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"Ole Coke County" To Run Tonight, Saturday

If you missed the Indians, early settlers and army personnel hold their Pow Wow at Fort Chadbourne; the Free Rangers, Nesters and Ranchers arguing their differing points of view; the gossiping by the ladies as they quilted; or any of the other scenes in the unfolding of the

history of Coke County last week end, you shall have opportunities to view them this week end, July 30-31.

"Ole Coke County--Home of the Rabbit Twisters," will be presented starting at 8:30 P.M. Friday and Saturday. The show will be preceded by approximately one-half hour of singing by the "Brush Arbor" choir. Many compliments went to the cast for an outstanding presentation under the direction of author-director Lucile Bryan. The '64 Study Club members are serving as hostesses, and the Alpha Omicron Nu operates the concession stand.

The Coke County Pageant Association, Inc., is proud to sponsor this production depicting the colorful history of Coke County. It is good family entertainment and we want to share it with you!" said President Wilson Bryan.

Don't forget your stadium seats and/or cushions!!

General Tel To Charge Late Fee To Businesses

General Telephone business customers who do not pay their telephone bills on time will be charged a late charge fee on past due amounts effective Aug. 4.

The charge will apply only to business customers in accordance with Public Utility Commission of Texas rules.

The fee will be equal to 5 percent of the delinquent amount. The late charge will apply if the bill is not paid by the due date shown on the bill.

E.O. Cambern, general manager - West Texas Division Operations for General, said the late pay charge is designed to place the costs associated with collecting past due business account bills on those customers causing the costs.

"It is not fair to customers who pay their bills on time to have to pay higher monthly local basic rates because of customers who do not pay on time," Cambern said.

"Another advantage will be to reduce the amount of uncollectible bills since those business customers who will pay their bills will now have an incentive to pay it before the late charge is assessed. We will be in a better position to determine the bills that may never be collected and take action sooner to reduce losses," Cambern said.

"Our late charge policy serves to protect customers since uncollected bills and the related costs are an expense item paid by all customers. By keeping uncollectible bills as low as possible, we can help keep local basic rates lower than they would be otherwise," Cambern said.

Invitational Roping To Be Held Saturday

The Coke County Roping Club will be hosting their first county roping Saturday, July 31, beginning at 2:00 p.m. at the Bronte Roping Arena. Ropers of all ages residing in the area are welcomed and encouraged to participate. There will be plenty of steers and calves to rope. For more information contact Ron Thorn by calling 473-7931.

There will be no admission charge for spectators. So all of you roping fans come on out for an afternoon of lively entertainment. The concession stand will be open for your convenience serving sausage on a stick, hotdogs and lots of cold drinks. See you Saturday afternoon.



James Craig

James H. Craig Retires From Exxon Company

James H. Craig with Exxon Company, U.S.A. retired on July 1, 1982 with 40 years of service. He was assigned as operator and was located in Midcontinent Production Division, Midland District, in Robert Lee, Texas.

In 1942, he joined the Company as a clerk in Midland. He was assigned as a roustabout in the Eunice, New Mexico area in 1945 and later moved to West Texas production field locations. In 1958, he transferred from Sterling City to Robert Lee.

His hometown is Forsan, Tx. A dinner is planned in his honor on July 31. At that time, he will be presented retirement awards.

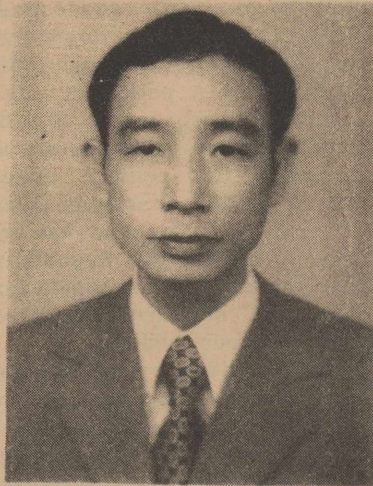
Mr. and Mrs. Craig continue to make their home in Robert Lee.

HOME AFTER SURGERY

Mrs. Ruth Watson is making a good recovery at home after having major back surgery in San Angelo's Shannon Hospital on July 12. Staying with her last week was her sister, Mrs. Billie Zoet of Pasadena. Russell Zoet came to Robert Lee over the week-end to get his wife and they returned home on Monday.

Sell What You Don't Need With a Want Ad

Dr. Boi Vu To Begin Practice In Coke County



Dr. Boi Xuan Vu

WORK ATTITUDE OF MOTHER INFLUENCES CHILDREN'S VIEWS---When mothers feel good about their work outside the home, the effect on their children is more likely to be positive, says a family life education specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M University System. Many factors affect children's social and psychological adjustment to their mother working outside the home, the specialist adds, but attitude is significant.

Long Gets \$6,000 Scholarship From Houston Livestock Show

Michael Scot Long, an outstanding Robert Lee FFA member, today received a four-year, \$6,000 scholarship from the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.

Scot, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney J. Long, of Robert Lee, was valedictorian of his graduating class from Robert Lee High School. He served as FFA chapter president and delegate to the state convention. Scot won awards in sheep production, livestock judging and agricultural mechanics. He was also a member of the chapter conducting and farm radio teams.

While in high school, Scot was class president, student council officer, Beta club treasurer and captain of the football, track and basketball teams. He was selected 4-H Gold Star Boy, Mr. Robert Lee High School and all district football and basketball team member at several positions.

Scot, who plans to major in agricultural finance while in college, was one of 50 recipients of Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo scholarships presented at the Texas State FFA Convention.

The Show, which also presented 50 four-year, \$6,000 scholarships to 4-H members during the State 4-H Round-Up, is the largest donor of agricultural scholarships in the United States. During the coming school year, the Show will have 469 students on scholarships in Texas colleges and universities, at a commitment of \$2.7 million.

