

# Robert Lee Observer

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## Museum Executive Committee Membership Is Announced

"The museum project is now ready to stand on its own feet, headed by an executive committee capable of moving into the functions of an executive board."

With this statement, Ulmer Bird, chairman of the Coke County Historical Commission, announced again the names of the member of the Coke County Museum executive committee which, "is now in position to take over all details pertaining to the museum".

Mrs. Marie Ferguson, chairperson.

Bascom Chesney, secretary-

treasurer; Mrs. Marie Arrott, Mrs. Diane Luckett, Mrs. Joan Davis, Miss Mary Anne Lackey, Mrs. Fay Roe.

This Coke County Museum executive committee has an account in the bank at Robert Lee and is already receiving memorial gifts. Information on this may be obtained from Joan Davis at the Observer office or from Mrs. Marie Ferguson.

The three persons in charge of the fence building at the jail which houses the museum are Mrs. Ferguson, Chesney and Bill Allen.

Building this fence became necessary to protect certain old plows and other outdoor equipment available to the Museum, but such as could not be housed inside and leave room needed for other items.

While passing the museum project largely to this administrative committee, the Coke County Historical Commission is enlarging its work in gathering, collecting and preserving historical material that has been preserved by families and individuals and organizations.

Next Tuesday afternoon at 2:30-3:30 will be the first of two or more presentations of the story of water up to and including the Robert Lee Dam.

Ulmer Bird will give the story from the beginning out of his articles in the Observer and daily newspapers.

In June, Gerald Allen, who has been a member of the board of directors of the Upper Colorado River Authority from its beginning will tell a story as he saw it unfold of the impounding in Coke County of the Oak Creek Lake, Mountain Creek and Spence lakes.

Hopefully all of this information will be stored and preserved to be placed in archives for future reference or for publication in book form.

The regular business meeting of the Coke County Historical Commission will held at 3:30-4:00 next Tuesday, following the story of those who labored long and spent themselves to water a thirsty people in Coke County.

--Ulmer Bird

## More Unusual Weather Here

Coke County has experienced more unusual weather this week as temperatures have been unseasonably cool. Some county residents have reported the mercury falling below 40 degrees during the early morning hours.

This week's cool spell came on the heels of a frosty Easter Sunday morning. Balmy weather before Easter had lured Coke Countians into thinking cold weather was over, but the frost that morning was heavy, even though it did melt quickly and caused little damage.

Farmers and ranchers are not as interested in temperatures as they are the possibility of rain. Moisture is badly needed but only a trace has shown up for the past week or more.

## Primary Elections To Be Held In County May 1

Politics is heating up in Coke County and all over the state this week, as primary election time draws near. Both Democratic and Republican Primaries will be held in Coke County. Democrats will have the usual six polling places open for voters on the May 1 election day. Republicans will have one central polling place for the entire county, at the Robert Lee School.

Absentee voting for members of both parties is being conducted in the office of County Clerk Mrs. Winnie Waldrop. Those who will be out of the county on May 1 have until 5 p.m. Tuesday, April

27, to cast their ballots absentee.

Interest in state-wide races doesn't seem too strong this year. However, candidates have been working harder the past week and the momentum is expected to pick next week.

Voters from all over Coke County are interested in the election, since a three-way race is in progress for county judge. Incumbent D.W. Sims is seeking a second term, but he is being

challenged by W.W. Thetford, former judge who was defeated by Sims four years ago, and by Aubrey Denman, Bronte ranchman.

On the east side of the county, the tension is building even more, as contests have developed for the commissioners' jobs in Precincts 2 and 4.

Bobby Joe Vaughn, present commissioner for Precinct 2, has two opponents: Billy Joe Luckett, Bronte water superintendent, and I.B. Pate, who operates a fishing lodge on Oak Creek Lake.

Jerry Parker, the incumbent commissioner for Precinct 4, also has two opponents. Ex-mayor of Bronte James A. Tidwell, who is employed by Union Texas Petroleum, and Willie Carper, Tennyson ranchman, would like to have Parker's job.

Other county and precinct candidates are running, but only the three races mentioned above are contested.

Your county newspapers hope to have complete voting information next week. Candidates who want to run ads are urged to get them in as early as possible. We can do a better job for you if at least some of the ads come in before late Tuesday.

## Students in Regional Meet

Three Robert Lee High School students participated in the regional UIL Literary Meet held Friday, April 16, at South Plains College in Levelland.

Lori Allen entered in poetry interpretation, Paula Autrey in ready writing, and Stan Ray in persuasive speaking. Ray placed ninth in the competition.

Although none of the students qualified to advance to state, their sponsors said they were fine competitors and represented RLHS very well at the meet.

## Athletic Banquet Set

The annual athletic banquet honoring athletes of RLHS will be held at 7 a.m. May 1, in the school cafeteria.

Tickets may be purchased at the school in the high school principal's office from Coach Jerold Epperson. Price is \$3.00.

## Bike-A-Thon To Aid Kids

On Saturday, April 24, bike riders from Robert Lee and Bronte will take to Highway 158 between the two towns to raise money for St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

The annual Bike-A-Thon all across the nation is a major fund raiser for this worthy cause. Everyone is asked to donate generously and to drive carefully on the designated bicycle course.

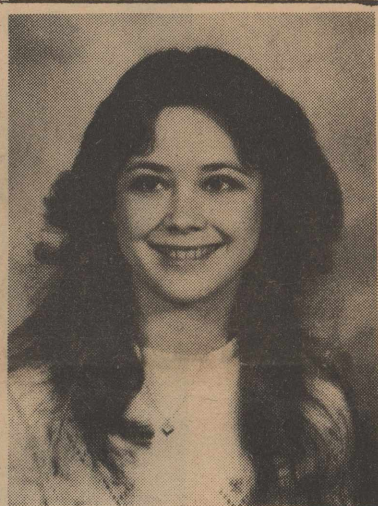
## Church Sets Weekend Services

Special services for the weekend of April 23-25 have been announced by the Emmanuel Pentecostal Church.

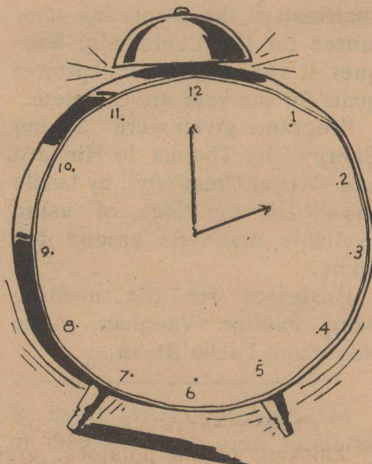
On Friday evening at 7:30 p.m., Billy Mills of Lamesa will be the guest speaker for the local congregation.

Gaylon Chapman and family will conduct the Sunday morning and evening worship services at 11:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m., respectively. The Chapman family is noted for its fine music.

Everyone is invited to attend any or all of the services, hear their guest speakers, and worship with them.



**LIONS QUEEN**-Miss Kim Caston will represent the Robert Lee Silver Lions Club at the District 2 A-1 convention in Big Spring on Saturday, April 24. Kim will vie with 65 other contestants for queen of the Lion District 2 A-1. The district winner will go on to the state convention in College Station June 4-5. Kim is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Caston of Robert Lee and a senior at Robert Lee High School.



## Move Clocks Up One Hour Saturday Night

Man continues to try to fool Mother Nature, as Standard Time will give way to Daylight Savings Time on Sunday, April 25, at 2 p.m. If we can recall the little ditty, "Spring forward, fall back," we won't have to debate on which way to change our time pieces. We will lose an hour by moving our clocks forward on Sunday and will have to wait until the last Sunday of October to regain it.

