

# Robert Lee Observer

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## Crop residue can help save topsoil

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Crop losses in 1983 were very large, corn yields were down as much as 48 percent according to USDA estimates. Crops under some form of conservation tillage were in better shape than those under conventional tillage, said Peter Myers, Chief of USASA-SCS. The reason-- improved moisture holding capacity on fields with conservation tillage. Work has been done to show that clean tilled soils retain only an average of 35 percent of the soil moisture in wet years, and in dry years they actually lose water. The critical point is that soil will dry out to the depth to which it has been worked.

Crop residues improve the soil moisture content first by reducing the runoff by 25 percent over operations where residues are removed, allowing water to "soak" into the soil. Crop residues also shade the soil surface, cooling it several degrees and reducing evaporation losses during crop rest periods. Is there anything more critical to a dryland farmer than soil moisture?

Much of the cropland in Coke County is relatively level and may have as great a wind erosion problem as water, said Eph Cummins, District Conservationist. Crop residues are the most effective means of reducing soil erosion due to wind. Standing residue, stubble, has the effect of lifting the wind away from the soil surface. Flat residue is also very effective in reducing wind erosion by providing a protective layer between the soil surface and wind. When soil is not adequately protected, tillage is needed to roughen the soil surface, which maintains water intake and reduces erosion. Inducing soil roughness is mainly for emergency erosion control, and is a short lived practice, needing

## Girl Scouts still selling cookies

Girls have been growing up in the tradition of Girl Scouts for seventy-two years. Buy cookies from the Girl Scouts and help them continue to grow and build. The West Texas Girl Scouts are holding their 1984 Cookie Sale March 9-24. Help support the tradition of Girl Scouting - buy some cookies today.

It's the last week of the Girl Scout Cookie Sale. If you have not been contacted yet and would like to buy some cookies, contact Hazel Abbott, cookie chairman at 453-2325.

Troop 366 Junior Girl Scouts, will hold a cookie sale Saturday beginning at 9 a.m. at the Post Office in Robert Lee. They will sell the cookies while their supply lasts.

repeated frequently to be effective. Again, living or dead vegetation is much more effective than surface roughness in reducing erosion.

Another advantage of conservation tillage is the saving of energy, both in many hours and fuel costs. U.S. Department of Agriculture estimates show a reduction in production costs of as much as \$36.00 per acre for farmers using conservation tillage. These savings result from reduced labor, fuel and machinery (ownership and maintenance) costs.

Tillage systems used vary depending upon crop, soil, water management, and potential erosion problems. No one system may be successful every year, a different sequence of operations may be required to maximize crop responses. As residue levels decline, as the soil surface seals, and as the possibility for wind and water erosion increases, it becomes necessary to till the soil. However, if the soil surface is protected with residue, if weeds are controlled, and the soil has good water uptake, tillage is now needed.

Conservation tillage is said to achieve several ends at the same time: it reduces erosion; it reduces energy and labor costs; it reduces runoff and sedimentation; and it improves plant-soil and water relationship, thereby increasing operation profitability.

For more information on conservation tillage and its application within the Coke Soil and Water Conservation District visit the Soil Conservation Service office. You can find us in the Coke County Courthouse in Robert Lee, or call 915/453-2623.

## Motorcyclists set Poker Run

Motorcycle riders from across West Texas are expected to converge on San Angelo Sunday, March 25 for the Rehab 84 Benefit Poker Run.

Event sponsors are Big Sky Roadrider Association and the Honda Yamaha Center. All proceeds from the \$5 per person entry donation will go to West Texas Rehabilitation Center.

Participants can register between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. the day of the ride at Honda Yamaha Center, 2033 West Beauregard. From that location, riders will be given a 50 mile route featuring five stopping points at which they'll draw from a deck of cards. By approximately 2:30 p.m., participants will return to the Honda Yamaha Center and play the poker hand they've drawn.

Trophies will be awarded for first, second, and third place poker hands and to the person who came the furthest to participate. Other gifts will also be awarded.

## Bass tourney set April 7 at Lake Spence

The Castle Gap Bass Busters 9th Invitational Bass Tournament will be held at Lake E.V. Spence Saturday, April 7 with headquarters at the Wildcat Fish-A-Rama.

The one-day event has a guarantee of \$1,000 prize money plus additional prizes of merchandise. First prize is \$500 or choice of merchandise, second prize is \$300 or choice of merchandise and third prize is \$200 or choice of merchandise. Other placings will receive merchandise.

First, second and third places will also receive trophies and a trophy will be given for the big bass caught during the tournament.