The winners, carefully selected from hundreds of applicants, are the best in the state from the standpoints of academics and

The East Coke County Hospital District Clinic located at 509 South State Street in Bronte has been leased by Dr. Boi Xuan Vu, M.D. for private, general and family practice. The clinic will be open Monday, August 2.

Dr. Vu received his Degree in Medicine from the University of Saigon, Viet Nam and practiced medicine in that country for ten years. He acquired special education at the U.S. Air Force School of Aerospace Medicine, Brooks Air Force Base, Texas on two occasions; in 1965 and 1974.

In 1976, the doctor attended

courses at the University of Oklahoma College of Medicine in Oklahoma City and then proceeded to a Residency in Surgery at McLaren General Hospital of Flint, Michigan. He served as a Family Practitioner at Plano Pediatrics and Family Clinic, Plano, Texas prior to coming to San Angelo Center in 1979.

Dr. Vu is a member of The American Medical Association, the Texas Medical Association and the Tom Green Eight County Medical Association.

The physician has been appointed to the staff of West Coke County Hospital in Robert Lee and states that he looks forward to the practice of medicine in Coke County.

The doctor and his wife, Hang Phan, have two children; a daughter, Minh Chau and a son, Son. The family expresses a strong desire to become a part of the community and to know the people of the communities he serves.

Mrs. Pauline Blair, LVN has been employed to assist the physician and Mrs. Wanda Gibbs has been employed as Receptionist-Insurance Clerk.

Announcement in this paper will give the hours the clinic will be open.

Frank Allen Badly Burned

Frank V. Allen was critically burned from a fire in his room at Baptist Memorial Hospital in San Angelo last Wednesday, July 21. He had been a patient there for several days.

Allen was transferred by plane last Thursday to the burn center at John Sealy Hospital in Galveston, where he was reported to be slightly improved but still critical.

Gospel Meeting Next Week At Local Church

A week long gospel meeting is scheduled for next week, August 1 through August 8, at Northside Church of Christ in Robert Lee.

Preaching will be by Elvis Fisher of San Antonio.

Bro. Fisher, who grew up in the Stanton area, has been a teacher in the San Antonio School System for a number of years. He is an experienced gospel preacher and church leader, having served full time in the ministry and held meetings throughout a wide area.

The congregation invites everyone to all services which will be at 7:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday and at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sundays. The church building is located at Chadbourne and West 9th Street.

DIANNA TINKLER IS "DISTINGUISHED STUDENT"

Dianna L. Tinkler, a sophomore in agricultural economics from Robert Lee, has earned "Distinguished Student" status at Texas A&M University.

Recipients of the "Distinguished Student" honor must earn at least a 3.25 grade point ratio, out of a possible 4.0, during the most recent grading period.

Dianna is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Tinkler of Robert Lee. The family ranches in the Edith community.



Scot Long

leadership. They must major in some form of agriculture at a Texas college or university in order to receive the scholarship.

The monies used to fund the scholarship program come directly from the proceeds generated by spectators at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, a civic, charitable organization whose efforts, actions and revenues are used directly to benefit youth and support education.

In presenting the scholarships, Show president E. Norwin Gerhart noted that the efforts, hard work and dedication of the Show volunteers are geared toward this direction.

"We want to help these exceptional students become leaders in the agricultural field. Presenting these scholarships and insuring an education for these young people is one of the highlights of our year," he said.

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LOOK WHO'S NEW

Erika Renee is the new daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert V. Tijerina of San Angelo. She was born on July 18 at 7:56 a.m. at Shannon Hospital, weighing 5 lb. 13 oz. and is 19½ inches long.

The proud grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Pedro L. Tijerina of Robert Lee and Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Siller of Santa Anna.

Erika's great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Santos Tijerina and Mr. and Mrs. Julio Valenzuela, all of Robert Lee.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Schooley of Robert Lee are happy to announce the birth of their first great-grandchild, Casey Craig Jackson, son of Sherri and Tommy Jackson of Fort Worth. He was born on July 10 at Harris Hospital in Ft. Worth and weighed 7 pounds and 11½ ounces.

Great-great-grandmothers include Mrs. Pearl Ditmore of Robert Lee and Mrs. Jackie Scott, Seminole.

MountainCreek Golf Club News

The weekly Club Tournament being held on Thursday afternoons is providing lots of family fun for members of the club. Twenty-two players teed-off last week shortly after 5:30 p.m. for the nine hole tourney.

Bill Blair and Mike Davis fired a 32 for first place, close behind for second place were John Stewart and Bill Hood with 33. Calvin Sparks and Clarence Tinkler shot a 36 for third.

Chips and dip refreshments were served by Diane and Jeff Webster. On Thursday, July 29, members are asked to bring a covered dish for supper and to bring your family with you.

A large number of golfers turned out for the ABC Tournament on Sunday, July 25. Sponsored by City Savings of San Angelo, balls were awarded to the winning teams and golf hats given to all the 64 players entered.

The weather was hot and so were the scores as the #1 team of Paul Talley, Jake Jacoby, and Sherman Rusk shot a 64, pursued by Sterling Lindsey, Norm Rusk, Sonny Weathers, and John Hines with 65 for second. A 65 score also took third place by Jerold Epperson, Jerry Hohnesse, and Bob Yons.

50 YEARS AGO

Next week, folks, I go back to the Observer office-- been off three months and C.A. Lamb's been running the paper, letting your minds and ears rest. Had a devil of a time, playing with my bee hives, but I'm fairly bustin' to get my 2c worth in. By that time we'll know who the next President of the U.S. is and regardless of all the pitchin' and kickin', that's the way it'll be. I'm coming out flogging, a singin' "The Old Gray Mare Came A-tarrin' Out of the Wilderness", so by doggies, get ready.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Smith of Sonora and Mrs. Floyd Carlton of San Angelo visited Dr. and Mrs. N.J. Smith this week.

There's going to be a party at O.E. Allen's on Saturday, Sept. 17, everybody is invited.

