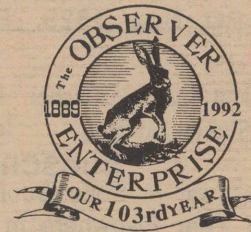


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Sadie Hawkins Supper Theatre slated

Sadie Hawkins Supper Theatre is the theme for the annual Chamber of Commerce awards banquet to be held this Saturday, February 29 at 7 pm in the Bronte Community Center.

The evening's entertainment will be country and humor. Lively square dancers, the Winters Squares from

Winters, will perform; Jeff Gore, a country/gospel singer from Early, and our own Minnie Pearl (Effie Corley) will keep things jumping during the evening. Presentation of awards and congratulation announcements will be intermingled throughout the program.

The first time ever Lifetime

Achievement Awards will be presented to local citizens (over 55 years) nominated for their many efforts in the past years in leadership, service to others, and participation in community activities.

Naming the Citizen of the Year, selected by past winners, also, Volunteer of the Year, Educator of the Year, Club or organization of the Year, and the two Outstanding Students (one boy and one girl) are always anticipated with excitement by the public. Recognizing the Bronte 1991 Longhorns, who were State girls volleyball champions and the boys basketball team as state runner-up, demonstrate the dedication and strength our younger generation and future leaders possess.

Tickets for the banquet may be purchased from any director, at Margaret's Flowers, or City Hall. Advance tickets are \$5 and Saturday night at the door \$6.

A meal of barbecue brisket and chicken with all the trimmings is being prepared and served by the directors including 3 outgoing members - Earlene Alexander, Chester Wilson, and Martin Lee; the three new directors - Ronnie Sims, Paul Williams, and Martin DeLa Garza; other members are Mike Hartman, chairman, Pat Martindale, Jolene Barrett, Marty Boyd, Shirley Denton, and Pat Oglesby. For more information call the city hall 473-3501.

Commissioners to meet March 2nd

In the first Monday meeting March 2 of the Commissioners Court, the panel will approach a proposal to move the county appraisal office to the courthouse. Court members will discuss meeting with the tax appraisal board on the issue.

Also on the agenda will be the further examination of the unit road system implemented in other counties. Under discussion will be Judge Royce Lee's survey of 32 counties of under 5,000 population involved with the pros and cons of the unit system.

The public is invited to this important meeting and all other scheduled meetings of the Commissioners Court.



Part of the entertainment at the Sadie Hawkins Supper Theatre are "The Winters Squares" dancers from Winters. They are l to r - Lee and "Tooter" Harrison; Dennis and Rhuennell Poe; Bud and Kay Busher; and Ken and Patty Rosson.

UPCOMING

WCCCD Meeting

General meeting for the West Coke County Community Development will be held the scheduled first Monday of the month, March 2. Site of the meetings is the county courtroom in Robert Lee at 7:00 pm. Report of finances and the discussion of some upcoming projects are on the agenda. Everyone is urged to meet with others interested in the community and take part in the group's plans.

Pfiefer to RL

Rev. Maurice Voity of Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church of Robert Lee announced that Bishop Michael Pfiefer will celebrate mass here on Sunday, March 1, at 11:00 am. A pot luck luncheon will be held immediately following mass in the old rec hall. Everyone is invited to attend mass and the luncheon.

Br. Open House

Next Tuesday, March 3, Bronte Elementary will have Open House at approximately 7:30 pm, following the PTA meeting at 6:30. The Open House will be an informal time for parents to visit their child's classroom and see some of their child's work. It will also give parents some time to visit

with other parents. In the event that the Bronte boys are still in the basketball playoffs at this time, we will reschedule the Open House for a later date.

Bronte Masons

Bronte Masonic Lodge #962 am and fm will meet at 7:30 pm, Monday night, March 2 for their regular slated meeting.

Honorable James C. Horn, District Deputy Grand Master of the Masonic Lodge will be in attendance.

Billy Joe Luckett, Worshipful Master of Bronte Lodge encourages all members to attend and visiting brethren are welcomed.

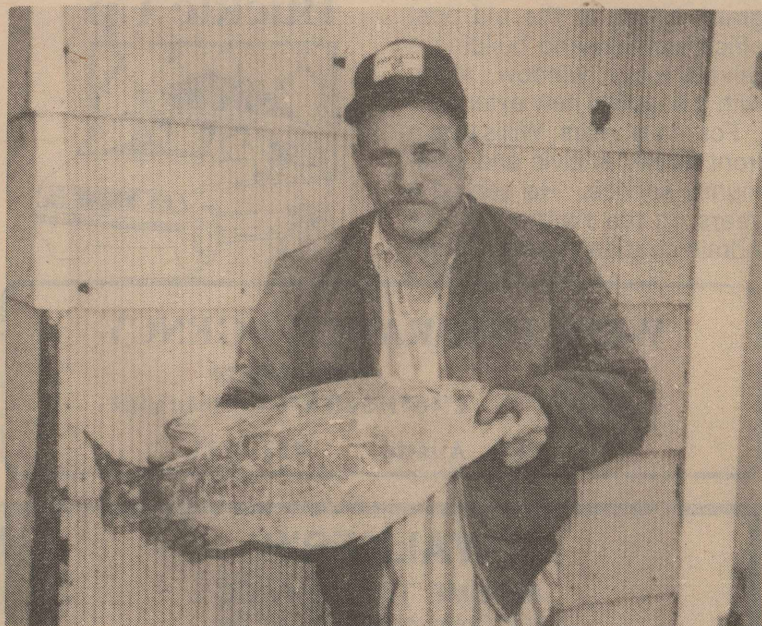
Commodities

Food commodities will be distributed on Thursday, March 5, at the Bronte and Robert Lee Senior Citizens Buildings beginning at 8 am and continuing until 12 noon.

All commodities are distributed on a first come-first serve basis. Everyone is requested to bring a grocery bag.

40+ Dance Club

The 40+ Dance Club will hold their First Tuesday dance on March 3 at the Rec Hall in Robert Lee. Dancing will begin at 7:30 and tickets are available at the door.



Can you believe this monster black bass was taken from the City Lake in Bronte? Don O'Banon of Bronte was the lucky angler, landing this 11 pound, 0 ounce largemouth on a modified Dance's Eel lure. Time of the big catch was about lunch on Friday, February 21st. The fish looks a little crispy, having been frozen for mounting, with the photo taken the following Tuesday.

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OBITUARIES

Pruitt

Fred Pruitt, 64, of Robert Lee died Tuesday, February 18, 1992, in a San Angelo hospital.

Graveside service was at 2 pm Saturday, February 22, in Robert Lee Cemetery, directed by Shaffer Funeral Home. Rites were officiated by Chaplain Mike Maness of Shannon Medical Center.

He was born December 24, 1927, in Cleburne. He was an automobile mechanic. A life-long resident of Killeen, he moved to Robert Lee in December, 1991.

Survivors include his wife, Gladys Pruitt of Robert Lee; three sons, Kenneth Taylor of Killeen, Clint Dewitt of Hawaii and Danny McKelby of Long Beach, California; three daughters, Patricia McKelby and Freda Mensch, both of Killeen, and Virginia Watkins of Nolanville; three grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Smith

Lavada Smith, 79, of Robert Lee, died Wednesday, February 19, 1992, at her residence.

Service was conducted at 10 am Friday, Feb. 21, at First United Methodist Church with burial in Robert Lee Cemetery, directed by Shaffer Funeral Home. The Rev. Kary Rawlings officiated the services.

She was born November 14, 1912, in Bronte to Isaac and Carrie Eubanks. She was married to Murlan "Smitty" Smith March 9, 1960 in Crane. The couple made their home in Midland before retiring to Robert Lee in 1978.

Survivors include her husband, Murlan "Smitty" Smith of Robert Lee; two sisters, Ruby Hearn of Robert Lee and Olivia "Dutch" Brown of Robert Lee; and several nieces and nephews.

Nephews served as pallbearers for the services.

Parker

Dave Turney Parker, 75, of Mertzton died Thursday, February 20, 1992, in Big Spring.

Military graveside service was held at 2 pm Monday, February 24, in Sherwood Cemetery, with the Rev. Gerald Moore and the Rev. Joe Stone officiating. Arrangements were by Johnson's Funeral Home.

Mr. Parker was born January 15, 1917, in Robert Lee,

Texas. He was a retired World War II United States Army veteran of 22 years.

He is survived by his wife, Eda Parker of Mertzton; two sons and daughters-in-law, David and Bonnie Parker of San Angelo and Dana and Kathey Parker of Mertzton; four daughters, Debbie Charlton and her husband, Jack, Deirdre Eveland, Delilah Evans and her husband, Calvin, and Dewana Gutjahr, all of Mertzton; and 15 grandchildren.

He is also survived by two sisters and brothers-in-law, Mary Bess and R.W. Bowman of San Angelo and Frances and Bill Arnold of Euless; one brother and sister-in-law, Jesse and Valera Parker of Bronte; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Mr. Parker was preceded in death by a daughter, Sharon Lou Parker, his parents, Monroe and Bell Parker, and four brothers and sisters.

