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Stamp Club plans special exhibit

The U.S. Postal Service has authorized a special handstamp cancellation as a Sesquicentennial project of the Robert Lee Stamp Club, Robert Lee, Texas.

ROBEPHIL '86 will be a non-competitive stamp exhibit by club members and other area collectors on October 29, 1986, in conjunction with the special cancellation day to be held at the Post Office. The month of October is also the 100th anniversary of stamp collecting.

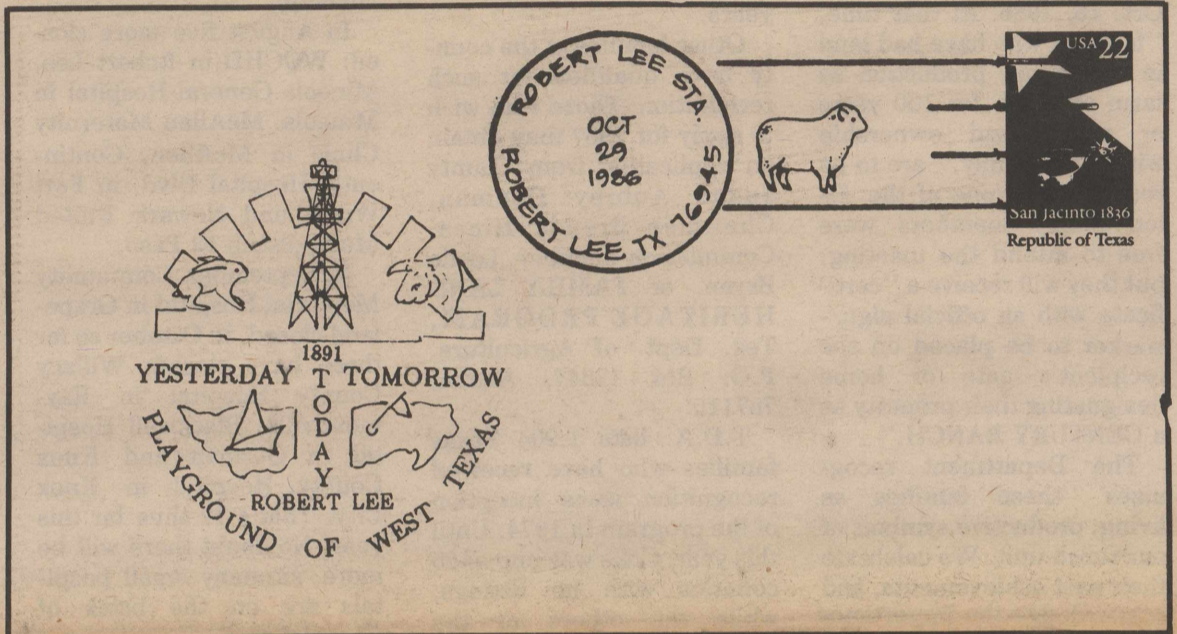
The Stamp Club has prepared a special cachet featuring the Robert Lee Bicentennial logo and will be franked with the 22c Republic of Texas Sesquicentennial commemorative stamp. The

special cancellation device depicts the Texas Sesquicentennial dates and a special sheep drawing. Cachets will be available at \$1.00 and a SASE by writing the Robert Lee Stamp Club, Box 1008.

Runnels Horse Club slates Play Day

The Runnels County Horse Club has scheduled an open Play Day on Sunday, October 26, at the Ballinger arena located 2 miles west of the city on Highway 158. Registration will begin at 1:30 with events beginning at 2. Ribbons will be awarded.

For more information, call Kathy Hampton, 365-3423.



Upcoming...

Bake Sale

Friends of Ryan Jones will hold a bake sale Friday, Oct. 24 at 4:30 p.m. The sale will be located at the Gulf Warehouse, across from the bank in Bronte.

Purpose of the sale is to purchase a captioned decoder used with a television set for Ryan, a hearing impaired student at Bronte High School.

Cowboy game plans cancelled

The November 9 chartered bus to the Dallas Cowboy - L.A. Raider game has been cancelled. Alternate plans are underway to get up another trip on December 14 to the Cowboy-Philadelphia Eagles game. This would be a noon game so departure would be around 7:00 a.m. from the bank parking lot in Bronte. Fans would arrive back home at an earlier time and cost would be about \$50.00 per person.

Interested persons should contact Mickey Pierce at 473-2911 as soon as possible.

CACTUS Club

The CACTUS Club of Bronte will be sponsoring two events on November 1 to benefit the elementary school playground, the fire truck fund and the ambulance fund. The first event will be held at the High School gym from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. The Spook House proceeds of \$1.00 per person will be used to complete the Intermediate Playground.

Following the activities at the High School gym, there will be a Costume Dance at the Community Center. The Dance will run from 9:30 until 12:30. Everyone is invited to attend and to wear Halloween costumes. The funds from the dance will be divided between the fire truck and ambulance funds. Cost of the dance will be: singles--\$3.00, couples \$5.00 and families \$5.00. Children under the sixth MUST BE accompanied by a parent. The dance will be supervised and those leaving the dance will not be readmitted. The High School Cheerleaders will be selling refreshments during the dance.

Bronte Homecoming royalty announced

A magic moment of every Bronte Homecoming is the crowning of the homecoming queen. This year's candidates are Alysa Bilbrey, Jann Tounget and Melanie Cooper. Alysa, a junior, is

the daughter of Sheila Bilbrey and Gary Bilbrey. She will be escorted by Eric Hoffman, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Riordan. Jann is a senior and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Tounget. Her escort is Todd Brooks, a senior, son of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Spivey. Melanie's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Donald Cooper, she is a senior and will be escorted by Corby Kelso, a senior, son of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Kelso.

Selected as football sweetheart is Molly Glenn, a junior, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Sharpes. She will be escorted by Stephen Lee, a junior, son of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Lee.

Band Sweetheart is Estella Puentez, senior, daughter of

Pedro Puentez and her escort is band beau Jamie Powers, a senior, son of Karen Powers and Bobby Powers.

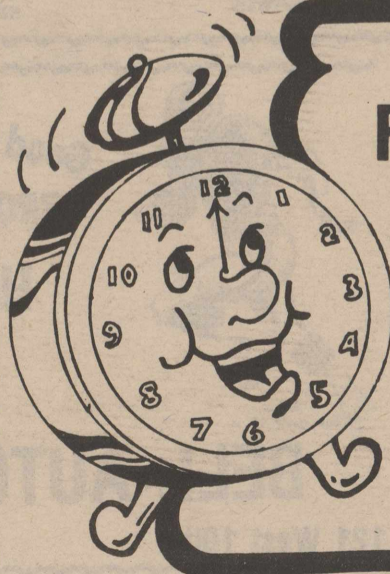
Also appearing in the homecoming court will be elementary students as crownbearers and flower girls. From the first grade is Michael Martinez and Cara Barnett. Michael is the son of Mary Jane Martinez and Cara's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Ray Barnett. Jodie Hilliard, daughter of Barry Hilliard, and Shea Kelton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Kelton will represent the second grade. Third graders are Alex Green, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kelly Green and Jolee Woodward, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Charles Woodward.

Guide included in this edition

We are proud to include the 1986 Coke County Hunting and Fishing Guide in this week's edition of the Observer/Enterprise. Coke County is indeed fortunate to have two superior fishing lakes in our area, Oak Creek and Spence, and this year's rainfall totals have served to increase the fishing prospects in our area for years to come.

Range conditions have recovered from the several years of drought we have experienced, and the deer, turkey, and quail populations have rebounded to the point where we are expecting excellent hunting conditions for the county this year.

Advertisers are reminded that additional copies of this year's Guide are available at the O/E offices in Bronte and Robert Lee, for free distribution to your customers. Please call either office for a supply of this year's Guide.



FALL BACK!

Clocks will be turned BACK one hour on Sunday morning, October 26, as Texas joins the rest of the nation in leaving the Daylight Savings Time schedule. Central Standard Time will remain with us until the last Sunday in April, 1987.

- Letter To The Editor -

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Allen family honored

Gerald Allen recently received an invitation to attend a state ceremony to be held at LBJ Library, Austin, on Oct. 15, 1986. At that time, "families who have had land in continuous production as farm or ranch for 100 years or more, land ownership within the family," are to be recognized. None of the Allen family members were free to attend the meeting, but they will receive a "certificate with an official sign-marker to be placed on the recipient's gate or home designating their property as a CENTURY RANCH."

The Department recognizes "these families as living, productive symbols of our ranch unit. We celebrate their past achievements, and acknowledge the importance that such family lands hold for us in the future."

The Allen land has come down to the 5th generation, starting with W.T. Caraway, and on to Hawley Allen, Gerald Allen, William Allen,

and Clay and Sterling Allen Myers. Only family members have used and developed the land for over 103 years.

Other families in the county have qualified for such recognition. Those who wish to apply for 1987 may obtain an application from County Judge Aubrey Denman, Chairman Brenda Hines, Commission member, Lucile Bryan, or FAMILY LAND HERITAGE PROGRAM, Tex. Dept. of Agriculture, P.O. Box 12847, Austin, 78711.

T.D.A. lists 1,904 Texas families who have received recognition since inception of the program in 1974. Until this year, Coke was one of 85 counties with no listings, while the others of the state's 254 counties listed from 1 to 57 families.

Deadline for application is in July. It is hoped that more Coke County families will apply.

Davis presents program

The '64 Study Club held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, October 14, at the Robert Lee Methodist Church. At the conclusion of a short business session, President Maxine Shaffer introduced Pauline Barron, who presented a need for stainless steel cooking utensils at the Robert Lee Nursing Home. Members voted to sponsor a drive to secure them, and Mrs. Shaffer appointed a committee composed of Thelma Jo Hinnard and Opal Jacoby to investigate prices at various places. Pauline read the needed vessels from a list prepared by Jeanene Andrews, Administrator of the West Coke Co. Nursing Home.

The group enjoyed a unique demonstration by Na-

dine Davis on color analysis.

With Leta Caston as a model, she showed various steps in doing a proper make-up and then draped her with various colors of materials of the four seasons, explaining their effects on a person. Nadine is a local teacher in the Robert Lee School system.

Hostesses for the meeting were Patti Ivey, Faye Roe, and Coe Lewis.

Other letters to the editor over the last two weeks have made some good points regarding healthcare in Robert Lee. One recognized the importance of the community to work with the West Coke County Hospital District board of directors to reopen the hospital. Another recognized the difficulty in recruiting a "good" physician to come to Robert Lee and stay here. I would like to address the reality of both of these issues.

About reopening the hospital: Small rural hospitals are closing. In Texas during 1986 everybody hung on til June. In June three hospitals closed: Edwards County Memorial Hospital in Rock-springs, Hardin Memorial in Kountz and Medical Arts in Houston.

In August five more closed: WCCHD in Robert Lee, Mineola General Hospital in Mineola, McAllen Maternity Clinic in McAllen, Continental Hospital Blvd. in Fort Worth and Newark United Methodist in El Paso.

In September Community Memorial Hospital in Grape-land closed. In October so far three have closed: Willacy County Hospital in Raymondville, Blackwell Hospital in Gorman and Knox County Hospital in Knox City. That's 12 thus far this year. No doubt there will be more, as many small hospitals are on the brink of financial ruin.

The primary cause for these hospital closures is the changes which have taken place in the Medicare payment system. Twenty-five percent of the nation's population is rural, but 33% of the nation's elderly population is rural, so we have a disproportionate share of Medicare patients. Also, the elderly use more healthcare per capita than young people. What this adds up to is that most of a rural hospital's business is Medicare, so any changes in Medicare payments is going to have a drastic effect on the rural hospitals.

Probably everybody has already heard about the Prospective Pricing System better known as the DRG system, so I won't go into that. What most folks may not have heard about are the Medicare admission review criteria, which have hurt small hospitals even more

than the DRG system. Under the admission review criteria, Medicare today requires many things to be treated as an outpatient which used to be treated as an inpatient.

When Medicare is your biggest source of revenue and they cut way back on what they will pay for, it has to hurt. And to make it worse, if a physician admits a patient when the admission review criteria are not met, the hospital still has to render service but does not get paid, unless the hospital knows in advance that the admission review criteria will not be satisfied and the patient agrees in advance to be admitted as a private pay patient instead of a Medicare patient. In short, Medicare is forcing physicians to take care of patients at home or in the office instead of in the hospital.

More specifically about Robert Lee: The hospital was already hurting from the effects of the changes in the Medicare payment system and was hanging on with tax revenue. When the bottom fell out the tax revenue due to falling oil prices, it was the "straw that broke the camel's back". At this time, it looks like it will take all of the 1986 tax revenue and a big part of the 1987 tax revenue to get even. Thus reopening the hospital is not realistic.

About recruiting a physician: Although the number of physicians per capita is increasing, creating a physicians surplus, most of these physicians are going into special areas; thus, the no. General Practice & Family Practice physicians per capita is actually decreasing. To make matters worse, most new GPs and FPs are going

into Health Maintenance Organizations or other types of arrangements in which they can have regular daytime hours and not have to work nights and weekends.

Solo practice in rural communities no longer holds much attraction for most physicians. In order to get a physician to even consider a small town, you have to offer him a guaranteed minimum income; the going rate is around \$80,000 to \$100,000 per year. The WCCHD board of directors wants to recruit a "good" physician to Robert Lee and open a clinic, and is trying to figure out where the money would come from, in view of the hospital district's current financial situation.

In summary, the WCCHD board of directors kept the hospital open as long as they could in the belief that the community needed and wanted a hospital. They are now trying to make the best of a situation over which they actually have very little control, and they have responded in a manner which should be expected of prudent and reasonable people.

I end this letter with an invitation: If you have questions about what is going on with the West Coke County Hospital District, please write to me; I will give you a straight answer.

This article is written by a man who has absolutely nothing to gain from closing the hospital.

Stephen Goode
 Executive Director
 WCCHD

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BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS

Horns shut-out Garden City

by Mike White

The moons were shining bright as the Longhorns left Garden City Friday night. Another blow out for Bronte 47-0. The defense still after six games has allowed only eight points. Fridays game had so many stars it's impossible to credit them all. The tempo was set by some out-standing line play by Bowie McGinnis and Mark Hambright on defense. They kept pressure on the Garden City QB and seemed to always be in the Bearcat backfield. Chilo Minjarez blocked a punt and recovered it to give Bronte good field position. Pete Puentez had a spectacular game with a pass interception on defense, a highlight show pass reception for 47 yards, a TD catch of 55 yards, a TD rushing while he was getting some playing time as #2 QB, and he kicked 5 of 7 extra points.

Stephen Lee had his usual solid game with excellent passes and hard running. He ran for three TDs and on defense had a pass interception.

Tion. Todd Brooks filled in very satisfactorily at running back for the injured Joel Sanders.

Brooks must have felt jinxed lately because most of his long gainers were called back by penalties. Not so this week. He ran for a 36 yard TD and runs of 15 yards and 17 yards set up one of Lee's TDs. Bowie McGinnis recovered a fumble and had several sacks. Corby Kelso had a 17 yd. run for TD. Both Bronte's offensive and defensive lines did a great job.

Scoring by quarters was: 1st quarter - Lee, 4 yd. run, Lee pass to Puentez 55 yds., Lee run for 4 yds. 21-0. 2nd quarter - Brooks 36 yard run, Lee 3 yd. run 34-0. 3rd quarter - Kelso 17 yd. run, Puentez 1 yd. run. Puentez kicked five PATs. 47-0 Longhorns.

Bronte should have an

easy game against Miles this week. It's Homecoming for Bronte. The game is at 8:00 p.m. Friday. In the following weeks the Longhorns face Sterling City, Irion County, and Robert Lee. The three toughest teams in district. They need your support. Bronte is ranked #9 in State for Class A by the AP moving up one notch from last week. They are 6-0 on the season and 4-0 in district.

The tension is building as the competition grows. Don't miss a chance of seeing the LONGHORNS in action. GO HORNS!

Bronte will be featured on Channel 6 KIDY TV this Saturday at 7:00 p.m. Coaches Corner centers on the football team, but covers the community. Don't miss it.

Shorthorns drop Dogies

The Bronte Shorthorns shut out the Robert Lee Dogies 36-0 last Thursday at Robert Lee.

Tim Sims got the first points when he scored on a 30-yd. run in the opening quarter and Roy Reyes tackled on the 2 point conversion making it 8-0.

Two TDs were scored in the second quarter by Roy Reyes, the first one came on a 4-yarder which was set up by a 32-yard run. He added the 2 points conversion. Reyes carried it over again from 12 yards out after Bill Windham had set up the play on a long 65 yard run. The conversion try failed and the score stood 22-0 at the half.

Bill Windham returned the opening kick off of the second half 35 yards, Roy Reyes gained 30 yards and then Tim Sims scooted 5 yards for the TD making the score 28-0 after the conversion failed.

One final TD in the 4th quarter by Justin Phillips from the 1 and a 2-point conversion by Luke Robbins sealed the victory and brought their season record to 2-1.

Coach Rawls commented that everyone played well on defense.

The Shorthorns met the Miles Bullpups this Thursday at Miles.

Ambulance Donations

The East Coke County Ambulance Service gratefully acknowledges receipt of donations from the City of Bronte and T.F. Sims and also a memorial to Joe Blake Whalen made by Mr. and Mrs. Jr. Webb and family; and a memorial to Roy P. Ross by Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Basquez.

The EECAS met on Oct. 20 for a regular monthly business meeting and assignment of pager schedules. Their next practice

session will be held on Monday, Nov. 3 and business meeting will be on Nov. 17 at the Bronte City Hall at 7 p.m.

WV defeats Lady Horns

The Lady Longhorns, in their last home game of the regular season, went down in defeat to the Lady Wildcats of Water Valley Tuesday night. The loss in two straight games 8-15, 2-15 leaves the Horns in a "must win" situation next Tuesday night in Miles against the Lady Bulldogs. Their district record stands at 2-3.

