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**ROYAL COUPLE**-Crowned 1982 Homecoming Queen and King were Brenda Gray and Darren Williams. Brenda is the daughter

of Mr. and Mrs. Les Gray. Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Williams are the parents of Darren.

## Ettie Hubbard Takes Oath As Coke County, District Clerk

Mrs. Ettie Hubbard was sworn in as county and district clerk for Coke County when the commissioners' court met Monday. County Attorney Bill Helwig administered the oath of office. Mrs. Hubbard, who was elected Saturday as Democratic nominee for the position, replaced Mrs. Winnie Waldrop, veteran clerk who resigned effective April 30.

E.C. Bennett of Robert Lee met with the court to discuss the Friendship Lane and request the commissioners to re-open the road. Bennett summarized past events surrounding the closing of the road and presented several legal points to the commissioners which he felt were in direct violation of the law. The commissioners took no action on the matter.

The commissioners approved the appointment of Janet Baker as Deputy 2 in the tax assessor's office and set her salary accordingly.

Paul Sublett, president of the East Coke County Emergency Service, met with the court and requested \$788 for purchase of a Resusci-Mac mannikin to be used in training personnel. He said equipment now available is in extremely poor condition. Sublett said the Bronte EMS would provide a Cathy II baby and Mac torso for use in training. The

## Cub Scouts In Pinewood Race

The Cub Scouts of Pack 461 from Robert Lee participated in the Amangi Trail District's Pinewood Derby Championships on Saturday, April 24, in the Sunset Mall in San Angelo.

Each boy made and designed his own car.

The boys who participated from Den I were Jeff Cole, Stephen Epperson, Brent McPeck, Stevie Oleksiuk, and Jon Rogers. Michael Fluhmann is cub master and Debra Wilkes is den leader.

Sixty-nine boys from all around the district participated.

commissioners approved Sublett's request.

Judge D.W. Sims informed the court about the \$32,766 in carry-over funds which is available for establishment of a Senior Citizen Center in Coke County. Sims said the money will not be returned to taxpayers and said if the grant was approved, it would have to be matched with 10 per cent matching county funds.

The judge said he has received two very divergent remodeling bids from contractors on remodeling the downtown Robert Lee Silver Lions Club Building. Dayton Harper of San Angelo submitted a bid of \$37,300 and Gary Fogel of San Angelo submitted a bid of \$22,300. "These figures need to be further clarified and they represented a turnkey, plush job and many contingencies, but I had to have a starting point," Judge Sims said. Discussions with the Robert Lee Silver Lions Club have produced an initial sale price of \$20,000 on the building.

The present cost to the Lions of operating the building is approximately \$100 per month.

The board of directors had informed the judge that they felt three distinct advantages could be gained for the public if it was feasible for the county to reach an agreement with them: (1) Would provide a Senior Citizens Center complete with a remodeled kitchen for future use in establishing a congregate meal program for the elderly, which would benefit all senior citizens in the county by using the van for transportation; (2) It would improve the appearance of downtown Robert Lee; (3) Since the Lions Club is a public service oriented organization, they also felt the monies they would receive for the building would be utilized for public good.

Judge Sims stressed to the commissioners repeatedly that the grant application must be submitted by May 15, but the application itself in no way obligates the county to accept

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# Voter Turnout Heavy For Democratic Primary

A heavy turnout of Coke County voters went to the polls last Saturday and voted for Democratic Party nominees for offices ranging from U.S. senator down to the precinct level.

Three hotly contested local races wound up with only one clear-cut victory and two run-offs.

County Judge D.W. Sims and Aubrey Denman will face each other in the second primary in their race for county judge, and James Arnold Tidwell and Willie Carper will have another month to work on their race for commissioner, Precinct 4. W.W. (Bud) Thetford ran in third place in the judge's race, and Jerry M. Parker lost out in his bid for reelection for Precinct 4 commissioner.

Billy Joe Luckett was the only local winner in a contested race. He took a majority over opponents, Bobby Vaughn and I.B. (Ike) Pate.

In a field of six candidates for governor, Coke County supported Mark White, Bob Armstrong and Buddy Temple, in that order.

## Cheerleaders Are Named

New cheerleaders for 1982-83 were elected Thursday, April 29, at RLHS. The five girls will be in charge of keeping up school spirit at athletic events throughout the next school year.

The new cheerleaders are Amy Percifull, head, Sheri Ebenstein, Leigh Ann Runnion, Sara De La Pena and Debbie Cummins.

## PAINT CREEK CEMETERY

Those who have interest in the Paint Creek Cemetery are urged to attend the annual cemetery work day there on Saturday, May 8. Call Zera Fields or S.B. Plumlee, president of the Paint Creek Cemetery Association, for more information.

## Republicans Have Light Vote

A light turnout showed up at the Republican Primary held at Robert Lee School Saturday. One box served the entire county. Mrs. Keith Lloyd was election judge. The voting went like this:

For U.S. Senator: Walter H. Mengden Jr. 11; Jim Collins 9; Don L. Richardson 2.

For Governor: William P. Clements Jr. 23; Duke Embs 0.

For Lt. Governor: George W. Strake Jr. 22.