Johnson

Willie Royce Johnson, 50, of Bronte died Wednesday, February 19, 1992, in East Coke County Nursing Home in Bronte.

Graveside service was held at 4 pm, Friday, February 21, 1992, with the Rev. Garland Whitmire officiating. Burial followed in Fairview Cemetery, under direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.

He was born May 16, 1941, in Bronte to Bill and Hattie Johnson. He was a lifelong resident of the Bronte area and attended school in Ballinger.

He was a West Texas Utilities employee for 22 years. He was a member of the Volunteer Fire Department for several years and was a member of the First Baptist Church of Bronte.

He married Dixie Curry, July 17, 1961, in Winters.

Survivors include his wife, Dixie Johnson of Bronte; two daughters, Paula Johnson of Bronte and Laura Johnson of William, Arizona; two granddaughters, Callie and Chelsea Johnson; and a very special friend, Bill Thomas.

Memorials can be made to the Bronte Fire Department.

Davis

Services for John Theo Davis, 88, of Temple were conducted at 2 pm Saturday, February 15, 1992, at Heights Baptist Church in Temple with Dr. Tom Henderson officiat-

ing.

Burial was in North Belton Cemetery.

He died Thursday, February 13, in a Temple hospital.

Mr. Davis was born and reared in Bronte to John Walter and Mary Johnston Burns Davis. He married Marie Orand on October 7, 1928, in Sweetwater. They moved to Belton in 1934, where Mr. Davis owned and operated Davis Gulf Station on South Main Street for more than 40 years. He had lived in Temple for the past several years and was a member of Heights Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Marie Davis, in 1976.

Survivors are a son, Carroll Eugene Davis of Butte, Montana; three daughters, Darlene Keltner of McGregor, Charlene Mewhinney of Holland and Jill White of Morgan's Point; a brother, Frank Davis of San Antonio; two sisters, Louzele Thompson and Clairine McKown, both of Somerset; nine grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers the family requests that memorials be made to the Heights Baptist Church van fund or to the McGregor ambulance fund.

Roper

Cecil Roper, 85, of Norton died Tuesday, February 18, 1992, in a Ballinger hospital.

Service was held at 2 pm February 20 in Rains-Seale Funeral Home chapel with burial in Norton Cemetery in Norton.

He was born March 3, 1906, in Norton. A farmer and gin-ner, he worked for Anderson-Clayton for 20 years. He was a member of the Norton Baptist Church for 74 years, a 50 year member of Masonic Lodge No. 643, charter member and first president of the Norton Lions Club and was president of the Norton Independent School District for nine years.

Survivors include his wife, Nina Roper of Norton; a daughter, Janice Patton of Ballinger; a son, Norman Roper of Lubbock; four grandchildren. The grandchildren include Beth Heard and husband, Glen of Robert Lee, and a great-grandson, Garret Heard.

Quinn

Mary Belle Quinn of Clovis, New Mexico, died January 26 and was buried in Clovis on January 29, 1992.

She was born September 26, 1923 in Robert Lee and

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married Karl Quinn September 4, 1940. She was a native of Robert Lee, the daughter of the late Monroe and Lucille Cobb.

Survivors include her husband, Carl Quinn and daughter Sharon and husband Ray Gardner all of Clovis, New Mexico; two grandchildren; a brother and wife, Marvin and

Jetone Cobb of Bronte; a sister Alta Faye and husband David Lowrance of San Angelo; four aunts; Cora Wisdom of Gainesville, Georgia, Alla Mae Harmon of Farmington, New Mexico; Hattie Jeffries of Fort Worth and Bertha Mayse O'Brien of Bangs, an uncle, Kelly Greene and wife Denby of Bronte.

Smith retires from RLSB



Willis W. Smith

In a world where change is common, constant factors are rare. Webster's Dictionary defines constant as invariable; unchanging; loyal; steadfast; faithful. That's what Willis W. Smith has been to Robert Lee State Bank and the community. As a young man, not many years out of Robert Lee High School and after attending San Angelo Junior College, he went to work at Robert Lee State Bank as a bookkeeper July 13, 1948. He retired almost 44 years later, on February 6, 1992, as Vice President and Cashier.

Willis has been involved in all phases of banking business. He advanced to teller and assistant cashier in 1954. The local bank was located in the small building presently occupied by the Observer/Enterprise. Total assets amounted to about one million dollars. The bank moved to its current location in 1956 and last quarter posted an asset total of close to 30 million. Last fall, the business began an extensive remodeling program, taking in the old post office location and building a drive-through window, along with a beautiful new exterior.

For many years, Willis was a front runner in civic and community service. He served 8 years on the Farmers Home Administration County Com-

mittee and for the last 30 years has served on the Veteran's Land Board, presently as chairman. He served in all official capacities of the Board of Community Development which was founded in 1962 until it was dissolved years later. For a number of years, he was an officer of the Coke County Game Management.

Always available to assist with benefits, he has been a chairman or co-chairman for the Muscular Dystrophy and Cystic Fibrosis Foundation each year since 1974.

He has long been interested in community progress and was instrumental in forming the Mountain Creek Golf Association, which with a number of other civic leaders, led to the building of the golf course and club house. On earlier committees he had worked to aid in the establishment of the county parks and swimming pools.

He is currently a member of the West Coke County Community Development, Red Canyon Gun Club, The Methodist Church, and a big supporter of the Coke County Livestock Show.

Willis was married to Wanda Mauldin, his high school sweetheart, in 1949, and they have two children, Robbie Jane and Stephen Wayne, and four grandchildren: Bethany Janay Beal, twins Amanda Lynn and Ashley Robin Beal, and David Colin Beal.

After his long banking career, Willis plans to devote his time now to his ranching and farming interests, enjoy his grandchildren, and do a little traveling. It's time.

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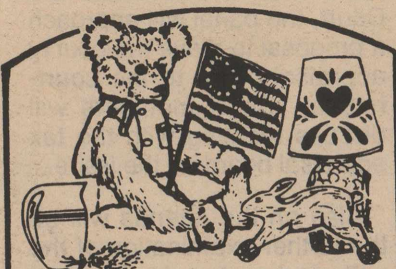
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Dickson visits in Robert Lee

Kathy Dickson, wife of Democratic senatorial candidate Temple Dickson, was in Robert Lee Monday afternoon to visit with voters. She was on a scheduled campaign tour and stopped at the Observer/Enterprise office and the courthouse after leaving Sterling City. She was accompanied by Patti Ivey, Coke County Democratic chairman.

Mrs. Dickson said she would speak to the Senator's campaign headquarters about his making a swing through some of the smaller communities if time allowed. She added that the couple is from Sweetwater, also a small town, and they realize many of the problems they face. He advocates ag interests, rural school funding, and strong law enforcement support, groups of which have spoken in his political behalf.

According to Mrs. Dickson, she herself is interested in alcohol and drug programs, health care, and other West Texas interests.

ASCS Sign-up

The ASCS Office is currently heavy into the sign-up for the 1990 and 1991 Crop Disaster Program. Sign-up will continue through 5:00 pm on March 13, 1992. If you feel you could qualify and would like to make an application, please call for an appointment. Due to the paperwork involved appointments are a must. You may make an appointment by calling the ASCS office at 453-2751 between the hours of 8:00 am and 5:00 pm Monday thru Friday. No appointments will be made for Friday afternoons. March 13th is nearly here and there will not be any late applications, so call as soon as possible.

AON Memorials

Memorial donations honoring friends or loved ones have been recently made to the AON Service Club Scholarship Fund. This fund was established in 1987 to present scholarships to graduates of Robert Lee High School. Those contributing and memories honored are noted below. Families of those named in memorial will receive a card from AON Service Club.

Memorials

Lavada Smith

Gary Sam, Nita Gaye and John Williams

Earl McCoy

Gary Sam, Nita Gaye and John Williams

Wildflower Tour

Texas Wildflower Tour is scheduled for Saturday, April 4th. Sunset Bus Lines provides the transportation and the cost is \$65.00 per person. Call the Bronte Senior Center and let them know you are going by Monday, March 2. You do not need to be a Senior Citizen to take this one day trip. Included in this tour is a 2 1/2 hour Vanishing Texas River Cruise. Leaves Bronte at 6:15 am and returns about 9:30 pm.



A portion of the Robert Lee Senior Citizens group poses with the baby quilt they purchased for Blake Millican, who is held up front by Faye Miller. Blake's mother, Kelly is the coordinator for the group.

Squares set for Br. COC

The "Winters Squares" will be performing at the Bronte Chamber of Commerce Sadie Hawkins Supper Theatre Saturday night, February 29. Four couples making up a square are a part of the newly organized square dance club in Winters, Texas. The club now has 30 members and are planning to hold new classes to start soon.

The club is very fortunate to have as their caller, Randy Phillips, from Abilene. They meet each Monday night at the Winters Community Center. Randy teaches both basic lessons (beginner) and plus lessons (advanced).

A dance is held each 4th Saturday night in Winters.

Dancers from Abilene, San Angelo, Coleman, Ballinger, Winters, and Cisco participate. All area dancers are invited and spectators are admitted free of charge.

