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Steers win District 16-A, set for playoffs

BY ROY IVEY

The Robert Lee Steers boys basketball team packed away the District 16-A championship Tuesday night and turned their eyes to the upcoming state playoffs.

The Steers sealed their right to the trophy Tuesday night by smashing the Garden City Bearkats 76-33 before a home crowd after avenging their only district loss with a 48-33 decision over the Forsan Buffaloes last Friday at home.

Robert Lee ended the regular season with a 21-3 record overall and 7-1 in loop play. The girls also fared well last week as they upset 16-A frontrunner Forsan 44-42 and then tripped Garden City Tuesday by a 54-35 score. They end the year at 14-9 and 5-4.

Kirby Rasco, who has been averaging 12.5 points per game this season, doubled that output Tuesday with 24 points to pace the Steer effort. Rasco is also the top man at the free throw line with a 64 percent proficiency and is No. 2 in assists with five per

game. In last Friday's game, Rasco hit nine points.

Greg Grim reached double figures Tuesday with a 12-point output which eclipses his seasonal average by five points. Last Friday, Grim scored seven points.

Also reaching double figures Tuesday were Larry Palmer and Bobby Boone with 10 each. Boone was the top scorer in the win over Forsan with 17.

Boone has been close to the top of the list in scoring with a 12.3 average and is the leading rebounder on the squad with 11 per outing.

Rasco, Boone and Grim are all starters and will return next year for their senior season along with No. 1 reserve, Douglas Roberts, who had five points against Garden City.

Also starting this season are Jimmy Skinner and Eddie Hood.

Tuesday Hood scored seven points against the Bearkats and hit double figures against Forsan with 11. Hood is tops in assists on the squad with six per game and

hits charity shots 60 percent of the time while averaging six points per game.

Skinner contributed five points in the Garden City game and added four to the win over Forsan. He is just behind Boone on the boards with nine rebounds and averages 6.5 points per game. Also scoring in Tuesday's game against Garden City were senior Darryl Mulkey with two and junior Trampas Cox with one.

Missy Grim was the leading scorer in the girls victory over Garden City with 14 points. Jana Gartman had 10 and Carrath Metcalf, Carol Longoria and Lee Ann Molinar all had eight. Lin Long scored four and Becky Clendennen hit for two.

Last Friday, Lee Ann Molinar was the top scorer in the upset win over 16-A leader Forsan with 16 points. Missy Grim scored 13, Carol Longoria had eight, Carrath Metcalf hit three and Jana Gartman and Lin Long both had

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Lara assessed additional 35-year prison sentence

Luther Lara, who was convicted of murder in the Sept. 7, 1982 shooting death of Victoria Delacruz Ortiz, confessed Tuesday in San Angelo to three more charges that were pending against him.

Lara, 37, who was convicted of murder and sentenced to 70 years in prison after a March 1983 trial, saw 35 years included in his jail term Tuesday for the attempted capital murder conviction. The sentence will run concurrently to the 70 year term.

The attempted capital murder sentencing came as a result of the wounding of state game warden Sparks Burdett in the same incident that took the life of Mrs. Ortiz. Lara also admitted to attempted murder and aggravated assault charges which stemmed from an incident following the shootings. Burdett's father,

Albert Burdett, a San Angelo police officer, was shot at as Lara was leaving the scene.

There will be no legal proceedings on those confessions.

The incident occurred when Mrs. Ortiz went to Burdett's home seeking protection from Lara after a quarrel. Lara followed her and entered Burdett's house where he shot Mrs. Ortiz and Burdett and then, as he left, fired at Albert Burdett who was outside.

In the proceeding, which came before 51st District Court Judge Royal Hart, Lara's probation in a 1978 rape conviction was also revoked and he was sentenced to three years in that case.

Lara has 30 days to file an appeal on the revocation of probation after which he will be sent to the Texas Department of Corrections in Huntsville.

Wink seeks Commissioner post

Robert Wink has announced his candidacy for Coke County Commissioner, Precinct 1, in the upcoming May Democratic Primary.

Robert is a "home grown" Coke Countian, having been born here and attending school at Robert Lee from first through 12th grade. After his graduation from RLHS, he attended Texas Tech University in Lubbock where he earned both a Bachelor of Science degree and a Master of Science degree.

Immediately after graduation from Tech, Robert taught Vocational Agriculture in Canyon, Texas. Then in 1974, he began work for the USDA, Soil Conservation Service. While with the SCS, Wink obtained 8 years experience in working with units of government and in engineering designs for soil conservation measures.

Robert is now an independent insurance agent working with the Allen Insurance Agency in Robert Lee. He is married to Marsha Dodson Wink, the daughter of Joyce Dodson, a longtime Robert Lee resident.

The Winks have three children, Jason, a sixth grader, Lori, a third grader, and Anthony, a first grader in Robert Lee Elementary School. Robert is son of Leslie and Erma Wink of the Sanco area.

In commenting on his candida-



Robert Wink

cy for Commissioner, Precinct 1, Mr. Wink noted that he would like to be an active force and influence in directing the future course of Coke County. "Coke County is a fine place to live and raise a family," said Robert, "and I seek only to be a part of making it all that it can be."

He states that he would be a voice for his constituents and do his best in conducting county business. Robert will be contacting Precinct 1 voters and would appreciate everyone's consideration, suggestions, and assistance in this election.

Stock show preparations continue

Preparations continue for the Coke County Livestock Show which will be held Feb. 17-18 in the county show barn in Robert Lee.

Stock show directors are talking with past contributors to see if they want to continue their support of the show. According to County Extension Agent Tommy Antilley, anyone interested can send a donation to the County Extension Office, Box 618, Robert Lee or come by the extension office at the Coke County Courthouse. Antilley said that some of the larger contributors can bid on animals themselves.

The procedure for the premium sale is that the directors take the money collected and pool it. They divide it up and bid on each of the top 50 animals in the premium sale. The remainder of the animals are divided into three groups, equally according to placing, and awarded premium money at \$50, \$40 and \$30, respectively.

"The kids keep the animals," stressed Antilley. "It is strictly premium money. They can show their animals at other livestock shows or send them to market."

Antilley said that show officials expect approximately 200-225 lambs, 75 pigs and nine steers for the show. Judges for the show will be Rex Jones, County Agent for Tom Green County in the sheep division, Denny Belew, agriculture teacher for Tahoka High School in the swine division and Bob Benson, county agent of Mitchell County.

Serving as sheep classifier is Frank Brownfield, agriculture teacher at Colorado City High School and showmanship judge is Rodney Flanagan, agriculture teacher at Ballinger.

Newby running for second term

George Newby has announced his intention to seek a second term as Coke County Commissioner, Precinct 1.

Newby, who was elected in 1980, has placed his name on the ballot in the May Democratic Primary.

Newby and his wife, Mavis, moved to Robert Lee in 1968 when he purchased the Coke County funeral homes. He sold them in 1977 to Gary Shaffer.

He is a member of the Hayrick Masonic Lodge No. 696 and the

First United Methodist Church in Robert Lee. Newby is also a member of the Mountain Creek Golf Association and the Robert Lee-Silvers Lions Club.

Newby served on the West Coke County Hospital District Board of Directors for a term until he was elected to the commissioner's post.

