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All-district selections announced

All-District football selections have been announced for 6-A. The mythical first and second teams were chosen from an unusually large 9 team district.

The Bronte Longhorn championship football team almost sewed up the All-District 6-A selections with 10 members of the squad getting first-team picks and 5, 2nd team choices. Bowie McGinnis, a lineman, and Craig Grant, lineman/linebacker, were honored by being chosen both offensive and defensive first-team choices. Stephen Lee, at quarterback, running back Todd Brooks, Pete Puentez, wide receiver, and Chilo Minjarez at center were all

elected to the first-team offense.

On the defensive first team defensive back Randy Draper, and lineman John Morrow were the Longhorn selections.

Running back Corby Kelso and lineman Conda Richards were placed on the 2nd offensive team. Defensive backs Stephen Lee and Pete Puentez and lineman Shannon Hoffman were 2nd team defensive picks.

Stevie Ebenstein, a junior wide receiver for the Robert Lee Steers was their only offensive 1st team choice. Robert Runnion, defensive back for the Steers (and also the quarterback), and senior defensive lineman Rick

Drennan, were named to the first team on defense.

Junior quarterback Runnion, Jason Herring, a junior wide receiver and Randy Gartman, center, also a junior, were 2nd team offensive picks.

Lara sentenced to twelve years

On Nov. 24, court convened in Robert Lee at the Coke County courthouse. At that time, Theresa M. Mecher of Robert Lee entered a guilty plea before the court to a charge of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle. She was sentenced to a 3 year probation sentence, fined \$200 and directed to pay \$95.30 restitution, and court costs of \$110.

A panel of prospective jurors was called for Dec. 8 to appear for district court but were dismissed by Judge Royal Hart on Dec. 3 after plea-bargaining by the defendant's attorneys.

Appearing before the court on Dec. 8, Ynes Lara of Robert Lee was sentenced to 12 years in prison by Judge Hart on a burglary of habitation charge. Lara's attorneys have 30 days in which to appeal the case. The defendant must appear on Monday, Jan. 12, 1987 and at that time will either enter an appeal or sign a waiver to be transported to the state penitentiary.

Two civil cases were also on the docket for Monday, reported county clerk Ettie Hubbard.

Merchants drawing winners posted

This week's winners of the Bronte Merchants drawing were: Shaye Coalson, Helen Murshaw, Fran Pierce, Marilyn Bivins, Margaret Stephenson and Wanda Barbee.

Each won a \$25.00 gift certificate. The drawing was held at 3:00 p.m., Dec. 6th. Additional drawings will be held on Dec. 13th and 20th at 3:00 p.m. First National Bank donated the money for the gift certificates. Anyone may register at participating Bronte businesses.



VICKIE MARSHALL [L] and Snooky Landers [r] recently received their "PMGC" pins from Bronte Postmaster Ray Barnett.

PO awards presented

Bronte Postmaster Ray Barnett presented two employees with the Postmasters Generals award club pin. PTF clerk Vickie Marshall and Rural Route Carrier Snooky Landers received the awards for their outstanding dedication to the Postal Service. The club was started

approximately six months ago in order to allow Postmasters to give recognition to employees who perform above and beyond the call of duty. The pin has the face of Benjamin Franklin on it and the letters "PMGC", standing for Post Master Generals Club.

Upcoming...

4th grade band

The Bronte 4th grade recorder band will be performing in the lobby of the First National Bank building, Friday, Dec. 19th, at 10:45 a.m.

The public is invited to enjoy and support these young people.

Christmas music

The First Baptist Church in Bronte will have a special presentation of Christmas music this Sunday, Dec. 14th at 7:00 p.m.

Both the adult and children's choirs will perform. The choirs are directed by Dale Ellis. Everyone is welcome.

Santa in RL

Santa Claus will arrive in downtown Robert Lee at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, December 13 for a visit with the kids. Weather permitting he will be in the gazebo in the mini-park by City Hall.

If the weather is too bad, he will be in City Hall. There will be candy for the kids and coffee for the grown-ups. It is hoped there will be a large group on hand to meet Santa and the children can tell him what they would like to find under their trees on Christmas morning.

Cowboy game

Persons scheduled to go on the bus to the Cowboys-Eagles football game, Sun., December 14th must be at the First National Bank parking lot in Bronte by 6:30 a.m.

Senior dance

The monthly Senior Citizens dance will be held at the Robert Lee recreation hall on Dec. 18 at 7 p.m. Area musicians volunteer on the third Thursday each month to provide country/western music for the dance. West Coke County coordinator Neta Schnabel encourages those over 60 years old, and their guests, in surrounding communities to come and enjoy each other's company.

Another upcoming Senior Citizens' activity is the Pot Luck dinner on Dec. 19. Girling Home Health Care in Ballinger will conduct free blood pressure checks prior to the lunch, 11-12, in the Senior Center in Robert Lee. Following the meal, Texas Dept. of Public Safety Roy Blair of Robert Lee will speak to the group concerning drunk driving on state highways. The regular 88 games will be enjoyed after the program.

New Bronte O/E manager

O/E publisher Hal Spain announced this past week the appointment of Michael O. (Mike) White to the position of office manager for the Bronte office of the Observer/Enterprise.

In making this announcement, publisher Hal Spain stated. "We are extremely fortunate to have been able to hire Mike for the Bronte office. He has some journalism training and experience, as well as clerical and accounting experience, which will give him a good head-start in operating the office at Bronte."

Most local residents will recognize Mike's name as having been identified previously with the newspaper, as the sports reporter who covered the Horns' unbeaten regular season record of 10-0 in varsity football this past fall. Head coach for the team, Gene Tuttle, was most appreciative in his remarks concerning the coverage of Horn football by Mike and the newspaper this past season.

As for White's background, he was born in San Saba, Texas, on January 28, 1954, and attended Richland Springs Elementary. After graduating from Paint Rock High School, he attended Angelo State University for two years.

His work experience includes office management for a local construction firm



Michael O. [Mike] White

in San Angelo. He and his wife Becky have lived in the Bronte area for the past five years, and they have two children, Misty, five, and Dusty, six years old. The couple attend the Norton Baptist Church, and he is a member of the Norton Lions Club.

In a related statement Spain also announced the extension of office hours for the Bronte office of the newspaper to full time, Monday through Friday, each week. The only exception to this new time schedule is that the office in Bronte will be closed on Wednesdays, in order to compile each week's newspaper. Spain concluded his remarks by stating, "This is part of a continuing effort to better serve the community, and we feel the new schedule will make the Bronte office more accessible to area residents."

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...Obituaries

Harold Good, 73, of Amarillo died Dec. 5, 1986. Services were at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, in Memorial Park Funeral Home Chapel of Memories with the Rev. Morris Poole of St. Paul United Methodist Church officiating. Burial was on Sunday in Fairview Cemetery in Bronte.

Mr. Good, born in Lubbock, was a rancher and

gardener in Colorado until 1966 when he moved to Amarillo. He retired as a cowboy foreman after working for various cattle feeding operation in the Amarillo and Hereford areas. He was a member of St. Paul United Methodist Church. His wife is Lenora Kiker Good of Bronte. They were married in Bronte in Feb. 1937.