A spokesman for the group stated, "We chose to square dance for fun and fellowship. It is a wonderful way to meet new friends and to fellowship with old ones. It is a great way to escape the worry and pressure of today's busy world."

If you are interested in learning or joining the "Winters Squares" come see them perform or call Dennis and Rhenell Poe at 754-5468 or Bud and Kay Busher at 754-5315 for more information.

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ROBERT LEE SCHOOL NEWS

RL Academic teams win home contest

The Robert Lee UIL Invitational Academic Meet was a tremendous success! The meet was hosted on February 22, 1992. There were over 650 participants with 1092 entries. Twenty six high schools and 12 Junior High Schools participated in the meet. The Robert Lee Junior High and High School Academic Team won the meet with 166 points. The students and their placings are as follows:

Poetry - Lori Wink-3rd
Prose - Brandy Hayes-2nd
Keyboarding - Wendy McPeek-2nd; Carlene Bewick-3rd; John Fluhmann-6th
Informative Speaking - Brandy Hayes-5th
Persuasive Speaking - Carrie Davis-2nd; J.J. Good-

man-5th
News Writing - Lori Wink-4th; Shelbi Grim-5th
Feature Writing - Shelbi Grim-4th
Spelling - Cameron Cook-6th
Science - Eli Arellano-5th
Literary Criticism - Wendy Lamar-1st; Michael Lamar-6th

Lincoln-Douglas Debate - Krista Green-1st; Wendy Lamar-2nd

Current Issues & Events - J.J. Goodman-2nd

Mathematics - Eli Arellano-6th

Other participants from Robert Lee were: Mandi Johnston, Anthony Wink, Carma Brandon, Russ Horn, Todd Scott, Sean Barrett, Christie Payne, William Aldridge, Carla Bewick, Rachel Pentecost, Saul Arellano, Ricky Lott, Shelley Burrows, Michael Woolley, Josie Salazar, Joe Blair, Scot Millican, Audra Pitcock, and Debra Drennan.

The sponsors for the high school academic team are Jerry Horn, Winnie McPeek, Dorothea Wright and Tricia Ballew.

RL takes academic title

On Saturday, February 22, the Robert Lee Jr. High Academic Team participated in the UIL meet held at Robert Lee ISD. There were twelve other schools participating in the meet, but Robert Lee came away the winner with 139 points. Second place went to Sterling City with 97 points, and third place went to Miles with 74 points.

Robert Lee Jr. High placed students in seven out of the eight contests entered. The placings are as follows:

Spelling - Heather Millican-1st; Patricia Minjarez-2nd; Donny Edging-4th; Meagan Hill-6th

Ready Writing - Jeremy Burns-4th

Impromptu Speaking - Aaron Hood-1st; Eric Hood-2nd

Modern Oratory - Laine Gregston-4th; Jerrod Copeland-6th

Dictionary Skills - Jason Key-1st; Jaclyn Waldrop-5th

Number Sense - Patricia Minjarez-5th

Other participants included Kannan Millican, Jennifer Parks, Eric Torres, Corey Pitcock, Rob Smith, Heather Nichols, Starsky Oleksuk, Daniel Hayes, Shalon Wal-

Volunteers needed

Do you have a special craft, hobby, or other interest that you would like to share with the youth of your community? The Sweetwater Council on Alcohol & Drug Abuse is needing volunteers to act as facilitators for our Youth Alternatives Program. It will consist of 2 1/2-3 hours for one afternoon per week after school. If you are interested, please contact the Sweetwater Council on Alcohol & Drug Abuse at (915) 235-8955 (local) or 1-800-588-3967.

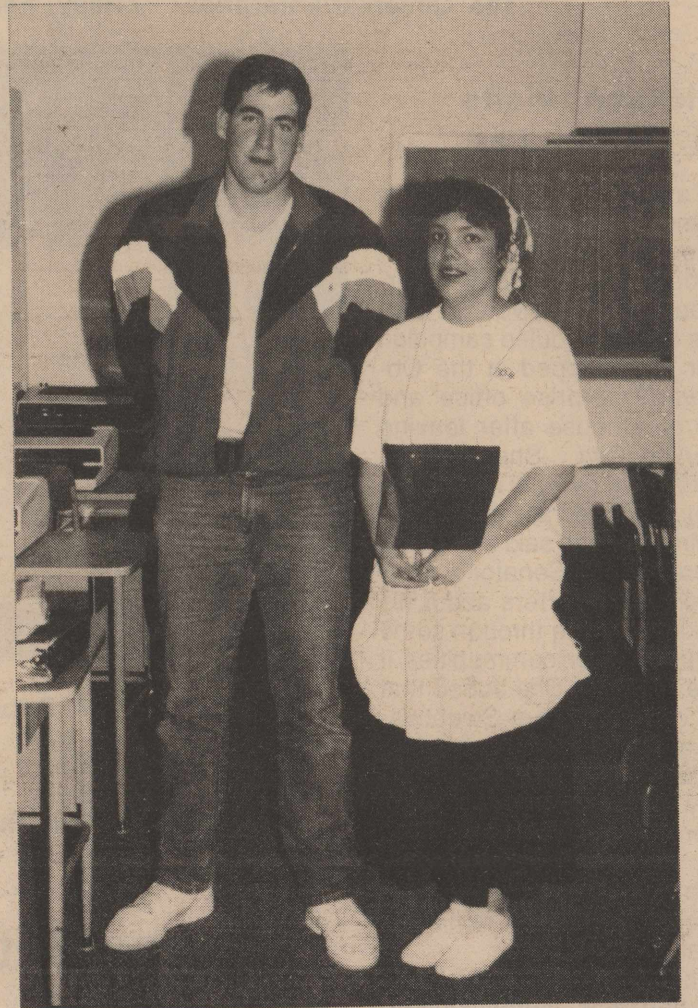
drop, Misti Williams, and David Millican.

The directors of the Robert Lee participants included Terry Page-Earth and Life Science, Jerry Horn-Calculators and Number Sense, and Beth Heard-Spelling, Ready Writing, Oral Reading, Impromptu Speaking, Modern Oratory and Dictionary Skills.

The Robert Lee Jr. High students will be participating in their district UIL meet on Saturday, April 11 in Snyder.

RLHS celebrates Nat'l. FHA Week

by Cameron Cook
 National FHA Week was celebrated last week by the Robert Lee High School students. Activities for the week began on Saturday, February 8 with a highway clean-up coordinated with the FFA. Monday, February 10, was hat day, in which everyone wore hats to school. Tuesday, February 11 was color day, in which everyone, K-12, wore FHA colors, red and white, and received a free cinnamon roll from FHA. Wednesday, February 12 was prize day in which everyone who wore red and white on Tuesday, got a chance of their name being drawn for a prize. Donations of prizes were made by Super H, Cracker Barrel, Ace Hardware, C&W, and Davis Grocery. Thursday, February 13, was Slave Day, in which people had a chance to "buy" an FHA member to do various tasks at school, such as clean their cars, lockers, etc. FHA Week ended on Friday, February 14, which was Dress-Up Day, in which everyone dressed up in their nicest clothes that day.



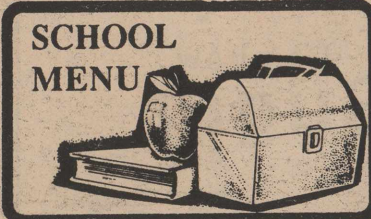
Judd Pitcock paid the most money for his FHA "slave", Carla Bewick during FHA Week.

Public Schools Week March 2-6

The STATE SCHOOL BOARD has set the week of March 2 through March 6, 1992, as the forty-second observance of PUBLIC SCHOOLS WEEK in Texas.

J.P. Vogel, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Texas AF & AM has signed the Proclamation that the Masons of Texas take an active part in the Forty-Second Observance of Public Schools Week.

Members of Hayrick Lodge No. 696 in Robert Lee encourage everyone to support the Public Schools in Robert Lee.



RL School Lunch Menu

Monday, March 2

Pigs in a Blanket w/mustard
 Buttered Potatoes
 Green Beans
 Applesauce
 Milk

Tuesday, March 3

Mexican Casserole
 Corn
 Lettuce/Tomato Salad
 Crackers
 Brownies
 Milk

Wednesday, March 4

Smoked Sausage
 Pinto Beans
 Spinach
 Corn Bread-Butter
 Peach Cobbler
 Milk

Thursday, March 5

Corn Dogs w/mustard
 Tator Tots w/catsup
 Corn
 Fruit
 Milk

Friday, March 6

Barbecue Chicken
 Potato Salad
 Ranch Beans
 Hot Rolls-Butter
 Jello
 Milk

RLHS Honor Roll students

Principal Jackie Tennison has posted the RLHS Honor Roll for the 4th Six Weeks.