Seniors playing their last home games in district action were Melanie Cooper, Estella Puentez, Carol Reyes, and Jann Tounget.

The Junior Varsity team continued its winning ways by downing Water Valley JVs 15-8, 3-15, 15-12 to keep a perfect 5-0 record in district play. It took three games to claim the match, but Coach Bryan let each player take part in the final home match before a large crowd of fans.

Everyone is urged to travel to Miles next Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. to support and cheer the Lady Horns to a victory.

JR. HI

The Junior High volleyball girls claimed the 1986 district championship Monday evening after downing the Bullpups from Miles 15-10, 15-4. The Maroon team finished the district action with a perfect 5-9 record and a 7-1 season record.

Not to be out done by their sister-team, the White team took a victory in three games 15-12, 10-15, 14-16 to close out the season with a perfect 5-0 record and a season's best 6-1 record.

Coach Connie Bryan praised the players in their accomplishments throughout the season in serving and hitting.

HOMECOMING SCHEDULE

SATURDAY

11:00 a.m., Parade of decorated floats starting at the Bronte Nursing Home, along Hwy. 277 down Main St. to the school.

12:00 a.m., Barbecue dinner in the old gym. Cost \$6.00 adults, children under 12 free.

2:30 (approx.), Roll call of the classes and general assembly; recognition of special guests.

3:30 p.m., Visitation and individual class reunions.

Everyone in Bronte has homecoming fever and the only remedy is to attend all the events of this weekend in Longhorn Country. A complete schedule follows:

FRIDAY

7:30 p.m., Pregame activities at the football field.

8:00 p.m., Game, Bronte vs. Miles with a colorful halftime show.

Postgame activities, Ex-students coffee in the school cafeteria; All-Sports Boosters Dance in the Community Center.

TEAMS testing date set

The TEAMS testing date for Bronte High School junior students will be Tuesday and Wednesday, October 28 & 29.

This is an assessment of minimum skills test adopted by the Texas Board of Education to test specific language arts and math skills of all junior students. Students will have four opportunities to master the test beginning in October of their junior year. If one or more of the sections of the test is not mastered the test may be retaken in May. If mastery has still not been achieved,

the student will have two more opportunities their senior year to pass the test. Failure to master this test will result in the withholding of their diploma.

It is extremely important that all junior students make an effort to be present next Tuesday and Wednesday for testing.

Good Luck Longhorns!

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Monday, Oct. 27: Breakfast - Cereal, grape juice, biscuits, butter and jelly. Lunch - Charcoaled steak with gravy, buttered corn, green beans, coconut pudding.

Tuesday, Oct. 28: Breakfast - Sausage patty, grapefruit juice, biscuit, and gravy. Lunch - Fish, macaroni and cheese, English peas, sliced carrots and lime jello.

Wednesday, Oct. 29: Breakfast - Rice, pear slices, toast and jelly. Lunch - Sliced ham, brown gravy, sweet potatoes, fruit salad and spiced cake.

Thursday, Oct. 30: Breakfast - Cereal, fruit cup, biscuit, butter and jelly. Lunch - Stew, cheese sticks, celery & carrot sticks, apple, crackers or cornbread.

Friday, Oct. 31: Breakfast - Oatmeal, applesauce, cinnamon toast. Lunch - Hamburger, French fries, lettuce, tomato, pickles and cup cakes.

Milk served at all meals.

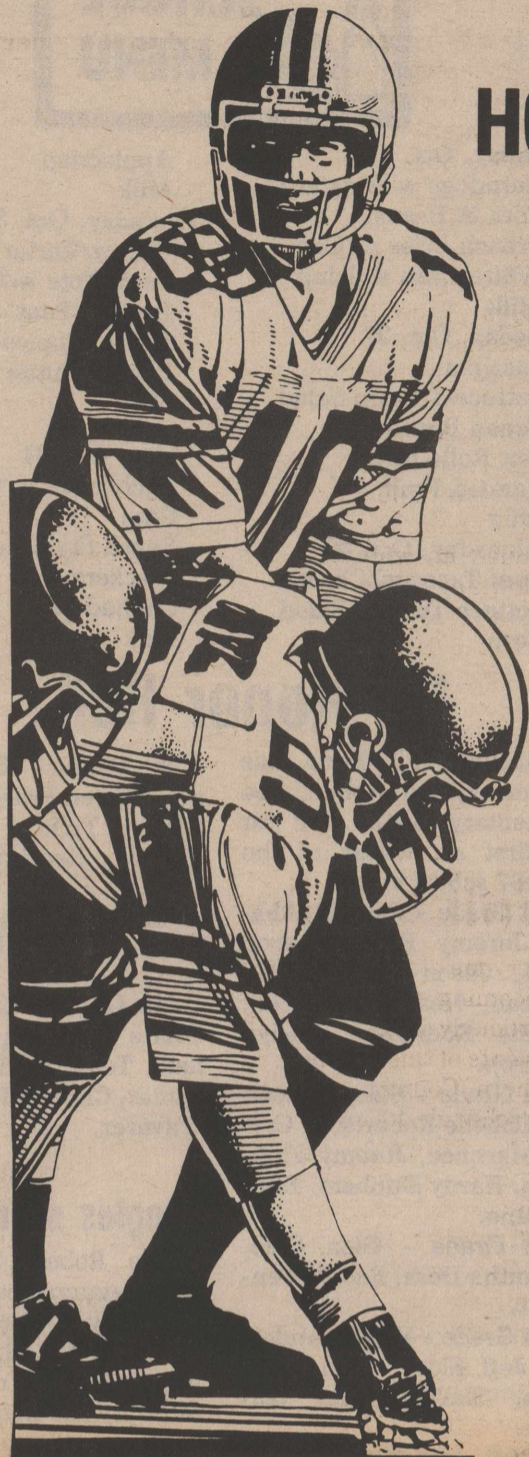
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Sept. 5	Jim Ned	There	8:00
Sept. 12	Rochelle	Here	8:00
*Sept. 19	Menard	Here	8:00
*Sept. 26	Eden	There	8:00
Oct. 3	OPEN		
*Oct. 10	Water Valley	Here	8:00
*Oct. 17	Garden City	There	8:00
*Oct. 24	Miles	Here	8:00
*Oct. 31	Sterling City	There	8:00
*Nov. 7	Irion County	Here	8:00
*Nov. 14	Robert Lee	There	8:00

* District Games

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ROBERT LEE SCHOOL NEWS

Size, ability overcome Steers

by Bill Burns

It was no secret that Irion Co. had a lot of size and ability. They had not used assets all year until last Friday night. They had to win to stay in the district race and that's just what they did. I'll tell you, though, there's no QUIT in the Steers vocabulary. They have three more district games and I believe they will be there at the end.

1st Quarter

RL received the opening kick with a return to their 39 and moved the ball for a first at the 49. Another came at the IC 39, but they could not get another 1st and punted. IC returned to the RL 34 but could not move the ball and had to punt. The Steers got one 1st down at the RL19 but that was all and punted again. IC made two 1st downs before the Steers knocked the ball loose with Kelly Tomlinson recovering for RL. RL didn't get another 1st, but Irion Co. had three more.

2nd Quarter

IC had the ball 1st and 10 at the RL 15 yd. line. They made a 1st at the RL 4 and then went in for the TD. RL took the kick, but had to punt

FHA Officers

The Robert Lee FHA elected officers at a recent meeting. They are as follows:

Pres., Debbie Flowers; V-Pres., Lee Ann Molinar; Sec./Treas., Rachel Metcalf; and reporter, Missy Grim.

The FHA will meet on the third Thursday of every month. Students interested are welcome to join.

Cheerleaders to compete at mall

The Robert Lee High School Cheerleaders will be participating in a Cheerleader competition on Sat., Oct. 25 at Sunset Mall in San Angelo. Competition begins at 1:00 p.m. with the RLHS squad competing at 2:15 p.m.

However, you are urged to come early since the time schedule may be moved up. Please come and support the local Cheerleaders!

without a first down. IC could not get a 1st and had to punt. RL was held again and punt back to IC. IC then broke loose for a 59 yd. TD run. RL finished the quarter with 4 first downs, but could not score. RL 0 - IC 13.

3rd Quarter

RL came out and stayed with IC in this quarter as Robert Runnion passed to Jason Herring for a 1 yd. TD pass. Runnion also passed to Stevie Ebenstein for a 9 yd. TD. J.P. Skipworth kicked both extra points. The only thing wrong was IC also, scored two TDs and two extra pts. RL had 8 1st downs to IC's 9 1st downs. RL 14 - IC 27.

4th Quarter

The Hornets controlled the ball this quarter as the Steers had only 8 offensive plays. IC had 8 1st downs and two more TDs and one PAT.

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RL 14 - IC 40.

The Steers will be open next Friday, but look for a strong return Friday week.

The team suffered several injuries at Mertzson last Friday and the open date couldn't come at a better time, said Burns. J.P. hurt a shoulder, Shane Smith is out for the season with a damaged nerve in his neck, Ebenstein has a bruised knee, as well as other squad members banged up. Tim Garringer was lost for the season to a knee surgery on Homecoming. The ranks are thinning for a team who lacked in number and depth.

Three tough games remain on the Steer schedule. It will be Menard, followed by Eden, and then county rivals, the Bronte Longhorns on Nov. 14.

RL Fall Festival

The Robert Lee Fall Festival will take place at the school in the old gym on Saturday, Nov. 1. Individual classes will be manning their booths from 5 until 9 p.m. A complete rundown of each grade's fund-raiser project follows.

12th, Ring Toss; 11th, Cake Walk; 10th, Cap-A-Prize; 9th, Fishing Booth;

8th, Donation Booth; 7th, Dart Throw.

6th, Candyland; 5th, Concession Stand; 4th, Spin-A-Prize; 3rd, Toss Across; 2nd, Duck Shoot, (Payne); 2nd, Bubble Gum Tree/Pumpkin Juice, (Horn); 1st, Fabric Quilt, (Goodman & Burns); K, Musical Chairs, (Henshaw & Bagwell).

Study Club project set

The '64 Study Club is sponsoring a project to replace aluminum cooking vessels at the Robert Lee Nursing Home with stainless steel utensils. Any club,

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Wednesday, Oct. 30

Beef Tacos w/Cheese
Lettuce-Tomato Salad
Corn

Applecrisp
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Thursday, Oct. 30

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English Peas
Hush Puppies
Peanut Butter Cookies
Milk

Friday, Oct. 31

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Corn
Ranch Style Beans
Crackers
Canned Fruit
Milk

RL Honor Roll

Principal Bill Hood has announced the Robert Lee Elementary Honor Roll for the first six weeks of the 1986-87 school year.

3rd Grade - Cynthia Abalos, Jeremy Burns, Aaron Hood, Jason Key, David Millican, Heather Millican, Katrina Rodriguez, Jaclyn Waldrop.

4th Grade - Stacy Wheeler, Michelle Robertson, Crystal Marquez, Jeremy Fluhmann, Hardy Dunham, Eliza Arellano.

5th Grade - Glen Cole, Samantha Doss, Rachel Pentecost.

6th Grade - Rhoda Anderson, Jeff Elder, John Fluhmann, Shelbi Grim, Lori Wink.

Robert Lee High School Honor Roll for the 1st six weeks has been posted by Principal Jerry Gibbs. The roll includes:

12th Grade - Becky Clendennen, Karla Donnell, Lin Long, Shane Smith.

11th Grade - Jason Herring, Robert Runnion, Karen Smith, Sandie Saucedo.

10th Grade - None.

9th Grade - Karla Aldridge, Warren Brasher, Jynnell Elder, Tiffany Jameson, Theopa Rodriguez, Jason Wink.

8th Grade - Sheree Burns, Brent McPeek, Janet Pentecost.

7th Grade - Eli Arellano, Carrie Davis, Aubrey Dunham, Toby Dunham, Wendy Lamar, Christie Payne, Nikki Tavarez.

Dogies stamped

The Robert Lee Dogies were stamped 26-0 last Thursday before a home crowd by the Bronte Short-horns in spite of a valiant effort by the defense.

They will face Sterling City next Thursday night at 6 p.m. on the home field at Robert Lee, according to Coach Max Anthony.



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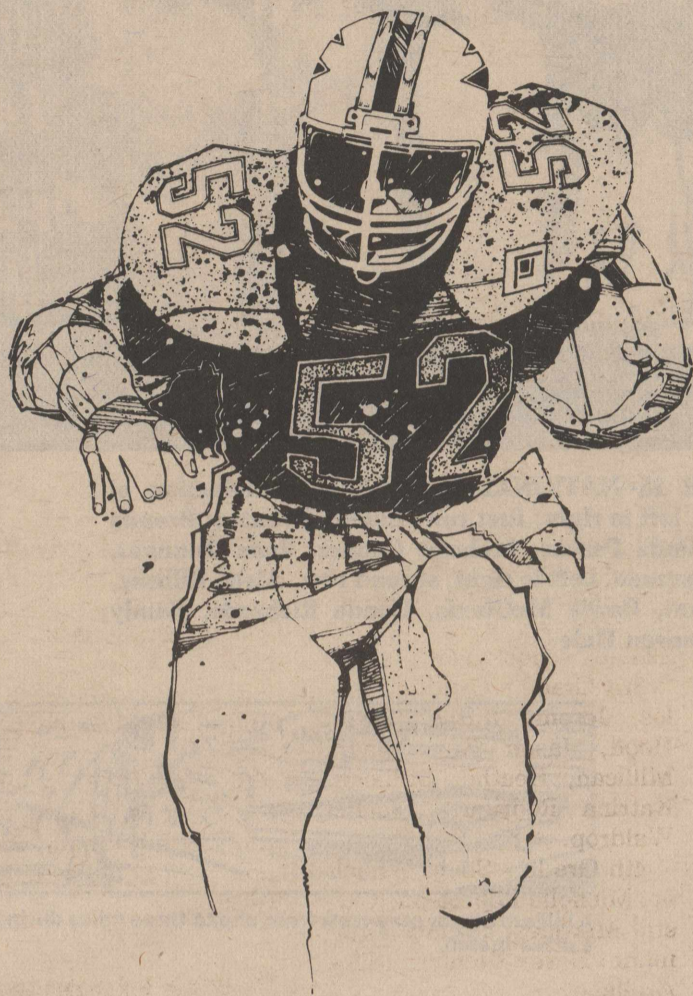
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**Sept. 26	Garden City	Here	8:00
*Oct. 3	Miles	There	8:00
*Oct. 10	Sterling City	Here	8:00
*Oct. 17	Irion County	There	8:00
Oct. 24	OPEN		
*Oct. 31	Menard	Here	8:00
*Nov. 7	Eden	There	8:00
*Nov. 14	Bronte	Here	8:00

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Bronte NHS inductees

Twelve students from Bronte High School were inducted into the membership of the National Honor Society in an evening ceremony at the high school October 15, 1986.

Members were selected by the faculty for meeting high standards of scholarship, service, leadership, and character.

Students inducted were: Melanie Cooper, Randy Draper, Brenda Ellis, Craig Grant, Bowie McGinnis, Estella Puentez, Jann Tounget, Alysa Bilbrey, Melissa Guzman, Jansen Hale, Melinda Parker, and Conda Richards.

'National Honor Society members are expected to continue their exemplary contributions to the school and community. We feel we've got the best of Bronte

High School represented in this organization," said Mary McMullan, faculty adviser.

This is the first year that Bronte High School has had an active membership in the National Honor Society organization.

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OCTOBER 15--NATIONAL Honor Society Induction of Members, left to right, first row: Estella Puentez, Brenda Ellis, Melinda Parker, Melanie Cooper, Jann Tounget, Melissa Guzman. Left to right, second row, Alysa Bilbrey, Craig Grant, Bowie McGinnis, Conda Richards, Randy Draper, Jansen Hale.

Bronte schools post honor rolls

The Bronte Schools have just released their honor rolls for the first six weeks of school this term. They are as follows:

4th Grade: A - Laura Thomas. B - Rhapsody Weaver, Jessica Salsar, John Johnson, Amy Tuinstra, Mandy Dunn, James Hambright, Todd Harrell, Brent Taylor, Amanda Nowlain, Marc Levens, Micah Arrott, Brandy Dutton, Jill Johnson.

5th Grade: A - Justin Lampier. B - Wendy Huckabee, Jay Parker, Kim Blair, Amy Bailey, Cory Minton, Carrie Hoyt, Casey Thorn.

6th Grade: A - Amy Allen. B - Nathan Barnett, Aimee Easterly, Larry Hoelscher, Misty Mackey, Ray Seales, Dwain Swenson, Renne Tuinstra, Jami Morrow, Jason Blaylock.

7th Grade: A - Kristie Cooper, Alisa Richards, Stephanie Tuttle, Max Tuinstra. B - Etta Babcock, Corey Montez, Darla Scott, Tina Smith, Brandi Thomas.

8th Grade: A - Brian Arrott, Melissa Bivins, Julie Blair, Misty Golson, Lee Sonnenberg, Eboni Taylor. B - Billy Magness, Michael Owens, Justin Phillips, Jason Pierce, Angela Reyes,

Tim Sims, John Thomas, Cory Thorn, Ray Wallace.

9th Grade: A - Jennifer Robinson, Kelly Scott, Kelly Webb. B - James Badgett, Gary Blair, Jackie Green, Rochelle Jones.

10th Grade: A - *Melissa Arrott, *Sherri Eubanks, *Irene Fuentez, *Kim Sims, *Misti Taylor. B - *Kerri Bilbrey, *Christy Bivins, *Vicki Ellis, *Sandy Hilliard, *Tina Hines, Doug Jordan, *Corina Juarez, *Shane Kelton, *Dorinda Scott.

11th Grade: A - *Melinda Parker. B - Paul Basquez, *Alysa Bilbrey, *Mary Fuentez, *James Green, *Missy Guzman, *Jansen Hale, *Stephen Lee, *Cara McCaleb, *John Morrow, *Conda Richards.

