. 29. Officers will be elected for the coming year and other business of the Coke County Rodeo Association, sponsor of the play day program, will be considered.

Results of the Aug. 22 play-day follow:

6 YEARS AND UNDER

Barrels: 1. Casey Thorn.

Flags: HM. Casey Thorn.

Poles: 1. Casey Thorn.

7-8 YEAR-OLDS

Barrels: 1. Amy Bloodworth; 2. Donya Cooper; 3. Teresa Vaughn; 4. Cory Thorn; 5. Melinda Gentry; HM. Sonny McShan.

Flags: 1. Amy Bloodworth; 2. Teresa Vaughn; 3. Donya Cooper; 4. Cory Thorn; 5. Sonny McShan; HM. Melinda Gentry.

Poles: 1. Amy Bloodworth; 2. Cory Thorn; 3. Teresa Vaughn; 4. Donya Cooper; 5. Melinda Gentry; HM. Sonny McShan.

9-12 YEAR-OLDS

Barrels: 1. Pete Ensor; 2. Pammy Millican; 3. Misti Taylor; 4. Lisa Exum; 5. Lori Bloodworth; HM. Shane Kelton.

Flags: 1. Lori Bloodworth; 2. Misti Taylor; 3. Lisa Exum; 4. Pete Ensor; HM. Pammy Millican.

Poles: 1. Lori Bloodworth; 2. Pete Ensor; 3. Misti Taylor; 4. Lisa Exum; 5. Pammy Millican.

13-15 YEAR-OLDS

Barrels: 1. Patty Bloodworth; 2. Terry Millican; 3. Donna Watkins; 4. Douglas Roberts.

Flags: 1. Patty Bloodworth; 2. Terry Millican; 3. Douglas Roberts; HM. Donna Watkins.

Poles: 1. Patty Bloodworth; 2. Terry Millican; 3. Douglas Roberts; 4. Donna Watkins.

16-19 YEAR-OLDS

Barrels: 1. Kathy McGuire; 2. Roma Johnson; 3. Bob Flowers.

Flags: 1. Kathy McGuire; 2. Bob Flowers; 3. Roma Johnson.

Poles: 1. Kathy McGuire; 2. Bob Flowers; 3. Roma Johnson.

20 AND OVER

Barrels: 1. Wendell Brosh; HM. Sharon Kelton.

Flags: 1. Wendell Brosh.

Poles: 1. Wendell Brosh.

A tax lawyer has been asked to come to the county as soon as possible to meet with those who are interested in pursuing the matter. No definite date had been set for the meeting at press time Wednesday.

The board of equalization met Wednesday to consider the complaints which were registered last Friday. Louise Johnson of Bronte is chairman of the board and Frankie Percifull of Robert Lee and Alonzo Robbins of Bronte are members.

Mrs. Johnson said the board has no authority to lower the valuations except in cases where inequities exist. "Our job is to equalize the valuations," she said, "and we cannot lower the appraiser's figures unless there is an apparent inequality in valuations."

Mrs. Johnson said late Wednesday morning that she had no idea how long the board would have to sit in order to consider the complaints which have been received, but she added that she expected the tax roll to receive final approval some time Wednesday.

Grand Jury Indicts Four

A 51st District Court grand jury returned three indictments in a session Monday in Robert Lee. A waiver of indictment was filed for one person by the state.

Ralph Tad Richards of Bronte was re-indicted for theft, with the new true bill replacing one which was returned previously. The indictment came out of a complaint filed in September 1980 for theft of oil field equipment. The incident was investigated by Ranger Arthur Sykes of San Angelo and Sheriff Marshall Millican. The complaint charges theft of equipment valued over \$200 and under \$10,000. Richards is in Tom Green County jail.

A Bronte man was indicted for indecency with a child. Charged was Eliseo Martinez Sanchez. He is free on \$25,000 bond.

Two persons were indicted for attempted burglary and a waiver of indictment was filed against a third person in the same case. The charges grew out of an incident early on Sunday, Aug. 9, when the three were arrested at Triangle Grocery & Bait. Indictments were returned against Daniel W. Smith and Virginia Paula Henderson, also known as Paula Whittemore and a waiver of indictment was filed on David Wayne Barrett. All three of the accused gave addresses in San Angelo.

JURY RELEASED

A panel of petit jurors was released after it was determined that none of the civil cases on the docket would come before the court.

The case of Walter Jordan against East Coke County Hospital District and George Jay Eubanks was settled out of court. Three other cases were passed, one with the understanding that it was being settled.

Buy and Sell with Want Ads

Robert Lee Enrollment Shows Small Decrease

Enrollment in the Robert Lee School is down slightly from last year. A comparison of the figures shows four fewer students than were enrolled at the beginning of the 1980 school term.

