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RLHS Basketballers Selected For 13-A All-District Teams

Nine members of the 1982 Robert Lee High School basketball teams received recognition when coaches of District 13-A met to select members of the all-district team. Some of those honored made the first team, some were on the second team and some received honorable mention.

Two Robert Lee girls, Leigh Ann Runnion and Frankie Walker, made the first teams, while Amy Percifull and Martha Bickley were selected for the second team

50 YEARS AGO

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Robertson are the proud parents of a pair of twin boys, born this week.

Russ Mathers, C.E. Mathers, and Sam Savage returned from Abilene Sunday where they attended the funeral of Jim Savage. The opening of W.M. Simpson

Grocery and Market Friday was an important event in the history of Robert Lee and in business. Crowds visited Friday and Saturday and stood amazed at its beauty. Everything is so new, fresh painted, clean, and sparkling. They even have a settee and two chairs to match in the store where folks can rest and visit--Ladies can come in off crowded sidewalks and gossip to their hearts content.

Back in the rear of the store is an up to the minute meat market, clean and bright as a new dollar, with Shortie Baker in charge, who always waits on you with a smile, makes you feel glad you went in. Then you pick out anything else you need and go to the center of the store where the cash register is set up in a square of counters. There Oscar Etheredge will wait on you and check you out. Ole Will, of course, and Charley Hurley are both stepping around, as busy as bees on a honeysuckle. Then, too, there's Mrs. Simpson, mixing and mingling, among the ladies, always ready to help. That's the picture we saw Friday and want to say welcome to Robert Lee's busi-

Scot Long was the only Robert Lee boy to be selected to the first team, but Lupe Torres and Quint Anthony were named to the second team. Darren Williams and Bob Flowers received honorable mention.

The Robert Lee teams had a successful season, with both boys and girls winning the District 13-A championship. Both teams lost to District 14-A champs Greenwood in bi-district playoffs. Complete list of District 13-A

GIRLS

selections:

te.

First team: Leigh Ann Runnion, Jr., Robert Lee; Connie Bryan, Sr., Bronte; Anita Janas, Sr., Garden City; Frankie Walker, Sr., Robert Lee; Gaynell Glass, Jr., Water Valley.

Second team: Amy Percifull, Jr., Robert Lee; Camille Badgett, Sr., Bronte, Jerri Greenfield, Soph., Sterling City; Martha Bickley, Jr., Robert Lee; Paula Strube, Sr., Garden City.

Honorable Mention: Tammy Puckett, Sr., Water Valley; Sindi Atkins, Jr., Sterling City; Letezia Zappata, Soph., Sterling City; Terri Stringer, Sr., Garden City; Charlotte Halfmann, Sr., Garden City; Ronnie Reyes, Soph., Bron-

BOYS

First Team: Rick Doss, Sr., Water Valley; Scot Long, Sr., Robert Lee; Shane Colvert, Jr., Sterling City; Jeff Schoenfield, Sr., Bronte; Victor Fitchett, Jr., Sterling City.

Second Team: Lupe Torres, Jr., Robert Lee; Robert Hernandez, Sr., Sterling City; David Caudle, Sr., Bronte; Billy Kelso, Jr., Garden City; Quint Anthony, Jr., Robert Lee; Gregg Barr, Jr., Sterling City.

Honorable Mention: Kendall Gibbs, Sr., Bronte; Darren Williams, Sr., Robert Lee; Bob Flowers, Sr., Robert Lee; Craig Foster, Sr., Sterling City.

Mt. Creek **Golf Club News**

The first ABC tournament of

Absentee Voting Begins Monday In Local Elections

Absentee voting will start county on April 3. Others who Monday in the three elections which will be held in Robert Lee April 3. Voters who wish to vote absentee may cast their ballots from 20 days until three days before the election. The absentee voting period in this year's elections begins March 15 and continues through March 30. Saturdays and Sundays are not voting days.

Absentee voting may be done by personal appearance by those who are going to be out of the



LOOK WHO'S NEW

Proud parents of a new daughter are Mr. and Mrs. Clay Barton of Kerrville. Adrian Annette was born on Feb. 16 and weighed 7 pounds, 15 ounces and was 20 inches long.

Her grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Pete Poor of San Angelo and Judge and Mrs. Bob Barton of Kerrville.

Mr. and Mrs. C.C. Millican and Mr. and Mrs. T.R. Harmon, all of Robert Lee, are the baby's great-grandparents.

Mr. and Mrs. Jarrel Millican of Water Valley are the proud parents of a new son, Eli Douglas, born at 3:00 p.m. on March 1. Born at Community Hospital in San Angelo, he weighed 8 pounds, 10 ounces and was 21 inches long.

Eli has a sister, Lori, 10 years old and a brother, Vance, who is

Mrs. Helen Richmond of San Angelo and Mr. and Mrs. Millican of Robert Lee are the baby's grandparents.

will be unable to get to the polls may vote by mail. Persons who wish to vote absentee by mail should send a request for a ballot and other necessary papers to the proper officers in time to receive the ballot and return it before the deadline.

Requests for absentee ballots should be sent to the city secretary in the city election, to the Robert Lee School in the school trustee election and to the county clerk in the hospital director election.

Deadline for filing for the positions was Wednesday of last week, a few hours before the Observer's deadline. However, there were no more candidates to file in any of the races.

It is apparent that the most interest is in the school trustee election where six candidates are on the ballot to fill the three spots which will become vacant in April. None of the outgoing trustees filed for reelection, so the field was left wide open for the newcomers. The order in which the names will appear on the ballots follows:

For School Trustee

Joe Ash Mary Herring

Gaylon Pitcock Ben Bessent

Donnie Robertson

Les Grav **HOSPITAL ELECTION**

All three of the incumbent directors of West Coke County Hospital District filed for reelection, but a contest developed when Mrs. Rheba Taylor filed as a candidate for one of the director places. Three directors are to be elected from a slate of four candidates. Here's the way the names will appear on the ballots: For Hospital District Director Rheba Taylor

T.M. Wylie Jr. Wayne McCabe

Steve Oleksiuk **CITY OFFICIALS**

ONE-ACT PLAY WILL BE

PRESENTED SUNDAY

the school auditorium.

the sponsors said.