An entry fee of \$15 is required and must be paid at the headquarters before fishing. The entries will be taken starting at 5 p.m. on Friday, April 6. A lake-use permit is also required to participate in the tournament.

Other rules include a stipulation that contestants may fish out of a boat, tube or wade. Fish must be caught on artificial bait by casting. Trolling and live bait are not allowed.

Fishing hours are 5:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday and fish will be weighed in from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday.

Entry forms are available at local stores or at the Wildcat Fish-A-Rama marina.

## Large field tries ABC tourney

Last Sunday's ABC golf tournament, sponsored by Percifull Oil Company, drew a large entry of 58 players. The day started out to be a nice one, but before the tourney was half-finished a full-blown dust storm hampered play.

Despite odds from the weather, the leading team of Jeff Webster, San Angelo, the Club's Golf Pro, Mary Morrow of Bronte, and Bob Northcut of Colorado City shot a respectable 64 score.

Taking second with a 67 was Bob Morgan, San Angelo, Mickey Pierce, Bronte, and Jackie Walker of Robert Lee.

Third place finish went to Pete Gizzi, San Angelo, Ernest Ybarra, Robert Lee, and Johnny Koenig, of San Angelo with a 68.

Lucky winners of the ball drawing were Jim Morrow, Bronte, Randy Smith and Walter Tinkler, both of Robert Lee.

Next action at Mountain Creek Golf Course will be on Sunday, April Fool's Day (no pun intended).

Co-sponsored by J&B Lumber & Hardware and West Way Grocery, it will be a Select-Shot, Mixed Couples tourney. Entry fee will be \$15.00 with a 12:30 tee-off time.

## Band boosters set meeting

The Robert Lee Band Boosters will have a regular meeting Monday, March 26, at 7:30 p.m. in the band hall.

Everyone is urged to attend.

## Junior High boys win SC meet

Robert Lee's junior high boys track team won their division in the Sterling Junior High Track Meet last Thursday with 154 points led by a win in the 1,600-meter relay and firsts in several individual events.

The winning time in the 1,600-meter relay was 4:18.42. Members of the relay team are Jason Herring, Stevie Ebenstein, Wes Hood, Randy Gartman. The same four teamed up for third in the sprint relay clocking 52.47.

Wes Hood won the 110-meter intermediate hurdles with a 20.41 time while Curt Gardner came in fourth in 22.09. Stevie Ebenstein was first in the 400-meter dash with a 62.96 mark and Jessie Powell was sixth with a 69.50 time.

Johnny Torres won the 800-meter run in 2:29.69 and teammate Randy Gartman was second with 2:30.17. Curt Gardner was the top high jumper in the meet with a 5-2 leap while Stevie Ebenstein was second at 5-0 and Joel Herring was third with 4-10.

Jason Herring vaulted higher than the rest of the field with an 8-6 mark followed by Robert Runion in second with 8-4 and Scott Ray was fifth at 6-8.

Curt Gardner was second in the 300-meter low hurdles timing 53.19 while Jason Herring was

fourth in the 200-meter dash in 28.38 and Johnny Torres was sixth with 29.56.

Wes Hood had the second-best discus throw at 100-1 and Stevie Ebenstein was fifth with 95-5½ and Randy Gartman was third in the long jump with a 15-0½ and Joel Herring was fifth with a 14-8 effort.

The girls scored 58 points in their division as the top finisher was Lisa Bower with a second-place finish in the 800-meter run clocking 3:00.77.

Jodi Waggoner and Ericka Clendennen tied for fourth with 3-8 in the high jump and Jodi Waggoner was fifth in the long jump running the tape to 12-3½. Lisa Bower was the fourth place finisher in the triple jump with a 25-3½ effort.

The 400-meter relay squad finished fourth in 59.79. That unit is comprised of Johanna Service, Claudette Walker, Lisa Bower and Jodi Waggoner finished fifth in 2:07.82 and the mile relay unit of Claudette Walker, Ericka Clendennen, Shashey Smith and Jodi Waggoner were third with a 5:08.24 mark.

In the 400-meter dash, Ericka Clendennen was third in 75.68 and Shashey Smith was fourth in 78.02.

## 45 YEARS AGO

Editor's Note-- April 21, 1939 edition was devoted to the Observer's Golden Anniversary - 1889-1939. The following is from that issue.

J.A. Knight, one of the founders of Coke County, worked at Coke's first gin, on the Snyder Ranch powered by a Steam engine, over 40 years ago. It was called the Yellow Wolf Gin, burned mesquite wood, and turned out 8 bales a day. Knight was engineer and rode horseback from Valley View, drew \$1.25 a day, wages for skilled work then.

