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High School Teams Start District Play; Girls Win, Boys Lose

The first district games of the basketball season were played Tuesday night Jan. 11 at Sterling City and if that was an example of

50 YEARS AGO

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Casey was completely destroyed by fire Monday night at Valley View. They woke up Tuesday morning at 4 a.m. and she was ablaze. Nothing was saved but the family escaped unharmed.

Sheriff Frank Percifull, deputy Bailey Bell, and constable Walker Good captured a 55 gallon whiskey still, 110 gallons of mash and a man about 10 miles southwest of Blackwell Tuesday on Art Henderson's place. Henderson was arrested, brought to Robert Lee where he waived examining trial, and placed in the jug to await the action of the grand jury next month.

The 6 year old son of Mrs. Verta Vickery died Wednesday and was buried the same day at Robert Lee. He had enlargement of the heart and took the measles with it.

Miss Dovie Williams of Wild Cat entertained with a 42 party Wednesday night of last week.

An old Indian fighter has left us. John Marrion Gunnels was born Sept. 13, 1842 in Missouri and passed away April 7, 1933 at the home of his grandson, John Gunnels. This makes him 90 years, 6 months, and 25 days old. He moved to Texas with his parents at the age of 8 years and moved to Coke County in 1890, 43 years ago.

In Hood County on Sept. 13, 1867, he was married to Miss Deborah Elizabeth Evans; to this union was born two sons. The eldest James (Andy) died at the age of four years and the other, W.R. Gunnels (better known as Will Gunnels) died Sept. 6, 1906 at the age of 35 years.

The deceased served about four years in the frontier service during the Civil War.

Mr. Gunnels was indeed a pioneer. He fought Indians all over the country from 1859 to way up in the '70's when they were driven from the Texas frontier.

His first battle took place in the early 60's in Palo Pinto County, where he helped recapture two (2) children from the Indians and returned them to their parents in Parker County near Weatherford. He also fought in two other battles in that vicinity. In Tom Green County near Christoval, he was in a big battle where several Indians were killed, and at Dove Creek near Tankersley, also in Tom Green County, he participated in a real hard battle with their muzzle-loaders. Twenty white men were killed and Lord only knows how many Indians.

Grandpa Gunnels, as he was commonly known, united with the Church of Christ at the age of 36 years, being a faithful member 54 years until death. He served as an elder in the church for many years.

Funeral services were conducted at the home by Brother Smith of Abilene and he was laid to rest

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how the season will go for the Steers it will be both frustrating and exciting. The RL girls will slip by easily unless other schools show an improvement.

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BOYS GAMES

Going into overtime the Eagles were able to pull out a win, 44-39, over the Steers in a roughly played game. Quint Anthony had 15 points with foul trouble; Scot Stephens, 6; Jimmy Skinner, 6; Lupe Torres, 4; Bobby Boone, 4; Kyle Gibbs, 2; and Kirby Rasco,

The JV Steers, also, played into overtime and did get a win with 26-24 against the Eagle JVs.

Greg Grim had 8; Larry Palmer, 6; David Rodriguez, 4; Garry Palmer, 2; Caesar DeLa Pena, 2; Dale Hodnett, 2; and Kevin Johnson, 2.

GIRLS GAMES

The RL girls swept by the hapless SC girls in a 60-23 game to start their district record for 1983.

Leigh Ann Runnion had 19; Debbie Cummins, 10; Amy Percifull, 10; Martha Bickley, 7; Jana Gartman, 6; Sara DeLa Pena, 6; and Carol Longoria, 2.

The JVs girl's game had lower scoring, but the RL girls won rather easily, 24-15. Fulkerson shot for 19; Pearson, 3; and Bell,

Coke County rivalry will abound again Friday night (tonight) when the Bronte Longhorns come over for boys and girls games tipping off at 6:30

Metcalf Makes Regional Band

Saturday, December 11, was the date for All-Region Band tryouts for Classes 5A through Class A band students. Carrath Metcalf was the only member of Robert Lee H.S. Band to try out. Students trying out were from Wichita Falls, Abilene, Snyder, Sweetwater, Vernon and other area schools. Carrath Metcalf placed 4th chair in the bass clarinet section of the All-Region Band and was the only student from a Class A school to make the honor band. The All-Region Band will be made up of 67 members from Class 5A schools, 36 from 4A schools, 8 from 3A, 11 from 2A and one from class 1A

On Friday and Saturday, Jan. 28-29, Carrath will travel to Wichita Falls for rehearsals and a concert by the All-Region Band.

VISIT IN AMARILLO

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Davis traveled to Amarillo last weekend to visit their son, Henry Davis and family. Their three-year-old grandson, Hank, was hospitalized last week and underwent hernia surgery in an Amarillo hospital. They reported that he is feeling lively and well.