The city election is the quiet

The one-act play entry of

Robert Lee High School in UIL

competition will be presented

Sunday, March 14, at 3 p.m. in

Everyone is welcome to attend,

one this year. Only outgoing

officials whose terms expire this year filed for a place on the ballot. No other candidates challenged their bids for another two years on the city council. Here's the way the ballot will read:

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For Mayor

Robert D. Vaughan For Members of the Council Alice Beaty Wilson Bryan

Nancy Rasco AttendsLibrary Info Workshop

Nancy Rasco, librarian at the Coke County Library attended the Library Information Services workshop at Western Texas College in Snyder on Feb. 10 and 11, sponsored by the West Texas Library System at Lubbock and the Big Country Library System at Abilene. The workshop was designed to help local librarians provide better information services to adults and children in West Texas communities.

Librarians heard Margaret Nichols from North Texas State University at Denton discuss the kinds of questions library patrons ask and how librarians can help patrons find the answers to those questions accurately and quickly both in-person and over the telephone. Common reference books, such as dictionaries, encyclopedias, almanacs, directories, that all libraries own, were recommended as good sources for the kinds of questions that the average library user asks.

Ken Dowlin and Anne Harrington from the Pikes Peak Library District in Colorado Springs discussed the question: How will patrons get answers to questions in the future? Dowlin and Harrington believe the future is now. The computer system developed for the Pikes Peak Library District serves homes and businesses, by allowing users to telephone the library and receive information delivered on their home or business computer screens. Dowlin described other electronic services available to library users in some parts of the country - a video reference service that enables questions to be answered over cable channels or provide community television programming originating from the library. Although many of the librarians attending agreed that such electronic reference service is not likely to be available in public libraries right away, they all agree that such service is right around the corner. Dowlin stressed that the time is coming soon when all libraries, large and small, will be linked together by computer terminals, so that library patrons will have access to books and information from a wide geographic area. More than 50 librarians attended the workshop, representing 61 counties in west and central Texas area.

ness community.

J.K. Lofton is back from Boulder City and came in to make the race for county commissioner out there in District 3-- before the race is over they'll know J.K. is around here.

F.E. Modgling of Bronte was up this week scouting around. Floyd's got a sheriff's bee in his bonnet and if he lights, will make it interesting for somebody.

Wednesday morning about 10 o'clock the big barn in the east part of the city belonging to C.H. Bridges caught fire from some unknown cause and burned completely up. It was full of baled wheat, cotton seed, and other feed. Two sets of harness were also lost. Mr. Bridges was in town at the time and the little boy playing in the yard saw the fire and ran to tell his mother. The new fire trucks were quickly brought into action, 1000 ft. of hose stretched out in the street, but it was about 500 ft. short.

I will buy bones at 50c a hundred pounds laid down at Bronte or 30c here. L.E. Bruton.

the 1982 season was held on Sunday, March 7. A good turn out of 35 entries registered to play.

Winning team was composed of Jerold Epperson, Wayne Mc-Cune, Bob Boone, and Bill Blair. Second place went to John Heck, John Carver, and Maxine Percifull. Dennis Weaver, Ray Meachum and Joe Ramirez took third.

The club has not hired a manager for the clubhouse as yet. Members are being asked to volunteer, at their convenience, to help out. The group accepted

one new member, Bill Blair.

In other business, it was announced that the club has purchased five more carts for rental. All golfcarts are now in good condition, the course is in fine shape and everyone's invited to come out to play!

Next ABC tourney will take place on Sunday. March 21

Sell What You Don't Need With a Want Ad

Audrey Elizabeth is the new daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Wade Arledge of Robert Lee. She arrived at Shannon Hospital in San Angelo on Feb. 24, weighing 6 pounds, 12 ounces and was 201/2 inches long.

Her grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. D.B. Cofer of Bryan and Mrs. J.W. Arledge Jr. of Robert Lee.

RL SCHOOLS HONOR ROLL

Third Grade: Sheree Burns, Emily King, Brent McPeak, Janet Pentecost and Vivian Ybarra. Fourth Grade: Karla Aldridge, Tiffany Jameson, Dawn Kleiber and Becky Padgett.

Fifth Grade: Cody Anthony, Lisa Bower and Scott Ray.

Sixth Grade: Randy Gartman, Jason Herring, Robert Runnion and Claudette Walker.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Woods of San Angelo are happy to announce the arrival of a new daughter, Jennifer Michele. Born Feb. 25 at Community Hospital in San Angelo, she weighed 7 pounds. She has a brother, Christopher, who is two years old. Grandparents are Mr. and

Mrs. Bill Carwile of San Angelo

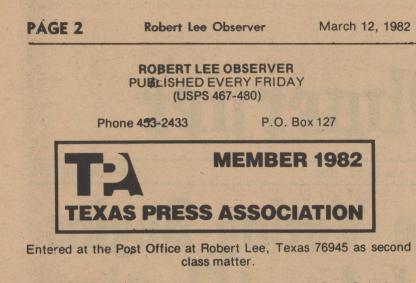
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Mr. and Mrs. Homer Carwile

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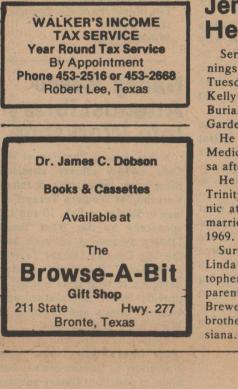


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Jennings Rites Held In Odessa

Services for James C. Jennings, 37, of Odessa were held Tuesday, March 2 at Hubbard-Kelly Funeral Home Chapel. Burial was in Sunset Memorial Gardens.