By now, everybody knows of our big rains. The ground is saturated, tank dams bursted, crops ruined, city lake's full, and still it pours. The Colorado has been running bank full and into the flats for a week. From town looking across the river south to the Old Harris Ranch House, it's solid water to the barns.

C.H. Bridges, county surveyor, says the government gauge for the city reads 24 3/10 inches in the last 10 days. Here it is only September and we've had 48 inches since Jan. 1. We stand second in West Texas; Sweetwater is first with 50 inches.

Roy Knight had the misfortune of having an ice pick stuck in his leg Tuesday.

Good Chevrolet Coupe will trade for cattle-- Albert Roe.

Bob Knierium of Bronte was over to the Sanco Camp Meeting Sunday looking after the interests of Bob Reaves, candidate for County Judge.

B.R. Franklin, the old shoe man, is back from Gatesville and says he's glad to be here in God's Country.

W.A. Clark Jr. fell and broke his arm Wednesday. Dr. Leonard of Bronte had the pleasure of setting it.

Judge Gerron is visiting his wife this week in Austin.

Lewis Reunion Is Rescheduled

The Lewis Reunion, originally scheduled for August 14, has been postponed until August 28, due to a mix-up in the Rec Hall appointment schedule. Out-of-town family descendants will be receiving notices of the change shortly and are urged to attend the gathering on the new date.

Ernest Angelo Visits R-Lee

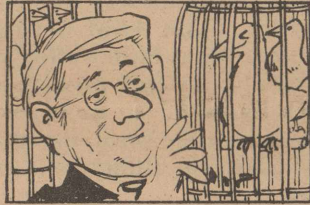
Ernest Angelo of Midland, Republican candidate for the Texas State Senate in the 25th District, was in Robert Lee last week on his campaign trail.

Keith Lloyd of Robert Lee will serve as Republican chairman for Coke County, which is a part of the huge 25th District. Thirty-eight counties make up the largest senatorial district in the State of Texas.

Angelo, aided by a large group of volunteers throughout his campaign area, is making an aggressive bid for the senate seat being vacated by State Senator Pete Snelson. He is a long-time Texas Republican leader and former mayor of Midland, serving in that capacity from 1972 through 1980.

He holds a petroleum engineering degree and is a self-employed independent in the oil industry. His political career began in 1961, working on John Tower's campaign and has remained active in the Republican Party since that time. Angelo and his wife, Penny, live in Midland and have four children.

The candidate visited the Observer office, accompanied by Mrs. Keith Lloyd, and said that he had been traveling constantly since May, but hoped to contact as many groups, in as many towns, as possible before fall elections. He stated that he realized, with a district as large as most states, the problems and interests of many are at stake, and hoped to make himself as available as he could.



Thomas Edison had a collection of 5,000 birds.

Social Security News Items

The public should be suspicious of mail and telephone offers to provide social security information or services. Such solicitations may involve the sale of insurance or annuity policies or the sale of information that is available free of charge at any social security office.

Medicare beneficiaries are often approached in different ways by so-called insurance agents who try to appear to be an authorized representative from Medicare or Social Security. No social security representative will visit a person's home and ask for a premium payment of any sort. Members of the public should always ask to see the federal identification card of a visitor who claims to be with social security and if not satisfied, call the social security office before admitting the visitor to their home.

The medicare benefit program is handled by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Social Security Administration. All medicare business is done at district or branch offices or by phone or mail contact with these offices. All correspondence is on official letterhead. Representatives can identify themselves with official ID cards bearing a picture of the individual and seal of the department.

There are many legitimate and reliable insurance companies who sell and service supplement insurance policies for medicare beneficiaries. They can be found in the local telephone directory. If there is any doubt about the person or company trying to do business with you, it is wise to call your local Better Business Bureau or call the company office of the representative for verification. Any legitimate representative will have no objection to this.

Whether additional insurance is needed is a decision which should be discussed with a known

and trusted person who understands insurance and your particular financial situation. The best time to do this is before age 65.

Shop carefully before buying. Policies differ widely as to coverage and cost. Companies differ as to service. Contact different companies and compare the policies carefully before you plan to buy. To help you decide, contact any social security office and ask for the brochure "Guide To Health Insurance For People With Medicare".

Miss Izzard Is Honored At Bridal Shower

Miss Jeffri Izzard of San Angelo, bride-elect of Richard Long, was feted on Sunday afternoon with a bridal shower in the home of Mrs. Bobby Allen.

Fresh fruit in a melon basket, assorted cookies, and fruit punch were served to guests from silver and crystal appointments. The bride's chosen color of sunshine yellow was carried out in a yellow daisy arrangement complimented by yellow napkins.

Special out-of-town guests for the shower were the bride-elect's mother, Mrs. June Izzard, her sister, Kande Bahlman, both of San Angelo, Mrs. Pearle Long of Goldthwaite, the prospective groom's grandmother, and his aunt and cousin, Judy Minter and Vicki of Fort Stockton.

Hostesses for the event were Mrs. Allen, Alene Key, Mary Scott, Kay Lackey, Nancy Rasco, Joyce Rives, Peggy David, Leta Caston, Pat Stephens, Joyce Stephens, Audrey Helwig, Dovie Cummings, Jewell Wallace, Jeffie Roberts, Winnie Pitcock, Carolyn Simpson, Evelyn Flanagan, Barbara Jameson, Mary Beth Drennan, Margaret Epperson and Virginia Garlington.

Miss Izzard and Richard Long will exchange vows on Aug. 21 in the First Baptist Church Chapel of San Angelo.

