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Coaches Satisfied With Steers Showing At Sands

The Robert Lee Steers Coaching Staff voiced their satisfaction with last Friday's scrimmage in Sands. The defense performed

well for the early season play; the offense is coming along, but is always slower developing. The Steers scored 1 touchdown, while their opponents couldn't muster a drive. We did not sustain any serious injuries, just a few sore spots, which, due to lack of depth in small schools, usually spells doom.

Every football oriented individual is urged to come and see the Steers scrimmage Roby on the home field at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 27.

A sizeable group of interested fans and parents met last Monday night in an effort to re-organize a Booster Club for the Steers. It has been several years since the group has been active. The team and the community can benefit from a united supporting effort.

STEER FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Sept. 3	Miles	Here
Sept. 10	Loraine	There
Sept. 17	Forsan	Here
Sept. 24	Garden City*	There
Oct. 1	Greenwood*	Here
Oct. 8	Sterling City*	There
Oct. 15	Water Valley*	There
Oct. 22	Irion County*	Here
Oct. 29	Bronte*	There
Nov. 5	Eden*	Here

*--District Game

Non-District Games start at 8
District Games Start at 7:30 p.m.

Local Church To Have Open House Sunday

The Victory Assembly of God Church at the corner of 6th and Houston Streets has completed work on their new building and have planned an Open House to celebrate its completion. Sunday afternoon, Aug. 29, from 2-4 p.m., the congregation will welcome visitors to their new facility. The public is invited and the Rev. Larry Anderson issued a special invitation to local clergy to attend.

The new church building will seat approximately 200 in the sanctuary and has a floor space of 3,000 square feet which includes a nursery. Cost estimate is slightly above \$40,000.00, over half of the amount was donated by the church's local members. A great deal of the work was accomplished by members. Bill Burns and Wade Wallace did the main carpenter work and Roy Blair was in charge of the electrical work. The heating and cooling was done by Jody Rodriguez. The cross and dove emblem in the church yard was done by Butch Service.

Everyone is invited to view this new facility our town can be proud of.

Refreshments will be served to visitors during the Open House.

Steer Band Elects Officers

The 1982-83 Stompin' Steer Band is proud to announce this year's band officers and representatives. Serving for 1982-83 as band president is Stan Ray; vice president, Martha Bickley; secretary, Amy Percifull; reporter, Jim Herring; treasurer, Leigh Ann Rynnion. Band Council members consist of Debbie Cummings; Sr. representative, Sheri Ebenstein; Jr. rep.; Tracy Pearson, Soph. Rep.; Dana Anthony; Freshman rep.; Lee Ann Molinar, eighth grade rep.; and Jason Herring, seventh grade representative.

Volunteer Ambulance News

"Better equipment to better save a life"-- the theme for our Labor Day Barbecue coming up Sept. 6 from 6-9 p.m. We're trying to use old equipment for the new ambulance. Some of it is going fast. We have ordered a new laerdal suction unit. Also badly needed is a one-man multi-level stretcher; we're looking at around \$1000.00!

Make your plans to eat barbecue with us on Labor Day at the Big Rec Hall in the County Park-- Adults \$4.00-- Children under 10, \$2.00 Tickets are available from

Robert Wink Joins Local Ins. Agency

Robert Wink has joined the Allen Insurance Agency of Robert Lee. Robert is married to the former Marsha Dodson and they have three children. Jason is in the fifth grade, Lori is in the second grade and Anthony is in kindergarten.

Robert was raised in Robert Lee and graduated in 1966. He received a BS in Ag. Ed. in 1970 and a MS in Range Science in 1972 from Texas Tech University. He taught Vo Ag in Canyon, Texas for two years and worked with the Soil Conservation Service for eight years in Graham, Abilene, and Stinnett.

The Winks moved from Stinnett and look forward to renewing old acquaintances and to meeting the people of Coke County. Robert has been in the insurance business since February and looks forward to assisting Coke County residents with their insurance needs.

Robert is the son of Leslie and Erma Wink of Robert Lee and Marsha is the daughter of Joyce Dodson of Robert Lee.

STRANGE

Conceit is a funny disease. It makes everyone sick except the fellow who has it.

Grit.

Commissioners Have Meeting

A special session by the commissioners of Coke County was called by County Judge D.W. Sims with commissioners Bobby Vaughn, Jerry Parker, George Newby and Finis Millican; County Attorney Bill Helwig and County Clerk Ettie Hubbard going into executive session.

Reported out of this court was a 4 to 1 vote to retain Bill Helwig, county attorney to represent the county and to contest the litigation that has been filed against the county, the commissioners and county judge. E.C. Bennett, Tom Rives, Bill Teas, J.A. Dunklin and others filed the suit July 29 in 51st judicial district court. The plaintiffs sought this action as a means in reopening the county road that is known as "Friendship Road".

The commissioners then voted to authorize \$500.00 be set aside in escrow for expenses that incur during the legal action.

Judge Sims cast the opposing vote since he considered the county attorney as employed by the county.

Dove Season To Open In County

Mourning dove hunting, a big favorite of Texas hunters, will open in Coke County on Wednesday, September 1 and continue until October 30. Shooting hours are 30 minutes before sunrise to sunset. Daily bag limits have been set at 12 while the possession limit is 24. Mourning doves cannot be taken with a rifle, and no larger shotgun than a 10 gauge. Doves are considered to be migratory birds, therefore shotguns must be plugged to a 3-shell capacity.

The outlook for local dove hunting does not appear to be overly favorable. Middle and late summer rains did not develop and bring on grain crops for bird feed, but pasture grazing is good with various weed seeds available. Dry conditions could make hunting good near any water hole. Our area usually benefits from early cool, rainy spells farther north, which sends Texas new birds.

Texas will be allowed an added bonus of a split mourning dove season this year. Hunters will be able to take doves in our North Zone during January 1-10, 1983.



1982-83 CHEERLEADERS--- Pictured above are the Steer Cheerleaders for the upcoming year. They are Amy Percifull [head], Sara De La Pena, Leigh Ann Rynnion, Debbie Cummins and Sheri Ebenstein.

Cheerleaders Win Spirit Stick At SHSU Cheerleading Camp

This picture of the Robert Lee High School Cheerleaders was taken after the final workshop of the Sam Houston State University Cheerleading Camp on August 7. The girls are holding the Spirit Stick, the highest honor that a

cheerleading squad can win, which they won twice during the week long camp. By winning one of the 25 sticks given at the last workshop, the squad was allowed to take the honor home with them.

The girls and their sponsor, Susan Blassingame, were very proud of winning the Spirit Stick because it represents all the hard work and spirit which they exhibited during the whole week and because they believe it is the first time a squad from Robert Lee has won a stick to bring home.

The camp at Huntsville, conducted by the National Cheerleaders Association, is one of the oldest and largest camps in the nation. The Robert Lee High School Cheerleaders were one of the sixty-four squads attending, with over six-hundred-fifty cheerleaders present. Most of the squads average between eight to twelve members, so it is hard for a squad of five to be noticed, but all of the NCA cheerleaders noticed how spirited and hard-working the "little squad from Robert Lee" was and complimented them on their efforts.

The girls have been working on their spirit and skills all summer long and are looking forward to leading the fans at all Robert Lee sporting events. They encourage the citizens of Robert Lee to become Steer fans and to attend the pep rallies and games in order to encourage the teams during 1982- The Year of the Steer!

