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Bids for new post office sought

The U.S. Postal Service is asking for construction bids to build and lease a new main post office building in Robert Lee.

Bids are to be submitted to Jimmy Slayton, realty management and acquisition analyst, Field Real Estate and Buildings Office, U.S. Postal Service, P.O. Drawer 239, Dallas, Tex. 75221-0239.

Bids will be opened at 2:30 p.m., February 17 in Room 523, Downtown Station, 400 North Ervay, in Dallas.

The proposed building will have 3,360 sq. ft. of interior floor space. It will be built with private funds and leased to the Postal Service for a basic period of 10 years with renewal options for 20 additional years.

The Postal Service has acquired an option to buy a site for the

new post office which will be assigned to the successful bidder.

The site containing approximately 28,000 sq. ft. of land is located on corner of 8th Street and Houston Street.

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RL boys, Miles girls win tourney

Robert Lee's 'A' boys and the Miles girls took the titles last weekend at the Robert Lee Junior High Basketball tournament while Sterling City and Bronte finished second and third respectively in both divisions.

Winning consolations in the girls division was the Robert Lee 'A' squad and Water Valley nabbed the consolation title in the boys action.

The boys won the title by beating Sterling City 45-24 led by Randy Gartman with 18 points and Wes Hood with 11. Stevie Ebenstein had eight, Robert Runnion hit five, Jason Herring added two and Curt Gardner scored one.

Friday, they defeated Christoval 43-17. Hood and Gartman again led scoring with 16 and 15 points, respectively. Jason Herring had six, Robert Runnion hit four and Curt Gardner had two.

Stock show preparations underway

Preparations are underway for the annual Coke County Livestock Show which will be held Feb. 17-18 at the Coke County Park in Robert Lee.

Sheep judging will be first on the schedule Feb. 17 beginning at 5 p.m. Show officials are expecting 175-200 lambs to be entered.

Saturday, Feb. 18, the swine show will be held at 8:30 a.m. followed at 11:30 a.m. by the cattle show. Approximately 75 pigs will be shown and 10 steers, said Coke County Extension Agent Tommy Antilley.

This year, the Coke County Livestock Show Association is running the concession stand and barbecue, according to Antilley. "All proceeds from the concession stand and barbecue will go back into the show and for prize money and the purchase of animals," said Antilley. "It will eventually benefit the kids."

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In their first game, the boys downed Miles 68-18. Wes Hood scored 13 while Randy Gartman, Robert Runnion and Stevie Ebenstein all hit 12. Jason Herring had 11, Curt Gardner scored six and Cody Anthony hit two.

The Robert Lee girls took consolation Saturday by stopping Water Valley 18-8 led by Rachel Metcalf with 10 followed by Jodi Waggoner with five, Kim Hood with two and Angela Cox with one.

They reached the consolation game with a 38-13 victory over Irion County. Rachel Metcalf had 20 points, Jodi Waggoner hit eight, Lisa Bower managed five, Kim Hood hit for three and Sandie Dominguez scored two.

The girls fell in the first round game to Miles 25-21. Kim Hood scored six, Jodi Waggoner had five, Rachel Metcalf shot in four, Lisa Bower, Angela Cox and Sandie Dominguez all had two.

The 'B' girls lost Friday to Water Valley 19-1 and Thursday to Bronte by a 25-8 score. Leading scorer for the girls was Stephanie Rogers with six points. Also scoring in the girls 'B' games were Cristie Cryer and Callie McCutchen.

Water Valley best the 'B' boys 38-18 and Bronte stopped the 'B' boys 34-13. Cody Anthony was the leading scorer for the boys with eight and five points. Also scoring for the 'B' boys were Scott Ray, Jessie Powell, Michael Lee, Joel Herring, Clint Smith and Kelly Tomlinson.

The Junior High squads played Monday in Garden City with the 'A' boys winning 42-39 while the 'A' girls won 19-14 and the 'B' girls lost 13-2.

Wes Hood and Randy Gartman led the 'A' boys with 18 and 16 points followed by Robert Runnion with four and Stevie Ebenstein and Curt Gardner with two each. Rachel Metcalf led the 'A' girls with 13, Kim Hood had five and Jody Waggoner hit one. Stephanie Rogers scored two for the 'B' girls.

Monday, the junior high squads host Sterling City beginning at 5 p.m.

Steers, Sterling City tied for District 16-A top spot

BY ROY IVEY

The Robert Lee Steers are tied for first place in District 16-A boys basketball after Tuesday's action but the race loosened a bit with a loss by Forsan.

The Steers marked time in District 16A play Tuesday as they hosted the class 3A Coahoma Bulldogs in a nondistrict contest and fell 64-46.

At the same time, the Sterling City Eagles were tripping Forsan 57-47. The Steers were one-half game ahead going into Tuesday's action with Sterling and Forsan standing 2-1. The loss by Forsan drops the Buffaloes to 2-2 and Sterling moves to 3-1 and into a tie with the Steers. Robert Lee's only district loss has been to Forsan.

The boys reached the 3-1 mark in district by dumping Garden City last Friday 48-39 on the road. Bobby Boone led the scoring in that contest with 12 points. Eddie Hood scored 10, Kirby Rasco hit for nine, Jimmy Skinner had seven, Greg Grim and Douglas Roberts both managed five points. That win boosted the

Steers to 17-2 for the year.

Tuesday, Kirby Rasco topped the individual scoring efforts with 18 points and Bobby Boone had 15. Greg Grim scored nine and Jimmy Skinner had four.

In the 'B' game, Robert Lee came out on top of a 56-51 score led by Tim Garringer with 14 points. Jim Bob Jacobs and Randy Stephens both hit 12, Kevin Johnson scored nine, James Paul Skipworth scored seven and Michael Reese had two.