GOSPEL MEETING

AUGUST 1 THRU AUGUST 8

PREACHING BY

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ROBERT LEE, TEXAS

Letters To The Editor

Dear Editor,

I'll be watching for the Coke Countians on T.V. about the presentation of Ole Coke Co. and I'll make sure to be at one of the performances. I was especially interested in the organization of Coke Co. I can remember in my mother's old Bible (which had belonged to her father, J.J. Austin) where J.J. Austin was one of the organizers of Coke Co. I believe the meeting took place at Old Hayrick some few miles from Grandpa Austin's old home, there on the side of the Sanco Mountains. My mother was Sealy B. Austin and she says (the old Bible had the record of) when Grandpa arrived at home that day of the organization his wife Armenta Austin had presented him with another son and as they had just named Coke Co., Grandpa named his new son, Coke also. Uncle Coke Austin has been dead some years now as so my mother also. He lived and raised a family there near the old homelace at Sanco. The old Austin Ranch house is still there in the mountains and can be seen today I understand. Uncle Ishoms widow lives on the ranch now. Just in case there's no record of this, I remember seeing it in this old Bible which is now lost.

We enjoyed the Sanco Reunion very much as my roots are rather deep in Coke Co. My grandparents on both sides of my family are buried at Sanco. I lived there being born at Sanco and went to school there till I was 11 years old. I will always enjoy going back to Coke Co.

Find enclosed a check for \$8.00 for renewal of the Observer, let me know if this is correct.

Thank You,
Vida Belle Fletcher McGee
1257 Locust
Abilene, Tx. 79602

P.S. I enjoy the 50 years ago, please hunt up the 1909 or 1910--that's when at four years old I was rattlesnake bitten at Sanco and Dr. Turner came in a buggy and saved my life.

CUT LAWN CARE ENERGY NEEDS--Homeowners of Texas can cut lawn care energy demands without lowering lawn standards, announces a turfgrass specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M University System. Mowing, fertilizing, watering, controlling pests and disposing of leaf clippings all require the use of energy, but several maintenance practices can help reduce the energy demands. The specialist suggests cutting fertilizer application to maintenance levels, composting grass clippings, adopting proper watering practices, and reducing pesticide use to essential applications.



LIONS CLUB MEETING

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

LIONS CLUB COMMUNITY CENTER

Duncan Family Has Reunion At Robert Lee Park

Descendants of the late Peter Jeff and Ara V. Duncan met Saturday and Sunday, July 24 and 25 at the Robert Lee Park for their annual family reunion.

Those attending were: Mr. and Mrs. Sammie Duncan, Jeannie and Lynn, Tammy Barkis, Mr. and Mrs. J.B. Duncan, Janice, Ginger and Jill Fitzgerald, Mrs. Lee Guttery, Mrs. Bobbie Kurko of San Angelo; Mr. and Mrs. Pete Dittmore of Mission; Mrs. Daisy Duncan, Mrs. Prestidge Kane of Big Lake; Ocie Duncan, Mr. and Mrs. Duncan, Mr. and Mrs. Merle Bowen Jr. and Camber of Ft. Stockton.

Also, Millard Meek of Brownwood, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Meek of Stanton; Billy Meek, Mrs. Dorothy Wimon, Hico; Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Reese, Carl and Kenna Lindsay, Bedford; Mr. and Mrs. John Laws, Mr. and Mrs. Rick Haynes and Matt, Conroe; Mr. and Mrs. Don Bell of Lovington, N.M.; Mrs. Ella Duncan, Gladys Markwood, Mrs. Juanita Barger, Mrs. Jackie Walker, Mr. and Mrs. S.B. Plumlee, Mr. and Mrs. Finis Harmon and Joey, all of Robert Lee; Mrs. Edith Gartman, Arlington; Mrs. Grace Harrington, New Boston; Mrs. Nell Watts, Grand Prairie; Mr. and Mrs. George Walker, Big Spring; Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Hodges, Sterling City.

TAKE VACATION

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Munoz Sr., their daughter Lupe and a friend, Joe Reyes of San Angelo, recently took a vacation trip to San Antonio, Corpus Christi and Padre Island. The group enjoyed the beach and touring the area. They also visited Cascade Caverns near San Antonio and said they were beautiful.

In San Antonio they visited Mrs. Munoz's brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Domingo Rodriguez. On their return trip from the Gulf Coast, the group visited in Woodsboro with Munoz's sister, Ursula Losano.

Marcella, the couple's youngest daughter, is spending two weeks in Morales, Coah. Mexico with her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Jesus Rodriguez and family. She had previously stayed the month of June there and had a wonderful time seeing her mother's native country.

HAVE VISITORS

Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Childress and their granddaughter, Shauna Howell of Mesa, Arizona, and Daryl Childress of Phoenix, Arizona visited last week in the home of their brother and wife, Essie and Melvin Childress. The families also spent a great deal of time visiting their mother, Mrs. Pearl Childress, a West Coke County Nursing Home resident, and other local relatives. Other visitors in the Childress home were their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Braswell of College Station.

The group enjoyed a week-end of barbecue, picnics, and attended the "Ole Coke County" pageant.

Stop - Shop - Save

Briskets

Boneless Beef Lb.

\$1.29

GOOCH GERMAN SAUSAGE ring \$1.49

Dankworth Bulk Sliced Bacon lb. \$1.69

KRAFT PARKAY OLEO, In Qtrs. lb. 59c

Canned Biscuits

Lite Fluff 8 Oz. Can

23c

DEL MONTE CATSUP 14 oz. bottle 65c

CONTADINA TOMATO SAUCE 8 oz. can 29c

DEL MONTE SWEET PEAS 303 size can 49c

Coca-Cola

2 Liter Bot. Each

\$1.19

ALSO TAB & 7UP

COMET LONGRAIN RICE 14 oz. box 49c

Cinch Corn Bread Mix 15 oz. box 59c

KRISPY CRACKERS lb. box 83c

Ice Cream

Gandys 5 Qt. Bucket

\$3.99

Sunshine Ice Cream Cones 24 size box 65c

HI DRI TOWELS lge. roll 63c

Generic Facial Tissues 200 size box 53c

Toilet Tissue

Nice & Soft Accent 4 Roll Pkg.