Meeting them in Amarillo was another son, Frank, of Dallas. They also had a long visit with another grandson, Trey Davis, of Amarillo, who is fifteen, and involved in lightweight bicycle

Steer Teams Capture Own 'B' Tournament The RLHS crowned its own girls and made it low teams champs of the annual B winning 50-23. Tracie

Dogies Win 2 Of 3 Games From Miles

The Dogies were in Miles Monday night, Jan. 10, to face the Bullpups and the girls came home with a very close victory 25-24, but the A boys lost a heartbreaker, 18-20. The B boys downed the Miles B boys easily, 20-6.

Scoring for the girls were: Missy Grim, 11; Lin Long, Lee Ann Molinar and Rachel Metcalf, 4 each, and Becky Clendennen, 2.

The A team Dogies had James Paul Skipworth scoring 9; Tim Garringer, 7 and Scott Robertson, 2.

The B boys scores were Brian Hester with 8; Mitchael Reese, 4; Shane Smith, 2; Noal Smith, 2; Ray Mecher, 2; and Michael Torres, 2.

The Dogies teams are entered in the Bronte Jr. Hi Tourney already in progress (Thurs., Fri. and Sat.) and will travel to Sterling City Monday night for games starting at 5 p.m. against the Eaglets.

Sr. Citizens To Have Dinner

Mrs. Zola Hatley announced Tuesday that the Senior Citizens' Dinner will be held in the old, smaller Recreation Hall in the county park on Thursday, January 20.

Sell What You Don't Need With a Want Ad The RLHS crowned its own teams champs of the annual B team tournament held last weekend, Jan. 6, 7, and 8. Both girls and boys took healthy wins throughout the tourney showing the strength of the basketball program in the Robert Lee schools. Teams participating in the tournament were Irion County, Miles, Sterling City, Forsan, Christoval, and Robert Lee.

In their first round of play on Thursday the RL girls met the SC

Band Students Make All-Dist.

Tryouts for the All-District band were held at Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene on Saturday, January 8. Twenty-one members of the Robert Lee sixth and high school bands went to try out for the honor band. Five Robert Lee Sixth graders made the Jr. High All-District Band, made up mostly of 7th and 8th Graders. They were: Kim Hood -B flat clarinet, Lisa Bower-alto clarinet, Ericka Clendennentrombone. High School band members competed with students from Colorado City, Childress, Snyder, Roscoe and other area schools. Four RLHS band members made the High School All-District Band. They were: Becky Clendennen-clarinet, Lee Ann Molinar-clarinet, Stan Raycornet, and Cathy Lewis-tenor sax. Miss Ray, band director, was pleased with results of the tryouts and appreciated all those R.L. students who tried out.

Those making the 1983 All-District Bands will return to Abilene Friday and Saturday, January 21 and 22 for rehearsals and a concert on Saturday night.

girls and made it look easy by winning 50-23. Tracie Fulkerson was the big pointmaker with 31; Jana Gartman had 6; Tracie Pearson, 4; Tancie Bell, 3; Dana Anthony, Patty Bloodworth, and Elizabeth Rodriguez, each had 2. Not to be outdone by the girls

Not to be outdone by the girls the Steers downed their foe, the S.C. Eagles, 57-36. David Rodriguez hit for 16; Larry Palmer, 12; Greg Grim, 6; Dale Hodnett, 6; Trampas Cox, 4; Jim Bob Jacobs, 4; Garry Palmer, 4; Dwayne Harlin, 3; and Caesar DeLa Pena, 2.

Showing no sign of slacking off on Friday the RL girls downed the hapless Christoval gals 53-17. Again Fulkerson was high pointmaker with 22; Gartman made 13; Bell, 8; Rodriguez, 6; and Pearson, 4.

The Steers steamrolled over the Christoval lads in their match Friday to the tune of 65-19. L. Palmer hit for 17; DeLa Pena, 10; Randy Stephens, 9; Grim, 8; Rodriguez, 7; Hodnett and G. Palmer, 4 each; Mike Sanchez, 3; Kevin Johnson, 2; and Jim Bob Jacobs, 1.

Saturday's finals saw the Irion Co. girls taking consolation honors by beating Sterling City, 36-22. The SC Eagles took the boys consolation honor by beating Irion Co., 48-35.

Third place winners were Forsan girls over Christoval, 55-36, and Forsan boys winning over Christoval, 38-25.

The big championship games Saturday night saw the powerful RL teams down the Miles Dogs and capture the big trophy. Scoring for the girls were Fulkerson shooting 25 points; Gartman, 15; and Bell, 2. The Steers had Grim with 20; Rodriguez, 12; L. Palmer, 11; G. Palmer, 4; DeLa Pena, John Hinnard and Harlin, 2 each; and Sanchez, 1.

Commissioner's Court Has Busy Session At Monday's Meeting

The commissioners' court met Monday Jan. 10 and had another busy session. The meeting was opened with prayer and the minutes of the Jan. 4 meeting was read and approved.

Mr. Goodman, representative of the city of Sweetwater, held further discussion with the commissioners on the inter-local contract for a deputy to be at Oak Creek Lake.

Sheriff Millican met with the court and ask for funds to purchase a new car and equipment. The commissioners voted to put \$10,000.00 not already budgeted for 1983 into the sheriff's fund.