## Jr. High Boys First, Girls Third in District Contest

The Robert Lee Junior High boys took first place and the girls were third in the district track meet held Friday at the Robert Lee School track. The boys racked up 167 points while the girls made 105.

Garden City was first in the girls division; Bronte boys and girls took second place and Garden City boys were third.

### BOYS EVENTS

Pole Vault: 1. Randy Stephens, 9' 0".

Long Jump: 1. Jim Bob Jacobs, 17' 9".

High Jump: 1. Dale Hodnett, 5' 2".

Shot Put: 1. Hodnett, 38' 4 3/4"; 6. Mike Sanchez, 34' 1/2".

Discus: 1. Hodnett, 103' 8"; 3. Sanchez, 93' 8".

440 Yard Relay: Kevin Johnson, Noel Ybarra, Sanchez and Jacobs, 49.77.

880 Yard Run: 1. Ybarra, 2:29.11.

120 Yard Intermediate Hurdles: 1. Johnson, 18.55; 3. Randy Stephens 20.38.

100 Meter Dash: 4. Sanchez,

12.99.

440 Yard Dash: 2. Hodnett, 62.25.

330 Yard Low Hurdles: 1. Johnson, 45.21; 3. Stephens, 51.17.

220 Yard Dash: 1. Jacobs, 25.62.

1600 Meter Run: 3. Luther Lara, 5:50.14.

Mile Relay: 1. Hodnett, Ybarra, Sanchez and Jacobs, 4:02.98.

### GIRLS EVENTS

High Jump: 2. Missy Grim.

Shot Put: 2. Grim; 3. Dana Anthony.

Discus: 1. Grim, 73' 9 1/2".

440 Yard Relay: 2. Grim, Gartman, Epperson and Molinar.

880 Yard Dash: 4. Rodriguez.

100 Yard Low Hurdles: 3. Long.

880 Yard Relay: 2. Grim, Gartman, Epperson and Molinar.

220 Yard Dash: 3. Long; 6. Clendennen.

1320 Yard Run: 2. Munoz; 5. Fulkerson; 6. Paden.

Mile Relay: 3. Flowers, Rodriguez, Epperson and Gartman.

## Vaccination Clinic For Rabies Set

Coke County 4-H Clubs will sponsor their Annual Pet Vaccination Clinic this Saturday, April 24, in the Robert Lee Park. The clinic will be from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. with Dr. Hooker of Williams-Hooker Veterinary Clinic of San Angelo as veterinarian in charge.

All pet owners are encouraged to have their pets immunized against rabies. The fee for rabies vaccine is \$5.00. Other vaccines available at the clinic are: DHLPP, \$10.00; Parvo, \$7.50; and CBR-S for cats, \$10.00.

Pets four months of age or older should be immunized. All pets should be vaccinated for rabies annually.

## Stephens Hurt In Collision With Doors

Scott Stephens, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Stephens, received severe lacerations to his leg last weekend requiring over 50 stitches in treatment at a Lubbock hospital. Scott, a junior at Robert Lee High School, was attending a judging contest with the local school agriculture department in Lubbock. The accident occurred when he collided with sliding glass doors, breaking them. Although his injuries were serious, it was thought that he fortunately did not have any permanent damage.

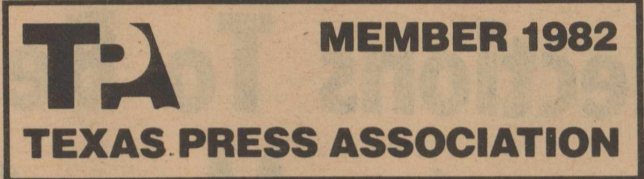
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'64 Club Wins District Honors

The '64 Study Club met on April 13 in the home of Lucile Bryan, with President Nancy Allen presiding. Seventeen members were present to hear the club collect read by Pauline Vaughan, accompanied on the piano by Mrs. Bryan.

The club heard reports on the Heart O' Texas District Spring Convention, and members were pleased to learn of the seven awards garnered by the local group. Nancy Allen won two first places, one for her needlepoint and another for painting on fabric projects. Pauline Vaughan won a second place prize for her free verse poetry. The '64 Study Club's yearbook cover was honored in the top ten in the district. The cover was designed by Deone Roe, daughter-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. A.J. Roe Jr. The club was awarded honors for three special programs during

the year.

Alice Beaty was appointed chairman of the decorating committee for the Community Banquet. It was announced all project goals for the year are complete.

Programs given were "Saving Energy" by Thelma Jo Hinnard and "Art of Creativity" by Lucile Bryan on the idea of using available materials around the home.

Hostesses for the meeting were Pauline Vaughan, Alice Beaty and Lucile Bryan.

Mr. and Mrs. G.L. Dean of Midland were recent guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Barron. They spent the Easter holidays visiting and attended church services at the Robert Lee Baptist Church. Mrs. Dean is a former business associate of Mr. Barron and the families are old friends.

Methodist Women Hold Retreat

The San Angelo District of United Methodist Women held a district retreat Saturday, April 17, at the United Methodist Church in McCamey. Theme of the all-day retreat was "Building Community in Christ". It was led by Rev. Larry C. Howard. The Rev. Mr. Howard is pastor of the Methodist Churches in Sterling City and Water Valley. He spoke on Overcoming Alienation, Dealing with Difficult Persons, and

Working With Conflict.

The district vice president, Mrs. Fred Beaty of Robert Lee, assisted by the other district officers, was in charge of the retreat. Fifty-five women from 12 churches attended the meeting. Attending from Robert Lee were Mrs. Beaty and Mrs. James Herford.

A special offering was taken for the National Assembly of United Methodist Women to be held in Philadelphia April 29 to May 2. This offering will be used to help United Methodist Women around the world. Mrs. Beaty and the district president, Mrs. Peggy Delz of San Angelo, will attend the National Assembly.

RL SCHOOLS HONOR ROLL

7th Grade: Becky Clendennen, Nikki Epperson, Missy Grim and LeeAnn Molinar.

8th Grade: Dana Anthony, Patty Bloodworth and Kevin Johnson.

9th Grade: Douglas Roberts  
10th Grade: Carrath Metcalf  
11th Grade: Quint Anthony, Debbie Cummins and Lee Ann Rynnion.

12th Grade: Paula Autrey, Dee Anna Key, Scot Long, Kenda Rasco, Becky Ross, Shery Ross, Cixto Saucedo and Frankie Walker.

BAND BOOSTERS TO MEET

The Band Booster Club will meet on Monday night, April 26, at 7:30. Members and anyone interested in the Steer Band are invited to attend in the Band Hall. It will be the last meeting of the current school year.

Pre-K Day Set For May 6

Pre-Kindergarten Day has been planned for Thursday, May 6. Any child who will be five years old before Sept. 1, 1982 will be eligible for enrollment in Kindergarten for the school year 1982-83. Further details for the special day will be in next week's paper.

ATTEND CONFERENCE

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Aldridge attended the United Pentecostal Church Conference last week in Amarillo. At that time, Mr. Aldridge was ordained as a minister. He was recently appointed as minister for the local Emmanuel Pentecostal Church congregation.



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Toni Bryant and Tracy Irvin

### Toni Lynn Bryant, Tracy Irvin Make Plans for May 14 Wedding

Friday, May 14, is the date set for the wedding vows of Toni Lynn Bryant and Tracy Irvin of San Angelo. The couple announced their engagement on Christmas Day, 1981. They will be married in the Emmanuel Pentecostal Church.

The bride-elect's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Bryant of

Robert Lee. Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm E. Irvin of San Angelo are the parents of the prospective groom.

Miss Bryan is a 1981 Robert Lee High School graduate and is presently employed by Larry's Little Freezer.

Irvin attended San Angelo schools and is self-employed.