The second gin in the county was operated by his father of Ralph and Frank Harris, at the Harris Ranch. The ranch used the cottonseed for feed, the farmers did not need them. Harris offered the ginning for the seed, the farmers gladly accepted, and the seed was stacked in great ricks near the gin.

The first thrasher here -- "a ground-hog" machine was run by two mules who had to walk in an inclined run-around.

Marvin Stewart landed in Coke County Jan. 8, 1889. His mother, Mrs. C.D. Stewart, now of Robert Lee, has been in the county a long time. Mr. and Mrs. Stewart first came from Abilene to the Moro mountain country, then brought sheep to Edith.

"No, Hayrick wasn't a wide place in the road. There wasn't any road." Uncle Johnnie Vestal referred to the year 1889, the year Hayrick was built and he opened a blacksmith shop there. There was a kind of road or trail

that entered the northeastern part of the county and came by the Jim Byrd place on Indian creek, where one of the first settlers had a dugout.

Hayrick Mountain gave its name to Hayrick, established at the foot of the mountain. Evidently the first white men named this butte from its shape which resembles a huge haystack. The first trails passed near its foot and many an eye used the mountain as a marker to regain bearings on their journey to the west.

Dan and W.H. Campbell missed being charter citizens by a few months. Their father, the late J.H. Campbell, came to Sanco country to locate before the organization of the county and did buy the place on which he lived until his death a few years ago, but he returned to an eastern county and did not bring his family until after the organization.

We join others in extending our congratulations and best wishes to the Observer for its 50 Years of faithful service to Coke County. We should have a feeling of gratitude to all our early pioneers. McNeil Wylie, County Judge; H.C. Varnadore, Commissioner Prct. 1, S.A. Kiker Prct. 2, Thomas Harmon, Prct. 3, Sam Gaston, Prct. 4; Mrs. B.M. Gramling, County Treasurer.

J.N. Buchanan recalls he ran this ad, "Jess Buchanan is still in the Barber business" and it ran 15 years in the Observer without changing.



### Soil Conservation Service News

Tommy Lee, operator of the Wilcockson Ranch south of Robert Lee, recently tried an unusual experiment for cactus control.

He chained 100 acres of dense pear and mesquite in hopes of finding a more economical treatment. If the weather cooperates and he gets good grass growth this summer, he may burn the area next winter to kill the cactus.

Or he may spray with picloram. Research has shown that damaged and bruised cactus can sometimes be controlled with smaller amounts of chemical. Pear which Lee sprayed last fall is looking very sick now.

Do you have a brush problem on your ranch?

T.K. and Louise Whiteside have a brush problem on their land

### Basketball camp set for summer

The Gerald Myers Summer Basketball Camp will be held this summer in three sessions at Lubbock Christian College for elementary, junior high and high school basketball players who have not lettered in varsity play.

Myers, head basketball coach at Texas Tech University in Lubbock, and his staff will serve as instructors along with other high school and college coaches

### Quilt Show set at Ft. Concho

Area quilters are invited to participate in the West Texas Quilt Show to be held on Fort Concho's Officer's Row on Saturday (10-5), May 19 and Sunday (1-5), May 20.

Table space will be available for rent on both days for what is one of the largest sale and display of quilts and quilting techniques in West Texas.

The cost will be \$15.00 per table (6 by 2 1/2 feet) for one day and \$20.00 for both days. Rental space will be limited and quilters are advised to contact Fort Concho early to reserve space.

In addition to the selling tables, space will be set aside for the display of ribbon quilts. And, there will be a quilt contest held during the show. For details, forms, and information, please contact Fort Concho Education Department, 213 East Avenue D, San Angelo, TX 76903 (915) 655-9121, ext. 441.

### West Coke Hospital News

West Coke County Hospital reported the following admissions and dismissals.

March 13: No admissions or dismissals.

March 14: J.C. Moore admitted and Doris Payne dismissed.

March 15: Joe McCutchen admitted and Bessie Walker dismissed.

March 16: Victor Collett admitted and no dismissals.

March 17: No admissions and Joe McCutchen dismissed.

March 18: Willie Yarbrough admitted and no dismissals.

March 19: No admissions and Mildred Wojtek dismissed. Willie Yarbrough and Victor Collett expired.

north of Robert Lee. They have decided to start working to control the brush invasion on that property.

To do that, they have planned to root plow about 120 acres each of the next three years. Not all of the brush will be cleared out of the pastures. Brush provides good food and cover for wildlife, and says T.K. "it gives the stock a place to get out of the weather."

assistance in their brush control efforts through the Great Plains Conservation program. Technical assistance is furnished by the Soil Conservation Service in cooperation with the Coke County Soil and Water Conservation district.