Survivors include his wife, Lenora; a son, James of Dumas; a daughter, Lois Good of Amarillo; two brothers, Dub of Moline, Kansas and V.R. of Beaver, Oklahoma; two sisters, Margaret Wood of Hutchinson, Kansas and Sybil Graves of Lubbock; and two grandchildren.

EMS contributions

West Coke Co. EMS contributions received during the month of November, 86 were reported this week. They are:

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Delegates attend FB convention

Four voting delegates representing Coke-Sterling Farm Bureau recently participated in the 53rd annual Texas Farm Bureau convention Nov. 30 - Dec. 3 in McAllen.

They were President Robert Melvin Brown, and wife Lorene Brown; Robert I. Brown and wife Lora Bell Brown.

state's largest farm organization were adopted by more than 1,300 delegates from 217 organized Farm Bureaus. Approved recommendations on national policies will advance to the American Farm Bureau Federation annual meeting to be held Jan. 11-15 in Anaheim, Calif. Speakers featured at the convention included U.S. Sen. Loyd Bentsen of Texas; S.M. True of Plainview, TFB president; and Neal Burnett of Plainview, TFB secretary-treasurer (financial report).

The business session covered the final two days of the meeting. The last order of business was the election of the president, S.M. True. County leaders also attended several special conferences on federal farm legislation, agriculture and the environment, commodity check-off programs and political action committees. Commodity conferences were also held. This year's youth winners were Carrie Hart of Gruyere and Brian Christian of Lampasaca.



VOTING DELEGATES REPRESENTING Coke-Sterling County Farm Bureau at the 53rd annual convention in McAllen Nov. 30-Dec. 3 included [l to r] Robert Melvin Brown, Lorene Brown, Lora Bell Brown, and Robert Ira Brown, all of Tennyson.

Talent Find winner, Ronnie Temple of Colmesneil, Free Enterprise Speech winner.

Named "Outstanding Young Farmer/Rancher of 1986" was Russell and Margie Boening of Floresville.

RL officials meet Czech

Mayor Protem Alice Beaty and City Secretary Edna Havins represented the City of Robert Lee at Fort Concho activities Sunday afternoon, Dec. 7. Accompanied by Fred Beaty, they attended the reception for the Czechoslovakian Ambassador, Miroslav Houstecky. At the invitation of San Angelo

Mayor, Burt Terrill, delegations from surrounding towns met the ambassador and his wife and presented them a gift from their city.

Following the reception, they were entertained by the Texas Czech Dancers and took part in "Nas Zdravi", a traditional Czechoslovakian good health ceremony.



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ROBERT LEE SCHOOL NEWS

Varsity roundball contest results

Robert Lee Steers used a battery of guns to defeat Novice 76-59 on the road Dec. 2. Four boys were in double figures - Jason Herring had 16, Wes Hood 15, Randy Gartman 14, and Robert Runnion 13 - followed by Kelly Tomlinson, 6, Stevie Ebenstein, 4, Jesse Powell, Curt Gardner, Joel Herring and Cody Anthony, all 2

each.

The Steer 'B' bunch beaten by Novice 43-24. Jon Rogers got 12, Clint Smith 6, Jason Wink, 4 and Wes Horn 2.

The girls outgunned Novice 57-43 with Missy Grim the leader with 16 points. Lee Ann Molinar scored 13, Rachel Metcalf had 9, Kim Hood and Lin Long had 8

each and Karla Donnell had 3.

Both Robert Lee varsity teams travelled to Haskell for a shootout on Dec. 5 and came away with 2 excellent practice games.

The Steers battled Haskell to a 63-59 victory in overtime. Hood poured in 24 points, Ebenstein shot for 14, Runnion got 12, Gartman 11, and Anthony 2.

A close one went to the buzzer for the girls in their loss to Haskell 53-49. Grim and Metcalf shared leader honors with 16 each. Other scorers were Molinar 7, Debbie Flowers 4, Hood 4, and Long 2.

JV basketball action

Robert Lee fielded 2 JV teams in the Winters basketball tourney Dec. 4, 5, and 6. In the first round the girls lost a squeaker to Coleman 29-27. Counting for the locals were Lisa Bower, 7; Brooke Boone, 6; Becky Padgett, 5; Jodi Waggonner, 4; Debbie Bell, 4 and Kristi Wrinkle, 1.

On Friday Robert Lee was victorious over Eden 18-15 with Boone the leading scorer with 8, Padgett and Waggonner, 4 each, and Tracy Hubbard had 2.

Winters JV overcame the RL girls on Saturday 26-19. Totals for the team were Brooke 6, Waggonner 4, Bell 3, Bower 2, Tiffany Jameson 2, and Erica Torres 2.

The Steers JV was zapped the first round by Coleman 33-16. Clint Smith, Billy Smith and Jon Rogers went for 4 each and Wes Horn and Warren Brasher had 2 each.

They were eliminated on Friday night by a loss to Wall 43-39. Rogers was the big gun at 14, followed by Clint Smith with 12, Horn had 4, Brasher 4, Jason Wink 3, and Billy Smith 2.

Jr. High roundball

Four Robert Lee junior high teams played a series of basketball contests in Bronte on Dec. 9. Bronte 'A' defeated RL 'A' girls 39-27. Six players accounted for points including Stephanie Poehls, 7; Jody Brasher, 6; Shelbi Grim, 6; Crissie Sherrill, 2; Brande Burrows, 1; and Sheree Burns, 3.

Audra Pitcock was the only scorer with 3 in the 'B' team loss to Bronte 12-3.

Brent McPeck, Jeff Wilkes, Ignacio Loza and Todd Scott had 2 points each and Stevie Oleksiuk had 1 as the Dogie 'A' team were buried 44-9 by the Shorthorn squad.

The 'B' team also suffered a loss to Bronte 17-8 with scoring by Michael Hayes, 4, Scott Antilley 2, and Thad Metcalf, 2.

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LIN LONG HAS been elected as the Robert Lee FFA Sweetheart for the 1986-87 year. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sid Long of Robert Lee. Lin is a senior and an officer of the Robert Lee FFA Chapter. She will represent Robert Lee at the Concho District Banquet and compete for honors as Concho District Sweetheart. She will also serve as the ribbon girl at the Coke County Stock Show.



ROBERT LEE FFA Senior Chapter Officers for the 1986-87 school year are: Charles Sherrill, Jason Herring, Pammy Millican, Robert Runnion, Lin Long, and Randy Gartman.

Elem. Honor Roll

The Robert Lee elementary honor roll for the second six weeks school was published this week by Principal Bill Hood. Those students are:

3rd grade: Jason Key, Heather Millican, Jaclyn Waldrop.

4th grade: Eliza Arellano, Laura Chesshir, Hardin Dunham, Jeremy Fluhmann, Christy Hendry, Blake Payne, Chad Wagley, Payne, Chad Wagley, Stacy Wheeler.

5th grade: Saul Arellano, Rachel Pentecost.

6th grade: Jeff Elder, John Fluhmann, Lori Wink.

