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County voters to cast ballots Tuesday

Coke County voters, along with those across Texas, will go to the polls on Tuesday, Nov. 3, to reject or adopt 25 proposed constitutional amendments and two referendum propositions. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. for the Special Election.

Absentee balloting for the election ends Friday, Oct. 30, at 5 p.m. in the clerk's office at the courthouse. On Tuesday, County Clerk Ettie Hubbard reported a light vote count; 12 had voted in person while 3 ballots were mailed out.

Jack M. Rains, Secretary of State, expects a light vote

statewide, as most off-year elections seldom draw the interest of voters. Although he feels the impending issues are important, he declared that the sheer number of considerations on the ballot may cause pollsters to shy away.

Voters in the county may cast their ballots in the following locations:

Precinct 1 - Old Recreation Hall, Robert Lee, Texas.

Precinct 2 - City Hall, Bronte, Texas.

Precinct 3 - Courthouse, Robert Lee,

Texas.

Precinct 4 - Community Building, Tennyson, Texas.

Precinct 5 - Old Depot, Bronte, Texas.

Precinct 9 - Pecan Baptist Church, Robert Lee, Texas.

UCRA members tour water plant

The Upper Colorado River Authority held their monthly meeting in Bronte last Tuesday night. Members toured the recently updated water treatment plant. The UCRA financed the project for the city of Bronte.

Members were treated to a fajita dinner.

EMS status subject of informational meeting Tuesday

On Tuesday, November 3, 1987 beginning promptly at 7:30 p.m., there will be an informational meeting in regard to the status of emergency medical services for the western portion of Coke County. Persons will be present to answer any questions you may have as to the area covered, charges made, way the ambulance is staffed, etc. In addition, information will be made available as to the need for volunteers to take the necessary training to enable the West Coke County E.M.S. to continue to operate. If you have ANY questions as to the requirements for training, the length of time involved, any cost, etc., please plan to make this meeting.

The volunteers want to make it very clear that they cannot continue to operate the West Coke County E.M.S. unless some others volunteer to help. Ten people simply cannot keep on carrying the entire load. If you can take a class, drive the ambulance, keep kids while others take the training, etc. please come to this meeting. If YOUR ambulance service is valuable to you and to those you love... mark November 3rd on your calendar and attend this meeting!!! TUESDAY, November 3, 1987 7:30 p.m. - HIGH SCHOOL.



RYAN MCCORKLE, BRONTE, and Jeffrey Carper, Robert Lee, line up to trick or treat businesses in downtown Robert Lee Tuesday. The spooks were part of the 3 and 4-year-old participants of Story Hour at the Coke County Library.

UT donations noted

Chester Wilson, Plant Manager, Union Texas Petroleum-Perkins Plant this week announced total contributions of \$1200.00 from the corporation to four volunteer organizations of Bronte and Robert Lee. Beneficiaries in the amount of \$300.00 each were the Bronte Volunteer Fire Department, Robert Lee Volunteer Fire Department, West Coke County Ambulance Service, and East Coke County Ambulance Service.

Union Texas has been a donor to these organizations in the past and is pleased to

present these donations to each in recognition of their service and dedication to the community.

The employees of Union Texas Petroleum, as well as other citizens of these communities, are aware of the many hours of volunteer time required, the risks involved in responding to emergency calls, and the dedication required in providing these vital community services.

Several UTP employees in both Bronte and Robert Lee are members of these organizations.

Bronte Festival slated

The annual Bronte Fall Festival will be held this Saturday, Oct. 31 from 6 to 9 p.m. with a new format, sponsors and locations for games, booths and other entertainment.

The Band Boosters and All Sports Boosters are jointly sponsoring an enchilada supper from 5:00 to 7:00 in the cafeteria.

The two organizations are also sponsoring the cakewalk and a hay ride. The Junior Class will have desserts - including lots of homemade ice cream and drinks. The Seniors are having a car smash and will be located behind the Home Economics building near the Cactus Club's famous spook house. This year's spook house features new AND scarier exhibits.

Elementary Classes are

sponsoring games in their classrooms and directly behind the elementary wings. The games include a water balloon launch, designing hand fans, helium balloons, fish pond, garage sale of toys and books, dart throw, cap walk, musical chairs, candy walk, bow and arrow shoot, wind-up toy race, and ring toss.

The 7th Grade Horticulture Club will be selling plants grown in the new greenhouse. The Theater Class will be entertaining at 8:00 with their version of BEOWOLF.

This is the major fund raiser of the year for most of these classes and organizations. Come spend Halloween at the Fall Festival and enjoy lots of good food and lots of fun, games, and prizes.

...Upcoming

Pancake Supper

The annual 4-H Club/Lions Club Pancake Supper will be held on Saturday, October 31, at the Robert Lee School Cafeteria. Serving will begin at 5:30 p.m. and continue until 8:30 p.m. Tickets are \$3.00 for adults and \$2.00 for children. They may be purchased from 4-H members or will be available at the door.

Courthouse to close

The Coke County Judge's Office announced Monday that the county courthouse will be closed all day Tuesday, Nov. 3, Election Day.

C/W Musical

Thursday, Nov. 5, the monthly Country/Western Musical will be held at the Rec Hall in Robert Lee. The family entertainment will begin at 7 p.m. and is free to the public. Folks from surrounding communities are welcome to attend to "pick & grin", visit with neighbors, or just listen.

Rodent Control

Rosemary Heinen, Wildlife Damage Control Specialist from Abilene, will be at the Commissioner's Courtroom in the Courthouse on Friday, November 6, at 10:00 a.m. to discuss the control of mice and rats. Everyone is urged to attend this meeting.

Cheese distribution

Butter and cheese will be distributed Thursday, Nov. 5, at the Bronte and Robert Lee Senior Citizens Buildings from 8 a.m. to 12 noon.

All commodities are distributed on a first come, first serve basis. Those receiving commodities are asked to bring paper bags.

Bronte Lions Club

The Bronte Lions Club will meet at the Red Barn Cafe at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 3rd.

A meal will be served followed by a short program. Lions meet the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays each month. All members need to attend and anyone interested in joining is invited. Contact C.B. Barbee for details.

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Tribute slated in RL

Robert Lee's civic organizations, federated clubs, and sororities will sponsor a tribute on November 21 for two local volunteer groups. The covered dish dinner will be held on Saturday evening, Nov. 21, at 6 p.m. and will honor the West Coke County Emergency Medical Service and the Robert Lee Volunteer Fire Department. The entire community is urged to participate in this tribute. Each family is asked to bring a covered dish.

The EMS and the Firemen make it possible for us to rest easy, knowing there's help for the community in an emergency. These volunteers leave their jobs or use their leisure time to work **FREE FOR US**. There's no greater sacrifice than this. It's no wonder their numbers are down. The community owes these people its gratitude, appreciation, and support.

Sponsors for the event, to be held at the Rec Hall, are Alpha Kappa Pi, Robert Lee-Silver Lions Club, American Legion, 4-H Club, Green Mountain Extension Club, AON Service Club, Beta Sigma Phi, Hayrick Lodge, Order of the Eastern Star, '64 Study Club, and West Coke County Community Development.

Those who will be honored at that time are current EMS volunteers Lou Wright, Dorothea Helen Wright, Wendell Brosh, Brenda Skinner, Judy Williams, Mike Fluhmann, Edwin Smith, Audry Schiwart, Quincie Gregston, Cecil Cherry, and Vic Conner. Other honorees are the active and retired members of the Robert Lee Volunteer Fire Department - John Carver, Richard Daves, Greg Fleming, Bill Helwig, Sid Long, Winton

Milliff, Robert Sanders, Jamie Sawyer, Jesse Torres, J.C. Wallace, Jr. (Chief), Gary Williams, Robert Wink, Ed White, and William Butler.

Also, Fred Beaty, E.H. Ivey, O.B. Jacobs, Joe Longoria, George Lomas, W.D. McAdams, J.E. Quisenberry, Jr., R.C. Sawyer, J.C. Wallace, Sr., and Maurice Yarbrough.

INS Mobile Office to return to Angelo

Due to the overwhelming number of applicants during the last visit to San Angelo, the INS Mobile Legalization Office will return to South Angelo Plaza for three days, November 2, 3, and 4.

The INS Mobile Legalization Office will have the necessary applications and equipment to issue Temporary Work Authorization cards to people who complete the applications.

Mr. Leo Soto, District Legalization Officer, will be present, along with other personnel, to process amnesty applications from undocumented immigrants; issue Temporary Work Authorization cards; and answer questions about the Immigration Reform and Control Act.

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Obituaries

Conner

Rebecca Emmaline Conner, 93, died Friday, Oct. 23, at her residence in Robert Lee.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, Oct. 27, in Chandler, Oklahoma with burial in Oak Park Cemetery there. Local arrangements were by Shaffer Funeral Home.

Mrs. Conner was born April 1, 1894 in Iuka, Arkansas. She moved to Oklahoma with her family as a small child. Married to George E. Conner Feb. 28, 1915, in Lincoln, OK, they resided in Oklahoma and Midlothian, Texas before moving to Coahoma in 1947. The couple moved to Coke County in 1982.

She was preceded in death by her husband Jan. 23, 1982. A son, also preceded Mrs. Conner in death.

Mrs. Conner was a homemaker and a Methodist.

Survivors include two daughters, Oma Lewis of Robert Lee and Wanda McComb of Big Spring; two sons, Aulden Conner of Breaux, LA., and Ivan Conner of Robert Lee; seven grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren.

Smith

Graveside services were held on Monday in the Robert Lee Cemetery for Mrs. Kenneth (Connie Ann) Smith, un-

der the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.

Pallbearers for the services were William Hood, Roy Blair, George Brickey, and Butch Service, all of Robert Lee.

She went to be with her Lord Jesus Christ Sunday morning at 1 a.m., Oct. 25, in St. John's Hospital, San Angelo.

Mrs. Smith, 56, was born March 25, 1931 in Blackburn, Wisconsin. She had lived in California, Wyoming, North Dakota, and South Dakota, before she and her husband moved to Robert Lee in 1983. She had been an X-ray technician at West Coke County Hospital and was a member of the Victory Assembly of God Church.

Survivors include her husband, Kenneth Smith of Robert Lee; 4 sisters; and 2 brothers.

Lee

Weldon Lee of Lubbock died Monday, October 26 at 9:30 p.m. in a Lubbock

hospital. He was the son of the late Alto Lee and was a native of the Maverick community.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, Oct. 28, at 2:00 p.m. in Resthaven Funeral Home with burial in a Lubbock cemetery.

Survivors are his wife, the former Mabel Hutton, of Lubbock; a son, Stephen of Cotton Center; a daughter, Shirley Carrothers of Texas City; three sisters; three brothers; and several grandchildren.

Area survivors are a brother, Bailey Lee, of Maverick and a sister, Mrs. Lela Burson, of San Angelo.

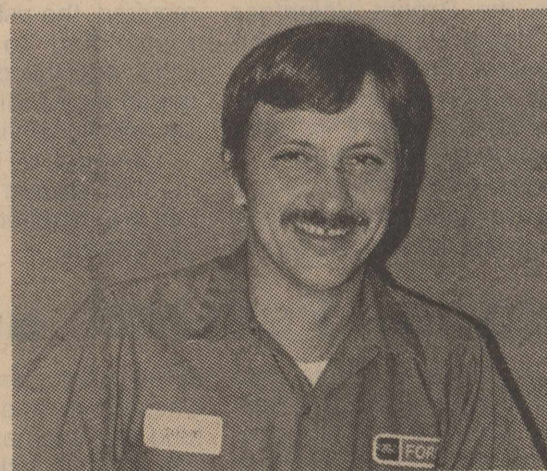
Harmon

Thomas Harmon, 95, of Robert Lee died in St. John's Hospital at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 28. Services are pending with Shaffer Funeral Home.

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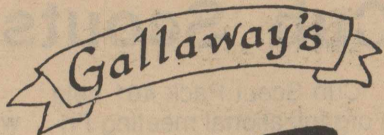
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ROBERT LEE SCHOOL NEWS

Cub Scouts organize

RL Dogies pluck the SC Eaglets

The Robert Lee Dogies plucked the Sterling City Eaglets 22-2 Oct. 22 on Sterling's own field. First blood was drawn by Chris Marquez when he scored on a 50 yd. run and added the extra points with a 3 yd. run. Quarterback Russ Horn passed for

25 yds. to Danny Jackson for the second Dogie touchdown. Extra points were scored on a 3 yd. run by Chris Marquez. Touchdown #3 came on a 40 yard run by Danny Jackson. The game was called following the 22

point total. Coach Max Anthony commended the Dogies and said, "This was a very fine effort from the whole Dogie team. The Dogies had a 60 yd. touchdown run by Chris Marquez called back. The last touchdown was made as time ran out and Sterling City decided they had had enough, so we did not get to try for the extra point.

Doing a good job on offense and defense, besides the ones mentioned above, were Blake Pitcock, Pank Grigg, Pete Coffey, Michael Hayes, Jeremy Moorehead, Brent Jameson, Scott Antilley, Aubrey Dunham and Thad Metcalf. Also doing a good job were Dane Smith, Johnny Torres, Toby Dunham and Jason Bower."

Cub Scout Pack 461 held an organizational meeting Friday, Oct. 23, at 7 p.m. at the Robert Lee School. Earl Wisdom represented the Concho Valley Council of the Boy Scouts of America and chaired the meeting.

Jimmy Munoz will be Den Leader for the Cub Scouts. In the adult positions are: Mike Fluhmann, Webelos Leader; Don Bell, Tiger Organizer; William Wood, Den Leader Assistant; and Jim Clendenen, Cub Master. Frieda Wagley and Joe David Key will serve on the Cub Scout Committee.

If your son is in 2nd through 5th grade and would like to be a Cub Scout or a first grader and would like to be a Tiger Cub, call Jim Clendenen at 453-4748 or Jimmy Munoz at 453-2086.

Cub Scout Den meetings will be held each Tuesday evening at 6:30 p.m. at the Scout Hut.

Bryant has surgery

Tommy Bryant of Robert Lee underwent surgery Oct. 20 at M.D. Anderson Hospital in Houston. Bryant, who ranches at Green Mountain, has been an M.D. Anderson patient since 1977. His wife, Sherry and son, Jack Wayland, returned home from Houston Thursday night. Bryant expects to be released about mid-week.

Personal

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Stout and Tara of Odessa visited with Mrs. Pearl Renshaw in Bronte. Mrs. Stout (Jessie) is Mrs. Renshaw's daughter.

7th slates dart throw

The 7th grade of Robert Lee Elementary School will be having a dart throw at the Fall Festival Saturday the 31st. It will be held at the old gym. The 7th graders hope you will attend the Fall Festival. The money they make this year will be put in a savings account, and will be there until they become seniors in high school.