The couple will live in Robert Lee following their marriage.

### AKP Pledges Jackie Walker

All the members of Alpha Kappa Pi of Beta Sigma Phi met in order to present Jackie Walker with the pledge ritual of Beta Sigma Phi. The rituals were held Wednesday, April 14, in the home of Jo Runion.

After the rituals were performed, President Beth Prather called a business meeting to order. Visitors, Christy Roe, Sheri Milligan, Ara Burns, and Mary Anne Lackey, were welcomed from the AON chapter.

The AKPi members voted to donate to the Beta Sigma Phi Endowment Fund and Loan Fund. A garage sale was discussed but the idea was tabled until the first May meeting. Founder's Day plans were changed because of conflicts, moving the date to April 21, in the home of Mary Bessent.

Following the meeting, refreshments were served by the hostess. Evelyn Flanagan presented an enlightening program on "Friendship".

The last meeting of the sorority's year will be April 21, in the home of Mary Bessent.

### Friends Honor Newlyweds

On Friday evening, April 16, Paul and Pauline Barron, assisted by Jo Nell Yarbrough, Minnie Waldrop and LaRue Harmon, hosted a wedding shower for Reba and Jim Tabor.

During the first part of the evening, friends entertained themselves with games of eighty-eight. At the reception honor, Jim and Reba were declared the winners and Pauline Barron read and dedicated a wedding prayer to the newlyweds. She then presented a beautifully decorated wedding cake along with a king size bedspread, a gift from all the friends.

Those playing eighty-eight and sharing in the presentation of the wedding gift were: Maurice and Jo Nell Yarbrough, Crowley and Nola Harmon, Glen and Minnie Waldrop, Finis and LaRue Harmon, Bernice Roberts, Alma McGallion, Trudie Farris, Eula Smith, Saydie Chumley, Bert and Marcella Blaylock, Essie and Melvin Childress, Rhonda Smith, Lew and Ana Mae Heuvel of Brenham, Annie Woods and Paul and Pauline Barron.

Recent visitors of Mr. and Mrs. James Herford were their son and grandson, Ernest Herford and Charlie from Longview.



**LIONS CLUB MEETING**

1st & 3rd Tuesday of Each Month - 7 p.m.

LIONS CLUB COMMUNITY CENTER

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# 79c

Gooch German Sausage

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Bulk Sliced Bacon

lb. \$1.49

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Land O Lakes (In Quarters) Lb.

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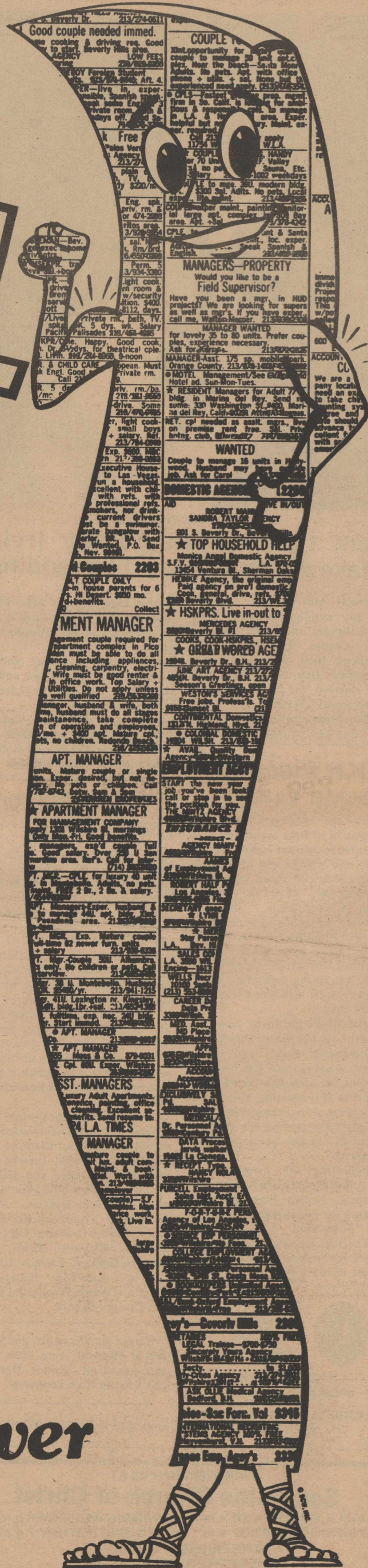
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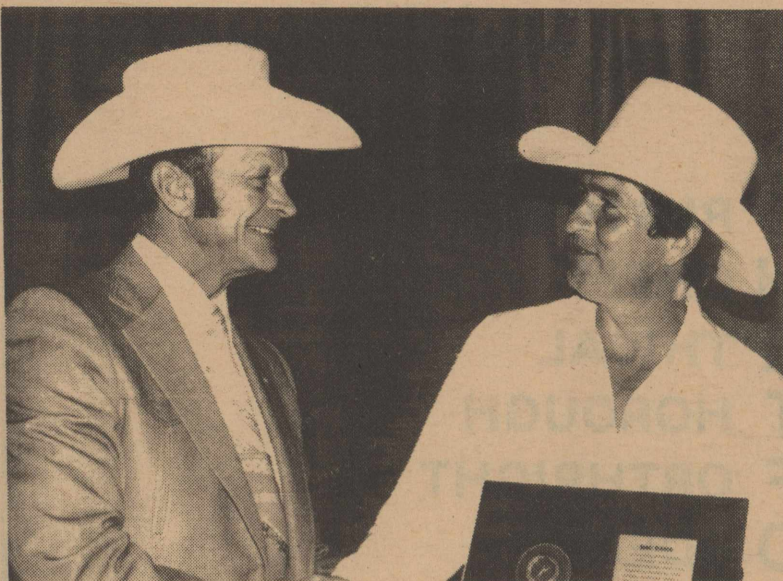
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**DAVIS RECEIVES AWARD**--Joe Montgomery of Abilene [left], president, Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts, presents entertainer Mac Davis an award for outstanding public service for his voluntary efforts to promote the conservation of Texas' soil, water

and related renewable natural resources. Davis serves as a spokesman for Texas soil and water conservation districts by urging Texans to become aware of and active participants in the state's soil and water conservation efforts.

## Foster Parents Needed In Coke

The Coke County Child Welfare Board met April 13 for lunch and a business meeting. All bills were paid and the problems of foster parents were discussed. If you have ever thought about becoming a foster parent, now is the time to think about it very seriously. The need in Coke County is great. Please contact one of our board members as soon as possible.

These board members are:

Juanita Schnabel, chairwoman, Robert Lee, 453-2258.

Judy Millican, vice chairwoman, Robert Lee, (work) 453-2511 or 453-2387.

Brenda Tidwell, Bronte, 473-4921.

Dorothy Collins, treasurer, Bronte, (work) 473-2911 or 473-5221.

Joy Bagwell, Bronte, 473-3621 or Robert Lee, 453-2740.

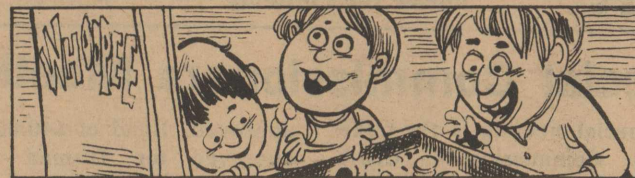
Dorris Saunders, secretary, Bronte, 473-6791.

Weldon Fikes, Robert Lee, 453-2710.

Rough times face children in our county. Physical abuse, neglect, sexual abuse, exploitation and abandonment are more often symptoms of stress in families, rather than adults intending to be terrible parents.

We are asking for your help in dealing with these problems. If you know of a child in need, please call us. Your call will be checked out. Help us help our children in Coke County.