12th Grade: A - Todd Brooks, *Melanie Cooper, *Randy Draper, *Bowie McGinnis, *Jamie Powers, *Jamie Powers, *Jann Tounget, Becky Wilcox. B - Blake Braswell, *Tonya Cobb, Brenda Ellis, Gary Flores, Johnny Flores, *Craig Grant, *Eric Hoffman, Lynelle Jones, *Corby Kelso, Johnny Moore, *Terri Owens, *Estella Puentez, Pete Puentez, Carol Reyes, Joel Sanders, *Tod Strick-

land, *Leta Walker.

*Taking advanced classes.

Those students who are taking one or more advanced classes and who maintained a 90 or above average in each of his/her classes the first six weeks are being recognized for academic excellence. They are:

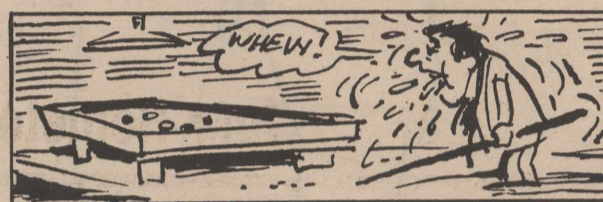
10th Grade: Melissa Arrott, Kim Sims, Misti Taylor.

11th Grade: Melinda Parker.

12th Grade: Jann Tounget.



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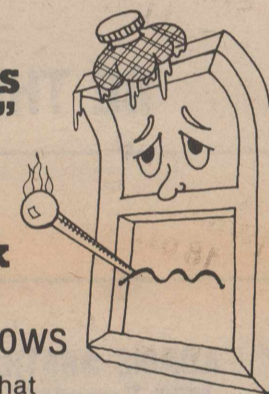
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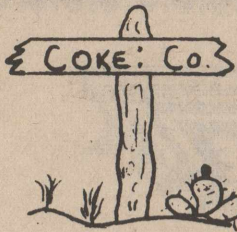
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COUNTY AGENTS NEWS

by Tommy Antilley

GET LAWN IN SHAPE FOR SPRING

Homeowners can take steps now to get their lawns in shape for next spring.

Weed, disease and insect control along with fall fertilization can help get lawns off to a fast start next year.

Chinch bugs, white grubs and armyworms must be controlled during late summer and fall. Insect damage weakens turf and allows weeds to invade the lawn. Timely applications of insecticides such as diazinon or chlorpyrifos (Dursban) will control most lawn insect problems.

Fall fertilization maintains the lawn's green color and promotes early spring green-up. A dense, vigorous turf produced by proper fertilization also keeps winter weeds from invading lawns.

A complete fertilizer with a 3-1-2, 4-1-2 or similar ratio of nitrogen, phosphorus and potash at a rate of 1 to 2 pounds of nitrogen per 1,000 square feet is recommended.

If winter weeds have been a problem in past years, apply a preemergence herbicide (chemical weed killer) for additional protection against weeds. Materials containing atrazine, benefin, bensulide and dacthal provide preemerge control of many winter annual weeds. Some preemergence herbicides are available in formulations with fertilizers, which simplifies application.

Homeowners are cautioned to follow label instructions in regard to grass species and rates of application when using herbicides. Materials containing atrazine should not be used around trees and shrubs.

As far as disease control is concerned, a fungicide on St. Augustine lawns to prevent damage from brown patch. Not only is brown patch unsightly, but weeds will invade the lawn in disease-weakened areas. Also, spring recovery is delayed in areas damaged by brown patch.

Fungicides containing PCNB (Terraclor, Ortho Lawn Fungicide), benomyl (Benlate, Tersan 1991) or chlorothalonil (Daconil) con-

trol brown patch when applied according to label instructions.

It is suggested to raise the mowing height in October to 2½ or 3 inches for St. Augustine and 1½ or 2 inches for bermuda lawns. The taller grass provides more cover and insulation for the growing points of the grass and reduces the chance for winterkill.

Another fall task for homeowners is to remove excess accumulations of grass clippings or tree leaves from the lawn. The excess debris from these sources increases thatch accumulation and creates a favorable habitat for insects and disease organisms.

Lifeline units now available

There are several Emergency Response System Lifeline units now available. These units are free for those who meet the qualifications.

If you are not familiar with the operation of these units, please come by the County Judge's Office in the Courthouse and someone will be available to give you a demonstration and some literature.

The Lifeline units are simple to operate and can be a lifesaving device as well as getting emergency help when needed, so if you know of ANYONE in need of such service, please call 453-2641, Robert Lee.

Clean-up begins

Sav-On Food of Bronte has been in the process of cleaning up after a fire closed their business a couple of weeks ago. The entire inventory has been moved out and other salvage work is underway as they await their company's decision on reopening.

A company spokesman assured that the store would resume business as soon as possible. Complete details have not been worked out as yet, but under consideration is the possibility of constructing a large, new store at an alternate location. An announcement will be made as soon as information becomes available.

ABC Golf Tourney

The final scheduled ABC golf tournament of the season was held at Singing Winds Course in Bronte Sunday. Sponsors were F&A Construction and T&R Construction of Sweetwater. Twenty-six dedicated players with six out-of-towners braved the first seasonal cold snap which made being out-of-doors unappealing. Guests came from San Angelo, Veribest, Sweetwater, Ozona, and Midland.

Four teams tied for first place with a score of 65: Wayne Coalson, James Hall, Richard Hembree, James Badgett and Dee Eubanks; Randy Corbin, Mack Bak-

er, James Tidwell and Mary Morrow;

Ricky Cox, Ronnie Snyder, Royce Clark, Betty Baker

and Corky Collins; and Farron McCain, Benny Corley, Ed Martindale and Maxine Percifull.

Diversity Club meets

Plans for a homecoming parade float were discussed by the Diversity Club at their meeting on October 9 in the home of Louvenia Rees.

The meeting was opened with the club collect and flag ceremonies, followed by a business meeting presided over by Frances Kemp. The group voted to change meeting times to 2:00 in the

afternoon. A program outlining how to deal with a physical handicap was presented by Vera Raney. Mildred Thomason was winner of the floating prize.

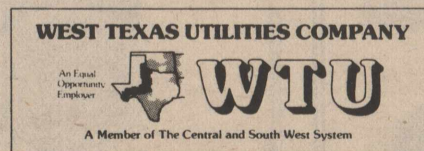
The hostess served refreshment plates to Edith Hipp, Virginia Boatright, Ona Hughes, Margaret Martin, Flora Smith, Raney, Kemp and Thomason.



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I would appreciate your vote of confidence in the election November 4th.

Coke County Judge, Aubrey Z. Denman Pd. Pol. Adv.

Bronte history told

[Editor's Note: The following excerpt was taken from a Dallas Morning News column called Tolbert's Texas authored by Frank X. Tolbert. The date was March, 1966. It was submitted to this newspaper by Noah, Jr. and Dorthey Pruitt, in hopes that Coke Countians might find this viewpoint on a little bit of Bronte history interesting and informative.)

"BRONTE, COKE COUNTY, is in fairly rugged country with the soils painted a brave red and some oddly shaped little mesas poking up out of the landscape and bearing such titles as Nipple Peak and Hayrick Mountain. While tooling along between Sweetwater and San Angelo, I paused in Bronte to take on a little petrol. And I asked the service station man for whom Bronte was named.

"Oh, it was some early Spaniard," he said.

A loafer in the service station spoke up: "No, that's not true. This town was named for some nutty British woman writer."

The loafer was closer to the truth, although he admitted he's never read any of Charlotte Bronte's works, including the great novel, "Jane Eyre," so he was only assuming she was a nut.

A BRIGHT NEW marker, put there by the historical survey committee which John Ben Shepherd heads, is on the southern outskirts of Bronte. And it tells that the town was first called Oso (or Bear) and then Bronco. And it was "formally named for the English novelist, Charlotte Bronte, in 1890."

Royce Fancher, the local history authority, wasn't in town, and no one at the City Hall or the postoffice could tell me just who was the literary soul who decided in 1890 that this wild west outpost should be named for the author of "Jane Eyre." (I'd heard that Emily Bronte, Charlotte's sister and the author of "Wuthering Heights," was also honored.)

THERE MAY BE a clue in the fact that the City of Tennyson, in Coke County just to the south of Bronte, was titled for the poet, Lord

Tennyson, by a British rancher named Samuel Sayner, who settled there in 1882. It seems likely that Mr. Sayner might have, also, had something to do with changing Bronco into Bronte."



Dear Editor:

Enclosed please find a personal check in the amount of eleven dollars (\$11.00) for one year subscription to your paper, This is for Catherine Hall. She is a former Coke County resident who is now in the Redbud Retreat Nursing Home in Naples, TX.

Catherine would appreciate hearing from her friends and relatives at Robert Lee. Her address is: In care of Redbud Retreat Nursing Home, Naples, TX. 75568.

She is confined to a wheelchair, otherwise she is doing very well.

Yours truly,
Inez Hamm
Kildare, TX.

Smith birthday

Joel Smith, of Shallowater, was honoree at a birthday party Sunday while visiting his grandparents, J.C. and Jewell Wallace, of Robert Lee. Joel was two years old Oct. 13.

Also present to take part in the celebration were his parents, Jackie and Marilyn Smith, and his sister, Jessica of Shallowater.

Others attending were Jacky, Pam and Lindsay Wallace of Abilene, Art and Donna Morton of Water Valley, Troy, Susan and Cayla Mllican of Sterling City, Buddy and Kristen Wallace of Gail, Calvin and Mildred Wallace, Francis and Addie Jeffries, and Royce and Alice Wallace of Robert Lee.



Freeman rites held in Bronte

Marshall W. Freeman, 80, of Bronte died Saturday in the Veterans Hospital in Big Spring.

Graveside services were conducted Monday at 5 p.m. in Fairview Cemetery at Bronte with the Rev. R.W. Blackmon officiating. Shaffer Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Freeman was born Feb. 6, 1906, in Wichita Falls. He had lived in Bronte since 1954. He was an oil-field worker and a Baptist. He was a veteran of World War II.

Survivors include his wife, Frances E. Freeman of Bronte; four sons, Ellis Freeman of the U.S. Navy, Marshall E. Freeman of Kenedy, Jimmy Freeman of Bronte, and C.W. "Sonny" Freeman of Houston; two daughters, Jodie Dearing of San Antonio and Rose Joyce Mullin of Stamford; two sisters; seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Nursing Home activities

by Dean Pope

This month will be a busy month for the Bronte Nursing Home. We will have a birthday party on the 17th for five residents: Ruth Walls, Altha Stephenson, Angus McDonell, Davis Hayley, and Lola Wilson. Our Talent Show will be held in the dining room on the 18th from 7 p.m. til 9 p.m. The public is invited and asked to bring cookies to help with the refreshments.

We will have trick or treats for the small spooks on Halloween night.

There is a garage sale planned for Oct. 25th at the Old City Cafe for the Activity Dept. Time is from 9 a.m. til 5 p.m. Anyone having things they would like to donate to the cause, please call Dean Pope at 473-3621 and it will be picked up. The big day for the Craft Bazaar is Nov. 1st at the Bronte City Hall from 9 til 5. We are still taking orders for sweaters, one size

fits all, in eleven different colors.

The Resident for the Month of September was Nellie Adair and Employee of the Month was Lavirl Hoyt.

Davis engagement

Mr. and Mrs. Don Davis of Winters announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Gena, to Kenneth Claiburn Means, Jr.

He is the son of Elene Means of Bronte and the late Ken Means Sr.

The marriage vows will be exchanged at an 11:00 a.m. ceremony in the Winters First Baptist Church on Nov. 8.

The bride-elect is a 1986 graduate of Winters High School and the prospective groom is a 1985 BHS graduate. He is employed by Sav-On Food.

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Noninterest-bearing balances and currency and coin	804
Interest-bearing balances	3,019
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Loans and lease financing receivables:	
Loans and leases, net of unearned income	7,337
LESS: Allowance for loan and lease losses	133
LESS: Allocated transfer risk reserve	0
Loans and leases, net of unearned income, allowance, and reserve	7,204
Assets held in trading accounts	0
Premises and fixed assets (including capitalized leases)	536
Other real estate owned	0
Investments in unconsolidated subsidiaries and associated companies	0
Customers' liability to this bank on acceptances outstanding	0
Intangible assets	426
Other assets	17,956
LIABILITIES	
Deposits:	
In domestic offices:	16,104
Noninterest-bearing	2,120
Interest-bearing	13,984
In foreign offices, Edge and Agreement subsidiaries, and in IBFs	0
Noninterest-bearing	0
Interest-bearing	0
Federal funds purchased and securities sold under agreements to repurchase in domestic offices of the bank and of its Edge and Agreement subsidiaries, and in IBFs	0
Demand notes issued to the U.S. Treasury	0
Other borrowed money	0
Mortgage indebtedness and obligations under capitalized leases	0
Bank's liability on acceptances executed and outstanding	0
Notes and debentures subordinated to deposits	245
Other liabilities	16,348
Total liabilities	16,348
Limited-life preferred stock	0
EQUITY CAPITAL	
Perpetual preferred stock	0
Common stock	50
Surplus	150
Undivided profits and capital reserves	1,408
Cumulative foreign currency translation adjustments	0
Total equity capital	1,608
Total liabilities, limited-life preferred stock, and equity capital	17,956

We, the undersigned directors, attest to the correctness of this statement of resources and liabilities. We declare that it has been examined by us, and to the best of our knowledge and belief has been prepared in conformance with the instructions and is true and correct.

Royce Fancher
Earl F. Blum
James R. ...

Directors

JOLENE BARRETT
Asst. Cashier

of the above-named bank do hereby declare that this Report of Condition is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Jolene Barrett
Signature

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Hooper, Ray united in marriage



Mrs. Steven P. Ray

Jennifer Selene Hooper of Hayfork, CA. and Steven Philip Ray of Robert Lee were united in marriage Oct. 4 at The First Christian Church in San Angelo. Dr. David C. Mindel officiated at the double ring ceremony.

Parents of the bride are Janice Hooper of Los Molinas, CA. and Robert Hooper of Redding, CA. The groom's parents are Dr. and Mrs. Philip C. Ray of Robert Lee.

The sanctuary was decorated with an archway of candles and greenery, brass candelabras and greenery, and hurricane lanterns lighted the stairway to the altar.

Organist was Ava Houston and Julie Glaspie was soloist for the ceremony.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a gown of ivory satin with fitted bodice featuring a Victorian neckline and sheer lace sleeves appliqued with pearls and sequins. Her complementing veil of satin and sheer lace was also accented with pearls and sequins. Her gown and veil were designed and hand sewn by the bride and her mother. The bride carried a cascade bouquet of white orchids with pink roses and greenery.

Tina Petershagen of Hayfork, CA served her cousin as maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Donna Ray, sister-in-law of the groom, of Lubbock, TX., Nancy Watson, Dallas, TX and Sheryl Rosen, Ft. Worth, TX. They wore dusty blue taffeta tea length dresses and carried a long stem single pink rose.

The groom wore an ivory tuxedo with tails. Phil Ray served as his son's best man. Groomsmen were Stan Ray, brother of the groom, Lubbock, Dennis Hooper, brother of the bride, Redding, CA., and Mitch Gibbs, Denton, TX. They wore grey tuxedos with dusty blue cummerbund and tie matching the bridesmaids dresses.

Ushers were Scott Ray,

brother of the groom, Robert Lee and Matthew Hooper, brother of the bride, Los Molinas, CA.

Tom Maynard of Lubbock, registered guests.

A reception followed the ceremony. The bride's table was covered in white featuring a dusty rose arrangement and candles and held a three-tier cake. Crystal and silver appointments completed the table setting.

The groom's table held a devil's food cake embossed with the United State Marine Corps Emblem. Brass accessories completed the table setting. Baby pictures of the bride and groom at age one year were placed on the table.

The bridesmaids served both the brides and grooms tables.

The bride is a 1983 graduate of Hayfork, CA. She attended Shasta College in Redding, CA. and received an AA degree in merchandising and design from Miss Wade's Fashion Merchandising and Design College, Dallas, TX. in 1986.

The groom is a 1981 graduate of Robert Lee High School. He attended Howard College, Big Spring, TX. and Texas Tech, Lubbock, TX. He is presently serving in the United States Marine Corps.

They will be stationed at El Toro, CA. for three months and then be stationed at Quantico, Virginia for three years with the United States Marine Corps.

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Republicans meet

The Coke County Republican Party met on Tuesday, October 7th to discuss the upcoming November election. Members scanned materials about Governor Bill Clements and Roy Barrera, Republican candidate for Attorney General of Texas. Opinions on recent action in the Texas Legislature were exchanged and refreshments were served by Luis and Nina Charles.

LOOK WHO'S NEW

Garrett Glenn Jackson is the new son of proud parents, David and Nancy Jackson of Bronte. He arrived at 7:34 a.m. on October 11 at Shannon Hospital. He weighed 7 lbs. and measured 19½ inches at birth.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Leon McCarty of Tennyson, Peggy Jackson of Bronte and Bill and Kathy Jackson of Blackwell.

Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Bill Feil of Tennyson, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Allbritten of San Angelo, Mr. Floyd McCarty of San Angelo and Mr. and Mrs. H.D. Willingham of Cisco.

Jordan Ann was born to proud parents Mr. and Mrs. Micky Baker of Greenwood on October 14, 1986. She weighed 5 lb. 12 oz. on her arrival.

Beaming grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Baker of Robert Lee, Joyce Braus, and George West, both of Kingswood.

Mrs. Opal Baker and Mrs. Helen Fowler, both of Robert Lee, are her great-grandparents.

Stephanie Megan is the new daughter of James and Diane (Arrott) Kirpach of Arlington. Stephanie arrived at Harris Hospital in Fort Worth on Sat., October 19 at 1:28 p.m. She measured 20¼ inches and weighed 7 lbs. 5 oz. at birth.