New RL residents

Joe and Cindy Grigg of Ackerly are new Robert Lee residents. They have opened the former Little Freezer Restaurant and will operate it as the Lazy G Restaurant. Located at 500 Commerce, they will serve a full menu of foods.

The couple has four children. Their daughter, Pandy, is a Howard College student in Big Spring. Three sons, Bill, a freshman, Pank, a 7th grader, and 4th grader Steven will remain with grandparents until mid-term before joining their parents in Robert Lee.

The Griggs enjoy fishing, hunting and trap shooting as family hobbies.



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SS guidelines

A person who does not agree with a decision on his or her claim for Social Security benefits or supplemental security income (SSI) payments has a right to appeal the decision, Franklin H. Upp, Social Security manager in San Angelo, said recently. However, the appeal must be made within certain time limits.

A person who fails to appeal a decision within the time limit may lose the right to challenge the decision any further, Upp said. However, the time can be extended if the person can show there was good reason for not taking action within the time period.

The appeal procedure for a Social Security claim is a little different from that for an SSI claim, Upp said. Information about appealing a decision in either case can be obtained from the Social Security Office located at 2214 Sherwood Way in San Angelo. The telephone number is 949-4608.

VA NEWS

Q - I am 72 years old and I receive a VA pension. Do I still have to make an annual report of income?

A - Yes Everyone receiving VA pension benefits, based on age or a non-service-connected disability, must make an annual report of their income. Any change in income should be reported immediately so that adjustments can be made.

Q - My first husband died of service-connected causes and I received VA Depend and I received VA Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC) until I remarried. My second husband recently died. Can I regain my eligibility for DIC payments.

A - Yes. DIC benefits based on the death of a spouse may be restored if the subsequent marriage ends through death, divorce, or annulment.

Q - I am currently eligible to receive benefits under Dependents Educational Assistance. If I enter the military may I use my benefits while on active duty?

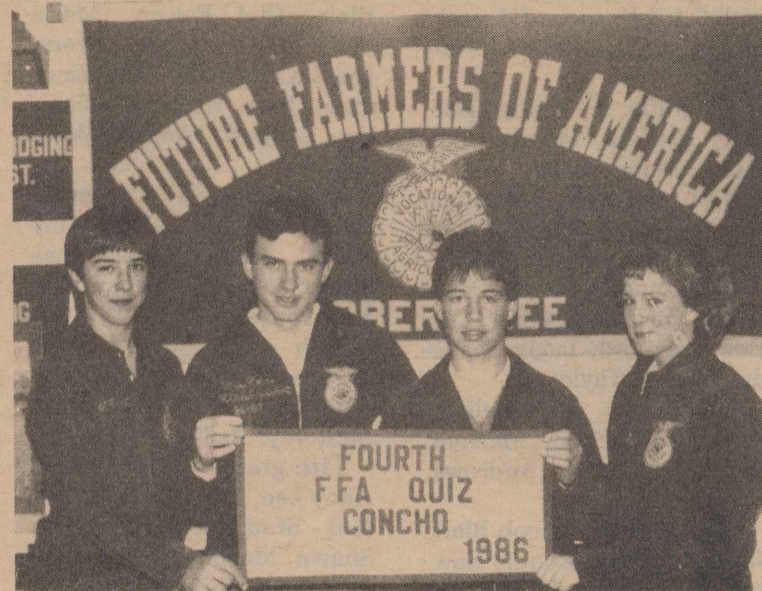
A - No. VA benefits are not payable under this program while an eligible person is serving on active duty in the armed forces.



ROBERT LEE FFA Junior Chapter Conducting team places second in Concho District. Members, pictured from left to right, are: Becky Padgett, Wes Horn, Jon Rogers, Jason Wink, Stephanie Crawford, Warren Brasher, Joe Pate, and Ricky Wheat.



ROBERT LEE FFA Greenhand Officers for the 1986-87 school year are: Becky Padgett, Jon Rogers, Jason Wink, Wes Horn, Warren Brasher, Ricky Wheat, and Stephanie Crawford.



ROBERT LEE FFA Quiz places fourth in Concho District. Members, pictured from left to right, are: Jason Wink, Wes Horn, Warren Brasher, and Becky Padgett.



ROBERT LEE FARM Radio Team places second in Concho District. Members, pictured from left to right, are: Cody Anthony, Michael Lee, Luke Mason, Robert Runnion, and Scott Ray.

Holiday goodies

HONEY PECAN TREATS

- 1/2 cup butter
- 2 T. honey
- 1 cup sifted flour
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 1 cup finely chopped pecans

Cream butter, stirring in honey gradually. Add remaining ingredients and mix thoroughly. Chill 1 hr. Form into 1-inch balls. Place well apart on greased baking sheets and bake in a 300 degree F. oven about 35 to 40 minutes or until light brown. Makes 2 doz.

MICROWAVE PECAN BRITTLE

- 1 c. sugar
 - 1/2 cup white corn syrup
 - 1 c. pecans
 - 1/8 tsp. salt
 - 1 tsp. vanilla
 - 1 tsp. baking soda
- In a 1 1/2 quart casserole, stir together the sugar, syrup, pecans and salt, mixing well. Microwave at high for 6 to 9 minutes until light brown. Add butter, vanilla

and stir well. Microwave at high for 1 to 2 minutes more. Pecans will be light brown and syrup will be very hot. Add baking soda and gently stir until light and foamy. Pour onto lightly-buttered cookie sheet. Let cool 1/2 to 1 hr. When cool break into small pieces.

MAPLE - PECAN MUFFINS

- 2 c. whole-wheat flour
- 1 c. coarsely chopped pecans
- 2 tsp. baking powder
- 2/3 c. milk
- 2/3 c. maple syrup
- 1/4 c. vegetable oil
- 2 eggs
- Pecan halves for garnish

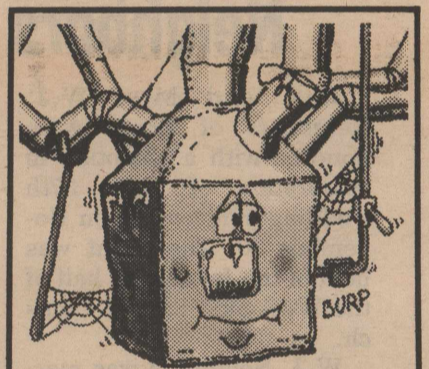
Preheat oven to 400 degrees F. Line 12 muffin cups with paper liners. Combine flour, chopped pecans and baking powder in medium mixing bowl. In large bowl whisk milk, syrup, oil and eggs. Stir in dry mixture. Divide batter among muffin cups, filling each about 3/4 full. Top each with pecan half. Bake about 20 min. or until tops are brown and wooden pick inserted comes out clean. Serve warm. Makes 12 muffins.

Christmas party held by homemakers

The Bronte Extension Homemakers Club met Dec. 5th at the Senior Citizens Center for their Christmas party. There were sixteen persons present: Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Arrott, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Ragadale, Mr. and Mrs. Truman Parker, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Green, Virginia Boatright, Anna Laurie McShan, Ella Clyde Black, Beulah Coral.

Visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Henry Raney, County Extension Agent Jan Hohensee, and Lois Wallace. Mrs. Raney gave a reading of "Church Bells Ringing".