Attorney General: Bill Meier 21.

Comptroller: Raymond Frank 7; Mike Richards 13.

State Treasurer: Millerd K. Neptune 19.

Commissioner General Land Office: Al Gutierrez 3; Woody Glasscock 7; Andrew Jackson 8.

Commissioner of Agriculture: John Thomas Henderson 20.

Justice, Place 1: John L. Bates. Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 2: Ray Moses 19.

The other three candidates received only 30 votes among them. On the national level Sen.



Marilynn Golightly

## Parents Need Educating To Fight Drugs

The most effective means of keeping children away from drugs is to educate their parents, says Marilynn Golightly of San Angelo.

Mrs. Golightly, a regional coordinator for Texan's War On Drugs, who will speak at the Community Banquet on May 14, says "Parent Power" can prevent drug abuse among children.

As a result of her involvement in the program, she was one of five TWOD representatives who visited with Nancy Reagan earlier this year in Dallas.

Mrs. Golightly primarily addresses marijuana problems because children at the average age of 11 years begin smoking marijuana and her goal is to get parent awareness and involvement.

A spokesman for the Lions Club says that advanced tickets for the banquet may be purchased from any Lion or 64 Study Club member. The public is invited.

Lloyd Bentsen easily carried Coke County over his challenger, Joe Sullivan. Congressman Charles Stenholm, running unopposed, received a heavy vote.

The vote by boxes in the county judges race:

	Den.	Sims	Thet.
Pct. 1	84	93	119
Pct. 2	151	137	59
Pct. 3	57	76	76
Pct. 4	21	50	11
Pct. 5	68	128	26
Pct. 9	27	16	19
Absent.	25	40	49
Totals	433	540	359

In the race for Commissioner Pct. 4, James A. Tidwell received 23 votes in Pct. 4, 107 in Pct. 5 and 2 absentee for a total of 132. Willie Carper got 54 votes in Pct. 4, 50 in Pct. 5 and 3 absentee, for a total of 107. Jerry M. Parker received 5 votes in Pct. 4, 61 in Pct. 5 and 5 absentee, for a total of 71.

## COMPLETE RESULTS

U.S. Senator: Joe Sullivan 312; Lloyd Bentsen 852.

U.S. Representative: Charles Stenholm 775.

Governor: Ray Allen Mayo 12; Mark White 474; Don Beagle 7; Buddy Temple 238; David L. Young 11; Bob Armstrong 452.

Lt. Governor: Billy Hobby 974; Troy Skates 144.

Attorney General: Jack Ogg 39; John Hannah 486; Jim Mattox 234; Max Sherman 329.

Comptroller: Bob Bullock 735; Robert Calvert 386.

State Treasurer: Warren G. Harding 703; John R. Cutright 48; Lane Denton 142; Ann Richards 203.

Commissioner Land Office: Pete Snelson 748; Dan Kubiak 62; George Fore 48; Garry Mauro 276.

Commissioner of Agriculture: Jim Hightower 619; Reagan V. Brown 504.

Railroad Commissioner: James E. Nugent 1014; Ralph Pacheco 78.

Justice, Place 1: Ted Robertson 529; John M. Barron 434.

Justice, Place 2: Bill Kilgarlin

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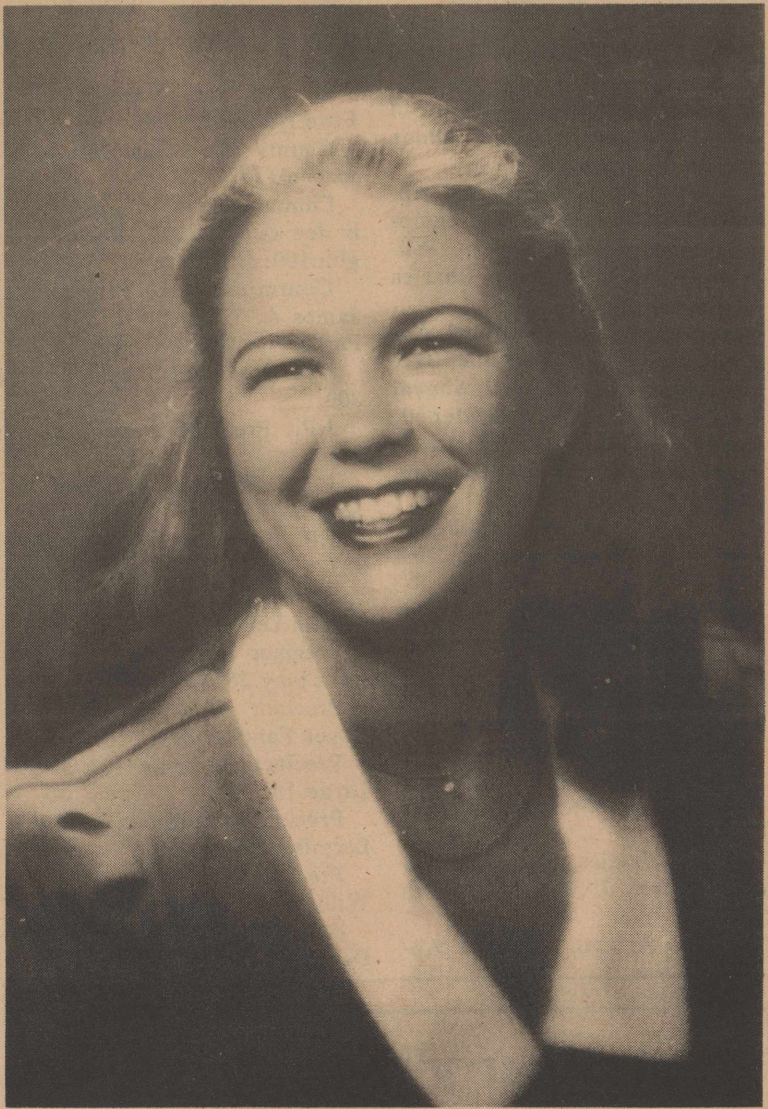
## MRS. YARBROUGH RECEIVES HONOR