"I feel like I've done a good job as commissioner," said Newby, "and would like to have your support for a second term."

Local election slated April 7

It's time for the Robert Lee and area residents to start thinking about three elections which are scheduled for the first Saturday in April which will be April 7.

Officials for the school, city and hospital district will be elected. The mayor and two aldermen will be elected to the city council, two trustees will be elected to the school board and three directors will be elected to the hospital district board.

In the school election, trustees whose terms expire this year include Phil Ray and Dub Metcalf. Holdover members of the

board are Mary Herring, Jeffie Roberts, Ray Aldridge, Donnie Robertson and Gaylon Pitcock.

The terms of Mayor Robert Vaughan and council members, Alice Beaty and Wilson Bryan will expire this year. Holdover council members are F.W. Prentice, J.A. Dunklin and Jody Rodriguez.

West Coke County Hospital District directors whose terms expire this year are T.M. Wylie Jr., Wayne McCabe and Steve Oleksiuk. Holdover directors are Richard Johnson and Dale Wojtek.

Union Texas gives to EMS

Union Texas Petroleum Corporation is pleased to contribute this \$750.00 to the West Coke County Ambulance Service to be used as needed for the operation of this service.

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Thanks,
Chester Wilson
Plant Manager

Junior high boys share cage title

Robert Lee's junior high boys basketball team finished the season Monday night as co-champions of the district with Sterling City as they defeated Miles 53-41.

The same evening, Miles defeated the girls junior high squad 21-12.

Leaving the boys was Wes Hood with 13 points followed by

Jason Herring with 11, Randy Gartman with nine, Curt Gardner with six, Robert Runnion and Stevie Ebenstein with four each while Cody Anthony and Joel Herring each scored three. Final season standings for the boys is 16-3.

Top scorer for the girls was Rachael Metcalf with six points, Jodi Waggoner had four and Lisa Bower scored two.

Two Coke County women listed in awards program

The Board of Advisors for the Outstanding Young Women of America awards program have selected Debra Stelter Reber, of Robert Lee and Susan Arrott, formerly of Bronte for inclusion in the 1983 edition of Outstanding Young Women of America.

The Outstanding Young Women of America program is designed to honor and encourage exceptional young women between the ages of 21 and 36 who have distinguished themselves in their homes, their professions and their communities. Accomplishments such as these are the result of dedication, service and leadership - qualities which deserve to be recognized and remembered.

This is the goal of the many leading women's organizations, college alumni associates and public officials who nominate deserving young women to participate in the program. Serving as chairman of the program's Advisory Board is Margaret L. Arnold, honorary president of the General Federation of Women's Clubs.

The women listed, along with approximately 23,000 fellow Outstanding Young Women of America from across the United States, will be presented in the prestigious annual awards volume. In

addition, they are now being considered for one of the fifty-one state awards to be presented to those women who have made the most noteworthy contributions in their individual states. From these fifty-one state winners, the Ten Outstanding Young Women of America will be chosen. The ten national winners will then be honored at the annual awards luncheon to be held this fall in Washington, D.C.

Our board of Advisors and Editors salutes all those honored as Young Women of America. We take great pride in bringing their accomplishments to the attention of the American public.

Debbie is a graduate of Bolton High School in Alexandria, La. and received both her Bachelor and Masters Degrees from Florida State University in Tallahassee, FLA. She worked 1½ years with the Georgia Extension Service before coming to Robert Lee in December, 1982. Debbie is the Coke County Home Economics Extension Agent.

Susan is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Arrott of Bronte. She is a graduate of Bronte High School, Southwest Texas State University and University of Texas, and is an accountant in the firm of Coopers-Lybrand in Ft. Worth.



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Tommy Antilley

County Extension Agent

by Tommy Antilley CONTAINER PLANTS NEED PROPER WATERING

Improper watering is probably the most frequent cause of failure with container plants, whether indoors or on the patio.

Over-watering causes more damage than under-watering. Too-wet soil damages plant roots and causes upper leaves to turn light green or yellowish and die.

Before watering, make sure soil is completely dry at the surface, particularly with large containers where roots in the bottom of the pot may still be moist enough to grow.

Since soil in a clay pot will dry more rapidly than in a plastic or metal one, let the soil become "dusty-dry" at the surface before watering plants in non-clay pots.

When the soil is dry enough to water, set the entire soil mass and allow the excess water to

drain out.

For containers with no drainage, watering becomes an art. A container that holds one quart of soil will probably require one-half pint of water to adequately moisten it without waterlogging the roots. Use only distilled water or rain water for plants in containers with no drainage.

Larger containers with no drainage present more problems. It is suggested to place a 3/8 inch copper tube into the soil when planting so that one end extends to the bottom of the container and the other end if above the soil. This allows use of a dipstick to check the water level. A baster such as used in cooking can be used to draw out excess water.

Saucers used under pots to catch excess water should be emptied to keep soil from becoming waterlogged and to prevent accumulation of soluble salts in the soil.

Oak Creek Fishing News

The time is at hand to go looking for that trophy bass. This is well known among the ever growing group of dedicated bass fishermen. The next several weeks is the time of year when the ol' big bass will be looking for a place to build a nest and deposit her eggs and the ol' gal won't take kindly to anything that even attempts to interfere. This happens when you throw some kind of a lure near enough to get its attention-- live bait will work, but the odds of landing a six to eight pound bass that you have just made madder than a wet hen on a cane pole, ain't too good.

Check your line for weak spots, nicks or burrs that could cause it to break. If you are fishing where you know there are big fish, use line that will give you at least an even chance to land the fish. If there is brush or weeds to contend with, a light line just won't let you control a big fish. The most common cause big fish are lost is in the way the hook or lure is tied. You not only lose the fish but a three dollar bait, and even worse, the only one you have in your tackle box that's working on that particular day. Make sure your drag on the reel is set right... It's happened several times, but last fall I lost a big fish just because I did not take the time to set the drag on my reel. The drag was too tight and the fish was large enough to pull the rod tip down under the water before the hook gave under the force. In more than 25 years of fishing, I have hooked only a few fish of this size and its a shame to lose it just because of a simple mistake.

The fishing activity is beginning to come alive and it's because of what we have been talking about. It's time to be looking for that ol' trophy bass if that's the kind of fishing you like to do. Bass fishermen from all across West Texas are already making plans to fish Oak Creek later in the year, and with good reason-- they know there are some trophy fish to be caught.

--Ike Pate

Valentine dance set

A Valentine Dance will be held at the Community Center in Bronte Saturday, Feb. 11, from 8 p.m.-12. a.m. Music will be provided by a disc jockey from San Angelo.

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Jake Harper, who ranches near Water Valley, was one among those who braved the icy wind that swept Coke County yesterday. Mr. Harper squatted around a fire on the Frank Percifull farm during the lamb feed demonstration and told Hawley Allen, former Tom Green County sheriff's deputy, the advantages of pasture terracing. Expressing a bit of dislike for the terraces, Mr. Allen said he figured he couldn't ride down a calf with those little hills in the pasture. "I wouldn't have a horse that couldn't jump 'em", said Harper and invited Allen to come over to his place and look 'em over as set up by the Soil Conservation Service.

A.J. Bilbo, employee at the Robert Lee Drug Store, looked outside yesterday at the winter blast and recalled experiences with Model T Fords during wintery grips. He once was laid up after craning his neck around the windshield to see his way across country.