Proud maternal grandparents are Wayne and Sandra Arrott of Bronte and paternal grandparents, Dorothy Kirpach of San Angelo and John Kirpach, Jr. of San Angelo.

Maternal great-grandparents are Mr. O.T. Weaver of San Angelo and Mr. and Mrs. James P. Arrott of Tennyson. Paternal great-grandfather is John Kirpach, Sr. of Maple Shade, New Jersey.

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Programs helps meet goals

Patricia Aranda of the Texas Department of Human Services and Meri Jo Ney, Transportation Services Coordinator of Planned Parenthood of the Concho Valley announced the initiation of a new program to help meet our goals of making family planning information and services affordable, accessible, and understandable to any person desiring those services. This program is a joint effort between Planned Parenthood and the Texas Dept. of Human Services, and is funded through a grant from TDHS. The new program includes transportation to and from clinic from the following counties: Coke, Concho, Crockett, Irion, Kimble, Mason, Menard, Reagan, Schleicher, Sutton, Sterling, and Tom Green.

The services include 1) family planning; 2) provide complete annual physical exams; 3) provide screening for cervical cancer, sexually transmitted diseases, high blood pressure, anemia, abnormal blood sugar levels and other health risks, referrals for sterilizations; 5) information and counseling on pregnancy alternatives; 6) provide referrals for other social and medical services as needed.

All services are offered

without regard to age, race, color, marital status, sexual preference, or national origin.

The fees for in-clinic services are based on family size and income, using a sliding fee scale. The fee range would cover all in-clinic services rendered, however, there would be no extra charge for transportation, for qualified individuals, including all teenagers.

By early 1987 Planned Parenthood will be offering services to men, including: 1) family planning information and supplies; 2) screening for sexually transmitted diseases, high blood pressure and other health risks; 3) provide referrals to other social and medical service agencies.

Planned Parenthood's services are greatly expanding in an effort to better serve San Angelo and surrounding areas. And in this spirit of expansion, Planned Parenthood is changing its name from Planned Parenthood Center of San Angelo to Planned Parenthood of the Concho Valley. This is to let the surrounding counties know that the Planned Parenthood Center is available and accessible to anyone in the entire Concho Valley.

--- Postal Pointers ---

by Coe Lewis,

Postmaster Robert Lee, TX.

Last week we assigned new addresses with box numbers to all our customers on the former "Edith Route". This is now known as HD-60 (Hwy. Contract Route 60). Each person has a box number and we also assigned the new ZIP+4 number for each box. It is optional as to whether or not you use the new nine digit ZIP, but in the new computer age - it might be a good idea. I see by some of the mail coming in off the routes that you are already using your new address and this is good.

We will do our best to get all your magazines, newspapers and utility companies notified as soon as possible. It is going to take a little time to get it all changed over but we will work with you and rest assured we will do our best to see that you do not miss any mail. If you have problems, call us and we will try to solve them. Go ahead and use your old stationery but notify the correspondents of your new address.

Within the next ten days - customers on Sanco Route will be assigned numbers and we will work with you also. San Angelo Route will also be assigned numbers.

This will really be an asset to people who live out of the city since it will be easy to locate you by your box number in case of an emergency. It's hard to locate someone with just Edith Route, Sanco Route or San

Angelo Route. I believe you will like your new address when we get them all straightened out, but we expect people will be sending mail to the old address for years to come.



The blue whale can go up to half a year without eating—it is maintained by its blubber.

Retired teachers

The newly organized Coke County Retired Teachers Association met Monday, October 20 for a covered dish luncheon at the First United Methodist Church, Bronte.

During the business meeting that followed, President C.B. Barbee appointed standing committees and other pertinent matters were discussed.

Members present were Mayme Kutaka, Marie Guffey, Luther Guffey, Jean Fancher, Mary Frances Glenn, Vera Raney, Laura Herford, Virginia Lasswell, Joyce Rives, Sybil Henry, J.T. Henry, Ronda Wojtek, C.B. Barbee and Wanda Barbee. Also attending were associate members Henry Raney and Lum Lasswell and guests Reverend and Mrs. Howard Johnson.

The group is a local unit of the state association, Texas Retired Teachers Association, and wishes to encourage other interested persons to become members. Any person who receives monthly income from the Teacher Retirement System is eligible for membership. The next meeting will be at noon, Monday, November 17, First Baptist Church, Bronte.

College scholarships

High school students who are interested in applying for \$1,000 college scholarships should request applications by December 1, 1986 from Educational Communications Scholarship Foundation, 721 N. McKinley Road, Lake Forest, Illinois 60045. To receive an application, students should send a note stating their name, address, city, state and zip code, approximate grade point average and year of graduation. Sixty-five winners will be selected on the basis of academic performance, involvement in extra-curricular activities and need for financial aid.

Rodeo Association awards

The Play-Day Awards supper of the Coke County Rodeo Asso. held Saturday, Oct. 18, at the Bronte Sr. Citizens bldg. was a big success. Lots of good food, visiting, and fun was enjoyed by all.

Each member qualified to ride in the 5 & under age group through the 16-18 age group, and who had ridden in at least four out of seven of the official Play Days, was given a trophy or rosette ribbon which they earned by participating. Each one was also given a Certificate of Award, along with \$40, from the Club. The kids really worked hard all summer trying to achieve the number of points required to win their age group. Each age group was a very close race. The winners were:

5 & Under

1. Bree Bolding, 120 pts.;
2. Tracie Millican, 98;
3. Brittany Barrett, 85;
4. Brandy Denton, 72;
5. Whitney Millican, 29.

6 - 7

1. Jodie Hilliard, 115;
2. Julia Gentry, 111;
3. Kannan Millican, 99;
4. Krystal Carver, 90;
5. Heath Harcourt, 48.

8 - 9

1. Joni Barrett, 112;
2. Russel Vaughn, 111;
3. Kim Carver, 106.

10 - 12

1. Teresa Vaughn, 119;
2. Jonathon McCutchen, 103;
3. Kristie Cooper, 72;
4. Brande Burrows, 71;
5. Shelley Burrows, 60;
6. Michael Wooley, 55.

13 - 15

1. Melinda Gentry, 116;
2. Sandy Hilliard, 103;
3. Donya Cooper, 103;
4. Misty Golson, 86. *The tie between Sandy & Donya were decided by the flip of a coin.

16 - 18

1. Terry McCutchen, 113;
2. Eric Hoffman, 109;
3. Melanie Cooper, 57.

A short business meeting was held before the awards were given out.

The new officers for the 1986-87 season are: president, Bobby Bolding; vice president, Johnny Carver; treasurer, Gail Bolding; secretaries, Jolene Barrett, head; Brendi Gentry, Rosie Denton, Kelly Millican, Sheila Carver, Beverly Burdett.

Rodeo Chairman - Marshall Millican.



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FOR SALE - 1981 GMC 3/4-ton Sierra Classic Suburban. Call Bronte 473-2131. 11b-1tc

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LAKEHOUSE FOR SALE by owner - Bayview Estates, Lake Spence - 2 Bedroom, 1 bath - Newly Built, Slab Construction - (915) 453-2433, or 453-4643.

FOR SALE: Kingsize Waterbed with bookcase headboard. Phone 473-2131; Bronte. 11b-1tc

FOR SALE - Price reduced, 6 lots, 3 acres, 2 wells, concrete storage tank, 30 pecan trees, trailer house optional. In Miles. Eldon Williams, Agent. 949-5347, 944-8611. 10-2tp

FOR SALE OR RENT: 14' x 80', 3 bedroom, 2 bath mobile home. Located close to school. Call Butch Davis, 453-2261, Robert Lee, after 6 p.m. 11-tnc

FOR SALE: Corner lot, 75 x 150. Call 453-2709, ask for Jo. 10-2tp

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FOR SALE - Tract #2, 1.7 acres, Townview Estates. For more info., call 453-2012. 5-tnc

HOUSE FOR SALE - 3 bedroom, 2 bath on corner lot, storm cellar, fenced yard. 453-2340, Robert Lee. 51-tnc

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HOUSES FOR SALE - 2 bedroom for sale or rent, near school, 307 West 16th. 453-2408, Robert Lee. 6-tnc

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We would like to say thank you to all the "special" people who expressed their concern and kindness during Bobby's surgery and recuperation. Your prayers, phone calls, cards, flowers and food means more than you will ever know! A special thank you to Rev. Johnson for being with us in San Antonio.

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TWO FAMILY GARAGE SALE - Fri., Sat. & Sun. Clothes and misc. items. Turn Off of Sterling City Hwy. onto Paint Creek Road next door to Rick's Retreat Lot #9, Meadow View Area. 11-1tp

NOTICES

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that Coke County Commissioner's Court will receive sealed bids in the office of County Judge Courthouse Robert Lee, Texas 76945, until 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, November 11, 1986 for the followings:

One used 1957 TD-14 Dozer Tractor, 142 Series IHC 56" Gauge 6 Roller Tractor w/294965 - RL Radiator Guard & 14 DN-2 Tilt type hydraulic Dozer SN 2632. Dozer may be seen at Precinct #2 County Barn or contact Billy Joe Luckett, Commissioner Precinct #2, Bronte, Texas.

One used front-end loader attachment for Ford Tractor. Contact Lendy Devoll, Robert Lee Park Caretaker.

One 4 cylinder diesel continental engine. May be seen at Precinct #4 County Barn or contact James Tidwell, Commissioner Precinct #4, Bronte, Texas.

One used power plant generator. May be seen at Precinct #3 County Barn or contact Finis Millican, Commissioner Precinct #3, Robert Lee, Texas.

The commissioners reserve the right to consider each bid product separately and to reject any and/or all bids and waiver any technicality.

Stover Taylor
Coke County Auditor
11-2tc

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Bidders are expected to inspect the site of the work, carefully examine the plans, drawings and specifications and to inform themselves regarding all local conditions. Attention is called to the provisions of Article 5159a of the Forty-third Legislature of the State of Texas concerning the wage scale payment of prevailing wages established by the U.S. Department of Labor for this project and the filing of certified copies of the Contractor's labor payrolls.

Bidders must comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Davis-Bacon Act, the Anti-Kickback Act and the Contract Work Hours Standards Act.

Plans and specifications are on file in the office of West Texas Consultants, Inc., 1101 N. Whitaker, Odessa, Texas 79763. A copy of the plans and specifications may be obtained from West Texas Consultants, Inc., 1101 N. Whitaker, Odessa, Texas 79763, by one of the following methods.

a. Bona-fide Bidders: Upon payment of \$35.00 which will be non-refundable.

b. Subcontractors and Material Suppliers: Plans (\$20.00 per set) and Specifications (\$15.00 per set) may be purchased by all other interested parties. These

costs are non-refundable.

c. Individual sheets of the plans are available to subcontractors and material suppliers at \$4.00 per sheet, non-refundable. Individual pages of the specifications may be obtained at \$0.25 per page, non-refundable. All requests under this item must be made in writing to West Texas Consultants, 1101 N. Whitaker, Odessa, Texas 79763.

By: Coke Co. Commissioners Court
Aubrey Z. Denman,
County Judge
10-2tc

POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

NOVEMBER GENERAL ELECTION

For State Representative 66th District
DICK BURNETT

For Representative 17th Congressional District
CHARLES STENHOLM

For County Treasurer
PHELAN WRINKLE

For County Judge
AUBREY DENMAN

For County Commissioner Precinct 2
BILLY JOE LUCKETT

For County Commissioner Precinct 4
JAMES A. TIDWELL

For County and District Clerk
ETTIE HUBBARD

For Justice of The Peace Precinct 2
CECIL KEMP

Engagement told

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Denman, formerly of Robert Lee and San Angelo, announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their son, Michael, to Miss Dawn Jacobi, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Jacobi of Corpus Christi. The nuptials will be held on February 7, 1987, at Christ the King Church in Corpus Christi. Michael is the grandson of Mrs. Opal Baker of Robert Lee, the late Genie Baker, and Mr. and Mrs. Cole Denman of San Angelo.

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Chanda Brown is home from Abilene where she has been attending ACC. She has completed the sophomore work there.

Mrs. J.E. Gunnels received word Saturday of the drowning of her fourteen-year-old brother Rudolph Perkins at Batesville, Texas. Friends here recall that a sister, Viola Perkins, was drowned about 15 years ago at the Stroud Hall in Robert Lee.

"In Old Kentucky", the last picture made by the beloved Will Rogers will be on the screen at the Alamo Theatre Sunday and Monday. This is said to be the best picture of his career and you shouldn't miss it.

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A certain middle-aged spinster has a vivid memory of Texas courtesy. She was struggling with a hot cup of coffee in a neighboring small railway station, trying to gulp it before the train pulled out. A cowboy, seated a couple of stools away, noted her plight, and seeing the guard waving to the woman, came to the fare. "Here, ma'am, you can take my cup of coffee. It's already sauced and blowed."

The political situation in Coke County this year is rather tame so far, but they say it may be the lull before the storm and we might have some excitement later on. We suggest a political rally so the boys can make some

speeches. There was a rally in Blackwell last Saturday night that drew a huge crowd. The ladies served refreshments and the receipts amounted to \$46.

Euel Diprey read the double ring ceremony uniting in marriage Felix W. Puett and Claudia Orhue Smith, Friday morning at the home of the bride in Abilene. The bride, wearing a white lace dress and carrying a bouquet of roses and carnations, entered the living room on the arm of her father, Sidney W. Smith, who gave her away. They were met by the groom and best man Tommy Williams. J.B. Gamble played the wedding march.

Mr. and Mrs. Puett visited in Brownwood, Cisco, Santa Anna, Bangs, and San Angelo, returning to Robert Lee Sunday night.

Attending the wedding from here were Mrs. T.E. Puett, Mrs. Fannie Wallace, Tommy Williams, and Loretta Puett of San Angelo.

Mrs. Puett was the honoree at several parties and showers before her wedding.

On the Observer's 47th birthday -- The oldest business firm in Robert Lee CONGRATULATES the next oldest, for its long years of serving the people. J.J. Vestal and Son.

Star Dust Movie & Radio news -- Robert Taylor's New York vacation remained hectic to the very end. Leaving a broadcasting studio after he'd been on the air, he was mobbed by a crowd that took 15 policemen to handle-- and then one of the fans got away with his handkerchief and another took one of his shoes to remember him by.

Dear Friends:

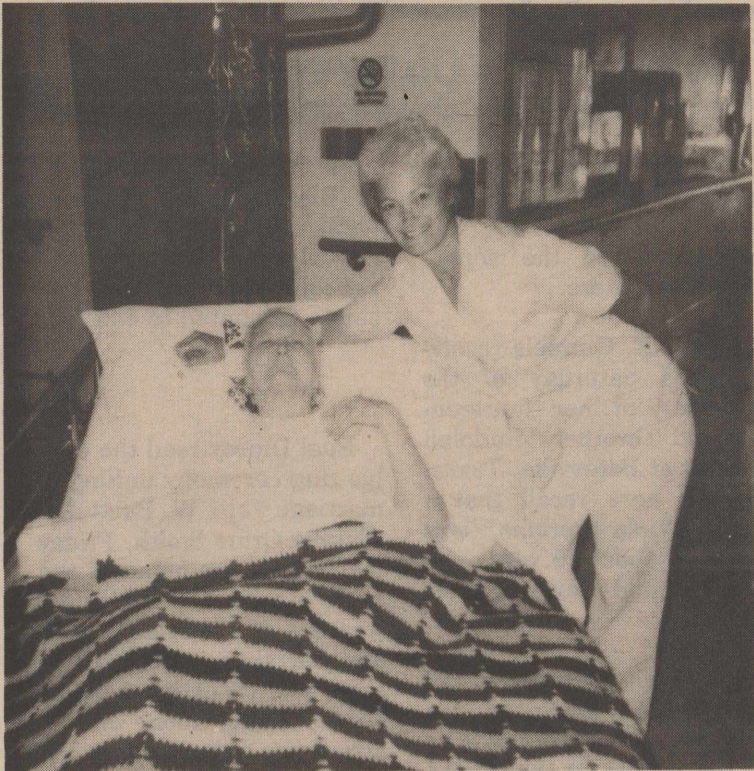
I want to thank each one of you for your cards, letters, concerns and prayers during my hospital stay. I have been temporarily moved to the Snyder Oaks Care Center located at 210 East 37th Street in Snyder, Texas. Special care and attention are needed for me to regain my strength and mobility. If you are in Snyder and have a few minutes, stop and see me or write me:

Tommy Hood
Snyder Oaks Care Center
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DUE TO A POSSIBLE MISUNDERSTANDING of date, there will be registration for the E.C.A. Class at 7 p.m. in the Science Room at Robert Lee High School Oct. 27, 1986. This course may be of benefit to you and your family or your neighbors. When the course is completed, no one will be compelled to volunteer for the Ambulance Service although the help is desperately needed and wanted.

There is a great possibility, if more individuals do not volunteer for the service, it may fold.

THINK ABOUT IT MY FRIENDS-- WHAT IS THIS COMMUNITY GOING TO DO WITHOUT AN AMBULANCE?



RESIDENT AND EMPLOYEE of the Month at West Coke County Nursing Home are Leora McCabe and Barbara Sevier. Leora has been a resident since December 1985. Barbara now works in the laundry after working as an aide for several months.

Ivey named coordinator

Texas Land Commissioner Garry Mauro announced today that his re-election campaign had recruited county coordinators in all 254 counties in Texas.

"This is probably the first time in Texas Political history that a campaign has successfully recruited county coordinators in every county in the state," Mauro said.

"I have never been one to believe that a candidate can rely solely on television commercials to win an election. It takes people working hard for you to win and I have the people," he said, "From Texarkana to Terlingua, from Dalhart to Donna, and even in Loving County, with only 67 registered voters, we have county coordinators who are doing the grassroots work that it takes to win an election."