Mrs. Jessie Newton Yarbrough gained yet another honor recently when she was feted in San Angelo by the Theta Omicron Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society. She was presented an Achievement Award in the form of a plaque.

Delta Kappa Gamma Society is an international society of women educators. Mrs. Yarbrough has been a member since March 18, 1933 and was honored for her continued work in the field of education and for her work and support for Coke County, especially the library and museum.

A member of the organization came to Robert Lee and transported her to the tea, where she was honored. The group returned Mrs. Yarbrough to her home late in the afternoon. Her statement on returning was, "You have made an old lady truly happy."





Mary Kay White

### Mary Kay White, Craig Bessent Announce Wedding For July 16

The First Baptist Church of Eldorado will be the setting for the July 16 wedding of Mary Kay

White and Craig Bessent, both of Eldorado.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H.G. 'Buddy' White. The prospective bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Bessent of Robert Lee.

Miss White is a graduate of Eldorado High School and a candidate for May graduation from Howard College in Big Spring. Her fiance is a graduate of Robert Lee High School. He graduated from Texas Tech University in 1979 and received a masters degree in education in 1980. He is presently employed as a coach at Eldorado High School.

#### FOWLER FAMILY REUNION HELD

Members of the family of Helen Fowler had a great time last weekend at their first family reunion. The affair was held Saturday and Sunday in the New Recreation Building. Mrs. Fowler's five children, their families and other guests were present.

Present were Roy, Mary and Sherry Fowler of Alvaredo; Charles and Eva Fowler, Evana, Thana, Johnny, Twila, Treva and Charles Jr. and two male friends; Chiva, Max and Joshua Quertz, Valerie Baker, Dellwyne and Sherry Fowler, Carwyn Brice, Hilda, Caleb and Steve, Pat Taff, Robbie and Tammy, all of San Angelo. Sammie Baker and Janis Fowler of Robert Lee and Mr. and Mrs. Brice Fowler of Monahans.

Recently visiting several days in Robert Lee were Mr. and Mrs. James Kane of Eatown, N.J. Mrs. Kane, the former Joyce Duke, was here to see her mother and step-father, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Hinton of the West Coke County Nursing Home. She had accompanied her husband to California on one of his coast-to-coast truck hauls and they were on their return trip.

#### ATTEND BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Pat Rives, Tom Rives and Daisy Rives Trimble traveled to Odessa this past weekend to help celebrate this sister's, Dora Rives Owen's, 78th birthday. Another brother, John, who lives in Odessa joined them there.

It was the first time all the brothers and sisters had been able to be together in quite some time. Their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren accompanied them to the event and over 60 relatives and friends gathered to visit and wish the honoree a happy birthday.

Others attending from Robert Lee were Mrs. Tom Rives, Edward Trimble and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Mauldin.



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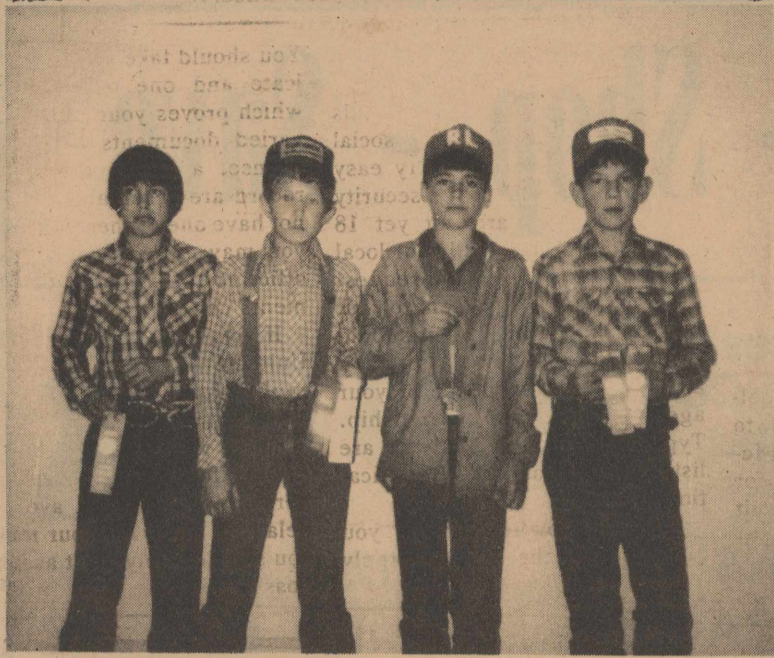
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**CONTEST WINNERS**--Members of the 4-H Junior Soil Judging Team recently took first place honors at a district contest in San

Angelo. From left, the team members are Todd Brooks, Ronnie Carlton, Randy Gartman and Craig Grant.