There will be other fun activities at the Fall Festival. Each grade will have a booth. This year we wish all the classes good luck on their

booths. Please try to make the Fall Festival lots of fun for all ages.

Fall Festival set by Robert Lee

Robert Lee School will hold its annual Fall Festival on Saturday, Oct. 31, in the old gymnasium. Fourteen booths will be in operation by students. The fun will begin at 5:30 and continue until about 8:30.

Classes and their booths are:

12th, Ring Toss; 11th, Cake Walk; 10th, Cap-A-Prize; 9th, Fishing Booth; 8th, Cream the Teacher; 7th, Dart Throw; 6th, Candyland; 5th, Concession Stand; 4th, Spin-A-Prize; 3rd, Toss Across; 2nd, Pumpkin Toss; 1st, Fabric Quilt; K, Musical Chairs.

Lady Steers to scrimmage Eldorado

Robert Lee Lady Steers varsity and junior varsity girls basketball teams will scrimmage Eldorado on Tuesday, Nov. 3, beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the local gym.

Band Boosters plan Haunted House

The Robert Lee Band Boosters will sponsor a Haunted House on Halloween Night, Saturday, Oct. 31, from 8:30 until 11 p.m. To be held in a spooky, vacant downtown building, admission tickets will be 50c. Watch for the orange signs.

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ASSETS			
1. Cash and balances due from depository institutions:			
a. Noninterest-bearing balances and currency and coin		1	053
b. Interest-bearing balances		2	380
2. Securities			
		11	916
3. Federal funds sold and securities purchased under agreements to resell in domestic offices of the bank and of its Edge and Agreement subsidiaries, and in IBFs			
		1	245
4. Loans and lease financing receivables:			
a. Loans and leases, net of unearned income		5	999
b. LESS: Allowance for loan and lease losses			62
c. LESS: Allocated transfer risk reserve			N
d. Loans and leases, net of unearned income, allowance, and reserve (item 4.a minus 4.b and 4.c)			5 937
5. Assets held in trading accounts			
			N
6. Premises and fixed assets (including capitalized leases)			
			161
7. Other real estate owned			
			N
8. Investments in unconsolidated subsidiaries and associated companies			
			N
9. Customers' liability to this bank on acceptances outstanding			
			N
10. Intangible assets			
11. Other assets			360
12. Total assets (sum of items 1 through 11)		23	052
LIABILITIES			
13. Deposits:			
a. In domestic offices			20 656
(1) Noninterest-bearing		2	555
(2) Interest-bearing		18	101
b. In foreign offices, Edge and Agreement subsidiaries, and IBFs			N
(1) Noninterest-bearing			N
(2) Interest-bearing			N
14. Federal funds purchased and securities sold under agreement to repurchase in domestic offices of the bank and of its Edge and Agreement subsidiaries, and in IBFs			
			N
15. Demand notes issued to the U.S. Treasury			
			N
16. Other borrowed money			
			N
17. Mortgage indebtedness and obligations under capitalized leases			
			N
18. Bank's liability on acceptances executed and outstanding			
			N
19. Notes and debentures subordinated to deposits			
			N
20. Other liabilities			
			157
21. Total liabilities (sum of items 13 through 20)		20	813
22. Limited-life preferred stock			N
EQUITY CAPITAL			
23. Perpetual preferred stock (No. of shares outstanding)		None	
24. Common stock (No. of shares a. Authorized		20,000	
b. Outstanding		20,000	
25. Surplus			
			500
26. Undivided profits and capital reserves			1 539
27. Cumulative foreign currency translation adjustments			
28. Total equity capital (sum of items 23 through 27)		2	239
29. Total liabilities, limited-life preferred stock, and equity capital (sum of items 21, 22, and 28)		23	052
MEMORANDA: Amounts outstanding as of Report Date:			
1.a Standby letters of credit, Total			N
1.b Amount of Standby letters of credit in memo 1.a conveyed to others through participations			N
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I/We, the undersigned officer(s), do hereby declare that this Report of Condition has been prepared in conformance with official instructions and is true to the best of my (our) knowledge and belief.			
SIGNATURE OF OFFICER(S) AUTHORIZED TO SIGN REPORT		DATE SIGNED	
<i>Willis W. Smith</i>		October 22, 1987	
NAME AND TITLE OF OFFICER(S) AUTHORIZED TO SIGN REPORT		AREA CODE/PHONE NO.	
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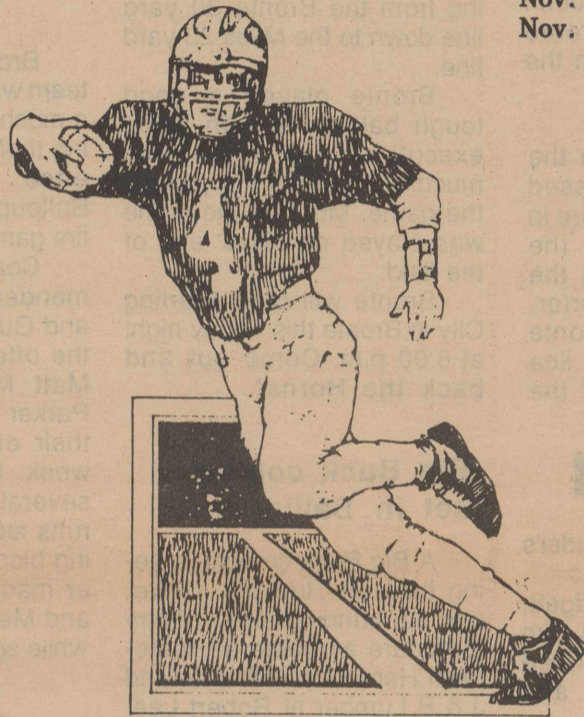
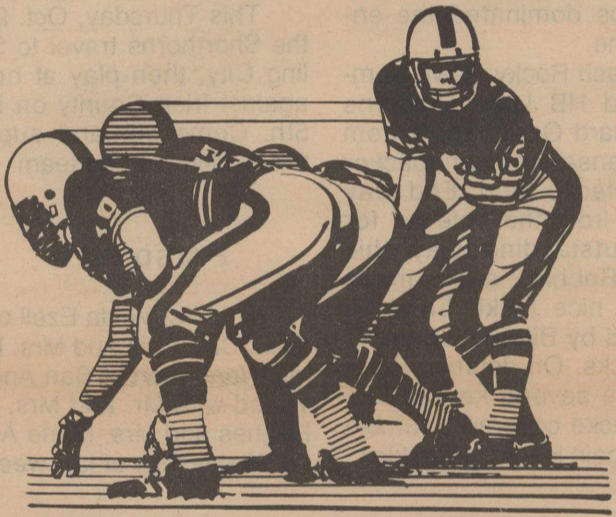
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Sept. 10 Thurs. Lakeview JV	Here
Sept. 18 Water Valley (D)	Here
Sept. 25 Garden City (D)	There
Oct. 2 Miles (H)	Here
Oct. 9 Sterling City (D)	There
Oct. 16 Irion Co. (D)	Here
Oct. 23 OPEN	
Oct. 30 Menard (D)	There
Nov. 6 Eden	Here
Nov. 13 Bronte (D)	There

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BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS

Horns slip past tough Bulldogs

by Mike White

Bronte had a tough ball game last Friday night. Miles was the opponent, but during most of the game it was the referees who kept Bronte from running away with the game.

The Longhorns scored two touchdowns in the game that were recalled because of penalties. However, the penalties didn't keep the Longhorns from recrossing the goal line for the scores.

Miles received the opening kick but were forced to punt after three plays. Bronte took the ball at their own 27 yard line and went 73 yards for the TD. Jeff Lee provided the spark on his bursts up the middle. Quarterback Stephen Lee passed to Waylon Ensor for a 21 yard TD pass. Jeff Lee had carried the ball across on the previous play, but a penalty for illegal motion erased it. Bronte missed the PAT and with 6:24 left in the first quarter, Bronte led 6-0.

Stephen Lee intercepted a pass late in the first quarter

and ran it back from the 50 to the Miles 24, but a clipping penalty took it back to the Miles 34 yard line. Bronte drove to the 23, but a pass interception by Miles killed the drive. However, the tough defense of Bronte held Miles on their own 11 yard line and a poor punt left the ball in Bronte's possession at the Miles 34. Stephen Lee passed to Kirby Hartman on the 2 yard line. Shannon Hoffman carried for the apparent TD, but a penalty brought the ball back to the 12 yard line. Hoffman carried again for 11 yards to the two and then carried for the TD which counted. Lee passed to John Morrow for the 2 pts. Bronte led 14-0 with 8:07 left in the 1st half.

Miles came back on the next possession and passed their way downfield to score in 11 plays. They kicked the PAT and it was 14-7 at the half. Early in the 4th quarter, Miles intercepted a Bronte pass at their own 1 yard line and drove the length of the

field in 16 plays for the TD. The kick was no good for the PAT and Bronte led 14-13 with 9:37 left in the game.

The Bulldogs got the ball back twice, but were unable to move it. On their last possession, Bronte's punter Stephen Lee put the ball at the Miles 4 yard line. Miles ran for a couple and then dropped back to pass. Defensive End John Morrow burst loose and tackled the Miles quarterback for a 3 point safety. Bronte led 16-13 and received the free kick with 4:27 left in the game.

The Longhorns kept the ball the rest of the game driving from the Bronte 30 yard line down to the Miles 23 yard line.

Bronte played a good tough ball game with good execution. The score was much closer than the play of the game. Much of the game was played on Miles' end of the field.

Bronte will play Sterling City in Bronte this Friday night at 8:00 p.m. **Come out and back the Horns!**

Big Buck contest set in Ballinger

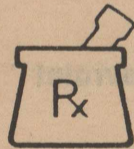
A Big Buck contest is being held for Runnels, Coke, and surrounding areas. Entry forms are available at Hometown Hardware in Bronte and J & B Lumber at Robert Lee. The fee is \$10 and entry deadline is Nov. 13, 1987. Several prizes will be given including a rifle, scopes, binoculars, etc. Any money left over will be given to West Texas Rehabilitation Center.

Prizes will be awarded for the biggest buck, biggest spike, oldest deer and largest turkey.

Weight and width of rack will be worth additional points for the deer.

Entries will be weighed in at the Ballinger Wool & Mohair Co. at 608 Railroad Ave in Ballinger.

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Ladies ready for area

Bronte's High School girls volleyball wrapped up the regular season Tuesday night. The JV lost in the match against Miles 15-11, 9-15 and 11-15. The JV finished their district with a record of 3 and 3.

The Varsity beat Miles 15-8 and 16-14. Misti Taylor and

Melinda Parker were the standouts in the game. District record for the Varsity is 6-0 and their season record is 13-5.

Bronte will advance to area with date, time and site as yet undecided.

Congratulations Lady Horns!!!

Jr. High travels to WV

The Jr. High volleyball teams traveled to Water Valley for a district match.

The B team won in two games 15-9, 15-9.

Sonja Salsler was high scorer in both games, serving 10 straight points in Game 1 and serving 10 total points in game 2.

The A team also won in two 15-5, 15-6. Teresa Vaughn had a terrific night on

offense with 7 kills. Amie Parker had 2 kills. Vaughn was also the leading scorer with 5 pts. in game one.

The A team is undefeated in district with a 5-0 record. They are 5-2 for the season with their only losses coming from Sweetwater.

The Shorthorns travel back to Water Valley Nov. 9 for their last game of the season.

Pups outman S'Horns

by Mike Mecke

Bronte's Jr. High football team was badly outmanned by a much larger Miles team. Using their superior size, experience, and speed, the Bullpups dominated the entire game.

Coach Rocky Rawls commended HB Luke Robbins and Guard Gary Bilbrey from the offense and Linebacker Matt Mecke and End Jay Parker from the defense for their outstanding play this week. Robbins again made several nice tackle-breaking runs led by Bilbrey's crunching blocks. On defense Parker made several key tackles and Mecke covered a fumble while again leading in tackles.

Overall good team effort was still in evidence with several nice runs by Robbins and Joe O'Malley and with 8 defensive players making at least 3 tackles during the game.

This Thursday, Oct. 29th, the Shorthorns travel to Sterling City, then play at home against Irion County on Nov. 5th. Come out and support this exciting young team.

Personal

Mrs. Velda Ezell of La Jolla, California and Mrs. Norma Warrington of San Angelo visited with Mr. and Mrs. J.F. Hughes and Mrs. Marie Arrott on Wednesday of last week.

Beowulf cast named

The Theater Arts Classes are presenting a play "Beowulf," on October 31, 1987 at 7:00 p.m. It will be held at the back of the Bronte High School between the gymnasium and the last wing. The characters are: Jim Bob Thomas, Beowulf; Paul Basquez, Grendel; Kirby Hartman, King Herthgar; Missy Guzman, Queen Weathelow; Shannon Jones and Rochelle Jones, Scrubbers; John Seals and Heath Stewart;

Geats; Lee Daulong, Gundel's mom; Susan Culp, Fool.

Thanes - James Badgett, Gary Blair, Dean Casares, Tim Davis, John Morrow, Greg Charles, Joe Flores and Roger Robinson.

Ladies - Connie Hargrave, Jackie Green, Misty Golson, Terri Childs, Molly Glenn, Tina Hines, Michelle Parker, Dorinda Scott, and Kerry Bilbrey.

Conda Richards and Shane Kelton, construction and stage management.

Bronte grads enjoy class reunion

Graduates of Bronte High School classes of 1933 through 1937 enjoyed a catered lunch in the Senior Citizen's building Oct. 24.

Several of the 30 people attending had not been back to Bronte in over 50 years.

Ran and Cathey Davis of Ft. Worth had traveled the greatest distance with Irene Pruitt Hutton of Muleshoe a close second. It was very interesting to listen to each give a short history of their life since attending school in Bronte.

It was decided to repeat the reunion on the 4th Saturday of Oct. 1988.



SCHOOL MENU

Monday, Nov. 2: Breakfast - Cereal, pineapple juice, biscuits, butter, jelly. Lunch - Chicken patties, new potatoes with white sauce, green beans.

Tuesday, Nov. 3: Breakfast - Oatmeal, applesauce, biscuits, butter, jelly. Lunch - Lasagna, mixed vegies, peach slices.

Wednesday, Nov. 4: Breakfast - Peach slices, cinnamon rolls. Lunch - Enchiladas, pinto beans, tossed salad.

Thursday, Nov. 5: Breakfast - Rice, cranberry juice, biscuits, butter, jelly. Lunch - Pigs in the blanket, buttered corn, blackeyed peas, cherry jello.

Friday, Nov. 6: Breakfast - Cheese toast, grape juice. Lunch - Hamburger, French fries, lettuce, tomato, pickle slices, chocolate covered raisins.