County Auditor Stover Taylor issued an inventory list to each commissioner with each precinct's items listed. The commissioners then marked items outdated and no longer useable.

R.T. Caperton, insurance representative, discussed insurance rates and according to law bids will be taken for insurance coverage of county employees.

A discussion on insurance cov-

erage of volunteer firemen and the fire trucks was held and the county agreed to pay the insurance policies on volunteers.

County Judge Aubrey Denman was appointed to represent Coke County at the Council of Government.

Accepted the contract with Gates Steen to continue collecting delinquent taxes.

Approved county treasurer's quarterly report.

Approved the reports of county extension agencies.

Decided to send Judge Denman, Commissioners Bill Luckett and James A. Tidwell to a seminar at A&M University in College Station.

Amended the budget for Child's Protection Services fund. Formed a salary grievance committee.

Set salaries of county officials and employees for 1983.

Review jail standard and delayed action.

Approved bills for payment

and adjourned.

Turkey, Deer Hunting Good In Coke County

The 1982 turkey and whitetail deer hunting season closed on Jan. 2 in Coke County and finished on a much more successful note than in many other Texas counties. Despite predictions of doom because of dry weather conditions, poor grazing, and an overpopulation of does, the game here has remained plentiful and fatter than in recent memory. Another plus for the area is the luck-doe ratio, as many hunters reported seeing as many bucks as does this year.

Quail season will remain open through Jan. 30 in Coke County. Bag limit was upped this season to 20, due to a record number of birds. Hunters report quail are still plentiful and did not die off during the snow as had been feared. Temperatures did not get down so low over any extended time and enabled them to get out and feed.

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Williamson

Services Held

At Big Spring

Mrs. Jeffie Bell Williamson,

82, of Big Spring died at 5:10

a.m. Wednesday in a Big Spring

hospital following a lengthy ill-

a.m. Friday in Nally-Pickle Rose-

wood Chapel, with Rev. Keith

Wiseman, pastor of First United

Methodist Church officiating.

Burial was in Mt. Olive Memorial

Park under the direction of

Mrs. Williamson was born

March 1, 1900 in Robert Lee. She

moved to Big Spring in 1938 from

Ballinger. She grew up and

attended school in Robert Lee

and graduated from high school

there, and had attended Sul Ross

University. She had worked at

the bank of Robert Lee and

Ballinger before coming to Big

Spring. She had worked at First

National Bank in Big Spring

before she married Bill Garrett in

1945. He preceded her in death.

She later married Lee H. Will-

iamson on July 6, 1965. He died

January 10, 1978. She was a

member of First United Metho-

Survivors include one step-son,

Mike Williamson of Amarillo;

three sisters, Mrs. Paul (Opal)

Brown, and Mrs. Marcus (Rob-

bie) Turner, both of San Angelo,

Mrs. A.J. (Alta) Bilbo of Robert

Lee; two step-grandchildren, and

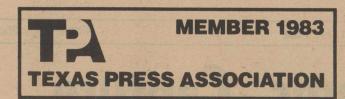
Nephews served as pallbearers

numerous nieces and nephews.

dist Church.

Nalley-Pickle Funeral Home.

Services were held at 11:30



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AON Club Has First Meeting

Alpha Omicron Nu members held the first regularly scheduled meeting for January on Monday, January 3, in the home of Kaye Pitcock. A demonstration on cutting your child's hair was presented by Suzanne Burns. Special guest Kannon Millican served as model for the demonstration.

A "Quiche Supper Social" was planned for Tuesday, January 18, at LaVonda Herford's home. This is also the date of the next regular meeting. Pledge training will be held at 6:30 p.m., with the business meeting set for 7:00

California Rites For Mrs. Bilbo

Virgie Williams Bilbo, 77, of Long Beach, California died on Jan. 6, 1983. Funeral services were held there on Jan. 8.

Mrs. Bilbo was born on Nov. 4, 1905, a native of Coke County. She married Alvin Bilbo on March 15, 1925 at Hayrick. The couple moved to Long Beach in 1928 and raised their family there. Mr. Bilbo preceded her in death in 1968.

She was a life-long member of the Methodist Church.

Survivors include two sons; Bill Bilbo and A.J. Bilbo, both of Fresno, Ca.; seven grandchildren; a number of great-grandchildren; one brother, R.M. Williams of Oklahoma City, Oklaho- for the services. ma; four sisters, Reba Fisher, Bakersfield, Ca.; Lillian Middleton of Robert Lee, Calla Mae Perkins, Big Spring; Gene Dickson, Clifton, Texas; two sister-inlaws, Katherine McGuire and Lou Ella Bessent, both of Robert Lee, and one brother-in-law, Allie Bilbo, also of Robert Lee, twin brother of her late husband, Alvin.