\$1.29

PUNCH DETERGENT gt. box \$1.39

BIG TATE INST. POTATOES 16 oz. box \$1.09



Russet POTATOES

10lb. bag

\$1.99

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WHERE THE BIBLE IS TAUGHT

County Attorney Gives Tips On How To Protect Your Property

The following article is a public service by the Robert Lee Observer and Bronte Enterprise through the cooperation of Bill Helwig Attorney and The Prosecutor Council. Its purpose is to make you aware of a prosecutor's role, of your responsibility as a resident of Coke County and how we can work together to alleviate some of society's problems.

RURAL CRIME PREVENTION

Crooks aren't just for city folk anymore. They like county living too. Look at the facts. More than 8 million crimes occur each year in rural areas and small towns. The victims report that crimes like theft, larceny, and burglary are their biggest problems. In fact, these property crimes account for almost 90 percent of the crimes committed.

Protect Your Livestock

Livestock theft is now one of the easiest and most profitable crimes. The modern rustler may use a car, light plane, or helicopter to spot a likely target, usually stock in isolated pastures and unlocked corrals. Then thieves move in quickly with campers, vans, or trailers, load up 10 to 15 head of cattle and drive away. In just a few hours the thieves can be in another county or state—easily putting hundreds of miles between victim and buyer. A crime that takes 10 minutes can net the rustler several thousand dollars. The risk is low, too—the theft often goes undetected for several days.

What can you do to safeguard your animals from today's sophisticated rustlers? Try these suggestions:

(1) Check your stock frequently. If possible, take a daily count. If you're going to be away, arrange to have a neighbor keep track of your animals. Do the same for your neighbors when they're away.

(2) Report missing stock immediately. Rustlers move fast, so report the loss even if you aren't sure whether the missing animals are stolen or have strayed. Don't wait—delay insures the rustler a safe getaway.

(3) Mark your animals. Be sure to make marks distinct. Mark young stock soon after birth. Register your marks and brands with your local law enforcement agency. For beef cattle, the

preferred marking method is hot iron branding, often in conjunction with ear tattooing or with earmarks. Brands and tattoos are hard to alter and provide permanent record. To be safe, do not rely on earmarks alone.

(4) Let rustlers know that your stock is permanently marked. Thieves are less likely to take property they know can be traced. Ask your county extension agent about organizations that furnish members with stickers to post on your barn and fences and gates. Do not post signs or stickers unless you have actually marked your stock.

(5) Check fences and gates regularly to make sure they are in good repair and locked. Lock corrals and loading chutes. Use sturdy chains at least three-eighths thick and good quality padlock with a hardened steel shackle three-eighths inch thick, too. Look for padlocks with a double-locking design that can prevent the shackle being pried away from its case. The hasp should be secured with bolts and mounted on a metal plate. Be sure to file off the serial number on the bottom of the padlock, or a resourceful rustler may copy the number and return later with a key to open the gate.

Protect Your Farm Products

Livestock isn't the only target of today's rural thieves. Wheat, soybeans, hay, corn, oats, and even timber are being stolen by criminals who have discovered there is big money in this kind of crime.

Here are some useful tips to help protect your farm products:

(1) Keep your property where it can be watched. Store grain in protected locations. Stack hay where you or your neighbors can see it from the house.

(2) Mark your grain with numbered or coded non-toxic confetti. This confetti can be mixed in with the grain or hay for identification at point of sale. It can be easily removed by mills.

(4) Locate and keep a record of your valuable trees. In your record note the tree's diameter at 4½ feet, the height to the first large branch, and the species. Then mark the tree with a stripe of paint or phosphorescent paint if you're worried about appear-

ance.

Protect Your Equipment and Supplies

Your farm or ranch contains many items attractive to thieves. Tools, motors, batteries, tractors and other valuable farm machinery, and supplies such as gasoline are all things the rural criminal is eager to steal.

To defend your property, follow these security tips:

(1) Light it up. Thieves and vandals don't want to be seen. Make sure your house, yard, corrals, and gas pumps are lighted. If you're away from home a lot, particularly after dark, use timers to turn lights and a radio on and off at appropriate times. It's an easy way to disguise the fact that you're away.

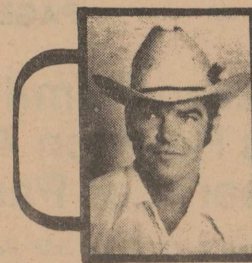
(2) Lock it up. Gas pumps, gas tanks, storage bins, and grain elevators should be secured with strong locks. So should your house and barn. Use deadbolt locks with a 1-inch throw or a sturdy padlock and a hardened steel hasp. Spring latches can be opened by even an amateur thief in a matter of minutes. Keep boats, snowmobiles, bikes, fertilizers, tools, and other small equipment in a locked garage or shed, or secured to a stationary object with a strong padlock. Chain and lock drawn implements and irrigation pumps. Never leave tools or guns in an open pick-up truck.

(3) Bring it in. It is not wise to leave major farm equipment in the fields overnight. If you can't bring your equipment in at night, make sure it's locked or left in a lighted area. Secure power-driven implements with a case-hardened metal tow chain at least three-eighths of an inch thick.

(4) Disable it. Don't let a thief drive away in your vehicle or use it to carry other stolen property. Equip tractors, jeeps, trucks and trailers with hidden ignition-kill switches. Remove the rotor and distributor cap to prevent hot-wiring.

(5) Identify it. If property is stolen from your farm or ranch, can you prove it is yours? If not, the thief will have no trouble selling your possessions. The chance of recovery, even if the property is found, is slim. Paint your equipment in unusual colors to make it look distinctive. Then, be sure to join Operation Identification and mark it!

This article, which was developed by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, is provided by The Prosecutor Council in cooperation with your local prosecutor. For further information call: Bill Helwig, Coke County Attorney or Marshall Millican, Coke County Sheriff.