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Aug. 28	Haskell - Scrimmage	There	
Sept. 4	Jim Ned	Here	8:00
Sept. 11	Rochelle	There	8:00
*Sept. 18	Menard	There	8:00
*Sept. 25	Eden	Here	8:00
Oct. 2	Open Date		
*Oct. 9	Water Valley	There	8:00
*Oct. 16	Garden City	Here	8:00
*Oct. 23	Miles	There	8:00
*Oct. 30	Sterling City	Here	8:00
*Nov. 6	Irion Co.	There	8:00
*Nov. 13	Robert Lee	Here	8:00

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Turkey Shoot results

On Saturday, Oct. 24, the Red Canyon Gun Club held its annual Turkey Shoot at the Robert Lee range. A total of 22 relays were shot with an average of 8 shooters per relay.

Sixteen turkeys were given away and 6 other prizes were won by the shooters. Good scores were turned in all day long with 4 shoot-offs required to determine the winners due to tied scores.

It looks like the Ford boys won the Auto Dealership Championship again this year. Old Add Davis couldn't hold up to the onslaught of Cumbie "Deadeyed" Ivey, Jodie "Turkey Tracks" Wagley, Mike "Cool Hand" Fluhmann, and, last but not least, Tony "Grease" Smith. Maybe next year, "Chevy" boys.

Old Jody Wagley even won a turkey. You remember last year, he showed up, but claimed he forgot to bring his gun. Well, this year, he brought his gun and did pretty good.

Winners in each relay were:

1. Joe Griggs, gun rack;
2. A.Z. Dean, turkey;
3. Chris Ertresvagg, rifle sling;
4. Roy Mauldin, turkey;
5. Roy Mauldin, turkey;
6. Mike Bagwell, gun cleaning kit;
7. Jerry Stewart, turkey;
8. Jerry Stewart, game bag;
9. Cumbie Ivey, Jr., turkey;
10. Kenneth Green, turkey;
11. Jodie Wagley, turkey;
12. Jerry Stewart, turkey;
13. Brent Baucum, turkey;
14. John Fluhmann, turkey;
15. Jeff Barnes, tool box;
16. Scott Millican, turkey;
17. Wayne Peters, turkey;
18. John Fluhmann, knife;
19. Ken Green, turkey;
20. Ray Welch, rifle sling;
21. Jeremy Fluhmann, recoil pad;
22. Jim Herford, turkey.

The Red Canyon Gun Club expressed their appreciation to the shooters and volunteers who assisted with the Turkey Shoot. Ray Welch served as range officer; Ken Green and Jim Herford as asst. range officers; and Cecil Cherry as stat officer.



LOOK WHO'S NEW!

Lindsey Beth Butler was born Oct. 17, 1987 at 10:30 a.m. at Angelo Community Hospital in San Angelo. She weighed 7 lb. 3 1/2 oz. and measured 19 1/2 inches long.

Proud parents are Donald and Beth Butler. Lindsey was welcomed home by her brother Lyndon Elroy, 2 1/2 years old.

Grandparents include Sue Fletcher of San Angelo and Elroy and Margie Butler of Bronte.

Great-grandparents are Jim Butler of Bronte, Elsie Lindy of Mena, Arkansas and Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Hardy of Lubbock.



QUESTION: WHO WOULD go to all the trouble of tearing this car into pieces? Answer: The Bronte ECA class learning extrication techniques.

ECA frees victims

Saturday, October 24, students in Bronte taking the ECA Class learned various ways to enter a car after an accident in order to free trapped victims.

The class is being given by the Council of Governments and was set up by the

East Coke County Ambulance Service.

After attending the course and passing the State Emergency Care Attendants test, graduates will be qualified to make ambulance runs and administer emergency care.

Retired Teachers

Coke County Retired Teachers Association members and guests met for a covered-dish luncheon, Monday, October 19, First United Methodist Church in Bronte.

A special treat at the meeting was a delightful display of decorated eggs. Mrs. Billie Murphy of Oak Creek Lake intrigued those present as she demonstrated techniques used to produce the intricate and beautifully decorated eggs which sell for \$35

to \$100 each. The eggs are equally as attractive as the Faberge eggs. Mrs. Murphy uses materials ranging from precious stones to rattlesnake skin to create her original designs.

Attending were C.B. and Wanda Barbee, Luther and Marie Guffy, J.T. and Sybil Henry, Virginia Lasswell, Ronda Wojtek, Jean Fancher, Mary Frances Glenn and three guests, Rev. Bill Hutchinson, Billie and Ben Murphy.

Senior legislators visit in Martin home

Visiting Margaret Martin on Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Jack Conaway of Junction. Mrs. Martin and Mr. Conaway are members of the Texas Silver Haired Legislature serving the 13 counties of the Concho Valley area which includes Coke County.

King family visitors

Several members of the Dave King family stayed with Mr. and Mrs. King last week in Robert Lee. R.B. and Anna King of El Paso stayed over until Monday and visited other local relatives. Mr. King's daughters, Gwendolyn Anderson of Austin and Joyce Walker of Odessa, spent Thursday night with them.

The families attended funeral services for Mrs. Bonnie Robertson.

40+ dancers to meet

On Tuesday, Nov. 3, the 40 Plus Dance Club will meet in the Rec Hall at Robert Lee. The Club dances on the first and fourth Tuesday of each month.

VOTE NO

Paid Political Adv.

... about gambling destroying families... **VOTE NO!** Forty-three percent (43%) of divorced women in Gamblers Anonymous identified gambling as a major factor in the failure of their marriages.

... about how gambling hurts children... **VOTE NO!** SOCIAL WORK magazine reports that a study of compulsive gamblers and their families found the children to have "moderate to severe" emotional problems.

... about crime in your community... **VOTE NO!** Since pari-mutuel gambling started on a horse track in Minnesota, the local chief of police stated that the crime rate has risen 45% and the burglary rate 100%.

... about REAL economic development and REAL jobs... **VOTE NO!** The Texas Horse Racing Association's study by Peat, Marwick, Mitchell and Company in 1958 forecast 4,000 jobs at racetracks, only 10% of which would be permanent. Texas would be better served by bringing in "clean" industries that create high-paying jobs lasting year round.

... about gambling bringing problems, not prosperity... **VOTE NO!** State budget analysts predict that after five years of racing, dog and horse track gambling might bring in \$110 million per year in revenue for the state. That is only 1/2 of 1% of the state's current \$19.2 billion annual budget needs.

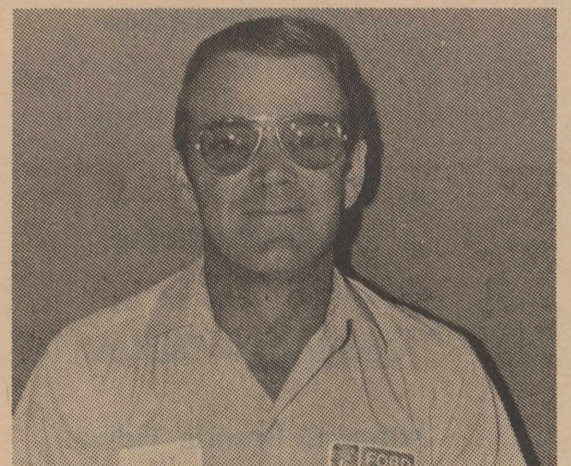
...about pari-mutuel gambling creating a costly new bureaucracy in an attempt to regulate dog and horse racing... **VOTE NO!** The legal counsel for the Pennsylvania State Racing Commission said that the cost of regulating racing will soon outstrip the revenue most states receive.

... about corruption ... **VOTE NO!** The New York Times said: "Gambling is a business so rich, so fast, so powerful and perhaps so unsavory that it cannot help but undermine government."

... about honesty and integrity in government... **VOTE NO!** When the state engages in gambling, it loses moral stature. Where is the integrity of the state when it is in a business which only prospers when its people lose? How can a state claim to act in behalf of the common good when it exploits its own citizens?

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Preparing parcels for mailing

Postal employees are often asked by customers how best to prepare parcels and letters for mailing.

When holiday messages or parcels are delayed or damaged, no one is happy. The odds favor timely, safe delivery of holiday mail, and with a little extra care, customers can help the Postal Service complete its appointed rounds.

"Mailing early is the best way to get important holiday cards and gifts to their destination on time," says Bronte Postmaster Ray Barnett. "But there are several other mailing tips that will help speed your mail safely to delivery."

Window clerks like Bob Miller, and Dorthey Pruitt are happy to offer their expertise.

"Customers often ask me what is the best way to wrap and address parcels and letters, says window clerk Miller. "And they really appreciate it when I can provide some advice."

As a first step, Miller urges customers to properly address cards and packages with the name, house number and street (or post office box number), and the city, state and ZIP Code reserved for the last line. Including the apartment number is especially important during the holiday season.

Miller reminds postal customers that some holiday greeting cards may not be acceptable for mailing at standard rates.

"Letter standards require that envelopes be at least 3 1/2 inches high and 5 inches long to meet minimum mailing standards," says Miller. "On the other hand, a surcharge must be paid on pieces which exceed any of the following dimensions -- 6 1/8 inches high or 11 1/2 inches long or 1/4 inch thick."

Once letters and parcels are properly addressed, customers should turn their interests toward protecting the contents of their parcels by following several tips.

Make sure contents are well-cushioned and there is no empty space within the parcel," cautions clerk Pruitt. "Use crumpled newspaper around the item, including all sides, top and bottom. Foam shells or air-pocket padding is commercially available and also works well. And padded envelopes help cushion small items too."

The flip side of the coin is overwrapping. Too much of a good thing doesn't ensure a safer delivery.

"Just use your carton," says clerk Pruitt. "Brown paper and twine are not necessary. Paper can easily rip and twine can become entangled in mail processing equipment."

"Sealing is an important final step in package wrapping," says clerk Bob Miller.

"Customers should close parcels with one of the three recommended types of tape: pressure-sensitive, nylon-reinforced kraft paper, or glass reinforced pressure sensitive," says Miller. "Cellophane tape or masking tape just isn't sturdy enough."

And little things like properly positioning addresses and avoiding smudges also improve chances of timely, safe delivery.

"Use smudge-proof ink for addresses," counsels clerk Pruitt. "And put the address on only one side of the parcel."

"Remember to put the recipient's address on the lower right portion of the package and put your return address in the upper left cor-

ner on the same side of the parcel."

Bronte Postmaster Ray Barnett says that following these handy mailing tips is on everyone's best interest this Christmas mailing season.

"We are going to be working around the clock to speed your holiday cards and gifts to you and your loved ones," says Barnett. "And you can help make our job easier by better preparing your mail."

Baking pumpkin pies

There are basically two types of pumpkin - Jumbo and Sugar. The Jumbo variety is just what the name implies, large. It usually weighs between 10 and 90 pounds, although larger ones can be found. The flesh is orangish yellow, thick and dry. The Sugar pumpkin is a smaller variety. It usually weighs from 6 to 8 pounds. The flesh is yellowish orange, thick, yet fine textured and sweet. The Sugar pumpkins tend to be heavier than they look, and surprise us when we pick one up for the counter.

If you are planning to do some pie baking, then choose the SUGAR variety. This pumpkin will give a better flavor to the finished product. It usually takes 1 1/2 to 2 cups of cooked pumpkin for a 9-inch pie. And plan on approximately 1 1/2 pounds of fresh pumpkin to yield the 2 cups cooked. The pies from fresh pumpkin may not be as

firm as those made from canned pumpkin pie mix. The pie mix is usually a combination of 1/3 pumpkin and 2/3 summer or winter squash. The addition of these other squash varieties gives body to the produce. Whether fresh or canned, though, the pie will make for delicious eating.

The Jumbo variety is for the traditional Halloween decorations. Although this pumpkin can be used in pies, it is best used for the making of Jack-O-Lanterns.

Cliff Jones injured

Cliff Jones of Robert Lee was rushed to a San Angelo hospital by EMS ambulance on Monday after an accident at a feed yard southwest of Robert Lee. He suffered injuries in an estimated 16-20 foot fall from a feed silo bin but is reported to be improving. No bones were broken in the accident.

Filmstrip presented

Bill Allen, as a representative of Robert Lee State Bank, recently presented a new filmstrip program 'BANKING IS...' gives the students firsthand experience with the basic banking activities they will use throughout their lives.

"Writing a check, applying for a loan, computing interest and using a bank's services are things most adults take for granted' we have done them all our lives. But these activities must be learned, and for many of today's students they can be foreign as any new endeavor," Allen said.

"Many adults learned banking by trial and error; but, in today's world of advancing technology, this is no longer a satisfactory solution. For instance, today checkwriting is as much a part of life as driving is. Ninety percent of all financial transactions are made by check and the American public will write more than 37 billion checks this year. Yet in spite of this, statistics show that less than 85% of the

graduating seniors know how to write a check properly. So, it is easy to see that check-writing is an activity that students should understand if they are to take their places in the financial community.

"We hope our sponsorship of this program will help give students a more thorough and systematic understanding of these basic banking activities, the new services that are available, and help them in the management of their personal financial affairs.

"We strongly believe that the more financially secure students become through knowledge and practice of good banking, the better citizens they become; and the better our young citizens, the better our tomorrow."

In addition, Allen pointed out that as part of the program an officer of the bank is available for a follow-up classroom question-and-answer session and the students may be given a tour of the bank to see numerous financial operations at work.


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Sorosis Club meeting

The Sorosis Study Club of Bronte met Thursday evening Sept. 15 in the home of Virginia Boecking for a regular meeting. Mary Glenn co-hosted the affair.

Guest speaker for the program was Royce Lee, member of Coke County Fresh Water District. Speaking on Conservation, Mr. Lee gave a brief history about the forming of a district in Coke County. He also presented a video recording of state legislature in progress at a meeting in Austin.

The program was most interesting to those present, being informative about the procedure of legislature work.

A business meeting followed the program and was conducted by President Pat Oglesby. Reports were heard by committees and finalization

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RL AON supper set

Robert Lee's AON Service Club will hold a Chicken Spaghetti Supper Friday, Nov. 6, in the school cafeteria from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Proceeds from the project will go to the Robert Lee Senior Girl's scholarship fund.

Central extends Bronte invitation

San Angelo Central High School has extended an invitation to all Bronte High School seniors and their parents to attend SACHS' annual College Technical School Program on Tuesday evening, November 3, 1987, at 6:45 p.m. on the Central High School Campus.

The Bronte High School counselor urges all seniors and their parents to make an extra effort to attend this program. There will be over fifty universities, colleges, and technical schools represented giving students and parents an opportunity to talk to these representatives on a one to one basis.

An additional phase of this program that is of paramount importance to parents will be a presentation on financial aid to be conducted by Angelo State University in the Central High Library. This presentation will be given in three thirty-minute sessions starting at 6:45, 7:30, and 8:15. Any student who has any thoughts regarding higher education or technical training in the years following high school should attend one of these sessions.