He died Sunday, Feb. 28 at Medical Center Hospital in Odessa after an illness. He was born June 13, 1944, in

Trinity County. He was a mechanic at El Paso Polyolefins. He married Linda Sterling March 14, 1969, in Odessa.

Survivors include his wife, Linda Jennings; one son, Christopher Jennings of Odessa; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Brewer of Robert Lee; and one brother, Gene Jennings of Loui-

LUNCHROOM MENUS

Monday, March 15: Tamales with chili and cheese, Spanish rice, chopped onion, corn, hot rolls with butter, white cake with icing and milk.

Tuesday, March 16: Chicken fried steak with cream gravy, cream potatoes, English peas, hot rolls with butter, purple plums and milk.

Wednesday, March 17: Beef tacos with cheese, chopped onion, lettuce and tomato salad, corn, fruit cobbler and milk.

Thursday, March 18: Corn dogs with mustard, French fries with catsup, cheese stick, Ranch Style Beans, chocolate pudding and milk.

Friday. March 19: Barbecue chicken, green beans, cream potatoes, hot rolls with butter. peanut butter supreme and milk.

Ethel and Alfred Harmon of Channelview and former hometown residents of Coke County, have recently moved to Robert Lee, after retiring from construction work.

The couple have numerous relatives here which their retirement will allow them to enjoy. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. T.R. Harmon and has several brothers here. Mrs. Harmon is a sister of Dennis and J.Q. Counts. They have one son, Nick Harmon, of Huntsville.

Buy and Sell with Want Ads

HOW MANY DISABLED PEOPLE?

How many disabled people are there in the United States? Good question, but did it ever occur to you how difficult it is to answer?

The reason: two other questions have to be an-swered first. What is a disability? Who decides who's disabled?

In most disability surveys in the USA, a sampling of people are asked whether can never get a completely they have any handicapping accurate count of all the conditions which stand in the way of working or But we can get a fairly going to school or keeping accurate estimate. And in house or whatever. They doing so, we learn a couple have to decide for themselves of important truths about whether to answer "yes" or "no."

With many, there's no problem. You're blind or you're not; deaf or not; in a wheelchair or not. But with many more, the answer could go either way: controlled epilepsy; history of mental illness; heart condition; some hearing loss; some vision loss; some trouble walking; and so on. If you're in one of these "iffy" categories, whether you answer "yes" or "no" depends on many things:

•Are you working or not? Somehow, people at work are less likely to think of themselves as disabled as people not at work.

self, you are likely to nities: one in eleven.

think of yourself as disabled.

So you can see that we disabled people in America. disabled people:

•It is important for disabled people to work, not just for the obvious reasons of making a living and being independent, but also for the less-obvious reason of thinking more positively about themselves.

•It is important for families and friends to think positively about disabled people as whole people and not just as bundles of disabilities. Positive thinking by families leads to positive thinking by disabled people.

P.S. How many disabled are there in the people United States? The U.S. •How do your family Census Bureau, in a hefty and friends consider sample in which people were you? If they constantly asked to define themconcentrate on your selves, found that one in disability, if they cons- eleven adults is disabled, tantly try to do things physically or mentally. It's for you rather than let a good rule of thumb to you do things for your- apply to our own commu-



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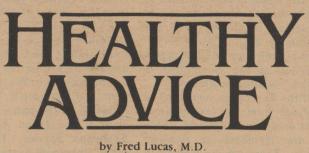
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Abuse of Alcohol

How much is too much? That question is being asked more frequently by persons who drink or those who are concerned about possible abuse of alcohol by friends or relatives.

Make no mistake. Alcohol is a drug. As a result, people who drink set themselves up for possible damage to their bodies. While the adverse effects of alcohol on the liver are fairly well known, other results of drinking

may be even more destructive. Among the specific dangers:

Brain and nervous system destruction. The possibilities are behavorial agressiveness, mental deterioration and poor judgment. Heavy drinking among younger persons can lead to permanent brain damage even before irreversible liver damage occurs.



Cancer. Chronic consumption of large amounts of alcohol increases the risk of liver, mouth or esophagus cancer. Cancer of the lungs, pancreas, intestine and prostrate also have been related to excessive alcohol consumption.

Lung diseases. Alcohol is believed to diminish the breathing function. When combined, smoking and drinking have a synergistic effect, which means their combined impact is greater than simply adding the two together.

Drug metabolism. Because of its effect on the liver, alcohol may interfere with the body's metabolism of other drugs. Many drugs, from aspirin to antihistamines, can be delayed in removal from the body.

The Annals of Internal Medicine recently disclosed that the 10-year mortality rate was lowest in persons who consumed two or fewer drinks per day. A drink is defined as an ounce of whiskey, glass of wine or 12 ounces of beer. People who had six or more drinks per day, however, had a doubled mortality rate.

Alcohol increases the amount of so-called good cholestrol--HDL or high-density lipoprotein. That explains why some believe moderate alcohol consumption can lower the risk for coronary artery disease--the cause of heart attacks.

Anyone with experience with alcohol knows the other, darker side of the story. For example, heavy consumption actually increases the risk for other forms of heart disease, such as direct damage to the heart muscle.

Although some scientists believe that a couple of drinks a day may be beneficial, the problem is that nearly 20 million Americans cannot control their drinking. For them, any alcohol is too much.

Dr. Lucas is medical director of National Heritage Insurance Co. of Austin. National Heritage is a subsidiary of Electronic Data Systems Corp. of Dallas. EDS underwrites and administers the Texas Medicaid Program.

AEROBIC DANCING CLASSES The San Angelo Y.M.C.A. has scheduled a series of aerobic exercise classes in Robert Lee. They will start on Monday, March 22, 7:30 to 8:30, in the old high school gym. For registration r more information, call Marsha Smith, 453-2646.

Lake Spence **Fishing News**

PAINT CREEK MARINA Larry Knappick and Frank Varsch, Odessa, 14 white bass and 1 black bass, 4 lbs.