Jerry Lackey's Country Folk

In recent months, a judiciary panel has conducted hearings in Washington, D.C., San Angelo and Denver concerning the controversial predicide 1080. Testimony has been presented by attorneys representing the National Wool Growers and the National Cattlemen's Associations.

On the other side of the coin, testimony has come from attorneys hired by opponents to poisoning coyotes. These organizations, such as the Sierra Club, Defenders of Wildlife and others, are fighting the re-registration of 1080.

You may recall that since 1971 when 1080 was banned, predators have increased to the degree that they almost outnumber sheep and goats in some areas of the nation.

Since predators have been a constant and increasing problem for West Texas ranchmen, this writer spent some time surveying the situation at the 67th annual convention of the Texas Sheep & Goat Raisers' Association in San Angelo. Committee reports and general session commentary focused on the possibility of re-registration of 1080.

Certainly evidence presented by lawyers of the livestock industry would indicate a big loss in the billions of dollars over the past 10 years due to predation of animals. Equally, that loss has been duplicated in the economy of trade centers which depend heavily on the agriculture dollar.

Since the presidential ban of Compound 1080 in 1971, livestock organizations have bombarded the U.S. Department of Interior and Environmental Protection Agency and others who would listen. The constant plea has been, "Look, the predators are killing our livestock, our livelihood is being wiped out and we need some help to combat the situation."

In turn, "the courtrooms and hearing rooms have been packed" with the radical groups set to save the coyotes and eagles.

"With friends like these, enemies would just be overkill," says Steve Kelton, an investiga-

tive reporter. Kelton has followed the 1080 case religiously. He can quote off-the-cuff from stacks of documents.

"Lately, it seems every time Defenders of Wildlife fields an 'expert' to support its argument against re-registration of 1080, the witness either comes away bloody or ends up providing testimony for 1080's supporters instead," adds Kelton.

"They recently sent a sheepherder to the stand to testify that herders can protect sheep without toxicants, and he conceded instead that good herders can't be found at any price. They sent a female 'sheep rancher' up there to say she'd done fine without 1080 and everyone else could do as well if they took care of their livestock instead of clamoring for poisons that destroy the environment.

"It turned out that her excellently managed 'ranch' was an 80-acre affair which she later sold for development, and she begged the Fifth Amendment when asked whether 1080 or those developers posed the greater environmental threat," Kelton reports.

Defenders then supplied a small herd of toxicologists, each of whom testified that 1080 is extremely toxic. Under cross-examination, each also admitted that his testimony dealt only with 1080 in theory and in the abstract, ignoring numerous counterbalancing principles which lie at the heart of their profession.

With all the testimony coming out of these hearings, the paper transcripts alone would likely fill a good-sized building. Where does it all end?

While visiting with Bill Sims, executive director of the Texas Sheep & Goat Raisers' Association, following the reviews of hearings, he notes that testimony will go to the administrator of EPA. A ruling is expected in November or December.

"We feel positive about the outcome," Sims confirms. "Our attorneys have done everything in reason to present a good case."

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Mr. and Mrs. R.C. Lackey of Junction announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Mary Anne, to Scott Jones of Lake Jackson.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Murrey Jones of Robert Lee. Miss Lackey is a graduate of Junction High School and Tarleton State University. She is currently serving Coke County as County Extension Agent.

Jones graduated from Robert Lee High School and West Texas State University. He is employed by Dow Chemical Company in Lake Jackson.

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Conservation Practices Beneficial

The Soil Conservation Service, USDA, provides free technical assistance to plan and carry out conservation programs. The Coke County Soil & Water Conservation District has a working agreement with the S.C.S. which maintains a field office in Robert Lee. The staff of this office provides technical assistance throughout Coke County to all residents and land managers. Benefits from these services build up over several years. S.C.S. assistance typically includes making and furnishing an aerial photo map of the property, a soil capability map and a typed management plan which the operator has decided upon. The aerial photo plan map indicates

ownership boundaries, physical features, improvements, acreage and other information valuable to a progressive rancher or farmer interested in long-range planning utilizing his land according to its capabilities. Ideally, the plan provides for treating the land as is needed for its protection while maximizing long-term economic returns.

Conservation benefits all communities and all persons, either directly or indirectly. Landowner's benefits may include: more convenient, better planned operations; reduced cost of operations; increased income; reduced wind and water erosion; increased land values; more efficient use of rainfall; and a feeling of personal satisfaction derived from being a conscientious steward of the land.

Urban people are benefited by conservation thru direct assistance and planning assistance in selecting: building sites, septic tank locations, public recreation areas, as well as help in solving other soil and water related problems. Urbanites also benefit from increased area income, stimulated bank deposits, sale of agricultural and other consumer goods, and the creation of a more stable tax base. Urban contrac-

tors who install conservation practices provide jobs; create markets for trucks and machinery, petroleum products and other materials. S.C.S. watershed programs, such as the six Kickapoo Creek dams, protect both urban and rural citizens from flood dangers, recharge underground water supplies and provide recreation opportunities, as well as other benefits to area residents.

Hunters and fishermen both benefit from conservation practices which are dual purpose designed to aid both agriculture and wildlife. Rural landowners then benefit from both leasing income and increased family recreational opportunities.

Through the development and use of a properly developed conservation plan the rancher or farmer can select the combination of practices which will enable him to operate most efficiently, while protecting his most valuable resource....the soil.

Play Day Results Given

A poor turnout of participants at the Play Day activities Saturday night was due largely to other events going on in the county.

Results from the July 24 competition are:

6 & Under
Barrels: 1st-Casy Thorn; 2nd-Jim Bob McCurdy; 3rd-Russ Vaughn; H.M.-Jake White.

Flags: 1st-Jake White; 2nd-Casy Thorn; 3rd-Jim Bob McCurdy; 4th-Russ Vaughn.