Next month's meeting will be Jan. 2, at the Bronte City Hall.



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Thomas tests for movie

John Thomas, an 8th grader at Bronte Jr. Hi, recently went to Celebrity Studios in Dallas for screen testing for a part in the upcoming George Lucas-Ron Howard production of "Willow".

Filming for the top-secret

movie will begin in February at an undisclosed location. John was notified about the production because of his

participation in Little People of America. Hopefully, John will know soon as to whether or not he will get a part.

WTU plans another refund

West Texas Utilities Co. plans another refund to its retail customers early next year.

The Company was to file a request Wednesday with the Public Utility Commission of Texas requesting permission to refund a total of \$4.9 million in retail revenues collected in excess of actual fuel costs during October and November. The total includes \$4.7 million actual fuel cost savings, plus \$.2 million in interest.

Bob Boone, WTU local manager, said recently negotiated contract revisions reflecting the continued soft price of natural gas makes the refund necessary.

"As our cost for boiler fuel went down, we simply over-collected under the fuel rate approved by the PUC," Boone said.

This will be the fifth refund made to WTU retail customers since the summer

of 1985. With each refund, the fuel rates charged to customers have been adjusted, but the price of natural gas, WTU's, main power plant boiler fuel, has continued to decline.

WTU's base rates have not changed since December 1984. However, Company officials have said that a base rate increase will be necessary after the new coal-fired Oklaunion Power Station near Vernon is completed and placed in service. The assured supply of coal under a long-term contract is expected to stabilize WTU's power plant fuel costs and to partially offset the necessary base rate increase.

The refund will be made through one-time credits to retail customers in January or February depending on when the PUC approved it. The typical residential customer will receive about \$9.00.

Neighbors reception

Rev. and Mrs. W.J. Neighbors of Brady were honored with a reception in celebration of their 37th wedding anniversary on November 30. The event was held in the fellowship hall of the West Side Baptist Church.

W.J. Neighbors was married to Billie Wood in Brady on Dec. 1, 1949. He is a retired Baptist minister and the couple are members of Holt Baptist Church in Holt.

Mr. and Mrs. Neighbors are former Bronte residents where they were in the grocery business there.

The reception was hosted by the couple's four children and six grandchildren: Dan-

ny, Donna, Monty and Lucie Neighbors of Decatur; Jan, Larry, Lindy and Farrah McCormick; Steve, Deb, Hali and Josh, Neighbors of Bronte; and Kristi Neighbors of Brady.



To display children's artwork without ruining walls with tape or tacks, hang a fishnet on a wall and hold pictures to it with clothespins.

SPECIAL AD COUPON

Bring in this ad on Sat., Dec. 13 to Hometown Hardware - Bronte, Tx. & receive 10% Discount on any purchase & register for Door Prize to be given away at 4:00 o'clock.

Letter To The Editor

To: The Observer/Enterprise
Dear Editor:

Thank you for the exceptional support of our 1986 District Championship football team. The Bronte All Sports Booster Club and the citizens of Bronte have noticed and do appreciate this attention you have afforded us. We also want you to know we will be supporting you in years to come.

Sincerely,
Martin Lee

President 1986 Bronte All Sports Booster Club
P.S. Be sure to watch our basketball and track teams!

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Bronte School Menu

Monday, Dec. 15: Breakfast - Cereal, orange juice, biscuits, butter and jelly. Lunch - Beef and spaghetti, English peas, diced pears, and lettuce-tomato salad.

Tuesday, Dec. 16: Breakfast - Oatmeal, apple slices and cinnamon toast. Lunch - Barbecued franks, cream potatoes, pork and beans and cherry jello.

Wednesday, Dec. 17: Breakfast - Cereal, peach slices, biscuits, butter and jelly. Lunch - Turkey/dres-

sing, gravy, green beans, fruit salad and cranberry sauce.

Thursday, Dec. 18: Breakfast - Scrambled eggs, grape juice, biscuits, butter and jelly. Lunch - Fish, cheese, buttered corn, blackeyed peas, and apple crisp.

Friday, Dec. 19: Breakfast - Rice, apricot halves and cinnamon toast. Lunch - Sloppy Jo, cheese nachos, French fries and tossed salad.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!!

Blackwell Honor Roll

High School Principal Jack Vining announced the Blackwell C.I.S.D. second 6 weeks honor roll for 86-87. They are:

1st grade: A - Kallie Lisso, Amy McNeill, Mandy Shipman, Angel Solis. A-B - James Cantrell, Mauricio Chavez, Joanie Ussery, Katy Winnett.

2nd grade: A-B - Christine Allen, Brandon Boyd, Jay Gee Crawford, Lucia Saavedra, Judith Taylor.

3rd grade: A - Belinda Falcon, Shannon McNeill. A-B - Amanda Andrews, Scott Allen.

4th grade: A - Jacob Blair, Jason Murphy, Connie Sawyer, Todd Smith, Karen Taylor, Joe Bob Ussery, Cody Wilkinson. A-B - Joy Ehl, Michele Garza, Bea Jay Hejl, Kathy Hood, Carrie Parsons, Jamie Shipman.

5th grade: A - Cyndi Carlton. A-B - Tracy Smedley, Kelly Hayes, Shane Meffert.

6th grade: A - Christy Williams. A-B - Stepheny Baucom, Mindy Reynolds, Royce Jennings.

7th grade: A-B - Jody Bell, Lupe Falcon, Traci Hind-

man.

8th grade: A - D'Linn Blair, Cipi Falcon, Marla Self. A-B - Julie Byers, Dianna Edwards, Billy Hindman, Beth Holland, Christina Meffert, Amber Waddington.

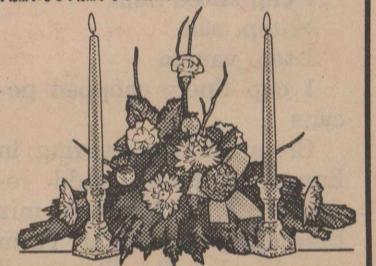
9th grade: A - Heather Baucom, Amy Cooke, Amy Hood, Jason Jones, Lee Smith. A-B - Stacy Jennings, Kim Jones.

10th grade: A - Doyle Parsons, Stacey Smedley. A-B - Sharla Daniels, Debra McRorey, Rachel Watts.

11th grade: A - Jill Hicks, Andy Lee, James Sanderson. A-B - Brad Hood, Tim Hyde, Shawn Murphy, Cary Panzer, Jason Shipman.

12th grade: A - Bradley Connel, Susie Jones, Serena Totzke. A-B - Ron Carlton, Carrie Chew, Mike Cooke, Geraldine Sheppard, Sonya Nixon.

A heap of hares is called a "husk" or a "down".