High school enrollment is down only one student, with 105

IMMUNIZATION CLINIC SET FOR ROBERT LEE SCHOOL

The Texas Department of Health will sponsor an immunization clinic on Tuesday, Sept. 1, at the Robert Lee Elementary School.

Officials of the health department urge parents with preschool age children to take advantage of this clinic. All necessary immunization shots will be available.

For additional information, contact Principal Bill Hood at the school.

Mrs. Allen To Head CF Drive

The Lone Star Chapter of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation announced the appointment of Mrs. Gerald Allen as chairman of its 1981 Breath of Life Campaign in Robert Lee.

The campaign will be held to provide the community with information about cystic fibrosis and to raise funds to support research, education and care programs for CF patients.

The number one genetic killer of children, cystic fibrosis is inherited and incurable--claiming three lives each day. An estimated one in 20 Americans is a symptomless carrier of the recessive CF gene. Currently, half of all children born with CF will die before reaching their 20th birthday.

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Steers Looking Good As They Down Garden City In Scrimmage

The Robert Lee Steers will have their second scrimmage of the season Friday night when they travel to Eldorado for a contest with the Class AA Eagles. All fans are invited to make the trip to Schleicher County and build up support for the team before the regular season begins.

"We're looking pretty good," was the opening comment of Coach Jerold Epperson when he talked with the Observer Tuesday night. The Steers won their first scrimmage last Friday with Garden City, 1-0. The coach was especially proud of the performance of his backfield.

He noted that the line was young but is showing improvement everyday.

"We've got a pretty well balanced backfield," the coach said. He was pleased with Darron Williams' healthy pres-

ence and reported that he picked up 68 yards in the scrimmage with Garden City. Armando Sanchez went for 42 yards, and Scot Long added another 36 yards to make the coach feel that he has a well balanced running bunch.

Coach Epperson said he still has 36 boys on his squad. He said, "Their attitudes are the best I've been around. They're really staying with it and that's what it takes to make a good football team."

"The defense was a little weak in the first series," he said, "but they came to life and played a real good game in the second series," he said.

The scrimmage with Eldorado will start at 6 p.m. Friday night. Everybody should go, for the Steers need and deserve all the support they can get.

Grade	1981	1980
Kindergarten	19	11
First	14	17
Second	15	19
Third	19	24
Fourth	20	16
Fifth	18	25
Sixth	24	23
Seventh	25	25
Eighth	27	24
Ninth	25	23

Ambulance Service To Sponsor Barbecue And Dance Sept. 5

The West Coke County Ambulance Service has several major upcoming projects that you won't want to miss. With the Ambulance Fund sitting a little over \$18,000 it is not much further to the goal of \$25,000.

Plans are underway at this time to publish a list of donors in the Observer on Friday, Sept. 4. Won't you look over this list and if you haven't been able to give as yet, please dig that little bit deeper and give. Nickles, dimes, dollars and big donations are all up to a new ambulance for the service.

UPCOMING PLANS - Mark your calendars now and HELP us to HELP YOU!!

Saturday, September 5, 1981: Barbecue, brown beans, potato salad, coleslaw and all the trimmings. Serving will start at 5:30 p.m. and continue until 8:30 p.m. (or until all sold

Tenth	24	30
Eleventh	30	30
Twelfth	26	23
TOTAL	286	290

KINDERGARTEN

Members of Robert Lee School's newest class, the 19 kids in kindergarten, are: Michael Adkins, Saul Arellano, Daphne Balderas, Dean Burns, Kim Carver, Joe Louis Cabellaro, Samantha Doss, Prula Freeman, Lorenzo Fuentes, Wendv McPeck, Cole Montgomery, Judd Pitcock, Jeanne Service, Christy Thompson, Jonathan Torres, Ross Torres, Jesse Valenzuela, John Williams and Amy Ybarra.

School officials said the new school term got off to a good start and they are looking forward to a successful year with lots of accomplishments in all departments.

out!)

Dance--the band will be the Plain Country. This is an outstanding band and they will be playing from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. on the tennis courts.

Tickets are \$4.00 for adults for the barbecue while the little cowpokes and cowgirls can eat for \$2.00 each. Dance tickets will be \$3.50 per person.

In addition, there will be a donation raffle at 7 p.m. Items to be raffled will include a heavy beef (on the hoof), a homemade afghan, a homemade quilt and two lovely lawn chairs. Minimum donation for this raffle will be \$5.00.

In connection with the barbecue, the volunteers hope to have a new ambulance available for citizens to compare with the older model. There will also be a free blood pressure clinic during the barbecue. Drop by, have your blood pressure checked and meet the volunteers.