Merritt Stroud, whose home in Robert Lee burned last year, is to move into his new home soon.

To honor Miss Doris Simpson who is soon to become the bride of Frank Dean Bryan, Mrs. A.F. Landers was hostess for a bridal shower in her home Tuesday night. Miss Lorene Fikes, Miss Edna Walker, Miss Sybil Simpson, sister of the bride to be, and Miss Daisy McCutchen received and served the guests.

Much merriment was caused by the reading of alphabetical menus written for the bride's

cookbook.

Several small boys, costumed as 'M' System clerks announced a grocery delivery for Miss Doris Simpson and presented the first gifts in large brown bags marked "spuds", "beans", etc. while the bewildered honoree could barely see over the embankment of gaily wrapped gifts. Miss Daisy McCutchen and Miss Sybil Simpson read the donors names and helped display the gifts. About forty guests were present and as many more sent gifts.

One table of odd slippers at \$1.00 per pair, while they last. Cash only. Cumbie's.

Allen services held Friday

Grace Gilbert Allen, 55, died at her home on Wednesday, February 1.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m., Friday, February 3, at the First Methodist Church in Sonora with the Rev. David Griffin officiating, under the direction of Kerbow Funeral Home. Grave side services followed at 4:30 p.m. in Fairmount Cemetery in San Angelo.

Mrs. Allen was born on January 10, 1929 in Seymour, Texas. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Morris Gilbert, who preceded her in death. She married Gus W. Allen Jr. in Dallas in 1959. She lived in San Angelo for six years. The couple moved to Sonora in 1978. Mrs. Allen was a member of the First Methodist Church in Sonora and was active in several civic clubs.

Survivors include her husband; one son, Rick Styles of Robert Lee, Texas; four daughters: Dianne Demchuk of Carrollton, Texas; Barbara Allen of Denton; Susan Allen, a student at Angelo State University; and Betsy Allen of Sonora; three grandchildren; three sisters; and four brothers.

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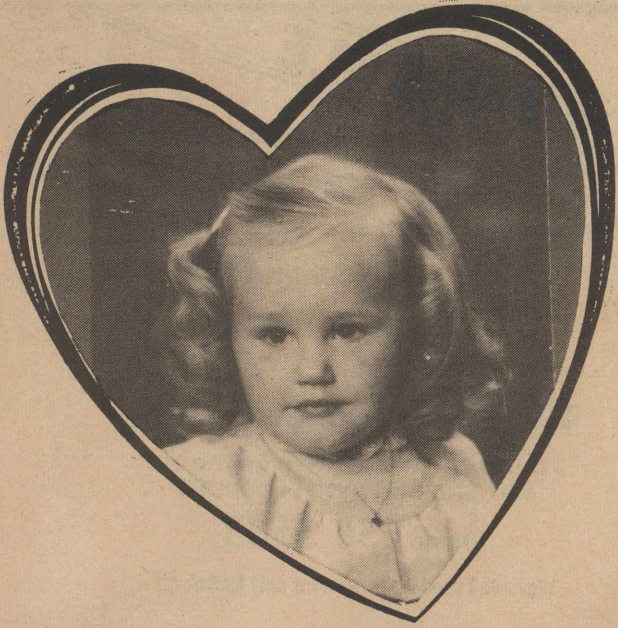
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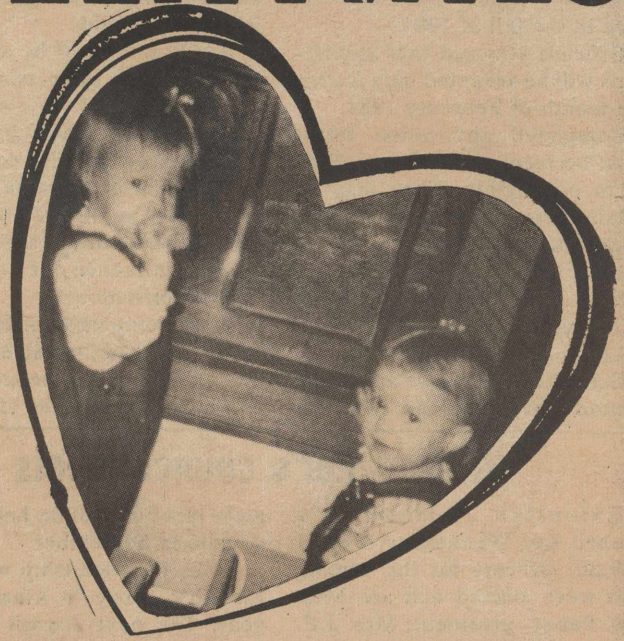
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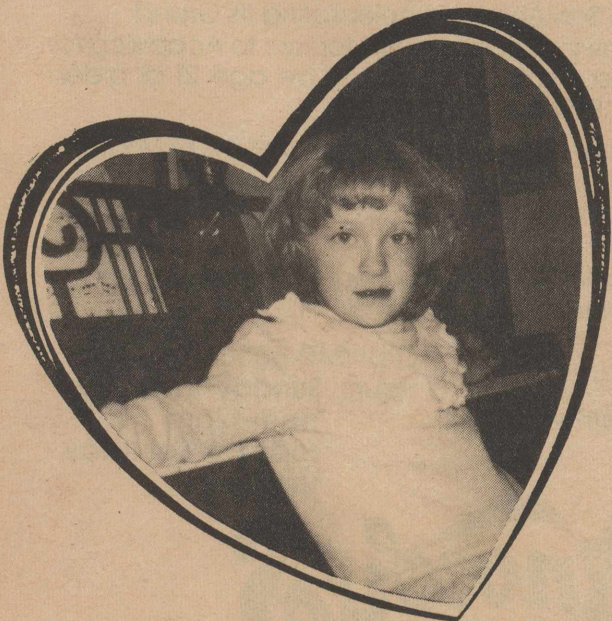
Twins Amanda Lynn and Ashley Robin, 18-month old daughters of Robbie and Lynn Beal. Their grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Willis Wayne Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Zeddie Beal.



Craig, 11-mo. old son of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Davis. His grandparents are Joan and Add Davis and Dot and P.B. Middlebrook.



Lindsay, 11-mo. old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacky Wallace. Her grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Wallace, Jr. and Mr. and Mrs. Herman McMullen.



Bethany, 5-year old daughter of Robbie and Lynn Beal. Her grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Willis Wayne Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Zeddie Beal.



David Colin, two-week old son of Robbie and Lynn Beal of Odessa. His grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Willis Wayne Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Zeddie Beal.

Game warden applications being accepted for fall 1984 academy

AUSTIN-- Law Enforcement officials of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department will accept applications during February for the next Game Warden Training Academy which will convene here in the fall of 1984.

Officials stressed that applications will be accepted only during the month of February 1984.

Completed application forms must be received by 5 p.m. Feb. 29 to be eligible. They may be obtained from Parks and Wildlife Department field offices, Austin headquarters at 4200 Smith School Road, Austin, TX 78744, or by calling toll-free 1-800-792-1112.

Extensive interviews and background investigations will be

conducted before the successful applicants are announced. The exact number of cadets to be accepted will not be announced until later, but enrollment normally is limited to approximately 35, officials said.