New Year weekend visitors in the Turney Casey home were: Mr. and Mrs. G.L. Coulter, Mr. and Mrs. Rocky Heffernan, Stacey, all of Bronte; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Casey, Mr. and Mrs. Bascom Chesney, Mrs. Pearl Ditmore, Rheba Taylor, Rickey and Becky Ross, all of Robert Lee.

Sherrie Fulkerson of Durango, Colorado spent a week with her grandmother, Mrs. Doodle Tinkler, during the Christmas holidays.

Jan. 14, 1983 Bryan Services Held In Arizona

A.V. Bryan, 60, who worked for the Arizona Department of Economic Security as an investigator for 30 years, died December 20, 1982, in Good Samaritan Hospital in Phoenix, Arizona.

Memorial services were held on Thursday, December 23, 1982 in Phoenix, Arizona.

Mr. Bryan, of Phoenix, was born in Amarillo, Texas and moved to Arizona in 1948. He graduated from the University of Texas with a degree in law and journalism. He was a member of Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity. He served as an officer in the Navv during World War II. He had been a member of the Phoenix Little Theatre, Community Theatre in Tucson and was a professional organ player.

He is survived by two sisters, Louise Clendennen of Silver, Texas and Alyce Decker of Scottsdale, Arizona; two nieces and two nephews.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Craig Thomason of Belton and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Thomason, Stacy and Jill of Clyde were guests last weekend in the home of their mother, Mrs. Jerry Thomason. Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. Curly Adkins and Susan of Marble Falls and Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Roberts and Douglas of Robert Lee. The group enjoyed a belated Christmas get-together.

Mrs. Robert McGuire, Mrs. Carl Rusk, Mrs. Mary Tubb, all of Robert Lee, and Mrs. Bob Ragsdale of Bronte attended funeral services last Friday in Big Spring for Mrs. Jeffie Bell Williamson.

Mrs. Irma Casey was admitted to St. John's Hospital in San Angelo on Monday. Surgery was performed on her hip joint Tuesday morning as a result of some bone deterioration in that area. Her family reports she is doing

Robots are increasingly being used in the manufacturing of garments. The robots can make more than 1,000 individual construction details in less than an hour, thus reducing hand labor considerably, explains Becky Saunders, clothing specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M University System.

"I haven't heard of anybody who wants to stop living Kin Hubbard



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

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

For the month of January, 1983, Texas Crime Stoppers is focusing its statewide "Crime of the Month" program on burglary. Any citizen having information about burglary is asked to call the anti-crime hotline at 1-800-252-TIPS. Cash reward are available for information leading to the arrest and indictment of these crim-

Our efforts to combat crime cannot succeed without active citizen involvement. Your support and participation in this program will be a formidable obstacle to any

Call 1-800-252-TIPS today to help shut down burglary rings in Texas.



Although Marconi is credited with inventing radio, British inventor David Edward Hughes demonstrated in 1879 that radio signals could be received from a spark transmitter located several hundred yards away.

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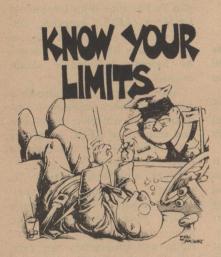
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LOOK WHO'S NEW

Mr. and Mrs. Clark Tinkler are proud to announce the birth of their son, Matthew Wayne. He was born Saturday, January 8, 1983 at 4:22 p.m. in the Angelo Community Hospital. Matthew weighed 7 pounds and 7 ounces, and is 21 inches long.

The proud grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Roy Tinkler of Robert Lee, and Mr. and Mrs. Pat Lomas of Houston. Greatgrandparents are Mr. and Mrs. George Lomas, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Blair, Mrs. Lois Burns and Mrs. Mattie Tinkler, all of Robert Lee. Matthew also has five great-great-grandparents. They are Mr. and Mrs. W.B. Wollet, Mr. and Mrs. T.R. Harmon of Robert Lee, and Mrs. George F. Lomas of Pampa, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hanna of San Angelo are the proud parents of their first child, a daughter, Brandi Lyn. She arrived at Angelo Community Hospital at 12:24 p.m. on Dec. 26, 1982, weighing 7 lb. 3 oz. and was 20 inches long.

Mr. and Mrs. Zeddie Beal of Robert Lee and Mr. and Mrs. F.J. Hanna of Wall are her grandparents.

She has three great-grandmothers: Mrs. Bertie Beal of Abilene, Mrs. Mary Whitesell of San Angelo, and Mrs. Faye Hanna of Seminole, Oklahoma.

Mr. and Mrs. Lane Shandley have announced the birth of their third son, Landon Drew. He was born at 6:37 p.m. on Jan. 6, 1983 at Angelo Community Hospital in San Angelo. He weighed 6 lb. 12 oz. and was 191/2 inches long on his arrival.

The new baby has two proud brothers, Christopher Lance, 4 years old, and Joseph Lynn, who is 21/2.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ross of Robert Lee, and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Shandley of Odessa.

Mrs. Laura Jones, Christoval, Mr. and Mrs. Roy P. Ross of Robert Lee and R.D. Shandley of Clinton, Arkansas are Landon Drew's great-grandparents.