## EXTENSION EXTRAS

by Mary Anne Lackey

Are honey and molasses better for you than refined sugar? NO! Honey and molasses have small traces of nutrients, but sugar has essentially no nutrient content other than carbohydrates.

It would take two cups of honey to provide as much iron as a serving of meat. And it would take 100 cups of honey to provide a day's supply of niacin.

Honey, molasses, and refined sugar all should be on a restricted use list for persons watching their weight.

One tablespoon of honey has about 64 calories, and a tablespoon of refined sugar of sucrose has about 46 calories.

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## THANKS, FRIENDS

Thanks to all of you who voted for me in the Democratic Primary last Saturday. Even though I had no opponent, I appreciated the confidence shown in me by the good vote I received. The friendship of the people of Coke County is very dear to me and I appreciate all of you very much. I shall continue to serve you to the best of my ability.

**MRS. JERRY THOMASON**  
Coke County Treasurer

Pd. Pol. Adv. by Jerry Thomason

## ETTIE HUBBARD-

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these funds if they are allocated to them. He further stressed that not to submit the application meant that these funds cannot be obtained. "I don't know for sure if this is a good deal or not," The judge said, "but I would like for the county to apply so we will have a chance at these funds, if a study shows the proposition is feasible."

According to a survey just completed, Coke County is severely deficient in several areas of its care to senior citizens, the judge noted. Discussions with some COG personnel have indicated some of the current level of funding may be in jeopardy.

Doug Scarlett met with the commissioners to request the commissioners consider assiting with the establishment of an adult rifle range. The commissioners agreed to assist him and other interested citizens. Commissioner Finis Millican was appointed to work with Scarlett on the project.

## Gen Tel Look For Big Day

For General Telephone Company of the Southwest operators, Mother's Day is the busiest day of the year at the switchboards, surpassing even Christmas.

According to General Telephone's records, last Mother's Day, 100,000 operator assisted long-distance calls were placed. That's a 43% increase over 1980 calls placed on Mother's Day in General's 19 long-distance offices in its four state operating area.

"We increase our operator staff every Mother's Day because of the sizeable increase in calling and will do so again this year," according to Peggy Branch, operator services support supervisor for General Telephone.

For those loyal offsprings who do plan to call mom this Mother's Day, Branch offers these tips:

"You can save money on long-distance calls by calling station-to-station and dialing the number yourself instead of going through the operator. Direct dial calls are the least expensive and quickest way to call home to mom.

"Take advantage of the direct dial discount periods. The lowest rates are in effect from 11 p.m. Friday night through the weekend until 5 p.m. Sunday evening.

"Try calling early in the day. Telephone traffic is less heavy.

"And please be patient. The huge volume of calls may make it difficult for you to complete your call immediately. Circuits may be busy. If this is the case, wait a few minutes and dial your call again."

## West Coke Hospital News

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

April 27: Juana Castillo admitted and Altha Stephenson dismissed.

April 28: Iva Bell and Olivia Basquez admitted. Juana Castillo and Josie Tucker dismissed.

April 29: No admissions or dismissals.

April 30: Leola McCabe and Leta Stuart admitted. Iva Bell and Lola Allison dismissed.

May 1: No admissions or dismissals.

May 2: No admissions or dismissals.

May 3: Lee Starling and Rebecca Conner admitted and no dismissals.

## VOTER TURNOUT -

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615; James G. Denton 420.

Justice, Place 3: Charles W. Barrow 729; Woodrow W. Bean 303.

Presiding Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals: John F. Onion 808.

Judge Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 1: John E. Humphreys 314; Carl Dally 210; William B. Phillips 141; Charles Campbell Jr. 227.

Judge Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 2: Chuck Miller 312; Roy Rawls 164; Andrew J. Shuval 93; Bill Black 226; Mel Bruder 60. State Senator, 25th District: W.B. "Bill" Rubey 194; Bill Sims 830.

State Representative, 66th District: Ray O. Hernandez 117; Dick Burnett 922.

Board of Education, 17th District: Curly Hays 735; Jewell Harris 297.

Assoc. Justice, Court of Appeals, Place 1: Bob Shannon 820.

Assoc. Justice, Court of Appeals, Place 2: Dick Criss 617; Austen Furse 55; Bob Gammage 256.

Assoc. Justice, Court of Appeals, Place 3: Earl W. Smith 911.

Assoc. Justice, Court of Ap-

peals, Place 4: Dain Whitworth 277; Jim Brady 533; Hugh D. Lea 52.

County Judge: Aubrey Dentman 433; D.W. Sims 540; W.W. Thetford 359.