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LOTH & BISHOP

Mrs. Waymon Robertson was admitted to St. John's Hospital, Room 216, on Monday for observation and treatment. She is expected to remain hospitalized for the rest of the week.



1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month - 7 p.m.

LIONS CLUB COMMUNITY CENTER

Howell Purdue Sr. and Jr., Midland, 2 black bass to 21/2 lbs., 1 white bass.

WILDCAT FISH-A-RAMA George M. Davis, Odessa, 12 white bass up to 11/2 lbs.

SKINNY'S HILLSIDE Richard Bohannon, Robert Lee, 4 blue cat, 14, 15, 17 and 18 lbs., 1 striper 29 lbs., 59 channel cat.

Y.J. and Dair Sherrell, Robert Lee, 8-black bass to 3 lbs.

Gene Wienkouf, San Angelo, 1 striper 7 lbs., 2 black bass to 3 lbs.

Jim Hubbard, Robert Lee, 1 blue cat, 10 lbs, 35 white bass to 21/2 lbs., 8 black bass to 31/2 lbs. TRIANGLE GROC. & BAIT Bert and Eric Vicars, Odessa, 2 stripers. 61/4 lbs. and 81/4 lbs.



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Plan Now For Retirement

People planning to retire in early 1982 should start making serious plans right now if they have not done so. A part of this planning should be applying for Social Security retirement benefits, Frank Upp, Social Security district manager in San Angelo, said recently.

Applying for benefits at the proper time is very important, Upp said. This is because benefit payments are geared to the month of application.

For example, a person applying after reaching 65 generally can receive benefits for up to six months before the month of application, but not before the month he or she reaches 65. A person applying between 62 and 65 cannot generally get any benefits for months before the month of application.

In addition, a person can receive benefits only for months he or she meets eligiblity requirements for the entire month. Generally, this means that unless a person was born on the first day of a month, he or she cannot get a benefit for the month of his or her 62nd birthday. The first benefit payable is for the following month.

Before applying, a person should gather the required evidence. This includes his or her Social Security card or a record of the number, birth or baptismal certificate, and forms W-2 or self-employment tax returns for the past two years. If this evidence is not available, the people at the Social Security office may be able to suggest substitutes.

An application can be made either in person or by telephone, whichever is most convenient. The application process can be started by phone and completed by mail.

More information about Social Security benefits can be obtained at the San Angelo Social Security office, located at 2214 Sherwood Way. The telephone number 949-4608.

"LAYAWAY PLAN" KEY TO HEALTHY ECONOMY

The Reagan Administration's current budget is based on buying a healthy economy on the "layaway plan," and it's critical that the next installment payment (proposed budget) be made, according to U.S. Cong. Phil Gramm of College Station. Speaking to about 200 bankers and agricultural lenders at the 30th annual Farm and Ranch Credit Conference at Texas A&M University, Gramm said "it's important that we not back down from attacking things that have left us in this sorry state." He said that deficit spending by the government was the main culprit for today's economic woes.

March 12, 1982

LADY GOLFERS INVITED The Ballinger Ladies Golf Association is having its annual Invitational Golf Tournament June 5, 1982, at the Ballinger Country Club. "Please reserve this date on your calendars, "the women said. Flyers will be mailed within the next few weeks.

4-H Rifle Club

The Coke County 4-H Rifle Club had a practice session Sunday afternoon with seven shooters participating. Rifle Coach Richard Johnson didn't keep scores on the senior shooters, as time was spent on shooting positions and techniques.

Senior shooters present were John Walker, Phil Stephens, Kim Caston and Douglas Roberts. Junior shooters present were

Tina Hines who turned in a 71 score in prone position, Kerri Bilbrey who had a score of 68, and Claudette Walker, who was having trouble with her rifle sights, had a 55.

Word was received last week that James Paul Skipworth, a junior shooter, placed 78th in the Nationl Rifle Association nationwide ratings, based on scores shot in two sectional championships in 1981. There were 298 shooters in his age bracket entered in the sectional championships from across the nation. Next practice session will be at

2 p.m. Sunday, March 14.

DPS Changes Recruitment Requirements

Colonel Jim Adams, Department of Public Safety director, announced today that "effective with the June recruit class, DPS trooper candidates may substitute law enforcement-related experience for the current educational requirement of 60 college hours. Thus, applicants with two years of commissioned law enforcement experience or two years of honorable active military service would be eligible for a waiver of the two-year college requirement. Likewise, one year of such qualifying experience could be substituted for one year of college work.'

"This temporary modification is intended to increase the reservoir of qualified applicants yet ensure a continuance of the high personal standards which have been the hallmark of the department's success."

"An evaluation of the results of the temporary modification of educational requirements will be conducted to determine whether a continuation is justified."

Colonel Adams said the DPS hopes to recruit 268 new troopers this year, including the 92 who presently are in training.

Recruits live in the DPS law enforcement academy in Austin during the 18-week training course. The starting monthly salary for recruits is \$1,223. Upon graduation, the officers are paid \$1,347 per month plus allowances for uniforms and equipment. These salaries will increase Sept. 1, 1982.

"The Department continues to emphasize the recruitment of minorities consistent with our philosophy that a law enforcement organization must be representative of the community it serves," Adams pointed out.

Of the 92 recruits scheduled to graduate from the law enforcement academy on May 14, 1982, 35 are members of minority groups. There are six women in the class.

USE OLD SLACKS

Use your "old" slacks or jeans to make toddler's slacks or shorts in a jiffy, says a clothing specialist.

Adjust the grain lines, cut the front pattern piece from one leg and the back from the other leg.

Add pockets, trims, elastic and hem, and you have it, says Alma Fonseca, on the home economics staff of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System.