TO DISTRIBUTE JACKETS

The cheerleaders will be distributing the jackets ordered last spring at the Roby scrimmage this Friday night. The prices ranged from \$16.75 to \$35.65. Most people paid a \$10.00 deposit, so only the balance will be due upon picking up the jacket. Those jackets not picked up at the scrimmage will be delivered during the next week. Those who did not order a jacket, but who wish to be placed on a waiting list should contact Susan Blassingame at the school between 12:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

"Eternity" To Appear In RL Next Tuesday

Eternity, a group of young Christian musicians who have performed across the United States and several foreign countries, will be in Robert Lee next week for a concert.

Appearing on Tuesday night, August 31, at 8:00 p.m., the group will present their traditional and contemporary message at the Amphitheatre on Mountain Creek.

There will be no charge for the concert, but their work is carried on through donations and gifts. The public is urged to hear these talented and inspired young people while they are in our area.

Seniors Elect Class Officers

The Robert Lee Senior Class of 1982-83 met in their first business meeting on Monday, Aug. 23, to organize and elect officers and sponsors.

Stan Ray will serve as class president, Quint Anthony as vice president, secretary is Maribel Torres, co-treasurers are Leigh Ann Rynnion and Martha Bickley, Debbie Cummins, reporter, and serving as class business managers will be Scott Stephens, Terry Joe Millican, Paula Sanders and Amy Percifull.

Sponsors for the school year will be Coach Edward Poehls and Nadine Davis.

The Seniors will get right into their fund raising campaign by selling homemade ice cream, soft drinks, and candy at this week's scrimmage with Roby.

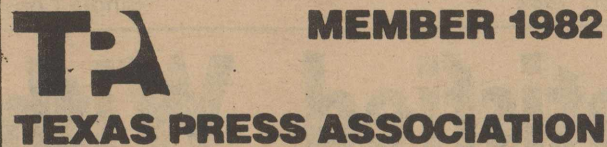
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

124 Autumn Drive
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July 24, 1982

Editor,
Robert Lee Observer
Robert Lee, Tx.

Dear Sir:

I am one of a relatively few people lucky enough to have been born at Robert Lee in the year 1925. I was in that group of about thirty lucky people who were in the first grade class of 1931. In fact, I still have a picture of what I believe to be that same group of 30 that was in Miss Vowell's third grade class of 1933.

Since it is too late to have the 50th Anniversary of the 1931 first grade class, I would like to ask you to help to see if we could get a 52nd anniversary reunion in Robert Lee in early summer of 1983.

Perhaps relatives in Robert Lee know how to get in touch with the 1931 first grade class. I can't remember them all, but they include names like Fikes (I think), Higgins, Clawson, Kitty Taylor, Billie Slue Brown, Carlene Clark, and Maxine Yarborough.

I left Robert Lee in 1939, but I still have what I consider to be some very special relatives in the Robert Lee area such as my mother's sister, Grace Landers Varnadore, my Aunt Bonnie (Landers) Robertson, Aunt Ethyl Landers (San Angelo) and first cousins who either have or did have names like Landers, Millican, Varnadore, Greer, and Wolfe. Robert Lee and the Mess Box Creek are definitely the source of my roots.

I would appreciate hearing from anyone who was in that famous class of 1931 or from anyone else who can either identify or locate people who started getting it all together in 1931. And I would like to say hello to all my relatives.

Yours truly,

David Coy Keenan

P.S. I thought I might tell you the ages of some of my first grade classmates, but I decided against that.

Mr. and Mrs. Bascom Chesney attended the annual Eldorado Nursing Home barbecue on Friday night, then continued to San Antonio to visit his mother, Mrs. Lou Huddleston. Mrs. Huddleston has been an I.C.U. patient for many months and is now in the State Chest Hospital in San Antonio.

LEWIS REUNION

Descendants of Mr. and Mrs. S.G. Lewis are reminded of the annual Lewis Reunion at the New Recreation Hall at the local county park. Those attending are asked to bring sandwich fixings for lunch and covered dishes for the evening meal.

Johnson Family Meets In R-Lee

The family of M.W. and Mary Jimmie Johnson gathered at the Robert Lee Recreation Hall in Robert Lee on July 31 and August 1 for its family reunion. Both surviving children were present. Those were Bessie L. Caston and Weldon Neil (Bugg) Johnson, both of Robert Lee.

Those attending were: Mr. and Mrs. James E. Boykin, Stephenville; Roger, Donna and Matthew Lofton of Bryan; Mary Jo and Norris Lofton, Snyder; Justin and Lisa Caston, Tyler; Becky, Larry, Brad and Bryan Lofton, Midland; Norma and Keith Lofton, Snyder; Kirk, Sandra and James Lofton of LaPorte; Richard, Karen, Dustin and Rebecca Davis, Snyder; J.C. and Bea Caston of Chandler; Billie Lewis of Mullin; Maxine Story of Burkburnett; Rhonda, Jiggs Lofton, Craig and Heather of Baytown; David Lofton of Snyder; Mary Jo and J.D. Harmon, Carlton, Leta and Marty Caston, all of Robert Lee. A good time was had by all and plans are being made for another one next year.

Lake Spence Fishing News

SKINNY'S HILLSIDE

Bailey Stone, pastor First Baptist Church, Odessa, first striper caught, 12½ lbs.

Y.J. and Dair Sherrill, Robert Lee, Charles Michael Sherrill, Odessa, 20 crappie.

PAINT CREEK MARINA

John H. Burkholder, Pecos, 1 striper, 16½ lbs.

Mike Pinard, Midland, 1 striper, 11 lbs. 3 oz.

Bob and Joyce Dawson, Odessa, 8 stripers, total weight 59 lbs.

Terry Parkinson, Lubbock, 1 striper 15 lbs. 4 oz.

WILDCAT FISH-A-RAMA

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Wimberley, Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Dee Powers, Thalia, Tex., 20 stripers.

Richard Dee Goodman, Abilene, 1 striper, 10 lbs.

Danna Robertson, Midland, 1 striper, 6 lbs.

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Mt. Creek Golf Club News

Attendance is still good for our weekly members-only "Mini-tourney" on Thursday afternoons. The 9-hole meets tee-off at 5:30 and someone usually brings refreshments. Plan to come on a play next Thursday.

Last week's winners of our "Pot" were Jeff Haden-Bruce Alexander with a 34, followed by J.W. Caudle-Johnny Carver, also 34. Bill Burns-Bob Boone duo shot 35 for a close third.

On Saturday, General Tel of San Angelo utilized the course for a company tourney and 64 employees turned out. The sponsors had only praise for the course and facilities and stated they hoped to schedule another meet here in September.

Kwik Oilfield Service and Supply on Highway 208 South was the sponsor for last Sunday's ABC Tournament. The company generously furnished all prizes and free beverages.

Winning team with a low 62 were L. Higgins, F. Harkins, Bucky Sparks and Ray Don Roe.

C.L. Sparks Jr., Roy Blair, Carl Cummins and Floyd Harris scored 65 for 2nd, while S. Lindsey, F. Percifull, and Roy Tinkler gained 3rd with a 66.

On September 4 and 5, the club will host its annual Two Man Select Shot Tournament and Barbecue. The entry fee is \$70.00 per 2-man team. Get your partners and cash lined up and ENTER SOON.

CHILDRESS' VISIT DAUGHTER IN VIRGINIA

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Childress recently spent two weeks in the home of their daughter and family, Juanice and Len Herr of Christianburg, Virginia. They flew from San Angelo and on to Dallas where they boarded a larger plane for their trip.