County and District Clerk: Ettie Hubbard 1155.

County Treasurer: Jerry Thomason 1172.

Commissioner, Precinct 2: Billy Joe Luckett 240; Bobby Vaughn 100; I.B. Pate 40.

Commissioner, Precinct 4: James A. Tidwell 132; Jerry M. Parker 71; Willie Carper 107.

J.P., Precinct 1: Opal I. Jacoby 309.

J.P., Precinct 2: Cecil Kemp 328.

J.P., Precinct 3: Cova M. Sparks 237.

J.P., Precinct 4: Earl D. Nutter 247.

County Democratic Chairman: Martin Lee 948.

Precinct Chairman, Pct. 1: Patti Ivey 267.

Precinct Chairman, Pct. 2: Royce Fancher 314.

Precinct Chairman, Pct. 3: Bob Large 187.

Precinct Chairman, Pct. 4: Lora Bell Brown 69.

Precinct Chairman, Pct. 5: Willie B. Edmiaston 174.

Precinct Chairman, Pct. 9: Dave King 58.

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## It's With Humble Gratitude I say

## THANKS

## To All the Wonderful Citizens of Coke County For Your Vote and Support In My Race for COUNTY JUDGE

I appreciate more than I can say the wonderful support you voters of Coke County gave me in last Saturday's Democratic Primary. It would have been great if I had been able to win the nomination without a runoff, but I know that was too much to expect. My friends turned out to give me a nice lead among the three candidates on the ballot, and I am grateful to each of you.

I realize that the forthcoming runoff campaign will require another month of hard work, but I am ready for it. I feel the additional effort in asking for your continued support will be well worth the work, if you see fit to elect me to another term to serve you.

I also would like to congratulate Mr. Thetford on a race well run. After having competed against Mr. Thetford in three elections, he and his supporters have earned a healthy respect from me for his abilities [educational, administrative and political].

## D. W. "Dub" Sims

Candidate for Reelection

## County Judge, Coke County

Pol. Adv. Pd. for by D.W. Sims



## Jerry Lackey's Country Folk

P.O. Box 1542  
San Angelo, TX 76902

Since completing the writing of the successful book, "Fifty Years at the San Angelo Stock Show & Rodeo," my staff and I have been chomping at the bit to publish another publication.

It's like unto a fever once printer's ink enters ones veins. I have been inked since I was 11 years old. I would slip away from my grandmother at the grocery store, the Hodges Company in Junction, and go to the newspaper and watch Mitchell McLendon print jobs with the old hand press. But that's another story and I won't relive it here.

After several months at the drawing board and meetings with dozens of businessmen including the clients of our public relations and advertising firm, Lackey Communications, the time has come to open the doors of the smoke-filled conference rooms and expose the new product. We have hit on the perfect publication that will be here as a perpetual journalistic force long after we have passed on. It is West Texas Business magazine.

West Texas Business magazine will publish the premiere edition in mid-summer. The new magazine will focus on business and industry.

A number of publications are produced now through Lackey Communications. This column, for example, reaches grass root America by way of 40 newspapers. The new magazine will be a source for the small business people to keep up with the economic and business climate of the trade territory and their neighbors. Our focus will be the triangle from San Angelo to Midland and Odessa to Abilene. Manufacturing and small businesses of the towns and communities within the region will also be covered. That means your town of Robert Lee.

The periodical will carry in-depth analysis on the West Texas

region from independent small business to the power behind the large corporations. Agri-business and the petroleum industries will play a major role in each edition.

There will be brief reviews of the real estate world, investments, insurance data, banking and finance, business opportunities and forecasts.

Among the many purposes of the magazine will be serving business associations and organizations by providing an official media for their "newsletter" items. It will also give them a spring-board from which to introduce new products to the public.

Subscriptions to the magazine at \$8.50 per year will be received at Post Office Box 1367 in San Angelo, Texas, 76902. Offices are located in the Texas Building, 202 West Twohig, in San Angelo. One dollar (\$1) of each new subscription will be donated to the publisher's favorite charity, the West Texas Rehabilitation Center.

Actually, our offices are just down the street from the Sheep & Goat Raisers' Ranch Magazine where I spent 10 years as editor. Many of the functions of mailing and other activities of West Texas Business will be coordinated with the Ranch Magazine.

We ask your support in this new endeavor. In the meantime, as the printer's ink perks toward the debut of the new publication, Country Folk will keep you posted week to week on agri-business.



James Buchanan, the nation's 15th president, lived through the administrations of seventeen chief executives - from George Washington to Andrew Johnson.

## Fruit Program To Be Given

Home fruit production will be the topic of discussion in a program to be presented next Tuesday night, May 11, at 8 p.m., in the old rec hall in the Robert Lee park. Pecan production will occupy the centerfold with a session on pecan budding to be held at the conclusion of the meeting.

Dr. George Ray McEachern, Extension Horticulturist, of College Station will be present to present the program. Dr. McEachern is nationally known for his educational work in fruit production and was recently recognized by the American Society for Horticultural Science for his educational programming in the southern region of the United States.

Anyone interested in home fruit production and/or pecan budding is welcomed and encouraged to attend the meeting.