Mr. and Mrs. Ricardo Tijerina of San Angelo are the proud parents of their first daughter, Rebecca Rae. She was born at Angelo Community Hospital on Dec. 20, 1982, weighing 6 lbs., 11½ oz. and measured 19 inches

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Crisanto Martinez of Knickerbocker and Mr. and Mrs. Pete Tijerina of Robert Lee.

Great-grandparents are Mrs. Louisa Valenzuela, Mr. and Mrs. Santos Tijerina, all of Robert Lee and Mr. and Mrs. Jesus Diaz of Eagle Pass and Rita Martinez of Mexico.

"Trifles make perfection, and perfection is no trifle." Michelangelo

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Social Security News Items

As we start this new year, the vitality of the social security system is confirmed in two distinct ways. First, the whole country is watching and waiting for the legislative medicine that will restore financial health to the retirement and survivors benefit system. This public attention will assure effective treatment. Secondly, routine, annual adjustments and program refinements, already provided by law, will take place as usual in 1983. Orderly change of this type is characteristic of a stable and mature system.

Beginning this year, retirees who are at least age 70 can earn any amount and still get all their social security benefits. This "earnings' test exempt age" had been 72 until this year.

Also, retirees between the ages of 65 and 70 can earn \$6600.00 in 1983 without losing any benefits - a \$600.00 increase in this "allowable earnings amount." For Younger retirees, survivors and dependents the annual exempt amount is \$4920.-00, up \$480.00 from 1982.

Social Security benefits are intended to partially replace lost earnings. Therefore, these annual earnings limits apply only to payment for services, including wages, salaries, and net profit from a business or partnership. The limits do not apply to other types of income.

Remember that those who received a social security check last year, who were not at least age 72 throughout 1982, and whose earnings were above last year's limits must file an earnings report with the Social Security administration by April 15, 1982. The 1982 exempt earnings limits were \$6000.00 for those between the ages of 65 and 72, and \$4440.00 for younger beneficiaries. People who estimated their 1982 earnings would exceed last year's limits can expect to receive an annual report from in the mail. Forms can also be requested from your nearest Social Security Office. Filing a tax return with the IRS does not satisfy this annual report require-

By the way, these allowable earnings rules do not apply to those who receive benefits based on disability or to those who receive supplemental security income. Any earnings should be reported promptly by those who get disability of SSI benefits.

There is no scheduled change in the social security payroll tax rate in 1983. The tax rate will remain 6.7 percent, paid by both employees and employers. Selfemployed persons will continue to pay 9.35 percent on their net profit. The amount of earnings subject to Social Security tax, however, has gone up this year, from \$32,400.00 to \$35,700.00. This taxable wage base increases automatically each year to reflect the rise in average wages. Although some workers will pay a slightly higher social security tax amount due to the increase in the amount of wages covered in 1983, there will be no increase in the amount of social security taxes paid by about 92 percent of all workers. Also, tied to the rise in average wages is the amount of earnings which will result in one quarter of work credit under Social Security. People born after 1928 need 40 quarters of work credit (or about 10 years' credit) to qualify for retirement benefits. Fewer quarters of work credit are needed by people who will be 62 before 1991 or in cases of death or disability before age 62. The new quarter of coverage amount is \$370.00, up \$30.00 from last

A final routine annual adjustment involves the Medicare Hospital Insurance deductible amount. The deductible amount is designed to represent the average cost of one day of hospital care. To keep up with rising hospital costs, the 1983 inpatient deductible has increased by \$44.00 to \$304.00.

While some of these routine annual adjustments are more welcome than others, the changes are a necessary part of thiscountry's most important system of financial protection and health insurance - the Social Security

Lone Star To **Have Customer** Aid Program

Lone Star Gas Co. President Carol Neaves announced today that the company will initiate in assistance program designed to help persons living in Lone Star's service area who are having difficulty paying their heating

Lone Star has committed \$100,000 to begin a fund which has been named Heating Assistance Program for the Needy (Project HAP'N). Lone Star will invite its customers and the public in general to join in making contributions to Project HAP'N. The coordinating agency and the fund address will be publicized throughout Lone Star's 110-county service area soon. Project HAP'N assistance funds can be used for any type of

"We at Lone Star recognize that our funding will not adequately help all who are financially in need with their heating bills," said Neaves. "But with additional funding from other sources, both public and private, this beginning effort should bring some help to more people.

"The potential is great," said Neaves. "We have long worked with various social service agencies to assist our customers; Project HAP'N expands this ef-

Contributions are tax deducti-

Excise Tax To Increase On **Phone Bills**

The federal excise tax on monthly telephone bills will increase during 1983 from 1 percent to 3 percent as the result of legislation passed by Congress in August 1982 to obtain new tax revenues.

The tax applies to local and long-distance service.

The tax legislation states the 3 percent tax will be collected for three years with elimination in

An excise tax on telephone service was first imposed by Congress during World War I as a "temporary" measure, according to the U.S. Independent Telephone Association. Although repealed briefly after the war, the tax was reinstituted during the Depression. Rates have ranged as high as 25 percent on longdistance calls and 15 percent on local service.