Applicants must be at least 21 years of age upon commissioning, be in good physical condition, be a high school graduate or have passed a GED equivalent, have vision correctable to 20/20 and have a record free from driving while intoxicated, driving under influence of drugs or felony convictions.

After completion of four and a half months of intensive training, the graduates may be assigned to duty anywhere in the state.

Homemaker's council meets

Extension Homemaker's Council met Wednesday, Feb. 1 at 9:30. Officers for the coming year were elected and are Mrs. R.D. Penny, president; Mrs. J.P. Arrott, vice president; Mrs. C.E. Arrott, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. Wayne Cason, yearbook; Roberta Owens, education; Louvenia Rees, expansion; Drexel Ragsdale and Lela Parker, telephone; Myrtle Smith and Lela Parker, arts and crafts; Virginia Boatright, hospitality; Lela Parker, reporter; Mrs. Wayne Cason and Virgie Arrott, family life.

The fair will be held on Feb. 16-17-18. Exhibits will be in the Rec. Hall and must be in by Thursday at 10 o'clock and picked up by Saturday at 10 o'clock.

The district meeting will be held April 12 at Ballinger at the Methodist Church. All members are invited. The delegates are Doris Penny, Virginia Boatright and Ella Reeder and alternate delegate is Marie Arrott. The

state meeting will be held at San Angelo in September.

Coins for friendship will go to the Girls Home in Amarillo this year. The next council meeting will be March 28 at 9:30.

Fair set Feb. 16-18

The Coke County Fair will be held in conjunction with the Livestock Show, February 16, 17 and 18 in the new recreation hall. Exhibits will be displayed from noon Thursday, February 16 until 10:00 p.m. Friday, February 17. Divisions for entries include foods, clothing, needlework, crafts and hobbies, art and photography, agriculture, floriculture, historical and antique. There will be no judging of exhibits this year - they will be display only. Entries for the fair should be taken to the new recreation hall Thursday morning, February 16.

Arts and crafts festival set in Bronte

There will be an Arts and Crafts Festival at the Bronte Community Center Saturday, March 31 from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday, April 1, from 2-4 p.m.

The festival is being sponsored by Bronte Super Seniors and the Diversity Club.

Artists and craftsmen who need booths may contact Helen Kirkland or Margaret Martin in Bronte.

Primary filing ends

The deadline for candidates to file for places on the ballot in the May Democratic Primary passed Monday with two more candidates filing since last week's report.

Maurine Vosburg filed as a candidate for County Tax Assessor and Collector. Robert Wink filed as a candidate for Commissioner of Precinct 1.

Wink's filing brought the total in the race for Commissioner of Precinct 1 to two. The incumbent, George Newby is also a candidate.

The only other contested race is for Commissioner of Precinct 3. The incumbent, Finis Millican and Finis Harmon are running for this office.

Lucky candidates who did not draw an opponent in the May Primary include: Mrs. Maurine Vosburg for county tax assessor and collector; Bill Helwig for county attorney; Albert W. (Bob) Fields for constable of precinct 1; and Wayne Arrott for constable of precinct 2.

The primary election will be held May 5.

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Winner will be announced during radio station KIXY-FM's live remote broadcast from Pinocchio's February 11, 1984. Details and Official Sweepstakes Rules are available at Pinocchio's Pizza in San Angelo.

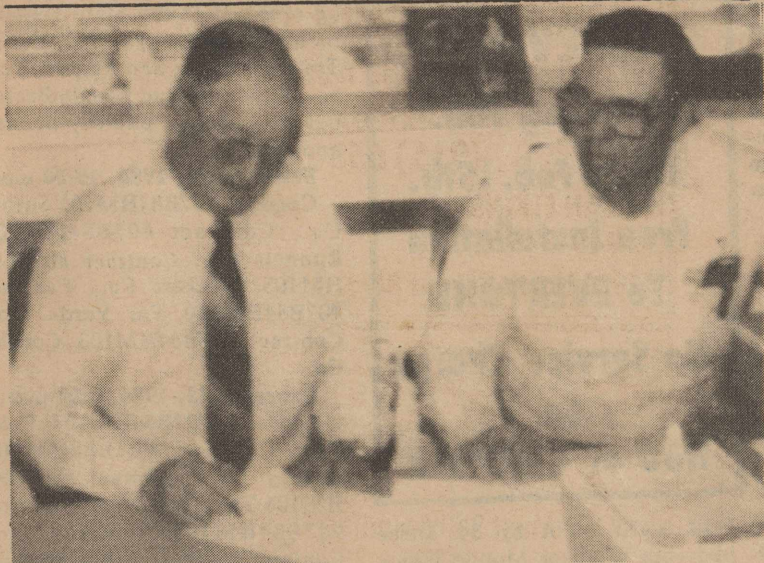
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"where goodness comes to life"



COKE COUNTY JUDGE Aubrey Denman signs proclamation as Bobby Roberts looks on.

'Farm Bureau Week' Feb. 13-17

County Judge Aubrey Denman has signed a proclamation designating February 13-17 as "Farm Bureau Week" in Coke County.

The week is part of a statewide observance during which county Farm Bureaus will make a special effort to enroll new members, according to Billy Johnson of Water Valley, Texas, president of the Coke-Sterling County Farm Bureau.

Bobby Roberts of Robert Lee is chairman of the membership committee which is responsible for membership acquisition and maintenance. Other committee members are: Finis Harmon, Allen Bloodworth, Robert I. Brown and Robert Melvin Brown.

"The Texas Farm Bureau, with more than 300,000 members families on its membership rolls,

is the largest state Farm Bureau in the nation," the proclamation reads.

The Farm Bureau is a grass-roots organization, and its foundation is the county Farm Bureau. There are 216 organized county Farm Bureaus in the state, including the Coke-Sterling County Farm Bureau," the proclamation states.

Bobby Roberts said the local county Farm Bureau has 835 member families and is seeking to exceed that figure in 1984.

He said that the Farm Bureau is a general farm organization that seeks to improve income and living conditions of farm and ranch families. It represents the farmer and rancher at the local county courthouse, in Austin, and in the nation's capital, Washington, D.C.

Two lake cabins burglarized

Two lake cabin burglaries were reported to the Coke County Sheriff's office Saturday, said Sheriff Marshall Millican.

The cabins, located near E.V. Spence Reservoir, belong to Odessa residents Ben Bryan and Loy Roberts. Taken were household items, canned goods, a microwave oven and a rifle-shotgun combination gun.

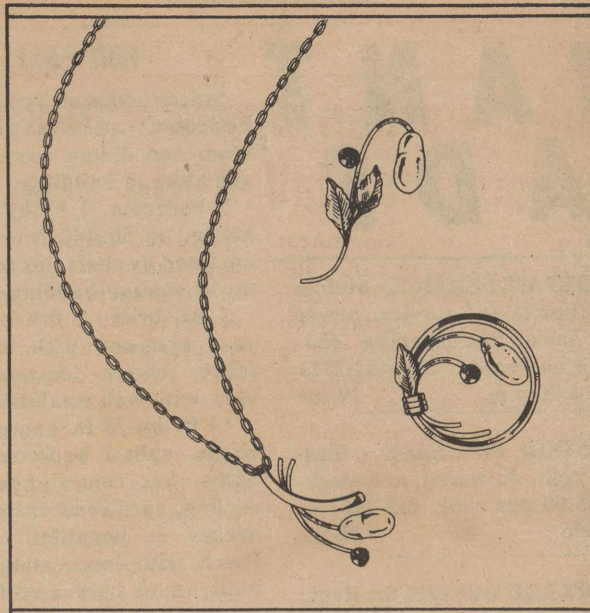
According to Millican, "we usually have several burglaries this time of year. People don't come down as often and when they do, they find their houses broken into."