Robert Lee's girls varsity squad was also in nondistrict action as they travelled to Colorado City. Colorado City won that game 52-45. Jana Gartman had 16 points, Carrath Metcalf and Carol Longoria each hit eight, Lee Ann Molinar had seven, Missy Grim scored three, Patty Bloodworth scored two and Lin Long managed one.

Last Friday, the girls downed Garden City 51-43. Topping the scoring in that contest for Robert Lee were Lee Ann Molinar with 15 and Carol Longoria with 12. Jana Gartman and Missy Grim each hit nine, Carrath Metcalf

had four and Tracy Pearson scored two.

Tuesday's 'B' girls game ended with Robert Lee on the long end of a 30-28 score. Tancie Bell hit double figures with 12, Teresa Harlin had eight, Becky Clendennen and Dana Anthony both scored four and Nikki Epperson had two.

For the season Robert Lee's boys are 7-3 and the girls are 11-8. Today (Friday), the varsity teams travel to Sterling City where the boys will play a pivotal contest against the Eagles. The winners will be in the driver's seat of the District 16A race.

Tuesday, the varsity units and the JV girls host Bronte in another loop contest.

Fohn seeking re-election as 51st DA

Gerald Fohn, 51st District Attorney since 1975, will seek re-election in the November general election to a third term in the five-county office, subject to the May Democratic primary election.

His district shares Tom Green County with the 119th district and the 340th District, and includes all of Coke, Irion, Schleicher and Sterling Counties.

Fohn, 38, stressed his experience in office in announcing his decision to seek another term.

"We've seen a tremendous growth in our office caseload since 1973 when I came to work just out of law school as the only assistant for the 51st and 119th District Attorneys," Fohn said.

"Today, besides felony cases our office handles juvenile matters, child-protective cases, and child support as well. I feel it is vital to the public interest that there be a District Attorney who has the knowledge and experience to see that these cases are handled efficiently and correctly.

"To face these new challenges, we have put together a prosecution team including myself, assistant prosecutors, and investigator, and clerical staff. We will continue to work with law enforcement and the Courts toward our constant goal-firm, but fair prosecution, with the swiftest possible administration of justice," Fohn stated.

A full-time prosecutor with no outside law practice, Fohn has achieved a leadership role among Texas prosecutors. He is currently serving his second consecutive term as an elected Director of the Texas District and County Attorneys Association, and serves as a member of the Advisory Committee of the Texas Prosecutor Council.

He and his wife, Dolores, live in San Angelo and are the parents of three sons.

Spence fish protected from cold

Local fishermen, aware of the large number of dead fish reported in area lakes due to recent frigid temperatures, have voiced concern for Lake Spence fish.

According to lake superintendent Mike Ross, Spence has shown no significant die-off. In observing lake shorelines, employees have found no unusual amount of dead fish other than the normal die-off due to various reasons. Ross attributes the reason for the low fish kill to the large areas of deeper, warmer water available for protection. Fish are able to feed in shallow, low oxygen water for short periods of time and can return to deep water. Other lakes, shallow at this time of year, get very low temps all the way to the bottom, he said. He related the river channel at Spence now measures 90 feet in some places, but has large areas of 70-80 foot water.

Ross reported Lake Spence now stands about 21 feet below the spillway. He feels the lake is holding its own and is in good shape even though it has gained no water in some time. Low temperatures, coupled with calm winds, have lessened evaporation.

Texas Parks & Wildlife Department management biologist Bill Follis of San Angelo said "The biggest reason for the recent fish die-off is the sudden change in water temperature. Fish are cold-blooded animals and when temperatures drop it slows down their metabolism, making them weak and susceptible to bacterial and viral infections. Winter die-off is fairly common to shad, but area losses of large numbers of

gamefish in the record-size categories are alarming. We'll restock the lakes with shad beginning about April and they will recover their numbers quickly. If we discover a significant reduction in gamefish, we'll also restock those species."

Candidates must file by Feb. 6

The deadline for candidates to file for places on the ballot in the May Democratic Primary is Feb. 6. According to a report Wednesday morning from the office of the county clerk, Ettie Hubbard two new candidates have filed for public office. Bob Fields and Wayne Arrott filed as candidates for constables of Precincts 1 and 2 respectively.

Offices up for election are: Sheriff, Commissioners Precinct 1 and 3, County Attorney, Tax Assessor and Collector and County Constables.

Smith not hurt in pickup wreck

Ray Smith escaped serious injury Saturday night in a one-vehicle accident about three miles south of Robert Lee on Highway 208.

Smith, a 1983 RLHS graduate, was the driver of a 1977 Chevrolet pickup which was totally demolished in the accident.

According to Smith, he swerved to avoid hitting a deer and struck a culvert.



Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Eads III

White-Eads marriage held Jan. 7

Katherine Lee White and Jesse Eads III of Robert Lee were married Saturday, Jan. 7, 1984 in the Robert Lee Baptist Church. Bro. Roy Epperson, church pastor, was the officiant at the ceremony. Music was provided by Bonita Copeland at the organ and Mark Hinsley of Dallas sang, 'We've Just Begun' and 'I Won't Last a Day Without You.' Mr. and Mrs. Orval Lee White are parents of the bride and Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Eads Jr. are parents of the groom.

Maid of honor was Dianne Mulkey of Robert Lee. Bridesmaids were Donna White, niece of the bride, from Mineral Well, Texas, Teena Bosworth and Robbie Smith, both of Robert Lee. All wore pink taffeta dresses with long full skirts, large puffed sleeves and sheer burgundy and pink flowered sash that tied in a large bow in the back. They carried bouquets of burgundy and shades of pink and wore combs of matching colors in their hair. Kande Lowder, niece of the bride, from Carlsbad, N.M. was flower girl and wore a dress identical to the bridesmaids. She carried a white basket full of assorted pink and burgundy flowers and wore a ringlet of flowers in her hair.