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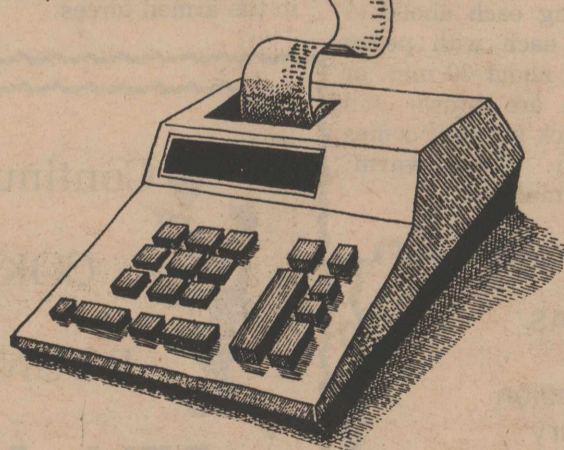
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Rural transit planned

Beginning December 17, 1986, the Concho Valley Council of Governments will begin operating a Rural Public Transportation system in ten counties.

The basic system is already in place and has been operating to provide services to Senior Citizens. Through the new Rural Public Transportation system, service will not be limited to Senior Citizens, but will be available to all persons.

For in-town or local service, the system will be demand-responsive to those who call in for transportation. That is, the driver will try to satisfy every request for local transportation.

Out-of-county trips will be on a fixed schedule and require that passengers call in for reservations.

All services will be on a first-call, first-serve basis. Reservations should be made 24 hours in advance. Shorter notice requests will be served if space is available. Passengers should be ready one-half hour before the scheduled pickup time so the system can get the most out of its limited driver and van resources.

Costs for this service are on a seat-occupancy basis as follows:

- In-County: \$.50 each way
- Out-of-County: \$1.00 each way

Senior Citizens and handicapped passengers are not required to pay for transportation services. However, they are encouraged to contribute a portion of costs, if they are able, in order to help the program meet its expense obligations.

The ten counties to be served are Coke, Concho, Irion, Kimble, McCullough, Menard, Schleicher, Sterling, Sutton, and rural Tom Green.

Out-of-county trips are scheduled as follows:

- Bronte & Robert Lee to San Angelo every Wednesday.
- Eden to San Angelo on the 1st and 3rd Monday of the month.
- Mertzon to San Angelo every Thursday.
- Junction to Kerrville every Wednesday.
- Brady to San Angelo on the 3rd Thursday of the month.
- Menard to San Angelo on the 3rd Wednesday of the month.
- Eldorado to San Angelo

on the 3rd Tuesday of the month.

-Sterling City to San Angelo every other Tuesday.

-Sonora to San Angelo on the 3rd Tuesday of the month.

-Rural Tom Green passengers in Wall, Christoval, Carlsbad and Water Valley will ride the vans coming through their areas from the other counties.

The Rural Public Transportation program is provided in part through Section 18 funds of the Urban Mass Transportation Administration. The State Department of Highways and Public Transportation is the agency which administers the program state-wide.

"By changing to a Rural Public Transportation system, we will be able to serve a greater portion of the transportation needs of our region while maintaining our present service for the elderly," said Gordon Nelson, Transportation Director for the Concho Valley Council of Governments.

For information on how to contact the transportation office serving your location, call your local Senior Citizens Center or call collect (915)944-9666.

REDUCE SUGAR IN HOLIDAY DESSERTS - The sugar in many holiday desserts can be reduced by a third, says a Texas A&M University Agricultural Extension Service nutritionist. If a recipe calls for 1 cup sugar, for example, use 2/3 cup. This works best in fruit-based recipes and in making puddings and custards, says Dr. Alice Hunt. The sugar in cookies and cakes can also be reduced, but requires some experimenting to find an appropriate level.

Young mackerels may be called "spike", "blinker" and "tinker".

Happy Holidays

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will be closed
Dec. 25th thru
Jan. 2, 1987

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Happy Holidays

TEXAS GARDENER TIPS

Add Oxalis To Your Landscape

More than 900 species of the oxalis family, *Oxalidaceae*, are found in temperate and tropical areas of the world. Almost every gardener is familiar with two varieties growing in the wild. Yellow wood sorrel (*Oxalis dilleni*) sprawls in clumps from deep tap roots. Violet wood sorrel (*Oxalis violacea*) grows from bulbs making underground which form small colonies. Both varieties are perennials.

With leaves like the shamrock or clover, the domesticated oxalis blooms in white, pink, red and lavender. Frequently used for borders and rock gardens, it is an excellent plant for pots, window boxes and hanging baskets.

A sensational new variety is called Iron Cross (*Oxalis deppei*), an unusual plant from South America. Purple iron crosses enhance the centers of rich green leaves. Rose-pink flowers have yellow centers with darker circles surrounding the stamens.

As an outdoor edging flower, oxalis



bulbs are planted in spring. For winter blooms indoors planting is done in the fall. After blooming stops and the leaves are dry, bulbs should be taken from the soil. All bulbs need a rest before the next planting. When they show tiny roots, it is time for replanting.

Best results are achieved when bulbs are covered 2 inches deep in slightly alkaline, well-drained soils and kept moist. They will thrive in prepared potting soil available in the nur-

series. Planted in containers, oxalis should be placed in a dark area until growth appears. Normal watering follows, but flooding may cause rot. All watering is withheld after the bulbs are allowed to dry gradually.

Planting in containers for spring blooming usually is done during the autumn in cold regions. In temperate and subtropical zones, flowering may occur from January to October.

Other than containers and sunny borders, rock gardens provide a unique setting for oxalis. It is very effective in rock gardens containing such vigorous plants as yarrow, coral bells and the sedums. Here the contrasts are outstanding. Wildflower lovers find the purple wood sorrel a charming addition.

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Pendergrast celebrates 90th birthday

Anna Mae Eaton (Mrs. R.H.) Pendergrast of 1931 State Street in Abilene will be the honoree at a reception at her home Saturday, (Dec. 13) marking her 90th birthday.

Hosting the open house from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday will be her daughter, Wanda Pendergrast Wright of Weatherford, and sons Carl Brock of Temple. Tom Pendergrast of Killeen, and Sam Pendergrast of Abilene.

Born Anna Mae Eaton Dec. 15, 1896, at Carbon, Texas, daughter of Frank R. (Pink) and Harriette Louise Eaton, she moved to Bronte as a child with her family. She attended Bronte High School and was a telephone operator during World War I. She moved to Abilene in 1939 with her husband, the

late Robert H. Pendergrast, and six children, after they had lived in Phoenix, Arizona, for five years.

Her husband, Bob Pendergrast, died in February of 1951, and her oldest son, Eddie Brock, died in September of that year. Another son, Charles Pendergrast, died in October of 1985.

Mrs. Pendergrast is the last surviving member of her generation of the pioneer Coke County Eaton family. Her father died in 1939 and her mother in 1961. Her brother Roy died in 1942 in Los Angeles; Frank in 1963


in Bronte; and Jack at San Angelo in 1974; and her sister, Odessa Eaton Kightlinger in Denver in 1985.

Her son, Sam, known in these parts as an itinerant newsman, invited area friends to call greetings to the birthday lady at (915) 677-7419 if they are unable to attend the reception Saturday.



A baby partridge is called a "cheeper".

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Wink 60th anniversary

A 60th Wedding Anniversary celebration was held on Saturday, Nov. 29, for Leslie and Erma Wink of Robert Lee, hosted by their children.