While in Virginia, they enjoyed the breathtaking beauty of the Blue Ridge Mountains, reputed to be some of the most beautiful scenery in the United States. Mrs. Childress said the lush greens, tipped with yellow already, and gorgeous blooming plants were so lovely. They also enjoyed the coolness of the mountains.

Len Herr, a personnel director of the State Hospital near Roanoke, Va., took the Childress' on a tour of the huge facility. The 300-bed hospital is spread over eight floors and is in a wonderful scenic setting in the mountains.

The Herr family has a small but productive garden in the cooler, wetter climate and produced bushels of tomatoes for their use with only nine tomato vines.

LUNCHROOM MENUS

Monday, Aug. 30: Corn dogs with mustard, cheese stick, Ranch Style beans, tator tots with catsup, milk and white cake with peanut butter icing.

Tuesday, Aug. 31: Spaghetti with meat sauce and cheese, blackeye peas, green salad with dressing, hot rolls-butter, milk and applesauce.

Wednesday, Sept. 1: Pinto beans, spinach, French Fries with catsup, cornbread-butter, peach cobbler and milk.

Thursday, Sept. 2: Sloppy Joes, corn, lettuce wedge, pickle slices, milk and cookies.

Friday, Sept. 3: Salisbury steak with brown gravy, cream potatoes, green beans, hot rolls-butter, milk and lime jello.

Entertain With Backyard Buffet

Mr. and Mrs. Sid Long entertained wedding guests at their home on Saturday evening, Aug. 21, with a backyard buffet following the wedding in San Angelo of Richard Long to Jeffri Izzard. Guests were from Abilene, Bron-te, Sterling City, Gail, Lubbock, Roby, Goldthwaite, Ira and Fort Stockton.

HAS SURGERY

Mrs. Mary Beth Drennan is a patient in St. John's Hospital in San Angelo. She is recovering from a three-hour bone surgery last Thursday to repair a broken leg.

Mrs. Drennan splintered the limb in a fall near Lake Spence on August 7 and it had failed to heal properly. She is reported to be resting comfortably.

PERSONALS

Mrs. Golda Smith has returned home after spending the past week with her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Grubenman and John of Dallas. She also enjoyed visiting with her granddaughter, Carla Grubenman of Plano. The family attended a dinner party honoring Miss Grubenman, who recently received her master's degree in Elementary Education from North Texas State University in Denton. Miss Grubenman will head the Kindergarten department at the Harrington Elementary School in Plano this fall.

Bill Roach and children visited last week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Tom Roach, and other relatives. He commented "that he came all the way from Tulsa, Okla. to renew his "Observer" subscription."

Cool heads increase egg production

COLLEGE STATION — Keeping a cool head in times of stress is as important to chickens as to quarterbacks, bomber pilots and presidents, particularly since chickens don't sweat.

A Texas A&M University poultry scientist, Dr. Richard Cain, has found that egg production can be increased by cooling only the heads of hens, so he developed a system that saves money by cooling only the tops of the chicken cages.

"By cooling laying houses, producers can increase egg production 10-15 percent, depending on the age of the chicken," said Cain, who also serves as an environmental physiologist with the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station. "But we have found that if you just cool their heads you can increase egg production and save money."

Heat stress during the summer can cause an 8-15 percent drop in production in Southern states, resulting in an estimated \$20 million loss to poultry producers each year.

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Mrs. Doug Herford

LaVonda Williams-Doug Herford Repeat Wedding Vows Aug. 21

LaVonda Kay Williams of San Angelo and Douglas Herford exchanged wedding vows on Saturday evening, August 21, in the Robert Lee Baptist Church. The Rev. Roy Epperson officiated the double ring ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Williams of San Angelo. Mr. and Mrs. James E. Herford are parents of the bridegroom.

The church altar was decorated with a unity candle and three candelabras entwined with greenery and flanked with baskets of pink carnations. Pink satin ribbon bows marked the bridal aisle.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a gown of white organza and chantilly lace. The sleeveless bodice was designed with a high neckline edged with silk Venice lace. The deep yoke of net had a wide ruffle of lace attached, flowing over the shoulders. The full skirt of organza was fashioned with four tiers trimmed with lace and flowed to a chapel length train. Lace appliques decorated the natural waistline. Gauntlets of Point de Spirit and silk Venice lace completed the total look.

The bride chose a picture hat of white lace trimmed with satin ribbon and a fingertip veil of illusion.

Mrs. Sue Barrett of Littleton, Colorado, sister of the bride, served as matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Patricia Marquez of San Angelo, Melinda Lane of Pflugerville, and Jill Barrett of Corpus Christi. Allison Moss of Houston served as flower girl.

Ernest Herford of Longview served his brother as best man. Groomsmen were Bill Hammer-ton of San Angelo, Wesley Sawyer of Bronte, and Andy Chalker

of Big Spring. Ringbearer was Charles Herford of Longview, nephew of the groom. Candle-lighter was Shane Burson of Houston, nephew of the bride.

Serving as ushers were Danny Carper and John Burson of Austin, brother of the bride.

Daryl Copeland, organist, provided traditional wedding music for the ceremony.

The wedding reception was held in the home of the groom and the future home of the couple. The bride's table was in white satin and pink ribbon, highlighted with a three-tiered cake with clusters of pink flowers cascading down the side. The groom's table was done in silver satin, featuring a cowboy boot filled with pheasant feathers and flowers.

A rehearsal dinner, hosted by Mr. and Mrs. James Herford, was held Friday evening at Chimney Rock Steak House in San Angelo.

The bride is a graduate of Magnolia High School and Angelo State University.

The groom graduated from Robert Lee High School, Cisco Junior College, and attended Angelo State University. He is employed by Sun Gas Company at Silver.

Following a wedding trip to Freeport, Grand Bahamas, the couple will live in Robert Lee.

ATTEND WEDDING

Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Caston and Marty attended the wedding of their niece, Miss Tammy Kay Caston to Scott M. Holcomb on Saturday, August 7, 1982, at the Westside Baptist Church in Odessa.

Miss Caston is the granddaughter of Mrs. Bessie Caston of Robert Lee.

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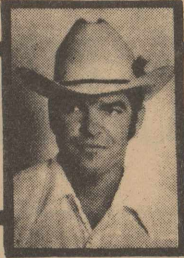
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Jerry Lackey's Country Folk

Signs of fall have been in the early morning air the last week or so. However, by afternoon realization of summer reappears. Oh, what wonders a good rain would do.

The hot, dry weather is making Texas pastures and ranges ripe for wildfires. Wildfires often erupt this time of the year due to lightning and careless use of fire.

On a trip through Central Texas one would guess a good size drought is underway. Austin country is brown up to the lakes and river banks. With no measurable rainfall since June 7, its no wonder.

Lon Slaughter says the ranching country around Sanderson is in the same shape. "If we could receive a rain and higher lamb prices, the ranching business would be looking up," he added.

Cattle prices are not high but not as bad as they were earlier in the summer, according to Carter Behrens, West Texas buyer. "But this is a business in which improvement is always our goal," he said.

The major cattle feeding states showed cattle numbers up four percent on July 1 compared to a year ago. At the same time fed cattle marketings were up only two percent during the April-June quarter compared to a year ago.

Feedlot placements took a sharp jump in June -- up 15 percent in several states -- so that placements so far in 1982 are running nine percent above last year's level. This means more fed cattle in the second half of 1982.