The bride entered on the arm of her father. She wore a traditional white wedding dress with a Queen Anne neckline with sheer full sleeves trimmed with lace and seed pearls. Her chapel length train was edged in lace and trimmed with appliques of chantilly and eschlon lace and pearls. She wore a ringlet of white flowers with a long veil of illusion and tulle edged with delicate lace to match her wedding dress. Her bouquet consisted of flowers in shades of pink and burgundy.

The groom was dressed in an off-white tuxedo with a light ruffled shirt and bow tie and wore a burgundy boutonniere. Shane

White of Mineral Wells, Texas was ring bearer and wore a suit identical to the best man. Best man Artie Braswell and groomsmen Harvey Wojtek, Kyle Long, and Jesse English, all of Robert Lee, wore tuxedos of burgundy with pink ruffled shirts, burgundy bow ties and pink boutonnieres.

Ushers were Phil Lowder, Carlsbad, N.M. The punch was made by Wavoline White, aunt of the bride. Cake and punch were served by Erin Branham and Debra Forrest of San Angelo.

Mrs. Eads graduated from RLHS and Howard College in San Angelo. Mr. Eads graduated from RLHS and is employed by P.C.R. Feed Lot. Both are attending Paramedic School at TSTI and will graduate in July.

The couple flew to Durango, Colorado for a honeymoon ski trip at Purgatory. They are now at home in Robert Lee.

The groom's parents hosted the rehearsal dinner for the wedding party and their guests on Friday, Jan. 6 at the recreation hall.

Hospital news

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

Jan. 17: No admissions and Eula McCutchen dismissed.

Jan. 18: Effie Phillips admitted and no dismissals.

Jan. 19: No admissions or dismissals.

Jan. 20: No admissions and Effie Phillips dismissed.

Jan. 21: George Davis admitted and no dismissals.

Jan. 22: No admissions or dismissals.

Jan. 23: No admissions or dismissals.

Large bobcat killed on Silver ranch

A twenty-one pound bobcat lost the battle after an encounter with a group of hunters and their dogs. The fight took place on the Wayne Coalson ranch near Silver in December. The hunters, Coalson, Dennie Braswell, James Miller, all of Bronte and James (Slim) Smith of Midkiff, treed the bobcat after a half hour chase. Miller pumped three shots from his .22 handgun before the cat left the tree and tangled with the dogs before his demise. The hide has been tanned by Miller's son and now decorates his den wall.

Lunchroom menu

Monday, Jan. 30

Fish Krispies w/tartar sauce
English Peas
Buttered Carrots
Rolls-Butter
Sliced Peaches
Milk

Tuesday, Jan. 31

GrillCheese Sandwiches
Vegetable Beef Soup
Pickle Slices
Chocolate Cake w/Icing
Milk

Wednesday, Feb. 1

Pinto Beans
Turnip Greens
French Fries w/Catsup
Cornbread-Butter
Peach Cobbler
Milk

Thursday, Feb. 2

Hot Dogs w/Chili & Cheese
Tator Tots w/Catsup
Corn
Chopped Onion
Cookies
Milk

Friday, Feb. 3

Salisbury Steaks-Brown gravy
Cream Potatoes
Green Beans
Hot Rolls-Butter
Applesauce
Milk

Boy Scouts at council campout

Robert Lee's Boy Scouts of Troop 461 will travel to Camp Fawcett today (Friday) to participate in the annual Concho Valley Council Winter Camp.

The council-wide campout will run through Sunday and the council expects 300-400 boys to participate. Among the activities on the schedule are a winter camping demonstration, volleyball, horseshoe pitching and, possibly, swimming if the weather is good.

The winter camp is sponsored this year by the Wahinkto Lodge of the Order of the Arrow, an honor campers organization within the Boy Scouts of America framework.

Troop 461, which is sponsored by the Robert Lee-Silver Lions Club, is growing and additional activities are being added to the troop's program, according to Scoutmaster Roy Ivey.

Coming up for the troop are the regularly scheduled monthly campouts in this area, the Amangi Trail District First Aid Meet on Feb. 11, in San Angelo a troop Court of Honor and family night on a date to be determined later and a spring rally to increase membership.

Boys turning 11 soon or boys already 11 are invited to attend a troop meeting, held every Monday at 7 p.m. in the Boy Scout Hut in the Coke County Park in Robert Lee, said Ivey.

This summer, the boys will travel to Camp Sol Mayer to participate in the Summer Camp program which lasts a week and allows the boy to do things he might not have available here such as specialized training in outdoor skills.

Ivey said that positions are available for adults to participate in the scouting program, either actively or in an advisory capacity.

Anyone interested in helping

with the Scouting program should contact Ivey.

Personals

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Ross returned to their home in Marshall, Okla. Friday. They spent a week visiting with her sister, Thelma Watson, whose husband was in Shannon Hospital.

J.E. Watson returned home the first of this week. He is recuperating from pneumonia and a light heart attack.

Mrs. O.B. Jacobs is a surgery patient in Shannon Hospital in San Angelo Doctors there performed a joint replacement for her home on Friday. She was able to be up for the first time on Tuesday and expects to return home soon.

Son Millican has returned home from a Lubbock hospital where he had a battery of tests and some surgery.

Cody Bill Bessent, five-year-old son of Cindy and Randy Bessent, returned home Tuesday after a short stay in Shannon Hospital. He says he's glad to be home.

Royce Wallace is recovering in Shannon Hospital in San Angelo after undergoing hernia repair surgery there on Monday.