"A lot of people leave things here and get by with it for a long time. But it can get costly," he added.

"This is the first lake burglary in over a year," he added.

BRANDON GIBBS HAS FIRST BIRTHDAY

Visiting in the home of Kendall and Shellie Gibbs and helping Brandon celebrate his first birthday last weekend were Mr. and Mrs. Louis Lee and Tim of La Grange, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Lee of Ballinger, Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Wallace of Robert Lee, June Waddell and Kerry of San Angelo, and several local relatives and friends.



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West Coke County Hospital News

West Coke County Hospital has reported the following admissions and dismissals.

Jan. 31: No admissions and Buster Pierce dismissed.

Feb. 1: Edna Havins and Margaret Roane admitted and no dismissals.

Feb. 2: Kaylon Gardner admitted and no dismissals.

Feb. 3: Altha Stevenson admitted and no dismissals.

Feb. 4: No admissions and Edna Havins and Ethel Green dismissed.

Feb. 5: No admissions and Kaylon Gardner dismissed.

Feb. 6: Conception Valenzuela and Rosa Sanchez admitted and Willie Barnett dismissed.

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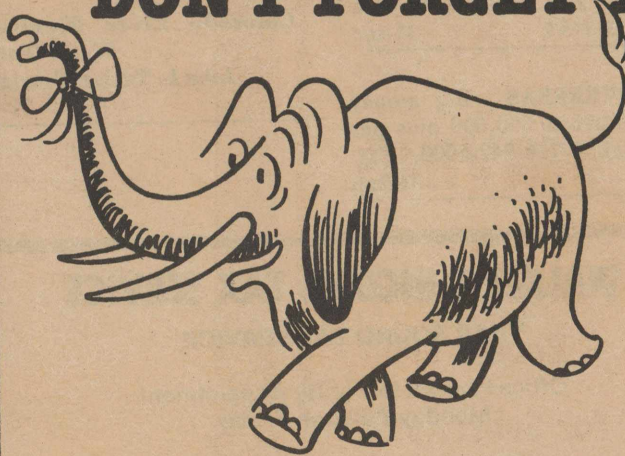
Rev. Tommy Phelps, Evangelist

You can see him at the **REVIVAL** at the *Tennyson Baptist Church*

Revival Dates: February 13 - 19, 1984
Service Times: 7:00 pm each evening, 11:00 am Sunday morning
Music Director: Buck James

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FIREWOOD FOR SALE - Mesquite, split, delivered, and stacked. \$65.00 per cord. 453-2467 or 944-7296. 20-tnc

ROBERT LEE DUPLEX for Rent. Real nice \$235.00 mo. Mr. Sage at 655-4111 days or 655-0370 nights. 30-tnc

FOR SALE: Exceptional, nice and spacious, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 1800 sq. ft. mobile home. Custom drapes, double oven, and trash compactor. Call 378-4368, Sterling City. 5-tnc

FOR SALE: Mr. G's Storage Buildings. All wood structure, portable or will build on your lot. See model at 105 West 17th, Robert Lee. 453-2276. 19-tnc

AMWAY PRODUCTS mean quality and personal service. Try us and see. June Gully, 453-2848; Rhonda Hood, 453-2065; Evelyn Flanagan, 453-2441. 42-tnc

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COPY MACHINE available at Mountain Creek Lodge, 20c per copy, 7:30 a.m.-10:00 p.m. 29-tnc

LADIES EXERCISE CLASSES at Robert Lee Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. Noon, Mon., Wed., Thurs. and Fri. 5:00 p.m. Mon., Wed., Fri. 31-2tc

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14 ft. by 78 ft. Lancer Mobile Home, split 2 bedrooms, 2 full baths, has central heating and cooling, furnished custom made drapes & beautiful carpeting. Porch with large storage room built on to back and front has carport for 3 cars. Located on large corner lot. Have to see to appreciate.

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23-tnc

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RONNIE LEE COMPANY

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HOUSE FOR SALE: Two bedroom, one bath garage and storage building, two lots located at 213 West 9th, very reasonable, call 453-2237 between 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. 29-tnc

VERY CLEAN 1982 Ford Crown Victoria 4-door, loaded. Will sell at loan value. See Les Gray. 30-tnc

I DO SAW SHARPENING of all kinds. B.F. Elkins. Call 453-2789, Robert Lee, Tx. 31-tnc

FOR SALE - Fiber Glass Boat, 50 horse power motor, walkaround trailer. Ph. 453-2126. 31-4tp

MOWER TUNE-UP - Overhaul and sale. 205 West 17th thru alley. 453-2494 31-tnc

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Robert Lee, Texas

LEGAL NOTICE

Deleting existing Section X and adding a new Section X to the Ordinance governing the rules and regulations of E.V. Spence Reservoir adopted by the Board of Directors of the Colorado River Municipal Water District December 3, 1968, as it relates to use of public areas and trespassing.

SECTION X PUBLIC AREAS AND TRESPASSING

The District shall provide and maintain certain areas along the shoreline of the reservoir as public areas for recreational purposes. Such areas will be clearly designated as "public areas" with public fishing, swimming, picnicking, camping and boat launching confined to those areas and the shoreline waters adjacent thereto. All other public use of District owned lands lying below elevation 1900 feet and the water's edge shall be unlawful. Any use of the shoreline (except in designated "public areas") by the public in engaging in any activity, including but not limited to the above stated recreational activities, is prohibited and shall be an unlawful trespass upon such shoreline.

Provided, however, that this section shall not apply to the Colorado River Municipal Water District, its employees and authorized representatives in the enforcement of the District's Rules and Regulations governing the Robert Lee Reservoir, and in carrying out its functions of maintaining said Reservoir and its watershed.

Further, this section shall not apply to the owners or lessees of shoreline property above elevation 1900 feet, as to their use for recreational and other authorized purposes of District land lying below elevation 1900 feet and the water's edge which is bounded by a projection of their lateral property lines to the water's edge. This section shall not apply to those persons having the consent of the owner or lessee to use such property described, however, in any prosecution for violation of this Section, the burden shall be upon the alleged trespasser to prove the consent of the owner or lessee of said property. The exemption herein provided shall in no way authorize any person to go upon the land of another and shall in no manner repeal or annul the applicability of the remaining provisions of this act as they relate to the use of said Reservoir, and the lands forming the margin of said waters.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the Board of Directors of the COLORADO RIVER MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT January 12, 1984.

The provisions of this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect five (5) days after the second publication of the notice of this Ordinance as required by law.