### RUNNELS BAPTIST ASSN. TO MEET IN BALLINGER

The regular meeting of the Runnels Baptist Association will be held Monday, May 10 at the Third Avenue Baptist Church, Ballinger.

The meeting begins with WMU and executive board at 5:30 p.m. The evening meal will be served at 6:15.

The program begins at 7 p.m. It will be a Christian Life Emphasis with a video presentation entitled "Dealing With Marital Conflict" by Dr. David Mace. Rev. G.W. West is in charge of the program.

The public is invited.

### COMPTROLLER REP TO VISIT ROBERT LEE

State Comptroller Bob Bullock will have a representative from his San Angelo office in Robert Lee on May 18, to assist local taxpayers and answer questions about state taxes.

Bullock said Enforcement Officer Steve Mercer will meet with local taxpayers in the conference room at the Coke County Courthouse from 9 to 10 a.m.

"If Robert Lee area merchants, or anyone else for that matter, have any questions about state taxes or need help in preparing state tax forms, Mr. Mercer will be there to assist them" Bullock said.

The San Angelo office, headed by Ron Parish, serves San Angelo and surrounding counties.

### SUMMER WORKERS NEED SOCIAL SECURITY CARD

If you are planning to work this summer, you will need a social security number. It is very easy to apply for your social security number. If you are not yet 18 years old, you may call your local social security office and request that an application be sent to you. When you receive it, you should complete it carefully and return it along with the evidence of your age, identity, and citizenship. Types of acceptable evidence are listed on the back of the application.

If you are now 18 years old, you must go into the office to apply for your social security number.

You should take your birth certificate and one other document which proves your identity--such varied documents as a driver's license, a report card, or shot record are acceptable. If you do not have one of these documents, you may call the social security office to learn what other documents can be used.

If you are not a citizen of the United States, you will also need to provide evidence of lawful alien status.

There will be many new applications for social security numbers this year; to avoid any delays in receiving your number, you should apply for it as soon as possible.

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Thank you again for your vote and support in the Primary Election of County Judge.

Yes, it was too good to be true the first time around. A new challenge is now in force. To you who will be voting a different ticket this time. We ask for your vote and support in the run off election.

My past record in personal, business, and working for the county has been constant Hard Work, Responsible, Honesty, and Respect. I believe True Wisdom Comes from God and I continue to seek this.

I assure you to WORK for and WITH the people of Coke County.

Your vote June 5th will give me this opportunity.

Thank you sincerely, and Please consider seriously, Your Privilege and Obligation as an American Citizen to Vote at the Polls or Absentee--

## AUBREY DENMAN

Pol. Adv. Pd. for by Aubrey Denman

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

(The following letter from Royce Fancher was published in last week's Bronte Enterprise but not in the Robert Lee Observer. In order for our Robert Lee readers to understand the references made in the letter from Judge D.W. Sims, we are printing Fancher's letter below, followed by Sims' letter.)

Dear Ben,  
This is my first letter to an editor, but so much has been written about taxes in the last few weeks, I felt that I must comment. First, let me commend the commissioners court for being interested and working for lower valuations; however, lower valuations do not always mean a tax saving for everyone. In this case it was a shifting of a part of the tax burden from one group to another, which helped some of our people. It is unrealistic to speak of tax savings without considering budgets, spending and tax rates. I am concerned because these items have not been discussed along with valuations.

Another item of concern is the spending of \$32,766.00 plus the county's ten percent, for a Senior Citizen Center. This may be a worthwhile expenditure, but I hope our commissioners take a hard look at the need and the initial cost plus the contingencies involved. We need to remind ourselves that the \$32,766.00 grant is also tax money and is collected from each of us in various forms.

Sincerely,  
Royce Fancher

Dear Ben:

Regarding Mr. Royce Fancher's letter to the editor which appeared in the Bronte Enterprise (the day before elections); I would appreciate an opportunity to respond. First, let me thank Mr. Fancher for his commendations to "commissioners court-for working for lower valuations" since I am a member of that court. Secondly, let me agree that lower valuations do not mean a tax saving for everyone, for only approximately 900 homeowners out of 974 benefited from the 40% homestead exemption. Thirdly, I certainly agree that in this case there was a shifting of the tax burden from a great number of homeowners to the major oil companies, bank stock owners, and large commercial operations (about \$25,000 got shifted). Please remember that livestock and farm implement exemptions had already shifted an additional tax burden onto the individual homeowner. Fourthly, I agree that it is unrealistic to speak of tax savings without considering budgets, spendings, or tax rates for I have done all three (check back issues of the paper or court records for confirmation).

About Mr. Fancher's concern over the spending of \$32,766.00 for a Senior Citizens Center; I can't think of a more worthwhile expenditure since 30.7% of our population is over age 60. I feel I should also point out that Mr. Fancher's concern that the \$32,766.00 are tax dollars is shared by myself (It is tax dollars that have already been collected and will be spent somewhere-if not in Coke County then Tom Green, Concho, etc.). However, my major concern is that regardless of "what figures" we talk, "where" we talk about spending these figures, or "who" gets what; there won't be any chance to obtain these funds if we don't submit an application by May 15th--We don't have to

make a decision about actually accepting the \$32,766.00 for several months and many different proposals and contingencies could be studied in that interim time period (the initial application can be modified, changed completely, or scrapped--I'm just trying to see that we don't miss out on a potential benefit for our Senior Citizens and hopefully the "water hasn't been muddied too much yet").