OTHER PLANS

On Sept. 18-20, the Ambulance Service volunteers will hold the concession stand for the Coke County Fair. Won't you come by and purchase items to eat? All proceeds will go to the Ambulance Fund. In addition, Grace Ditmore will coordinate an Arts and Crafts Booth for the benefit of the Ambulance Fund. If you have something home-made to donate, please contact her.

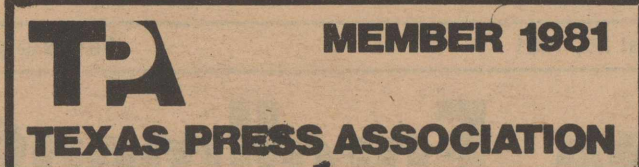
A SPECIAL REQUEST: If you have a few hours to donate to help serve the barbecue or to assist with the Concession Stand/ Arts and Craft booth, please contact one of the volunteers. We need ALL of the assistance we can get.

AMBULANCE RUNS TO: DATE: 43! What if this had been you or one of your loved ones? Whatever time, money or talent you can put into this ambulance service, it will be amply rewarded. There simply is not a price big enough to put on a human life. HELP US HELP YOU!!

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MUSICAL DRAMA "TEXAS" SEATS STILL AVAILABLE

Seats still are available for all weekday performances of the musical drama "Texas" at Palo Duro Canyon State Park near Amarillo and Canyon.

For those who can only be in the area on weekends, cancellations may create vacancies, and seats on the concrete steps always are available.

During the final week of "Texas", a special "Festival of Stars" production will be staged from Aug. 28 through Sept. 13 (except Wednesdays). From 6-8 p.m. there will be crafts, foods, and a cowboy closeup show on the grounds.

On the stage at 8 p.m. will be the spectacular "Salute to America." Guest dancers from the New York City Ballet and the resident Lone Star Ballet will present numbers including "Leaps & Lariats" with internationally known roper Sonna Warvell and a Scott Joplin review by the New York dancers.

At the end, Paul Green's moving story of the Palo Duro Danyon will unfold in sound and light.

For tickets to "Texas" or "Festival of Stars" write Box 268, Canyon, Texas 79015 or call (806) 655-2181 or (806) 655-4664.

Bread Fair Set September 14th

Aroma of freshly baked bread will waft through Coke County when a "Bread Fair" gets underway Sept. 14.

Set for 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. at Robert Lee Rec Hall, "Bread Fair" is sponsored by the Coke County Extension Service. Registration is 50 cents per person.

At the "Bread Fair" participants will learn a unique and simple way to make bread--in a plastic bag! All the mixing is done in a two-gallon plastic bag. Then the dough is turned out on kraft paper, kneaded and shaped into a loaf. Assistants will help every step of the way. Each participant will take his or her loaf home to let it rise and then bake--filling the kitchens of Coke County with a smell of home-baked bread residents have created themselves. Registration is limited, so respond quickly by calling the Extension Office at 453-2461.

Educational programs conducted by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, or national origin.

ABC Laugh-In Tourney Set For Aug. 29th

A bunch of fun is expected when an ABC Laugh-In Tournament is held at Mountain Creek Golf Course on Aug. 29. The crazy rules of the game will provide lots of laughs for those who participate as well as for spectators.

Sponsored by Kwik Service and Supply, Inc., of Robert Lee, the firm is inviting all golfers in the area to participate. The oil field service firm is owned by Lowell Martin and Billy Sandel and managed locally by Ken Colston.

Free refreshments will be served on the golf course. An entry fee of \$6.00 will be charged for non-members. Registration will be at 12:30 p.m. with a shot gun start at 1 p.m.

Some of the crazy rules which will be in effect for the tourney will be:

At one hole, everyone will tee off from a set of coil springs.

At one hole participants will try to hit the ball which will be sitting on top of a two-foot-high piece of black plastic pipe.

There will be other funny gimmicks that will make standard rules look dull.

Everyone is invited to make plans now to participate in the fun, or, if you're not a golfer, you are invited to come out and watch and enjoy the fun.

LABOR DAY TOURNEY

Mountain Creek Golf Club's annual Labor Day tournament is coming up weekend after next, Sunday and Monday, Sept. 6 and 7. The Labor Day Tourney has become quite a classic in this area and a large crowd of contestants is expected. Entry fee will be \$50.00 for each two-man team. Prizes for the tournament will be Wilson 1200 woods, irons, bags and balls.

COKE HOMEMAKER CLUBS ENCAMPMENT AUG. 18-19

The Extension Homemaker Clubs of Coke County met Aug. 18 and 19 for their annual encampment. Two painting and craft workshops were led by Lorene Brown and Bonnie Reed from Miles.