Colorado River Municipal
Water District
John L. Taylor, President
31-2xc

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FOR SALE: 1978 Ford Ranchero, automatic, tilt steering, power brakes & steering, air conditioning, radio & 8 track player. Extra clean, \$3000.00. Pack Wright, 453-2256 after 7 p.m. bp31-tnc

FOR SALE - 1977 2 door Pontiac. 453-2545. 31-bpTNC

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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

Sealed proposals for contract mowing in various counties will be received at the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation; San Angelo, Texas, on the date and time indicated below; and then publicly opened and read.

February 28, 1984, 10:00 a.m.

Contract #07B84HM102 Sutton Co.; Contract #07B84HM101 Runnels Co.; Contract #07B84HM105 Crockett Co.; Contract #07B84HM110 Val Verde Co.; Contract #07B84HM103 Concho Co.

February 28, 1984, 2:00 p.m.

Contract #07B84HM107 Coke Co.; Contract #07B84HM108 Kinney Co.; Contract #07B84HM106 Tom Green Co.; Contract #07B84HM109 Edwards Co.; Contract #07B84HM104 Sterling Co.

Plans, specifications and proposals are available at the office of Dan W. Gower, Assistant District Maintenance Engineer, San Angelo, Texas. Prebidder Conference for all contracts will be held at the State Department of Highways & Public Transportation, San Angelo, Texas on February 16, 1984 at 10:00 a.m. Usual Rights Reserved.

31-BP-2xc

FOR SALE BY OWNER - Hwy. 277 Trading Post, established business, 2 BR mobile home, 27 acres. Equity plus inventory. 653-0485. 4tcBP

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46-tfc-bp

FOR SALE - 2 bedroom, corner lot, good location, new carpet and paint. Priced for quick sale. Call Robert Lee, 453-2567.

32-tncBP

1978 CHEVROLET Custom Deluxe, 5/8 ton, automatic. Good condition. 453-2202. BP32-3tp

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IN APPRECIATION

Our heartfelt thanks to our friends for their many acts of kindness shown while I was in the hospital and since my return home. May God bless each of you.

Vivian and O.B. Jacobs

32-1tc

STARTING IN MAY, I will keep children in my home. Call Celeste Service, 453-2663 or 453-2851 after 6 p.m. 32-tnc

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CARD OF THANKS

We extend deep appreciation to all our friends and neighbors for every kindness and act of sympathy during Eula's Nursing Home stay and death. Our special thanks go to Dr. Zeon and the hospital and nursing home staffs.

The family of Eula McCutchen
32-1tc

EMS holds monthly meeting

West Coke County EMS held their regular monthly meeting Monday, January 30 at 6:30 in the hospital lobby. Next meeting will be Feb. 28, 1984 at 6:30 at the Ranch House Restaurant. The meetings are open to the public.

Recently appointed members will serve as follows:

Supply Committee- Mike Fluhmann, Gene Hinnard, John Carver.

Fund Raising Committee- George Brickley, Sheila Carver, Gene Hinnard.

Reporter Committee- Helen Murtishaw, Juanita Schnabel.

Our free Blood Pressure Clinic will be held Saturday, Feb. 11 from 10:00 to 1:00 p.m. at the West Texas Utilities office. Be sure to come by and have your blood pressure checked.

The ambulance made 12 runs during the month of January.

We still have plenty of good Corn Gold Sausage for sale. We will hold a regular monthly training session Sunday, Feb. 12.

EXERCISE EQUIPMENT, like new. Bicycle, treadmill, Slim-Jim, rebounder, very reasonable. Susan Rodriguez, 453-2318.

32-2tc

NEED HOUSEHOLD HELP. E.S. Derrick, 453-2879. 32-2tc

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The Observer has been authorized to announce the candidacy of the persons listed below for the office and the elections indicated.

DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY

May 5, 1984

FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE
66TH DISTRICT
Dick Burnett
(Re-election)

FOR DISTRICT ATTORNEY
51st JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Gerald Fohn
(Re-election)

FOR COMMISSIONER
PRECINCT 1

Robert Wink
George Newby
(Re-election)

FOR COMMISSIONER
PRECINCT 3

Finis Harmon
Finis Millcan
(Re-election)

All political announcements and advertising are payable in advance.



Monday, Feb. 13

Barbecue wieners
Cream Potatoes
Green Beans
Hot Rolls-Butter
Milk
Cake Squares

Tuesday, Feb. 14

Spaghetti, meatsauce, cheese
Blackeye Peas
Carrots
Hot Biscuits-Butter
Milk
Sliced Peaches

Wednesday, Feb. 15

Bean-Beef Chalupas w/cheese
Corn
Rice
Chopped Onion
Milk
Peach Cobbler

Thursday, Feb. 15

Burritos
Lettuce Wedge w/dressing
Tator Tots w/catsup
Milk
Applesauce

Friday, Feb. 17

Stock Show!

Exhaust pollution not major threat at busy intersections

COLLEGE STATION — Auto exhaust pollution at busy intersections does not present as much threat to pedestrians and motorists as has been popularly believed.

In a study for the Texas Department of Highways and Public Transportation and Federal Highways Administration, Texas A&M University engineers measured air quality at intersections in Houston and near the university campus in College Station during peak traffic.

"We found that concentrations were lower than would be expected," said Dr. Jerry Bullin, principal investigator on the project.



LOOK WHO'S NEW

Becky and Edwin Wilson have named their new baby daughter Becca Marchelle. She was born at 2:07 p.m. at Angelo Community on February 1, weighed 7 lb. 4 oz. and is 19 1/4 inches long.

Pleased grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Paul Sublett of Bronte and Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Wilson of Silver.

Becca's great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wilson, Shamrock, Mrs. J.E. Sublett, Jack Miller, Robert Lee, and Mrs. R.H. Wilson of San Saba.

Mr. and Mrs. David Chesshir welcomed their third daughter on Jan. 27. Jamie Lynn was born at Runnels County Hospital in Winters, measured 19 1/2 inches long, and weighed 7 lb. 7 oz.

She has two sisters, Rachel, 11, and Laura Ann, who is 7 years old.

Mr. and Mrs. Lucio DeLeon of Mathis and Mr. and Mrs. D.E. Chesshir of Bronte are the new baby's grandparents.

David Colin, new son of Robbie and Lynn Beal of Odessa, was born at the Women's and Children's Hospital in Odessa on Jan. 31. He weighed 7 lb. 10 oz. and is 20 1/4 inches long.

He joins his sisters, Bethany, 5, and twins, Amanda Lynn and Ashley Robin, 18 months, at home.

His new grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Willis Wayne Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Zeddie Beal, all of Robert Lee.

Great-grandmothers are Mrs. Lois Mae Smith and Mrs. Thelma Mauldin of Robert Lee and Mrs. Bertie Beal of Abilene.

Mrs. Beatrice Pevehouse of Buckholts is the new baby's fifth generation great-great-grandmother.

Personals

Cecil Schooley is a patient in St. John's Hospital in San Angelo. He is undergoing tests to determine if he is a candidate for neck artery surgery.

Visiting in the T.C. McCutchen home as well as with other relatives last week was the former Nell McCutchen, daughter of the late Jess McCutchen.

She visited local landmarks, as the Jess McCutchen family were long-time Coke County residents.

Union Texas boosts fire department

Union Texas Petroleum Corporation is pleased to contribute \$750.00 to the Robert Lee Volunteer Fire Department to be used as needed for the operation of this service.