12th Grade

Tracie Blair
 Eli Arellano
 Carrie Davis
 Brandy Hayes
 Russ Horn
 Wendy Lamar
 Christie Payne
 Audra Pitcock
 J.J. Tennison

11th Grade

Carla Bewick
 John Fluhmann
 Krista Green
 Shelbi Grim
 Brent Jameson
 Lori Wink

10th Grade

Saul Arellano
 Dean Burns
 Elaine Gibbs
 Wendy McPeek
 Rachel Pentecost

8th Grade

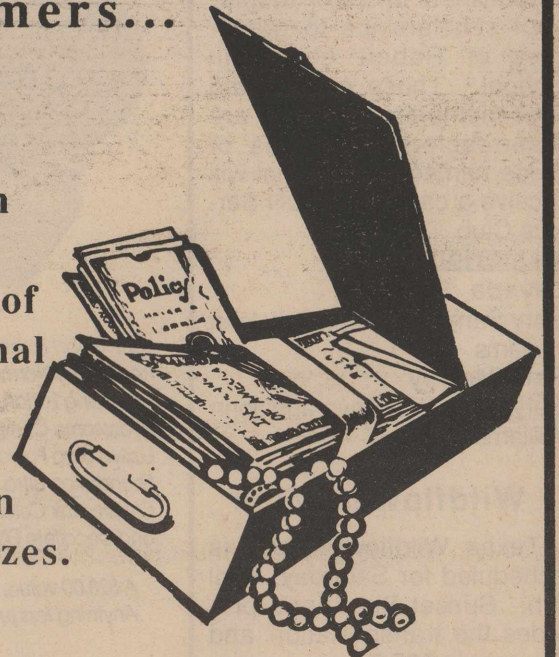
Cynthia Abalos
 Jeremy Burns
 Daniel Hayes
 Aaron Hood
 Eric Hood
 Heather Millican

7th Grade

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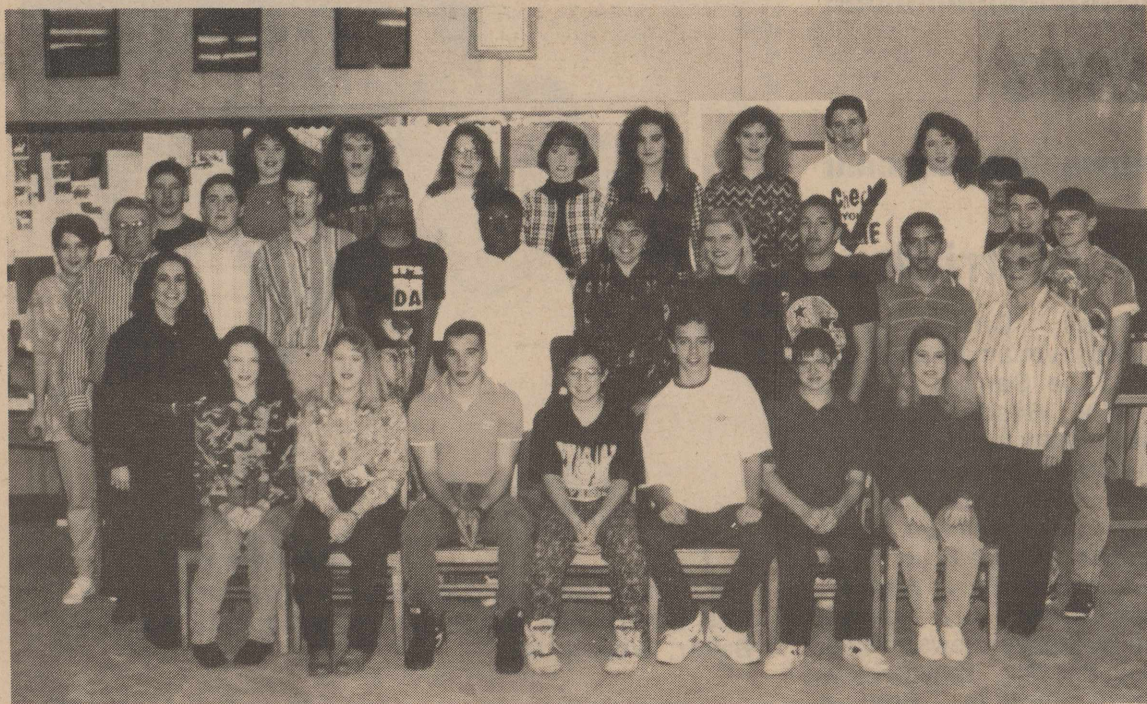


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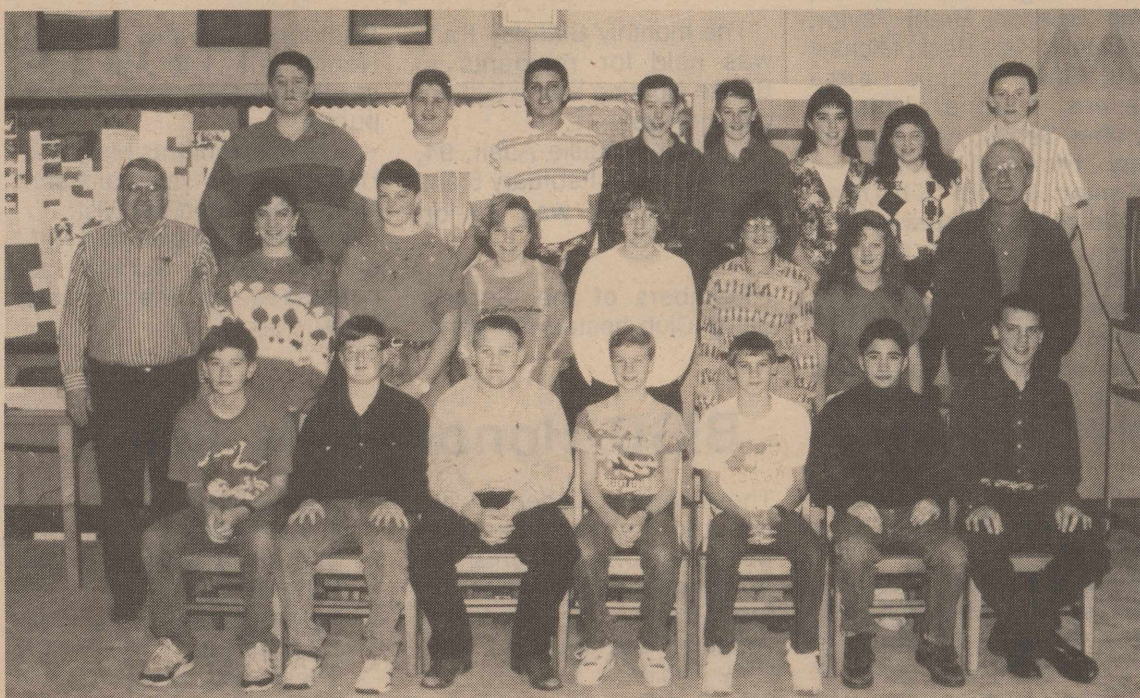
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Robert Lee High School UIL Academic Team



Robert Lee Junior High School UIL Academic Team



The FHA and FFA joined forces to promote their organizations by having a Highway cleanup February 8.

Hayes honored by SALS



Brandy Hayes

The San Antonio Livestock Exposition, Inc. and the San Antonio Kiwanis Club honored forty outstanding young people during the annual Rural Youth Banquet on Friday, February 7, 1992 at the Sheraton Fiesta San Antonio Hotel. The twenty 4-H, ten FFA

and ten FHA members were chosen by their organizations for their continuing contributions to agriculture and agricultural related fields.

Among those honored was Brandy Hayes, Coke County senior at Robert Lee High School, state president of FHA. She has served as a region president and local secretary and treasurer. Brandy has placed first in competitive events on the region level and sixth place at state. She has represented home economics on the state and national level and worked on goals in the Power of One program.

The world's largest diamond, the "Cullinan" was cut into two large stones, seven smaller ones and 96 others of lesser size.

IRS returns up to \$2,000 through EIC

The Internal Revenue Service is giving up to \$2000 to low-income families who qualify for Earned Income Credits (EIC) on their tax returns. The trouble is that many just don't apply.

"Many families miss the opportunity to receive this tax credit because they don't make enough money to owe taxes, so they don't file an income tax return," said Joyce Cavanagh, family economics specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. "Also, people don't know the EIC is available or how to file for it."

It is believed that more than 12 million families now qualify for the EIC. It is available to working parents who earned an adjusted gross income of less than \$21,250 in 1991, and who have at least one child who has been living at home for more than six months, Cavanagh said. Both married and single parents can qualify.

The EIC is a refundable credit, she said, which means that eligible working families can receive it even if they owe no federal income tax or have no income tax withheld from their paychecks. Those who owe no income tax receive a check from the IRS in the amount of their credit.

"If a family does owe income tax, the EIC reduces the amount of taxes owed," Cavanagh said. "If the family's credit is greater than the taxes

owed, the family's tax bill will be reduced to zero and the IRS will send the family a check for the remaining amount of its EIC."

To receive the EIC, a person must file a federal income tax return, either 1040 or 1040A, and a new form called "Schedule EIC." A taxpayer can fill out both sides of the form or fill out only the first side and allow the IRS to complete the rest and calculate the credit.

Cavanagh said that those families who use the "married couple filing separately" status should check with the IRS to see if they qualify to receive the EIC.

The amount of refund families receive, according to Cavanagh, depends on how much income was earned and whether they qualify for two extra EIC benefits that are now available:

*The basic EIC for 1991 for families with one child is worth a maximum of \$1,192. The maximum is \$1,235 for those with more than one child. Most families who earned between \$6,000 and \$13,000 last year should receive at least \$1,000.