Cost-share is also available, as funds allow, through the ACP program and the Long-Term Agreement program administered by the ASCS.

with expertise in basketball techniques.

Boys attending the camp will learn the fundamentals of shooting, dribbling, passing and individual moves along with game strategy.

Other information is available by calling 806-742-3367 or writing Gerald Myers Basketball Camp, Texas Tech University, P.O. Box 4199, Lubbock, Tx. 79409.

### Poetry contest offers prizes

A \$1,000 grand prize will be offered in our upcoming poetry contest sponsored by the World of Poetry newsletter. There are 100 prizes in all, totaling over \$10,000.

"We want to encourage new poets, especially those who have never entered a poetry contest before," says Contest Director Joseph Melton. "We expect our efforts to produce exciting new discoveries!"

For a free brochure of rules and prizes write, World of Poetry, 2431 Stockton Blvd., Dept. C., Sacramento, California 95817.

### Mrs. Yarbrough services held

Funeral services were held for Mrs. Willie Pearl Yarbrough at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday at the Robert Lee Baptist Church. The Rev. J.T. Cates of Abilene officiated the services, assisted by the Rev. Roy Epperson. Burial was in Robert Lee Cemetery directed by Shaffer Funeral Home.

Mrs. Yarbrough, 80, died in West Coke County Hospital at 9:05 a.m. on Monday.

The daughter of Ida Mae and William Robert Hester, she was born Jan. 12, 1904 in Coleman County.

The family moved to Coke County with their young children and several of them, including Mrs. Yarbrough, attended Indian Creek School, between Bron- te and Robert Lee.

She and Harris Boyd Yarbrough were married July 28, 1922 in Robert Lee. Mr. Yar-

brough died June 13, 1963. She was also preceded in death by a son, Bobby, August 30, 1932, and by two grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Mrs. Yarbrough was a member of the Baptist Church and a homemaker.

Survivors include two daughters, Maxine Fields of Robert Lee and Betty Prince of Jayton; two sons, Maurice Yarbrough of Robert Lee and Lyndon Yarbrough of Midland; 10 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; one sister, Mozelle Smith of Bronte; and two brothers, Joe Hester, Bronte, and Weldon Hester of Weatherford.

Serving as pallbearers for the services were Melvin Childress, Weldon Fikes, Willis Smith, Royce Smith, Joe Flowers, and Crowley Harmon, all of Robert Lee.

### Advertising can aid businesses

Unlike major corporations, small businesses do not have the sizable advertising budgets to spend everywhere.

But experts agree that every dollar spent advertising results in larger sales. Here are some simple guidelines:

Advertising money can be based on percentage of last year's sales (or if a new business, a percent of estimated sales). Advertising experts recommend anywhere between one and six percent, depending on what you can afford.

The U.S. Department of Commerce can provide percentages of advertising to sales expenses for your particular business.

Keep a close eye on your competitors' advertising. You can easily judge their advertising budget by checking ads and reviewing any published statistics about the firm. If they are outspending you, it may be a smart move to increase your advertising budget.

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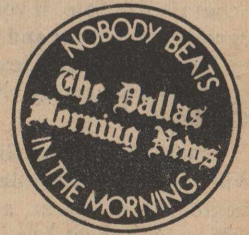
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**Walton services held in Bronte**

Ronald Silvester Walton, 86, died at 6:15 p.m. in West Coke County Hospital on Wednesday, Feb. 29.

Funeral services were held in the First Baptist Church at Bronte with burial following in Fairview Cemetery on March 3, conducted by Shaffer Funeral Home. The Rev. Terry Cosby of Bronte, assisted by Rev. Roy Epperson of Robert Lee, officiated the rites.

Mr. Walton was born to Etta and Will Walton on March 7, 1897 in Bronte and had resided there all his life.

He was married to Una Ott April 5, 1930 in Bronte. The couple spent their married life there until they entered West Coke County Nursing Home last year.

Mr. Walton was a Gulf Wholesale distributor from 1921-1965 and continued to be active in the company until his retirement in 1972.

Survivors are his wife of Robert Lee, two daughters, Dorothy Brown of Robert Lee and Jo Dell Springer of Plant City, Florida; one brother, Delbert Walton of Tyler; four sisters, Mae Caldwell of San Angelo, Winnie Kiker of Ft. Worth, Nettie Saynor of Snyder, and Maxine McDonald of San Angelo; six grandchildren;

and three great-grandchildren. Elroy Butler, Royce Fancher, Bud Maxwell, Don Edmiaston, all of Bronte, Charles Sims, and Bob Wrinkle, both of Robert Lee, were pallbearers for the services.