--Juanita Schnabel



The first pinball game machine was the "Whoopee Game," manufactured in 1930 in Chicago, Ill.

## HAS JUDGE SIMS BEEN AN EFFECTIVE COUNTY JUDGE?

Let's Look at Some Tax Valuation Figures ---

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Approximately	\$16,000,000 Less

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Exemption on Implements	----- \$4,600,000
40% Homestead Exemption	----- \$7,300,000
You Will Pay On	----- \$41,000,000

Judge Sims worked on this \$28,000,000 decrease in local valuations. It makes quite a difference in our local taxes.

## Keep Judge Sims In Office

Keep him working to keep down our local taxes as well as keeping him working to get individual tax value discrepancies changed.

## RE-ELECT

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## Republicans To Have Primary At RL School

The Republican Primary election will be held Saturday, May 1. The county wide polling place will be at the Robert Lee High School. Hours are from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m.

Absentee voting is now in progress at the Coke County Court House.

Anyone wanting further information about the Republican Primary may call: 453-2875 or Evenings 453-2866.

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## Special Commissioners Meeting

A special meeting of the Coke County Commissioners' Court was held Tuesday when a few items were on the agenda and discussed by the county's governing body.

The commissioners voted 4-0 for the county to quitclaim its interest, if any in a 2.19 acre tract of land in Precinct 4. Giving up the county's interest in the tract would also include surrender the right of ingress and egress to the tract. It is understood the property in question was formerly a dumpground for the City of Bronte which is situated some distance south of the present dumpground.

Bonds for Coke County Tax Appraisal District officials were

approved. Bond of \$40,000 was approved for Truman Hines, chairman of the board, and bond of \$50,000 was approved for Patsy N. Dunn, chief appraiser.

Judge D.W. Sims informed the commissioners that \$32,766 is available from the Concho Valley Council of Governments for the establishment of a Senior Citizens Center in the area. The available monies could make up 90 per cent of a project with the recipient county paying 10 per cent. Judge Sims asked the commissioners to consider making application which must be done by May 15.

## West Coke Hospital News

The following admissions and dismissals have been announced by the West Coke County Hospital:

April 13: No admissions. Lena Russell and Velma Denman dismissed.

April 14: Mary Mae Wylie admitted and no dismissals.

April 15: Rebecca Conner admitted and Mike Davis dismissed.

April 16: Barbara Winemiller admitted and no dismissals.

April 17: Trudy Farris admitted and no dismissals.

April 18: No admissions and Mary May Wylie dismissed.

April 19: Zona Snead admitted and no dismissals.

## Coke Scales Weigh Okay

Coke County people can count on getting their money's worth in weight through the year if the products are weighed on local scales or gas pumps, Agriculture Commissioner Reagan V. Brown said today.

In the county there are 115 weighing devices of different types, ranging from 68 fuel pumps to 39 supermarket scales.

"Our department regularly checks the commercial scales in the county and has found that they conform to our previous surveys across the state. Of those that were above or below tolerance, not many scales were off by significant amounts. Also, as many were giving the customer too much of the product as were giving too little. Because of frequent checks, scales are not out of calibration very long," Brown said.

"Business owners are glad to see us come in because as often as not, they have been losing money if their scales were not accurate," Brown said.

The Texas Department of Agriculture has inspectors assigned to every county. They are trained to check all different types of scales--from those for medicines in a pharmacy to those for livestock and grain.

The inspectors also spot check packaged goods, such as cereals and crackers, to make certain that the weight stated on the label is accurate. If on the average the weights of the packages are below the amount stated on the label, the shipment is put on a Stop-Sale order. The store owner then either returns the items to the processor or as is the case very often, gives them to charitable organizations. Meat packaged in the supermarket as well as processor packs are also checked by department inspectors.

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For 20 years "Bud" Thetford demonstrated all of the above while serving as County Judge of Coke County. He never did deviate from the high ethical standards required when responding to pressure groups. He truly and sincerely desires to serve Coke County again as your County Judge.

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# News From The County Agent

By Sterling Lindsey  
County Extension Agent-Ag

High interest rates, along with other factors, continue to be major concerns of many ranchers and stock farmers. The following is a good explanation of the current money situation.

"Interest rates will be extremely high in 1982 but not in the way most people see them", says Steven C. Griffin, a Texas A&M University agricultural economist.

The prime lending rate is currently hovering around 17 percent. While this is lower than the 21.5 percent that started 1981 and the 20 percent paid last summer, it's a lot higher in terms of profitability, says Griffin, who is with the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station and Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

"Interest rates are composed of two different components," explains the economist. First there's an inflation premium, the amount of interest it takes to compensate savers for the expected decrease in purchasing power of their savings over the loan period. The premium is based primarily on inflationary expectations."

The second component is what may be termed as the real return to capital. This is the amount of interest savers require for deferring current consumption until later when the loan is paid off, explains Griffin.

Since the mid-60s up until fairly recently, the actual inflation rate has been under-anticipated by savers and lenders, says Griffin. Thus, the market rate of interest paid by borrowers, less the actual inflation rates, equaled a real return for capital that was extremely low and sometimes even negative. The lower the real cost of capital, the more profitable were capital investments, particularly those which also appreciated with inflation, such as farmland and housing.

"As long as one could make the downpayment and cash flow requirements, one could look quite smart while inflation multiplied net worth and current income soon exceeded cash requirements," notes the economist.

With the current restrictive monetary stance of the Federal Reserve and huge projected budget deficits, the calculated real return (cost) to capital has increased substantially. In fact, it's tripled to more than 10 percent, points out Griffin.

The Federal Reserve is currently resolved not to accommodate budget deficits by expanding the money supply for fear of reigniting inflation. Thus the U.S. government "crowds out" private demands for debt capital by paying a higher price than potential private borrowers can afford, notes the economist.

"As inflation continues to fall or remain at current, relatively low levels, the inflation premium in interest rates will fall also," says Griffin. "But increases in the real return to capital component may be more than offsetting so that overall market interest rates may be unchanged to higher."

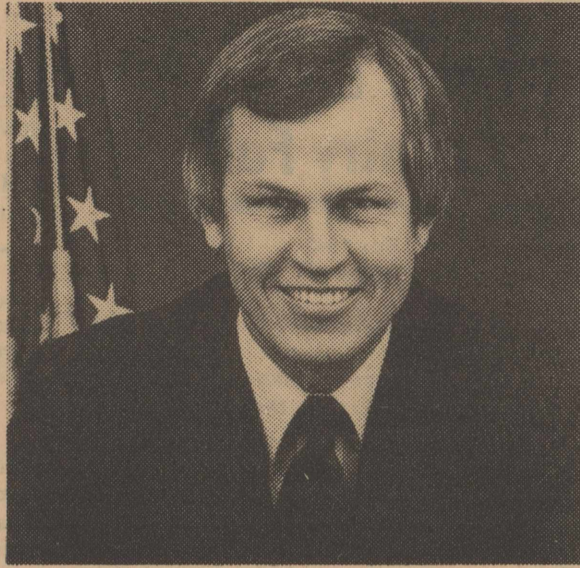
Important to borrowers is that a 17 percent market rate of interest is different when the underlying rate of inflation is 7 percent compared to 15 percent. The difference is not in the amount of interest paid but how much the investment will have to earn on its own versus how much

it's likely to appreciate with inflation.

Land, for example, has averaged a current return of 3 to 4 percent and appreciated at or slightly more than the general inflation rate over the last few decades. Obviously, land has been a good buy with real interest rates at 0 to 2 percent. But the same can not be said now, notes the economist.