*Families with a child born in 1991 can receive an extra benefit of up to \$357.

*Families that pay at least part of the premiums for a health insurance policy that includes health care coverage for a child may receive an extra credit of up to \$428.

Low-income parents with a foster child also may qualify for the EIC, Cavanagh said. However, the foster child must have lived with the family for that entire year.

More information on the EIC and free assistance is available in most areas at Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) clinics, Cavanagh said. Call the local IRS office or (800) 829-1040 to find out the location of the nearest VITA clinic in your area.

Dickson slates Bronte visit

Mrs. Temple Dickson, wife of Senator Temple Dickson, of Sweetwater and her entourage of several ladies will be at Bronte School at 10 am on Wednesday, March 4.

Following her visit there, she will be at the Gazebo to meet with anyone who wishes to meet her or ask for information or questions.

Her husband is in the race for Senator in the 25th District. The race will be decided on March 10 in the Democratic primary.

Personal

Mrs. Amanda Wilkes, Silver postmistress, received a badly broken hip in a fall on the stairs at the Coke County courthouse in Robert Lee early this month. Following extensive surgery to repair the joint, she is recuperating at her home. She is reported to be doing well.

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BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS

Academic teams prepare for district

The academic teams are preparing for their District competition in March and April by attending practice contests. The Math/Science students traveled to Lakeview in San Angelo, Sautrday, February 15. The students gained valuable experience in taking the test. Jonathan DeLaughter tied for 9th place in the 8th grade Earth Science contest. The Junior High contests were not divided by the classification of schools. All 5A-1A schools competed against each other. Students attending were: Felicia Beam, Kale Beek, Jonathan DeLaughter, Kelly Freeman,

Cody Holland, Walter King, Tamara Richards, Laura Stevens, Brent Taylor, Gary Walker, Rhapsody Weaver, Joy King, Heather Knisley. Sponsors are Lloyd Walker, Ben Hambright, and Jerita Taylor.

Saturday, February 22 found a group of students attending the Robert Lee Invitational UIL Practice meet. Jonathan DeLaughter placed 3rd in Spelling and 2nd in Earth Science. Michael Blair placed 1st in Life Science while Kale Beck placed 4th in the same event. Results of the writing events have not been received.

Students entered in the contests were as follows: Feature Writing: Shay Burwick, Amy Bailey, Brandi Thomas, Mathematics, Walter King, Brent Taylor, Kris Ehl, Tamara Richards; Number Sense; Kelly Freeman, Laura Stevens; Calculator; Kelly Freeman, Tamara Richards; Editorial Writing; Brandi

Thomas, Tanya Kelly; Spelling; Jonathan DeLaughter, Shae Sanford, Laura Stevens; Headline Writing; Leslie Markwood, Shayne Crumpler, Cory Montez; Science, Walter King, Brent Taylor, John Johnson, Laura Thomas, Science 8; Jonathan DeLaughter, Gary Walker, Shae Sanford, Cody Holland, Ben Huckabee; News Writing; Shay Burwick, Tanya Kelly, Brandi Thomas, Shayne Crumpler; Ready Writing; Walter King, Laura Thomas, John Johnson, Brent Taylor; Science 7; Kale Beck, Michael Blair, Shea Kelton, Laura Stevens, Heather Knisley, Number Sense; Kris Ehl; Literary Criticism; Walter King.

Senior Brandi Thomas placed second in Newswriting at the Robert Lee Practice Meet this past Saturday. Thomas also competed in Feature and Editorial Writing.

The students are preparing for the district UIL meet to be held March 28 in Snyder.



Birthday girls at the Bronte Nursing Home this month are Nellie Adair (l) 94, and Gladys Baker, who is 89.

BNH birthdays celebrated

The monthly Birthday Party was held for residents of Bronte Nursing Home last Friday, February 21.

Residents Nellie Adair, 94, had a birthday February 5 and Gladys Baker was 89 on February 24.

Members of the Sorosis Study Club hosted the party.

Residents of the Nursing Home and visitors were served birthday cake and punch.

Entertainment was Mary Bell Hilliard on the keyboard and Nelda Thomason, vocalist.

Mildred Thomason and Nelda Thomason served as hostesses for the Sorosis Club.

BISD Honor Rolls listed

The following students were honored for the fourth six weeks as honor students.

Academic Excellence

8th Grade
Jonathan DeLaughter
Cory Robinson
9th Grade
Laura Thomas
10th Grade
Jim Beam
Wendy Huckabee
Justin Lampier
Casey Thorn
11th Grade
Amy Allen
12th Grade
Alisa Richards
Sonja Salser
All "A" Honor Roll
7th Grade
Flecia Beam
8th Grade
Shae Sanford

Gary Walker
9th Grade
Christy McKinney
10th Grade
Edwin Thomas
12th Grade
Jennifer Burwick
Kristie Cooper
Luke Robbins
Tina Smith
"A's" 1 "B"
7th Grade
Laura Stevens
8th Grade
Nick Arrott
9th Grade
Micah Arrott
John Johnson
Rhapsody Weaver
10th Grade
Amy Bailey
12th Grade
Shayne Crumpler
Janet McDaniel

Vaughn to address PTA

Tuesday, March 3rd at 6:30 will be our next scheduled PTA meeting. Janelle Vaughn, manager of our school lunch program, will be our guest speaker. Ms. Vaughn will inform us as to how she determines menus and where some of the food comes from. Our nominating committee will give their report as to who has been nominated for officers for the coming year. Nominations will be taken from the floor at our April meeting and elections will be held with installation of those officers in May. If you are interested in what is happening at your children's school, then come and become more involved. As Lee Iacocca, who is our Honorary Chairman of the National PTA, states, "I'm convinced if we get more

adults dropping into the schools, the kids will stop dropping out." Do "drop in" and see what is going on at our Bronte school. Our PTA meeting will then be followed by Open House.

PTA needs help

The Bronte PTA is in the process of having several money making events to refurbish the Elementary playground. We are in need of several portable basketball stands that you might have in your yard and don't use anymore. If you would donate them to the school, we will come by and pick them up, repaint and restore them if needed and make them the right size for elementary children. We will be having a Bake Sale at the bank on Thursday, April 16th with the proceeds going to the school for the playground. All school age children are asked to have their parents bake something homemade to sell at the Bake Sale. A letter will go home to the parents about when and where they need to take their baked items. The 5th and 6th grade classes will be involved in a poster contest to help advertise the Bake Sale. Call the elementary office at school if you would be able to help us out with basketball stands. 473-2511.

Lady Horns lose bi-district game

The Lady Longhorns lost to a tough Roscoe team for the Bi-District Championship last Friday.

Darla Scott and Teresa Vaughn each scored 8 points, Jami Morrow, 6 points; Amie Parker, 5 points; and Jennifer McCorkle, 2 points.

The Lady Longhorns ended their season with a 18-9 record and a 9-1 district record.



Bronte School Lunch Menu Breakfast Monday, March 2

Cereal
Pineapple Tidbits
Toast
Milk

Tuesday, March 3

Cheese Toast
Mixed Fruit
Toast
Milk

Wednesday, March 4

Pancake & Sausage on a Stick
Orange Juice
Milk

Thursday, March 5

Scrambled Eggs
Peaches
Toast
Milk

Friday, March 6

Cereal
Raisins
Toast
Milk

Lunch

Monday, March 2

Chicken Nuggets w/gravy
Creamed Potatoes
Blackeyed Peas
Rolls
Chilled Mixed Fruit
Milk

Tuesday, March 3

Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce
Tossed Salad
Mixed Vegetables
Bread Sticks
Peanut Butter Cookies

Wednesday, March 4

Burrito
Cheese
Pinto Beans
Spanish
Jello w/whip topping
Milk

Thursday, March 5

Fish Fillet
Macaroni & Chees
Buttered Corn
Roll
Chocolate Cake
Milk

Friday, March 6

Barbecue
French Fries
Ranch Style Beans
Bun
Apple Rings
Milk

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Bronte Elementary awards reported

Bronte Elementary held their award ceremony February 25, 1992 in the school auditorium. The following awards were handed out to these students.