Poles: 1st- Casey Thorn; 2nd-Jim Bob McCurdy; H.M.-Russ Vaughn; H.M.-Jake White.

7-9
Barrels: 1st-Amy Bloodworth; 2nd-Cory Thorn; 3rd-Teresa Vaughn; 4th-Melinda Gentry; 5th-Tracee Mauldin.

Flags: 1st-Melinda Gentry; 2nd-Cory Thorn; 3rd-Amy Bloodworth; 4th-Teresa Vaughn; 5th-Tracee Mauldin.

Poles: 1st-Cory Thorn; 2nd-Teresa Vaughn; 3rd- Tracee Mauldin; H.M.-Amy Bloodworth and Melinda Gentry.

10-12
Barrels: 1st-Lori Bloodworth; 2nd-Donya Cooper; 3rd-Misti Taylor.

Flags: 1st-Donya Cooper; 2nd-Lori Bloodworth; H.M.-Misti Taylor.

Poles: 1st-Donya Cooper; 2nd-Misti Taylor; H.M.-Lori Bloodworth.

13-15
Barrels: 1st-Patty Bloodworth. Flags: 1st-Patty Bloodworth. Poles: 1st-Patty Bloodworth.

The next play day will be held August 7 beginning at 7:00 P.M. at the Bronte Roping Arena.

Strake Starts Weekly Column

Former Texas Secretary of State George Strake announced today he is beginning a series of weekly columns in newspapers all over Texas, including this one, in which he will discuss issues of interest to Texans.

Strake, who is running for Lt. Governor, said he will discuss a variety of subjects in the weeks to come, including the New Federalism, the drunk driving problem, undocumented workers and education.

Said Strake in his first column, "I believe these columns will provide a unique opportunity to stimulate public discussion on these important issues."

The 47-year-old Houstonian said he hopes these columns will fill the void left by the incumbent's refusal to debate.

Pecan Crop In Changing Phase

BY STERLING LINDSEY
COUNTY EXTENSION AGENT

The pecan crop is now undergoing a rapid expansion phase in preparation for shell hardening. The nuts will grow to their final size over the next 3-4 weeks. After that, the shells will be hard and the nuts will be fixed in size.

Ample soil moisture is essential to supply the nutrients and water used by pecan trees is sizing and filling pecan kernels. Now is the time pecan trees need good soil moisture the most. The water stage is a time of stress for pecan trees. Many pecan naturally shed during the water stage. This drop is worse when trees are stressed for water.

As pecan nuts enter the water

stage of kernel development, the nuts are subject to infection by stem end blight (SEB), the disease that causes black, shiny spots on the shucks. The nuts will not develop properly from that point on. Some will drop from the tree. Others will stay on the tree, but will not mature a sound nut. The shuck will stick to the pecan shell.

To prevent a sticky shuck or stem end blight, spray your trees during the water stage with benomyl. Normally the water stage occurs in this area between July 20 and August 10.

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***** Strake Talk

Keeping In Touch

This is the first of what I intend to be a number of weekly columns from me, discussing various topics of importance to Texans. During the coming weeks, we will discuss such things as President Reagan's "New Federalism" proposal, the need for better laws dealing with drunk drivers, illegal aliens, the education of our children, and a host of other issues that will be on our political agenda.

I believe these columns will provide a unique opportunity to stimulate public discussion on these important issues. Indeed, this may be the only way. I have challenged my opponent, Mr. Hobby, to a series of free-wheeling debates on political issues, so both our views could be put before the people of Texas. We met in debate one time in Houston. In the view of all observers, Mr. Hobby lost and he has announced that he will not debate again. So I have chosen this route to try to let you know my position on the

issues. I feel you are entitled to know that before you make your decision in the November election. Additionally, I hope you will let me know your views. They are important to me.

The office of Lieutenant Governor is exceedingly powerful in Texas. It affects all our lives. In addition to presiding over the State Senate, the Lt. Governor appoints all Senate committees, their chairmen, and assigns all legislation to the committee of his choice. He presides over the Legislative Budget Board, which significantly shapes state spending. It is an office all Texans ought to be concerned about.

I hope you will watch for this column. Tell your friends and neighbors about it. Discuss the issues. Together, we can make a contribution to the political processes, and hopefully improve all our lives. Let me know your views on the issues I discuss in the weeks ahead. Just write me at 1213 W. 34th, Austin, Texas. 78705.

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tices, says an agronomist with
the Texas Agricultural Extension
Service, Texas A&M University
System. He said many degrees of
tillage are involved in the concept
of conservation tillage, yet all
refer to reduction in the number
of trips across fields. Conserva-
tion tillage systems also require
an increase in crop management
efforts, however, the specialist
adds.

General Telephone To Charge For Excess Directory Assistance

Beginning Aug. 1, General
Telephone customers in Texas
will be charged for calls to
directory assistance that exceed a
10-call per month limit.

"The increasing volume of
calls to directory assistance is one
factor that has made local basic
monthly rates paid by all custo-
mers go up in the past," Cam-
bern, general manager - West
Texas Division Operations for
General Telephone, said. "With
the directory assistance charging
plan, the local rate increases
recently placed in effect were less
than what they would have been
without directory assistance
charging."

Cambern pointed out that
charging for calls to directory
assistance exceeding a 10-call per
month limit will have little effect
on the majority of the company's
customers, except to help keep
basic rates lower than they would
be without the charge.

"Our studies have shown that
approximately 9 percent of the
total directory assistance users
make nearly half of all calls to
directory assistance," Cambern
said.

"Under the previous method,
the cost of providing directory
assistance was spread among all
customers, regardless of whether
they use the service or not," the
telephone company manager
said. "Customers formerly could
make an unlimited number of
calls to directory assistance with-
out paying a separate charge.

"As a result, customers who
never use the service or who used

it very little were paying just as
much through their local rates as
the heavy users for this service.