Personal

Tom, Elane, Justin, and Preston Francis of Lake Spence had relatives visiting from different parts of the country this last week.

Tom's parents, Tom and Lucile Francis drove out from Tucson, AZ. Tom's cousins, Rich and Joan Galen, and their sons, Jim and Tom, came here from Homewood, IL.

The Francis' closed their business (Wildcat Marina) for the week to visit and vacation with their family. The group took time-out from fishing, hiking, and sight-seeing to celebrate the birthdays of Preston and Tom, Sr. Preston turned two the same day they celebrated his grandfather's 80th birthday, October 21.

Tom's sister, Sue Bowen and her daughter, Katie, from San Diego, CA, flew in just prior to the birthday party to surprise everyone.

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Council urges support

Mayor Protem Alice Beaty of Robert Lee today expressed support for Amendment Number 17 on the November 3 general election ballot. The Mayor said that Amendment 17 must pass if Texas cities are to successfully face the liability insurance crisis which has plagued municipal government for several years.

Amendment 17 would empower the state legislature, and not the courts, to determine how much liability a city has for each of its activities. Some municipal activities, known as "governmental" activities, are subject to limits of liability. For other activities, known as "proprietary" activities, the city faces unlimited liability.

"This amendment will finally bring some predictability to the municipal insurance marketplace," the Mayor said, "because it will allow the legislature to specifically determine which activities are governmental and which are proprietary. I believe that with predictability will come stabilized insurance costs."

Historically in Texas, the

courts have decided whether a municipal function was governmental or proprietary. "Each court decision changed the playing field," the Mayor said, "and insurance premiums continued to climb, if coverage was available at all."

The Mayor noted that premiums for municipal liability insurance have skyrocketed in recent years, and pointed out that taxpayers suffer when municipal insurance rates increase, because taxpayers ultimately pay the premiums. "We believe that over the long term, Amendment 17 will help hold costs down," the Mayor said.

"Amendment 17 will not allow any city to avoid liability lawsuits," the Mayor said, "but it will allow us to plan better for them and to better predict our losses."

The Texas Municipal League, of which the City of Robert Lee is a member, resoundingly endorsed passage of Amendment 17 at the League's Annual Conference in Fort Worth on October 10.

Blackwell Class of '47 slates reunion

The Class of 1947 of Blackwell High School met on Oct. 17 in the Methodist Fellowship Hall for a luncheon to celebrate their 40th anniversary.

Those attending were: Zelda Caraway Woodard, Crane; Marvalene Hamilton Kauffman, Ft. Worth; Joy Cook Baze, Phoenix, AZ; Lavelle Tucker, Las Vegas, NV; Billie Myrl Corley Grisham and Tolbert Grisham, Big Spring; Bobby and Lenda Spence, Clyde; John Cecil and Pat Lilly, Abilene; Jean Waggoner Montgomery and Burl Montgomery, Abilene; Juandell Vest Weddle and Joe Weddle, Emory; Wanda Lackey Saunders and James Saunders, Blackwell; Hulene Raney Conradt and Joe Conradt, Blackwell; Lillie Cook Burwick and Therell Burwick, Blackwell.

Also attending was one teacher, Virginia Craig, of Nolan.

Those attending gave a memorial to the Blackwell School Library in honor of the deceased class members, Betty Sanderson Anderson, Wilfred Caraway, and Elvo McIntyre.

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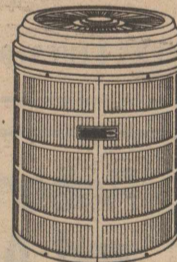


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"The responsibility for our children's protection falls to us, the trusted adults in their lives," noted George R. Gustafson, Texas Safety Association President. "While the youngsters prepare for the frightening fun of Halloween, we must prepare them to avoid the dangers that could ruin their night's trick or treating."

-- Keep their costumes loose fitting but not too long (according to the National Safety Council, falls are the leading causes of accidents on Halloween).

-- Make certain that costumes are constructed of flame resistant material and light in color -- or use reflective tape as decorations on the clothing to keep the youngsters more visible in the dark.

-- Instead of masks that

can hinder eyesight or breathing, try using non-toxic face paints.

-- Discuss the night's route and rules before children leave the house. For children under 12, be sure that an adult or older brother or sister accompanies them. Remind them to visit only homes with the signal of lit porchlights.

-- Emphasize that none of their treats are to be eaten until parents have examined the contents of their trick or treat bags.

"And while we caution the children about crossing streets only at corners, walking only on sidewalks and not the streets, all drivers need to be more aware on the night of October 31. The youngsters are excited and concentrating on the next house to visit -- and we must concentrate on slowing down and driving with extra caution, particularly through residential areas and apartment parking lots," Gustafson added. "We want to keep Halloween a thrilling evening for our kids, not an event filled with the nightmare of a tragic accident."

Chamber officers set

Bronte's Chamber of Commerce Board met Mondays, Oct. 19 and Oct. 26. In the first meeting the board chose officers: Martin Lee, president; Mike White, vice president; Susan Arrott, secretary; Pat Oglesby, treasurer.

A special kick off is being planned and will be an-

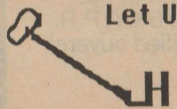
nounced within the next week. Other board members are Luis Charles, Gary Shaffer, Garry Bivins, Larry Rawls, and Bert Johnson.

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Welcome Sportsmen

by Hal Spain, Publisher

While searching around for ideas for this year's welcome, the first place we looked was last year's edition of the same story. And, lo and behold, the conditions which will affect this year's hunting and fishing prospects are near identical to those of last year.

In last year's Guide, we were predicting excellent prospects for both hunting and fishing, due to an overabundance of moisture throughout the spring and summer, which contributed to excellent range conditions for game birds and animals, with the run-off from this moisture raising Oak Creek and Spence Lake levels to a point that we have not seen since the early 70's.

Also in last year's Guide, we were predicting very good horn development, and an increase in game bird populations, which had been seriously affected by years of drought.

As it turned out, last year's deer harvest in Coke County was perhaps the best on record, with turkey numbers up considerably over the previous years. Dove and quail seasons came and went without too much to brag about, in most cases.

Concerning the fishing industry in Coke County, several lake records were set last

year on a variety of different species, with excellent catches being reported throughout the year. Some of these record catches are included in this issue of the **Coke County Hunting & Fishing Guide**.

It's nice to look back on last year and see most of your predictions come true, but the major question does not concern what happened last year, but what are this year's prospects? Is there any way we can exceed the harvest levels of game and fish which were experienced last year in Coke County?

We feel strongly that if you liked the hunting and fishing in Coke County last year, you'll love the upcoming season, mainly because hunting and fishing prospects are even better for the season at hand than they were for last year.

Dove season has already demonstrated this, as dove hunters have reported good hunting throughout the county. And, for the first time in a long time, we are anticipating a record quail harvest for this area, which is in most years only marginal at best for quail hunting. Turkey hatches were also excellent this past spring, with the outlook for this year being better than last.

Concerning deer numbers, it would be difficult to

have a better season than we experienced last year, but that is exactly what we are predicting for the upcoming season. Please be aware of several of the "big buck" contests, which are being sponsored by our area businesses. Information concerning these contests is included inside.

Concerning this year's **Coke County Hunting & Fishing Guide**, we are especially proud of this issue, and feel it is by far the best such publication in the Edward's Plateau area. Special thanks goes to Joan Davis, for her input as chief story writer, and to Jane Webb and Lisa Spain for their 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 fisherman, and we would urge you to return their interest by showing your support for them.

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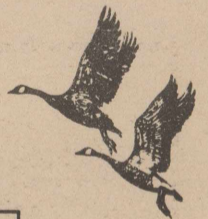
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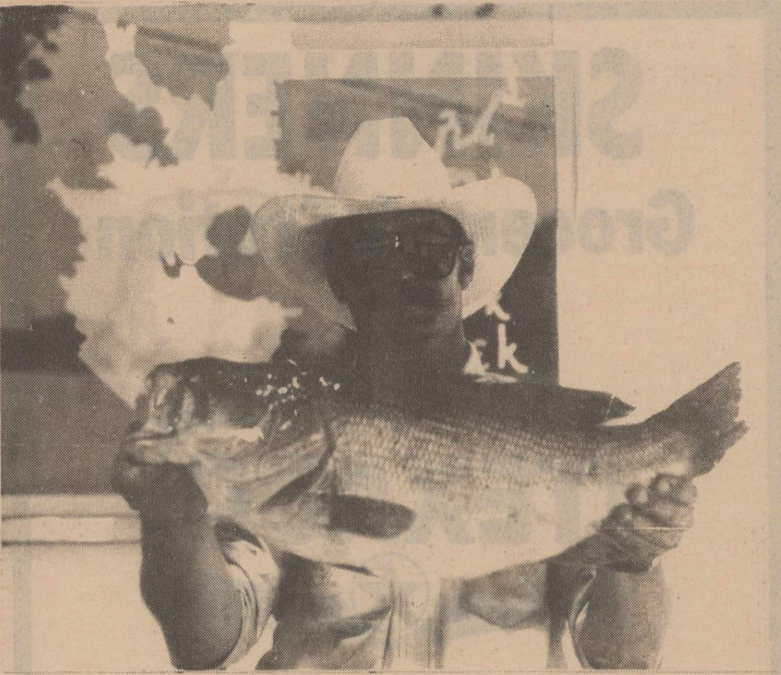
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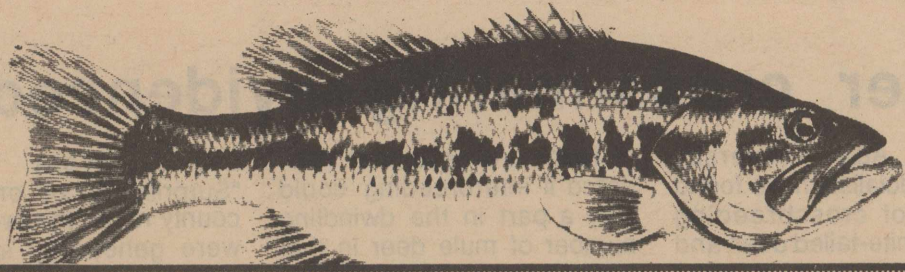
The same boundaries for the three zones are the same as last year. Coke County is in Zone B with season dates set from Nov. 28-Feb. 7. Bag limit is 3 per day.

Although numbers have been good enough to actively hunt when grain fields were good, Coke County normally

does not enjoy the migratory cranes for any length of time. They are wary birds and post sentinels who warn the flock as they graze. They must be hunted from a blind or the hunter must wear camo suits.

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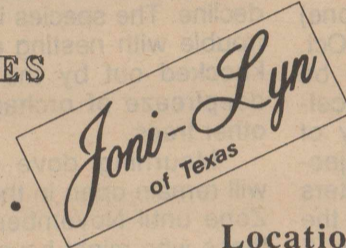
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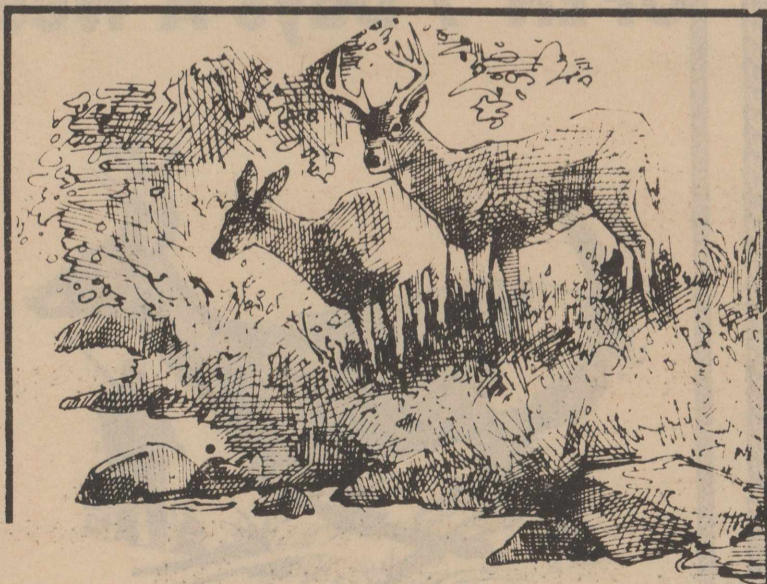
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Deer cross-mating evidenced

Texas A&M University wildlife specialists have found evidence of crossbreeding between white-tailed deer and mule deer in parts of West Texas, marking the first time scientists have ever documented mating between two species of large mammals in the wild.

The work is significant because hybridization among large mammals is rare, said project leader Dr. Steve Carr, and because it may lead to better management practices that would enhance Texas' \$600-million-a-year hunting industry.

"Hunters and scientists have long known that the two species were intermingling in the Trans-Pecos River region

of Texas and have often wondered if interbreeding could play a part in the dwindling number of mule deer in that part of the state," said Carr.

He said interbreeding is a concern because there are significant differences between the value of white-tail and mule deer as game animals.

"Hunters pay different prices for leases according to the quality of deer available. Mule deer are often preferred because they are larger and have larger racks," said the wildlife scientist whose research was conducted in the Wildlife Genetics Laboratory.

The researchers examined over 100 deer including herds of white-tail and mule

deer in West Texas. "Surprisingly, on one Pecos county ranch the two species were genetically identical,"

Carr said. White-tailed deer from South Carolina and mule deer from California were examined as well, he said.

Genetic patterns of the Pecos County deer, which were compared to patterns of the mule deer from South Carolina, were more similar to the white-tailed deer pattern, Carr said, suggesting West Texas mule deer have acquired white-tailed deer genes.

"Our hypothesis is that hybridization occurs most often between white-tailed does and mule deer bucks," he said.

Dove season best in years

The mourning dove season which opened Sept. 1 in Coke County (Central Zone) draws to a close Friday, Oct. 30 (today). It cannot be termed outstanding, excellent, exceptional, or any of those fine-sounding adjectives that most sportswriters use, but it was the best the county has had in some 5 years. The first three weeks provided a lot of shooting, grain was being cut, with lots of weed and sunflower seeds available. Rainy, cool weather developed and the migrates moved on. As yet no real masses of birds from north of us have replaced them.

In general, over the state, dove hunting has been good except for extreme South

Texas where white-winged dove populations continue to decline. The species is in real trouble with nesting grounds knocked out by the '83-'84 deepfreeze of orchards and other trees.

Mourning dove season will remain open in the South Zone until November 18 for those who might have an opportunity to hunt there.

Coke County shotgunners can again hunt the migratory birds Jan. 2, 1988 through Jan. 11, 1988. Shooting hours will also be 1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset for that segment of mourning dove season and the bag limit will remain at 12.