"Properly managing financial affairs will be of paramount importance to agricultural producers this year," says Griffin. "While farm credit is available to qualified farmers, maintaining access to this credit may be difficult for some who have seen the last two years of low prices and a dismal outlook ahead diminish some of their credit worthiness."

How far a lender will go with a financially weakened producer may depend on how well prepared that producer is in presenting his financial needs, adds Griffin. Does he have cash flow projections? When the market provides the opportunity for profit, will he recognize it and bank some of it with cash sales and forward contracts? Is he considering all-risk crop insurance and government program participation? Has he approached his landlords about charging share-rent arrangements in view of rising input costs?



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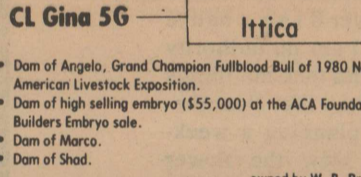
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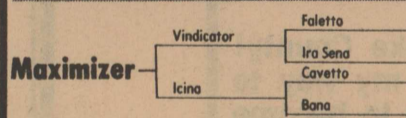
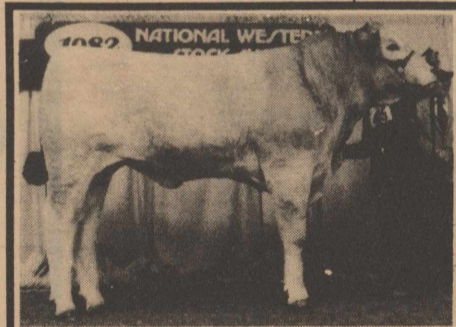


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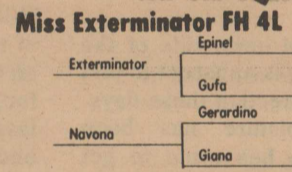


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- Dam of high selling embryo (\$55,000) at the ACA Foundation Builders Embryo sale.
- Dam of Marco.
- Dam of Shad.

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- Grand Champion Fullblood Bull, Supreme Champion Bull 1982 National Western Breeding Cattle Show.



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- 9 Black Bulls (percentage ranging from 3/4 - 5/8)
- 5 3/4 White Bulls
- 11 Open Fullblood Heifers
- 4 Bred Fullblood Females
- 2 Maximizer X Gina Embryos
- 1 Vin-Lu X Iroito Embryo
- 3 15/16 White Open Heifers
- 9 7/8 White Open Heifers
- 5 3/4 White Open Heifers
- 11 Black Heifers (percentage ranging from 3/4 - 5/8)

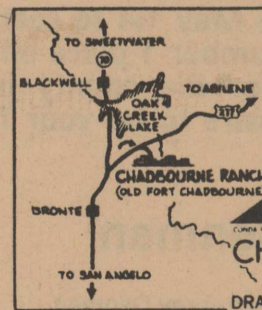
Some lots consigned by Al Richmond.

Rehab II, an Exterminator X Miss Fadino CR8 Fullblood heifer will be sold. All proceeds from Rehab II will be donated to the West Texas Rehabilitation Center for crippled children in Abilene, Texas.

At 10:30 A.M., morning of the sale, transportation will be available from the Abilene Airport to the Ranch.

We suggest overnight guests stay at Kiva Inn in Abilene. (Phone 915/695-2150)

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## Jerry Lackey's Country Folk

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San Angelo, TX 76902

Springtime always inspires conversation on the subject of weather. Consequently, in West Texas the last several weeks we have experienced a lot of weather.

Forecasters did not predict the rain we received in San Angelo and Abilene last week, however, I knew it was coming. Being a pipe smoker, I noticed my tobacco became moist and would not stay lit. That happens before a rain. We received over one-half inch.

My grandfather was also a pipe smoker. He used to say when the aroma of the tobacco was stronger and lasted longer, a storm was coming.

Looking back to last week, storms danced all over West Texas. People lost their lives from lightning. A Mexican national was hit by a bolt of lightning on a farm south of San Angelo last Wednesday and part of his body blown apart. I had never heard of that before. The situation was sad from many standpoints.

April showers are supposed to bring May flowers, so goes the song, but April always brings fears of tornadoes in our area, too. One hit Winters a few weeks back and evidence of its path is still obvious. Other areas of the state have been torn apart by funnel clouds. They are all bad news, but when lives are lost, it is always worse.

On the good news side of the picture, spring is apparent in just about every direction these days. Although moisture has been short, enough has come to get weeds and grass up and growing. Of course, ranchers always need more rain even the day after

receiving ten inches -- that's part of their nature.

From firsthand observation, I can testify that terrain from Junction up to Ballinger and Abilene and around to Sterling City and San Angelo could use more rain. Already, daytime temperatures have hit 98 and 100 degrees, and the ground dries out fast at that rate. The Eden and Brady areas received more snow last winter and it shows as spring blooms.

Planting from family gardens to fields of maize has been in full swing for several weeks now. Many followed generations of prophecy and set their gardens out on Good Friday of Easter weekend.

Farmers in the Wall, Miles and Rowena areas were busy a week earlier putting seed underground. Sprinkled about one could see beautiful crops of wheat and oats maturing.

Visiting with friends on the Alfred Multer farm at Oflen, that's behind Rowena, there was talk of who would get their planting done first. The race was on between Multer, Benny Schroeder of Lowake or Benny Willberg of Paint Rock.

The answer is yes to the folks who call me annually about the Bluebonnets. Every year I receive several phone calls concerning the blooming of Bluebonnets and other wildflowers in the Texas Hill Country. Ever if I am a native of those parts, I am no authority on the subject and took the things for granted half my life. Nonetheless, if you're planning a weekend outing to view the flower trails, the next few weeks will be prime time for that. I would suggest the Mason, Llano, and

Fredericksburg areas. Oh, don't pack a picnic lunch -- there are too many good places to eat down that way which you will want to try!

Speaking of flowers and lore, here's another one: The scent of flowers is more perceptible prior to a shower, the air being damp.

Hold your temper, your rain is coming.

## EXTENSION EXTRAS

By Mary Anne Lackey

It's that time of year! For many Coke County residents the arrival of spring reminds us of the old custom of spring cleaning.

If you are so inclined, a publication entitled, "Cleaning on a Shoestring" has been revised by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service Housing Specialists. It is available, free of charge, from the Coke County Extension Office.

Many homemade solutions are just as effective as purchased remedies. In most cases they are also less expensive. Solutions for cleaning aluminum, ceramic tile, fiberglass, iron, marble, wicker, and more are given in this publication.



Ringling Brothers started their first circus at Baraboo, Wisconsin in 1884.

## Apply For Tax Exemptions

April 30, 1982 is the last day to file applications for exemptions and to render your property. Several types of tax relief measures are available to taxpayers, but they do not go into effect automatically. Applications must be made to the Coke County Appraisal District office at 710 Austin St. in Robert Lee.

- Applications are available for:
- Homestead Exemptions to all homeowners for school districts and County purposes;
  - Homestead Exemptions to persons who are 65 and over or Disabled;
  - Disabled Veteran's Exemptions;
  - Exemptions for Farming or Ranching Implements;
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I am glad to be a citizen of Coke County! Many opportunities have come my way to work in many areas of the county to become better acquainted with the people and their needs.

The 10 years we were at the Bronte County Park gave me the opportunity to work with our county commissioners and to know the people. Also, we were privileged to serve the people of Coke County the 10 years we were at White Auto Store in Bronte.

Again, it is my desire to serve the people of Coke County at a higher level, as your County Judge, beginning January 1983 and assure you, to the best of my ability, honest, courteous and sound judgement in all decisions.

County wide, house to house, I have knocked at your door in interest of your vote. If I have missed anyone it was not intentional.

As you go to the polls May 1st to cast your vote, please consider Number 1 place on your ballot as your choice for the county judge.