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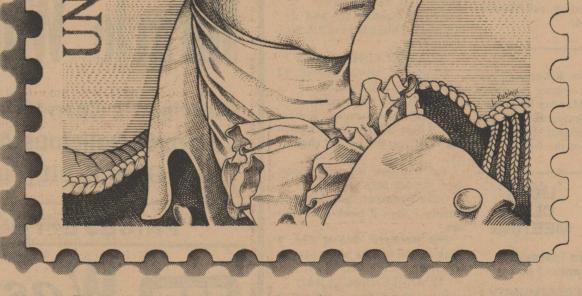


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Robbins Rites Held Tuesday

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Funeral service for Frank Robbins Sr., 92, were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday in the First United Methodist Church in Bronte. The Rev. Howard Johnson, pastor, officiated, assisted by the Rev. Arthur Kendall of San Angelo and former Methodist pastor in Robert Lee. Burial was in Hayrick Cemetery under direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.

Mr. Robbins died at 1:45 p.m. Sunday, March 7, in Bronte Nursing Home.

He was born July 26, 1889, in Hayrick and was married to Mary Ellen Collins Nov. 8, 1914, at Hayrick. He was preceded in death by his wife in November 1970 and by a daughter. Mary Jo Hodges, in 1971.

Mr. Robbins was a rancher in Coke County until 1950 when he moved to Upton County where he operated a ranch until his retirement in 1975. He moved back to Bronte after he retired.

Survivors include one son, Frank Robbins Jr. of McCamey; one sister, Bertha Bonner of Eurika, Tex.; three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; and a number of nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were Elmer Collins of Cotulla, Phillip Robbins of Fort Stockton; Carroll Robbins and Rupert Robbins, both of Bronte, Portis Robbins of San Angelo and Billy Dan Labenske of Houston.

W.H. Patterson **Funeral Held** At Big Spring

William Herman Patterson, 71, died at 3:52 p.m. Sunday, March 7, in Big Spring Hospital. Services were conducted at 10 a.m. Wednesday in Nalley Pickle Rosewood Chapel with Rev. Charles Jones, pastor of Airport **Baptist Church officiating. Burial** was in Trinity Memorial Park under the direction of Nalley Pickle Funeral Home.

Mr. Patterson was born May 15, 1910, in Robert Lee and married Doris Elizabeth Lambert, Oct. 30, 1939, in San Angelo. She preceded him in death Sept. 8, 1981. They had lived in Big Spring since 1945 after moving there from Pampa. He had worked for Cosden Oil & Chemical from 1945 until his retirement. He was a member of the Airport Baptist Church.

Survivors include one daughter, Mrs. James T. (Sandra Sue) Dixon of Big Spring; two brothers, Eddie Patterson of San Angelo and R.C. Patterson of Robert Lee; three sisters, Mrs.

CONSIDER ALL-RISK CROP INSURANCE IN 1982

Farmers have no public protection for their 1982 crops unless they sign up soon for all-risk crop insurance, with the elimination of disaster provisions in current farm legislation. Farmers must now take action, such as purchasing crop insurance, if they want to reduce their exposure to production risk, explains an economist with the Texas A&M University System. All-risk crop insurance, available through the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation (FCIC), allows a farmer to choose the protection level he wants for a particular crop. Some closing dates for spring crops are close at hand.

Services for

Demma Clark

Funeral services for Demma

Clark, 83, were held at 2 p.m.

Saturday, March 6 in the Old Fort

Chadbourne Cemetery. The Rev.

Dewey Hines, pastor of Central

Baptist Church, officiated. Mc-

Cauley and Smith Funeral Home

of Munday was in charge of

Mrs. Clark died at 3 a.m.

Friday, March 5, in Knox City

Hospital after a long illness. She

had been a patient in Leisure

Lodge Nursing Home in Munday

She was born Oct. 20, 1898, in

Bosque County and was married

to Condie Clark in 1919. They

lived in and around Fort Chad-

bourne for many years, later

moving to Bronte. Mr. Clark died

and nephews, including Mr. and

Mrs. Varney Moore of Munday

and Royce Dean Clark of Bronte.

Mrs. Maudie Collins of Bronte is

Pallbearers were Bon Spoonts,

Edsel McDaniel, Royce Fancher,

Sid Eubanks. Garland Spencer,

all of Bronte, and Jesse Eads Jr.

Survivors are several nieces

arrangements.

for two years.

in 1965.

a sister-in-law.

of Robert Lee.

Motorcycle Recovered

Sheriff Marshall Millican said this week that a motorcycle stolen about three months ago was recovered in the north part of Abilene Wednesday of last week.

The vehicle belonged to Garland Richards and was taken from the Chadbourne Ranch northeast of Bronte. The cycle was valued at \$2,000. Millican said it was slightly damaged, but the person who had possession of it had ordered a new part to replace the damaged part. No charges had been filed as of Wednesday morning, but investigation was continuing, the sheriff said.

No burglaries have been reported during the last week, Millican said, and "things have been pretty quiet, giving us some time to do some investigative work."

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WTU Granted Rate Increase

West Texas Utilities Company has been granted an interim rate increase for power sold to its wholesale customers.

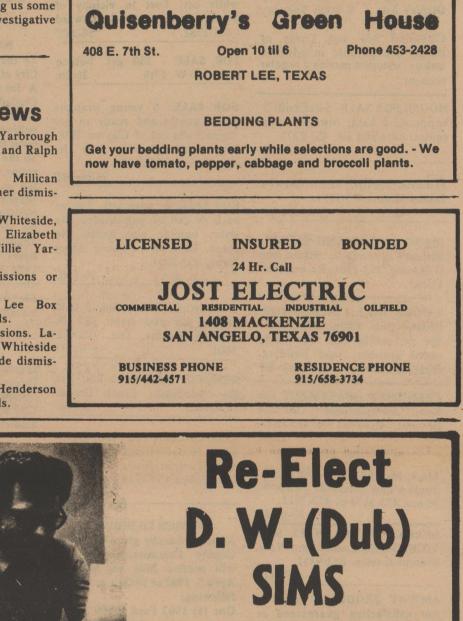
The increase was approved by: the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, effective Feb. 26, 1982, and will remain in effect until final resolution of a rate application filed last October by WTU.