The USDA estimates fed cattle marketings for July-September will be up five percent from 1981, at 5.7 million head. With net placements up 19 percent in the first quarter and five percent in the second, fed cattle marketings are expected to increase during the next few months.

As for competition from other meats, pork production is forecast to be 11 to 14 percent lower in the last two calendar quarters and poultry supplies should only be up two to three percent.

"The hard thing to understand from the July report is why feeder cattle prices haven't improved," states Dr. Edward Uvacek Jr., economist in livestock marketing with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

"The higher placement figure was due to strong increases in June," he added. "For example, June placements in Kansas, Nebraska and Texas feedlots were up 15 percent from a year ago." And from Del Rio during that

week-long International Ranchers Roundup, a Nevada ranchwoman and Boston housewife warned, "Ranchers must shape their independence into a 'togetherness' and become an effective voice if they are to survive these turbulent, economically stressed times."

Jeanne W. Edwards said, "Today's consuming public has little knowledge of what ranching is about--and that the rancher may be an 'endangered' species. Therefore, ranchers need to beef up their efforts to help mold national policy affecting our industry and our work resource base--our rangelands."

She pointed out that the cow-calf operator, the stocker-feeder segment, feedyards and pure-breed operators are all in the same boat together and all should speak in a unified voice.

"It is time for us to face realities of population growth and the possibilities of a food supply interruption--and their direct link to our national well-being. It is indeed time to get our act together," Edwards said.

She pointed out that people fall into one of three categories--those who make things happen, those who watch things happen and those who wonder what happened.

West Coke Hospital News

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

Aug. 17: No admissions. Cruz Sanchez dismissed.

Aug. 18: Jessie Sanchez, Bobby J. White and Lowell Roane admitted. No dismissals.

Aug. 19: Melindy Hickman, Doris McCarley and Ann Martin admitted. Bobby J. White and Zona Snead dismissed.

Aug. 20: No admissions. Clyde Richards, Jessie Sanchez and Ann Martin dismissed.

Aug. 21: No admissions or dismissals.

Aug. 22: No admissions or dismissals.

Aug. 23: No admissions or dismissals.



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Mrs. Gregory Pearson

Lisa Devoll, Gregory Pearson United In Marriage August 14

Lisa Devoll and Gregory Frank Pearson were united in marriage on Saturday, August 14, 1982, at 10 o'clock in the morning in the home of the bride's parents.

The Rev. Roy Epperson, pastor of Robert Lee Baptist Church, officiated at the double ring ceremony.

Parents of the bridal couple are Mr. and Mrs. Lendy Devoll and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pearson of Robert Lee.

The couple exchanged vows before arrangements of live greenery, with orchid bows and silk flowers in shades of orchid, flanked with orchid candles.

The bride was given in marriage by her father and was attired in a floor length gown of white Silesta knit. The blouson bodice was fashioned with a scoop neck and split sleeves. A sunburst pleated skirt fell from the empire waist. Small bows decorated the shoulders. The bride's bouquet was of cascading astors, poms and carnations tied with orchid ribbons and streamers of orchid tied with loveknots.

The bride wore the traditional blue garter made for her by her aunt, Mrs. J.W. Service Sr. and her lucky penny in net made for her by Miss Madeline Matlock. For something old, she wore a cameo necklace that belonged to her grandmother, the late Mrs. W.M. McCutchen. For something borrowed, she wore gold earrings belonging to her mother.

Attending the bride and groom were Shane and Casey Devoll of Edmond, Okla., nephews of the bride.

A reception followed the ceremony. The table was covered in white linen and lace centered with fresh flowers and a three tiered cake trimmed with orchid flowers, topped by a miniature bride and groom with cascading flowers and doves. The crystal punch bowl was accented with an arrangement of orchid silk flowers.

Attending the wedding were the Rev. and Mrs. Roy Epperson of Robert Lee and families of the bride and groom, Mr. and Mrs. Lendy Devoll, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pearson, Tracy Pearson of

Robert Lee, Donnie, Cheryl, Amy and Lacy Devoll of Norman, Okla., Ronnie, Marcia, Shane and Casey Devoll of Edmond, Okla., Craig and Carolyn Pearson of Midland and Keith and Dana Eubanks of Midkiff.

A dinner hosted by the groom's parents honoring the



***** Strake Talk

CHANGING ATTITUDES ABOUT DWI

Few things in this country have changed as much during the past few years as public attitudes on drunk drivers. It is a change we can all be thankful for.

Most of that change, in my opinion, can be attributed to the organization of Mothers Against Drunk Drivers (MADD), and the attendant publicity and editorial support they have received from our newspapers. They have succeeded, where others have failed, in drawing attention to the tragedy that has claimed the lives of thousands of Texans.

It was not long ago, for instance, when some public officials who ought to lead by example were openly contemptuous of our laws against driving while drunk. Much of this problem started nine years ago when my opponent became Lt. Governor and helped pass the law reducing the legal drinking age from twenty-one to eighteen years of age. Now Mr.

couple was held on Friday night. After a wedding trip to Acapulco, Mexico, the couple will make their home in Robert Lee. The groom is employed by Koch Oil Co., while the bride is a student at Angelo State University.

Social Security News Items

It's a terrible day out, your old car probably won't start, you don't feel well either, but you have to go to the Social Security Office today. Your check did not come for the first time in years. Most of your bills are due and you need to make sure that your check is found so that you can pay them. Stop and think! Do you absolutely have to SEE someone to handle this? Why not save yourself some gas, time and your own safety by calling Social Security? Almost any business you may have with Social Security can be done by telephone. Congress is considering several changes in the Social Security Act in addition to those already passed in 1981. How would these changes affect your check? Questions such as these can also be answered by telephone.

For those who want to retire or apply for any type of benefit, the telephone is the most prompt way to do so. By applying by telephone, you don't need to come or take time off work. All the information can be given by telephone and your application can be mailed for your signature. Another advantage of this procedure is that you know before your application arrives what documents you will need.

The next time you have business with Social Security, why not try taking care of it by phone? The telephone number for the Social Security Office in San Angelo is (915) 949-4608.

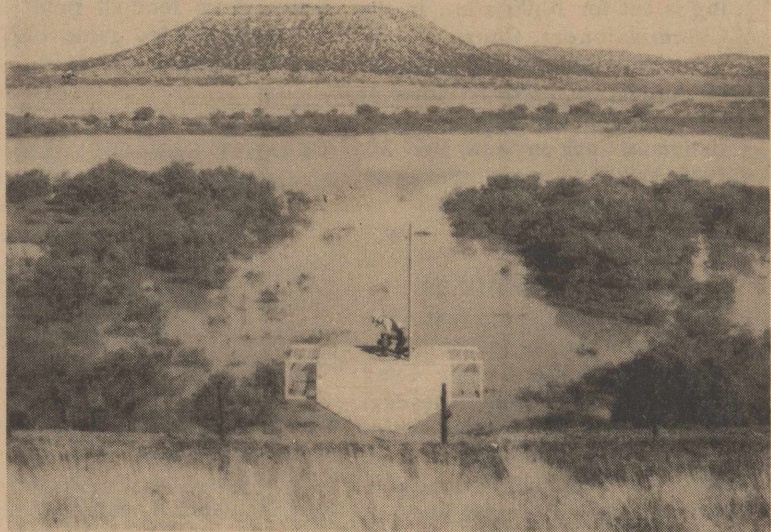
Hobby, feeling the heat of irate parents and loved ones, and perhaps personal remorse, has said he favors tougher drunk driving laws--another switch from a previous position.