A number of hunters have been charged in Texas this

season for hunting doves over baited areas. Corn or other feed may be used to bait non-migratory species such as quail, turkey, or deer but both state and federal law prevent anyone from baiting for ducks, doves, geese, or sandhill cranes. Hunters can legally take migratory birds where grain is present because of any normal agricultural activity.

Hunting leases

A list of available hunting leases in Coke County can be obtained at the courthouse in the office of Tommy Antilley, extension agent. This list is obtained annually as a public service.

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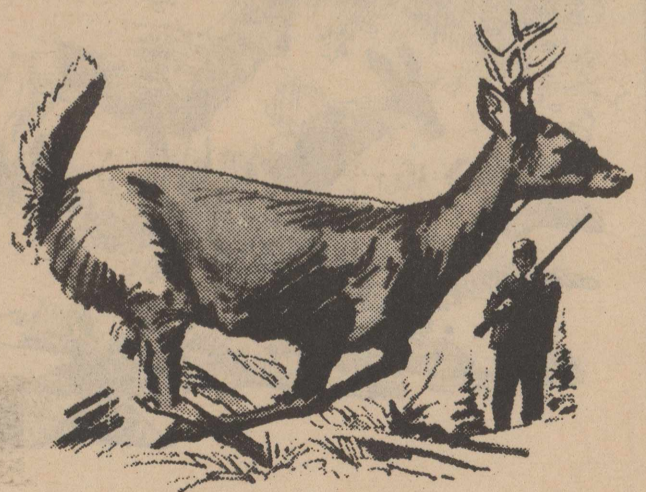
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The contest is open to deer and turkey hunters in Runnels County and adjoining counties. Entrants must have a Big Buck entry form completed and submitted no later than Nov. 13, 1987 to be eligible for prizes.

This year prizes will be awarded for biggest buck, biggest spike, biggest doe, oldest deer and largest turkey. In addition a drawing will be conducted for a limited edition of Buck's Ducks Un-

limited Knife.

A total of eight prizes will be awarded, including a .270 Remington ADL rifle for first place in the biggest buck category.

-- Entry fee is \$10. Weigh-in will be at Ballinger Wool and Mohair, 608 Railroad Avenue, Ballinger.

For more information, call Stan Bickel at 365-5301 or 365-2322; Ron Edington at 365-5067 or 365-2211; or John McAlister at 365-2971 or 365-2231.

Proceeds from this year's contest will go toward Runnels County community services.

Facts about the lowly armadillo

In a year of plenty in Coke County, there has been plenty of everything -- grasshoppers, mice, rats, snakes, and armadillos.

The armadillo is a joke played by Mother Nature, a gray, tough football with a little head and a jointed tail who has played hob with everybody's garden and yard this

year. He is not a thing of beauty, but is an interesting animal. The nine-banded armadillo, native to us, has an armored plate over his body, eats bugs, grubs, earthworms and snails. The female has 4 offspring at a time, all the same sex!

Armadillos can cross a stream in an odd manner, by

walking across on the bottom. However, they can swim well and can even inflate their stomachs with air to float.

They have no self-defense except to roll into a ball or dig a hole with large, clawed front feet. Their only teeth are quite small and well back in the jaws so they cannot bite enemies.

Lakes serve county

United States Fish and Wildlife Service reveals that 46.6 million adult Americans fish and more than 10 million own boats.

Many Texans must drive 200-300 miles to a fishing hole, but lucky Coke County fishermen have two good ones at hand. Oak Creek Lake and Lake Spence on opposite sides of the county offer excellent fishing and recreation.

Oak Creek, a warm discharge lake due to WTU's power plant, has excellent all-around fishing for all species but is gaining note as a black bass site. At high levels for two years, the lake is a friend-

ly, personal spot for fishing pleasure, with good rod and reel angling or for trot-lining. Winter fishing is good on Oak Creek.

Lake Spence's real "claim to fame" is its good population of striped bass. The record was set in April 1987 at 33 pounds. White bass fishing is also good. Deep trot-lining is successful, too. A swim area is designated and water skiing is big in the wide open spaces of the lake body.

Fishing regulations on Texas lakes vary so much, anglers should consult marinas, bait stands, and the Texas Fishing Guide for more information on limits, etc.

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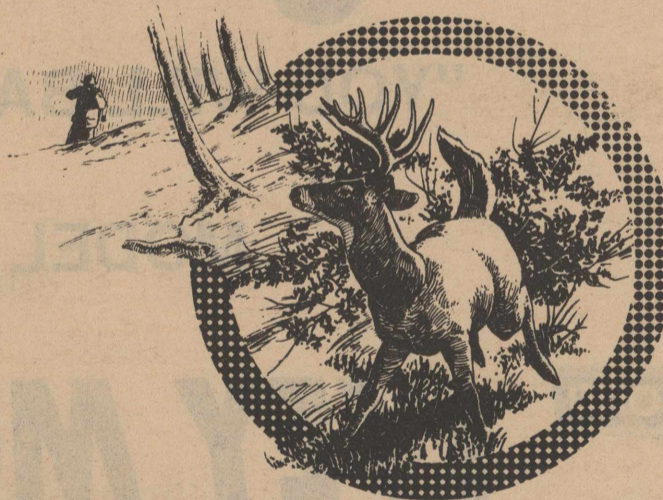
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 1 T. black pepper
 Wash shell-on shrimp tails and place in single or double layer in large aluminum pie pan or heavy baking dish. Combine remaining ingredients and pour over shrimp. Place pan on outdoor grill with

hood closed and cook over medium heat 5-10 minutes. Shrimp are done when shells are pink and meat is opaque. Do not overcook. Serve with French bread to soak up sauce. Makes 6 hearty servings.

Texas Dept. of Agriculture



A mature porcupine has over 30,000 quills.

The next time you buy new sunglasses for fishing, choose a pair with green, gray, or brown lenses. These colors give you good protection from glare, and also enable you to distinguish colors - at traffic lights, for example - better than other lens colors.

To prevent a clamp-on sinker from sliding on monofilament, insert a piece of paper match into the slot of the sinker before pinching it shut. The matchpaper swells when wet and holds the sinker tight to the line.

Whole Fish Grilled In Foil

Butter or margarine
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 1 whole fish (1 to 3 lbs.), dressed
 Salt and pepper
 Fresh tarragon, parsley, dill, thyme, rosemary
 Spread butter in center of a sheet of Heavy Duty Reynolds Wrap large enough to permit adequate wrapping; top with half of the onion slices. Place fish on onion slices. Sprinkle cavity and outside of fish with salt and pepper; top with remaining onion slices; sprinkle with herbs. Dot generously with butter. Follow directions for drugstore wrap. Place on grill over medium hot coals. Cook a 1-pound fish 15 minutes, 2-pound fish 25 minutes, and a 3-pound fish 35 minutes, turning two or three times. Makes: 2 to 3 servings for each pound of dressed fish.
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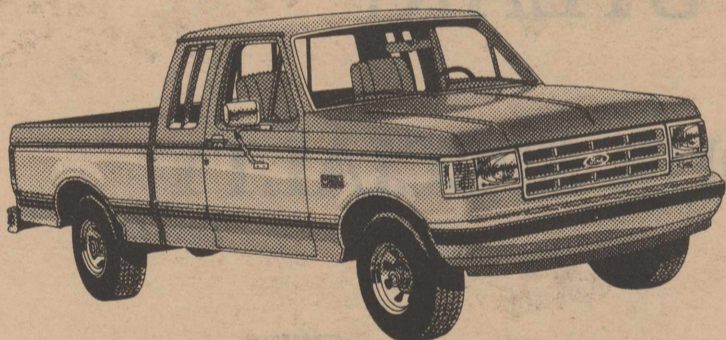
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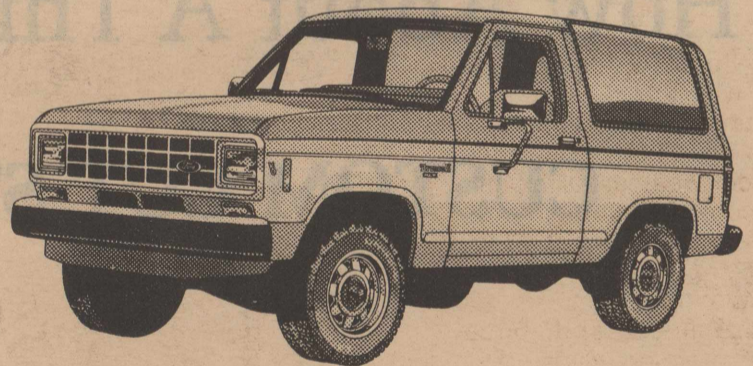
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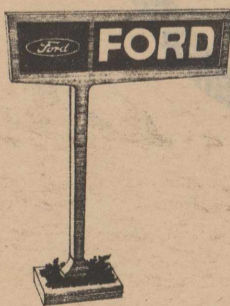
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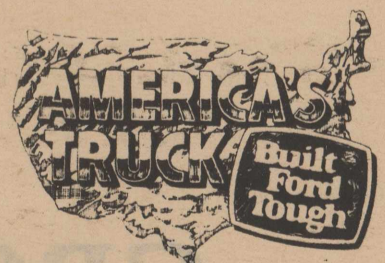
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Good season expected

Only one thing can make a West Texan forget home and family, the oil depression, faltering stock market, and the NFL. That's the opening of the fall hunting season. And it's just around the next corner.

Archery will close Nov. 1 for turkey and deer, but the firearms hunting season will open on Nov. 14, for a 51 day run, through Jan. 3, 1988. Coke County sportsmen will be allowed 4 deer, either sex (limit 2 bucks). New to the county this year will be the regulation that frees both the hunter and the landowner in that no antlerless permit will be required. Hunters have only to tag their deer with the proper tag from the hunting license. Another significant change is that the head of any deer taken must remain with the carcass (not necessarily ON) until it reaches its destination.

Texans will go into a deer season which promises to be the fourth straight record year for whitetail. Fawn production and survival, mild winters, and lush grazing have increased Texas deer numbers to an estimated 4.2 million. The state leads the nation in numbers and harvest, as hunters take more than 350,000 annually.

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department urges hunters to harvest their allowed limits because many areas are overpopulated and during a hard winter, forage and stock competition could result in a food supply shortage.

Experts say that although deer numbers are up, hunters may not get as much of a look at game as in other years due to lush habitat and poor visibility. Deer won't have to feed or move around in daylight hours.

One plus for hunters could be the prediction of some who think that the rut may come earlier this year, due to good body conditions and cool weather all month. This could bring the herds into the open early in the season.

Shooting hours for all game animals and birds (except migratory game birds) are one-half before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

Wildlife biologists say record rainfall and flooding during May and June apparently had no effect on quail and turkey nesting and hatches. Plenty of mature turkeys remain and it looks like a bumper crop for the 1987-88 season. Two turkeys, either sex, will be allowed in Coke County Nov. 14 -Jan. 3, with the spring season lengthened from April 2-24 for two gobblers. This wording from the hunting regulation booklet can be confusing because only 3 turkey tags are provided on your Texas hunting license, one states "Fall Only", one is "Spring Only", and the third "Fall or Spring". This does not allow 4 turkeys per hunter. Turkeys have been seen all hours of the day, sometimes several flocks within a short drive.

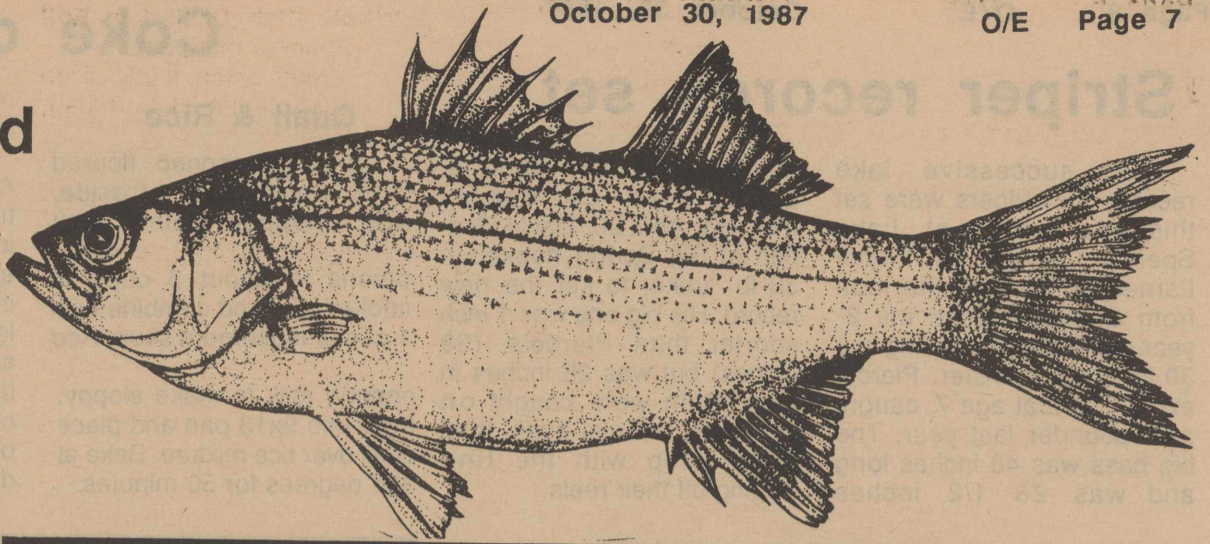
Experts say quail populations have rebounded, leading them to expect the best year since the hard winter of 1983-84 when many froze without feed and good cover. Numbers have improved to the point that the TPWD set the upcoming bird season from Nov. 7-Feb. 28 with a statewide bag limit of 16.

Other seasons include javelina with 2 allowed from Oct. 3-Feb. 28. No closed season or bag limit exists for squirrels.

For hunting information contact Coke County Game Warden Sparks Burdett of Robert Lee, or consult the free 1987-88 Texas Hunting Guide, available wherever hunting supplies are sold.

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Striper records set

Two successive lake records for stripers were set this past spring at Lake Spence. On April 16, Pierce Larned, a young fisherman from Stanton, broke the 2-year-old record by hauling in a 30 lb. 8 oz. monster. Pierce, experienced at age 7, caught a 25 pounder last year. The big bass was 40 inches long and was 26 1/2 inches

around. His record stood for only 4 days. On Monday morning, April 20, David Hodnett of Big Spring hooked a 33 lb. lunker to set the new record. His big one was 1 inch shorter than Pierce's (39 inches) but was 28 inches in girth. Both were caught on top water artificial baits, then dived deep with the line singing off their reels.

Record drum taken

An Odessa resident caught a lake record red drum at Lake Nasworthy in San Angelo during September.