We, of Union Texas are aware of the many hours of volunteer time spent by the Volunteer Firemen in helping to protect the lives and property of the citizens of Robert Lee and surrounding areas. We appreciate this Volunteer Fire Department and want to offer any assistance that we can provide.

FHA observing national week

The Robert Lee F.H.A. will be observing National F.H.A. week, Feb. 13-17, 1984.

Activities scheduled for the week are: Hat Day, Flowergrams and Teacher Appreciation Day, 50's Day and Western Day.

The F.H.A. will also be traveling to Odessa for the area meeting Saturday.

Senior citizens meet Feb. 16

Robert Lee Senior Citizens will meet for their regular monthly pot luck luncheon and game day Thursday, Feb. 16, at the old Rec Hall.

All Seniors are encouraged to bring a covered dish and participate in the festivities.

The van will run for those needing transportation.

Health screening clinic to be held

There will be a multi-phasic health screening clinic at the Old Rec Hall Friday, Feb. 17, from 9:30-12:00 and 2-4.

The clinic is for all adults sponsored by Robert Lee Senior Citizens and conducted by Texas Department of Public Health Region IV in San Angelo.

Participants will be screened for high blood pressure, TB, diabetes and anemia.

There will be no charge.

"Great ideas come from the heart." —Vauvenargues

VALENTINE'S DAY

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Hwy 158 at 208, Robert Lee

Ph. 453-2129

Intensive grazing systems now important

by Mike B. Mecke

Range Conservationist, S.C.S.

Many Texas ranchers are discovering that more intensive grazing systems are becoming essential to their economic survival. Although the type of system used may vary a great deal, all have as their goal making the most efficient use of the grazing resources. Ranchers and stockfarmers alike, are looking for sustained high yields from their livestock and wildlife combined with protection of their most precious resource - the soil.

A well designed and operated grazing system should permit range improvement while increasing livestock production. Usually, livestock are the main harvesters of the forage produced and are the chief source of income on the average Coke County ranch. As rangeland carrying capacity is increased and the number of livestock on the ranch can be increased also, then many of the costs of ranch operation go down on a per head basis. In recent years wildlife income from hunting leases has become more important in this area. Grazing systems, as an extra benefit, usually improve wildlife habitat also, which may make their use more valuable. There is usually more pure profit per acre from wildlife than from most other ranching alternatives.

A grazing system consists of two or more pastures which are alternately grazed and rested in some type of planned sequence over a period of years. Many ranches in this area also utilize cropland planted to temporary summer or winter forage crops in their grazing system. Summer pastures especially, such as forage sorghums or Sudan, can be very beneficial to range im-

provement and allow higher stocking rates during normal rainfall years. Summer pasture stocking rates are usually quite high and their use allows for valuable summer and fall deferment of native pastures which is essential for range condition improvement. Winter grazing is usually less harmful to rangeland than summer use, so ranchers should plan to utilize their lowest condition ranges during the dormant winter months and rest them during the growing season which will speed up pasture improvement.

Several factors should be taken into consideration when planning a grazing system. Probably the most critical is the manager's attitude. A higher level of management is required in almost any system and more record keeping - a chore despised by many ranchers. If a high intensity - short duration type of system is chosen more labor may be required. An early step in the planning process is to take a forage inventory of the ranching operation. Vegetational characteristics of the ranch or farm need to be considered, such as type of forage produced (cool or warm season grasses, crops, etc.); the presence of poisonous plants in some pastures (oak, sacahuista, etc.); or pastures heavy in plants damaging to wool or mohair. Physical aspects of the ranch need to be considered, such as topography, water, pens, and potential pasture carrying capacities.

A good grazing system allows range plants to recover from close grazing, make seed, regain vigor, and build up food reserves. The livestock are naturally a very important part of any system and your schedules for breeding; lambing, kidding or calving; and



GRAZING SYSTEMS BENEFIT both the livestock and the range. Crossfencing large pastures allows better overall management.

livestock working operations need to be considered.

Be flexible in your system and keep it simple. Many Southwestern ranching experts now recommend keeping your base cow/calf herd at 50 to 60% of the ranch's carrying capacity and using some type of stocker animal to balance out. This gives you more flexibility which is desirable in any ranching operation and lessens the chance of having to cut deeply into your breeding herd during any but the worst of droughts. All of us are aware of the pain of having to cull deeply into a breeding herd that we've become "married" to during years of selection and management.

Finally, in order to measure the effectiveness of your grazing system, maintain accurate records on all important animal and pasture performance indicators. Good cost/return records will

also be valuable in assessing the status of your operation. The Texas Agricultural Extension Service has a new record keeping book out which should be examined by every operator for possible use in their farm or ranch

business. Coke County Soil Conservation Service personnel will be happy to discuss the various types of grazing systems in use, analyze present ranch conditions and to help design your new grazing system if desired.

Overflow crowd attends musical

An overflow crowd attended the Country-Western Musical last Friday night in the old Rec Hall. All available chairs were used with a number standing in the kitchen area. An estimated 75 listeners patted their feet to the music of about 15 musicians, some of whom are professionals. Arrangements have been made to use the larger new Rec Hall on the first Thursday night of each

month. Watch the Observer for reminders of the get-together.

Seniors set bake sale

The Senior Class of 84 will hold a bake sale on Saturday, Feb. 11 in front of the Post Office.

The sale will begin at 9 a.m. and conclude when all items are sold. They will have cakes, pies, brownies, cookies and other homemade baked goods.

Valentine's Special

Candy Corsage \$10.⁰⁰

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Boy Scout Council Seeks Funds

The Concho Valley Council of the Boy Scouts of America, of which Troop 461 of Robert Lee is affiliated, is seeking sustaining members to help fund and keep the Scouting program going in this area.

The Boy Scouts have been celebrating their anniversary this past week. The organization was formed on Feb. 8, 1910 making this the 74th anniversary.

The council relies on individuals to provide the money needed to keep the program coming to the boys involved in the scouting movement.

Some money for the Scouting program is provided by the United Way, but it is not enough to pay for all the instructional materials, the full time workers and physical facilities of the council.

According to the Concho Valley Council, a sustaining member is one who gives to the Concho Valley Council operating budget because of a special interest in sustaining Scouting.

A portion of the council's budget, 39 percent, comes from United Way allocations from Tom Green County and four other United Ways, but Coke County isn't covered by them. Any funds from this area come from sustaining members.

Most of the money given to the council remains in this area. Only 2 percent goes to the "national" headquarters and many services are provided to the council from the regional office in Dallas.

Coneley dies in Hamilton

Eddy Roy Coneley, 88, of Hico Texas, died at 9:00 p.m. Thursday, January 26 at Hamilton Hospital in Hamilton.

Services were held at Carlton Baptist Church in Carlton, Texas at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 29 with burial in the Carlton Cemetery.

Mr. Coneley was born July 19, 1895. He married Masie Lee Jenkins in Oct. 1930. They lived in the Edith Community from 1930 until they moved to Hico in 1942. He was preceded in death by his wife in 1969.

Survivors include four daughters, Eddie Lee Proske of Houston, Masie Lavita Brown of Hico, Minnie Laura Kosch of Burbank, Ill. and Rosalee Maxie of Newport Rickey, Fla.