"Our coordinators are more than figureheads, they are the backbone of my re-election campaign. They

are putting up over 300,000 signs, mailing over 50,000 postcards to their friends, walking door-to-door to drop over 400,000 tabloids, and they're raising enough money locally to purchase newspaper and radio advertising," Mauro said.

"We may not raise as much money as other candidates do," Mauro said, "but no one is working harder in Texas politics today than the people who are involved in my campaign."

Mrs. Patti Ivey of Robert Lee is Coke County's coordinator.

Personal

Tommy Hood of Robert Lee has been temporarily transferred to the Snyder Oaks Care Center in Snyder, Texas. Tommy needs special care and attention to regain his strength and mobility that he lost during his stay in Shannon Hospital.



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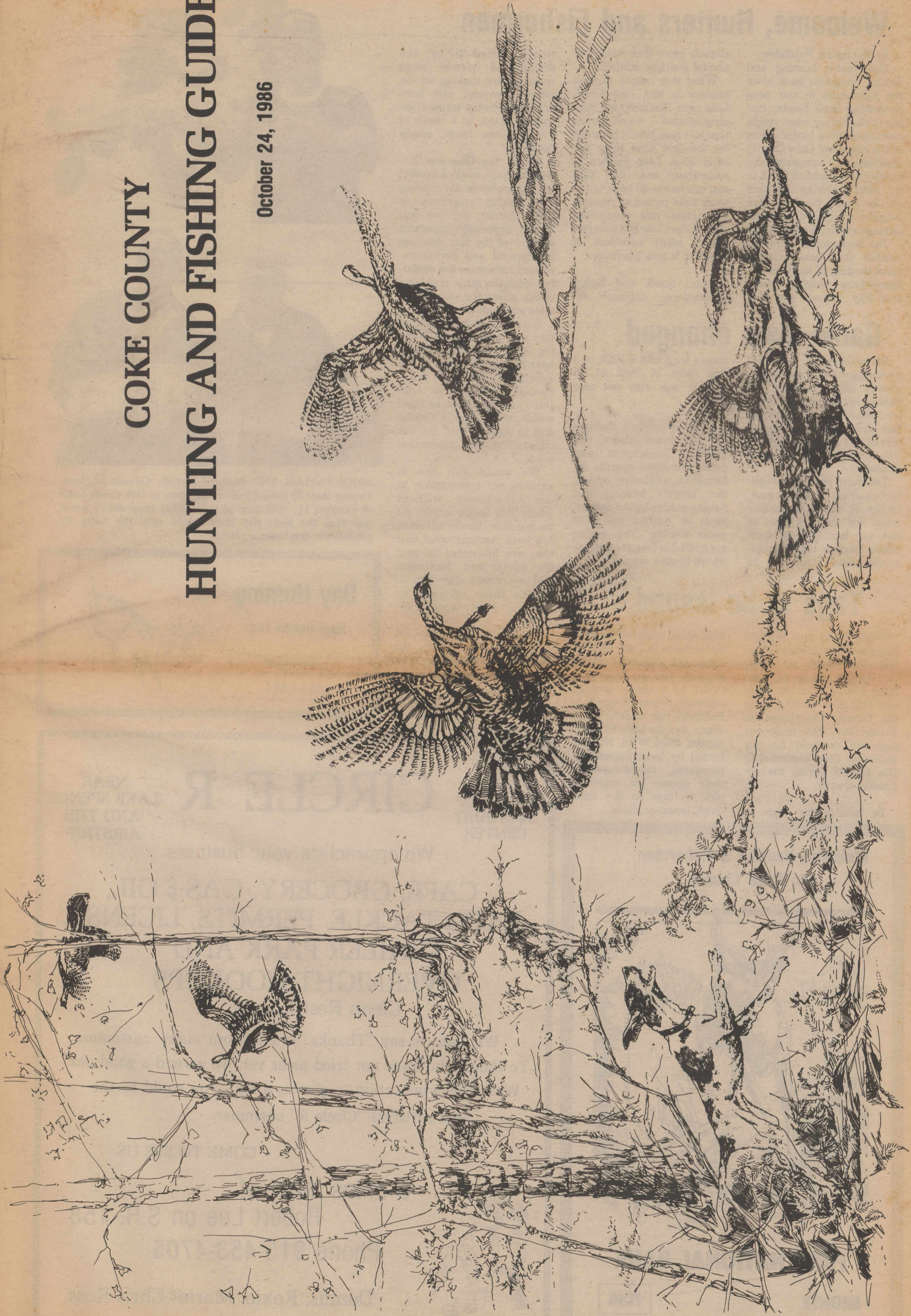
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HUNTING AND FISHING GUIDE

October 24, 1986



Welcome, Hunters and Fishermen

by Hal Spain, Publisher

This year's hunting and fishing prospects have even the old-timers in our area scratching their heads, trying to remember when range conditions were better. Most of the long-time Coke County residents are comparing the current conditions to those in the 1930's, during the time of the great flood at San Angelo, which did so much damage and took many lives.

The best estimates of the rainfall that has occurred since the first of the year run somewhere between forty and fifty inches, which is

already more than twice our annual average rainfall.

What this means to area anglers is that Oak Creek Lake near Blackwell is "running around", which means that this area lake is brim full for the first time since the early 70's. Lake Spence is somewhere near half full, and one has to go back to the same time period to remember when this compound near Robert Lee has contained as many acre-feet of water as it now possesses.

Deer, quail, and turkey populations, although se-

riously affected by the drought of several years running, are making an excellent recovery, with horn prospects being termed extremely good, as a result of the excellent range conditions.

We at the Observer/Enterprise have made a special effort to promote our hunting and fishing resources in Coke County, and we feel this is especially important in light of the fact that our agricultural and petroleum-related industries are suffering from the same problems which affect the rest of our state and nation.

We are especially proud of this year's Hunting & Fishing Guide, and feel it is the best such publication in the Edwards' Plateau area. Special thanks go to Joan Davis, for her input as chief writer to this year's Guide, and to Jane Webb, for her typesetting and production input.

We would also like to express our appreciation to our advertisers, without whom this Guide would not be possible. These advertisers have demonstrated that they are interested in you, the hunter and fishermen, and we would urge you to return their interest by showing your support for them.

Thank you, sportsmen, for choosing Coke County for our hunting and fishing. You are important to us. We welcome you to Coke County, and wish you much success in your hunting and fishing endeavors.



MIKE TAYLOR AND Richard McGill, Odessa anglers, display their 32 pound yellow cat taken at Oak Creek Lake on October 11, 1986 [top photo]. What they didn't know was that the next day they would take the hefty 51 pounder in the bottom photo.

Game laws changed

Far-reaching changes were enacted this year which greatly effect hunting and fishing regulations in Texas for 1986-87. Significant is the fact that everyone regardless of age who will hunt or fish must have a valid state license.

The most important regulations effect the fisherman. Limits of size and number taken for some species of fish are limiting. On most Texas lakes a black, large-mouth bass must be 14

inches long with a limit of 5 fish daily. A limit of 25 crappie was also put into play.

Other regulation changes by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department also exist. For more specific information, as always, consult the 1986-87 hunting and fishing guides by the department or contact the local game warden. The guides are available free at locations where license are sold.

Tags to be issued

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department will issue either-sex deer tags for Coke County on Oct. 23, 24, 1986 from 8:00 a.m.-12:00 Noon and 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. in the County Courthouse in Robert Lee. The either-sex tags are required for any antlerless deer harvested in this County during the upcoming season.

To qualify for tags, a

landowner must own or control acreage in Coke County. After the opening of the hunting season, tags will ONLY be available through regional offices located in Rockport, San Angelo, Tyler, Waco, and the State Office in Austin. Tags WILL NOT be issued by local department personnel. Landowners or their agents are urged to pick up tags on the scheduled issuance dates.

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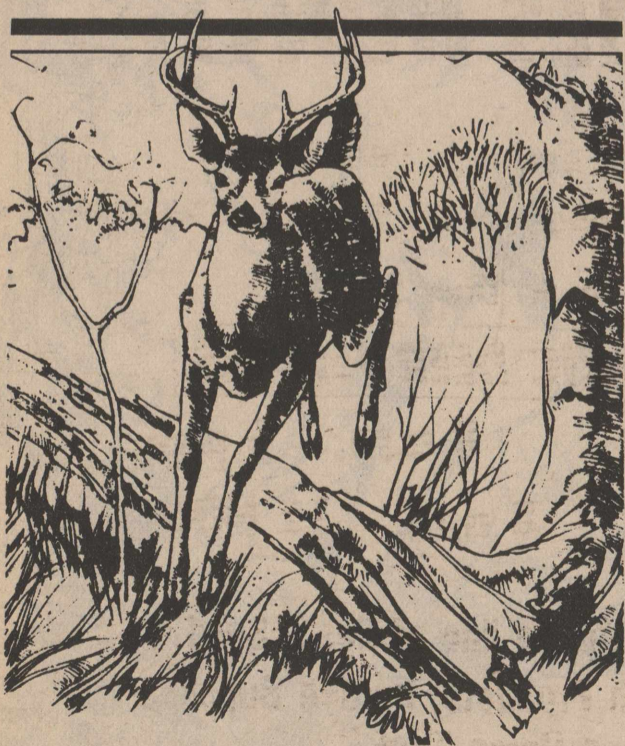
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'It's gonna be a good 'un'

The Big Three, the hunter's summit meeting, begins right away. Gun season for deer, turkey and quail regular hunting periods are right around the corner. According to just about everyone, it's gonna be a good 'un.

Contacted Tuesday evening, Coke County Game Warden Sparks Burdett of Robert Lee advised that all upcoming wildlife seasons should be outstanding. He agreed with state biologists that conditions have been excellent with the past mild winter, ample forage and water, which have resulted in not only feed but in protective cover as well.

-- Oak Creek Fishin' News --

Many lakes across West Texas hold more water now than they have in several years and this is going to be a real asset to the fishing for the next two to three years. Oak Creek was blessed more than most as it filled early in the year and got a spawn from the fish seldom seen in our West Texas lakes. This is great for the future, but right now this lake holds a population of bass in the ten to twelve inch range like I have not seen in my 26 years of observing how the fishing has gone.

You can just mark it on your calendar, Oak Creek is on its way to regaining its lofty position as one of the best bass lakes in this state of Texas. When one area comes alive, others follow and that's what has happened to the crappie here. We are looking for some excellent crappie fishing in the warm water discharge from the power plant when the water gets cold but it's going great all over the lake right now. Limit strings are being caught that average near a pound and that ain't bad crappie in anybody's lake.

What about the catfish? Just this past week, there

Although the TPWD has predicted good antler growth, Burdett said that due in part to the heavy growth of underbrush and cover he had not personally seen any great number of big racks.

He advised hunters to follow the lead given by state personnel to use the antlerless tags on their hunting license. Burdett related that even seasoned hunters have questioned whether they must tag a young buck they have mistaken for a doe with a buck tag. His answer is that the definition of a buck is one with hardened antlers protruding through the skin. If the yearling has no antler through the skin, he may be

were two yellow cat caught at 32 and 51 lbs., so the big'un's are here to be caught. Back in the early spring these 2 to 8 lb. blue and channel cat were caught on trotlines in good numbers. Anybody that saw some of the catfish I caught back in April and May of this year know what kind of fish the lake holds. The blue cat are fun fish to catch on a rod & reel and you had better have some good tackle if you hook on to a six or eight pounder.

Coke County has a lot to offer the sportsman. Oak Creek, a good all around lake, is best known for its black bass. Just 22 miles to the west is the location of Lake Spence, one of the best striper bass lakes to be found in this part of the country. This area is the home of a large population of deer and turkey as well as most other game native to this part of the state, but finding a place to hunt is a problem.

If you are wondering what to do with a weekend or a vacation, we want to invite you to come to Coke County. We know you will find it an enjoyable place to be.

Ike Pate

tagged with an antlerless tag. In clarifying this, he said it may encourage hunters to use their doe tags and not be afraid they are spending a buck tag on the kill.

Archery season for deer and turkey will end on November 2 and the general season will run for 58 days, Nov. 8 through January 4, 1987, for 4 deer, either sex, limit 2 bucks, and 2 turkeys either sex. The spring gobbler season April 4-19, 1987 will allow 2 toms in Coke Co. Statewide quail season will cover November 1 through February 22. Daily bag limit is 12 birds and a possession limit of 36. Javelina hunting began October 4 and continues through February 22, 1987 with 2 per season allowed. Legal shooting hours for all game animals and birds (except migratory birds) are 1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset.

The long-range weather forecast calls for cooler than normal for this time of year with some rain. Cold fronts will be through our area for the first week of November, again about the middle, then much cooler about Dec. 1. We should have cool nights with not so many warm afternoons as we normally would. Usually hunters in Coke County must either get home with their kill or find a cold storage. Only one is available in the county this year, at Skinner's Grocery and Station in Robert Lee.

Everything is set on go for a remarkable season. Part of the fun is the preparation and anticipation!



IKE PATE REVEALS a good morning's catch of blue and yellow cat this past summer on Oak Creek.

Is your hunting done only with a camera? Try a hunting vest for carrying all photography equipment. Arms are free as you wear everything you need in its many pockets.

Fishermen tout the use of purple worms for bass. Some are dyeing artificial flies and bugs with gentian violet from drug stores to try, too.



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Hay attracts fish

Local farmers may have been startled recently at the sight of 20 bales of hay floating on the surface of Old Anson Lake.

It wasn't a tornado or act of vandalism that put the hay in the lake. Rather, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department is cooperating with Bob Pence of Anson, president of the Texas Association of Bass Clubs (TABC) in a pilot project to assess the effectiveness of hay bales as fish attractor reefs.

"In the past there have been all kinds of materials used as fish attractor reefs," said Bob Bounds, aquatic habitat coordinator for the TPWD, "including Christmas trees, brush and old tires bound together."

Of all the materials tried so far, the 1,200-pound round bales of hay may be the easiest and most effective, Bounds believes.

Pence located the hay and a trailer to haul them to the lake. Bounds said the lake is a good one for the experiment because it has good populations of bass, catfish and other species but very little natural structure.

The study is being done to learn the best procedures for placing the bales, and ultimately to help the department cooperate with local groups such as bass clubs start their own attractor projects.

Pence and Bounds used the trailer, a standard hay loader, to haul the bales to the lake shoreline. After dumping the bales, they used a boat to push them to the desired locations on the lake. The bales are anchored to the bottom with lines to keep them in place.

Once the bales are placed it takes them about a month to sink to the bottom, Bounds explained. The organic material in the hay stimulates plankton growth and attracts bait fish such as minnows and shad, which in turn attract predator species.

"The hay not only attracts fish, but in a lake the size of Old Anson (300 acres), it actually can increase the fertility of the water and help fish production," Bounds said.

Perhaps the best feature of hay reefs is the relative ease of hauling and placing the bulky bales. "The bales can be hauled one at a time on a standard hay loader," Bounds said, "and it only takes about two people to do the job."

Bounds said the bales actually start working as soon as they hit the water. "I noticed swarms of minnows coming around the hay within seconds," he said. "Fishermen began catching catfish and small bass around the bales the same day they were anchored in place."

Another desirable feature of hay bales is their availability, since they can usually be

purchased near any reservoir. Also, freshly harvested bales, which are the most expensive, are less desirable than those a year or so old. "This older hay usually can be purchased for less than \$20 a bale," Bounds said, "and the year-old hay is much easier to handle since it is more buoyant."

Bounds believes there are hundreds of reservoirs around the state which could benefit from hay reefs. "This is the kind of project many bass clubs and other groups may want to try at their favorite lake," he said, adding that placement of reefs should be approved by the appropriate lake authority.

The success of the Old Anson Lake project will be assessed by use of gill nets later, Bounds added. Nets will be placed near the bales and in other shoreline areas so relative numbers of fish can be estimated.

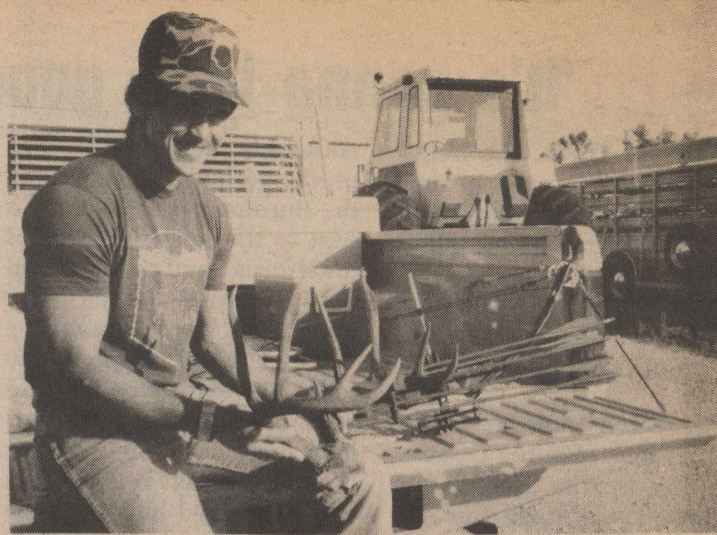
Old Anson Lake, also known to local residents as North Lake, is owned by the City of Anson in Jones County. It is located between Anson and Stamford.

Stamp required

This year for the first time, all saltwater sport fishermen in Texas are being required to purchase a \$5 saltwater stamp in addition to a fishing license.

Funds from stamp sales and from sales of prints of the painting used on the stamp -- that of a red drum cruising the flats of a coastal bay-- will be used for coastal fisheries management and enforcement. The scene on the stamp was painted by artist John P. Cowan. Officials of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department are hoping that the saltwater stamp program will win public acceptance comparable to the waterfowl stamp program, which generated \$550,000 in 1985.

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 ½ tsp. salt
 Dash of pepper
 1 qt. large oysters
 ½ C. grated Monterrey Jack cheese
 1 T. butter
 Sliced dill pickles
 Combine picante sauce, cilantro, Worcestershire sauce, salt and pepper. Place the oysters in a buttered baking dish and cover with picante sauce mixture. Sprinkle with grated cheese and dot with butter. Bake at 350 degrees F. until cheese is melted and the oysters are curled. Serve hot.