"Charging for excessive use
will transfer the costs to those
who use the service extensively,
resulting in keeping basic local
rates lower than they would be
otherwise."

Each General customer will
have a 10-call per month per line
allowance without charge. The
caller can also obtain a maximum
of two telephone numbers during
each call under the plan approved
July 14 by the Public Utility
Commission.

"We feel this will take care of
new listings and number changes
most customers will need during
the course of a month," the
manager said.

"After the 10-call limit, a
25-cent charge per request will
be assessed."

Calls for which no charge
would be assessed will be those
made from coin telephones, from
hospitals, by certified handicap-
ped persons who cannot use a
telephone directory, and calls for
long-distance directory assist-
ance which are offset by a
long-distance call.

West Coke Hospital News

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

July 20: No admissions or
dismissals.

July 21: Velma Denman admit-
ted and no dismissals.

July 22: Lilly Cowley and Ida
Weir admitted. No dismissals.

July 23: No admissions and
Clyde Richards dismissed.

July 24: Alice Benton and
Gilbert Davis admitted. Ida Weir
dismissed.

July 25: No admissions or
dismissals.

July 26: Nona Anderson,
Yvonne Conner and Hettie Childs
admitted. No dismissals.

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ing a lot of attention to cotton
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marketing specialist with the
Texas Agricultural Extension
Service, Texas A&M University
System. Some mills are begin-
ning to pay premiums for higher
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cottons in the future is likely to
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"So be prepared, for you don't know what day your Lord is
coming.

"Just as man can prevent trouble from thieves by keeping
watch for them, so they can avoid trouble by always being
ready for my unannounced return." (Matthew 24:42-44)

"So when the bridegroom was delayed, they lay down to
rest until midnight, when they were roused by the shout, The
bridegroom is coming! Come out and welcome Him!"

All the girls jumped up and trimmed their lamps. Then the
five who hadn't any oil begged the others to share with them,
for their lamps were going out.

But the others replied, "We haven't enough. Go instead to
the shops and buy some for yourselves."

But while they were gone, the bridegroom came, and those
who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and
the door was locked.

"Later, when the other five returned, they stood outside,
calling, 'Sir, open the door for us!'"

"But He called back, 'Go away! It is too late!'"

"So stay awake and be prepared, for you do not know the
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Shaye Braswell and Wayne Coalson

Shaye Braswell, Wayne Coalson To Exchange Wedding Vows

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Coalson. Marriage vows will be exchanged August 21 in the Bronte Park at 7:30 in the evening.

Brother Of RL Man Dies In SA

Wiley J. Mayfield, 76, of San Angelo died at 6:15 a.m. on Monday, July 19, in Shannon Hospital.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, followed by burial in Fairmount Cemetery in San Angelo. The Rev. Ronald McGaughey, associate pastor of the Baptist Temple Church, officiated.

Mr. Mayfield was born July 25, 1905 in San Saba County, Texas. He was a retired carpenter and a member of the Baptist Temple.

Survivors include four sons, Elmer and Eldon, both of San Angelo, James of Fort Worth, and Robert of Dallas; one daughter, Judy Mayfield Neeley, San Angelo; 11 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; four sisters; and two brothers, including Cecil Mayfield of Robert Lee.

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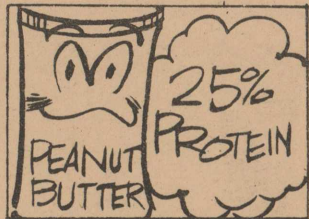
Randal H. Prince, a senior at Texas Tech University, College of Engineering, was initiated into the Tau Beta Pi Association, a national honor society of engineers. The society is composed of members chosen from among eligible students and alumni on the basis of distinguished scholarship or professional attainment and exemplary character.

Randy was also one of nine from the College of Engineering selected for membership to the Pi Epsilon Tau Fraternity, an honor society for Petroleum Engineering Majors. Membership in the society is based on outstanding scholarship and good moral character among junior and senior students.

Randy is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Hays Prince of Jayton.

Mrs. Willie Yarbrough of Robert Lee is the young man's grandmother.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Ditmore of Mission and Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Humble of Spur spent several days at Lake Spence last week. The Ditmore's attended the Duncan reunion at the county park over the week-end.



Peanut butter contains about 25 percent protein.

WATER AEROBICS
And/or BODY TONING
 Starts Aug. 2 - Tues. & Thurs.
 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
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Crisco

3 Lb. Can
(Limited)

\$2.19

DEL MONTE PINEAPPLE 15 oz. can 63c

Van Camp Pork & Beans, 16 oz. can 2 for 87c

Gebhardt's Refried Beans, 16 Oz. Can 2 for 83c

Salmon Honey Boy Pink 16 Oz. Can **\$1.99**

Armour Treet Luncheon Meat 12 oz. can \$1.49

ARMOUR VIENNA SAUSAGE can 49c

Tuna Chicken of the Sea 6 Oz. Can **95c**

CORN KITS 2 for 47c

Cake Mix Dunacn Hines Layer **99c**

Towels Spill Mate Big Roll **75c**

Nice & Soft Bathroom Tissue 4 roll pkg. \$1.09

NORTHERN NAPKINS 140 count 73c

Potatoes No. 1 Idaho 10 Lb. Bag **\$2.29**

CARROTS, 1 Lb. Cello Bag 2 for 53c

OLEO Meadowlake Stick Lb. **49c**

Krafts Sliced American Cheese 12 oz. \$1.69

LITE FLUFF BISCUITS 2 for 43c

Roast Seven Bone Lb. **\$1.49**

ROUND BONE ROAST lb. \$1.59

CHUCK ROAST, Blade Cut lb. \$1.29

Bacon Sliced Slab Lb. **\$1.59**

GOOCH GERMAN SAUSAGE ring \$1.49

ARMOUR TURKEY FRANKS 12 oz. pkg. 79c

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