Political promises, however, are easily made. If a politician can't get excited about an issue of this magnitude in nine years, it seems unlikely that he would get excited and pursue corrective legislation in another four years.

So I hope the Mothers Against Drunk Drivers will stick to their guns, and I hope they continue getting support from the people of our state. Their efforts to put an end to this carnage on our highways has my support, and I hope it has yours.

Of one thing we can be reasonably sure: Starting next year we will have a new Lt. Governor, and that will make it easier. If you have thoughts on this subject, please write me at 1213 W. 34th, Austin, 78705.

George W. Strake, Jr.
George W. Strake, Jr.



SITE #1, located on Barton Waldrop's ranch on the West Kickapoo, shows the amount of runoff caught from a 5" rain with

now retired S.C.S. District Conservationist W.E. Jacoby making an inspection of the drop outlet.

Information Given On Kickapoo Creek Flood Prevention Dams

by Mike Mecke, Range Conservationist
Soil Conservation Service

The Kickapoo Creek watershed is comprised of three tributaries to the Kickapoo Creek, all three of which head near the hills between Hayrick Mountain and Fort Chadbourne. The Kickapoo Creek enters The Colorado River approximately three miles south of Bronte, near the U.S. Highway 277 crossing.

Six watershed protection dams were constructed on the three Kickapoo tributaries during the 1960's by the Soil Conservation Service (S.C.S) of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Sites 1 and 2 are on the West Kickapoo; sites 3, 4 and 5 on the Middle Kickapoo; and site 6 is located on the East Kickapoo. At the start of construction, approximately 67% of the 40,732 acre watershed was rangeland, 27.5% cropland 5.5% miscellaneous (urban areas, roads, railroads, etc.). About 5,204 acres of the watershed, excluding stream channels, is classified as floodplain. Land use in the floodplain was 41% cropland, 50% rangeland and pastureland, and 9% miscellaneous. During the past 20 years range and miscellaneous land uses have risen, while cropland use has greatly declined in the county.

The Kickapoo Creek project, which cost over \$1,000,000, has

probably saved many more millions of dollars in flood damage, both to the residents of Bronte and also to area farms and ranches. The major floods in 1953 and 1957 caused Bronte area residents to realize that something must be done to harness the creeks north of the town. A 1957 Bronte Enterprise placed that flood's damage at several hundred thousand dollars and also stated that the 1957 eight inch rains didn't cause nearly the amount of damage that the 1953 flood did when nearly every Bronte business suffered damage and 65 blocks of the city and over 4,000 acres of agricultural land were inundated. Many tons of valuable topsoil were washed down into the Colorado River prior to the construction of these dams, which also have prevented the almost annual destruction of many miles of county roads and fences. The farming of hundreds of acres of fertile bottomland and terrace soils is now feasible due to the protection provided by the six upstream dams. Additionally, irrigation, wildlife, recreational and livestock benefits have been realized from the project.

The flood protection dams are a valuable county and community asset, and as such, are regularly maintained and inspected by the Coke County Kickapoo Water Control & Improvement District No. 1. Maintenance costs are

financed by a very low tax placed upon all property owners in the district. Five conscientious and public service-minded citizens are elected to serve on this board, receiving no salary and only a very little expense money. Currently, the directors of the District are: Otis Smith, chairman; Don Glenn, Royce Fancher, L.W. Duncan and Aubrey Denman who recently replaced the late Louis Galloway. The construction cost of the six dams was approximately \$786,000, of which local interests paid about \$23,700, or three percent. Additionally, the S.C.S. allotted \$273,540 for watershed land treatment improvements designed to slow erosion and extend the useful life of the structures.

The Kickapoo dams are vital safety fixtures in eastern Coke County's future, and as such, they are periodically inspected by the District, the Army Corps of Engineers, the S.C.S., and the Texas Department of Water Resources. Owners of the property where the dams are located are asked to cooperate with the District dam safety and maintenance program to their fullest extent, as the failure of these structures to operate as designed in an emergency would cause heavy property damage and possibly, loss of human life.

Coke Towns Get Tax Money

State Comptroller Bob Bullock sent out checks totaling \$97.9 million to 967 Texas cities as their share of the one percent city sales tax for the past month through August 6.

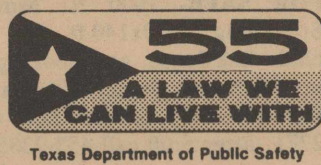
"So far, these monthly rebates of local taxes are running nearly 12 percent ahead of last year's totals," Bullock reported. "As we predicted last month, the oil glut has slowed down the pace of this growth marketed, especially in the places that were experiencing oil booms. But the general state growth rate is still strong and healthy."

Robert Lee received \$4,524.73

for this period compared to \$6,687.58 for the comparable period in 1981. Total 1982 payments to date are \$24,612.06 up from 1981 payments to date of \$18,685.61. Percentage wise to date tax monies is up 31.72%.

The City of Bronte's net payment for this period was \$3,447.29 down from last year's payment at this time of \$4,627.49. The 1982 total payment to date is \$15,782.80 up from 1981's total payment to date of \$12,723.38. The total percentage is up 24.05 over 1981.

"A bore is a person who talks when you wish him to listen."
Ambrose Bierce



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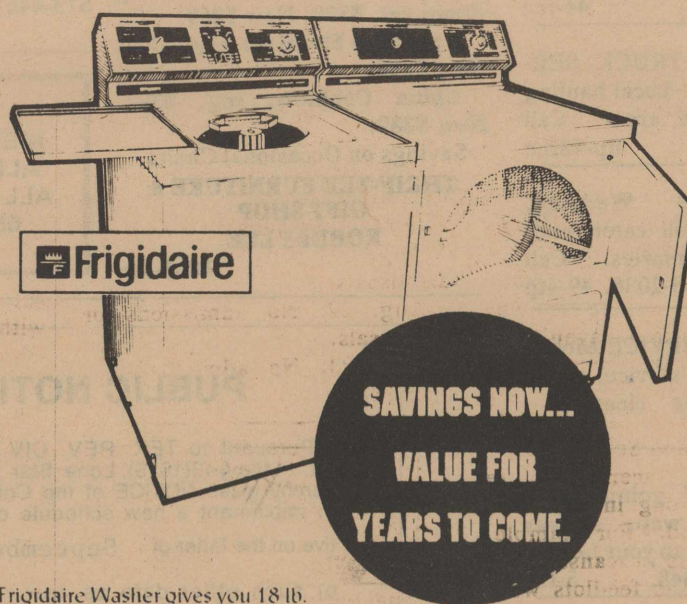
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 5-tnc

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 or
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FOR SALE - 1978 1-ton Ford truck and 32 ft. gooseneck trailer. See at 2044 West Highway 208.
 7-tnc

FOR SALE - small frame house.
 453-2996. 7-3tc

AMWAY PRODUCTS come to you satisfaction guaranteed or your money back. Rhonda Hood, 453-2065. 6-4tc

WANTED - Someone to do yard work - Must be at least 14 years old & willing to do a good job. 453-2764. 7-2tc

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THRIF-TEE FURNITURE & GIFT SHOP
ROBERT LEE
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Political Announcements