Members attending both days were: Mrs. J. C. Boatright, Mrs. Nettie Lammers, Mrs. Louvenia Rees, Mrs. V. H. Smith, Mrs. Fay Roe and Mrs. Ella Reeder.

Mrs. C. B. Ferguson shared some of the history and beauty Coke County as it was captured on film.

Brands, Marks Must Be Filed With Clerks

Texas livestock producers must re-record all brands and marks on their livestock with the county clerk's office in the counties where they raise livestock, beginning Aug. 30, 1981, says Don C. King, secretary-general manager of Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association.

The law provides for a six-month re-registration period. After Feb. 28, 1982, any unrecorded brand becomes available for use on a "first-come" basis.

The Texas brand law, passed in 1971, was the subject of a recent ruling by Texas Attorney General Mark White that says owners of marks and brands must re-register them during the same six-month period every 10 years, without regard to when they originally recorded them. A small fee is charged for each re-recording by the county clerk.

The law also notes that it is illegal to brand livestock without first properly recording the brand with the county clerk in the county in which the livestock are held, King said.

The primary objective of the brand law is to provide the county clerks with an accurate, updated report of marks and brands every 10 years.

Producers operating in several counties must re-record their marks and brands in each county

because the county clerk has the responsibility for recording this information in his or her county only.

In the event it cannot be determined from existing records who first recorded the mark and brand in a county, then the person who has been using such means of livestock identification the longest shall have the right to have it recorded in his or her name. There is no limit to the number of marks and/or brands a person can record in a county as long as the requirements of the law are met.

Minors may have marks and brands separate from that of the father, mother or guardian, but they must also be re-recorded.

When the marks and brands are re-recorded or recorded for the first time, the location on the animal where the brand is applied must be shown. If the brand is applied to more than one location of the animal, it must be recorded as a separate record of that brand.

The county clerk of each county will publish a notice announcing the re-recording of livestock brands order in some newspaper of general circulation in the county for a period of 30 days.

The county clerk also must make sure that no more than one brand of a kind be recorded on the same location of the animal. This eliminates the chance of two or more people in the county duplicating the same brand and location. Further, the county clerk must make certain that the brand location

on the animal be designated. Failure to do so is punishable by a fine of not less than \$10 or more than \$50.

King encouraged all livestock producers to use marks and brands and to re-register these marks and brands promptly.

Nominating Committee Is Appointed

The executive committee of the Coke County Pageant Association met Tuesday, Aug. 18, to appoint a nominating committee for officers to be elected at the general association meeting Sept. 3 and to discuss other business matters of the association.

The general meeting will be on Sept. 3 at 7:30 p.m. in the conference room at the court house.

It was reported that the committee was pleased with the financial report given by the treasurer.

Appointed as the nominating committee were Opal Jacoby, Mary Ivey, Reba Roberts and Mildred Reese.

In other business discussed, it was planned to try to have THE BIG EVENT again this year.

Officers to be nominated and elected at the general meeting will be president, first vice president, second vice president, secretary, treasurer, and three directors.



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Funeral Held Wednesday For Geo. McCaleb

George McCaleb, 81, a long-time resident of Coke County, died at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 24, at West Coke County Hospital.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday at 3 p.m. in the Robert Lee Baptist Church with the Rev. Roy Epperson, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Paint Creek Cemetery under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.

McCaleb was born March 6, 1900, son of Jessie D. and Nancy C. (Gibson) McCaleb. He had lived in Coke County since 1914 and was engaged in ranching and stock farming. He had been a resident of West Coke County Nursing Home since Jan. 31, 1976. He was a member of Robert Lee Baptist Church.

Survivors include a brother, J. O. McCaleb of Mayhill, N. M., and several nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were Weldon Johnson, David Key and Fred McCabe Jr., all of Robert Lee; Carl Blair and Frank Blair, both of Bronte; Edward White of Ballinger; and Dennis Blair of La Pryor.

Lake Spence Fishing News

Wanoreck's Paint Creek Marina Dale Allison - Odessa 4 days fishing - Bunch of channel cat - total weight 78 lbs.

Wildcat Fish-A-Rama Mrs. Bobby York - San Angelo 1 Stripper 9 lbs.

Skinny's Hillside G. M. Bankhead - Robert Lee 80 channel cat

M. W. Chaney - Snyder 8 Strippers up to 9 lbs.

Scott Norman - Odessa 50 channel cat

Triangle Groc. Bait J. R. McMurry - Big Spring 1 Stripper 15 lbs., 2 Strippers 7 lbs. ea. on African Perch

Frank Mashburn - Big Spring 5 Strippers to 12 lbs. - on African Perch

Mark Williamson - Odessa 10 channel cat to 3 lbs.