**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

To the Editor

I would like to comment on the letter to the Editor by Mr. Bascom Chesney.

I sincerely wish our elected officials would act in a way to make it possible for us to say only good things about them, but the Government from Coke County to Washington is being run by selfish special interest groups. These people are highly organized and bleeding our country to death.

About half the people in America are like Mr. Chesney, will not oppose anything, and most of them do not even go to the Polls to vote.

The American people had better wake up, and start doing what is best for our country and accept their responsibility to pay their fair share of the taxes to run our nation and quit trying to get everything for themselves.

We will continue to stand for what we believe is right and oppose what we believe is wrong. What we say may not always be nice but it will always be the truth.

E.C. Bennett



**LOOK WHO'S NEW**

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Frazier are the parents of their first child, a daughter, both on March 13, at 4:03 p.m. Amber Linette arrived at Angelo Community Hospital weighing 8 lb. 6 oz. and was 20 1/2 inches long.

Pleased grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Ron Cagle of Eastland and Mr. and Mrs. George Frazier of San Angelo.

Mr. and Mrs. S.E. Tate, Coleman, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Freyschlag and Mr. and Mrs. Homer Langford, all of Eastland, are the new baby's great-grandparents.

Mrs. Mayme Harper of Abilene is her great-great-grandmother.

**LUNCHROOM MENU**

**Monday, Mar. 26**

- Burritos
- Tator Tots w/Catsup
- Lettuce Wedge w/Dressing
- Milk
- Chocolate Cake w/Icing

**Tuesday, Mar. 27**

- Grill Cheese Sandwiches
- Vegetable Beef Soup
- Pickle Slices
- Milk
- Pear Half

**Wednesday, Mar. 28**

- Pinto Beans
- Macaroni and Tomatoes
- Turnip and Greens
- Cornbread-Butter
- Milk
- Peach Cobbler

**Thursday, Mar. 29**

- Barbecue on Bun
- Tator Tots w/Catsup
- Corn
- Milk
- 1/2 Orange

**Friday, Mar. 30**

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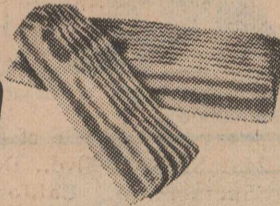
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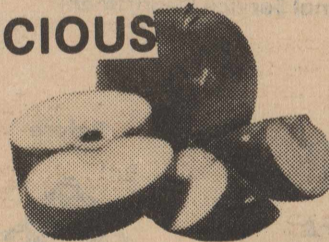
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**SOIL INSECT CONTROL IN VEGETABLE GARDENS**

As vegetable gardeners in Coke County prepare for spring planting, their first step should be to control soil insects.

Soil insects can reduce vegetable quality and yields if left uncontrolled.

For effective control, mix insecticides into the soil at a depth of 4-6 inches at least two weeks before the garden plot is planted.

Among destructive soil insects are wireworms, white grubs, seed corn maggots, cabbage maggots, mole crickets, sowbugs, slugs, snails and cutworms. Some destroy plant seeds, roots, tubers and underground stem parts while others cut off young plants at or near the soil surface.

Most soil insects can be controlled with diazinon 25 percent liquid concentration or Spectracide 6000 applied as a 5 percent granule. Granules usually give the best control. If cutworms or sowbugs become a problem after the garden has been planted, broadcast 5 percent Sevin bait over the soil surface. This bait containing metaldehyde will also control slugs and snails. However, it is not formulated to be mixed into soil.

Garden sites planted for the first time or those previously in grass or weeds are more likely to harbor damaging numbers of soil pests. Before treating with an insecticide, inspect the garden site by taking soil samples at several locations to a depth of 5 to 6 inches. Remove one square foot section of soil from each location and record the number of soil insect pests present. As a general rule, an average of one or more soil insects per sample suggests the need for insecticide treatment.

Before applying any pesticide always read and follow label instructions.

**ADD ORGANIC MATTER TO GARDEN**

Adding plenty of organic matter to your soil is one of the keys to a successful garden.

Organic matter improves the drainage and aeration of clay soils and helps sandy soils hold water and nutrients.

Spread a 2-to 4-inch layer of peat moss, hay, compost, leaves, manure or even shredded newspapers over the garden surface and work it into a depth of 6 to 8 inches. Before working in the compost, add the recommended rate of fertilizer so that it will become part of the soil mix.

Many gardeners prefer using a shovel or spading fork when working up the ground, but others like using rototillers.