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

NOVEMBER GENERAL ELECTION

For Congress, 17th District--
 CHARLES STENHOLM

For County Judge--
 AUBREY DENMAN

For County and District Clerk--
 MRS. ETTIE HUBBARD

For County Treasurer--
 MRS. JERRY THOMASON

HOUSE FOR SALE - extra nice 3 bedroom brick, 2 bath, living, dining, den, ceiling fans, built-in appliances, drapes, new carpet, all electric. Insured title. 305 11th St. 453-2506. 7-tnc

GOING TO SCHOOL-- Need to sell all my rabbits. Darren Williams, 453-2589. BP8-2tc

COMMERCIAL PROPERTY FOR SALE- 1000 ft. Mueller Steel bldg., 2-50x140 ft. lots, 6 ft. chain link fence, and hook-up for mobile home. Owner will finance. Ray Shandley, Robert Lee, 453-2771, after 5:00 call 453-2335. 8-4tc

TRAILER SPACE FOR RENT, has hook-ups. Call 453-2192. 8-2tp

FOR SALE - 3 bedroom home, 100x140 ft. corner lot, near school, established yard, would consider mobile home in trade. Owner will finance. Ray Shandley, Robert Lee, 453-2771 or call 453-2335 after 5:00. 8-4tc

RESPONSIBLE PERSON wants deer lease for 5 people. Call 573-4461, Snyder, Texas. 8-tnc

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to TEX. REV. CIV. STAT. ANN. art. 1446c §43(1975), Lone Star Gas Company hereby gives NOTICE of the Company's intent to implement a new schedule of rates effective on the latter of September 15, 1982

or such other date as new rates become effective in the City of Robert Lee

to be charged for natural gas service to residential and commercial customers in the environs areas (outside incorporated limits of Robert Lee, Texas)

The rate schedule is expected to furnish a 8.73 % increase in the Company's gross revenues in the environs of Robert Lee, Texas

A Statement of Intent has been filed with the Railroad Commission of Texas and is available for inspection at the Company's business office located at 111 W. Twohig St., San Angelo, Texas

Any affected person desiring to contest such changes in rates can file a complaint with the Director of the Gas Utilities Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P. O. Drawer 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas, 78711.



NOTICE OF HEARING FOR REVENUE SHARING FUNDS

Notice of Proposed Use Budget for Revenue Sharing Funds Hearing is set for 10:00 a.m., in the Commissioners Court Room, Courthouse at Robert Lee, Texas, on August 31, 1982. Written or oral comments is invited.

Estimate: Cash on hand, Dec. 31, 1982, \$1,542.18. Amount of entitlement for 1983, \$69,479.00. 2tBP

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that Coke County will receive sealed bids in the office of the County Clerk until 10 o'clock a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 31, 1982, for the following: One 1982-New Chasis-Cab, 2 ton truck, GVW 19,500, V-8 Engine (Not less than 350 cubic inches), Cab to axle not less than 72 inches

6-9.00 x 20, 10 ply nylon tires with tubes
 2-Speed rear axle
 Heavy duty rear springs (not less than 23,000 lb. with auxiliary overloads)
 Heavy duty front springs
 Power Steering
 4-Speed transmission
 West Coast mirrors
 Heavy duty radiator
 Disc Wheels
 Fuel tank not less than 30 gal.
 Heavy Duty Vinyl Seats
 5 Yard dump bed installed

The Commissioners' Court of Coke County reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waiver any technicality.

Stover Taylor, County Auditor
 2tBP

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Automatic transmission
 Long wide box
 Rear bumper with trailer hitch assembly
 Side mount tire carrier
 Standard cab w/vinyl seat covers
 Power Steering
 Heavy duty rear
 Factory air conditioning
 Power Brakes
 Right and left outside mirrors
 Color white

Coke County has for trade-in: One used 1970 model 1/2 ton 6 cylinder Chevy pickup truck. For further information, contact commissioner of precinct No. 3, Robert Lee, Tex. The Commissioners' Court of Coke County reserves the right to reject any or all bids and wavier any technicality.

Stover Taylor, County Auditor
 Coke County, Tx.
 2tBP

WANTED - People to attend Open House, Sunday, Aug. 29, 2-4 p.m. Public welcome, refreshments served. Victory Assembly of God, corner of 6th and Houston Streets. 8-1tc

NOTE OF THANKS

We wish to thank the people of Coke County for contributing to the success of the recent Bake Sale Benefit for Ann Martin.

Mary, June, Melba and Dot
 8-1TP

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to extend our thanks to you for the food, flowers, and memorials and the kindness shown at the death of our loved one, Velma Denman.

The Denman Children
 The Bryan Gartman Families
 The Dewey Gartman Families
 8-1tc

2 FAMILY GARAGE SALE - lots of misc. to numerous to list, Friday and Saturday 8:00-4:00. Lonnie Payne, 1212 Hamilton, across from football field. Also have Atari Video game that's 4 months old. Call 453-2110. 8-1tp

3-FAMILY GARAGE SALE- Saturday only, 18 West 7th St. 8-1tc

CARPOT SALE - Friday and Saturday- furniture, children's clothes, heaters, lamps, misc. Sanco Road. 8-1tc

FOR SALE - to be moved - 14x24 ft. steel portable building, 1/2 bath, electric heating & cooling, fully insulated & paneled. Ideal for lake cabin. Doyle Gray - 453-2178 or Abilene 692-0814. 8-1tp

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H. S. students lack interest in consumer issues

COLLEGE STATION — A lack of interest in consumer issues by high school students is the biggest obstacle in establishing a consumer education program in Texas Schools, says a university marketing professor.

In a study comparing 1970 and 1981 state high school consumer education programs, Dr. James McNeal of Texas A&M University said a lack of student interest and already-crowded curriculums keep them from doing well.

"Half of our high schools don't offer a separate course and more than 10 percent of the high schools offer no consumer education at all," said McNeal, a specialist in consumer research.

Capital Gain.

Time and again, you've heard it said, "To make money, you have to have money."

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When you put part of your savings into U.S. Savings Bonds you're helping to build a brighter future for your country and for yourself.

Changing Income Tax Laws?

by Sterling Lindsey

Have you got down the principal provisions of the Economic Recovery Tax Act (ERTA) of 1981 that affect your farming or ranching business? Since income tax management requires year-round attention, a review of some of the ERTA provisions follows.

One of the more significant income tax provisions of the ERTA was the implementation of a fast depreciation scheme, labeled the Accelerated Cost Recovery System (ACRS).

ACRS applies to most new and used tangible depreciable property placed in service after 1980.

ACRS provides for depreciation or cost recovery over these periods:

3-year property, such as autos, light trucks and swine.

5-year property, such as equipment, beef and dairy cattle and single-purpose agricultural facilities.

10-year property, such as mobile homes.

15-year real property, such as farm buildings.

ACRS deduction is determined by multiplying the unadjusted basis by a percentage value which is obtained from the appropriate ACRS table.

A full year's deduction is available under ACRS, irrespective of when the 3-, 5-, or 10-year property is placed in service. The ACRS deduction for 15-year real property is calculated to the nearest month it is placed in service.

No salvage value is subtracted when computing the ACRS deduction.

If the ACRS is not chosen, the Alternate Accelerated Cost Recovery Method is the straight line

(SL) method of depreciation as follows:

time period

3-year property

5-year property

10-year property

15-year property

SL Recovery Period

3, 5, or 12 years

5, 12, or 25 years

10, 25, or 35 years

15, 35, or 45 years

If the alternate ACRS method is chosen, the first year's depreciation is one-half the amount that would be allowed for a full year, irrespective of when property was placed into service during the year.