Melvin Trice - Lamesa 20 crappie to 1 lb.

Traveling to Austin for the week-end for a visit with the Garland Davis family were Mr. and Mrs. Buz Sawyer. Their daughter, Mrs. Kenny Sims and Penny of Houston were also there to enroll Penny in the University of Texas for the fall semester. Mrs. Norma Ruth accompanied the Sawyers there to visit her daughter and husband, Nelda and Jack Brock.

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LIONS CLUB MEETING

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WORSHIP11:00 a.m. WED. BIBLE STUDY . 7 P.M.

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LOOK WHO'S NEW

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. (Bill) Faircloth, of Fayetteville, Ga., announce the birth of a daughter, Lindsey Loraine.

She was born at 8:55 p.m. Friday, Aug. 21, at East Point, Ga. She weighed 7 pounds, 12 ounces and is 20 inches long. She has a sister, Claudine, who is six years old.

Lindsey Loraine is a granddaughter of A. V. Hughes of Robert Lee and Charles Faircloth of Fayetteville, Ga.

The baby's mother is the former Susan Hughes.

Brooke Arin is the new daughter of Lawrence and Brenda Stewart of Mansfield. She was born at 4:15 a.m. Aug. 14 in All Saints Hospital in Fort Worth. She weighed 4 pounds, 10½ ounces. She has a brother, Darron, and a sister, Kelli.

Grandparents are John T. and Maybele Stewart of Robert Lee, Walt Moyer of Moody and Mrs. Margie Williams of Myrtle Springs.

Amanda Elizabeth McBroom, new daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom McBroom of San Antonio, was born Monday, Aug. 17, at 3:59 p.m. in Southwest Texas Methodist Hospital. She weighed 6 pounds, 11 ounces and is 20 inches long.

Amanda's grandparents are Mrs. Russell McBroom of Robert Lee and Mr. and Mrs. Bassill Smith of Aledo.

Agricultural Missionary Here Friday

Kenneth Hammer, agriculturalist on assignment from the United Methodist Board of Global Ministries as a missionary to the nation of Zaire, Africa, will be speaking at First United Methodist Church this Friday night, Aug. 28, at 8 p.m. in the church sanctuary.

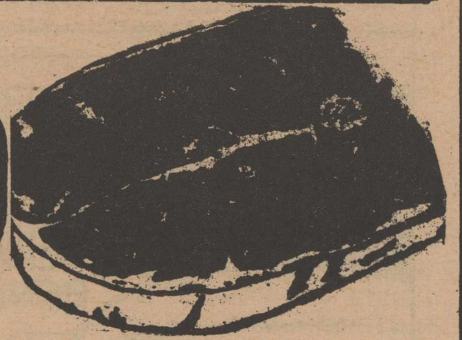
A native of California, Hammer and his wife, Carolyn, have been assigned to the Institute of Agricultural and Industrial Development at Muajinga Sandoa, Zaire. The school is involved in training young people in agriculture and mechanics. In addition, there is training in grafting and distribution of fruit trees, vegetable seeds, and grain seeds.

In addition to telling of the ministry of an agriculturalist missionary in Africa, Hammer will also interpret developments and trends among Third World countries. Everyone is invited to attend this informative session. First United Methodist Church supports the work of the Hammers directly through its Covenant Relationship with them.

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ASSISTING GENERAL TELEPHONE CUSTOMERS--General Telephone operators Stephen Williams and Teresa Ronemus assist customers using computerized push-button keyboards,

which look like oversized calculators. The new keyboard system--called Enhanced Toll Position Feature (ETPF)--automatically times and records operator-

assisted calls for billing purposes. Previously operators had to time operator-assisted calls themselves and then record billing information by marking cards by hand.

General Tel Using Computerized Keyboards On Robert Lee Calls

General Telephone operators are now using computerized keyboards that let them process operator-assisted, long-distance calls faster and more efficiently for customers in Robert Lee and 19 other towns, according to Melvin Jennings, the firm's San Angelo division manager.

"When a customer previously placed an operator-assisted call, an operator had to time the call and then record the billing information by marking a card," he said.

"Now an operator simply uses the push-button keyboard system which automatically records and times an operator-assisted call," Jennings explained. Operator-

assisted calls include collect, credit card, person-to-person and bill-to-third-number calls.

The system--labeled Enhanced Toll Position Feature (ETPF)--was recently installed in General Telephone's switching office in San Angelo. The office processes long-distance calls for 20 cities including Robert Lee.

"At the time of the call, the system makes sure all billing information has been obtained before sending it to be stored on magnetic tapes," Jennings noted. "This 'screening' ability increases the efficiency of our long-distance service."