Biologist Billy Follis of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department said the department does not keep official lake records, but the nine-pound, 15-ounce red drum caught by Danny Stephens is the largest taken from the power plant

lake. The fish was two ounces heavier than the previous lake record.

Follis said anglers have reported catching red drum in the five to nine-pound class recently.

Saltwater red drum were first introduced into Nasworthy in November, 1984, Follis said. Subsequent stockings occurred in 1985-86.

Deer jerky recipe

Trim out deer ham by removing fat, bone, gristle, and membranes between muscles. Cut WITH THE GRAIN into 1 to 1 1/2 inch strips as thin as possible. (If you partially freeze meat, you can slice thinner.) For each pound of deer meat make a mixture of 1 tsp. each of salt, black pepper, liquid smoke; 1/8 tsp.

garlic salt and onion powder; 6 Tbl. Worcestershire Sauce and soy sauce; and enough water to cover the meat. Marinate overnight. Drain meat

well and put right on oven rack with a drip pan below. Cook at 175 degrees for 8-12 hrs. or until dark and tough, turning once. Store in airtight jars.

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onions to about 3 cups of cooked rice and combine with 1 can of mushroom soup. Add

enough milk to make sloppy. Pour into 9x13 pan and place quail over rice mixture. Bake at 350 degrees for 50 minutes.

Venison Fajitas

Cut 5 lb. venison ham ACROSS THE GRAIN, after trimming fat and membrane into fajita size slabs. Salt liberally with Fiesta Fajita Seasoning. Squeeze juice of 1 lime or lemon over meat and allow to sit several hours in a covered bowl. Grill over medium hot coals with onion and green pepper rings. Turn once and don't overcook.

Rabbit & Dressing

Wash young cottontail rabbit inside and out. Dry well, salt and pepper all surfaces. Stuff with mixture of 1/2 bread crumbs, 1/2 cornbread, pepper, salt, poultry seasoning, chopped celery and onions, 1 can chicken broth, 2 eggs, and enough milk to moisten. Rub rabbit with butter or place bacon over it and bake 1 hr. at 325 degrees.

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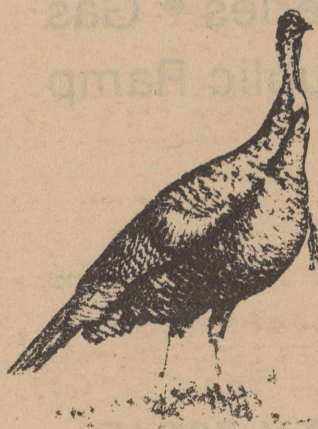
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Scoring buck antlers

If you were fortunate enough to bring in a trophy-sized white-tailed buck deer from your hunting trip this season in Texas, you might wonder how its antlers stack up against the competition.

Measuring and scoring deer antlers can be done only by those who have been schooled in the exacting procedure, according to Horace Gore, white-tailed deer program leader for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

"There are five main factors which have to be considered in scoring a set of antlers," Gore said. "These are inside spread, numbers of points or tines, tine length and beam circumference at the base of the antlers."

Even after these measurements, a complicated set of rules involving symmetry and other factors can weigh heavily on the buck's total score, Gore noted.

The TP&WD does not keep records on trophy deer per se. This job is handled by the Boone & Crockett Club, which for more than 30 years has maintained records of the largest big game trophies taken on the North American continent.

Under Boone & Crockett standards, a whitetail buck must score a minimum of 170 points in the typical category and 195 points in non-typical to qualify for the record book. Gore said to qualify for a typical listing in the Boone & Crockett record book, a buck would usually have to have at least 10 points with at least an 18-inch inside spread and beams more than four inches in circumference.

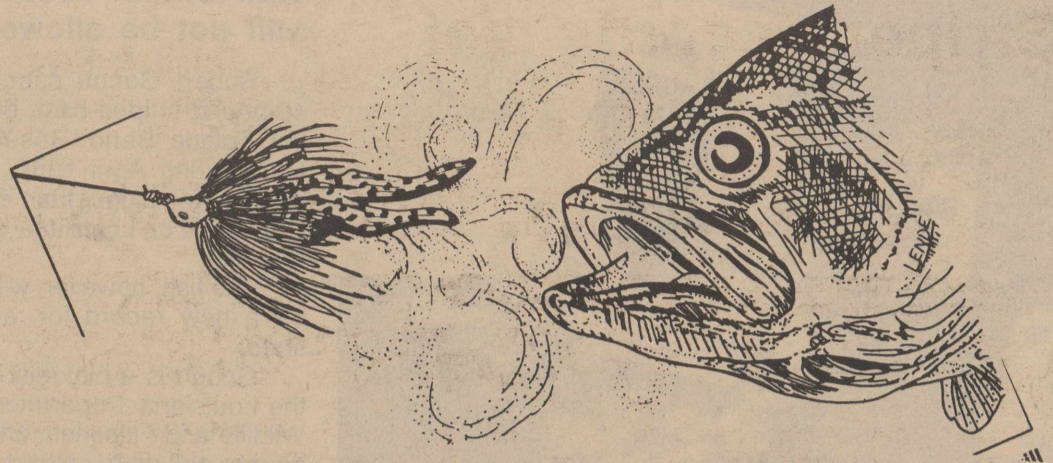
"Of the 240,000 bucks taken annually in Texas only two or three would qualify for the B&C record book," Gore added. The largest typical Texas buck in the book was a 15-pointer taken in Dimmit County in 1932. It scored 194½ points, Gore said. The largest non-typical head was a 49-pointer shot in McCulloch County in 1892.

While Boone & Crockett heads

have been taken from several regions of Texas, the major share of qualifiers has come from the famed Brush Country of South Texas, Gore said.

Gore stressed body weight is not a factor in B&C competition, although some big deer competitions figure the weight in addition to antler measurements.

If you have taken an outstanding buck you think might qualify, you may write the Boone & Crockett Club, 205 South Patrick Street, Alexandria, Virginia 22314, for the location of an official B&C scorer in your area.



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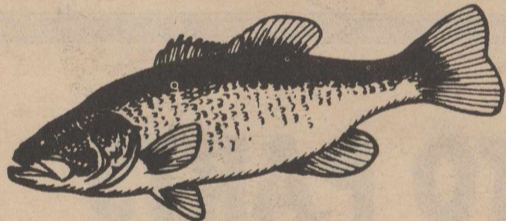
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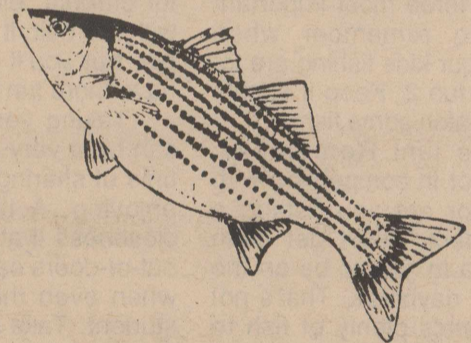
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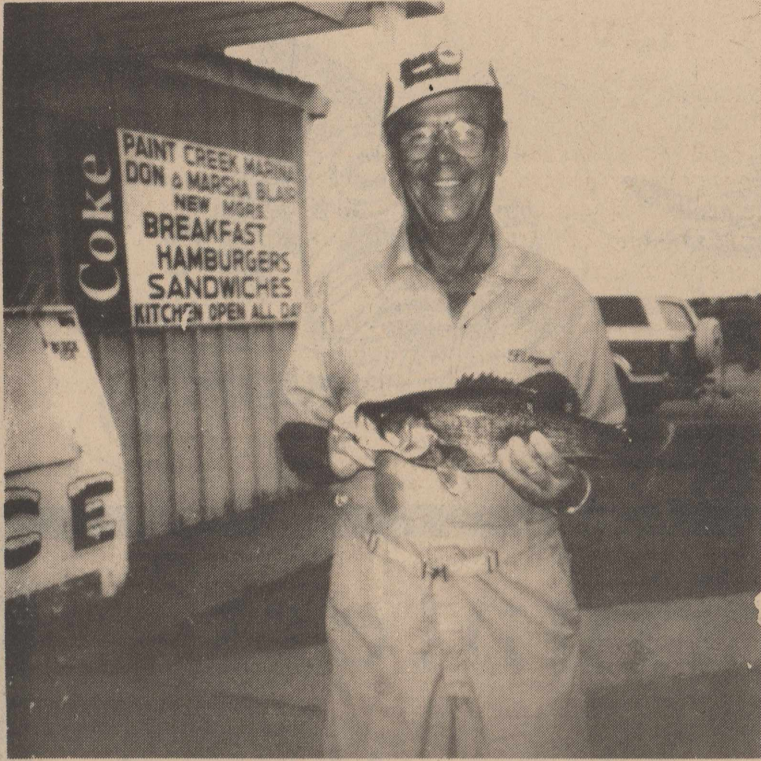
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The three most important things to remember when taking your kids fishing are to: 1. Have fun 2. Keep it simple and 3. Catch some fish.

Have fun! Remember, you're not in competition with them, nor are you fishing a tournament. Don't get them up at 3 a.m. just to be on the water at daybreak. That's not fun. There's plenty of fish to catch after breakfast. Pack a

lunch and head out at a reasonable hour. They'll enjoy it more.

Keep it simple. Trying to teach them the do's and don'ts of plastic worm fishing in weed beds simple won't cut it. It's far too complicated and not much fun. A simple worm, hook and bobber would be a much better choice. He'll learn to use artificials later.

Most of all, catch fish! Any kind of fish, because the fun is in the catching - no matter what species it is. Fishing mid-summer for largemouth bass on artificials will just turn-off the beginners, because you won't catch many fish and they'll get bored. Instead fish for crappie, bluegill or perch with live bait. It is not only simple, but you'll catch fish and have more fun doing it.

Taking your kids fishing can be a very special time. A time of sharing, teaching and enjoying. A time of special closeness that only the great out-of-doors can bring. A time when even the teacher is a student. Take the time. Take them fishing.

New striper record will not be allowed

Robert Gough caught a 48-pound striped bass below the Toledo Bend Reservoir Dam during April 1987, and the fish was bigger than either the Texas or Louisiana state records.

The fish, however, will not be a new record for either state.

Gough is a biologist with the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, and he caught the fish on rod and reel in the line of duty. The Louisiana agency and the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) cooperate in the collection of mature stripers at the Toledo Bend dam which straddles the Texas-Louisiana border. The fish are stripped of eggs and milt, and the fertilized eggs wind up as fingerlings and are divided between the two agencies for stocking.

Thus, Gough has some thrills to remember, but no state record. He and other hatchery workers were fishing with artificial lures in a restricted area when the fish hit a white bucktail jig and trailer combination. It took Gough 30 minutes to land the fish using 25-pound line.

A 46-pound striper had been collected by seining a few days earlier, according to TPWD biologist Paul Seidensticker of Jasper. Another fish approximately the same size as Gough's was caught before the collection program began. That fish was tagged and released in a striper movement study, and was not weighed.



Lake Spence Records

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Largemouth Bass, 8 lb. 14 oz., 25 1/2 long, 28 1/4 in. girth, Robert Dewoody, Odessa, TX, Feb. 14, 1987.

Striped Bass, 33 lbs., 39 inches long, 28 in. girth, David Hodnett, Big Spring, TX, April 20, 1987.

Smallmouth Bass, 3 lb. 6 oz., 17 3/4 in. long, 12 3/4 girth, Floyd Parker, Lake Whitney, TX, Oct. 24, 1987.

White Crappie, 2 lb. 8 oz., James Russell, Jr., Odessa, TX, Jan. 12, 1986.

Blue Catfish, 42 lb., 8 oz., 42 in. long, Jerry Whitlow,

Winters, TX, Jan. 11, 1986.

Yellow Catfish, 34 lb. 8 oz., 44 in. long, 35 in. girth, Danny Crowell, Abilene, TX, May 9, 1987.

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Channe! Catfish, 25 lb. 8 oz., 37 in. long, 22 in. girth, trout line, Eldon Benton, Abernathy, TX, May 1, 1987.

Yellow Catfish, 39 lb. trout line, Mr. Tidwell, San Angelo, TX, July 1, 1986.

These are the records recorded with Tom Francis, Official Records Keeper for Lake Spence as of October 26, 1987.

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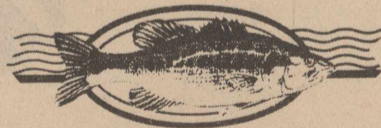
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Hunting leases listed

by David Guarino

"The Texas Hunters' Clearinghouse is helping bring home the bacon to rural Texas," Deputy Commissioner Mike Moller says. "When we talk about the Clearinghouse from now on, we will be talking about numbers in the millions—both in terms of dollars generated and acres leased."

The 1987 Texas Hunters' Clearinghouse lists hunting leases totaling four million acres from 600 farmers and ranchers all over Texas.

A recently-completed survey by TDA shows that rural communities benefiting from last year's Clearinghouse may have reaped as much as \$1.28 million in new business, while farmers and ranchers earned some \$321,000 in additional lease income.

"We are very happy with these results. They show that the program is providing a valuable service to the state's hunters and generating real economic benefits for farmers, ranchers and the small-town businesses they trade with," Moeller said.

The 1987 program is receiving almost 100 more calls and letters a month than last year's average rate from hunters, he added.

In the five months since May, more than 2,000 hunters have contacted the Clearinghouse, at an average rate of 410 a month. This compares with 3,812 contacts for all of 1986, or an average rate of 312 a month, according to TDA and Texas Parks and

Wildlife Department figures. The program takes lease referrals from TDA, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, and the Texas Farm Crisis Hotline, which jointly sponsor the Clearinghouse. It is a service offered to hunters and landowners as an economic development tool for rural areas.

A survey conducted by TDA showed that the median amount paid per hunter for each lease was \$550 in 1986. This includes hunting leases for all types of wild game: deer, doves, quail, pheasants, etc.

Median expenses by hunters while using their leases was \$439 per hunter in 1986, survey results showed.

The survey of 497 Hunters' Clearinghouse callers was conducted by Lily Hale, a University of Texas graduate student, under the supervision of Heather Ball, TDA economist.

Several of last year's participating farmers and ranchers have now leased their property on a multi-year basis. However, the number of producers with property available to lease has remained almost constant because new farmers and ranchers are entering the program this year. Many properties being offered have never been leased before.

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* 2 cups water, 2 cups vinegar, 1 to 2 T. sugar, 4 bay leaves, 1 tsp. salt, 12 whole cloves, 1 tsp. allspice and 3 medium-sized sliced onions.

* Garlic salt, salt and pepper to taste, and equal parts of Worcestershire sauce and two of your favorite steak sauces. This gives a blend of flavors and also is excellent for basting game roasts or thick steaks during cooking.