Carolyn and Eddie Braswell and their son Gentry were in Robert Lee last weekend for a visit with Ken and Juanette Gentry of Lovington, New Mexico.

They also visited with Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Childress and the Les Copeland family.

ROBERT LEE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Equity -
All Governmental Fund Types
Year Ended August 31, 1983

Bulletin 679 Codes	Governmental Fund Types	Governmental Fund Types			Totals (Memorandum Only)
		103 General Fund	203/303/403 Special Revenue Fund	503 Debt Service Fund	
5700	Local, Intermediate, Out-of-State	\$ 816,857	\$ -0-	\$ 24,246	\$ 841,103
5800	State Program Revenues	348,580	-0-	-0-	348,580
5900	Federal Program Revenues	14,434	22,486	-0-	36,920
5000	Total Revenues	\$ 1,179,871	\$ 22,486	\$ 24,246	\$ 1,226,603
11	Instruction	\$ 566,250	\$ 19,524	\$ -0-	\$ 585,774
12	Instructional Computing	4,031	-0-	-0-	4,031
21	Instructional Administration	2,987	477	-0-	3,464
22	Instructional Resources and Media Services	19,017	1,985	-0-	21,002
23	School Administration	66,899	-0-	-0-	66,899
31	Guidance and Counseling Services	850	-0-	-0-	850
33	Health Services	18	-0-	-0-	18
34	Pupil Transportation - Regular	56,618	-0-	-0-	56,618
36	Cocurricular Activities	42,396	-0-	-0-	42,396
37	Food Services	68,349	-0-	-0-	68,349
41	General Administration	133,478	500	-0-	133,978
42	Debt Services	-0-	-0-	62,700	62,700
51	Plant Maintenance and Operations	122,454	-0-	-0-	122,454
72	Computer Processing	10,319	-0-	-0-	10,319
6000	Total Expenditures	\$ 1,093,666	\$ 22,486	\$ 62,700	\$ 1,178,852
	Excess Revenues (Expenditures)	\$ 86,205	\$ -0-	\$ (38,454)	\$ 47,751
5060	Other Resources and (Uses) Other Resources	4,624	-0-	-0-	4,524
1200	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Resources Over Expenditures and Other Uses	\$ 90,829	\$ -0-	\$ (38,454)	\$ 52,375
0100	Beginning Fund Equity	345,876	-0-	38,810	384,686
1300	Increase (Decrease) in Fund Equity	48,502	-0-	-0-	48,502
3000	Ending Fund Equity	\$ 485,207	\$ -0-	\$ 356	\$ 485,563

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For Sale: 2 iron bedsteads, 1 dresser, 1 fifty lb. ice box, 1 electric cook stove. If interested see Mrs. T.E. Puett. Also 5 room house for rent.

Attention Rabbit Hunters! On Friday, Jan. 27, all Coke County Rabbit Twisters are requested to meet at the Paint Creek School at 9 a.m. and drive east to W.P. McDorman's farm and back to Wildcat School House where dinner will be served by the ladies. In the afternoon the hunters will drive west as far as the Water Valley road. Everybody is invited to come and bring your gun and a well-filled basket if you wish to help out with dinner. We hope to have a large crowd and try to exterminate the jack-rabbits before they do the same to us.

Among the Robert Lee folks to the Governor's inauguration in Austin Tuesday were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Percifull and Mrs. Lizzie Davis who was accompanied by Mrs. Milhollan of Stanton.

A group of local citizens this week got together around the banquet board to complete plans for organizing a Lions Club and affiliate with the International Association of Lions Clubs. At the time of this writing 32 men have joined the club. Officers elected at the above meeting were: President, Earl R. Hoggard; first vice, B.A. Austin; second vice, H.E. Smith; 3rd vice, S.E. Adams; secretary, Geo. L. Taylor; treasurer, T.A. Richardson; directors, G.C. Al-

len, W.B. Clift, J.K. Griffith, H.L. Ramsour; lion tamer, A.E. Latham; tail twister, Paul Good. The next meeting is set for Jan. 24 at 7:30 p.m. in the basement of the Methodist Church.

For Sale of trade: A Crosley radio, 5-burner oil stove, large heater, wood or coal, large incubator, 350 egg capacity, electric washer. See Mrs. Scott at Cumbie's Store.

Local student in All-Region Band

Friday, Jan. 13 and Saturday, Jan. 14, Cathy Lewis traveled to Abilene with band director, Miss Mary Grace Ray to rehearse and perform with the 1984 Region II All-Region Band. The clinic was done by John Whitwell, director of bands at Abilene Christian University and was held at Hardin-Simmons University.

Cathy was in good company, as there were many students from Abilene and Wichita Falls schools as well as other good schools in the region.

The program Saturday evening consisted of pieces by Grafulla, Holst, Grainger and Shostakovitch. The clinic and concert was enjoyed by both Miss Ray and Cathy. Cathy's mother, Coe Lewis traveled to Abilene Saturday night to hear the concert.



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- Parade Whole Potatoes 303 size can 39c
- PARADE TUNA flat can 89c
- PARADE tall 300 size can
- DOG FOOD** **23c**
- Parade Blue Lake Cut Beans 303 size can 37c
- HI DRI TOWELS** large roll **59c**
- PARADE CANNED CHILI 300 size can 89c
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- ORANGES** **39c**
- RUSSET POTATOES 10 lb. bag \$1.69
- FRESH asst. cuts lb.
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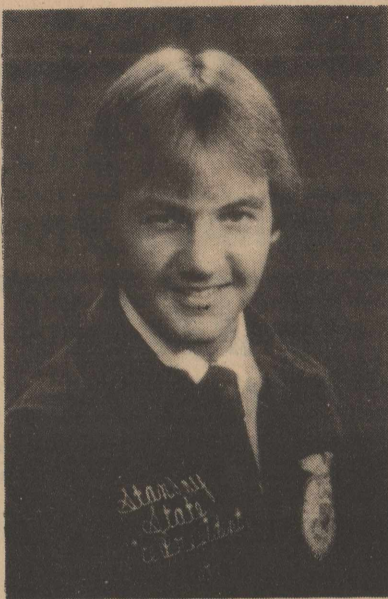
Color and texture can noticeably affect our sensation of physical temperature. Certain colors and textures make us feel warm and cozy while others make us feel cool, calm and collected. The problem becomes one of choosing those colors and textures that evoke the feelings we want our rooms to have.