It is my continued desire to be your friend and fellow citizen.

**Aubrey Denman**

Pol. Adv. Paid for by Aubrey Denman



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  - Your name and address
  - Time of the outage
  - The area affected (as many addresses as possible)

We'll take it from there. Please don't prolong the call with questions that can't be answered. We'll be getting many other calls, depending on how widespread the outage is. And, if you're answered by a recorded message, it means that the dispatcher already has been swamped with calls and that we're working on the problem.

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Congressman  
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## Reports from Washington

### A Budget-Balancing Amendment

Year in and year out, in prosperity and in recession, the Federal budget seems to end up in deficit. Spending has exceeded revenues in every year except one since 1960, and the Treasury is forced to make up the difference by borrowing. In 1974, Congress passed a budget act that it thought would impose a sterner discipline on its own spending practices. Eight years later that proposition is still left wanting. Annual deficits have persisted. The Office of Management and Budget now projects a string of deficits and no black ink for five years or more.

Meanwhile, borrowing to finance this year's deficit is driving the Federal debt steadily higher. Within a few weeks the Administration will ask the Congress to raise the statutory ceiling on the debt. Because refusal to do so would stop the Treasury from borrowing the money it must have to pay the government's bills, the Congress will be forced to acquiesce. No one looks forward to voting to raise the debt ceiling, a fact that has brought about increasing support for a budget-balancing constitutional amendment.

The Senate is expected to vote sometime in May on the proposed amendment to the Constitution that would require a balanced Federal budget.

If the Senate sponsors get a two-thirds vote which the Constitution requires for amendments, the matter will come to the House of Representatives. If a two-thirds majority of the House approves, the amendment goes to the states for ratification. Three-fourths of the states, or 38, must ratify it within seven years for it to become part of the Constitution.

The budget-balancing resolution has several provisions. Congress would be directed to draw up a budget for the approaching fiscal year in which total outlays are no greater than total receipts. This section authorizes a deficit budget only if 60 percent of the entire membership of each house of Congress votes to accept one. The Congress and the President are also required to ensure that actual outlays do not exceed the outlays set forth in such statement.

The second section directs that taxes shall not rise more rapidly than the growth of national income unless a majority of the entire membership of each house has approved legislation to do so in separate votes, and such a bill has become law.

Section three states that the Congress may waive the provisions of the article for any fiscal year in which a declaration of war is in effect. The fourth section lays down definitions of "total receipts" and "total outlays" that are meant to avoid circumvention of the amendment by later definitions. The final section says the amendment shall take effect for the second fiscal year beginning after its ratification by 38 states.

The essential argument for a budget amendment is that Congress is incapable of resisting deficit financing without more rigorous discipline than exists now. Those opposed to the amendment say that it is inappropriate and risky to elevate a particular economic policy to the status of constitutional command. I, as well as many other members, support this constitutional amendment because it imposes a discipline the Congress must have.

We simply must get away from budget-busting appropriation bills that finance the government well above our efforts to halt the excessive growth in domestic spending we have witnessed in recent years. Such spending has fueled inflation and high interest rates and destroyed investments for new jobs. We have even risked the interruption of government activities and services. This method of past operations is one of the principal reasons why the growth of government spending is still not under control.

We are long overdue in getting our fiscal house in order. The time has come for us to face the facts and make the tough decisions about the budget process. A constitutional amendment is a step in the right direction. We must see the job through.



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Mischievous boys rocked the house of the Negroes who live close to the Maxwell home Saturday night, which frightened them considerably. Those Negroes bother nobody and the boys that done it needs 10 days in jail on cornbread and water, regardless of who you are, if it's my boys that suits me just fine, too. If all parents are willing to do that, we can stop stuff like this from getting out of hand. Are you ready?

Only a sprinkle of rain fell in Robert Lee Sunday night with a little wind but at H.C. Allen's ranch about 8 miles north of town, also at Mrs. G.A. Rambin's and W.B. Middleton's, from 4½" to 6" fell accompanied by heavy hail and lots of it. Mr. Allen lost 7 head of goats, a cow, and quite a bit of net fence by water and drifts of hail 2 and 3 feet deep. Mr. Middleton lost 5 goats, Mr. Rambin and Jim Cobb lost several head of sheep. Scott Jackson said Mountain Creek near Graham Valley was the highest he had seen in 28 years. Heavy hail knocked two holes clear through his roof; however, he was not there for the hail as he believes in safety first!

The Robert Lee School invites everyone to attend the plays at the school auditorium, May 3. One of these will be "Knock-Kneed Sally" played by Skinny Adams.

George W. Peay, stock farmer of Pecan was in the County Capitol Saturday. Mr. Peay asked that we send the Observer to Will Augustine of Sterling City for a year, agreeing to bring in a mutton as payment. We hope Mr. Augustine will be pleased with out scandal sheet.

Big Boy Wilkerson of Edith came in for a pleasant chat while in town Saturday. Notwithstanding his near blindness and poor health, he still cracks his jokes. When one of his neighbors bragged about what a head he had on his shoulders, Big Boy said, "That's not a head; it's just a knot on the end of your backbone to keep your spinal column from unraveling."

### TEXAS AG SALES

1981 sales from Texas agricultural products are estimated at \$9.5 billion, up about a half billion dollars from the previous year. However, net profits of farmers and ranchers continued a downward trend, notes an economist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M University System. The livestock sector, including dairy and poultry production, added about \$4.9 billion to the total agricultural sales. Crop sales contributed \$4 billion while sales of agriculturally related sources such as timber, horses, fish farming and hunting leases added another \$600 million. Beef cattle receipts alone totaled about \$3.5 billion to lead all commodities. Cotton sales topped all crops at \$1.3 billion.

### MRS. VAUGHAN VISITS

Mrs. Robert Vaughan spent 5 days last week with her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Lomas, Jennifer, Marcus and Linsey of Levelland. While there she attended a musical program in Lubbock at Texas Tech with Mrs. Lomas, who is a May 1982 candidate for graduation with a B.A. in music at the university. Mrs. Vaughan also had some grandmother activities, such as seeing Jennifer's school program, watching 5 year old Marcus play soccer, and teaching Linsey, 2, to talk.

## PERSONALS

Mrs. A.J. Roe Jr. was released from Angelo Community Hospital in San Angelo Wednesday, April 14, after being hospitalized eight days. She is continuing to improve at home following major surgery.

Mr. and Mrs. James Brown, Justin and Ashley of Odessa recently spent several days here with Mrs. Brown's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A.J. Roe Jr., to help care for her mother during Mrs. Roe's major surgery.

T.M. Wylie Jr. has been receiving radiation therapy at Shannon Hospital in San Angelo for several weeks. He is reported to be suffering some side effects but is feeling well enough to drive back and forth to his home here and will finish his treatments soon.

Sunday dinner guests last weekend in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Buster Pierce were Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Denman of Stanton, Mr. and Mrs. M.L. Denman of Sinton, Mr. and Mrs. Orville Denman of Abilene, and Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Denman of Bronte. The Denmans are nephews of Mr. Pierce. Lots of visiting was enjoyed by the group, as they had not all been together in some time.

### TENNIS TEAM TAKES THIRD

Robert Lee Junior girls doubles tennis team won third place in district play April 7 at Bronte. Members of the team are Elizabeth Rodriguez and Teresa Harlin.

### CATLEMEN CHALLENGED

Cattlemen need to understand who their customers are today and their concerns for diet and health, said J.D. Sartwelle of Port City Stockyards in Sealy at the recent Beef Cattle Short Course at Texas A&M University sponsored by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. He called for more economy in beef production and more attention to promotion and marketing of the product. Cattlemen must continue to provide in beef in the way that consumers want it. They also need to explore ways to increase sales of beef, especially in the export market. New product development should also be explored.