The interim rates granted will result in an increase of \$3.5 million, or 8.1 per cent, annually from 14 rural electric cooperatives, one municipality, and one investor-owned distribution system.

In its application, WTU had asked for a \$4.3 million increase to become effective Dec. 15, 1981. The FERC initially suspended this increase for five months, which would have delayed the effective date of the new rates until May 16, 1982. Granting the interim rates has the effect of shortening the suspension period and allowing lower rates to go into effect subject to refund.

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The FERC decision follows closely the increase in retail rates granted by the Public Utility Commission of Texas effective Feb. 12.



To A Second Term As

Coke County Judge

Philosophy of Government

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RESPONSIBILITYAND DEPENDABILITY AS WELL AS **VOTE FOR** EDUCATION, EXPERIENCE AND KNOWLEDGE.

Hospital News

March 2: Willie Yarbrough admitted. Jack Reaves and Ralph Garvin dismissed.

March 3: Lawana Millican admitted. Pearl Clemmer dismissed.

March 4: Louise Whiteside, Fidela Mendez and Elizabeth Ortega admitted. Willie Yarbrough dismissed.

March 5: No admissions or dismissals.

March 6: Emma Lee Box admitted. No dismissals.

March 7: No admissions. Lawana Millican. Louise Whiteside and Elizabeth Whiteside dismissed

March 8: Daisy Henderson admitted. No dismissals.



To most Coke County residents, microwave cooking is something fairly new and different. However, the use of microwaves in cooking dates back to 1940

A microwave is a high frequency, electromagnetic wave, much like ordinary daylight and radio waves. The waves used in cooking appliances are less than five inches long and cork screw shaped. Radio wave lengths vary from three feet to many miles.

Microwaves penetrate about one inch of food. Food does not

West Coke

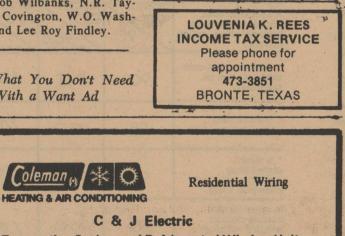
Crowley Harmon of Robert Lee, Mrs. Aubrey Denman of Bronte and Mrs. Sidney Compton of Colorado City; several nieces and nephews and two grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Eugene Clark, Bob Wilbanks, N.R. Taylor, R.B. Covington, W.O. Washington and Lee Roy Findley.

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cook from the center as believed by many. As the waves cause food molecules to vibrate, the friction heats the food. Microwaves cause no chemical change in food.



Evaporative Coolers and Refrigerated Window Units

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PHONE 915/743-8065 915/453-2049 RESPONSIBILITY to ALL the citizens of Coke County and not special interest groups.

DEPENDABILITY to do the task at hand.

EDUCATION (diverse and extensive) B.A. (Psychology/Art), currently completing Master of Science at Angelo State University, Registered Medical Technologist (Bio/Chem.), Registered Radiological Technologist (Physics), currently completing BSN (University of the State of New York external degree program-nursing/ education).

EXPERIENCE: As I go into my fourth year as your County Judge, I know that serving in this job is the best experience I could have to serve you for another term. However, there are other things which add to this experience and will make it possible to serve you better-Member of executive committee of Concho Valley Council of Governments; Liasion Officer Aging Services for CVCOG, Ombudsman for the Aged; National and state legislative chairman (ARCRT), Past President TSSRT.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEMBERSHIP/HONORS (past and present): Master Mason Lodge No. 1203, Lions International, Junior Chamber of Commerce, Senior Honor Society (ASU), Psychological Association, American Chemical Society Citation Award (1971), Distinguished Service Award (1972-1973), Technologist of the Year (1974).

KNOWLEDGE is to understand taxation, expenditures and priorities.

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FOR SALE: 5 young Brangus bulls, gentle and ready to go. These bulls out of Clayton Williams herd. Cumbie Ivey Jr. 453-2715 or 453-2582. 35-tnc-BP

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that Coke County Commissioners' Court will receive bids on Monday, April 5, 1982 at 10:00 a.m. for the following:

One (1) 1962 Ford F-600 V8-132 truck, used tandem dump truck with 10 to 12 yard dump bed. **Contact Commissioner**, Precinct

1, Robert Lee Texas. Also one (1) used 9N Ford tractor approximately 1950 model. Contact Park Caretaker Bronte, Tex. Mail bids to Coke County Commissioners Court c/o County Clerk Coke County Courthouse, Robert Lee, Texas 76945. The a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Political Announcements

The Observer has been authorized to announce the candidacy of persons listed below for the offices and in the elections indicated.

DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY

MAY 1, 1982

For County Judge--D.W. (DUB) SIMS AUBREY DENMAN W.W. (BUD) THETFORD

For County and District Clerk--MRS. ETTIE HUBBARD

For County Treasurer--MRS. JERRY THOMASON

NOTICE OF ELECTION To the Registered Voters of the City of Robert Lee, Texas:

A los Votantes registrados del Ciudad de Robert Lee. Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on the 3rd day of April, 1982 for voting in the City Election for the purpose of: Election of a

Mayor and two Councilmembers. Notifiquese por la presente que los sitios de votacion indicados abajo se abriran desde 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. Abril 3 de 1982 para votar en la ciudad eleccion con el proposito de: Elecion de un Alcalde y dos membros del concijo.

> **Robert Vaughan** By Mayor City of Robert Lee, Texas

Locations of Polling Places Direcciones de los sitios de

Edificio Publico de la Ciudad

A Budget hearing for the City of Robert Lee will be held in City Hall Monday, March 22. 7 to 8 p.m. Said hearing shall provide the public with an opportunity for comments and questions on the entire city budget for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 1982. A copy of the budget proposed for adoption will be available for public inspection at the Robert Lee City Hall, 6 E. 7th St. for ten days before said hearing.