One hundred-fifty-four guests registered at the reception in the local recreation hall. Friends and relatives came from Pecos, Midland, Wall, Brady, Ballinger, Mereta, Sweetwater, Lubbock, Hamlin, Marathon, Eldorado, San Angelo, and Bronte as well as from Robert Lee. Wedding cake and punch were served at the reception.

A special guest at the celebration was Mrs. Mattie Tinkler, 97, Mrs. Wink's mother. She makes her home with another daughter, Mrs. Polly Large, of Robert Lee. Mrs. Tinkler was present, along with her husband, Harry Tinkler, at the couple's wedding in San Angelo

Nursing home

The Bronte Nursing Home has taken on a new look this year as the Christmas Season is approaching. If you haven't seen it, please drive by some night and look at it. We are proud of it. Santa will have his shop here again this year.

The Christmas party for the resident's will be the 19th. The families are asked to bring something sweet. The Nursing Home will furnish the drinks, plates, etc. Santa will make his usual visit and music will be furnished. Gifts for the residents should be at the Nursing Home by the 17th.

We have two Birthday Residents this month. They are Esther Bradley on the 22nd and Christine Cason on the 24th. We will have their party on the 12th. Happy Birthday Residents!

The Resident for the Month of November was Onie Adams and Employee of the Month was Mary Sanchez.

COG meeting

The Concho Valley Council of Government met in the Robert Lee Community Building Dec. 3, 1986 for their annual general assembly meeting.

Refreshments were served by Jan Hohensee and the Coke County 4-H Club from 6-7. Supper was served at 7 p.m. to 103 people from the 13 county district.

The COG was pleased to have as keynote speaker the Hon. Jonathan Hows councilman from Chapel Hill, North Carolina and president of the National Association of Regional Councils and his wife. This was Mrs. Hows first trip to Texas.

After the program, the executive committee met for their business with Bob Weaver, executive director, and Hershel Davenport, alderman from Sonora, presiding at the meeting.

on Dec. 4, 1926. Mrs. Tinkler was then present, following her husband's death, at the 25th and 50th Anniversary receptions for Mr. and Mrs. Wink.

The couple's 60th Anniversary party also included a sandwich supper and dancing. Providing the music were Troy Jordan, Billy Newman, Tommy Bryant, Bill McAdoo, and J.L. Jones, all of Robert Lee.

--- Postal Pointers ---

by Coe Lewis

Robert Lee Postmistress

Christmas will be here before you know it and even through a lot of people have already mailed, there are a lot of us who haven't. If you can't get in during the week - we will be open again on Saturday, Dec. 12 from 10:00 to 3:00, so get those cards and packages ready and let's get them on their way.

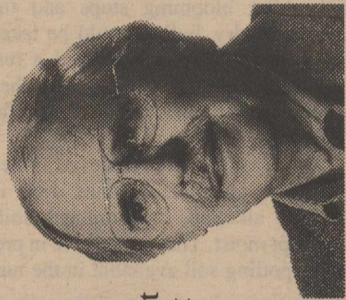
Santa has his mail box up in the lobby of the post office

at Robert Lee so be sure to get those letters in to Santa so he will have time to answer them before Christmas. Be sure to put your return address on your letters because even though Santa knows where you live he doesn't know if you get your mail at a post office box or at a route box.

We still have plenty of Christmas stamps and a good supply of padded envelopes and two sizes of boxes.

We are getting quite a few parcels with masking tape on them and we don't guarantee those parcels will make it beyond the first stop. We can't insure these packages either, so please get some good tape. If it's worth mailing it's worth putting good tape on it. Call us if you need any information on mailing or if there is an way we can help you with your Christmas mailing.

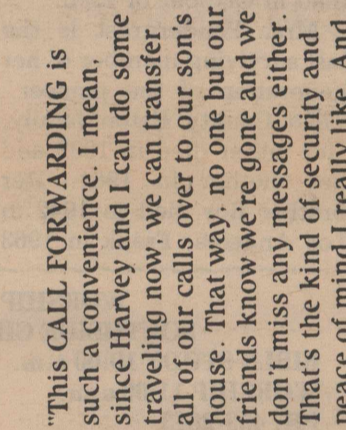
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"I was telling Victor just the other day about how he ought to get THREE WAY CALLING just like I've got. I may be retired, but I haven't slowed down yet. It just makes it a whole lot easier to handle my consulting work. When I'm talking to Fred, I just push the switch down and dial Dudley's number. Then when he answers, we're all three talking on the phone to one another. THREE WAY CALLING is also a great way to get our children all on the phone with us once in a while, since they live so far apart."



"Being a teenager, you know, isn't the easiest thing in the world in general. So CALL WAITING sure helps out. Since we got it, our phone is never really busy, and my dad and mom sure like that. Like if I'm talking to Jennifer or Chris or somebody for a long time, I'll hear a little beep on the line that means someone's calling our number. So with this CALL WAITING, I just push the switch to click over and see who it is, and the same way to get back to my friend to tell him I've got to get off the phone now."



"This CALL FORWARDING is such a convenience. I mean, since Harvey and I can do some traveling now, we can transfer all of our calls over to our son's house. That way, no one but our friends know we're gone and we don't miss any messages either. That's the kind of security and peace of mind I really like. And CALL FORWARDING is so easy, we even use it when we go over to visit the grandchildren or go out for an evening to play cards with the Johnsons. I just dial a code number and the number where we'll be, and our calls go where we go."

"Sometimes I get home from school before everybody else, since dad and mom both work. So they got SPEED CALLING on the phone and it's really neat. They've already programmed all the code numbers into the phone's memory. So if there's an emergency or something, all I have to do is push a couple of buttons to reach the fire department, or the police, or an ambulance, or Mrs. Murphy down the street, even my grandma and grandpa. And I can always call dad and mom at work. SPEED CALLING is pretty nifty."



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17-2tp

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16b-4tc

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15b-4tp

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17-3tc

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17b-2tp

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16-tnc

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17b-2tp

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8b-tnc

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SKATE PALACE - Ballinger, TX. HOURS - Friday & Saturday, 6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.; or 8:00 p.m. - 10:30 p.m. Location: Old Winters Hwy. For booking parties, call 365-5509; or 754-4258.

16b-6tc

REAL ESTATE

FOR SALE

3 bedroom house, newly remodeled, located on corner lot. See to appreciate. Price reduced.

Brick house located on lg. lot. 3 BR, 2 bath, outside storage bldg. Built to FHA specifications. Priced in the 40s.

2 Bedroom, 1 bath mobile home, also Morgan building 24 x 24 with fireplace, on 2 desirable lots, Bayview Estates. Priced to sell, in the teens.

Lot for Sale - Bayview Addition - hookups for mobile home.

Six vacant tracts available. Meadow View subdivision near Lake Spence. Package deal in lower teens--

Split 3 BR house, 2 full baths, on corner tract, Walker Heights, -Excellent location- Sanco Rd. and 18th St., Must see interior to appreciate. Priced for quick sale.

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38-tnc

VETERANS LAND Tracts: Located 10 mi. north of Miles fronting F.M. Road 2333. From 30 to 34 acres per tract. All cultivation or all pastureland. Appraised and approved by the Veterans Land Board. Priced from \$20,500.-00 per tract and up. Write or call for complete information. H.L. Hooper, Broker, 113 So. Tyler St., San Angelo, Texas 76901, Off. (915) 653-2977, Res. (915) 655-4539, Harold Ensminger, 655-3654.