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Walker of Odessa spent last weekend visiting their parents here, Mr. and Mrs. Dave King of Edith on Saturday and Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Walker on Sunday.



Burglary occurs every two minutes in Texas, leaving behind losses that cannot be replaced. In Texas, burglary rings account for 245 million dollars worth of stolen goods annually, an average loss of 966 dollars per home.

Crime prevention is one answer to this growing problem. The simple act of locking one's home before leaving, reduces the chance of burglary by 20 percent. Asking your neighbor to pick up your newspaper when you are away from home and turning household lights on at intervals, can deter a prospective burglar. The Governor's Crime Stoppers Advisory Council is doing its part to see that those criminals who make their living by stealing from others are put

where they belong — behind bars.

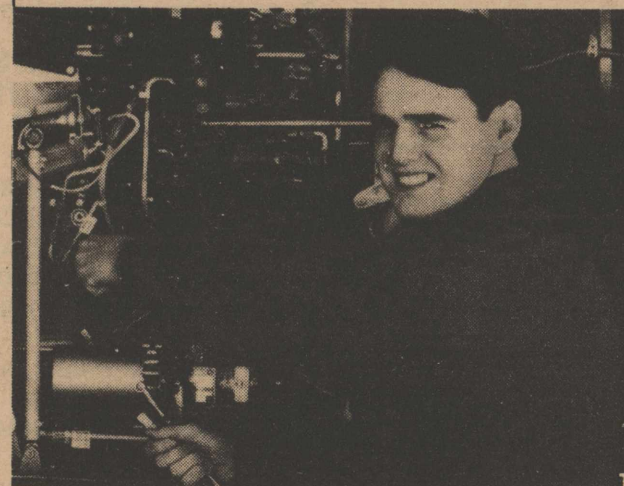
For the month of April, 1982, the Crime Stoppers Advisory Council is focusing its statewide "Crime of the Month" program on burglary. Any citizen having information about burglary is asked to call the anti-crime hotline at 1-800-252-TIPS. Cash rewards are available for information leading to the arrest and indictment of these criminals.

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 Opening May 3, 1982 for Deputy District and County Clerk. Applications may be picked up in the District and County Clerk's Office in the Coke County Courthouse. Applications will be accepted through 12:00 a.m. Monday, May 3, 1982. Coke County is an equal opportunity employer.  
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## 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 Congress, 17th District--**  
**CHARLES STENHOLM**

**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**

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### NOTICE

Bids will be accepted until May 13, 1982, 8:00 p.m. at the Robert Lee Independent School District on a 1976 ¾ ton Ford pickup with 460 engine, camper shell included.  
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## Falkan Crisis Not Bothering The McBrooms

Family and friends here had expressed concern for the welfare of Chanda McBroom and her daughter, Marilyn McBroom, who are in Argentina at this time. Mrs. Chism Brown reported Monday she had received a letter from her sister-in-law, Mrs. McBroom, that they had arrived safely and apparently felt no alarm due to the dispute between Argentina and Britain over the possession of the Falkland Islands.

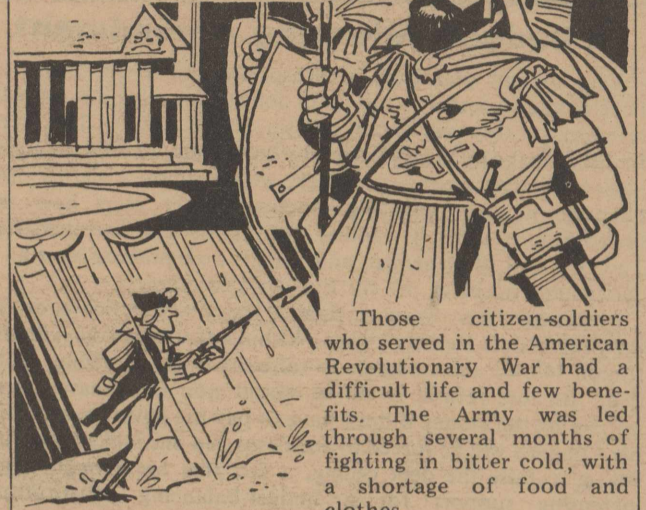
The pair are in Buenos Aires on a missionary trip in conjunction with the Churches of Christ. Marilyn had served in that area for two years and came home for a short stay. Mrs. McBroom, a long-time teacher in Robert Lee schools will be teaching the children of other missionaries. They left Robert Lee two weeks ago. She related to Mrs. Brown that they were staying with another family until living quarters could be located. There are ten adult missionaries there and three active congregations, she said.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Jacobs, Chad, and Carrie of Pasadena enjoyed Easter weekend with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. O.B. Jacobs, and V.M. Box, and other relatives.

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## IT'S A FACT!

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Those citizen-soldiers who served in the American Revolutionary War had a difficult life and few benefits. The Army was led through several months of fighting in bitter cold, with a shortage of food and clothes.

But, IT'S A FACT that in today's Army, soldiers' benefits are greater than ever before. One way to maintain many of those benefits after leaving the Active Army is to enlist in the Army Reserve. A former Active Army soldier who becomes a part-time citizen soldier can depend on extra income commensurate with rank in addition to receiving shopping privileges at PXs and commissaries, space available travel and many more military benefits.



## At General Telephone We're Not Simply Talking About Service Improvements We're Making Them In Robert Lee

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% service order commitments met as promised	90	95.8
* % local calls completed on 1st try	98	100
* % direct dialed long distance calls completed on 1st try	95	97.0
% out-of-service trouble cleared within 8 working hours	90	96.6

\* these results based on electronic testing

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## Six Charged With Felony Theft at Lake

Six Odessa persons have been charged with felony theft after being arrested with missing items in their van. The theft took place during Easter weekend at Oak Creek Lake and most of the items taken were camping equipment.

Arrested in Roscoe by Nolan County Sheriff's Department officers, charges have been filed against Edward Lee Whitehurst, Peggy Ann Whitehurst, Ladonna Barker, James Allen North, Howard Earl Barker and Paul David Morton, all of Odessa.

Sheriff Marshall Millican said as of Tuesday three of the suspects had been released on \$20,000 bond each.

Millican said Lake Patrolman Buddy Dyess and Game Wardens Gary Mitchell of Odessa and Robert Woods of Ballinger received a tip on the description of the 1969 Chevrolet van involved. The group left the lake, drove to Sweetwater and were stopped in Roscoe, where they were taken in to custody and the missing equipment was recovered.

Items taken in the theft included fishing tackle, camping gear, groceries, a spare tire, a Coleman lantern and cookstore, etc. Owners of the missing items were E.A. Naquin of Midland, Keith Smith of Colorado City and Joe Allbright of Odessa.

Sheriff Millican reported that activity on the law enforcement front has been pretty quiet the past week.

### WHICH COSTS MORE, THE FOOD OR THE PACKAGE

Consumers, the package your food comes in may be as expensive as the food in it, says Dr. Cass Ryan-Crowe, a food and nutrition specialist.

Ryan-Crowe is on the home economics staff of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System.

Ready-to-eat items like deserts, chips, syrups, gums and soft drinks have a packaging value twice that of the ingredient, the specialist explains.

Raw meat, produce, cheese and sugar packaging value may be as low as three to seven percent of the food ingredients, she points out.

On the average, consumers spent \$1 out of every \$11 on packages and containers, Ryan-Crowe says.

### IT'S A FACT

Some 5,000 Texans have attacked high home repair and maintenance costs by attending workshops and enrolling in a television shortcourse conducted by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M University System. These "do-it-yourselfers" reported saving more than \$165,000 in just one year by doing many of their household repair and maintenance jobs with skills and information learned through Extension training programs. This is another example of "The Extension Way--People Helping People."