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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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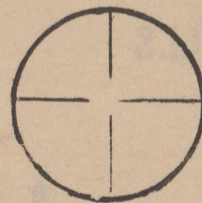
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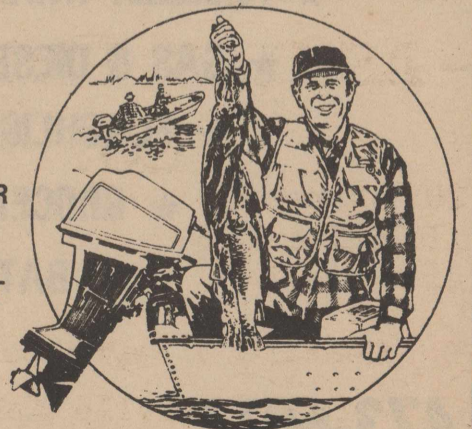
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Pigeon droppings weaken structures

--National Wildlife Magazine

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A YOUNGSTER'S FIRST deer is something to get excited about, and this good nine point really got the blood flowing for Wade Spain, who was eleven years old at the time. The big-bodied, fat buck was one of literally hundreds taken in Coke County on the opening day of deer season last year. Wade is the son of O/E and Lone Star Roper owner/publisher Hal Spain.

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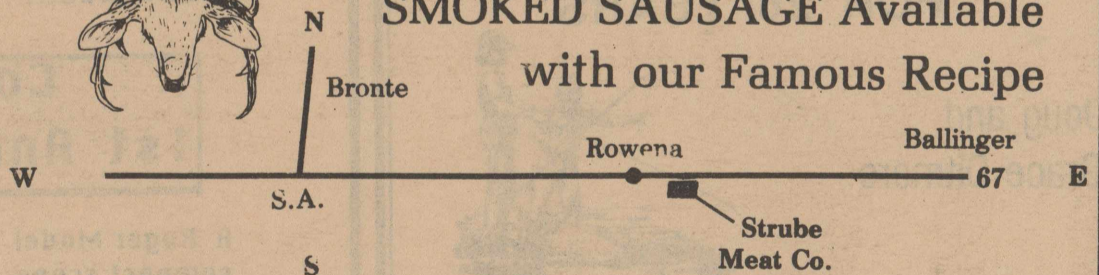
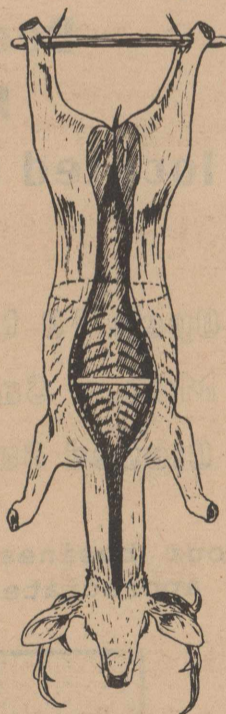
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JERRY HARMON OF San Springs, whose parents, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Harmon live near Robert Lee, was bitten by a Brown Recluse spider August 27, 1987, and eventually required a skin graft to repair the area.

Spider bite suffered

by Jeffie Roberts

Jerry Harmon of San Springs, and son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Harmon of Robert Lee, was bitten by a BROWN RECLUSE SPIDER in the early morning hours Thursday, Aug. 27, 1987. The bite was on the inside of his right arm about one inch from the elbow bone.

Jerry, a self-employed construction worker, went to work as usual. About 1:00 p.m., while working on a medical doctor's home in Big Spring, he became seriously ill. He went home about 4:00 p.m. thinking he was taking the flu, because he became hoarse, nauseated, and ached all over. The bite had gotten red and swollen. He began taking Extra-Strength Tylenol. During this time he found a dead spider beside his bed and placed it in a jar. The spider was later examined by the doctor to learn it was a BROWN RECLUSE.

During the night (about 15 hours after the bite) he became deathly ill with a rapid heartbeat and very short breath. His nerves and breathing were badly affected.

During these first few days, his feet and hands became numb, blisters came on

his feet, cuticles around the toenails and fingernails turned loose. Skin peeled from his hands and feet and it seemed that he might lose his toenails and fingernails, but luckily he did not.

Friday, Aug. 28, he went to a medical doctor, who treated him daily until he could do no more and referred him to a surgeon. The treatment the medical doctor gave him was Benadryl tablets and two large injections of Cortizone or a similar drug (one injection per day). The doctor told Jerry not to even think about working, furthermore he was so sick he could not work.

Jerry's right arm became very red from his fingertips to his underarm pit. The bite was white in the center circled by red, black, purple, blue, etc. and covered an area the size of a hand.

September 4 the surgeon felt that he should lance the bite as it had formed a large pocket but he said this treatment was the last resort. So he decided to give Jerry a round of antibiotics. This being Labor Day weekend, he told Jerry to come back Sept. 6.

Sept. 8, the surgeon said he was going to have to lance the sore. Jerry said, "He

would like to get another surgeon's opinion. The surgeon said, "We do not have time to waste, it must be done now." By the look on Jerry's face, the surgeon knew he doubted his ability and knowledge to perform the surgery. The surgeon said, "I will assure you that I know what I am doing." Jerry said, "Then get started." A one by three inch incision was made, the pocket was scraped out with an artery having to be cut and tied off and nerves cut. The incision was not sewn up because there were more tissues that would die.

In the meantime, since Jerry didn't have enough problems, the antibiotics he had taken made stitches from an emergency appendectomy performed June 23, 1983, surface in his stomach.

The continuous tissues dying around the bitten area necessitated days of therapy which began Sept. 9 by soaking the elbow area for 20 minutes. This was to assist the surgeon in scraping the dead tissues from the area. Each visit, the surgeon would probe trying to remove the stitches from his stomach. This therapy continued almost every day except weekends until Sept. 21.

Sept. 16, the surgeon could see that skin grafting would be required as the area had been scraped to the bone. Therapy continued as all dead tissues had to be removed before the skin grafts would take.

Sept. 21, Jerry entered Malone-Hogan Hospital in Big Spring for the first time during this ordeal as an outpatient. The surgeon removed skin from Jerry's right leg for a skin graft on his right arm, three stitches were removed from

his stomach. A very tight cast was placed on his entire arm as the arm had to be immobilized for 7 to 10 days.

Sept. 28, the cast was removed from his arm; the skin graft had taken. Jerry returned to his job Oct. 6 after 40 days of one of the worst ordeals he said he had ever been through.

The **WORLD BOOK** and other sources inform that the BROWN RECLUSE SPIDER is a brownish, poisonous spider found in the United States. This spider is about three-eighths of an inch long and has a dark, violin-shaped mark on its back near the head. Unlike most spiders, the brown recluse has six legs instead of eight.

A few hours after a person is bitten by a brown recluse, the skin around the bite becomes red and swollen. In time, most of this tissue dies, leaving a deep sore that may take months to heal. The sore may leave a scar. A few persons suffer serious reactions from the poison. These reactions may cause death.

Outdoors, the brown recluse is usually found under rocks, and in gardens. Indoors, it is generally found in undisturbed closets and drawers and under furniture. They are also found in attics

and woodsheds.

The brown recluse spins a sticky, irregular web, with the threads running in all directions. The spider uses its poison to paralyze the insects it preys on.

According to Robert T. Johnson, M.D., serious bites from the brown recluse spider are an increasing problem all over the United States.

The value of steroids for the bites is unclear, but most doctors prescribe fairly large injections of cortisone or similar drugs as soon after the bite has taken place as possible. Topical applications of steroid.

No antivenom to counteract the spider's venom is available yet, but anti-leprosy drug Dapsone has shown promise in severe cases.

One cannot predict how severe the bite's effects will become. It can cause a small ulcer the size of a dime or lead to severe tissue loss over an area as large as a hand, requiring skin grafts or plastic surgery.

Lawana Millican who lives 7 miles north of Robert Lee recently found one in her home; they are present in Coke Co. and all across Texas. Since Jerry Harmon is their brother, the families urge everyone to be aware of this dangerous spider.

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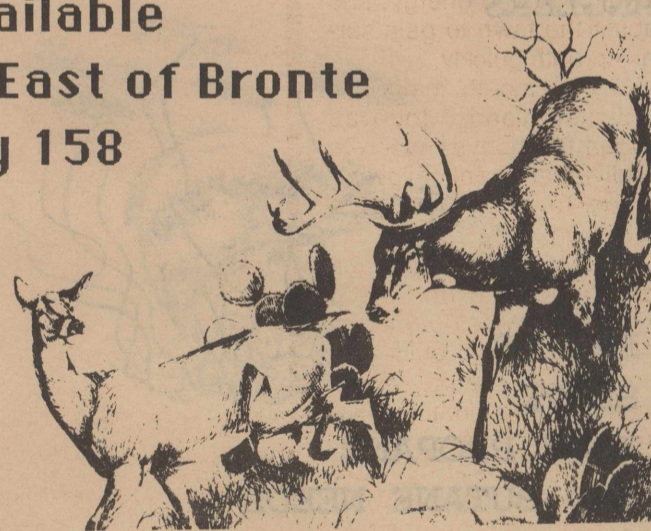
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Whitetails enjoy unique qualities

by Ray Bronk

The whitetails of Texas enjoy many evolved physical qualities which give them advantages not enjoyed by other members of the animal kingdom. Many of these qualities are shared by other species, but the wide range of unique qualities would be difficult to find in any other animal.

Some of these unique qualities are found at birth. The birth of a whitetail is rapid and apparently bloodless. This is important to an animal when predators are near. During the birth process and immediately thereafter, the hair on the metatarsal gland on the rear hocks of the doe will stand erect, emitting a unique odor. If necessary, the doe can dash off, emitting this odor to attract predators away from the fawn. If left undisturbed, the doe will consume any birth residue, keeping the birth site odor free. The fawn is born free of odor. Dogs have been seen walking past newborn fawns without scenting the newly born animal.

In time of poor range and weather conditions, the whitetail doe is able to resorb the fetus, thus conserving precious body nutritional components, and preventing the birth of a poorly grown fawn into unacceptable living conditions.

The fawn is born with a spotted coat, enabling it to blend into the background while still vulnerable to predators. Although the fawn can move about within a few minutes of its birth, it spends its first few days within an area about 10 feet in diameter. Newborn fawns will instinctively hide rather than flee, although by the fifth day of life, fawns may make a desperate attempt to flee.

The milk of the doe is rich in butterfat. While Jersey cow milk, the richest of cow milk, contains about 5 to 6 percent butterfat, milk of the whitetail doe consists of 11 to 12 percent butterfat. This rich milk provides nourishment for quick growth and energy, and enables the fawn to gain survival strength quickly.

Within a month, the fawn's interdigital glands, located between the hooves, secrete an individual scent, allowing the doe to track her fawn should it wander away.

The whitetail can bounce back rapidly from herd decimation. When conditions are ideal, a mature buck and doe could increase their numbers to 22 animals in five years. This is possible because some healthy doe fawns are bred their first year of life, producing one or two fawns. Fawn bucks, under a high nutritional diet, show rut behavior at as early as five months, although they generally do not participate in breeding until their second rut season. If a doe should die, one of the other does in the herd will care for the fawn as if it were hers.

The whitetail has four stomachs. This is a definite advantage when predators are around. The whitetail can eat food rapidly, spending a

minimum amount of vulnerable time, then return to its hidden bed, and leisurely chew cud brought up from its first stomach. After chewing sufficiently, the cud is then swallowed to the second stomach, starting the digestive process. Another cud is then chewed, until all the stored food has been finally chewed and swallowed.

The whitetail can run extremely fast for short periods of time, but has little stamina for the long chase. It can usually outdistance a predator with a short burst of speed, then has been observed to stop and continue grazing, keeping a wary eye on its backtrail for any continued pursuit. When pursued for lengths of time, the deer has been observed to use cover and water to intelligently confound its pursuer. When cornered, its sharp hooves are its usual weapon, with the antlers usually not used for defense. The antlers are used mostly during the rut, for pushing, shoving and intimidating, al-

though some fighting bucks have gored their opponent to death.

The whitetail has sharp senses.

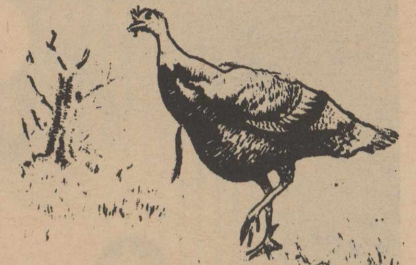
It has good eyesight for movement, although it cannot determine color with any great degree of success, and a motionless observer will usually not be detected by sight.

The hearing of the whitetail is superb. The snap of a twig is enough to start it running in flight. Because it relies upon its hearing for protection, the whitetail is uncomfortable and tense during windy conditions. It will usually hole up and wait for wind conditions to improve, since the noise of the wind covers up the sounds of danger.

The nose of the whitetail is extremely sensitive. Even masking scents such as skunk odor will not completely cover the scent of man, and many wary deer are able to pick up the scent and flee.

The whitetail shares some survival qualities with other members of the animal king-

dom, although many of its qualities are unique. Few, if any, other animals on earth are endowed with as many protective qualities bestowed on them by nature.



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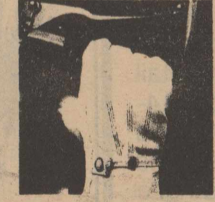
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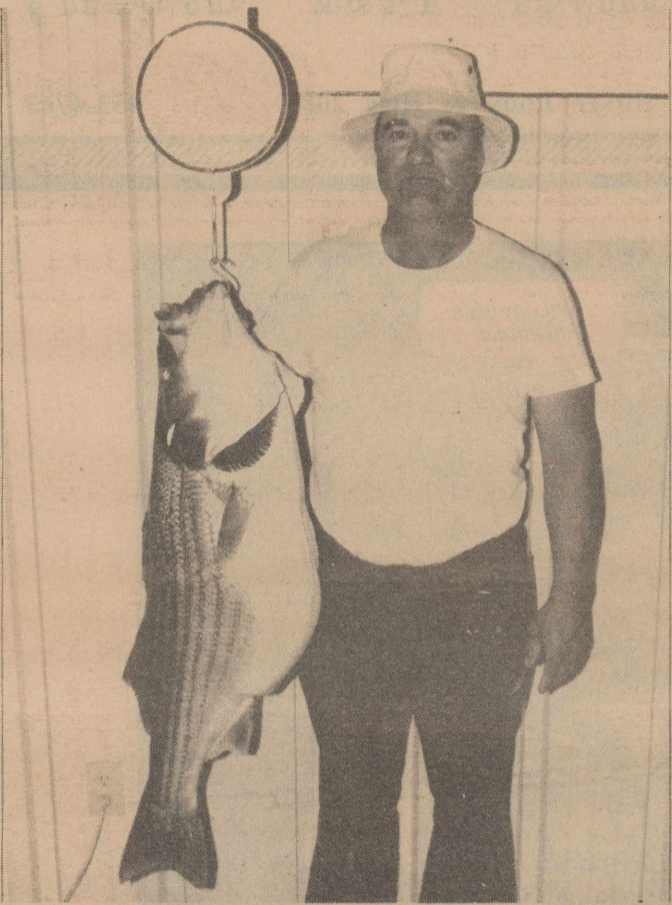
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PIERCE LARNED, 7, of Stanton, eyes the huge striper he caught April 16, 1987, at Lake Spence. The catch set a new lake record at 30 lb. 8 oz., measured 40 inches long, and was 26 1/2 inches in girth. His record was broken four days later.