These tips are suggested to make the tilling job easier:

--Till when soil is fairly dry and friable. Tilling wet soil leaves behind large clods and causes mud to cling to tiller blades, thus upsetting the tiller's balance.

--Leave an untilled row between passes since wide turns are easier to make than "about faces." This also keeps the machine from pulling itself and you toward the next row.

--Reduce engine speed when breaking new ground or when tilling heavy clay soils so the tiller will dig better and bounce less.

--Set the brake stake half the desired depth when tilling ground the first time around. Then set it to full depth and go over the ground a second time.



The toucan's bill is larger than its body.



**SUPPER AT THE Pates' House--** these nice fish. The largest one took about 15 minutes to catch weighed 1½ lbs.

**Weather can't stop good crappie fishing**

The Good Lord must be telling Mother Nature to protect one of his prize creations, the bass and the crappie. The weather has done nothing to help the fisherman, but despite the adverse conditions huge strings of crappie are being caught along with some trophy size bass. Without question we have going right now the best run on crappie ever seen here in Oak Creek. Some of these fish are going better than two pounds per fish and average on a fifty fish string about a pound.

Last Wednesday, Weldon Cox, Leslie Bond and Tommy Webb of Sweetwater got over a hundred nice crappie. Over the weekend Wayne Cook and Sam Prough of Stanton spent a lot more time dressing fish than it took to catch 'um. They went home Sunday morning and took over two hundred dressed crappie. The list of fisherman catching big strings are too numerous to mention, but a few that got fifty or more are: Harold Kennedy of Oak Creek, James Turner of Big Lake, Jess Wamack of Odessa and Richard McGill of Odessa.

The bass fisherman continue to come out in large numbers, and with trophy fish being caught, we expect to see traffic on the lake continue to increase. Charles Smith of Odessa got the largest black over the weekend with a hefty 7 pound 6 oz. keeper. Robert Dewoody's, Odessa, best came in at 6 lbs. 2 ozs. J.L Stracner of Abilene got the top string with five fish going 17 pounds 6 ozs. Joe Stephens, Abilene, best came in at 5-3. On

Thursday, Jr. Taylor of Blackwell got two bass at 5 pounds, 14 ozs. and 3 pounds, 4 ozs. Bass going three pounds or better are the one fisherman are going after now, but the real bright spot is that hundreds are being caught and released. Most of these bass are eight to ten inches long and weigh about one pound.

If you enjoy good fishing, now is the time to spend a day or two at the lake. The water temperature has reached 60 degrees and is the reason the fish are moving into the shallows getting ready to spawn.

--Ike Pate

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- 1 cup cold water
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**Bikeathon plans form**

The annual St. Jude's Children's Institute Bikeathon is in the planning stages and will be held at a time to be announced later, according to Chairpersons Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Bryant.

The event will be held in Robert Lee.

**LAKE SPENCE FISHING REPORT**

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Lance Anderson (13-years-old), Hobbs, N.M., 1 Striped Bass, 11 lb. 3 oz.

Charles Lacey, Jr., Abilene, 1 Black Bass, 5 lb. 11 oz.

Mike Conley, San Angelo, 1 Black Bass, 4 lb. 8 oz.

H.V. Brown, Fort Stockton, 1 Black Bass, 4 lb. 13 oz.

James Hooper, Odessa, 1 Black Bass 2 lb. 9 oz.

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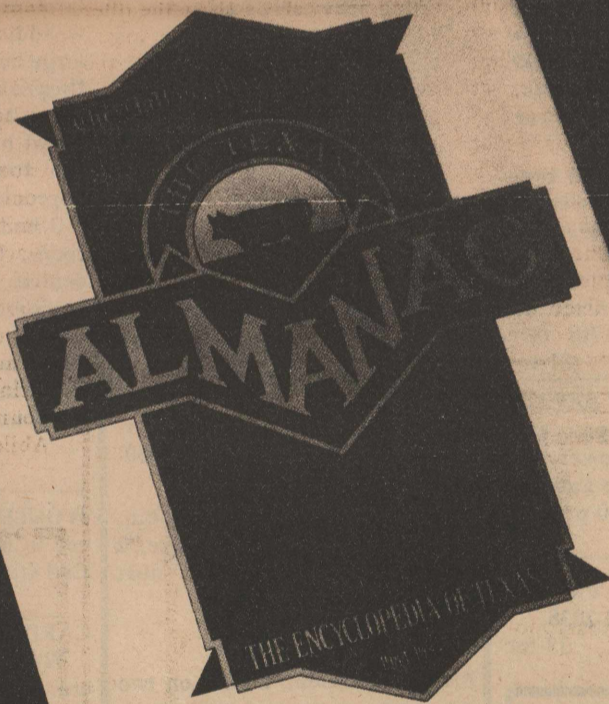
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**Marshall Millican**  
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We are grateful for your prayers, memorials, flowers, visits, food, cards and every expression of sympathy shown to us in the passing of our mother, Willie Pearl Yarbrough.