DANNY CARPER OF Robert Lee claimed this dandy rack during archery season last fall northwest of town on the old Markham place. The five 10-point buck walked under Carper's treestand shortly after daylight.

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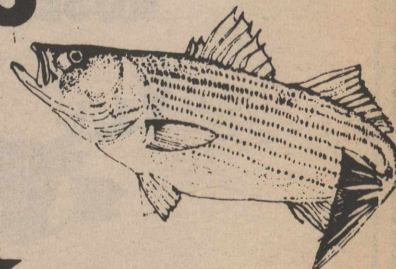
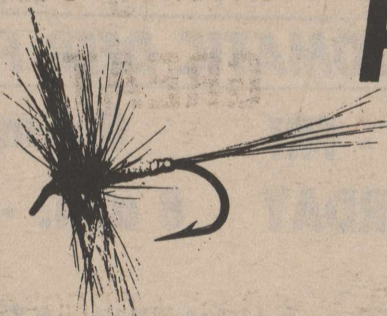
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BROTHERS MICHAEL AND Todd Lee, along with their dad, Tom Lee, harvested these two heavy-horned bucks on a ranch south of Robert Lee last fall. Both were nice 10 pointers, one going 20 1/4 and the other measuring 21 inches.

Firm produces replicas

How can a trophy bass be on your wall and in the lake at the same time?

A growing number of bass anglers are embracing the "catch and release" philosophy, even with some large fish. But when a truly big largemouth comes aboard, few would hesitate to sacrifice it to have a trophy mount for the mantelpiece.

Now a Conroe firm claims to be able to produce a custom replica mount of a bass or any other game fish with nothing more tangible than a photo, weight and measurements to go by.

Dan Edwards, marketing vice-president of Catch & Release Custom Mounts Inc., recently displayed a group of mounts for a group of biologists who agreed the acrylic plastic fish could not be distinguished from mounts using the fish's original parts.

"This method allows a fisherman to catch a trophy fish, snap a quick picture, measure it and then release it in a matter of minutes," Edwards said.

The molded acrylic mounts have a texture and finish that closely duplicate the scaled skin of a bass, Edwards said, and the trans-

lucense of the material makes fins and membranes of the mouth even more realistic than those on actual mounted fish.

The material also lends itself well to air-brushing, which blends colors into a lifelike pattern, he said.

Phil Durocher, in-land fisheries management coordinator for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, said his agency is not in a position to recommend one taxidermist over another, but he sees the replica concept as a positive one for fishery conservation. "I don't see how you could have a better situation," Durocher asserted. "You get the thrill of catching a big fish, have the enjoyment of a trophy later, and you don't even have to kill the fish do to it."

For more information, Edwards may be contacted at (409) 760-2645.

If a rivet breaks out of an aluminum boat creating a hole or a small hole gets punched in its shell, cut a plug from a lead sinker and gently drive it into the hole. Smooth is off with a flat river rock til the boat can be properly repaired.

Sandhill permits required

Free federal sandhill crane permits again will be required of all persons hunting sandhill cranes during the upcoming hunting season.

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department officials said the permits may be obtained by writing department headquarters or one of seven other locations. Requestors should include the name, address (including zip code) for each individual planning to hunt. Two weeks should be allowed for processing.

In Zone B, of which Coke County is a part, Sandhill crane hunting season is scheduled to open on November 29 and close on February 8, 1987. Bag limits are 3 per day with 6 in possession and hunting hours are 1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset for the migratory birds.

After the hunting season, a sample of the permittees will be contacted through

questionnaires to obtain data about the crane harvest.

The permits may be obtained by writing any of the following locations:

TPWD Headquarters, 4200 Smith School Rd., Austin, TX 78744

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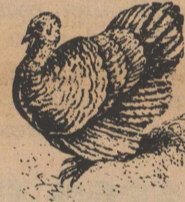
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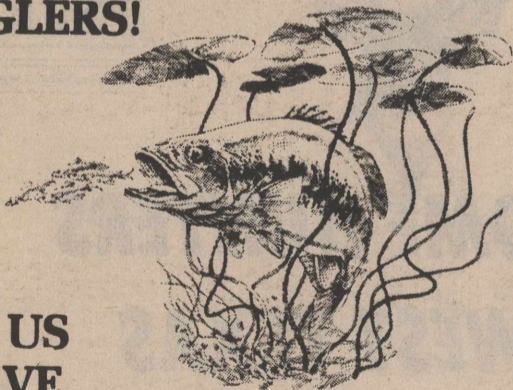
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THIS 28 POUNDER yellow cat was taken at Oak Creek Lake on May 10th, by Odessa fishermen Larry Norman and Robert Harris.

Ranchers feel effects

West Texas ranchers, including some Coke County landowners, are feeling the effects of the oil crunch as leases to large companies are being cancelled. As long ago as the late 70s, the individual hunter has been unable to compete with big corporations who leased land for hunting for customers and employees. In good hunting areas south and southwest of Coke County, some ranchers report paid leases off as much as 25 percent.

Leasing for hunting, fishing, and other recreational uses of land were new to West Texans a few years ago but with low livestock prices, drought, and depressed eco-

nomy it has become a big part of the annual income.

Dr. Don Steinbach of Texas A&M's wildlife research project says the leasing for hunting is a trade-off. Privileges for recreational use of the land allows sportsmen to get into the field without owning land but they must understand they cannot abuse the lease nor interfere with the normal working of the ranch. It is estimated six deer utilize the same amount of forage as one cow and the landowner must be compensated. In the same turn, ranchers must provide forage, basic facilities, courtesy, and fairness in every phase of the agreement.

Season closes October 30

Only a week remains for Mourning dove hunting in Coke County. October 30 will close the season until January 3, 1987 when it will re-open for 10 days - through January 12, 1987.

The shooting was spotty but much better in some areas than in a number of years. It got off to a slow start and was just picking up

when prolonged rains began. Near domestic grain crops, hunting was fair but tank shooting was a failure with birds able to water most

anywhere. However, more birds chose to winter and hatch here over the mild season last year than in recent years and it appears local bird numbers are up.

Spence noted for white bass, stripers

In the ever-changing world of fishing, yesterday's "hot-spot" may be today's wallflower but an informal survey was recently tallied by TFWD personnel made up of field fishery biologists. These people, who should have first-hand knowledge of Texas reservoirs, listed Lake Spence in two of the nine popular species categories. It was noted as a good bet

for White bass, along with Buchanan, Falcon, Livingston, and Toledo Bend.

Lake Spence perhaps will gain the attention it deserves as a Striped bass fishing hole with the TPWD's roster of Texas lakes to fish for the monster stripers in the elite company of Texoma and Amistad.

The record striper caught at the lake was an uncon-

firmed 34 lb. 10 oz. lunker by Tim Deveny of Abilene. The fish reportedly measured 43 inches when caught August 23, 1986. This would replace the 30 lb. 4 oz. fish caught by Eddie Lewis of Ballinger in February, 1985 if documented.

Two recent Striped bass tournaments at the lake have also served to increase Spence's fishing prestige.

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Cash rewards given

The state's Operation Game Thief program paid \$7,450 to persons who caught game law violators in the act during the past six months.

Deer poaching in one form or another accounted for 24 of the 34 cases, ranging from night road hunting, use of prohibited weapons, possession of untagged deer and taking deer during a closed season.

Persons who observe game or fish law violations may call toll-free 1-800-792-GAME and if the information leads to a conviction the caller, who may remain anonymous, is eligible to receive a cash reward in an amount specified by the Operation Game Thief Committee.

The committee meets in Austin every six months to disburse rewards, which are funded entirely through tax-deductible contributions from individuals and organizations.

Operation Game Thief continues to receive excellent support from contributors, with sufficient money now in the fund to pay rewards from accrued interest, according to Capt. Stanley Brooks, Game Thief

Program Coordinator for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

The program continues to have a good arrest and conviction percentage from the incoming calls, Brooks said. During the past six-month period, the 705 calls led to 588 cases investigated and 66 arrests. A total of 168 convictions were obtained against 206 persons, for a 11.12 percent conviction rate.

Persons or organizations interested in making donations to the OGT fund may contact Brooks at the Parks and Wildlife Department headquarters, 4200 Smith School Road, Austin, TX 78744.

Ever puzzled over how to manage without a bottle opener? Hold bottle between knees, using a fork and knife, put the bottom tine of the fork horizontally under the cap. Stick the blade of the knife across the cap and through the 2 times above and pry down.

Increase the life of the starting cord on an outboard motor by soaking it with gasoline in which an ounce of paraffin has been dissolved.

Civil damage liability

Texas sportsmen who violate game laws can now be required to pay for losses of natural resources in addition to their criminal penalties.

About 600 game law violators have received letters in the mail recently.

Under the new Civil Reimbursement Program adopted by the 69th Legislature, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department now is mandated to collect civil damages for loss of wildlife or fishery resources.

Carlos Vaca, coordinator of the program, said about half of the persons notified have paid their bills, for a total in excess of \$36,000.

The amounts of damages are based on the species lost, costs of replacement and time required for the resource to recover. The assessments are in addition to any fine, forfeiture, other penalty, or costs imposed under another law, Vaca said.

So far, the largest payment received was over \$850 from three men convicted of illegally trapping catfish for commercial purposes on a freshwater lake. Another paid more than \$550 for illegal possession of red drum, and a third was charged \$500 for an illegally-taken buck white-tailed deer.

Some of the values of game species include white-tail buck, \$251-\$800; white-tail doe, \$163; Rio Grande turkey, \$63; and mourning dove or quail, \$15.50 each. Game fish values are determined by species and length. Any recovery of damages for

a loss of wildlife resources is deposited to the credit of the game, fish and water safety fund.

Persons who do not respond to the TPWD Civil Reimbursement Notices will be referred to the Texas Attorney General's Office for appropriate court action.

If new mono line is unavailable and your old line appears to be brittle or weak, swap ends by putting unused portion on the outside of the reel.

In repeated casts and reel-ins, put left hand in front of reel and allow line to glide through or over fingers to catch damaged line or kinks you may not see.

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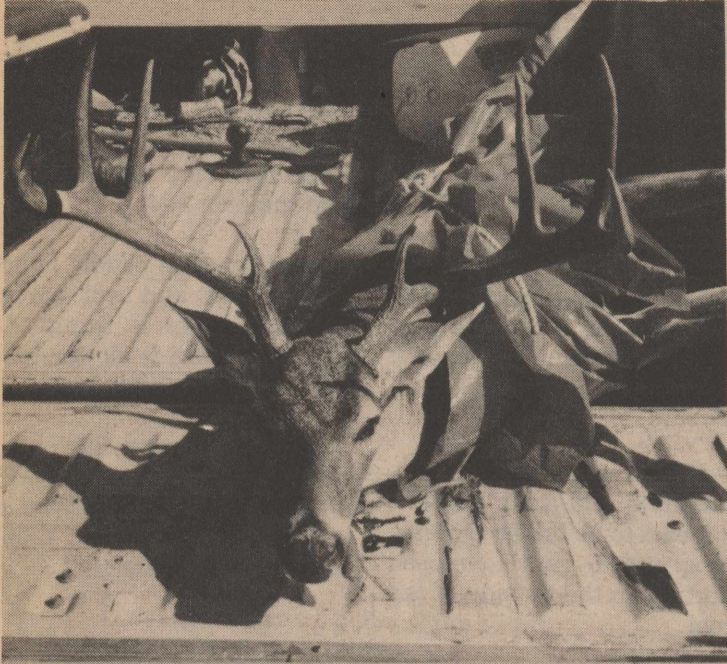
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Oak Creek over spillway

News from Oak Creek,

It's a blessing to get up every morning and see a lake full of water like we have here at Oak Creek. We have more than a full lake, the water went over the spillway on Labor Day and is still running over at a depth of ten inches. This is great and the water will likely run over the spillway all winter but we sure don't need any more rain on the water shed any time soon.

From '82 through '84 Oak Creek probably received more pressure from bass fishermen than any other lake in the Big Country. It hurt the fishing for a while but this lake is on its way back. I believe in a very short time the average fisherman will be able to catch a limit string of bass that will average better than three pounds per fish. Remember that the limits now are five bass with a minimum length of 14 inches.

The Odessa Permian Bass Club was here for a tournament over the weekend and found the wind and cold more than they wanted to

cope with on Sunday. Some nice fish were caught before the bad weather arrived with a 5 pound 13 oz. bass taking first place. Most everyone caught bass and some got three limits (15) bass in the ten to twelve inch range.

Richard McGill and Mike Taylor teamed up and did some trotline fishing and it's a good thing there were two in the boat with the size fish they caught. Saturday morning, they took a 32 pound yellow cat and then the big-uns started biting, Sunday they had one going 51 pounds. They also had six blue and channel cat ranging from six to eight pounds each.

Got the fishing fever? Now would be a good time to fish Oak Creek but come spring I think we will see some of the finest fishing this ol' fishing hole has ever offered.

The crappie are biting with good strings being caught with fish averaging near a pound each. This is good crappie in anybody's lake.

Ike Pate

Capturing fawns violates law

Early summer is the time of year when many Texans find deer fawns in the woods and assume them to be abandoned.

Capturing and keeping these animals is a violation of the law as well as being inadvisable from a biological standpoint, according to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

Horace Gore, white-tailed

deer program leader, said in almost every case, healthy fawns found in the wild are not abandoned at all. "When folks find a fawn, they seldom see its mother because she already has slipped quietly away," Gore said. "Doe deer often leave

their fawns in some sort of heavy cover while they go foraging, so finding a lone

fawn is not necessarily an indication it has been abandoned."

Young deer make appealing pets, but upon reaching maturity they can be unpredictable and dangerous.

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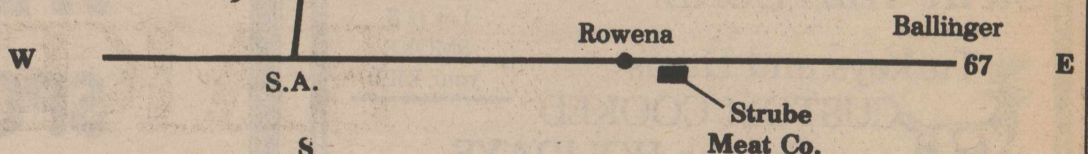
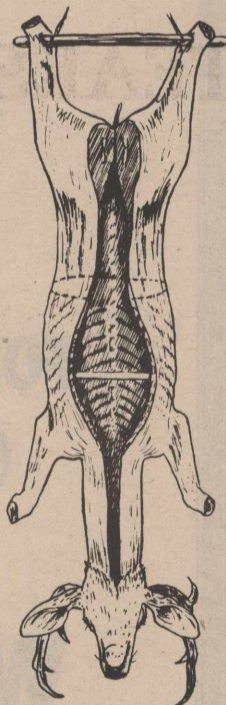
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Alligator makes comeback in Texas

The Texas alligator has made a comeback -- a comeback reflected in the results of last year's alligator hunting season.

In last September's season, 790 alligator tags were issued to landowners, who sold or otherwise distributed them to recreational or commercial hunters. A total of 747 gators were killed.

It was the second legal alligator hunting season since the alligator was taken off the endangered species list in Texas. One of the features was a public hunt at the state's J.D. Murphree Wildlife Management area near Port Arthur. There, seventy-one hunters took forty-four alligators for a success rate of 62 percent, said Bruce Thompson, alligator program leader for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

Thompson said firearms were allowed experimentally in the public hunt in all other Texas alligator hunting, however, the means of taking must involve some sort of tether testing at least 300 pounds, to ensure the gator is retrieved.

"Hook and line with bait hung just over the water is the standard method," said Thompson. "Archery equipment is also used. A firearm may be used to dispatch the alligator, but not as the sole hunting method."

Alligator hunting was outlawed from 1969 to 1975, after gators hit low population levels. Under this protection, the gator population doubled in Texas between 1975 and 1980, Thompson said. The federal endangered status was lifted in 1983, and the state removed the alligator from its endangered list in June 1984. The first hunt followed later that year.

Alligators exist in portions of ninety Texas counties and probably number in the hundreds of thousands, said Thompson. They live predominantly in the coastal and piney woods area of East Texas, but range as far inland as Austin. They even exist in creeks, bayous, and ditches around cities.

The average mature alligator tagged in recent sea-

sons was 8 to 9 feet long, although males can exceed 10 feet.

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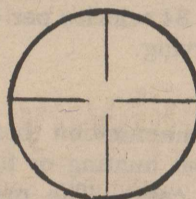
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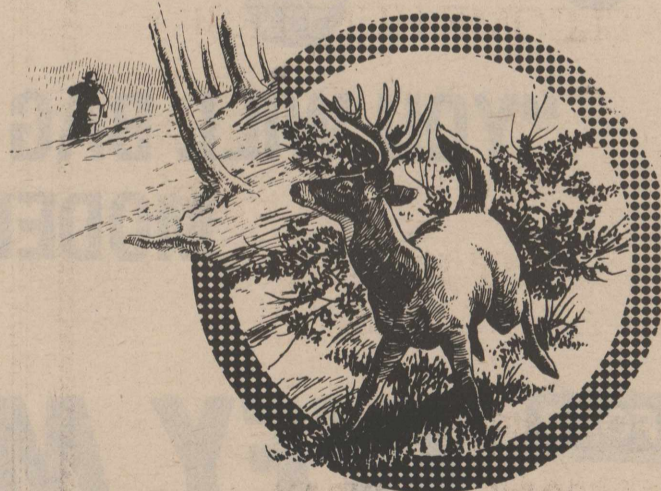
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There was a tradition regarding oysters that stated they were in season only during the months that have the letter R, with the season beginning in September. This tradition no longer has much meaning since oysters can be eaten all year round. Oysters reproduce from May through August, and though they may be smaller during the summer months, they are just as flavorful as in the fall and winter.