Robert D. Vaughan, Mayor 1tc

NOTICE

Bronte Nursing Home is taking applications for an afternoon cook. Working hours are 11:00

Commissioners' Court of Coke Applications for Nurse Aide for

March 20th- 8 a.m.-4 p.m. -Mini-Western Auto- 5 family garage sale- power walking plow, riding lawn mower, 12 ga. pump gun with 2 extra barrels, glass tub doors, set of storm door glasses, box springs, light fixtures. (1) western, books, lots of toys, boy's clothes size 4 & 5, men's and ladies' clothes various sizes, misc. items. Plow and mower can be seen at 1708 Washington. 37-2tp

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CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our deep appreciation for the many kind and sympathetic acts and words of comfort at the death of our son, James C. Jennings.

Flo and Cecil Brewer

37-1tp

SHERIFF'S SALE March 16 at 10 a.m. at the steps of the courthouse in Robert Lee, the following abandoned vehicle will be sold at public sale to the highest bidder:

1--1967 Chevrolet Van. The vehicle can be inspected at Bell Auto Parts in Robert Lee. 1tc-BP

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			* % local calls completed on 1st try	98	98.0	100.0
SAVE \$4.00 CAR WASH, CHANGE OIL (5 Qts. Ford Oil), and			* % direct dialed long distance calls com- pleted on 1st try	95	95.O	97.0
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If you or a loved one were born in March, you share your birthday with these

famous people: March 8: Was the birth-day of Oliver Wendell Holmes, foremost American jurist of his time and justice of the United States Supreme Court. He was born on this day in 1841.



March 16: On this day in 1751, James Madison, fourth president of the United States, was born in Port Conway, Virginia.

March 21: Johann Sebastian Bach, the great German composer, musician and organist, was born on this day in 1685.

March 26: Was the birthday of Robert Frost, American poet, celebrated as one of the poetic interpreters of New England.

These famous birthdays were researched for the importers of Johnnie Walker Red, whose people have created a unique "greeting card" gift box that provides giftgivers with a gift and a greeting card in one. Now you can give a bottle of scotch and a pictorial birthday card at no extra cost.

S.A. Bishop **Confirms 18 Young People**

Bishop Joseph A. Fiorenza administered the Sacrament of Confirmation to 18 young men and women on Sunday, March 7, at Our Lady of Guadalupe Mission. The confirmation ceremony took place during the regular. Sunday Mass at 10 a.m.

Confirmed were: Stephen Garza, Rosemary Costilla, Lee Ann Molinar, Lupe Munoz, Armando Sanchez, Michael Sanchez, Raynaldo Tijerina, Abel Torres, Be- Announced nito Torres, Emma Torres, James Torres, Lupe Torres, Johnny Torres, Joe Lewis Torres, Maribel Torres, Michael Torres, Ray Torres and Sally Ann Torres.

Following the ceremony, members of the confirmation class assisted Bishop Fiorenza in breaking ground for the congregation's new church, which is scheduled to be under construction within a few weeks. Ray Torres and Rosemary Costilla joined Bishop Fiorenza and Father Mark Woodruff, pastor, in turning shovelfuls of dirt marking the beginning of construction.

The entire congregation and guests completed the day's festivities with a covered dish dinner in the old recreation hall at the City Park.

The confirmation ceremony marked the third time confirmation was administered at Our Lady of Guadalupe Mission. The ceremony commemorates the self-commitment of the young people to church membership and the Christian way of life.

MAKES DEAN'S LIST

Karen Sproles of Odessa, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Counts, was listed on the Dean's List, which honors those with high academic grades. She has consistently maintained a 4.0 grade average while continuing to hold a full-time job. Karen is working toward two degrees at the University of Texas of the Permian Basin, one in office management and a CPA degree.

DeLaPena-Doss Engagement

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Garza wish to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Miss Elsa DeLa Pena, to Danny Doss, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Doss.

The wedding date has been set for July 3.

Miss DeLa Pena is 1980 graduate of Robert Lee High School and is presently a student at Angelo State University and is employed at West Coke County Nursing Home.

Doss is also a 1980 graduate of Robert Lee High School and is employed by J.E.D. Construction in Robert Lee.

McDONALDS HOME

Mr. and Mrs. Ray McDonald have returned home after a two-month stay in San Antonio where Mr McDonald was a patient in Community Hospital. He underwent heart surgery to repair a valve and suffered post-operative complications, including pneumonia. Mrs. Mc-Donald reported he is much improved and they are happy to

P. O. Box 47

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Angelo Service For Mrs. Brosh

Funeral services were held in San Angelo last week for Mrs. L.A. (Terry) Brosh, 53, sister of a Robert Lee businesswoman. Mrs. Brosh died at her home in San Angelo, Thursday, March 4. Rosary was said at 6 p.m. on Friday in Johnson's Funeral Home Chapel. Mass was at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday in Sacred Heart Cathedral, the Rev. Fred Nawarskas officiating. Burial followed in Calvary Cemetery.

Survivors included her mother, Mrs. Edna Owens of Bronte, a sister, Mrs. Virginia Frazee, San Angelo, owner of the Roadrunner Grocery in Robert Lee, a niece, Mrs. Billy Matlock of Bronte, and other relatives.

TYING KNOT LATER

Tying the knot -- it's happening later in life these days. As many young people postpone marriage and the rate of divorce increases, more and more marriages today involve individuals in their late 20's and early 30's, says Diane Welch, a family life education specialist.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Jacobs and children of Pasadena brought Mrs. Jacobs' mother, Mrs. V.M. Box, home over the weekend after a week's stay in their home. Mrs. Box has just returned from Athens, Greece, where she was under the care and treatment of a well-known cancer specialist there. The family also visited Mr. Jacobs parents, Mr. and Mrs.