The tax stood at 10 percent for almost 20 years. However in 1970, Congress voted to begin eliminating the tax by reducing it 1 percent per year beginning in 1973 and continuing through 1981. However, the Fiscal Year 1981 Budget Reconciliation Bill signed by former President Jimmy Carter in December 1980 contained a provision maintaining the excise tax at 2 percent during 1981.

The 1982 tax bill further postponed the phaseout by keeping the tax at 1 percent until Jan. 1, 1985. However, the August 1982 legislation raised the tax to 3 percent for the years 1983-85. The 3 percent tax is shown separately on the bill.

The tax revenues collected by telephone companies are forwarded to the federal government.

G.A. COST (F) General George A. Custer ranked last in his West Point

graduating class of 1861.

LUNCHTIME PROGRAMS TO BEGIN JAN. 18

Are you learning anything new during your lunch hour? Why not use one hour a month to add some spice to your life?

"Foods with a Flair" will be the topic for the first lunchtime learning program scheduled for January 18 from 12:15 to 12:45 in the County Courthouse. Debbie Stelter, Coke County Extension Agent-Home Economics will share tips and tricks to help you make food more appealing. Anyone interested in attending is encouraged to bring their lunch.

This program will be the first in a monthly series to cover various topics during the noon

Runnels Assn. **Sets Meeting**

The regular meeting of the Runnels Baptist Association will be held Monday, January 17 at

WMU and Executive Board at 5:30 p.m. the evening meal will be served at 6:15.

The program begins at 7:00. It will be a doctrinal emphasis theme. Charles Myers, pastor at Wingate Baptist Church, and Roy Epperson, pastor at the Robert Lee Baptist Church, will preach. Glen Willingham, pastor of First Baptist Church, Ballinger, is in charge of the program.

the Bradshaw Baptist Church. The meeting begins with

The public is invited to attend.

FISH FARMING CONFERENCE SET-- Some 100 fish farmers are expected to attend the annual Fish Farming Conference and annual convention of the Fish Farmers of Texas at Texas A&M University Jan. 26-28. Conference discussions will deal with topics chosen by fish farmers for fish farmers, says a specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Tex. A&M Univ. System. These will focus on the latest developments in growing crawfish, shrimp, catfish, bass, trout, redfish, tilapia and fish farmers; the best ways to process fish; fish diseases; stocking, rearing and indentifying forage fish; handling live fish; and fish

Public Hearing To Be Held In Abilene Jan. 18

The Texas Department of Human Resources will hold a public hearing at 7 p.m. on January 18 at McMurry College, Campus Center, Mabee Room to discuss the department's proposed employment incentives and initiatives.

Several programs are being considered for implementation in Texas, and hearings are being conducted in 10 cities during January to receive public comment on the programs, authorized by new federal legislation.

The employment initiatives include a job search program for applicants and recipients in the Aid To Families With Dependent Children (AFDC) program. Objective of the job search program is to reduce welfare dependency by helping individuals obtain regular employment.

Another initiative proposed is a community work experience program which will give experience and training to AFDC recipients who otherwise are not able to obtain employment.

Work supplementation is another proposed program under which Texas may place AFDC recipients with public agencies, non-profit organizations, and proprietary day care centers and subsidize their employment from funds that would have been used for AFDC pay-

A fourth initiative proposed is grant diversion that would allow the AFDC cash grant to be included as part of a paycheck. The assistance grant would go to an employer to cover all or part of the costs of the wages paid to the recipient.

Another proposal is for targeted jobs tax credits as an incentive for employers to hire persons who have special employment

The Department of Human Resources is seeking testimony from the public hearings to assist in determining what employment-enhancing directions the citizens of Texas want DHR to pursue. For futher information, contact Barbara Evans, 915/698-3657, P.O. Box 3235, Abilene, Tx. 76904.





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Jerry Lackey's Country Folk

One can tell that stock show season has arrived in West Texas by observing the weather. In over 20 years of covering these events for the news media, I have never understood why we put out youth through this strenuous competition at this time of year.

However, every time I bring it up, I'm told it has to be this way in order to get all the levels of competition in for the year. From county to district to regional and state, the circuit takes months to complete. From the usual ice and freezing temperatures of January to the blowing dust of March and the first whispers of autumn, it comes with the territory!

Something else that came in

Social Security News Items

The Medicare Hospital Insurance deductible—the amount a person with medicare is responsible for in a benefit periodincreases to \$304 for benefit periods starting in 1983, Frank Upp, Social Security district manager in San Angelo, said recently. The 1982 deductible was \$260.

Under the law, the deductible must be increased to reflect the rising costs of health care.

A benefit period-- the measure of use of services under medicare starts the first time a person enters a hospital after hospital insurance protection begins. A new benefit period begins when the person has been out of a hospital or other facility primarily providing skilled nursing or rehabilitation services for 60 days in a row.