A NEW LAKE record for stripers was set at Lake Spence on Monday, April 20, 1987. David Hodnett of Big Spring hauled in a 33 lb. monster about 7:30 am to break the record set the previous week. The big one was 39 inches long, with a 28 inch girth.

Judge deer antler and body size

How many times have you shot a buck and from the time you pulled the trigger until you walked up to him, he had shrunk considerably?

Almost every enthusiastic hunter gets excited when he sees a buck's rack but contains the urge to shoot for just a few seconds to evaluate his antlers. You need some measurement to judge by when looking through a scope at 100 yards or better. A whitetail buck in our area is about 14-16 inches from one tip of his ear to the other. From his forehead to the tip of his nose is about 12 inches. Size up his antlers in relation to his head and you can judge about how wide his spread is and how tall the tines stand above his head.

Good practice for sizing up a buck is to look at friends' mounts and at sporting goods stores, other businesses or lodges where taxidermy work is displayed.

Prepare tackle before fishing

No matter how good your fishing skills, that big fish is going to remain a big fish story if your tackle isn't ready.

A few simple steps and a drop of oil here and there may be the difference between the story and a trophy.

Before your first cast:

* Check your line for wear. A nick in monofilament can seriously weaken it, and it only has to break in one spot for you to lose your fish. Let the line slip between your thumb and forefinger as you reel in. You can feel most nicks, abrasions or cuts you can't see.

If you feel those rough spots, cut the line above them, then tie on your bait.

Don't leave your spare line lying around on the rear deck of your car. The ultraviolet rays of the sun, and of fluorescent lighting, break down monofilament line. Keep it in a box in the refrigerator.

* Check your rod. Make sure the guides are not nicked or rubbed, and that all

the guide windings are tight and the guides are in a straight line on the rod. A good trick is to run a cotton swab through the line guides. If the cotton catches, there's a rough spot that could cause excess line wear.

Be sure the reel is attached firmly. Some fishermen tape their reels to their rods to avoid the possibility of a reel seat nut working loose at a critical time.

* Check your reel. Be sure all nuts and screws are tight. It's embarrassing to have a reel handle come off in the middle of a fight with a lake record bass.

On baitcasting reels, the guide that travels back and forth in front of the reel is critical. Be sure it's clean. A drop or two of oil in the track and on the gears will keep it running smoothly.

If you use spinning gear, a drop of oil on bail springs will help them last longer.

If there's heavy cover around, you want your drag set tight so the fish can't overpower the drag and wind your line around branches. If you're fishing with lighter tackle in more open water, ease the drag off to about half the line's breaking strength.

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Pronghorns listed

Although pronghorn antelopes are listed with a game season for Coke County, they are not natives of the area. They may have been before 1900, but that changed with the fencing of open ranges. Millions roamed the western United States in the 1800s but a peculiar quirk antelopes have is they will not cross a fence, although they can leap as far as 25 feet. As fences appeared on the plains, they died by the thousands because they could not move on to graze. By 1910 or so they were almost extinct.

Antelopes are interesting in many ways. Both male and female have horns which they keep all their lives. After the breeding season the hard outside sheath slips off to reveal a new cover. They live in open flats and grasslands.

With their keen eyesight, it is difficult to approach them. They can maintain a speed of 60 miles per hour for about one mile. Does bear twin fawns in May and June. In the goat family, they browse on twigs and brush. Most weigh less than 100 lb. with 12 to 15 inch horns.

Hunting season is Oct. 3-11. Despite their keen eyesight, antelopes can be stalked, either by crawling; by stop and go while they are grazing; by following draws or depressions; or even by 2 hunters bent and walking as cattle. They are very curious and if they have not been chased or disturbed much, they may be approached by a hunter who slowly waves a white cloth.

Antelope meat is slightly sweet and quite tender.

Quail habitat tips

Thousands of Texas landowners consider quail management and hunting an important part of their farming or ranching operations.

According to Wayne Griffin of the Ballinger Soil Conservation Service office, landowners desiring to increase quail food production and improve hunter success can do so easily and inexpensively by discing in strips.

Winter or early spring strip discing has for many years been regarded as one of the best practices for increasing quail food plants.

Most wildlife biologists agree winter or early spring discing in strips over one-half of a pasture will provide a significant increase in the best quail food plants.

Griffin notes a disced strip every 200 to 400 yards across a pasture is adequate to improve quail habitat.

Most plants producing seeds that are good quail food are "weedy" plants thriving best on disturbed soil.

Shallow discing will stimulate such plants as croton, doveweed, ragweed, bladderpod, dayflower, prickly-poppy, tallow weed, partridge pea, wild buckwheat, and others.

Discing is most effective in improving quail habitat if it is done near good nesting and low brushy cover.

Griffin reminds landowners that professional wildlife management assistance is available through the SCS and the Runnels County Soil and Water Conservation District.

Out of water? If you have a handy plastic bag in your gear, fill it full of green leaves (not poison oak or ivy) and lay in the sun. Enough water will condense in the bag to wet your whistle.

Fish can detect noise

While loud voices can't be heard by fish more than a few feet away, noises like the scraping of a tackle box across the deck, a clattering anchor chain, banging of an oar or even the slapping of waves on the hull can send game fish scurrying, say the fishing experts at Yamaha Outboards.

Start out by always wearing rubbersoled shoes. If you use oars, wrap cloth or plastic tubing around the oarlock pin to dampen sound. Although a gunshot probably wouldn't send a game fish scooting off to hide, a lure or sinker dropped on the bottom of the boat will send warning vibes to any game fish lurking nearby.

Aluminum boats transmit noise the most, but sounds also are transmitted through fiberglass hulls. Remember, too, that fish are most nervous when feeding in clear, shallow water. Fishermen entering a shallow cove on a calm morning should cut the engine and let the boat glide to within casting distance of shore. It isn't just gasoline-powered

motors that can be heard beneath the surface, but electric motors, too, set up a drone that can upset a nervous big-mouth bass.

A layer of carpet on the floor of your craft helps immeasurably, but choose one with thin pile or you'll forever be unhooking fouled hooks. Loose items should be kept in storage compartments or secured with elastic straps or Velcro.

Many fishermen think that only salt-water species that travel the open flats like bonefish, tarpon and permit are noise shy, but this isn't true. Even a bluegill, catfish or deep-feeding walleye moves away from foreign sounds.

Keep the noise level down with these simple precautions and you'll spend more time fighting fish and less time casting for them.



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OGT is a program for reporting suspected game law violations through a toll-free number, 1-800-792-GAME. Any caller whose tip leads to conviction of a game law violator is eligible to receive a reward funded through donations from individuals and organizations.

The 12-inch by 18-inch all-weather aluminum signs may be obtained in several ways. A check or money order

can be sent to OGT, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, 4200 Smith School Road, Austin, TX 78744. Also, a limited supply of the signs will be maintained at TPWD law enforcement offices across the state.

Capt. Stanley Brooks, OGT coordinator, said the signs identify the landowner as an OGT contributor. "In addition to supporting a successful and worthwhile program, an added bonus is that all contributions to the OGT fund are tax-deductible," said Brooks.

For further information call toll-free 1-800-792-1112.

Venison cooking tips

Venison is classified as red meat, rich in protein, minerals and vitamins, and low in fat. In addition to poor handling, its quality may be affected by the animal's age and sex and the way it was killed. TDA home economist Carol Ware offers these tips for cooking it:

* Trim all cuts well of surface fat before cooking. The gamey flavor is exaggerated in the fat.

* Use an acid like vinegar or tomato sauce to tenderize. Cover the meat with the acid and let it marinate at least 24

hours. (One reference suggests four days under refrigeration.)

* Cook venison as you would lean beef. Tender cuts can be pan fried, broiled or roasted, but must be kept moist with bacon or other fat. Less tender cuts should be cooked by moist heat.

* Don't overcook venison. It has short fibers that toughen quickly when cooked too long or at too high a temperature.

* Decrease sugar in sauce recipes. Venison has a sweeter flavor than other meats.

Remove decals easily

Ever have trouble removing decals from your boat, tackle box or other piece of gear? Even price tag stickers can be tough to get off and most decals leave that sticky goo that attracts dirt and

grime. This tip from the finish folks at Ranger Boat Company can make sticker and decal removal and cleanup quick and slick... use a common hairdryer and gradually heat the entire decal. Check an

edge or corner frequently to determine when the adhesive is releasing and apply no more heat than is necessary depending on the surface you are working on. After the decal peels off, use simple kitchen white vinegar or WD-40 to remove any sticky residue. Wash with mild soap and water and the job is done. Works great to remove even those old "no slip" decals from the bottom of a bath tub.

Texas small game harvest survey

The importance of small game species to hunting recreation in Texas is seen in results of the Parks and Wildlife Department's small game harvest survey.

It might surprise some Texans to know that an estimated 388,000 hunters harvested more than 5 million mourning doves during the 1986-87 hunting season, or that 200,000 quail hunters took 1.5 million bobwhite quail.

The survey, which includes 12 species, is based on data collected by a mail questionnaire sent to 15,000 licensed hunters.

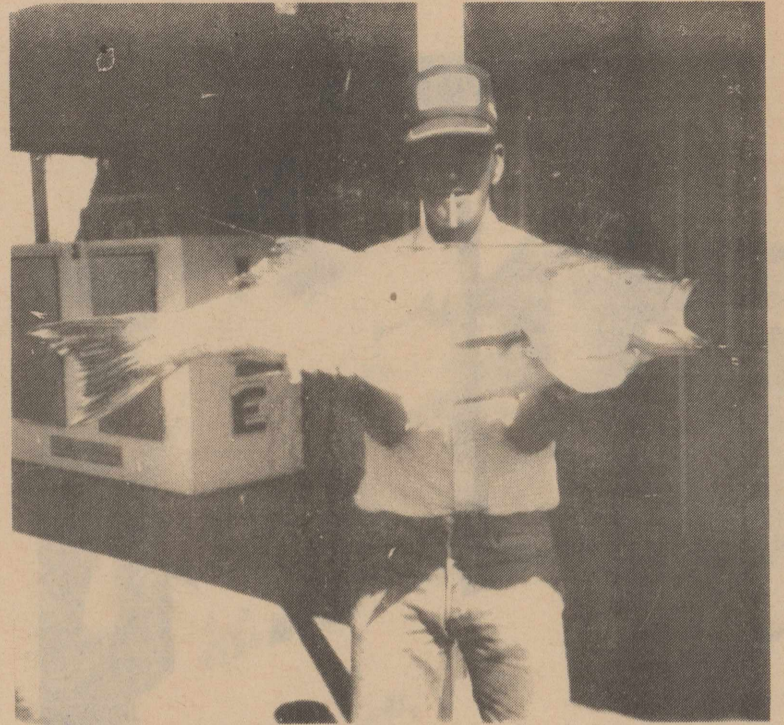
Rabbits and squirrels also provided considerable recreation during 1986. An estimated 148,600 hunters took almost 600,000 rabbits during the year, and some 179,700 squirrel hunters bagged about 1 million squirrels.

Fur-bearing regs now available

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's 1987-88 Fur-bearing Animal Regulations leaflet is now available.

Persons interested in obtaining the free publication may call toll-free 1-800-792-1112. The leaflets also are available at the department's Austin headquarters, 4200 Smith School Road, and field offices.

The leaflet contains regulations on the taking of furbearers and the purchase, sale, importation and exportation of their pelts. In Texas, animals classified as furbearers are badgers, beavers, fox, weasel, mink, muskrat, nutria, opossum, otter, raccoon, ring-tailed cat, skunk and civet cat.



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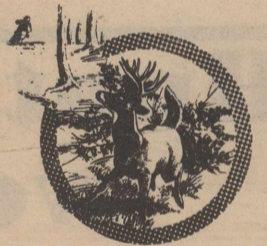
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Timely Tips

Long exposure to sunlight will weaken nylon monofilament, so always store spools of line and filled reels out of direct light.

If your line appears chalky or changed in color, either cut back to fresh line or replace it.

Spring weather heralds the return of catfishing and with it the threat of injuries caused by the fishes' spines.

Biologist Glen Cordova of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department said catfish should be handled carefully, and never left where they can be stepped upon. "If a spine punctures the skin, the wound should be flushed with water," Cordova said. "If it is not too severe, the wound should be soaked in hot water. In severe cases, immediate medical attention should be sought," Cordova advised.



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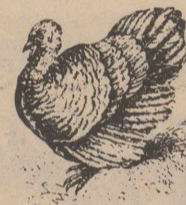
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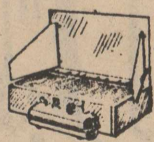
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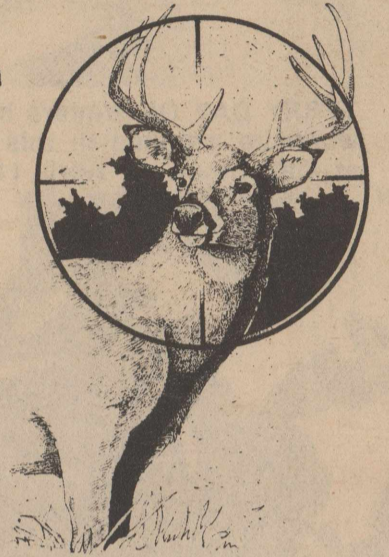
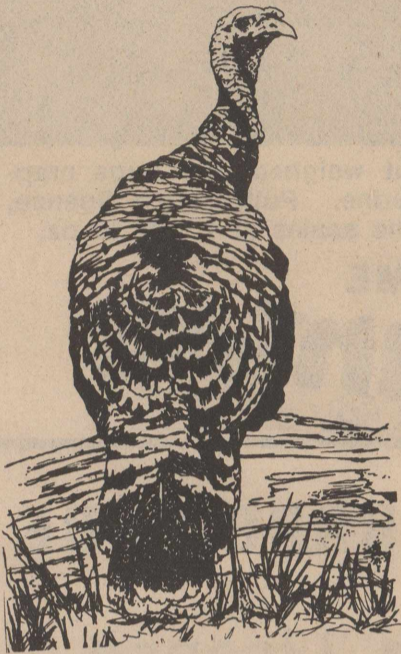
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