Colors such as red, yellow and orange are called warm colors. They make rooms appear warmer and smaller. Blue green and violet are called cool colors. They make rooms appear both cooler and larger.

Textures of materials can also convey sensations of warmth or coolness. Velvet actually looks and feels warmer than silk or satin. Chrome and glass look cooler than wood or leather.

A room that always appears "cold" in the winter may seem that way because it has bare floors, sleek contemporary furniture and indirect fluorescent lighting. For warmth, a textured area rug could be added along with several large floor cushions in a warm accent color and a couple of brass table lamps that use an incandescent light source. Psychologically, the room will "feel" several degrees warmer.

It would be impractical to change our carpet each season, although we can put down rugs and remove them. Nor are many people likely to change their draperies or reupholster furniture. But by applying what we know about color and texture in selecting and using accessories and accent pieces, we can determine the feelings we would like our interiors to have any time of the year.



Stan Ray

Stan Ray travels on FFA circuit

During the holidays and month of January, Stan Ray, State FFA Vice President has been traveling the state seemingly from corner to corner. The first week in January, he attended a business meeting of the State Board of Directors in Austin. The meeting was a planning and discussion session for the State FFA Convention and the State Leadership Conference, both of which will be coordinated and conducted by the State Officer Team.

He then traveled west where he and fellow state officer, Tom Maynard, spoke at school assemblies and conducted leadership workshops in and around the El Paso area. During this week long tour, Stan and Tom addressed over a dozen high schools and presented motivational workshops (leadership skills, attitudes, priorities, enthusiasm, etc.) to FFA members and faculty. Stan says the workshops are beneficial in the development of skills and abilities in the area of self-improvement and the maturation of future leaders.

After a little time off in Ruidoso, N.M., he went back to Texas Tech in Lubbock where he is a freshman Agricultural Economics major. Stan is now spending a week at the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Livestock Show and Rodeo in Ft. Worth. During the week, he will continue to represent the State Association and carry out his responsibilities at the Children's FFA Barnyard. Stan will continue to travel the State and address various group functions until his retirement at the Annual State Convention in July of 1984.



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AGRICULTURE
by
Tommy Antilley
County Extension Agent

MOST SMALL GRAINS TO RECOVER FROM FREEZE

While the late December cold spell dealt a heavy blow to grazing from small grains, most of the crop should recover.

Both wheat and oats were burned back severely by the long periods of extremely cold weather. Oats were especially hard hit along with plate planted wheat that had not tillered out.

A considerable amount of wheat was damaged because it was planted late due to a lack of soil moisture last fall.

To check for freeze damage, look at the growing point or crown node of the plant about 1/2 inch below soil surface. Cut the middle of the stem and look for green material. If the growing point appears water-soaked or brownish in color, the plant is dead. Live plants will generally revive and green color will be restored after a week to ten days

of favorable weather.

The best things for producers to do right now is to let livestock graze off the dead topgrowth as this forage is still high quality with up to 15 percent crude protein. If the small grains were severely frosted, take cattle off the fields to enable plants to recover once this dead-growth is removed. If a considerable amount of green leaves remain, continue normal grazing operations. Mild weather is needed and some areas need additional moisture to facilitate regrowth. If grains are close to the ground, allow 3-4 inches of growth before grazing them again.

Fertilizing now would only cause a flush of new growth which will be highly susceptible to more freeze damage. If you plan to top dress, wait until just before the jointing stage of growth.

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The Concho Valley Council of Governments has formed an Emergency Medical Services Policy Advisory Committee. Persons appointed to the committee from Coke County include Aubrey Denman (official representative), Paul Sublett and Gene Hinnard (provider representatives) and Lou Wright (medical representative). Under this policy advisory committee, subcommittee assignments have also been made. These include Aubrey Denman (Equipment), Paul Sublett (Coordination) and Gene Hinnard and Lou Wright (Training). The training subcommittee met in San Angelo on January 19, 1984 to begin work on planning and implementation of EMS training courses under the grant monies allocated for this purpose. A minimum of four EMT (Emergency Medical Technician), two EMT-Refresher, and one ECA (Emergency Care Attendant) courses will be offered during 1984. Course sites will include (but are not limited to) San Angelo, Eden and Sonora. Persons eligible to receive funded training under this program will pay only a \$5.00 registration fee for each course. Eligibility requirements mandate that the student must be active, serving members of a local EMS (Emergency Medical Service) system. Persons in Coke County who are interested in taking one of these courses should contact either the East Coke County Ambulance Service or the West Coke County E.M.S. for further information. The policy advisory committee has also recommended that other persons be allowed, on a space-available basis, to take the courses by paying a set fee. These fees include \$125.00 for an EMT class, for an EMT-Refresher course, \$20.50 and for an ECA class, \$59.00. Course schedules will be established in February. If a minimum of ten students in a given area request a specific course and if instructors, equipment and hospital time are available, a course may be scheduled in locations other than San Angelo, Eden and Sonora. That is, if Robert Lee and/or Bronte requests a class and a minimum of ten students are guaranteed, the course can be scheduled in either Robert Lee or Bronte. It is important for those persons interested in taking one of these courses to contact a member of the training subcommittee as soon as possible. Costs for these

courses have been much higher in the past and it is not often that a student can take a course at such a low fee. The County has helped fund EMS courses in the past. By taking advantage of this grant money we can save the county some money. Please consider taking an EMS course and contact both your local ambulance service and a member of the training subcommittee (Wright or Hinnard). Remember, you can HELP us HELP you!!