17-2tc

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15b-4tp

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IT'S TIME TO think about house insurance. Come see us for a free quote. Glenn-Bivins Insurance, First National Bank Bldg., Bronte, Tx. 473-6791.

17b-tnc

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18b-3tp

ATTENTION HUNTERS AND TRAPPERS FUR BUYER WILL BE IN BRONTE AT RED BARN EACH SUNDAY from 3:00 till 3:45 beginning Dec. 7th.

We buy green and dry furs of all types. Case skin all furs (like Opossum). We buy deer hides. (Rolled and Frozen Preferably only deer hides). Well handled furs Bring TOP PRICES!

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14b-tnc

NEED PERSON FOR general housecleaning, five days/week, 473-7711 for info.

18b-1tp

EXCELLENT INCOME for part time home assembly work. For info. call 312-741-8400 Ext. 544.

18-4tp

MOORE DIRT CONTRACTOR, Bronte, Tex. Phone 473-3474. We do caliche and dirt work, septic systems, build and repair caliche roads.

6-tnc

Smith Water Well Service

Robert Lee, Texas CALL 453-2835 Water Well Drilling, Installation, Pumps, Windmills, Parts and Repair.

FOR YOUR BAKING Needs - decorated cakes, pies, etc. Catered weddings and anniversaries. Call 453-2038, Sharon Pitcock.

46-tnc

FREE COLOR ANALYSIS anytime. Color-coordinate your makeup and wardrobe to enhance your personal coloring. BeautiControl cosmetics in stock. Contact Nadine Davis, 453-2150 after 4 p.m.

18-5tp

WATER OUTLET STORE

403 W. 10th Robert Lee Drinking Water Low Sodium 35c per gallon Fireplace Inserts & a Few Antiques OPEN 8:30-5:30 Mon.-Fri. 9:00-2:00 Sat. 453-2063

LOST: small mare pony, solid white. Cumbie Ivey, 453-2535, Robert Lee.

18-2tc

NEEDED PERSON for light housekeeping and one meal preparation per day, 473-3201.

18b-1tc

BAKING DONE - Cakes, Pies and Treats for the holidays. Call Leatha Wrinkle, 473-5801.

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GIVE A GIFT subscription to the Observer/Enterprise to that hard-to-buy for person on your Christmas list.

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18b-1tc

GARAGE SALES

DEARBORN HEATER for sale. 6 grates. 473-7681, D. Galloway, Bronte.

18b-1tp

ESTATE SALE: at 213 West 13th Street, Robert Lee. Friday and Saturday, Dec. 12th and 13th, 9:00 to 4:00 each day. Dishes, linens, furniture, appliances, etc. All household items - cash only. Also for sale - 3 bedroom, 1 bath house on 4 small lots. Estate of Roy and May Ross.

18-1tp

CARD OF THANKS

THANK YOU

I, Prestine Blumentritt and my sister, Mary Robbins would like to express our deepest appreciation to all of the kind friends and neighbors of Preston and Mae Davis. We appreciate with all our hearts the love and concern that you have shown and a special thank you also to the graduating class of 1948.

Prestine Blumentritt
Mary Robbins
18b-1tp

To: Bell Auto Parts
The Cracker Barrel Cafe
Mt. Creek Motel, Jackie Walker

We extend our deepest thanks for your help, concern and support during our short visit to Robert Lee. You all turned the unpleasantness of our car accident on November 13, into an experience of warmth and neighborliness. We continued on our journey with your assistance and have shared with others the hospitality you in Robert Lee showed us.

Thank you again,
Allen, Melinda, Clay &
Laura Carsner
Box 777
Terrell, Texas
18-1tp

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NOTICES

ALL PROPERTY belonging to the Pentecost Ranch and the I.A. Bird Estate is posted. No trespassing without written permission.

18-2tc

NOTICE OF SALE OF ABANDONED VEHICLE

On the 15th day of December, 1986, at 10:00 a.m., at the steps of the Coke County Courthouse, Robert Lee, Texas, the following abandoned vehicle will be sold at public sale:

1-1978 Chev. Chevette, 4 Dr. Vin. #1B68E8Y204333
License # Idaho 8BG5383
Vehicle in storage with Coke County Sheriff's Dept.
Marshall Millican
Sheriff
Coke County,
Robert Lee, TX.
18-1tc

Congress app's accepted

Congressman Charles Stenholm announced today that applications for four internships in his Washington, D.C. office next summer are available now.

Interns have the opportunity to work in Congressman Stenholm's office in either June or July. While in the nation's capital, they will attend committee meetings, floor debates and a speakers' series. They will also research constituent inquiries and assist in the day-to-day operations of the office.

College students from the 17th Congressional District, teachers at any level, or residents of the district between the age of 19 and 25 who have demonstrated an interest in government, are eligible for the internship program. The interns will have a one-month stipend to help cover basic living expenses.

Deadline for completed applications is January 20, 1987. Ten finalists will be announced Feb. 23, 1987. The winners will be named on Mar. 21, 1987 at a Selection Luncheon after personal interviews of the finalists are conducted.

For applications and additional information, please contact Rayond McDaniel, contact Raymond McDaniel, Jr., Chairman, Omar Burleson Congressional Intern Selection Committee, P.O. Box 543, Abilene, TX. 79604.

Your Professional Florist

Helpful Hints Facts From The Society Of American Florists

Q. When is the earliest I can buy poinsettias and still have them look nice throughout the Christmas season?

A. Because of concentrated plant breeding and selection, poinsettias are very hardy and longer lasting than ever before. This means you can buy them in most places as early as Thanksgiving, and with proper care they can be enjoyed in the home for up to several months.



To keep your poinsettias healthy, follow these guidelines:

- Protect poinsettias from exposure to cold temperatures—only a few seconds of freezing temperatures or chilling wind may kill the plants.

- Water plants thoroughly when soil surface is dry to the touch and remember to discard excess water. The key is to keep soil moist at all times—do not allow it to become bone dry.

- Feed your poinsettias with regular house plant fertilizer at monthly intervals throughout the life of the plant.

The striking beauty and symbolism of poinsettias can be enjoyed in the home for several months—and it is also the perfect earlybird Christmas gift.

For more information, see your local florist, or send a stamped self-addressed envelope to the Society of American Florists, 1601 Duke Street, Alexandria, Virginia 22314.

RASPBERRY CROWN

1 can (8 oz.) Dole Crushed Pineapple in Juice
1 cup frozen raspberries, thawed
2 packages (3 oz. each) raspberry gelatin
2 cups boiling water
1/2 cup dairy sour cream
Parsley garnish

Drain pineapple, reserving juice. Drain raspberries, reserving juice. Combine juices with cold water to make 1 cup liquid. Dissolve gelatin in 2 cups boiling water. Stir in juice mixture. Pour 1 cup gelatin mixture into 4-cup mold. Fold in raspberries; chill. Chill remaining gelatin until slightly thickened. Fold in pineapple and sour cream. Pour over chilled raspberry mixture. Chill until set. Unmold onto serving plate. Garnish with parsley to serve. Makes 6 servings.