When purchasing oysters in the shell, be sure the shells are tightly closed. The best way to know that an oyster is fresh, is to make sure it is alive. If the shell is open gently tap the oyster. If the fish is alive it will close the shell. If the shell stays open the oyster is not fit to eat. If you have your fish store open the oysters, be

sure to use the oysters immediately.

Oysters have a shallow shell on one side and a deep cupped shell on the other. Oysters are usually served in the deep shell, when served raw. They should be well chilled in their shell and opened just before serving. When buying oysters you should plan to have about six oysters on the half shell per person.

This shellfish is rich in vitamins and minerals such as vitamin B 12, vitamin A, iron, phosphorus, zinc and calcium. Oysters are also high in protein and low in fat. They are low in calories with only 84 calories per 3.5 ounce serving.

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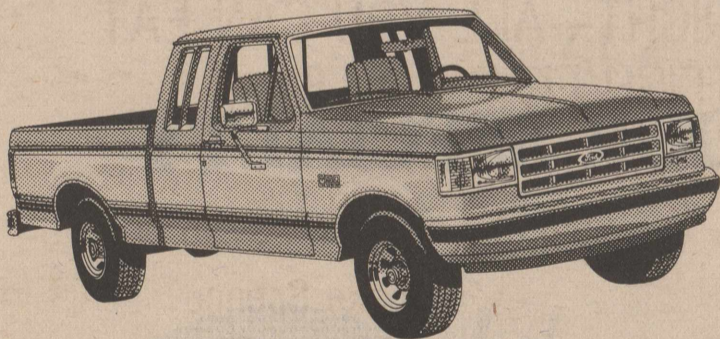
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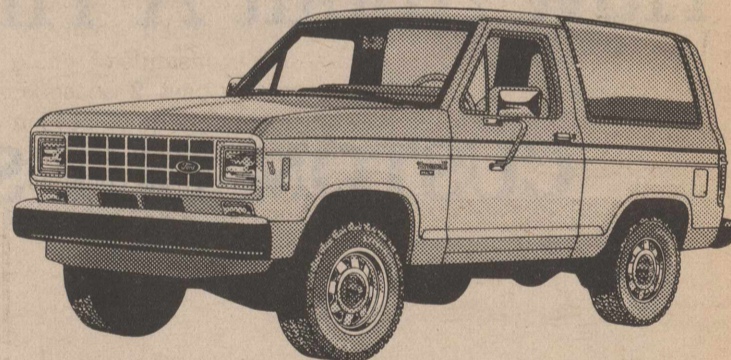
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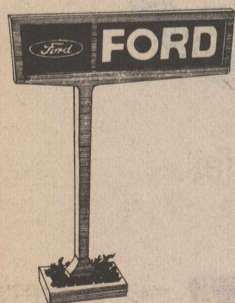
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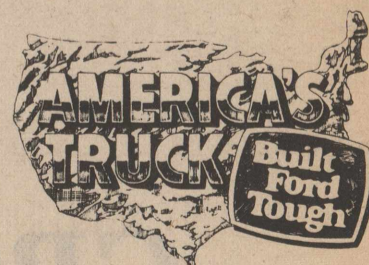
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Weed infests lakes

By March 1985, an Asian aquatic weed called Hydrilla had infested over 34,000 acres in 26 Texas reservoirs. A monster was created when it was imported by aquarium businesses and first seen in a pond in 1969 in the Houston Zoo. Five years later it was found in Lake Livingston. The weed grows so rapidly, it chokes out most native vegetation and threatens navigation, power plant operations, fishing and all other water-oriented recreation.

Texas Wildlife experts fear the state may face the same problem with Hydrilla as Florida has. That state has spent millions of tax dollars for control of the weed. The TPWD is now experimenting with new chemicals for selective control.

Anyone who observes vegetation they suspect might be Hydrilla should report it to either a regional TPWD office or a local game warden for early treatment control.

Duck numbers increase

The Texas duck population is up about 14 percent for 1986 over last years all-time low in the state. This is a promising figure after the steady dip in numbers over the past few years due to a number of factors including freezes in the South, the lead shot, bird diseases, and destruction of nesting and migration sites.

No shortage of turkeys is forecast for the coming season as 2 hatches evolved in some areas of the state. Water and feed have been plentiful with a large carry over of mature birds from the last 2 years.

Doves are also making a comeback this year, up 10 to 20 percent over past seasons following low numbers due to freezes, drought, and loss of habitat in South Texas.

According to Parks & Wildlife officials, shotguns can take heart also in a slight increase in quail numbers which have been slow to recoup after severe drought and cold caused complete die-off in thousands of whole coveys the past 2 seasons. The upcoming quail season will produce good shooting in scattered Texas counties.

Red tide invades coast

No, the Russians have not come ashore on the Texas Gulf coast. The current red tide invasion to the shoreline is caused by a tiny marine organism. With high concentrations, toxins are released which kill fish and other marine life. It also causes vapors in the air, irritating to human eyes and lungs and causing human sickness. Millions of fish litter beaches from Galveston to Matagorda Bay.

The characteristic red coloration was first observed offshore near Galveston in late August. It has steadily spread southward for 200 miles. The red tide is common to Florida but quite rare to Texas.

Officials have closed some beaches including those near Corpus Christi and Padre Island. The red tide has virtually wiped out tourism and fish, oyster, and shrimp sales have hit rock bottom, severely effecting gulf coast economy. Health officials say fish caught alive will be safe to eat but have closed the oyster beds as all mussels filter and retain the toxin. Shrimp are also said to be safe to eat. Infected marine products could cause human sickness if eaten.

Cleanup continues on the dead fish and biologists say the infestation could last for weeks. They advised no treatment is feasible and only cold weather might help.

Try fishing for bluegills with light tackle and small flies or small bugs in the late afternoon for some real fun.

Antler sales documented

Persons who buy or sell deer antlers in Texas will be required to provide documentation of the transaction to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

The Parks and Wildlife Commission authorized creation of a new invoice for recording such sales. The invoice contains information such as date of sale; name, address and signature of both buyer and seller; a detailed description of the antlers and the state of their origin.

The rule specifies that the

invoice must be initiated by the seller of antlers. After both parties sign the document, the seller retains one copy and sends the original to the department. The buyer receives two copies of the invoice, one of which he is required to send to the TPWD.

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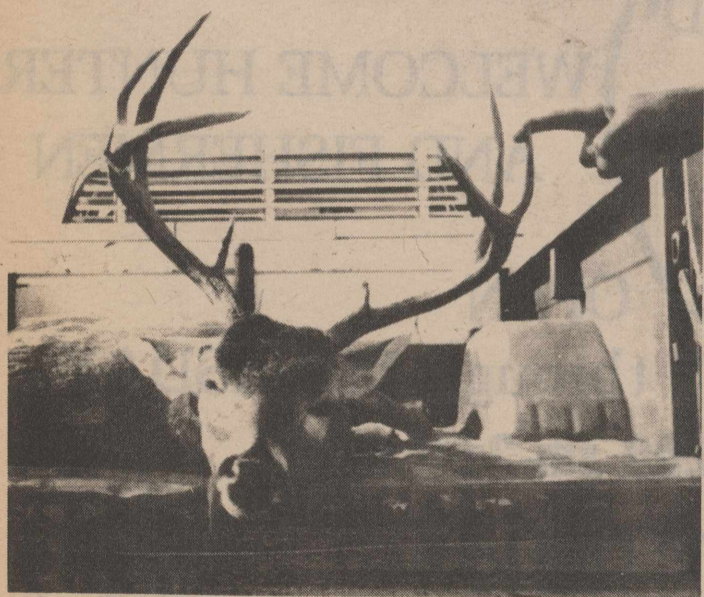
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King recommends chili recipe

Though Larry King is best known for writing humorous works like *The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas* and *Warning: Writer at Work*, the native Texan turns serious when it comes to the hot stuff he adores: Chili.

With a little coaxing from the editors at *Philip Morris Magazine*, King, a self-proclaimed chili connoisseur and chef, offered to set the world straight by revealing his sacred "Better 'N Sex Chili" recipe in the 1986 Spring issue.

Scoffing at the ridiculous myths that Texans or Russians conjured up chili, King calmly points out that "Chili began in Heaven. God made it as soon as He had enough light to see to mix it and heat enough to grow chili peppers."

Because the quality of a bowl of chili is best judged by "how much it makes your head sweat -- and the best chili should produce roughly one pint of sweat per serving" -- only natural ingredients such as chili peppers should ever be used. To King, anything artificial, canned or store bought is taboo.

Sissies who complain about fiery chili should try cornflakes instead, suggests King. "Mild chili is as useless as fat sprinters. To paraphrase Harry Truman, 'if they can't stand the heat, let 'em eat quiche.'"

For those who can take the heat, the editors of *Philip Morris Magazine* persuaded King to reveal his secret "Better 'N Sex Chili" recipe to the masses in the interest of humanity (and for two thousand dollars). It would be cheap of King's Better 'N Sex Chili:

2 lbs. beef round steak
 1/4 c. bacon drippings
 6 dry red chili pods
 1 tsp. grd. cumin
 1 tsp. oregano
 2 chopped onions
 3 tsp. flour

6 oz. tomato juice
 juice of 1 lime
 6 minced garlic cloves
 2-3 c. of hot water
 pinch of salt
 beef stock

Louisiana Red Devil pepper sauce [liberally applied]
 1/4 lb. chopped Longhorn cheese

Dash of black pepper
 One chopped jalapeno pepper

6 sprinkles Worcestershire sauce

First dice beef round steak and sear lightly in bacon drippings, until a healthy brown. [This is the only meat ingredient to be used; under no circumstances are ground beef, venison or other alternatives acceptable].

Clean chili pods in cold water, remove seeds. Cover chilies with fresh water and bring to a boil: After 20-25 minutes, peel. Scrape pulp away from skins. Then mash the pulp into a potent paste.

Add sauteed meat and mix together in water used to boil the pods. Cover with beef stock. Then add water as needed to bring total water to 2-3 cups. Dump in lime juice, ground cumin, chopped onions, garlic, salt and black pepper to taste.

Also add chopped jalapeno pepper, tomato paste, oregano, flour and initial dashes of Worcestershire sauce and Louisiana Red Devil pepper sauce. (Tabasco will do in a pinch.)

Swoggle everything around in the pot until your soul tells you the mix has attained perfect harmony.

Let simmer two to two and one-half hours, depending on patience, hunger pangs and desired thickness. Every half hour add a quick dash of Worcestershire sauce and generous sprinklings of Louisiana Red Devil or Tabasco. (You will have the proper amount of hot stuff when the pot's vapors sting your eyes and your stirring hand begins to feel semi-basted.)

Also, at each half hour, chunk into the simmering pot handfuls of finely chopped Longhorn cheese for texture improvement and a bonus of surprisingly exotic flavors. That added touch will make your chili taste like the rainbow looks.

King's Better 'N Sex Chili recipe serves eight, "unless King is one of them. Then it served only two."

King suggests that in the unlikely event any of this wonderful chili is left over, "permit it to mature in the refrigerator overnight. Then heat and pour it across your eggs at breakfast. You may, indeed, wish to let the chili mature for several days before employing it for breakfast. Like certain authors, the older it gets the better it becomes."

Legion post slates drawing

American Legion Post #381 in Robert Lee is giving away a Remington 223 caliber rifle and a 2-day deer, turkey, or quail hunt for 2 in a drawing to be held on Nov. 29, 1986. The lucky winners will be drawn at J&B Lumber & Hardware at 10:30 a.m. on the designated date and parties need not be present to win.

Tickets for the prizes are priced at \$1.00 for the rifle and \$2.00 each for the hunt. They are available at several Robert Lee businesses including J & B Lumber and the *Observer/Enterprise*.



CHRIS ROSS IS proud of his Lake Spence striper catch, which weighed in at 15, 9, and 6-4 pounds.

Beware frozen ponds

Water safety officials of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department warn that winter's hard freezes bring the threat of drowning to persons who venture onto frozen lakes or ponds.

"Nine persons died in Texas during the past two winters in such incidents," said Capt. Larry Williford, water safety director of the department's Law Enforcement Division. "This may be partly due to the fact that frozen lakes are not as familiar to Texans as they are to people in the north."

Williford said no one should walk onto a frozen lake or pond regardless of how solid the surface might appear. "There have been a number of cases where attempts to rescue a hunting dog or another person who

fell through the ice resulted in multiple fatalities," Williford said. One tragic case in 1984 occurred when a Hays County man fell through the ice in attempt to rescue a hunting dog. A companion attempted to help and also fell through. Both men and the dog perished, Williford said.

"If you see a person fall through the ice, you should try to reach them with a tree limb, rope or long pole," Williford advises. If the victim has disappeared under the surface, emergency medical units or a local law enforcement agency should be called.

"The best way to prevent disaster is to avoid frozen-over waters, and make a special effort to acquaint youngsters with the dangers," Williford said.

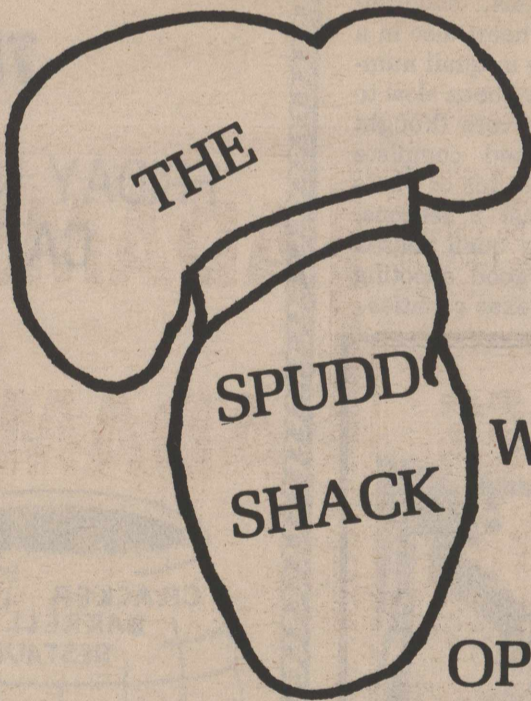
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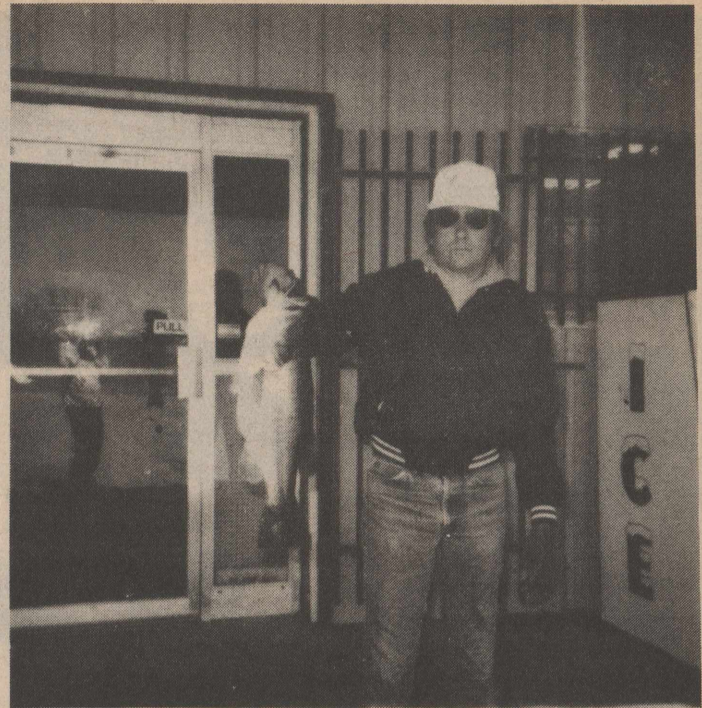
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Gun Club slates Turkey Shoot

The Red Canyon Gun Club will hold its annual Turkey Shoot on Saturday, October 25. The contests will take place at the Club's range at the city sanitary landfill east of Robert Lee from 9:30 until 4 p.m.

No target rifles will be allowed; only .22 rimfire rifles with any sight, including scopes, may be used. Maximum weight is 7½ lb. The club will furnish rifles for those who do not have their own. Price is set at \$2.00 for each relay. Age classes will be set up for youngsters, age 65 and over, etc. as numbers of available shooters permit.

Prizes will include turkeys, shooting and hunting accessories, ammunition and club caps.



LAKE SPENCE ALSO produces some pretty heavy-weight black bass, as evidenced by this 8 pound, 10 ounce black, taken last March by Steve Hopper.



SAN ANGELOAN GREG Benson displays this 6 pound, 5 ounce black taken from Oak Creek September 13th.

Reducing rabies threat

Hunters and fishermen should always be on the lookout for wild animals acting in a strange manner or who do not show fear of humans. This could indicate a rabid animal.

Rabies remain a threat to both humans and domestic animals in Texas due to the large number of confirmed cases in wild animals, says a veterinarian with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System. Some 700 cases of rabies are now confirmed annually in Texas, and most of these are in wild animals. For instance, rabies

have declined in dogs and cats but have increased in skunks and bats. As the incidence of wild animal rabies increases in a given area, the risk of exposure for domestic animals increases.

This means that all dogs and cats should be vaccinated annually and should be kept away from wild animals. Unvaccinated dogs and cats that are bitten by a rabid animal should be destroyed immediately or isolated for six months. Vaccinated dogs and cats that are bitten should be isolated three months.