"In addition, since the keyboards eliminate many manual duties, operators can handle a greater number of calls per hour," he said.

The system can also store up to 10 emergency numbers so that General Telephone operators can reach emergency agencies as soon as possible.

General Telephone serves about 780 customers in Robert Lee.

SHADES FOR COOLER HOMES

Window shades can make homes cooler and lower utility bills for summer, says a housing and home furnishings specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M University System. One study shows that window shades can reduce summer cooling costs by an average of \$100. Opaque (no light can get through), light-colored shades deflect the sun's solar rays away from windows, reducing heat buildup in the home as much as 60 percent.

BEEF CATTLE CROSSBREEDING

Benefits of crossbreeding are hybrid vigor, favorable breed combinations and complementarity, says a beef cattle specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M University System. Performance of crossbred cattle must exceed the best purebred or else crossing serves little purpose. Favorable breed combinations increase the frequency of desired traits even if there is no hybrid vigor. Complementarity deals not only with matching desired features of breeds, but also with getting rid of or reducing undesirable traits.

Stan Adams, and a friend, Will Clift, of Austin spent last week with Stan's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Adams. They were enjoying the last of summer vacation before beginning their first year of college in Austin.

Mr. and Mrs. David Fernandez and David Jay of Haughton, La. spent several days here with Mr. and Mrs. James McClure, Cliff Calder, and Martin Casey. Also visiting in the McClure home were Mrs. McClure's son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Kelly Wardlow, Mark and Kelly, of Brownwood.

SCHOOL PICTURES WILL BE TAKEN SEPT. 2 AT 8 A.M.

Olan Mills Studios will be at Robert Lee Schools Wednesday, Sept. 2, at 8 a.m. to take school pictures.

Any parents with pre-school age children who wish to have a portrait of their children should take advantage of this opportunity to have their children photographed, school officials said.

"MANAGE" BRUSH

In dealing with range brush, it's now an issue of management rather than control. A total system concept using various methods of brush control that complement each other and extend the life of each treatment at lower cost seems to hold promise, says a range specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M University System. Such a system takes into consideration the use of rangelands as wildlife habitats as well as the fact that rangelands serve as watersheds in many areas. Brush management should be based on the ecological potential of the range and should be aimed at optimizing production, considering all potential uses.

ATTEND REUNION

Zola Hatley and Golda Smith attended the Hatley family reunion at Red Rock Canyon, Okla. (near Hinton) last weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Rieger and Ethel Rieger, of Harper, came by Robert Lee on Thursday and picked up Mmes. Hatley and Smith to take them to Oklahoma. They all returned to Robert Lee on Sunday.

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THE HADLEY RICHARDS VISIT IN CALIFORNIA

Mr. and Mrs. Hadley Richards have returned from a recent trip to Salinas, Cal. to attend the annual get-together of Mr. Richards' family. They flew to Denver, Colo. and on to San Jose, Cal. and reported no delays or problems due to the air controllers' strike.

Everyone met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Van-Hoy, sister of Richards, in Salinas. Attending were brothers, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Richards, Yuma, Ariz.; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Richards, Winterhaven, Cal., and Charlie Richards of Saudi Arabia, who works for Romco Oil Company and maintains a home in San Francisco where his wife lives.

The couple reported the trip was a real pleasure with damp, foggy weather much of the time, as Salinas is right on the coast. They said the yards and flowers were gorgeous compared to our Texas landscape in August.

Chanda McBroom returned to her home last Friday after spending four weeks in San Antonio with her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Tom McBroom. While there, she welcomed her new granddaughter, Amanda Elizabeth, who was born Aug. 17.

Inmates discover new opportunities at training center

COLLEGE STATION — About a dozen Texas prisoners are getting a headstart toward the day they re-enter the workforce.

At the Texas A&M University Research and Extension Center at Bryan, prisoners are learning to be apprentice utility linemen.

The training, conducted by the Electric Power Utilities Training Division of the Texas Engineering Extension Service, is designed to give the inmates job skills they can use upon their release. Extension teachers also go to the prison to teach building maintenance, lineman training and carpentry.



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The month of August has been somewhat of a tragicomedy for this writer personally!

With the celebration of my 39th birthday and realizing I am just a year away from 40 and over halfway down life's road...That's one thing, but going to my 20th high school class reunion...well, it could do a fellow in.

Actually, it was fun seeing all those kids I grew up with. They are really showing their age at mid-way. Everyone has changed to fat, gray headed or bald.

I was the least changed as we reviewed old yearbooks and a box of pictures Kathy Amos of Eden brought. The reason in my appearance was no secret. I put on a bunch of weight in those years and some five

Vandalism of Equipment Continuing

Acts of vandalism continued last weekend in Coke County as another valuable piece of heavy equipment was started up and driven 4-4½ miles from where it was parked.