There is no limit on the number of benefit periods a person may have. Also increased are certain per-day amounts the person is responsible for under hospital insurance.

For the 61st through the 90th day of inpatient hospital care, hospital insurance pays for all covered services except for \$76 a day in 1983. The 1982 figure was

For each of 60 reserve days of hospital inpatient care, hospital insurance pays all covered services except for \$152 a day. The 1982 figure was \$130. For the 21st through the 80th day of care in a skilled nursing facility, hospital insurance pays for all covered services except for \$38 a day. The 1982 figure was \$32.50.

Other than the inpatient deductible, there is no charge for covered services for the first 60 days of inpatient hospital care and for the first 20 days of skilled nursing care in each benefit period.

More information about Medicare, including covered services and patient costs, can be obtained at the San Angelo Social Security Office, located at 2214 Sherwood Way. The telephone number is 949-4608.

with the new year that is very precious to West Texans is moisture. Good rains, some ice and one of the wettest snows in years blessed dry terrain.

Larry Donaldson of Eldorado's D&D Feeds says the country is in good shape "with weeds springing out of the ground. That means these old sheep will have something to graze on soon."

"And now that deer hunting season is over, we will probably see some grass growing back in the pasture roads since hunters won't be driving them out every day," he laughed.

John Dublin has witnessed "a great deal of deer die-off in Schleicher County this winter. I don't think it is from lack of food so much as it is over population."

Out near Big Lake in Reagan County, Richard Boggs told this writer that the cattle are poor. Richard, working in the oilfields on the Rocker b Ranch, says they are fed daily and have something to eat in the pastures. "I tell ya, they have looked bad ever since calving," he added.

John Powell comments: "All is fine around Menard as 1983 starts. We had over five inches of moisture in December and some more last week."

Andy Smith said over a cup of coffee the other day that range conditions up the North Concho River around Water Valley were in top shape.

Gaylord Hankins spent some time in Edwards County over the holiday season visiting with old friends. He returned to San Angelo with information that the "country is in good shape around Rocksprings, but I think just about everybody is feeding... especially those Angora goats with kidding season approaching."

Well, despite the cold, let us not buck tradition... pull out the long-johns and the big coat and go to the local stock show and support out leaders of tomorrow. Happy New Year!

West Coke Hospital News

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

Jan. 4: Fern Gaines admitted and Mary May Wylie dismissed. Jan. 5: James De Bevoise admitted and no dismissals.

Jan. 6: Homer Smith admitted.

James De Bevoise, Fern Gaines

and Ralph Garvin dismissed.

Jan. 7: Ima Hutchison admit-

ted and no dismissals.

Jan. 8: No admissions or dismissals.

Jan. 9: no admissions or dismissals.

Jan. 10: Dora Gutierrez admitted and no dismissals.

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4-H Rifle Club News Notes

The Coke County 4-H Rifle Club started the 1983 year off with seven junior and three senior shooters practicing Sunday, Jan. 9. Some good scores were turned in shooters in prone and kneeling positions. They were: Claudette Walker, 79 and 65; Kerri Bilbrey, 78 and 51; Becky Padgett, 68 and 43; Tina Hines, 65 and 48; Justin Phillips, 61 and 12; Luke Robbins, 57 and 8, and Brent McPeek, 52 prone.

John Walker, Phil Stephens, and Mike Cervenka, senior shooters, worked on distinguished expert rating and each qualified on several targets.

The club will hold a county elimination to determine who will make the four member rifle team for the Jr. and Sr. event on Feb. 6 -- weather permitting.

The club qualification awards program has been very successful the last several months, one of the sponsors stated. Twenty-two shooters have earned at least an N.R.A. brassard and several of the junior shooters have moved all the way through sharpshooting rating. Three senior shooters have earned expert badge and are working on distinguish expert badge.

Club shooters will be held every Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock until Feb. 6.

"No man is rich who wants any more than he has got."

Josh Billings

Rates Reduced By Land Bank

Interest rates on Land Bank variable rate loans will be reduced to 11.25 percent on farm loans and to 11.75 percent on farm-related business and rural residence loans, said Brian F. Meeks, president of the Federal Land Bank Association of San Angelo.

These rates become effective January 1, 1983.

"The Land Bank's objective is to provide credit to Texas agriculture at the lowest possible cost, consistent with sound business practices," said Thomas H. Benson, president of the Federal Land Bank of Texas in Austin.

"For over two years the Bank's average cost of funds consistently has been higher than the loan rate," Benson continued. "However, for the past four months, we have begun to see a decline in bond costs.

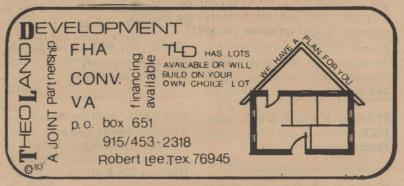
"As a result of this decline, we are able to reduce the Bank's

loan interest rate," he said. "We hope that the decline in bond interest rates will continue, allowing us to make further reductions in the loan rate."