Kindergarten Awards: Carol White-Audrey Helwig

"Count to 100 by 5's"

Ashley Knight
Brittany Lee Eldred
Roy Flores

Cody Lee
Casey McKee
Andrea Smothermon

Christy Casares
Kana Coalson

Joshua Eubanks
Brandon Hall

Ryan McCorkle
Heidi Randazzo

Chase Williams
Tyler Corley

Garrett Fiveash
Joseph Israel

Britney McCutchen
Natalee Reed

Jesse Rodriguez
"Count to 100"

Roy Flores
Brandon Hall

Ryan McCorkle
Kana Coalson

Joseph Israel
"I know my number words"

Ashley Knight
Kana Coalson

Tyler Corley
Garrett Fiveash

Heidi Randazzo
Andrea Smothermon

Chase Williams
Roy Flores

Brandon Hall
Casey McKee

Natalee Reed
Jesse Rodriguez

First Grade Awards: All "A" Honor Roll

J. Johnson:

Charlie Bettis
Cody Blaylock

Keith Corley
Shawn Halstead

Laney Williams
Lindsey Williams

R. Peel:
Sal Randazzo

Morgan McCutchen
Jenna Herold

Kayla Hilliard
Joe'l Sefcik

Joel Webb
Sampson Booker

"A"-"B" Honor Roll
Lyndon Butler

Ashley Denton
Kasey Ensor

Chanceton Murphy
Melissa Walker

Clayton Adams
Ty Daws

Michael Fairchild
"Outstanding Penmanship"

Cody Blaylock
Charlie Bettis

Keith Corley
Ashley Denton

Kasey Matthews
Sampson Booker

Morgan McCutchen
Jenna Herold

"Math Wizards"
Sums to 10

Lyndon Butler
Ashley Denton

Kasey Matthews
Laney Williams

Subtraction to 10
Chanceton Murphy

Addition Sums to 10
Sampson Booker

Jenna Herold
Morgan McCutchen

Kayla Hilliard
Sal Randazzo

Joe'l Sefcik
Joel Webb

Michael Fairchild
Ty Daws

Clayton Adams
Doubles

Charlie Bettis
Lyndon Butler

Keith Corley
Shawn Halstead

Chanceton Murphy
Melissa Walker

Laney Williams
Lindsey Williams

Second Grade Awards: All "A" Honor Roll

L. Dyess:

Lorenzo DeLaGarza
Steve Eldred

Andrew Flores
Aaron Peel

Brandon Poehls
Natasha Reed

Joey Rhodes
Lacy Schoenfield

"A"-"B" Honor Roll
James Green

Chrissie Israel
Lindsay Shaffer

"Outstanding Penmanship"

Aaron Peel
Joey Rhodes

Natasha Reed
James Green

"Math Wizards"
Addition Facts - Sums

Less Than 10
Cassandra Casares

Chrissie Israel
Brandon Poehls

Subtraction Facts - Minuends Less Than 10

James Green
Lindsay Shaffer

Chrissie Israel
Natasha Reed

Anthony Flores
"Creative Writing"

Natasha Reed
Anthony Flores

Aaron Peel
Third Grade Awards: All "A" Honor Roll

D. Poehls:

Jade Richards
Heather Randazzo

Crystal Moore
Tessie McMullan

M. Blair:
Josh Schoenfield

"A"-"B" Honor Roll
Pamela Kresta

Jesse McClure
Ryan McCorkle

Kyle Sanford
Henry White

Cara Sefcik
Heather Duncan

Kasey Elam
John Gallimore

Brandon Gibbs
Brooke McCutchen

"Outstanding Penmanship"

Jesse McClure
Kyle Sanford

Heather Duncan
"Math Wizards"

Multiplication-100 problems in 3 minutes

Heather Randazzo
Henry White

Ryan McCorkle
Fourth Grade Awards:

All "A" Honor Roll
M. Lawhon:

J.D. Fairchild
Andy Blair

"A"-"B" Honor Roll
Kendra Brazeal

Tiffany Coulter

Jake Graves
Justin Herold

Jerrold McClure
"Stepping Stone Award"

Valene Butler
Cynthia Rhodes

Fifth Grade Awards: All "A" Honor Roll

P. Lee:
Amye Peel

Bonnie DeLaughter
Lindsay Rogers

Scott Whitmire
"A"-"B" Honor Roll

Brandy Denton
Brittany Barrett

Jimmy Soto
Joanna Murphy

"Stepping Stone Award"
Chris Champion

"Outstanding Penmanship"

Bonnie DeLaughter
Brandy Denton

"Math Wizards"
Addition

Julie Martinez
Jose Rodriguez

Damien Weaver
Brandy Denton

Joanna Murphy
Subtraction

Damien Weaver
Brandy Denton

Lindsay Rogers
Multiplication

Jose Rodriguez
Lindsay Rogers

Rolinda Sanchez
Division

Jose Rodriguez
Brandy Denton

Lindsay Rogers
Bud Knisley

Amye Peel
Sabrina Riley

Sixth Grade Awards: All "A" Honor Roll

D. Ensor:
Angie Shults

"A"-"B" Honor Roll
Lana Balderas

Courtney Beam
Justin Brazeal

Michael Martinez
Miranda Scott

"Stepping Award"
Sommer Beck



Manuel Sanchez of Bronte caught the above bass in Lake Knerim at Bronte County Park last Thursday. The catch weighed 8 pounds and was caught on a hook baited with a plastic worm.

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Profiling local candidates

Kristy Roe

D. Kristeen (Kristy) Roe is a candidate for re-election as County Tax Assessor/Collector. She has served the people of Coke County in that capacity since October 1, 1988.

Kristy was born September 26, 1954 in Lubbock, Texas, and grew up in San Angelo. She and her husband, Billy Jack Roe, live on the Panther Gap Ranch near Silver with their son, T.J. They are members of the Robert Lee Baptist Church.

Kristy holds an RTA certification (Registered Texas Assessor-Collector) with the Board of Texas Professional Examiners. She is active in the Tax Assessor-Collectors Association of Texas, serving in past years on the Education, Budget and Finance, Life Membership, and Jurisprudence Committees. For the past two years, Kristy has served the 17 County San

Angelo Region as Regional Coordinator, working closely with the Division of Motor Vehicles to help develop and implement a statewide computer system for registration and title of motor vehicles.

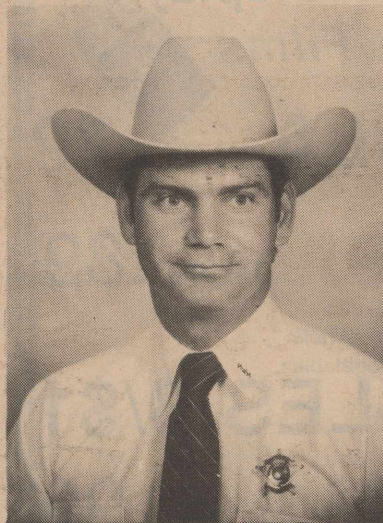
Since taking office, Kristy has reduced tax expenditures by 13%, extended the hours of the tax office to serve the public during the lunch hour, re-instated boat registration and title services, and computerized the tax collection and voter registration functions of the County tax office.

"I have enjoyed serving the people of Coke County, and look forward to the opportunity to serve them in the future. My goals for the tax office are ongoing. So much legislation out of Austin is aimed at benefiting the urban areas, it is hurting counties our size by shifting revenue away from us. It is important to me to keep abreast of legislation af-



fecting our tax office before it is passed to analyze its effect on Coke County and see that the legislators realize the impact. It is my responsibility as Tax-Assessor-Collector, to provide the best service possible in the most cost effective way. With your support, I pledge to continue working toward these goals."

Marshall Millican



ballot.

Millican is 39 years old and has been a resident of Coke County for the past 27 years. He is a graduate of Robert Lee High School and is married to the former Sheri Pitcock. They have two children, Kannan and Stewart.

During his career in law enforcement he has served as a deputy sheriff for 4 years, constable for 2 years, and 12 years as sheriff. Millican has served on the state level as a director of the Sheriffs' Association of Texas in 1984 and 1985, and as an officer in 1989 and 1990 in the capacity of sergeant-at-arms. Locally he has served the West Central Texas Law Enforcement Officers Association as a director, vice-president, and president in 1990. He re-

ceived his basic certification and has had extensive continuing law enforcement training.

"During my tenure the demand for the services of the sheriff's office has increased greatly. The public support for the increases in my department has enabled us to provide better services for you. Although I am unopposed this year, I would appreciate your support and confidence. I have enjoyed serving the people of Coke County as sheriff for the past 12 years. I also appreciate the support of the working relationship I have with the County Commissioners and County Judge and look forward to the opportunity of serving the people of Coke County as sheriff for another term."

Leo Kilmer

Leo Kilmer has filed the necessary affidavit as a Candidate for re-election to the Texas Silver-Haired Legislature for the Northern Region of the Concho Area Council of Governments which includes McCulloch, Concho, Coke, Sterling, Irion and Reagan Counties. Elections are to be held on May 26th at Senior Citizen Centers throughout the State. One hundred sixteen candidates will be selected to represent their region for the Fourth Texas Silver-Haired Legislature which will convene in Austin on August 4, 1992.

"The last two years have been a rewarding experience for me. I have made many

new friends in the region and in Austin. Several of the resolutions which we adopted in our regular session where offered as bills by our State Legislators and are now in effect. However, there are many concerns of our Senior Citizens which still need to be addressed. Affordable health care continues to be a major problem. Fraudulent exploitation of the elderly must be stopped. I would like to continue to be a link between them and our Legislators so that they can continue their Autumn years in relative security."

"I thank the people in the region who have supported me and will continue to repre-



sent them to the best of my ability if re-elected", said Mr. Kilmer who resides in Rochelle.

A white dwarf is a star that has nearly exhausted its fuel supply and has fallen in on itself through the force of its own gravity.

Baby boomers subject of study

Are you a baby boomer?