No damages given in 51st court suit

The 51st Judicial District Court met Monday and Tuesday with Judge Hart presiding. Case no. 2970, Frank L. Schuster vs. R.E. Althof was heard and the jury found no negligence on the part of Mr Althof. No damages were awarded.

Emergency response system initiated

The Coke County Commissioners Court met with the nursing home administrator to discuss the emergency-response system in the homes of the shut-in people of our community. This system will enable a person to get in contact with the base station which will be at the hospital. This system is for emergencies only. A grant to the county will be made available through C.V.C.O.G. for the cost of base station. Each individual is responsible for their home unit which will cost about \$200 if you are on a private line. If you are a low income person, you may receive assistance from the Texas Department of Human Resources. If you are interested in this type system, let your nursing home administrator or county court know.

Aubrey Denman County Judge

Wool, mohair sales slips due

J.E. Quisenberry Jr., CED reminds wool and mohair producers to turn in their 1983 sales slips for incentive payments under the wool and mohair program. To avoid late payments, applications should be filed by January 31.

"Sales slips from shorn wool, unshorn lambs or mohair marketings must be presented to our office before farmers can receive incentive payments," said Quisenberry. The quantity sold does not affect the eligibility. However, sales slips should contain the month of shearing, month of sale, number of head shown, pounds of wool or mohair sold and net proceeds. He said sales slips for unshorn lambs must show the liveweight and state that the lambs were unshorn.

Shorn wool prices for 1983 will average about 70 cents per pound, and the federal support price was \$.53 a pound. Mohair prices are expected to average about \$4.50 per pound and the support price was \$4.63 a pound.

The ASCS official said shorn wool and mohair payments are based on a percentage of each producer's returns from sales. The percentage is the amount required to raise the national average price received by all producers for shorn wool and mohair in 1983 up to the support prices of \$1.53 a pound for wool and \$4.63 a pound for mohair. The program is designed to encourage growers to increase production and improve the quality and marketing of wool and mohair.

Comptroller sends drink tax rebate

AUSTIN, TEX.-- State Comptroller Bob Bullock Friday sent checks totaling \$11 million to 219 counties and 422 cities as their share of the state's 10 percent mixed drink tax collected during the fourth quarter of 1983.

Bullock said the state collected a total \$38.1 million in taxes on the sale of mixed drinks during the quarter, up 8.3 percent over the same period in 1982.

Texas cities and counties each receive a 15 percent rebate on the tax collected on mixed drinks sold within their boundaries under the law that legalized the sale

of mixed drinks in the state.

The state's general revenue fund will receive the balance--\$27 million--of the tax money collected.

The mixed drink tax is collected by the Alcoholic Beverage Commission and city-county rebates are sent out quarterly by the Comptroller's Office.

Bullock said the mixed drink tax brought in \$149.3 million during 1983.

Coke County's total county tax revenue from the sale of mixed drinks was \$2063.52 and the county's 15% rebate amounted to \$309.53.



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Coke County Fair set to run with stock show

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To: Jose Luis Ruiz

Defendant, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's Petition at or before ten o'clock a.m. of the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being Monday the 13th day of February 1984, at or before ten o'clock a.m. before the Honorable County Court of Coke County, Texas, at the Court House of said County in Robert Lee, Texas.

Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed in said court, on the 3rd day of October A.D. 1983, in this cause, numbered 452 on the docket of said court, and styled, THE STATE OF TEXAS Plaintiff, vs. JOSE LUIS RUIZ Defendant.

The names of the parties to the cause are as follows:

THE STATE OF TEXAS are Plaintiffs and JOSE LUIS RUIZ are Defendants.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to wit:*

JUDGEMENT NISI ON FORFEITURE OF BOND, Cause No. 2135 in the County Court of Coke County, Texas

(Forfeiture of Bond in Criminal Case)

as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

The officer executing this process shall promptly execute the same according to law, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the Seal of said Court, at office in Robert Lee, Texas, this the 29th day of December A.D. 1983.

Attest:

Ettie Hubbard Clerk,
County Court, Coke County,
Texas.

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Girl Scout council sets meeting

The Annual Business Meeting of the West Texas Girl Scout Council has been set for Saturday, February 4, 1984, at Briarstone Manor, 101 Eplen Court, Abilene, Texas. Jack Holden, Council Board President, has announced that the business meeting will begin at 10:30 a.m. A slate of nominees for officers and members-at-large to the Board of Directors as well as Nominating Committee members and National Council delegates will be presented to the delegates for election.

Additional input into the Long Range Planning Committee will be considered to enable the West Texas Council to effectively meet future needs. Year end reports from the Camp, Finance, Program and Personnel Committees will be presented for acceptance.

Delegates from Coke County that will represent Area III include Gloria Hubbard and Nancy Ritchey.

Following the business meeting, an Awards Luncheon will be held at noon. Presentation of

awards, recognitions, and tenure pins will occur during the luncheon. The DAISY AWARD is presented to a volunteer for outstanding accomplishment and service to Girl Scouting on the troop level. The THANKS BADGE is given to a volunteer who has given devoted service to the council over a number of years. The recipients of these awards are selected by the Program Services Committee.

Senior and Cadette Girl Scouts who participated in the 1983 Wider Opportunity/Texas-New Mexico Tour will relate their experiences. Fourteen girls and three sponsors participated in this council-sponsored Wider Opportunity.