WALLACES ATTEND **ORDINATION SERVICE**

Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Wallace Jr. were in Abilene over the weekend where they were guests of their son and daughter-inlaw, Jack and Pam Wallace.

Also visiting were Dr. and Mrs. Jackie G. Smith and Jessica of Stephenville and Mr. and Mrs. Troy Millican of Sterling City.

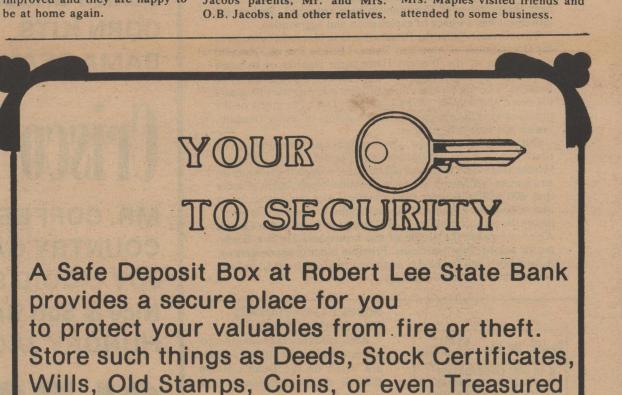
Sunday the families attended services at Northwest Church of Christ, where in a special service Sunday morning, Jack Wallace and Milton Pullen were ordained by the congregation to serve as additional deacons. Lunch and fellowship followed the morning services.

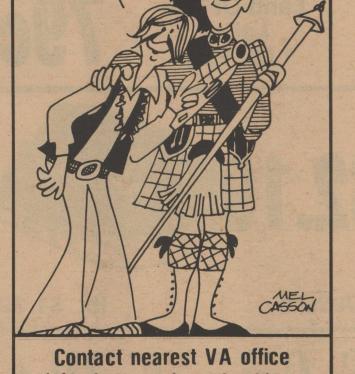
COTTON FARMERS LIKELY TO REDUCE ACREAGE

Most Texas cotton farmers will likely participate in the 15 percent acreage reduction program recently announced by the Secretary of Agriculture, says an economist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M University System. While participation is voluntary, farmers must comply if they wish to be eligible for target price protection and Commodity Credit Corporation loans on their 1982 crop. And that's incentive enough since farmers are faced with a poor price outlook for this year's cotton crop due to surplus supplies.

Mrs. Irene Maples and Mrs. Curtis Walker spent the weekend of Feb. 27-28 in Odessa. Mrs. Walker visited Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Walker and family while Mrs. Maples visited friends and

To clean eyeglasses without A pound of tea makes about 125 cups. streaks, use a drop of tea vinegar on each lens. BOOMER So says the VA. . . by MEL CASSON VETERANS SHOULD APPLY FOR REEMPLOYMENT TO THEIR FORMER EMPLOYER WITHIN 90 DAYS.





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The Caribbean Basin **Development Plan**

For more than 400 years the people of the Western Hemisphere have shared the dreams and anxieties of building a new world. Since the time of Christopher Columbus, most of our forebears have come to this part of the world in search of a better life for themselves. Virtually all - descendants of the land and immigrants alike - have had to fight for independence and strive to retain it.

Our own history demonstrates that man's unsatisfied aspiration for economic progress and social justice can best be achieved by free men working within a framework of democratic institutions.

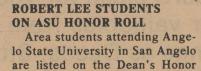
It is in this spirit that the President recently outlined his Caribbean Basin Development Plan. Briefly stated, the plan is aimed at combating Communist influence in Central America and the Caribbean through increased assistance, trade preference, and investment incentives. The emphasis is on what we can do to improve economic conditions in that area.

Some have hailed the proposal as being as important as the Marshall Plan was in rebuilding Europe following World War II. The broad outlines of the plan — under preparation since last spring — call for an immediate increase of \$350 million in financial assistance to the region, preferential tariff arrangements for its products such as sugar and rum, and incentives for U.S. firms to make job-creating investments in the area. The centerpiece of the program is free trade for Caribbean Basin products exported to the United States for a period of 12 years. Much of the proposed program requires congressional approval.

Those of us who are faced with making decisions affecting our future must consider the program with an eye toward what could happen on our southern flank. The foes of freedom fear peaceful attempts to develop because it makes the message of the radical ring hollow. Cuba and its Soviet backers know this, as well as others who participate in the export of revolution and the import of repression. The record speaks for itself. Nowhere in its history have the promises of Communism been redeemed. Rather, the movement has a legacy of exploitation and aggravation.

To underscore what the President said in his recent message to the Organization of American States, I believe free and peaceful development of the Western Hemisphere requires us to assist governments confronted with aggression from outside their borders. We must do whatever is prudent and necessary to ensure the peace and security of the Caribbean area. The thrust of the proposed assistance is to help our neighbors to realize freedom, justice and economic progress.

Out of our common past, the Americas have emerged as more equal and more understanding partners. The Western Hemisphere has an unlimited potential for economic development and human fulfillment. We have a combined population of more than 600 million people. Our continents and our islands boast vast reservoirs of food and raw materials. We cannot, however, ignore the events unfolding in the Caribbean Basin and in Central America because the people of this hemisphere are in a fundamental sense fellow Americans. Freedom is our common destiny. A neighbor's call for help is addressed to all of us. It is, in fact, fundamental to our own security.











So says the VA ... by Merrie Terser

THE VA PAYS COMPENSATION

WEE PALS

Contact nearest VA office (check your phone book) or a local veterans group. university.

Those listed on the 3.00 to 3.49 honor roll include Lisa Devoll, a health & physical ed major; Kerry Lynn Gartman, an animal science major; Mitchell Don Gibbs, a journalism major; and Pamala Jan Walker, a computer science major.

Roll for the fall semester at the

Those listed on the 3.50 to 4.00 honor roll include Karen Kay Flowers, an elementary education major; Ralph Henry Kenney, a pre-engineering major; and James R. Willcockson Jr., an animal science major.