If you were born between 1946 and 1964, then you are a member of the single largest generation in American history. Social Security has devoted a lot of study to the baby boom generation...and with good reason. The Social Security system will provide retirement benefits for the 76 million members of this generation who will begin to reach retirement age in the second decade of the next century.

While it is known with certainty that the first baby boomer will turn 65 in 2011, there are many uncertainties about this generation. One is this: no one is sure just how many "baby boomers" will be retired in 2020, for example. According to the Census Bureau, it could be as many as 58 million or as few as 48 million. It depends a great deal on unknowables -- how long are the baby boomers likely to work and how long are they likely to live?

Take the question of work. Some experts say that because of lower birth rates that followed the boomer generation, there will be fewer younger workers in the early years of the next century. So, there will be greater demand for older workers to continue working. On the other hand, the same experts agree that recent experience indicates just the opposite: workers seem to be retiring at increasingly younger ages. A similar situation exists when

looking at probable mortality rates for the baby boomers.

When Social Security began in 1935, the average life expectancy for people turning 65 was a little more than 11 years for men and 13 years for women; today those numbers are 15 years for men and 19 for women; and when the first baby boomer reaches 65 in 2011, the numbers could be as many as 18 for men and 23 for women.

But that last number is iffy. New diseases, environmental hazards or unexpected increases in, for example, heart disease could cut future life expectancy. By the same token, new medical breakthroughs or healthier lifestyles might lengthen boomers' years after retirement. For example, the US Public Health Service has estimated that a substantial reduction in cancer could add 3 years to everyone's life expectancy.

The Social Security disability insurance trust funds will also be affected by the health of the baby boom generation. Already, the average age of a male disabled beneficiary has declined from 57.3 years in 1960 to 51.1 years by 1987.

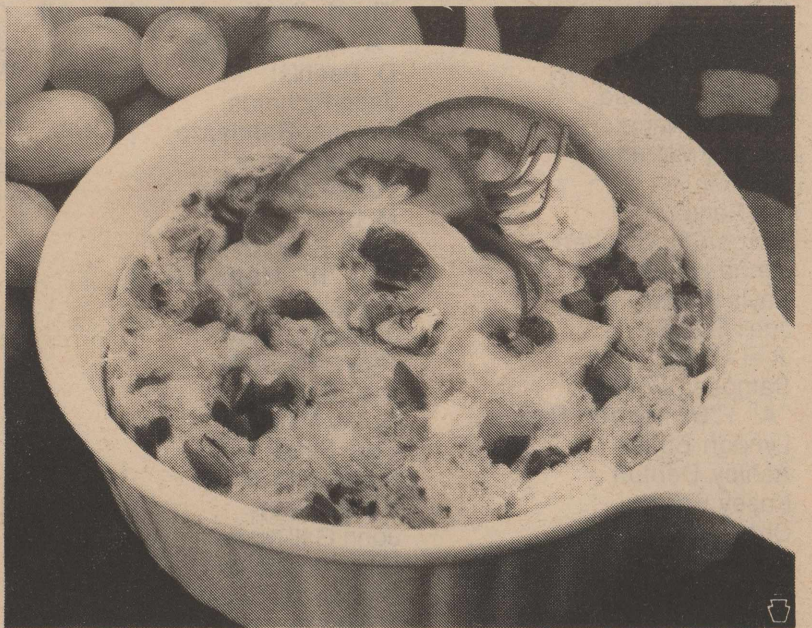
Social Security continues to watch this generation with great interest -- and plan accordingly. Trust fund balances, for example, are accumulating enough reserves to pay benefits for at least 50 years.

But so much about the baby boomers remains unpredictable. And, frankly, a generation that has always prided itself on being different probably likes it that way.

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VEGETABLE-CHEESE BRUNCH CASSEROLE (4 servings)

- 4 slices fat-free, light wheat bread, cubed
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh mushrooms
- 1 green onion, thinly sliced
- 1/4 cup chopped green pepper
- 1/4 cup chopped tomato, drained
- 4 slices fat-free process cheese, cut into strips
- 1 cup fat-free liquid egg product
- 1 cup skim milk
- 1/8 teaspoon dry mustard
- 1/8 teaspoon pepper

Place half the bread cubes in four individual (1 1/2 to 2-cup) microwavable casseroles. Top with half the vegetables and half the cheese strips. Repeat layers. Stir together egg product, milk, mustard and pepper.

Nutrition Information (per serving)

Calories	103
Protein	11g
Fat	—
Cholesterol	1mg
Carbohydrates	13g
Sodium	282mg

Place casseroles in microwave oven, arranging in ring. Microwave at HIGH (100%) for 2 minutes. Rotate casseroles. Microwave at MEDIUM (50%) for 16 minutes longer or until set, rotating casseroles after 4, 8 and 12 minutes. Let stand 5 minutes before serving.

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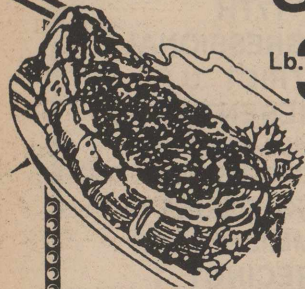
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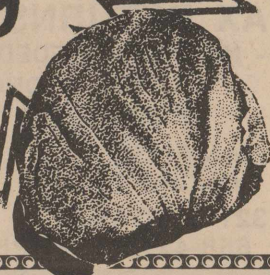
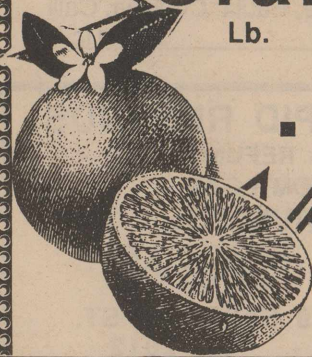
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We want to thank the people of Robert Lee for all their support during the illness and death of our loved one.

The Family of Lavada Smith
29-1tp

SPECIAL THANK YOU

To all my wonderful friends, neighbors, and the EMS. It's great to live in Robert Lee.

Smitty
29-1tp

I would like to say "Thank You" to everyone who offered prayers for me, visited me in the hospital and since I've been home, sent flowers and get well cards, telephoned and brought food. It was appreciated very much. Coke County has some of the best people in the whole world. I'm happy to call it "home".

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Amanda and Carrol Wilkes

29-1tc

We would like to take this opportunity to express our gratitude to the many, many people who's loving care, kindness and generosity have made the loss of my son easier to bear. To each and everyone of you, our most sincere and heart-felt thanks.

Johnny & Lori Sevier and family

29-1tc

The family of Willie Johnson wishes to express our thanks and appreciation for all the flowers, caring deeds, and thoughtful cards and prayers we received during Willie's illness.

Also, thank you for the tremendous amount of food and special help before and after his passing. We can't begin to thank Rev. Garland Whitmire and First Baptist Church, Earlene and Eddie Alexander, Janet and Elmer Hurley, Mary Lou Sublett, Bronte Nursing Home, Roberta Wilcox, Bill Thomas, WTU Employees from San Angelo, Ballinger, Oak Creek and Bronte, Robert Lee, and so many more people.

We are very fortunate to live in such a caring town and have so many friends.

Dixie, Paula, Chelsea, Calli
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CARD OF THANKS

There are no words that can express the gratitude that we feel in our hearts for the people in Robert Lee.

To the ones that brought food to the house, to the ladies who fed us and brought food to the church to feed our family, we thank you. We appreciate the visits, cards, prayers, flowers, the food during Earl's illness and the memorials afterward.

Especially we wish to thank Brother Roy Epperson for being with our family before and after Earl's death.

We wish to thank you all for the friendship and love you have extended to our family.

The Family of Earl McCoy-Bobbie Dee McCoy; Mary Lee, Mike and Mary Ann Franklin; and Barbara, Bucky and Bobbie Marie Sparks
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NOTICES

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR FLUID INJECTION WELL PERMIT

PERKINS-PROTHRO COMPANY PO BOX 360 WICHITA FALLS, TX 76307-0360 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation that is productive of oil or gas.

The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the STRAWN SAND, W.C. BLANKS, Well Number B-13. The proposed injection well is located 6

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The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the STRAWN SAND, W.C. BLANKS, Well Number B-92. The proposed injection well is located 6 MILES SOUTHWEST OF SILVER, TX, in the JAMESON/STRAWN/, in COKE County. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 6250 to 6460 feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Underground Injection Control Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, PO Drawer 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711-2967 (Telephone 512/463-6790).

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A race between a horse and "Tom Thumb," the first locomotive built in America, took place on Sept. 18, 1830. The horse won—the locomotive sprang a leak in its boiler and failed to finish.

Bloodworth, Garth marry in Sundown

Lori Ann Bloodworth and Gerald Wayne Garth exchanged wedding vows February 1 in Sundown, Texas. Justice of the Peace Lillian Farris performed the double ring ceremony.

Lori is the daughter of Carl and Laveta Bloodworth of Sundown and granddaughter of Raymond and Gertie Bloodworth of Silver, Texas. Gerald is the son of Delores Garth of Hollister, California.