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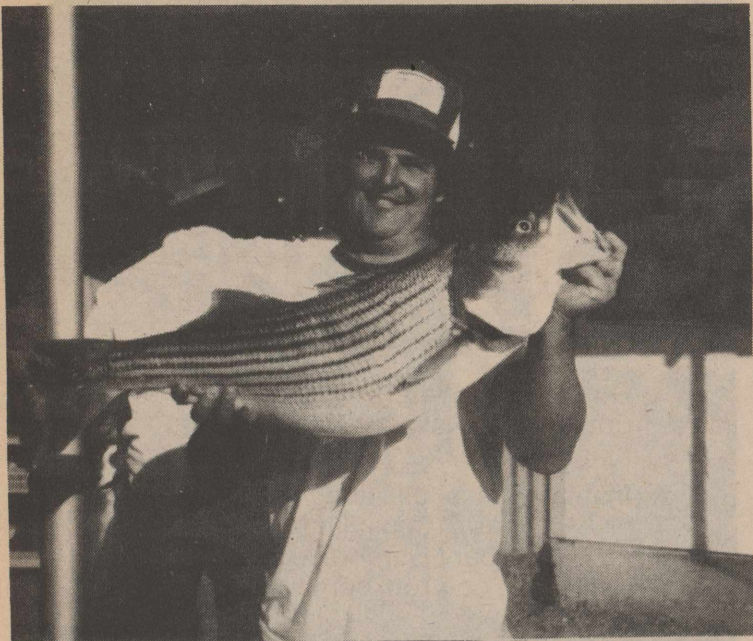
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HOW ABOUT THIS 14-6 striper, taken on a topwater lure by Kenny Sanders.

Bass records fall

Fishermen have caught 14 of the 30 largest largemouth bass ever taken from Texas waters in 1986.

"It has been an outstanding year for trophy fish," said Allen Forshage of Tyler, largemouth bass program leader for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. "Also, it's significant that some top-30 fish are coming from lakes that were not on the list before."

Forshage said a few years ago the top-20 list was dominated by two or three lakes. "Now it's apparent that trophy bass are coming from reservoirs all over the state," he said.

Introductions of the Florida strain of largemouth bass are the main reason for the appearance of huge bass, Forshage pointed out. "We have been able to analyze the genetic makeup of some of the 30 largest fish, and the Florida gene has been detected in a significant number of them," Forshage said.

The biggest catch of 1986 was Earl Crawford's state record bass that weighed 16 pounds, 14 ounces. Tissue samples revealed the fish caught from Lake Pinkston near Center during February, was a pure Florida bass.

The number 2, 4, 5, 8, 10, 13 and 15 fish on the list were either pure Florida-strain or hybrid crosses between Florida and native (northern) largemouths, Forshage said.

All except 6 of the top 30 bass were caught during cold weather and 2 of these 6 were April-caught fish.

Ten of the lunker bass caught in 1986 were big enough to place among the top-20 largest. Tiny Mill Creek Lake at Canton placed three bass in the top-20, topped by a 14-10 caught by Mike Reeves of Edgewood during March. Lake Jacksonville in Cherokee County also placed three bass in the top-20 during 1986, with the biggest being a 15-2 caught by Melvin Berry in April.

The impact of Florida bass is apparent when an examination of the top-20 list shows the 13-pound, eight-ounce fish which held the state record for more than 40 years has now been relegated to the #19 slot on the list.

Forshage said any angler with questions about the top-30 bass, or who has caught a fish that belongs on the list, can contact him at (214) 566-1615.

Fire ant study to be conducted

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department biologists will conduct a study of the effects of fire ant infestations on groundnesting birds such as quail.

Don Wilson, upland game program leader, said the study will be designed to determine quail nesting and hatching success in an area which is heavily infested with Brazilian fire ants.

"There is a great deal of concern among sportsmen about the effects of fire ants on quail populations," Wilson said. "We will investigate nesting success because we feel this is the period when quail are more vulnerable to ant predation."

There are three main species of fire ant in Texas, according to Phil Hamman, extension entomologist with Texas A&M University's Entomology Department. They are the native fire ant and two imports -- the southern and Brazilian fire ants.

Hamman said the latter species is the most predominant both in terms of visibility and damage-causing. "There are a lot of unanswered questions about fire ants, especially in terms of their effects on wildlife and domestic livestock," Hamman said. "However, I have not yet seen any documented evidence that they cause any direct harm to either."

Hamman said the Brazilian fire ant apparently entered the U.S. through Mobile, Alabama in the 1930s and proceeded to march methodically through the South.

They first entered Texas through the Beaumont area, then fanned out to cover most of the state's eastern half. "Much of the migration has been natural," he pointed out, "but evidently this migration was helped along by accidentally transporting them in shipments of nursery stock, sod and hay."

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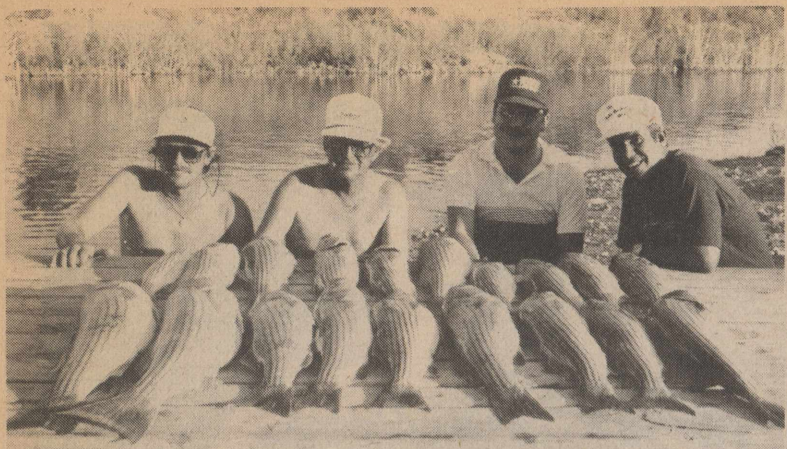
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THIS GOOD CATCH of 19 stripers were taken by Richard King and Don Jordan, both from Brownwood, and Conway Jordan and Steve Threlkeld, from Abilene, this past August on Lake Spence.

Little competition noted

Preliminary findings of an extensive study of the interactions of striped bass and largemouth bass indicate there is very little direct competition between the two species for food of habitat.

The three-year investigation, started in spring 1985, is funded by the Bass Research Foundation. Investigators are Dr. William J. Matthews, assistant professor, and Dr. Loren G. Hill, professor, of the University of Oklahoma's Biological Station at Kingston, Okla. Goals of the study are to determine the amount, if any, of competition for food species, overlapping of habitat and direct predation by one species on the other.

The first year's research concentrated on collection of largemouths and stripers in inshore areas of Lake Texoma that are considered good largemouth habitat.

Food habits for young individuals were determined by analysis of stomach contents of juvenile fish collected by shoreline seining. The stomachs of 143 largemouths and 400 striped bass collected from 10 locations on the lake showed the juvenile largemouths consumer primarily mayfly larvae and waterboatmen. In contrast, the stripers of similar size (10 inches or less) consumer mostly midge larvae, pupae and adults and copepods. Investigators said this indicates a very low incidence of overlap in feeding habits.

Even though there was some overlap between young striped and black bass in shoreline habitats, none of the 400 striped bass juveniles had black bass in their stomachs. The only identifiable fish found in the stomachs of small striped bass were small silverside minnows and shad. "Thus it appears that striped bass do not eat small black bass directly, nor eat the same kinds of foods in the inshore zone of Lake Texoma," the report said.

Largemouth and spotted bass exhibited an ability to use a wider variety of food types than stripers, according to the report. This gives the black bass species a distinct competitive advantage over stripers.

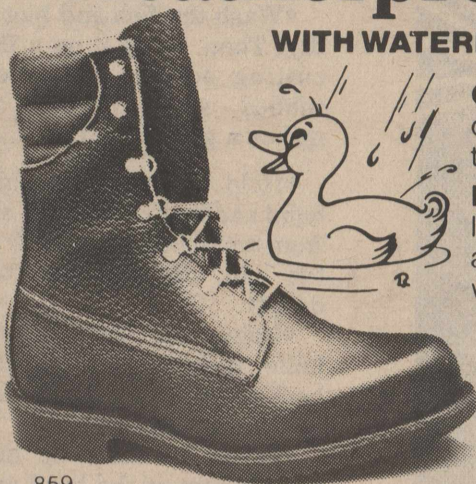
To examine food habits of larger fish, 250 stripers were collected in gill nets in or near habitats occupied by

black bass. Analysis of their stomachs revealed no black bass of any size. "We now know, based on a large number of striped bass stomachs collected in 1981 and 1983 (years with an abundance of shad) and in other years with relatively short supply of shad, that striped bass (even when shad are not abundant) have not turned to feeding directly on black bass, the report concluded.

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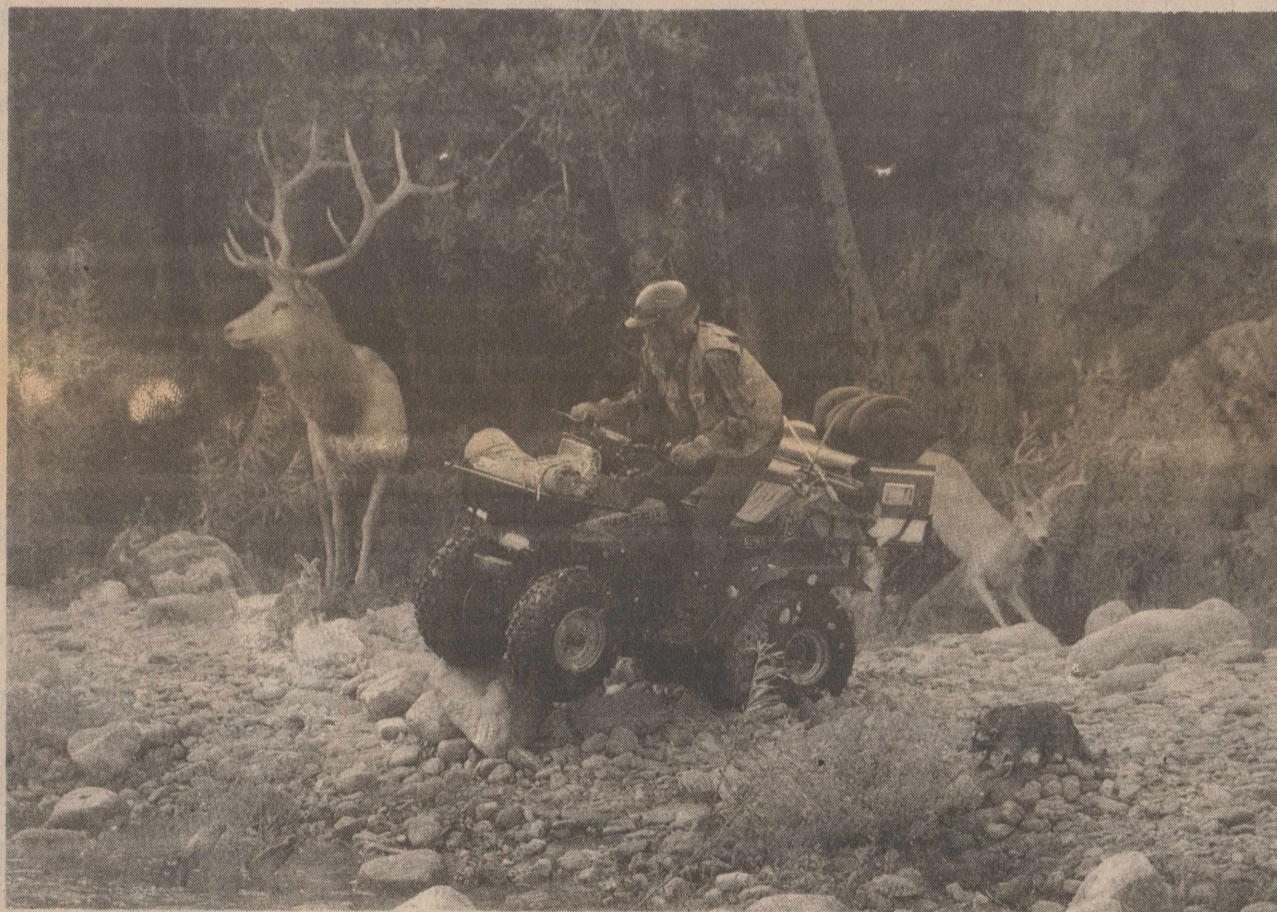


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How long can fish live without eating? According to fish biologists at Berkley and Company, scientific studies show that fish can live without food for months ...and in some instances years. The record is apparently held by a silver eel, which went four years between meals.

Filleting fish

If you thought only butchers and master chefs knew the secret of filleting fish, just try these suggestions from Coleman/Western Cutlery. They will help even the novice fillet with ease.

- Wash the fish and blot it dry. Then, place it on a flat cutting surface. Plywood rubbed with cooking oil makes a good board.

- Hold the head with one hand and make a shallow slit from top to bottom in back of the gill. Do not cut too deeply.

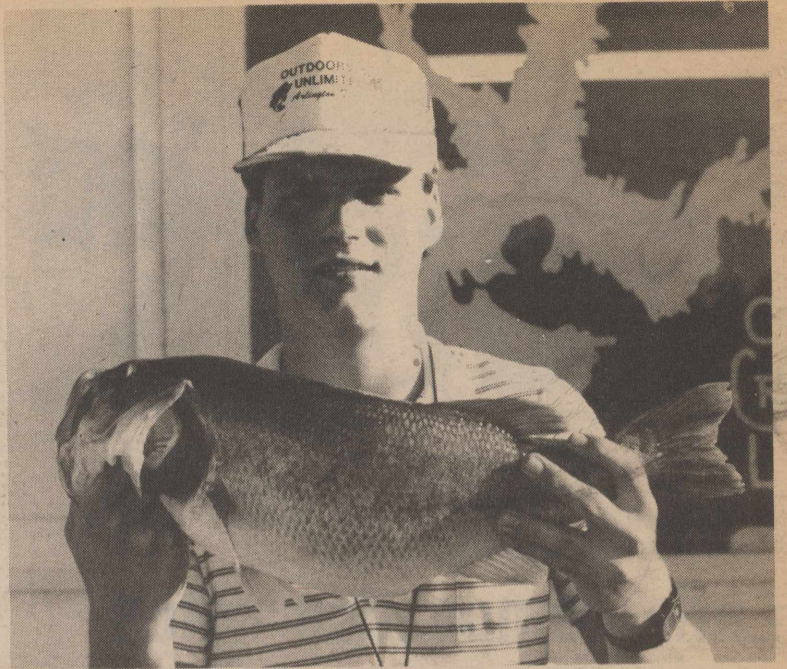
- Using the tip of your knife, make a slit along the backbone to the tail. Do not cut through the bones.

- Insert the knife tip into the slit next to the head and gently slice down and back, keeping the blade flat over the ribs.

- Work the blade top through until it comes out along the belly, peeling the flesh back as you cut. Slice back to the tail and cut the fillet loose from the fish.

- Turn the fish over and repeat for the other side. Remove the skin from the fillet by placing it flat on the board and slicing the fillet loose.

Once your fish are filleted, they are ready for cooking or for freezing to enjoy another day.



MIKE MILLER, IRVING, Texas angler, displays this 6 pound Oak Creek black, taken this past August.

Improving taste of striper

Striped bass have been embraced by thousands of Texas anglers because of their sporting qualities, but their table qualities have been questioned at times.

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department officials believe that stripers rank with the better freshwater fish in palatability, if one important step is taken. Stripers have a band of red meat running just under the skin along the side of the fillet. This should be removed before cooking, leaving only pure white meat.

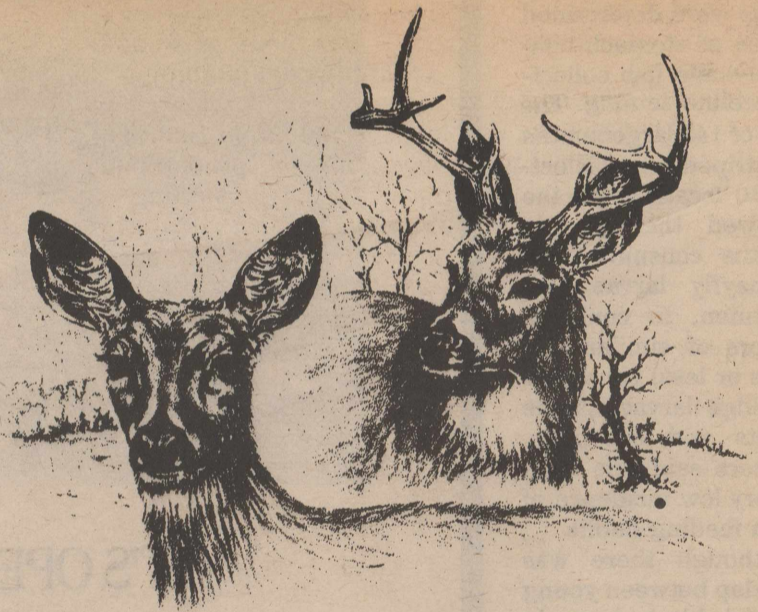
Biologist John Moozygamba of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department

suggests the following recipe for striped bass.

Take one or more fillets, two to five pounds total weight, and marinate them in your spicy salad dressing for 30 minutes to an hour. Crush a large bag of potato chips (sour cream and onion flavor is preferable) into coarse pieces and spread them evenly on a large cookie sheet.

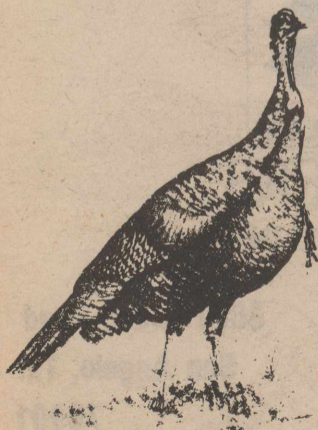
Place the fillets on the bed of chips and cook in the oven at 350 degrees for about 30 minutes, then put a layer of grated mild cheddar cheese on the fish and continue cooking until the cheese is melted.

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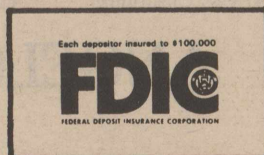


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