Our special thanks to the nursing home staff, hospital staff and Dr. Zeon for their love and care during this time.

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A special thanks to the EMT for their kindness, swiftness and efficiency. It meant so much to have them.

We are truly thankful to be a part of Robert Lee. All of our friends are so important to us.

God bless each of you,  
Samantha Robertson and  
J.B. and family

38-1tc

## Mrs. Bryan hosts '64 Study Club

The '64 Study Club held its regular meeting on March 13 in the home of Mrs. Lucile Bryan with Grace Ditmore, president, presiding.

Mrs. W.D. Parker was introduced as a guest.

Mrs. Cumbie Ivey Jr. presented an interesting account of "A Proud Breath of Heritage" in which she discussed the history of women's federated club.

An announcement was made concerning the Texas Federation of Women's Club, Heart of Texas, which will be held at Brady on March 23 and 24. At this spring convention there will be a silent auction and Mrs. Bryan will pick up articles for sale on Friday, March 22, from members of the '64 Study Club.

Hostesses for the club were Mrs. Grace Ditmore, Mrs. Cumbie Ivey, and Mrs. Lucile Bryan.



A rat can go longer without water than a camel can.

The sad day that was also a happy day brought to our minds clearly the fact that Mark Chumley's pain and sufferings were over. He's now in heaven where he'll never grow old or be sick.

At the funeral home we made special effort to see that our conversation was pleasant among the dozens of sympathetic neighbors, kin and friends. We shared our respect and appreciation. We talked about the beautiful floral offering how handsome Mark looked-- and Sadye decided that Mark's hands looked like he was ready to shuffle dominoes for an 88 game. The Senior Citizens and groups who loved to play 88 contributed more ideas about Mark's game playing. Friends that corresponded with him told about his beautiful penmanship. A lady who lived across the street from him remembers his coming over to bring a piece of pie, or a vase of flowers he had gathered from his own year. Sometimes he came to sharpen her weeding hoe.

Somebody remembered his favorite pictures-- a boot with a

cowboy hat-- it probably reminded him of his early life on the ranch.

His Sunday School teacher said: "He was a cowboy for the Lord". He came to class regularly as long as he could. He was always ready to participate in the discussions. He studied his Bible religiously and knowledge from his study was evident.

The church people would have been disappointed if Sadye hadn't wanted to come to Fellowship Hall for a good meal considering all the food she had contributed through the many years. We hope no one went away hungry neither for food nor loving fellowship.

The 2 p.m. service was well attended. Pallbearers were nephews. Sadye was escorted by her two sons-in-law. The daughters, Louise Leonard and Jo Marie Collier followed next in line. A large number of relatives took their places in reserved seats. Songs appropriately chosen were: "When the Roll is Called Up Yonder" and "Standing on the Promises". Mrs. Carolyn Long was the soloist. The pastor, Brother Roy Epperson read the 23rd Psalm and the 1st Psalm.

Much was said about faithfulness. Mark was faithful to his wife-- his family-- his friends. He was faithful to his church which he supported and attended regularly. Brother Epperson strongly emphasized Mark as being a good man. Using several points from Psalm 1, describing a good man. When Mark's qualifications were compared to the Biblical description, he came out with a good record. Brother Epperson's final words were: "His goodness was not a result of natural instincts-- but rather a result of his relationship with God".

Last of all a long procession followed Mark as far as possible. Mentally, we were waving a fond goodbye, and our hearts were whispering.

--"See You soon, Mark".

### Personals

Angie and Trampas Cox of Hawley spent a four-day holiday during their Spring Break from school in Robert Lee. They visited with Mr. and Mrs. Add Davis, Nadine Davis, and several former classmates.

W.E. Newton of Albuquerque, N.M. visited last week with his aunt, Mrs. Jessie Newton Yarbrough. He is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Newton, was raised here and attended Robert Lee Schools.

Bill Casey is a surgery patient in St. John's Hospital in San Angelo. He underwent exploratory surgery last Thursday to prepare him for an eventual kidney transplant. He has been undergoing hemo kidney dialysis treatment three times per week since early fall of 1983 and hopes to soon get a compatible kidney donor through the center in San Antonio.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Huevel of Brenham were guests last week of the Jim Tabors', Bob Fields', Crowley Harmons', and the Paul Barrons' as well as visiting other Robert Lee friends.