For 3-, 5-, and 10-year property, the same method and recovery period must be used for all property in the same class placed in service during that tax year. This restriction does not apply to 15-year real property.

When the alternate ACRS method is chosen for real property, the first year's deduction and the deduction in the year of disposition must be prorated for the number of months used.

In general, ERTA provisions, including ACRS, should mean income tax savings for Texas farmers, which should help the cash flow situation and increase the average net worth of most farms over the next few years.

However, several tax law changes are already proposed by the Senate Finance Committee which would tighten deductions and could lead to greater tax liabilities for farmers. Producers need to stay abreast of any changes in tax laws that may result so that they can plan income tax strategies for maximum benefits.

In evaluating the tax consequences of major decisions, consult your tax advisor about ERTA provisions as well as proposed changes in the income tax law.

Watermelons grown along the Tigris River in the Middle East have been known to weigh as much as 275 pounds.

SPORTS QUIZ



How many consecutive no-hit, no-run games have been played in baseball history?

Two, pitched by Johnny Vander Meer of the Cincinnati Reds.

That was back in 1938, and no one has matched Vander Meer's accomplishment, either before or after "No Hit Johnny" broke all major and minor league records.

Today, Vander Meer recounts the story as he did countless times during his "second" career as sales manager for Jos. Schlitz Brewing Company.

Now retired, he recalls, "It was the first game under the lights in the Brooklyn Dodgers' old Ebbets Field. We played Casey Stengel's Boston Bees that night, finishing up with a score of 3-0."

Four days later, the 23-year-old fast-balling youngster met the Dodgers. Inning after inning, the Brooklyn team was rendered hitless by the southpaw's blazing fastball.

"In the ninth inning, with three men to go, I gave it everything I had, nothing cheap."

The game ended 6-0, earning Johnny Vander Meer of the Cincinnati Reds a solid berth in baseball record books.



The average baby doubles his original weight at about 5 months of age.

West Texas Fair And Rodeo Scholarships For 1982 Presented

Each year the West Texas Fair & Rodeo awards three \$500 scholarships to area high school seniors based on scholarship, high school participation and future objectives. This year's winners were publicly presented recently at a general board meeting of the directors of the West Texas Fair & Rodeo.

The Odell Johnson Science Scholarship was awarded to Joe David Copeland of Coleman. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clenton Copeland. Copeland graduated from Coleman High School where he was a member of the National Honor Society. He participated in University Interscholastic League competition in persuasive speaking and calculator as well as being active in band and track. His math teacher Julia Smith described him as having an inquiring mind and as being a hard worker. He plans to attend Texas A&M University to study electrical engineering and math.

The Modern Living Mall Merit Award Scholarship goes to Linda Kay Garvin of Blackwell. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby J. Sanderson. Linda graduated from Blackwell Rural High School where she was active in the FHA and 4-H, played basketball and served as a class officer all three years. Linda is also a member of the volunteer fire department and is a licensed emergency care attendant. She had the highest average in her

classes, was awarded the society of distinguished American high school students and won the Voice of Democracy Award. She has participated in the West Texas Fair through the 4-H program. Her home economics teacher Betty Cole described her as having "a positive outlook, determination, and every more important, she's willing to work hard... a leader in her field...."

Winner of the Livestock Merit Award Scholarship is Raymond R. Walston II of Winters. He is the son of Raymond R. Walston. Roy graduated from Winters High School where he served as an officer in the FFA and 4-H. He was named the 4-H Gold Star boy last year. He also qualified for the livestock judging team his junior year. Roy has shown lambs and a heifer at the West Texas Fair and last year won the champion fine wool lamb category with his entry. Graduating in the top half of his class, he plans to attend Angelo State University, majoring in agricultural economics. Runnels County Extension Agent Allen Turner credited Roy with "excellent leadership abilities on the local, district and area basis... an excellent judge of livestock...."

These winners were chosen from a large number of applicants by a scholarship committee named by the Fair President Marshal Kellar.

Secretary Of State To Tabulate Ballots Cast In State Elections

Secretary of State David A. Dean announced today the Secretary of State will undertake vote tabulation in primary and general elections beginning with the November 2 general election. Dean noted that the Texas Election Bureau (TEB) had unanimously voted not to tabulate results for the upcoming general election and instead supported a merger of experience and expertise with the Secretary of State's Office.

Secretary Dean stated "I am extremely appreciative of this vote of confidence and the support expressed by the TEB Directors. I have no doubt that their pledge of support and resources ensures that the undertaking will be a successful venture. Our combined talents will maximize the state's ability to quickly and accurately report statewide vote totals. The natural consequence of our efforts will be minimized opportunity for election fraud and a maximized flow of election results to the public and candidates."

Dean also stated that he was inviting the current members of the TEB to serve on an advisory task force to the Secretary of State to oversee the election reporting project, particularly with respect to formatting the returns to be reported on Nov. 2, 1982. "The TEB has indeed filled a void for the State since 1916 and is to be commended for their service to the state over the years, however, the time has clearly come for the State to assume the vote tabulation function and for it to be carried on by the state."

Burl Osborne, Executive Editor of the Dallas Morning News, and Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Texas Election Bureau, stated that the TEB Board of Directors had carefully analyzed the Secretary of State's proposal and had unanimously come to the decision to support the state sponsored project. Osborne stated, "Based on assurances from Secretary Dean, the reports of the TEB staff, and the views expressed by our Board members, we have asked Secretary Dean to proceed with our cooperation."

Dean noted that the Subcommittee on Public Disclosure of the Public Servants Standards of Conduct Committee had, on Aug. 3, 1982, ratified a proposal calling for the Secretary of State to assume the vote tabulation process with full Committee approval expected in October. In addition, Governor Clements, Lt. Governor Hobby, Speaker Clayton, and State Representative Gib Lewis, had endorsed the Secretary of State sponsored project. Dean noted that Representative Lewis will be the House sponsor of the legislation to institutionalize the process in the Secretary of State's Office by statute.

Secretary Dean concluded "I look forward to working with the membership of the TEB in this endeavor and know full well that their support coupled with that of the county clerks and news media, will result in an efficient and effective statewide vote tabulation project beginning on Nov. 2, 1982."

Art Exhibition To Benefit Home for Girls

Texas Women Western Artists and 23 Park Place, Gallery of Fine Arts, are joining together for an exhibit and art auction to benefit the Concho Valley Home for Girls. On September 10, 12:00-8:00 p.m., and September 11, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Holiday Inn, San Angelo, Texas, the finest western art by Texas women will be for sale. In addition to the sale, at 7:00 p.m. on September 11th a juried selection of approximately 30 outstanding paintings and sculptures will be auctioned.

The Texas Women Western Artists Organization was formed in 1978 to promote the professional artistic talents of Texas women. T.W.W.A. is made up of professional and associate members who want to emphasize the women's viewpoint of the west.

Carolyn and Ed Underwood of 23 Park Place, Gallery of Fine Arts, located at 23 South Park, San Angelo, have a fine year around selection of Western and Southwest art, contemporary paintings, as well as posters, lithographs, embossed etchings, weavings, and bronzes. Also, they have special showings of 18th, 19th, and 20th century American and European art. They are celebrating their first anniversary by coordinating the talents of the Texas women western artists in sponsoring a benefit for the Concho Valley Home for Girls.