In conclusion, I do appreciate Mr. Fancher's willingness to state his position in print (regardless of how fortunate his timing may have been for my political opponents). In only wish I could have an equal opportunity to respond to other statements I have heard recently, such as rumors that when I first assumed office I gave myself a 40% salary increase (the facts say differently), that I am running people off from the courthouse gang (the facts may say differently for several individuals and if anyone has left for personal reasons because of me I certainly would apologize). None-the-less, I've noticed a definite improvement in my status since my first election; this time I've only burned my house, agitated people, committed adultery, and poisoned my little girl's dog--Before, I was a practicing atheist and a drug addict who would steal from the pharmacy.

Respectfully submitted,  
D.W. "Dub" Sims  
Coke County Judge

(Editor's note: Last week we received a subscription from Felix Puett, former editor of the Observer. It should be of interest, especially to old timers.)

Dear Editor:

My dad was editor of the Observer until his death in April, 1934. I was editor for several years. I married Fred Smith's sister, so we visit them quite often (in Robert Lee).

The old original Observer office moved from Hayrick was set where David Key's Feed Store is now. The Wojtek boys bought the lot to put the theater there. The Observer office building was moved to a location just west of the court house. That was before your time.

Felix Puett



John Tyler fathered more children than any other U.S. president - eight by his first wife, and seven by the second. He was the first vice president to succeed to the presidency.



**GOOD PSYCHOLOGY**  
YOU CAN MAKE HOUSEWORK SEEM EASIER IF YOU ALTERNATE HARD TASKS WITH EASY ONES. START WITH SOMETHING STRENUOUS, SUCH AS WEEDING THE GARDEN, THEN TAKE A QUIET JOB IN THE HOUSE SUCH AS MENDING. IF YOU'VE BEEN STANDING UP TO IRON, MAKE THE NEXT TASK A SITTING DOWN ONE. STOP AFTER A PARTICULARLY ARDUOUS JOB TO SIP A RELAXING CUP OF HOT TEA AND PLAN YOUR DINNER MENU. ALTERNATING ENERGY LEVELS IS A PROVEN RE-ENERGIZER!

## Little League Action Begins

The Robert Lee Little League team and Pee Wee team will be playing in the Winters league for the first time this year. Other towns participating in the league are Bronte and Winters.

Game times are Tuesday and Friday nights with Pee Wees starting at 6 o'clock and Little League at 8 o'clock.

A concession stand will be operating with hog dogs, popcorn, snowcones, cokes, and homemade ice cream for sale. Donations, small or large are badly needed and appreciated to be able to continue the summer time program for the young players.

The season opened last Tuesday night at the local field when the RL Pee Wees played the Winters cardinals and the RL Little League played the Winters Dodgers.

### GAME SCHEDULE

Tues. May 4, at home, Robert Lee vs. Winters Cardinals; Robert Lee vs. Winters Dodgers.

Fri. May 7, at home, R.L. vs. Winters Little Indians; R.L. vs. Winters Big Indians.

Tues. May 11, at home, R.L. vs. Winters Giants; R.L. vs. Winters Jets.

Fri. May 14 at Bronte, R.L. vs. Bronte, R.L. vs. Bronte.

Tues. May 18, at home, R.L. vs. Winters Pirates; R.L. vs. Winters Yankees.

Tues. May 25, at Winters, R.L. vs. Little Indians; R.L. vs. Big Indians.

Tues. June 1, at Winters, R.L. vs. Jets; R.L. vs. Giants.

Fri. June 4, at home, R.L. vs. Bronte; R.L. vs. Bronte.

Tues. June 8, at Winters, R.L. vs. Pirates; R.L. vs. Yankees.

Fri. June 11, at home, R.L. vs. Winters Cardinals; R.L. vs. Winters Dodgers.

### PEE WEE PLAYERS

John Fluhmann, Stevie Oleksiuk, Stephen Epperson, Brent McPeck, Jeff Cole, Blake Pitcock, Justin Hall, Ronnie Waggonner, Thad Metcalf, Steven Klieber, Buddy Harlin, Scott Service, Randall Griffin, Brent Jameson, Jason Schnabel, Jason Bower, Todd Griffin and coached by Roy Epperson and Mike Fluhmann.

### LITTLE LEAGUE

Clint Smith, Kelly Tomlinson, Raymond Hodnett, Copie Davis, Warren Brasher, Jon Rogers, Cody Anthony, Curt Gardner, T.A. Gartman, Randy Gartman, Jason Herring, Joel Herring, Stevie Ebenstein, Robert Runion, Wes Hood and coached by Tony Smith.