The Federal Land Bank Association of San Angelo makes long-term real estate loans on farm and rural residence property in the counties of Coke, Irion, Reagan, Runnels, Sterling and Tom Green.



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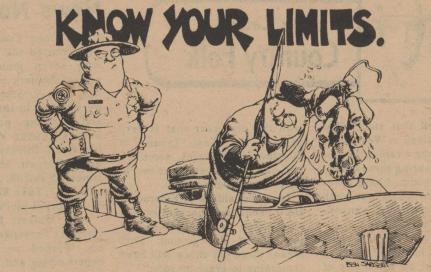
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One day I overheard my secretary talking about how much she'd saved buying U.S. Savings Bonds through the Payroll Savings Plan. I was astounded.

Then I looked at my bankbook. I figured out how much my average yearly savings had been since I'd been working. And I almost cried. At the rate I was going, in ten years I'd have about \$2000 saved.

Oh, some years I'd save three or four hundred (nine hundred one year), but it didn't last long. Something would always come up and I'd take it out and spend it. I always figured one of these days I'd bear down and build up a nest egg.

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When I get enough saved I may look into other things. But as for right now, it's the best, easiest way I know of to save. Actually, it's the *only* way that works for me.

I started late, but better late than never.





A message from this newspay and the Troopers of the Tex Department of Public Safety

LUNCHROOM MENUS

Monday, Jan. 17: Fish krispies with tarter sauce, blackeye peas, macaroni and cheese, hot rolls with butter, milk and peach half.

Tuesday, Jan. 18: Pizza, corn lettuce, tomato salad, milk and chocolate cake with icing.

Wednesday, Jan. 19: Lasagne with cheese, tator tots with catsup, lettuce wedge, crackers, milk and peach cobbler.

Thursday, Jan. 20: Hot dogs with chili and cheese, baked beans, potato chips, milk and apple.

Friday, Jan. 21: Salisbury steak with brown gravy, green beans, cream potatoes, hot rolls with butter, milk and applesauce.

GO TO GEORGIA

Mr. and Mrs. A.V. Hughes have returned home after a four week trip to Georgia. The couple drove last month to Lubbock and after a short visit with Mrs. Hughes' daughter, Dixie Sublett and husband, they flew to Georgia. They were guests in the homes of Hughes' daughters and families, Mr. and Mrs. Bill (Susan) Faircloth of Fayetteville, Ga. and Mr. and Mrs. Bill (Betty) Varnadore, of Nicholson, Ga. While in the area, they also visited Hughes' brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. E.C. Hughes of East Point, Ga.

After enjoying the grandchildren and seeing various sights, Mr. and Mrs. Hughes flew back to Lubbock where Mrs. Sublett picked them up.



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in the Robert Lee Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Loyd McGallion, Charley Hurley, Sam McGallion, Delbert Harmon, Rodney Thompson, and Calvin Wallace.

He leaves a wife, a daughterin-law, Mrs. Will Gunnels, six
grandchildren, John, Wyatt, and
Evan Gunnels, Mrs. J.D. (Emma) Elkins, all of Robert Lee,
Mrs. Ben Murphy of Tennyson,
and Ben Gunnels of New Mexico,
14 great-grandchildren, two sisters, Mrs. W.J. Evans of Callahan County, and Mrs. Andy
Adams of Erath County, and a
host of friends to mourn his
passing.

RL SCHOOL HONOR ROLLS

12th Grade: Quint Anthony, Martha Bickley, Tracie Fulkerson, Leigh Ann Runnion and Scott Stephens.

11th Grade: Sheri Ebenstein, Lesa Garringer, Dianne Gilchrest, Les Gray, Cathy Lewis, Carrath Metcalf, Gery Naico and Sherri Walker.

10th Grade: Heath Gardner and Michael Wilson.

9th Grade: Patty Bloodworth and Kevin Johnson.

8th Grade: Becky Clendennen, Nikki Epperson, Missy Grim, Lin Long and Mitchael Reese.

7th Grade: Randy Gartman, Jason Herring, Rachel Metcalf, Kelly Tomlinson and Claudette Walker.

Alpha Kappa Pi Meets Jan. 5

Alpha Kappa Pi met January 5 in the home of Joan Runnion with fourteen members present.

Thank you notes were read from the West Coke County Nursing Home residents thanking Alpha Kappa Pi for the bud vases given them on Christmas day. Also, a thank you letter was received from the Suez Concho Cycles of San Angelo. The donation sent by Alpha Kappa Pi went to the Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children, Houston Unit.

Jeanette Jacobs presented the evening's program "Teaching Others." Refreshments were served following the meeting.

HAS MINOR SURGERY

Michael Wilson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Wilson, underwent a minor surgical procedure on Monday in San Angelo to determine the extent of a knee injury. Doctors there detected a ligament tear, but felt with rehabilitation it would heal. He will begin three times a week therapy sessions in San Angelo next week.

Michael was the starting center for the Steers football team and was injured at the end of the 1982 season.

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