A bulldozer belonging to Mepeco, Inc., of San Saba was parked on the Lohse place southwest of Silver and driven down Highway 2059, across the river bridge, and continued for about four miles. The vandals then drove the dozer off the highway through a fence and into a draw where it became stuck and was abandoned.

Deputy Sheriff Melvin Childress said the report on the matter indicated the machine was driven through a fence two or three times before it finally stopped.

The Mepeco firm had another piece of heavy equipment taken on a wild ride in the Sanco area about two months ago.

West Coke Hospital News

8-18-81: Roxie Reeves admitted. Leola Skelton dismissed.

8-19-81: Lillian Leath admitted. Yvonne Conner, Shell Williams dismissed.

8-20-81: Sara Lara admitted. No dismissals.

8-21-81: No admittances. Lillian Leath, Raymond Vaughan, Mittie Schlaepfer, dismissed. Ora Stephenson expired.

8-22-81: Julia Gloria admitted. Emma Elkins dismissed.

8-23-81: No admissions and no dismissals.

8-24-81: George Braswell, Wanda Green admitted. George McCaleb expired. No other dismissals.

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years ago I went to Weight Watchers and lost 60 pounds. I have some gray hair but I use the same hair polish as Ronald Reagan which keeps me youthful looking.

While we ate barbecue on the banks of the Llano River at Junction under the shade of Pecan trees, we compared notes and experiences of the last 20 years. Someone pulled out the class history, will, and class prophecy. As a whole, I would say the 32 members of my graduating class not only followed predictions and made a success but real contributions to society. I am most proud of that fact.

One Johnny Vaclavik moved from college prof to Washington D.C. in politics, back to Austin to spend several years on the governor's staff. Finally some 10 years ago he entered the insurance profession and got wealthy.

There are some stories about the few rich getting poor as a result of several unsuccessful marriages. And there is Ilee Simon, fat and bald, compared to 20 years ago with curly black hair and a slender figure as the band drum major.

Nancy Couey has a married daughter but looks the same. The Kothmann boys look older but still are in ranching.

It has been an interesting month!

Briefly...What has been billed as early fall rains brought up to six inches in some areas of West Texas last week. Other parts received from a smell to a trace.

The San Saba River reached a 10 foot rise at Menard from rains around For McKavett. So, what was beginning to appear as another coming drought has changed the complexion fast in a matter of hours.

MILES FESTIVAL SEPT. 12

The Fifth Annual Miles Cotton Festival and Brisket Cook-Off will be held on Saturday, Sept. 12.

A parade at 10 will start a full day's activities which include armadillo races, washer and horseshoe pitching, wheelbarrow races and tug-of-war along with arts and crafts, auction, food of all kinds, beer drinking and jalapeno eating contests, dog show, barbecue supper, cotton queen contest and street dance. There will also be games and contests for children of all ages and free musical entertainment all afternoon.

Anyone wishing to enter the brisket cook-off may call 468-3621. Other information may be obtained at 468-3001.

JAIL MAY BE CLOSED

The only jail in Coke County, the two cells in Bronte City Hall, will be closed Dec. 31 unless certain standards are met.

County Judge D. W. Sims and Sheriff Marshall Millican were in Austin Wednesday and reported the Jail Standards Board voted to close the jail unless some changes are made. More details will be printed next week.

McGuire Gets Certification

Coke County Deputy Sheriff John Paul McGuire has completed a certification course in San Angelo and is now a "Certified Peace Officer." The course was held in San Angelo and was sponsored by the Concho Valley Council of Governments.

McGuire underwent 320 hours of intense training over a period of eight weeks to fulfill requirements. He received training in the Texas Penal Code, traffic laws, search and seizure procedures, use of firearms, criminal and accident investigations and a number of other areas.

McGuire said this week, "It was a tough eight weeks and I'm glad it's over."

MARKETING KEY TO PROFITS

The financial rewards Texas farmers reap this year will depend heavily on their ability as astute farm marketers. Developing pricing strategies and evaluating marketing options are activities that distinguish "farm marketers" from "farm producers," says an economist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M University System. Before considering various marketing options, farmers need to estimate current production costs plus projected harvest costs to determine a break-even price. Combining these variable costs with the per unit fixed cost will enable the producer to make a valid marketing decision.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Coke County Appraisal District would like to express their appreciation of the kindness, understanding, and cooperation of the citizens and taxpayers of Coke County to the office employees and the staff of McMorries & Co., who did the actual appraisal of local properties.

The Board of Equalization members, Louise Johnson, Frank Percifull, and Alonzo Robbins were impressed by the willingness of the public to discuss and work out any differences.