The Concho Valley Home for Girls offers a constructive alternative for teenaged girls faced with a destructive home situation. Now in its tenth year of service to the Concho Valley, the home provides a family-modeled structure, individual attention, and a noninstitutional atmosphere to girls aged 10 to 18 needing a place to live and mature. The program is designed to build self-discipline and self-confidence and to help the residents become self-supporting, responsible members of the community. Girls are referred to the home by social workers, school counselors, and other interested parties when they cannot live with their families because of abuse, neglect, or other problems within the home. Girls who are pregnant, addicted to drugs, or seriously emotionally disturbed cannot be accepted.

After five years of planning and preparation, the home first opened its doors in 1973, offering accommodations for up to eight girls at 444 Preusser in San Angelo. This residence is named McCaw Home, in honor of Drs. Bill and Blanche McCaw, who donated their equity in the property to the girls' home upon moving to Florida. Six years later, space for another eight girls was added with the opening of Haby Home, at 404 Preusser, named for Mr. and Mrs. Homer H. Haby of San Angelo. Mr. Haby is a member of the CVHG board of directors, and both are long-time supporters of the home. Over the years, more than 100 girls from the Concho Valley have benefited from the home's services.

In addition to food, clothing, transportation, medical and dental care, and other physical necessities, the home provides a professionally trained staff to work with the girls.



The "art" of predicting the future in a crystal ball is called screeology.

Union Texas Awards Dinner Held Recently

The annual Perkins System-service, safety and safe driving awards banquet was held recently at the Bronte Community Center. The Union Texas Petroleum Corp. is a division of Allied Chemical and employs 45 persons with Chester Wilson of Bronte as plant manager and Winton Milliff of Robert Lee is the assistant manager.

A buffet dinner was served after a social period and was followed by the presentation program honoring several area men.

Receiving twenty-five year service award gifts were: A.R. Bagwell and Winton Milliff, both of Robert Lee, and E.G. Collins of Bronte.

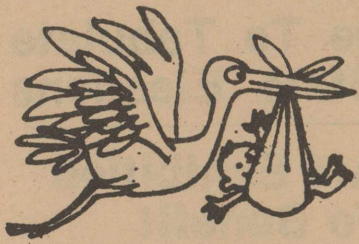
Twenty year awards were presented to Larry Robinson, Bronte; J.E. Wilkes, Silver, and E.G. Banks of Colorado City. They received gifts as awards.

Two men receiving five year gift awards were James A. Tidwell of Bronte and R.S. Castillo of Colorado City. The ladies present with these men named received a basket of greenery with silk flowers.

The entire personnel were proud to receive the safety award for another year with no lost time accidents. Each employee received a bronze belt buckle and their wives received manicure travel kits.

Ed Hart, Scotty McCorkle and James Tidwell, all of Bronte, received bronze key chains for their five years of safe driving.

A dance followed the dinner and awards presentation. The Country Showmen band provided music for dancing. Approximately one hundred persons attended with nine guests from the Houston office.



LOOK WHO'S NEW

Robbie and Lynn Beal of Odessa have announced the arrival of their twin daughters on August 17. Born at 9:37 and 9:40 a.m. in the Women's and Children's Hospital in Odessa, Amanda Lynn weighted 6 lb. 3 1/2 oz. and Ashley Robin weighed 6 lb. They have a sister, Bethany, 4 years old.

Proud grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Willis Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Zeddie Beal, all of Robert Lee.

Mrs. Lois Mae Smith of Robert Lee, Mrs. Thelma Mauldin, also of Robert Lee, Bertie Beal of Abilene, and R.S. Epperson, Coleman, are the babies' great-grandparents.

The twins have one great-great grandmother, Mrs. Beatrice Pevehouse, of Buckholts, Texas.

Graveside Rites Held Aug. 25 For Frank Allen

Graveside services were held on Wednesday, Aug. 25, at 10:00 a.m. for Frank Van Allen. The Rev. Taylor Henley of San Angelo officiated the rites.

Mr. Allen, 70, died on Sunday night at John Sealy Hospital in Galveston where he had been a patient since July 22.

He was born in San Angelo, on November 11, 1911, to Amelia Caraway Allen and H.C. Allen, both members of area pioneer families. He moved with his family to Robert Lee at the age of eleven where they were engaged in ranching and his father served as Coke County Sheriff in 1923-24.

Mr. Allen attended Robert Lee Schools and entered construction work as a young man. For a number of years, he lived in California and was a heavy equipment operator for the water district there. He also served in World War II.

After his return to Robert Lee, Mr. Allen ranched in the Hayrick area for several years before his retirement about four years ago.

Survivors include two brothers, Hawley C. Allen of San Angelo and Gerald C. Allen, Robert Lee; one niece; one nephew; a great niece and a great-nephew.

Pallbearers for the services were Ed Trimble, Victor Wojtek, Jim Skinner, Finis Harmon, T.M. Wylie Jr., Gene Hinnard, Joe Ross and Billy Wayne Roe, all of Robert Lee.

The family requests that memorials be sent to West Texas Boys Ranch or the donor's favorite charity.

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50 Years Ago

In he stepped and right straight before he told us, we told him who he was-- yes, you're Sam Ross from Goldthwaite, use to trade down there with my Dad. Been about 30 years since we seen him-- he was a man buyin', sellin', swappin' horses-- we were a 10 year old kid. Father ran a livery stable and traded horses, too, George Seabourne run a wagon yard-- so did Joe Proctor. Them as the days of local option-- voted county dry and they went right on selling, you know and I know. Two brothers, one a 'pro' and the other an "anti" in the saloon business, fell out over it and didn't speak to each other for more than a year. But Sam and Wad Ross were horse traders, built up a big business, moved to Ft. Worth got rich and old man depression came along and slowed 'em down. Wad Ross married Miss Laura Hicks, our best friend-- she always kept us boys from fighting on the way home from school. She pulled me and Ed Blanton apart one day, but after we had passed her house and turned the corner, we got together again and the thing came off-- ask Ed, Jake Harper, Shelby Cox or Oscar Burns. She was a full-grown young lady and we were around 10. Poor old giri, she's gone to her reward now, but we'll never forget her and her good father, L.O. Hicks, a minister.

Then there was old Poke-easy John Roberts, now the Telephone man down there. He used to get our goat, teasing us about a cow we had that always kicked the bucket out of our hands when we failed to tie her legs together, (which we usually did, with a baling wire). When we's unwire her, she's run us out over the rail fence and stand and paw up the dirt.

Sam and Wad Ross was in the crowd on the Court House Square one first Monday in 1901 when they were auctioneering horses and mules to the highest bidder just west of the old windmill in the square. Claude, our younger brother came running in the house-- out of breath and eyes bugged out-- and told Mother there was a man up there in town preaching to the mules. The man was standing on a platform, surrounded by mules and talking very loud. How else could it look to a small boy a block away who could see nothing but the mules?

Sam Ross came by the Observer to visit and his face had remained with us for 30 years.

MRS. PRITCHETT VISITS

Mrs. Jewell Pritchett of Abilene was in Robert Lee on business last Wednesday and visited the Observer office. She had attended the recent "Ole Coke County" Pageant and says "it's better all the time."

Mrs. Pritchett, a writer and history buff in her own right, completed a narrative history of Coke County, "From The Top of Old Hayrick", in 1979. She is a descendant of Hayrick area settlers.

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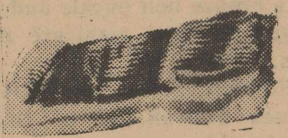
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