## Diane Lockett Takes Position With GenTel

Mrs. Billy Joe (Diane) Lockett has resigned her position as secretary in the office of the Coke County judge. The resignation becomes effective Monday when she takes over a new position with General Telephone Co. of the Southwest in San Angelo.

Mrs. Lockett will begin her new career with GenTel as general clerk in the Equipment Department.

She began working in the county judge's office in July 1971, almost 11 years ago. Prior to that she taught school at Blackwell for four years and was a teacher at Bronte before moving to Blackwell.

"I've had a nice job working for the county judge and I have especially enjoyed the courthouse gang. I appreciate the Judge helping me secure my new job with Gen Tel," she added.

"Since I wanted a chance for advancement," Mrs. Lockett said, "and the job with General Telephone came up, I felt I should take it, since it does offer an opportunity for real professional growth."

### GRAIN OUTLOOK BLEAK

Texas farmers face low grain prices because of a record U.S. crop last year and good crops throughout the world. The market concern now is how fast corn and grain sorghum supplies can be used before the '82 harvest season, says an economist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M University System. The fact that feedgrain exports are off to a slow start this year and that forward sales are considerably behind last year add to the bleak picture for grains. However, increased livestock feeding due to low grain prices could improve the situation some.

### NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK IS APRIL 18-24

With April 18-24 as National Volunteer Week, the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M University System, extends a special salute to the more than 115,000 persons who volunteered some 6-1/2 million hours of service during 1981 in support of the state agency's educational programs in agriculture, home economics, 4-H and community development. Volunteers are an invaluable resource in disseminating educational information which has brought about adoption of new technologies and improved quality of life, notes an Extension 4-H and youth specialist. Based on Gallup Poll data, Texans give more than 130 million hours of service per year valued at almost half-a-billion dollars, using federal minimum wage figures.

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## RE-ELECT D.W. SIMS As County Judge

While he has been in office, he has taken training in court commitment procedures at his own expense and vacation time, worked to keep the county library open at a cost efficient level and has supported good, effective ambulance service for the county.

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## Lake Spence Fishing News

### PAINT CREEK MARINA

Eddie Isbell, Sterling City, Bill Page, Aspermont, 1 white bass, 5 black bass. Using Model "A" bomber lures.

Jean & Bob Beck, Eunice, N.M., 78 white bass, trolling with Model "A".

Dave Kemp, Midland, 1 striper 4 lbs. 5 oz., silver bomber.

Ron Solley, Odessa, 1 striper 12 lbs. 14 oz.

Harold & Carole Wilson, Odessa, 300 white bass. Using beetle spin.

Mr. and Mrs. Stephenson, 50 crappie and 1 black bass.

Charles Notley & Jim Gilliland, Odessa, 80 white bass, 6 black bass, Model "A" bombers.

Wayne Rice, Odessa, 1 striper, 21 lbs. 1 oz. Jigging.

Robert De Lagarza and Mike McPherson, Midland, 22 channel cat, using worms.

G.G. Galvan, Odessa, 15 white bass to 2½ lbs., 1 carp, 2 catfish, 2 black bass.

### TRIANGLE GROG & BAIT

Ray Nickerson and Max Truosdale, Seminole, 100 white bass using hot spots.

Anderson & Littlejohn, Odessa, 24 crappie up to 1½ lb.

Dennis Duff & John La Forge, Midland, 2 channel cat to 3 lbs., 48 crappie up to 1 lb.

Jim Gotcher, Odessa, 8 black bass up to 3 lbs. on purple worm and black lizard.

Pete May, Sweetwater and Bob Watson, Odessa, 179 white bass, 1 black bass, 2 lbs. on vibra tails.

John Leach, Big Spring, 20 white bass.

Aria McCall, Odessa, 1 striper 5¼ lbs. on spoon, 15 white bass.

Travis Barber, Odessa, 8 white bass, 7 black bass.

Wayne Coggins, Odessa, 100 white bass.

Mike Lathrop and Merle Ekers, Odessa, 30 white bass.

Harold Wilson and Red Seal, Odessa, 150 crappie, 9 channel cat to 1½ lbs. and 7 black bass to 4½ lbs.

### WILDCAT FISH-A-RAMA

Don & Bonnie Ford, Brownwood, 64 white bass to 1¼ lbs.

Kenneth Reed and Buster Dunn, Roscoe, 1 striper 23 lbs.

Tom Van Arsdale, Sterling City, 1 striper at 20 lbs.

Bill and Gary Gable, Odessa, 27 white bass up to 2 lbs.

Lloyd Coe, Midland, 1 striper at 7 lbs.

John & Glenn Rebber, Lubbock, 2 stripers, 8½ lbs.

W.J. Phillips, Odessa, 6 stripers from 5 lbs. to 8 lbs.

D.W. Parker, Odessa and Douglas Jason, Forsan, 48 white bass to 1½ lbs., 1 striper at 5 lbs. and 1 black bass 2 lbs.

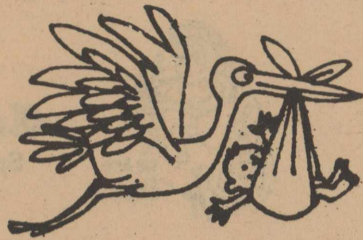
### SKINNY'S HILLSIDE

Louise & Chuck Harris, Carlsbad, Tex., 12 crappie to 2 lbs.

Steve White, San Angelo, 20 white bass, 1 striper at 9½ lbs. on Hellbender with jig.

Richard Bohannon, Robert Lee, 1 blue cat at 30 lbs. and bunch of channel cat.

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### LOOK WHO'S NEW

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Hodnett are happy to announce the arrival of their first child, a son, Corey Scott, on Saturday, April 10. He was born at Shannon Hospital in San Angelo and weighed a healthy 10 lbs., 2 ozs., measuring 22 inches long.

Grandparents are Mrs. Roxie Hodnett, Robert Lee and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Lumpkin, presently living in Guam.

Mr. and Mrs. R.W. Vaughan of Robert Lee are the baby's great grandparents.

### LUNCHROOM MENUS

Monday, April 26: Pigs in the Blanket with mustard, cheese stick, baked beans, French fries with catsup, milk and applesauce.

Tuesday, April 27: Beef tacos with cheese, lettuce, tomato salad, corn, milk and cake with icing.

Wednesday, April 28: Pinto beans with meat, spinach, tator tots with catsup, cornbread with butter, milk and fruit cobbler.

Thursday, April 29: Vegetable beef soup, cheese stick, lettuce wedge, milk and banana.

Friday, April 30: Barbecue chicken, cream potatoes, green beans, hot rolls with butter, milk and peanut butter supreme.

### Long Takes Two Firsts At New Home

Scot Long led the Robert Lee High School track team in its performance at a track meet Friday, April 16, at New Home. Long took first place in discus and pole vault.

Compete results for the Robert Lee trackmen follow:

440 Relay: 4. Larry Palmer, Scot Long, Armando Sanchez and Bob Flowers, 46.1.

3200 Meter Run: 4. Garry Palmer, 11:32.7; 6. Jim Herring, 11:57.7.

Mile Relay: 3. Greg Grim, Lupe Torres, Bob Flowers and Armando Sanchez, 3:42.4.

Shot Put: 4. Kyle Gibbs, 43' 9".

Discus: 1. Long, 141'; 3. Quint Anthony, 124'.

High Jump: 4. Kirby Rasco, 5' 6".

Pole Vault: 1. Long, 11'; 4. Eddie Hood, 10'.

### DISTRICT FRIDAY

The Steer track team will be in Rankin today (Friday) to participate in District 7-A competition.

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