The council's physical facilities are Camp Sol Mayer near Menard, Camp Fawcett near Barksdale and the Council Service Center in San Angelo. There are five professionals on the council staff. The professional Scouter's role is to "multiply himself many times by the recruiting, training and inspiring many top quality volunteers," according to a council brochure.

Most persons involved in scouting in the Concho Valley Council are volunteers. There are 1,600 registered volunteers in the Concho Valley Council helping over 4,000 youth members registered this past year in over 141 Scouting units.

The main purpose of Scouting is to build character, citizenship training and physical and mental fitness.

Sustaining members can contribute in a lump sum or by bank draft either monthly, quarterly or semi-annually. Century members contribute \$100 for the year, Leadership is \$250, Patron is \$500, Guardian is \$1,000, Sponsor is \$2,500 and benefactor is \$5,000.

Interested persons can also contribute by memorials.

Anyone interested in becoming a sustaining member can contact Troop 461 scoutmaster Roy Ivey or can contact the council office by writing P.O. Box 1584, San Angelo, Texas 76902 or calling 655-7107 in San Angelo.



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Ladies golf lessons begin Feb. 20

Beginner golf lessons will be available for ladies beginning February 20, 5 p.m., at the local course. Club Pro Jeff Webster will be the instructor. If you are interested in getting outside and enjoying a challenging, rewarding game, call Jackie Walker at 453-2668 or 453-2516.

Biggest news during the off-season has been the installing of our new water lines and sprinkler system. This should really make a difference in the looks of the course this summer.

A special thanks goes out to all the club members who have donated their time for this project and to the group who turned out on a recent Sunday to paint the Club House interior. Plans have been made to replace the carpet in the near future.

The Club is looking forward to a really good year. We will have several new tournament sponsors. This support will allow the Club to pay for all of the current improvements.

Runnion-Stephens wedding planned

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur L. Runnion have announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Leigh Ann, to Scott Lee Stephens, son of Mr. and Mrs. John E. Stephens, all of Robert Lee.

The engaged couple are graduates of Robert Lee High School. Miss Runnion is presently attending South Plains College in Levelland while the prospective groom is a student at Texas Tech University in Lubbock.

They will exchange vows June 15 in the Robert Lee Baptist Church.

A.J. Roes return from South Texas

Fay and A.J. Roe Jr. returned last Thursday from Donna in South Texas after a month's stay. The couple has frequented Recreation Vehicle Parks in the Valley for the past several winters.

Normally lush and green, they reported the entire valley was devastated by the recent extremely low temperatures. Besides the loss of fruit and other crops, the Roes' related that some orchards are being bulldozed because the trees were killed. Great numbers of palm trees, shrubs, and other ornamental plants were also killed.

The couple noted they had very few good weather days and lots of cold drizzle. They arrived home last week to find a full-blown sandstorm in progress to top off their trip.

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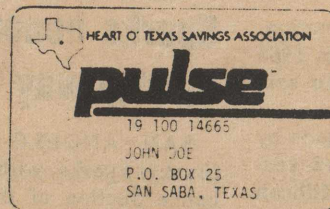
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two.

The junior varsity boys also fared well Tuesday downing Garden City 55-25. Tim Garringer scored 15 points to pace the JV as Scott Robertson scored nine, Randy Stevens had seven, Michael Reese and Kevin Johnson both had six, Rick Drennan hit four and Jim Bob Jacobs, Heath Gardner, Dwayne Harlin and James Paul Skipworth all had two.

The Steers will now play either Iraan or Wink of District 15-A in bi-district. Their opponent will be decided by a playoff and Robert Lee will draw the second place team. If the Steers can get past that obstacle, they will play an "area" game before going to the regional tournament at South Plains College in Levelland.

The Steers' coach, Ed Poehls credits the team's success this year to several factors including balanced scoring. "They (the opposition) can't key down on one person. During the course of the season, every starter has

been high scorer in a game," said Poehls.

Poehls also pinpointed the reserve corps, as a strong point. "Our bench strength also helps," he said. The Steer coach singled out Roberts as an example of the reserve strength. "Douglas Roberts scored 10 points against Bronte and led the team in rebounds against Garden City the first time we played them. Those things help," he added.

Poehls said one thing that has aided the Steers is that the "players are just as happy to pass to the person who scores as they are to score themselves. That's one of the things we try to teach."

But the coach feels that the key factor is Robert Lee's defense. "We have learned not to rest on defense," Poehls said. "We would have lost the (second) Sterling City game (Robert Lee won 29-22) if it wasn't for defense.

We weren't hitting -- we shot 19 per cent that game. Defense won the ball game," he added.

Coke to participate in food bank

The Coke County Commissioners Court met Monday, Feb. 6, in a regular meeting. The meeting was called to order by County Judge Aubrey Denman and opened with a prayer by Stover Taylor.

The minutes were approved on a motion made by Commissioner Newby and seconded by Commissioner Tidwell.

The County Judge and Commissioners received a plaque from the Texas Agriculture Extension Service of the Texas A&M University System for completing the 25th Annual Conference for County Judges and Commissioners.

Item I on the agenda was the discussion of HB965. This allows Commissioners Courts to impose an extra fee not to exceed \$5.00 for each vehicle in the county, to be assessed in years ending in 5 or 0 beginning in 1985. Of these funds, 95% would go in the Road and Bridge Fund and the other 5% would go to the Tax Assessor and Collector to help defray the cost of collection.

Commissioner Luckett motioned to put this into effect in 1985 and Commissioner Millican seconded.

Item II - A motion was made by Commissioner Tidwell and seconded by Commissioner Millican to participate in the establishment of a food bank in San Angelo. Surrounding counties would all contribute food and be able to get food for needy families in their county.

Item III - A motion was made by Commissioner Millican and seconded by Commissioner Luckett to table the appointment of a new member to the Senior Citizen's Advisory board.

Item IV - A motion was made by Commissioner Tidwell and seconded by Commissioner Luckett to establish new Constable precincts. There will be a constable to represent Precincts 1, 3, 9 and a constable to represents

Precincts 2, 4 and 5.

Item V - The Extension Agents' reports were reviewed and approved on a motion by Commissioner Tidwell and seconded by Commissioner Luckett.

Item VI - A contract was approved for Gary L. Smith. Mr. Smith is with the Municipal Management Consulting firm and is to be a consultant through the Texas Department of Community Affairs. His fee will be \$11,000.00. The county received a grant of \$86,000.00 from the Texas Department of Community Affairs and they are required to have a consultant.

Item VII - Matthew Basquez was drawn to replace Dorris Saunders on the Salary Grievance Committee.

Item VIII - It was decided to have a Kitchen Shower to replace kitchen utensils missing from the rec hall.

On a motion made by Commissioner Newby and seconded by Commissioner Tidwell the bills were approved for payment and the meeting was adjourned.

Sparks honored by Highway Dept.

SAN ANGELO-- Billy D. (Bucky) Sparks, with the Maintenance Section of the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation (DHT) in Robert Lee, was honored recently with the presentation of a five-year Certificate of Service.

Sparks began his DHT career in 1978 with the work force of Maintenance Construction Supervisor John Stephens as a Maintenance Technician I. He is now the section asphalt distributor operator and has the job classification of Maintenance Technician II.

Bucky and his wife, Barbara have two daughters and his favorite hobby is playing golf.

The presentation was made by Stephens.



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