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Last Saturday and Sunday Coke County was blessed with the chunk mover we have been praying for. It came to the point we either had to have it or forget about crops. It did keep some away from the polls Saturday. Edith reported 4 inches.

The local Gun Club had a trophy shoot Tuesday for a silver loving cup presented by the club to the one making the best score out of 25 rocks. Dr. F.K. Turney won the cup which he prizes highly. Following is the score of 25 rocks: Dr. F.K. Turney, 17; W.M. Simpson, 12; A.M. Johnson, 12; Dick Coalson, 14; Ed Roane, 16; Aubrey Ashley, 10.

Bad foot odors and sweaty feet given positive relief with the use of Brown's Lotion Soap in 4 days. Sold with money back guarantee in 60c and \$1.00 sizes at The City Drug Store.

Mr. and Mrs. John Adams, Mrs. Sam Powell, Mrs. Claud Carter and daughter, Kathleen, returned last week from a visit to Mr. Adam's boyhood home in Water Valley, Mississippi. This was his first visit in 45 years to his native state. He said the house where he was born, built in slavery days, was still standing and was in a fine state of preservation.

On the return trip, the party spent 3 days in Dallas at the Centennial.

Last Sunday evening, Miss Nellie Cole, Miss Hilda McCutchen, Ronald Gartman (who is visiting here from San Marcos) and Nolan Pentecost were in a car wreck out on the Sanco road, at Mess Box bridge. No one was hurt, except Miss Cole suffered a sprained shoulder. The car was badly

damaged. When making a turn, the car swerved to the side of the road, and before Mr. Gartman could regain control, it careened into the ditch.

Coming to the Alamo Theatre tonight and Saturday, **The Trail of the Lonesome Pine** in the technicolor. Sunday and Monday, Shirley Temple in **Curly Top**. Sunday week **The Country Doctor** will feature the Dionne quintuplets. All three are four star pictures.

The position of the 7th grade teacher and athletic coach, left vacant by the resignation of Rex Keeling, was filled last week when W.T. Roach of Celeste, Texas accepted. Mr. Roach is a 1935 graduate of East Texas State Teachers College, a four year letterman and was on the football team the two years the school held the Lone Star Conference championship.

W.H. Bell found a small rattlesnake in front of the relief office the other day which was quickly dispatched. Even rattlers are wanting relief.

FREE BOOK COVERS at the Red & White Stores.

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FOR CHRISTMAS GIFTS: Sesquicentennial Momentos available at City Hall in Robert Lee, and the Wear House.

White porcelain mug, trimmed in gold, with Robert Lee engraved on it. Caps, shirts, visors, fountain pens, flag stickers, buttons, tumblers, and placemats, and label pins.

These items are being reduced in price for Saturday, Dec. 13 and will remain at the lower prices until all are sold.

A Robert Lee Key Tag free with a purchase.



TO MY WEST COKE COUNTY SENIOR CITIZENS

Thank you for the opportunity to work with you and be a part of your lives this past year. Merry Christmas & Happy New Year.

**Senior Citizens Coordinator
Neta Schnabel**

Facts about sugary treats

During the holidays sugary desserts and candy abound, to the delight of those who crave sweets and the concern of those who believe they're "bad for you".

"People seem to have many misconceptions about refined sugar which influence their attitudes, if not their actions, when it comes to what they eat over the holidays", says Dr. Alice Hunt, a nutritionist with the Texas A&M University Agricultural Extension Service.

She says a common misconception is that natural sugar, such as that found in orange juice, is a better source of energy than the refined sugar you get from soft drinks, candy or desserts.

"The face is that sugar is sugar in whatever form," says the nutritionist. "Each form contains 4 calories per gram and is used by the body similarly."

The difference is that foods with natural sugars typically have other nutri-

ents, like the vitamin C, potassium and folic acid in orange juice. Foods containing refined sugar, such as soft drinks, frequently have no vitamins and minerals. Many desserts may have small amounts of vitamins and minerals, but are also high in fat and sodium, she explains.

Another myth, says Hunt, is that you are more likely to experience a "sugar high" from refined sugar than from the natural sugar in foods.

But the Extension nutritionist points out that raisins and other foods containing natural sugars elevate blood sugar and create a "sugar high" just like refined sugar.

It's not necessary to avoid foods with refined sugar to maintain a nutritious diet throughout the holidays, she maintains. But you should make sure that most of the foods you eat have a variety of nutrients and that you're getting enough exercise to burn off extra calories from sugar-rich foods.

LAKE SPENCE FISHING NEWS

PAINT CREEK MARINA

C.L. Thompson, San Angelo, 1 black bass, 3 lb. 6 oz.

Pete McDonald, Sterling City, 1 striper, 10 lb. 12 oz.

Shane Norman, Clyde, 1 striper, 6 lb. 6 oz.

Louis Armstrong, Pecos, 1 striper 11 lb. 4 oz.

Allen Williams, Pecos, 1 striper 12 lbs.

Gail Barnett, Seminole, Harrell Foshee, Odessa, 50 white bass.

Don Blair, Paint Creek, 3 blue cats, 4 lb., 5 lb., and 25 lbs.

HILLSIDE GROCERY

Paul Burns, Robert Lee, 30 white bass up to 2½ lbs.

Lake Spence conditions as reported by Mike Ross for CRMWD:

Water clear, 16 ft. low, surface temp. 60 degrees,

catfish and white bass fair, others slow.

Gray graduates

Airman 1st Class Leslie R. Gray Jr., son of Leslie R. and Geneva Gray of Robert Lee, has graduated from Air Force basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

During the six weeks of training the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization and customs and received special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

He is a 1984 graduate of Robert Lee High School.

Put a Twinkle in the eye of someone less fortunate than ourselves. A group of Coke County citizens are accepting donations in the way of non-perishable food items such as canned good, powdered products, canned meats, etc. to be distributed to 10 families or individuals of Bronte and Robert Lee. All donations will be picked up by December 21, and distributed the afternoon of December 23.

DONATIONS ARE BEING ACCEPTED AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:

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|---------------------------|---------------------|
| BAKER'S GROCERY | SKINNER'S GROCERY |
| C & W ONE STOP | HILLSIDE GROCERY |
| GALLAWAY GROCERY [Bronte] | OBSERVER/ENTERPRISE |
| T-STOP | WESTWAY GROCERY |

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FOR MORE INFORMATION:

453-2433



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- PARADE COCONUT** 14 oz. Can **99c**
- PARADE CAKE MIX** 18½ oz. Box **69c**
- Parade Cake Frosting-Ready to Spread** 16 oz. Can **99c**
- Contadina Tomato Sauce** 8 oz. Can **19c**
- PARADE PINTO BEANS** 303 Can **3/99c**
- Parade Cream Style Corn** 303 Can **3/99c**
- BLACKBURN WHITE SYRUP** 32 oz. Bottle **\$1.09**
- Banner Bathroom Tissue** 4 roll Pkg. **99c**
- Parade Facial Tissue** 175 count Box **59c**
- MEADOWLAKE SOFT OLEO** 1# Tub **69c**

Texas

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