The public is invited to attend the Awards Luncheon. Reservations can be made by calling or writing the West Texas Girl Scout Council, P.O. Box 5586, Abilene, Texas. 79608. 915-698-1738.

The West Texas Girl Scout Council is a participating agency of the United Way.

Cold spell may hurt pecan crop

The late December cold spell in Texas could have a major impact on the 1984 pecan crop.

"Many rapidly growing young pecan trees (less than 7 years old), as well as pecan trees in nurseries, took a severe beating from the prolonged cold weather," Dr. George Ray McEachern of College Station, horticulturist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M University System, said.

"Mature trees that were stressed from a heavy crop in 1983 also could have suffered some frozen injury," McEachern said. "This is especially true of Barton, Mahan and Wichita varieties."

In addition, mature trees that were drought-stressed at the time of the severe cold weather likely suffered more severe freeze damage, he added.

Commercial pecan growers as well as homeowners interested in nursery pecan trees to plant this winter should inspect them close-

ly for freeze injury before making a purchase, he said.

McEachern suggested slicing the buds, cambium (layer of growth just under the bark) and crown (base of plant) to check for brown tissue, which would indicate freeze damage.

The horticulturist also advised against pruning back existing trees to determine the extent of any freeze injury.

"Freeze injury can be deceiving," McEachern said. "Pecan trees that have been frozen often bud out and look healthy in April. This growth can be 6-12 inches long before it wilts and turns brown a few weeks later. The cambium layer of freeze-damaged pecan trees will have a brown color and a syrup-sugar smell in late April."

McEachern advised growers and homeowners to keep a close check on pecan trees in the coming months to determine the extent of freeze injury.

Federal spending called 'excessive'

By Donald T. Regan,
Treasury Secretary

In 1816, Thomas Jefferson wrote, "I place economy among the first and most important virtues, and public debt as the greatest danger to be feared."

For some years now, it seems Congress has paid little attention to that admonition. Spending by our federal government has reached excessive proportions. One in every four dollars generated by the U.S. economy goes to finance the national government. The trend of spending has been upward for some decades, but the growth rate in the past 20 years has been especially rapid.

For too many years Congress has been denying itself very little. Our legislators in Washington, whether for genuine but misguided reasons, or for political reasons, have virtually institutionalized high and potentially dangerous spending levels. And they have grown accustomed to being able to spend without too much protest.

But, they seem to forget that the check to pay for all their spending has to be endorsed by the American taxpayer. You are footing the bill, and accepting the risk, for what has become bur-

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densome and dangerous spending levels.

The danger lies in the prospect of retarded economic growth for generations of Americans - your children, your children's children and beyond. Instead of an outlook calling for growth and expansion, the country could face lessening opportunity and a diminishing chance for prosperity to which every American is entitled.

This nation was not founded on a principle of large-scale government involvement in private life. Quite the contrary, the 13 original "United States" were born amidst an atmosphere of fear that a national government would have too much control over states and individuals.

However, out of the Great Depression came a fundamental change in national policy - widespread government assistance and extensive involvement in private life. And given the circumstances of the day, that shift was popularly accepted.

The trauma of the 1930s changed attitudes about the role of government in private life. And the expanded role provided a springboard for those economic theories that advocated greater government spending to deal with recession.

Couple this with government's propensity to expand and control. Add the fact that there is no forced discipline on government spending (since government can simply borrow more or tax more) and you have the basis of our present problem.

I think public sentiment changed some years back as paychecks shrank due to large tax bites. But, by then, this policy of seemingly endless spending increases was firmly imbedded.

To actually reverse that trend will take no less a fundamental change today that the change which began more than 50 years ago. It is going to take a courageous, selfless Congress to keep America on the path to economic health. Unfortunately, we have not seen enough of this courage. There is no indication that a majority in Congress is resolved to cut spending.

Without corrective actions, our economy will ultimately face terrible consequences. But we simply must act. I advocate some type of line-item veto or im-

poundment type of authority for the President. Currently, the President must accept or reject entire spending bills, even if he finds some of the spending unneeded or excessive. With a line-item veto or impoundment, he could hold back what is excessive while still accepting what is truly needed.

Forty-three of the nation's governors have this power. Mayors and county executives have it. Isn't it time the President of the United States had it?

Every American has a large stake in the economic decisions made in Washington. So we should let our representatives know how we feel -- then we have a say in how much to spend and on what.

San Angelo Stock Show In March

The San Angelo Stock Show and Rodeo will be held March 7-11, 1984. For the last twenty years, the Women's Department has been a part of the San Angelo Stock Show and Rodeo.

This year we have ten divisions for participants:

1. Clothing; 2. Foods; 3. Hobbies & Crafts; 4. Needlework; 5. Youth Exhibits; 6. Flower Arrangements; 7. Art Exhibition; 8. Handpainted China; 9. Ceramics & Plaster; 10. Photography.

SPECIAL CONTESTS

1. Casserole Contest - To be held Wednesday, March 7.
2. Bread Contest - To be held Thursday, March 8.
3. Pie Contest - To be held Friday, March 9.

There is no entry fee (except Special Contests) and entries are open to men, women and children. Deadline for entries is February 3, 1984. For more information, catalog and entry blanks write to the San Angelo Stock Show, P.O. Box 2450, San Angelo, Texas 76902.

Dr. Ray speaks to '64 Study Club

Members of the '64 Study Club met in the home of Mrs. Cumbe Ivey Sr. on January 10, with President Grace Ditmore presiding.

Guest speaker for the program on "Hope for the Future-America's Health was Dr. Phil Ray, who gave an interesting and informative talk on an M.D. Anderson report and Socialized Medicine. Members enjoyed an open-floor discussion following it.