The couple lived here a number of years before retiring from Sun Oil Company and moving to Brenham.

Mrs. Sue Millican is a patient in North Park Hospital in San Antonio. She was admitted on Saturday, March 10, for extensive tests and treatment.

## Collett services held Mar. 19

Victor Hamilton (Vick) Collett, died at 11:00 a.m. Monday, March 19, 1984, in West Coke County Hospital.

Funeral services were held in the First Baptist Church, Robert Lee, March 20, burial followed in Robert Lee Cemetery, conducted by Shaffer Funeral Home. Rev. Roy Epperson officiated the rites.

Mr. Collett, 89, was born to Charlie and Isebell (Vick) Collett, August 10, 1894, in Hamilton County. He moved to Coke County, as a small boy, with his parents, in 1901, settling in the Valley View Community. He worked as a foreman for the Ralph Harris ranches for over 50 years.

Victor Collett and Ina Maude Casey were married Sept. 16, 1916. Mrs. Collett died January 5, 1977. They were married for 61 years.

Survivors are one brother, Erman Collett, Lake Isabella, Ca.; one sister, Ara Haddock, Pharr, Tex.; and a host of nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were Pritch Brown, Bob Fields, Bill Allen, John T. Stewart, Gene Hinnard and Gary Williams.

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Julie Williford and Darren Williams

## Williford-Williams marriage set May 26 in San Angelo

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Whittley of San Angelo have announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Julie Williford, to Darren Williams, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Williams of Robert Lee.

Miss Williford is a graduate of San Angelo Central High School and is currently a student at Angelo State University in San Angelo.

The prospective groom is a Robert Lee High School graduate and is presently employed by Big State Oilfield Service.

The couple will exchange vows in San Angelo on May 26, 1984.

## NWS plans Coke seminar

The National Weather Service, through Coke County Judge Aubrey Denman, has scheduled two training sessions on the proper procedures for identifying severe thunderstorms and tornado-producing thunder-storms.

According to Judge Denman, the sessions are scheduled for Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the Robert Lee Courthouse and April 2 at 7 p.m. at Bronte High School.

The training sessions are expected to last one to two hours and will be conducted by Jim Boyd of the NWS. Included in the presentations are a slide presentation, a short movie and printed material on severe thunderstorms, tornados and lightning.

The sessions are open to all Coke County students and adults.

## Alpha Kappa Pi holds meeting March 14

Alpha Kappa Pi met in the home of Mary Bessent on Wednesday, March 14 with 15 members present. The program was given by Mary Bessent. The next meeting will be March 28 in the home of Dolores McCabe.

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Several varieties of tomato and pepper plants, cabbage, eggplant, cauliflower and broccoli are available now for your gardens. We also have pinks, marigolds, petunias, snapdragons, periwinkles and salvia. See our potted gloxinias and geraniums.

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KRAFTS MIRACLE WHIP	qt. jar	
<b>Salad Dressing</b>		<b>\$1.69</b>
PARADE CUT GREEN BEANS	303 can	39c
PARADE SLICED CARROTS	303 can	37c
PARADE SLICED BEETS	303 can	37c
PARADE	7 oz. pkg.	
<b>Macaroni &amp; Cheese Dinner</b>		<b>29c</b>
Honey Boy Pink Salmon	15 oz. can	\$1.79
Tree Top Apple Juice	32 oz. bottle	99c
Kraft Bar-b-que Sauce	18 oz. jar	\$1.05
Imperial Pure Cane	5#bag	
<b>Sugar</b>		<b>\$1.75</b>
Fleischmann New Rapid Rise Dry Yeast	3 pkg.	49c
CHARMIN	4 roll pkg.	
<b>Bathroom Tissue</b>		<b>\$1.29</b>
SUPER SUDS DETERGENT	giant box	\$1.19
STILWELL	2# Size	
<b>Fruit Cobbler</b>		<b>\$1.85</b>
Velveeta Sliced Singles	16 oz. pkg.	
<b>Cheese</b>		<b>\$1.99</b>
PARADE BISCUITS	2 FOR	43c
PRICES PIMENTO CHEESE	14 oz. crt.	\$1.79
BLUE BONNET	3# Tub	
<b>Soft Spread Oleo</b>		<b>\$1.69</b>
SEVEN BONE	lb.	
<b>Roast</b>		<b>\$1.39</b>
ROUND BONE ROAST	lb.	\$1.59
Gooch German Sausage	ring	\$1.39
GOOCH BLUE RIBBON	1 lb. pkg.	
<b>Sliced Bacon</b>		<b>\$1.39</b>

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