## Free Cheese To Be Given

Another big cheese give-away is scheduled in Coke County next week. One hundred cases of surplus cheese will be available for local citizens who need it. The cheese will be distributed by the Coke County Outreach Program for the Aged and is provided by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Distribution will start Thursday, May 13, at Bronte Community Center for persons on the east side of the county, and will continue Friday, May 14 at Robert Lee Rec Hall for persons on the west side of the county. The distribution points will be open from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m.

County Judge D.W. Sims said anyone who is unable to get to one of the distribution points should contact Margaret Martin or Geneva Minnick ahead of time and an effort will be made to deliver the food.

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CHEWING GUM - ORIGINALLY CALLED "STATE OF MAINE SPRUCE GUM" WAS INVENTED BY THE CURTIS BROTHERS OF BANGOR, MAINE IN 1848.



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**GOOD LOOKERS**-Elected most beautiful girl and most handsome boy of RLHS for 1982-83 were Amy Percifull, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Percifull and David Caves, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clint Caves.

**Athletes Honored At Banquet; Scot Long Gets Steer Award**

All Robert Lee High School athletes were honored on Saturday night, May 1, during the annual All Sports Banquet, held in the school cafeteria. Attending was a large crowd of students, parents, school personnel, and others interested in high school athletics.

Scot Long won the coveted Steer Award, presented each year to the individual whom the boys feel has contributed the ultimate in work, spirit and attitude. Voted on by fellow athletes, he joins an elite group from over the past years.

Coach Ed Poehls was presented a custom T-shirts, noting his team's district standing, by the basketball boys. First giving him a shirt, which in no way could fit

their ample coach, one chided the other for washing the gift shirt; the boys then pulled out the actual shirt to present to him.

Frankie Walker, Kenda Rasco, DeeAnna Key, Kim Caston, Susan Blassingame, and Coach Clyde Dukes were recognized and presented with trophies and plaques by the members of the girl's athletic department.

Lana Poehls was the recipient of a lovely flower arrangement for her help and support, during the track meets, by Martha Bickley and Coach Clyde Dukes.

The coaching staff commended all participants in the 1981-82 athletic program for their fine efforts and sportsmanship.

**CUB SCOUT NEWS ITEMS**

On April 27, 1982, we attended a tour at the Central Fire Station in San Angelo. The firemen were very nice to us and showed us many things, including an ambulance. They demonstrated all of the items in the ambulance. We saw several firetrucks and lots of fire-fighting equipment. We were told to get against the nearest wall if we heard a bell ring. We did hear a bell, and all of the cubs did exactly as they were told. The bell was for an ambulance to leave. Our transportation was provided by Beth Kleiber. Those attending were: Debra Wilkes and Beth Kleiber, Denleaders and Cub Scouts Tod Griffin, Jeff Cole, Steve Kleiber, Brent McPeck and Stevie Oleksiuk.

Karen and Larry Sproles of Odessa were weekend guests with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Counts, and other Robert Lee relatives.

**BRENDA GRAY HONORED AT BRIDAL SHOWER**

Miss Brenda Gray was honored with a bridal shower Wednesday evening, April 28, in the Recreation Hall.

The bride-elect's chosen colors of rainbow hues were carried out in the table appointments. An unusual center piece featured a parasol filled with silk flowers; the same parasols will be carried by bridesmaids in the upcoming wedding. Traditional cookies and party punch were served to a number of guests who also viewed the lovely gift assortment.

Hostesses for the shower were: Debbie Wilkes, Kathy Hendry, Janet Baker, Sondra Caves, Marsha Smith, Sue Millican, Barbara Jameson, Susie Wilson, Ginger Hendry, Juanell Brown, Dolores Roe, Golda Brown, Tricia Clay, Sharon Pearson, Louise Clendennen, Gertie Bloodworth and Nell Bosworth.

Miss Gray and Mike Wilkes will be married on May 29 in the Robert Lee Baptist Church.



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- VAN CAMP PORK & BEANS** 16 oz. can 43c
- DEL MONTE SWEET PEAS** 16 oz. can 49c
- DEL MONTE CORN** 16 oz. can 49c



**Shortening Snowdrift** 3 Lb. Can **\$1.89**

- BEST MAID SALAD DRESSING** qt. jar .99c
- HEINZ SWEET RELISH** 10 oz. jar 63c
- Heinz Hamburger Sliced Dill Pickles** qt. \$1.09

**Peanut Butter** Peter Pan 18 Oz. Jar **\$1.79**

- GLADIOLA CORN BREAD MIX** 2 pkgs. 43c
- DAWN LIQUID SOAP** \$1.69
- FAB DETERGENT** giant box \$1.99
- PARKAY OLEO** Stick Lb. **59c**

- BALLARD BISCUITS** 2 for 39c
- Kraft Sliced Singles Amer. Cheese** 12 oz. \$1.69

**Ice Cream** Gandys 5 Qt. Bucket **\$4.49**

- APPLES, Washington Delicious** lb. 49c
- POTATOES** 10 lb. bag \$1.89

**Lettuce** California Head **69c**

**Cured Ham** Gooch Smoked Half or Whole Lb. **\$1.19**

- ROUND STEAK** lb. \$2.29
- ARMOUR BOLOGNA** lb. \$1.39

**Bacon** Gooch Sliced Slab Lb. **\$1.49**

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