Thank you, Ben Oglesby, for your numerous news articles trying to explain and inform the people of the new laws and regulations that have to be followed.

Thanks to the Board of Directors of the Appraisal District, Royce Fancher, Truman Hines, Chester Wilson, Frank Demere and Douglas Gartman, for the many hours of work and planning for the re-appraisal, and for securing the firm of McMorries & Co., who has done a really fine job.

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WHO IS THIS?—Perhaps this young man, at the age of 8 years, had aspirations of becoming an expert rifleman or cotton farmer. However, he became an expert in Lionism, and was chosen August "Lion of the Month" by the Robert Lee-Silver Lions Club. Can you identify him? Watch next week's Observer for complete identification.

LUNCHROOM MENU

Monday, Aug. 31: Corn dogs with mustard, cheese stick, baked beans, french fries with catsup, peanut butter brownies, milk.

Tuesday, Sept. 1: Spaghetti and meat sauce with cheese, blackeye peas, carrots, hot rolls - butter, jello squares, milk.

Wednesday, Sept. 2: Pinto beans with meat, turnip greens, corn, corn bread - butter, fruit cobbler, milk.

Thursday, Sept. 3: Burritos, combination salad, tator tots with catsup, 1/2 banana, milk.

Friday, Sept. 4: Steak fingers with gravy, cream potatoes, green beans, hot rolls-butter, peach nait, milk.

VISITOR FROM OHIO

Mrs. Dan (Zona Mae) Hall, of Columbus, Ohio, recently spent two weeks in Texas visiting relatives. She also attended the 30th year reunion of the 1951 graduating class of RLHS and a family reunion.

Mrs. Hall spent a few days in Odessa with her sister and family, Bobby and Joyce Walker. She and Mrs. Walker came to Robert Lee where they were joined by another sister, Gwen Anderson, and her husband, Harry, of Austin. They were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dave King.

Mrs. Hall accompanied the Andersons back to Austin and flew from there to Columbus.

Visiting this week with Mrs. Virginia Whybrew are her daughter and 10 month old grandson, Mrs. Jean Lovelady, and Will James, of Nacogdoches.

50 Years Ago

I. A. Bird took two of his fine heifers up to Sweetwater to the fat stock show and came away with the blue ribbon.

While sitting in his house shooting birds out the window Wednesday C. W. Burson of Edith shot himself with a .22 target accidentally. The bullet entered at the pit of his stomach and turned upward. Sheriff Higginbotham and Dr. Smith rushed to the home and Dr. Smith said after examination he was probably not seriously injured. However, he advised an X-ray picture of it to see where the bullet stopped.

Lost Saturday, Feb. 21, between Robert Lee and San Angelo, one wagon sheet. Finder notify A. E. Latham and receive reward.

J. A. Burroughs, a Coke County boy that has gone out in this world and made good was here showing and selling seed he is now breeding. He is raising State certified seed on his farm near Lubbock. He left a lot of it at Barger's Store if you want it. He gave some maize and hegar to F. C. Wojtek to plant alongside of what he has, and Frank is going to give it a thorough test. Burroughs says he'll never use anything else, it's not got an equal.

Next Thursday the American Legion is going to have a barbeque picnic at Elm Bend.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Jess Lindsley Saturday night were two boys. One weighed 7 pounds and the other 8 pounds. The fog is sure boiling from Jesse's cob pipe these days.

JOYDELL DEEN FINISHES VOCATIONAL NURSE COURSE

Joydell Deen received her certificate as a graduate of the Howard College Vocational Nursing Program.

Exercises were held at 7:30 p.m., Aug. 21, at the Harris Ave. Baptist Church in San Angelo. Those attending were Vallery Deen, Terri Blair of Nolan, Martha Selzer, Farrel and Brent of Munday, Edna Havins, Rheba Taylor, Harry Osterhoudt of Abilene and Mr. and Mrs. Wes Kinsey.

Joydell will go to Austin Oct. 20 for the state board exam, and plans to work at the W.C.C. Nursing Home.

MRS. COPE HAS GUESTS

Sunday Dinner guests in the ranch home of Mrs. Lila Cope were: Dr. Thuay Danh Do and family of San Antonio; Mr. and Mrs. Price Stephenson of Clyde; Robert Quave and Nellie Schlunaker of Dyess A.F.B.; Mr. and Mrs. Eldred McGuire of Bronte; and Wayne Hail of Ballinger; Mr. and Mrs. I. M. Austin Jr., Travis, Venita and Monty Austin.

After the noon meal Khan Do entertained the group with several piano selections. Khan, Luan and Kim Do were art pupils of Mrs. Cope when they made their home in Robert Lee.

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