Hostesses for this meeting were: Mary Ivey, Opal Jacoby and Lois Dunklin.

Local students listed on ASU honor roll

Three Angelo State University students from Robert Lee were named on the Dean's Honor Roll for the fall semester.

Myung Koo Zeon, an art major, was on the 3.5 to 4.0 list, Mindi McCabe, a marketing major and Susan Ash, a finance major were listed on the 3.0 to 3.49 honor roll.

RL school board holds meeting

The Robert Lee School Board met Jan. 19 in a regular meeting.

Item I on the agenda was the review of the audit ending Aug. 31, 1983.

Item II - Jimmy Bickley's contract was extended through 1987.

Item III - A trustee election was called for April 7, 1984. The places now held by Phil Ray and Dub Metcalf will be up for election.

Item IV - The board discussed the light damage the school received from the freeze breaks. The meeting was adjourned.

WORSHIP WITH US AT
Southside Church of Christ
BIBLE STUDY...10:00 a.m. EVENING WORSHIP 7 p.m.
WORSHIP.....11:00 a.m. WED. BIBLE STUDY 7 p.m.
-THE FRIENDLY CHURCH-
WHERE THE BIBLE IS TAUGHT

Eula McCutchen services held

Eula Lee McCutchen, 89, died shortly after 6 p.m. on Sunday night in the Bronte Nursing Home.

Funeral services were held in the First United Methodist Church on Wednesday at 2:30 p.m. with the Rev. Fred Cox officiating. Interment followed in the Robert Lee Cemetery directed by Shaffer Funeral Home.

She was born in Robert Lee to Elizabeth and C.W. McCutchen September 22, 1894 and attended Robert Lee schools.

A practical nurse, she retired some 20 years ago.

Survivors include one sister, Ima Varnadore, of San Angelo, and a host of nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers for the services included Ben L. Keyes, Christoval, Joe McCutchen, Bronte, Thurston McCutchen, Spring Creek, Bill Allen, Raymond McCutchen and T.C. McCutchen, all of Robert Lee.



Apples, pears, plums, cherries and almonds are all from the same family as the rose bush.



Buddy Wallace and Kristen Prather

Prather-Wallace wedding date set

Kristen Prather and Buddy Wallace will be married at 7:30 p.m. on March 10, 1984 at First United Methodist Church in Robert Lee.

Kristen is the daughter of Beth Prather of Robert Lee and Andy Prather of Palmer, Alaska.

Buddy is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Wallace Jr. of Robert Lee.

The bride-to-be and the prospective groom are residents of Gail where both are employed as teachers in Borden County School.

Income Averaging Can Cut Tax Owed

Taxpayers whose incomes increased substantially in 1983 may be eligible for a tax break by using the income averaging method of tax computation when filing their federal income tax returns, the Internal Revenue Service says.

In income averaging, part of an unusually large amount of taxable income can be taxed at lower rates.

Generally, the taxpayer uses the four years prior to 1983 to compute

the tax in averaging income. The first step is finding if the averageable income was more than \$3,000. Generally, averageable income is the amount by which the taxpayer's adjusted taxable income for 1983 is more than 30 percent of the total taxable income for the four years preceding 1983. The easiest way to determine this is to fill out Schedule G, *Income Averaging*.

For detailed information on how to compute income averaging, taxpayers should ask the IRS for free Publication 506, *Income Averaging*, and Schedule G, available by using the handy order form in the tax package.

NOTICE TO BAND BOOSTER CALENDAR PURCHASERS AND ADVERTISERS

The members of the Robert Lee Steer Band and its boosters express their regrets and apologies to supporters of the band for the misspelling, errors and omissions of the recently received band calendars. Additionally, the Band and its supporters express their apology as to the quality of the calendars and to those persons who have not received their calendars due to the shortage of the received order.

The problems arising as to the number of calendars received, the misspellings and quality are the result of the out of town printer who was contacted for the first time to do this year's calendar. The printer made a representation to the Band Boosters as to the quality of the calendar, its printing, and the number to be printed which he failed to live up to. Once the calendars were received by the Band Boosters, the problems were pointed out and immediate actions were taken to correct the matter. The Band Boosters additionally sought legal advice and action against the printer. It was then found that the printer would no longer be responsible for his work and no legal remedy could be sought from him. With these circumstances existing, there was no use in pursuing any type of legal remedy as it would again be an exercise in futility since there was no way to force the printer to correct his errors, omissions, and representations.

It is regrettable that this has occurred and again, the members of the Robert Lee Steer Bands as well as its Boosters, express their regrets and apologies to their loyal, faithful and supportive calendar purchasers and advertisers. It is hoped that these apologies will be accepted and the Band will continue to receive the loyal backing which it has enjoyed for many years by citizens and businesses of the community of Robert Lee.

All calendar purchasers and advertisers may rest assured that in the future, such problems will be avoided at all costs and calendars in upcoming years will be of comparable quality to those enjoyed in preceding years.

On behalf of the members of the Robert Lee Steer Bands and the Robert Lee Band Boosters Club, your understanding is appreciated.

Respectfully,
Robert Lee Steer Band
Robert Lee Dogie Band
Robert Lee Band Booster Club

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FLOUR 5 lb. bag
75c

Del Monte Sliced Carrots 16 oz. can 47c

Del Monte Mixed Vegetables 16 oz can 49c

Deer Brand Tomatos 10 oz can 3 for \$1.00

Parade
CORN 303 can 2 for
85c

Gebhardt's Refried Beans 15 oz can 43c

Gebhardt's Tamales 28 oz can \$1.15

Bama Peach
PRESERVES 16 oz. jar
99c

Peter Pan Peanut Butter 18 oz jar \$1.59

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Nabisco Premium
CRACKERS 1 lb. box
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