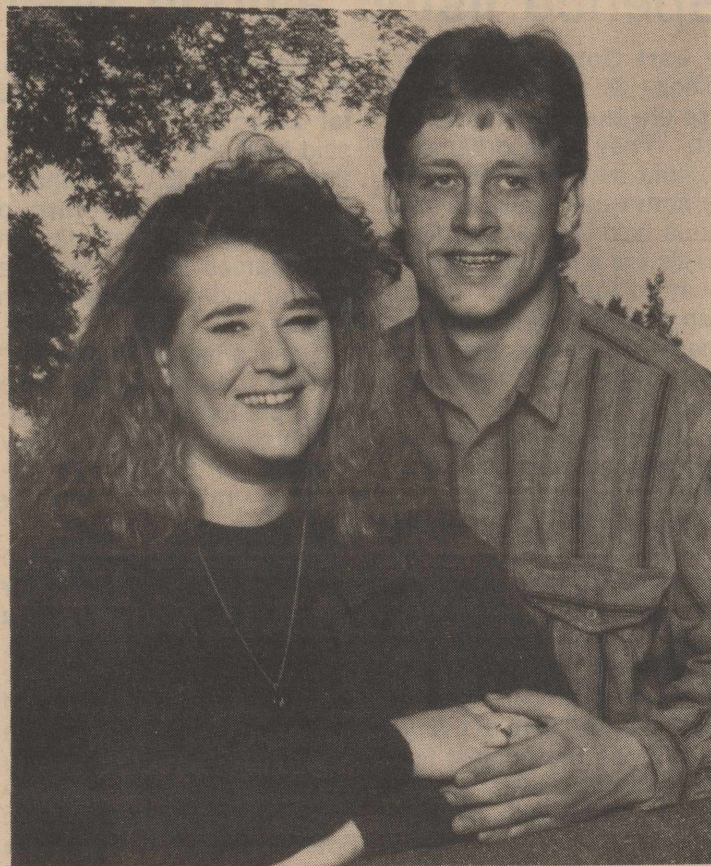
The bride carried a bouquet of burgundy roses, ivy and carnations sprinkled with baby's breath.

Amy Bloodworth was her sister's maid of honor. Billy Little served as best man.

A reception was held following the ceremony at "The 50 Yard Line" in Lubbock, Texas.

Lori attended Sundown High School and is employed at Lubbock Plaza.

The couple will reside in Lubbock.



Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Wayne Garth

Sorosis Study Club elects new officers

Electing a new slate of officers to serve during the 1992-93 club years was first on the agenda when the Sorosis Study Club in Bronte met Thursday evening, February 13 with Virginia Boecking as hostess in her home. The following will be installed during a ceremony to be held at a meeting in May: Diane Luckett-president; Mary Frances Glenn-first vice president; Bobbie Lee-2nd vice-president; Pat Oglesby-3rd vice-president; Mildred Thomason-secretary; Mary Glenn-treasurer; Margaret Martin-reporter; Peggy Hembree-parliamentarian; Francis Kemp-Federation counselor; and Virginia Boecking-historian.

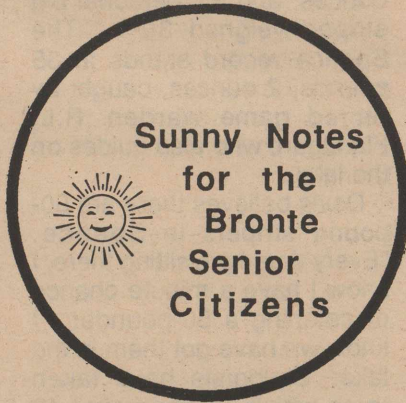
Other club business was presided over by Vice President Jean Fancher in the absence of President Peggy Hembree. The club members were reminded of the Bronte Nursing Home's monthly birthday party with the club

hosting it on Friday, February 21.

The Boecking home with numerous mementoes of travel was an appropriate setting for the evening's program lead by Betty Lee. Each member told of a special place in Texas they had visited. With the springlike weather and vacation fever replacing winter's cabin fever such places mentioned are enticing. Have you been to the Texas State Aquarium at Corpus Christi; Washington-on-the-Brazos; the Big Thicket; Mrs. Dodd's Store, near Austin; West Texas Museum,

Lubbock; Alabrite Flint Aquarium near Fritch; Guadalupe Mountains; Ft. Davis Mountains, San Antonio River Walk; or gone floating on the Frio River? These were some of the points of interest told by the club members.

A delicious refreshment plate was served to one guest, Betty Lawson, and members: Jean Fancher, Mary Frances Glenn, Mary Glenn, Ann Hamilton, Francis Kemp, Betty Lee, Diane Luckett, Margaret Martin, Mildred Thomason, and the hostess.



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Wednesday, March 4

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Cornbread
Pears

Friday, March 6

Barbecue Pork
Potato Tots
Mixed Vegetables
Bun
Oatmeal Cookies

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Commodities & Blood Pressure Screening

Thursday, March 5th is our day to distribute Commodities. The doors open at 8:00 am with a nurse from Ballinger Home Health taking your blood pressure at no cost to you. If you have not signed up for commodities this year and you think you might qualify, give the Center a call and they will give you the necessary information.

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THE POWER IS ON

Spence listed among best striper lakes

By Earl Golding

Those who fish for striped bass are like all other fishermen. They have dreams of catching monster fish. Most are convinced their favorite waters hold giant specimens, and it's just a matter of finding a way to fool them. It has been this way since the big school fish first became firmly established in freshwater lakes.

When striper chasers get together, conversations often center on big fish. How big are they in Texas waters? What lakes hold them? When and where will they be caught, or can the biggest of them be caught, and how?

Check with striper authorities in different parts of the state, and you'll find everybody agrees the biggest fish are still in the lakes. There's agreement that lake records aren't safe, and the state record isn't safe. There's also apparent agreement on attainable goals for trophy anglers of the species. Most think the current record of 45 pounds could easily be broken, and that there are probably fish weighing at least 50 pounds in Lone Star State reservoirs.

"Somebody asked me the question just the other day, of what the eventual state record will be," said Roger McCabe, Waco-based fisheries biologist who was the state's striped bass program leader during the early years of the fish's inland history. "It's just a guess, but I don't think 50 pounds is out of the question."

That thinking obviously prevails on top striped bass lakes throughout Texas. Fishermen and biologists are very confident the biggest of this species are still to come. There's also rather general agreement there are monster-sized stripers swimming in a number of different lakes.

The best striper lakes in Texas? There are a lot of them. Such a list, in alphabetical order, would include Amistad, Buchanan, Buffalo Springs, Canyon, Livingston, E.V. Spence, Texoma, Toledo Bend, Travis and Whitney.

Of these, the best bets for unusually large-sized fish would probably boil down to Amistad on the Texas Mexico border and E.V. Spence near Robert Lee. Amistad holds the state record as this is being written, a 45-pounder caught in May of 1990. It has also produced so many big fish those going around 20 pounds don't get that much attention.

"If it is not 25 pounds, or even 30 pounds plus, a lot of regulars won't pay any attention to a striper from this lake," said David O'Keefe, an Abilene native who learned to fish for stripers on E.V. Spence and migrated to Del Rio to guide on Amistad. O'Keefe held the Amistad record with a 38-pounder until Tom Reavis upped to 45 pounds, and claimed the state record in the process, in May 1990.

As good as Amistad is for big stripers, those who fish E.V. Spence can make a

strong case for their favorite. "If I'd tell people where to go for 20-pound plus stripers, said biologist Roy Bamberg, "I'd suggest E.V. Spence." Bamberg had just returned from a biologists' meeting in San Marcos, in which there was an update on trophy fish awards.

"Spence had more awards," he said, "than all the rest of the lakes put together." He credits the current surge in trophy stripers in Spence to extremely favorable water conditions.

"What happened is Spence caught a lot of water for several years in a row, and a lot of fish grew to big sizes. And Spence doesn't get the fishing pressure of many of the other lakes...like Buchanan, Whitney and Texoma. All these lakes are closer to metropolitan areas. So in Spence, fish get to stay in the lake longer than in most lakes."

David Davis, a Brownwood man who guides for stripers on Spence and hybrids on Brownwood, Proctor and Coleman, said Spence is such a good bet for big fish that odds are good most any trip will result in a trophy. "Everybody wants to catch a striper 20 pounds or bigger. They want at least a 20-pounder. I tell them that on an average trip, we'll have at least one over 15 pounds, and possibly one 20 or better. That's good odds."

Davis' best 20-fish stringer for clients included a 23, 20, two 17s, two 15s, and the rest from 10 to 14 pounds. The biggest striper from his boat weighed 34 pounds, 10 ounces, and his personal big striper weighed 30-1. The Spence record stands at 35 pounds, 2 ounces, caught by retired game warden R.L. Flanagan, who also guides on the lake.

Davis believes there are 50-pound stripers in Spence. "Every time I am sitting there, I know I have a minute chance of catching a 50-pounder. I know we have got them in the lake. Biologists have taken three which weighed over 40 pounds from their nets in Spence in the last three or four years. There are 50-pounders in the lake."

Sam Hester thinks he might have had a Spence 50-pounder on the line. Hester, who lives in Abilene, tied into a giant fish in 12 feet of water which he believes would have gone 40 and possibly as much as 50. He had the giant within sight several times before it broke off. "Sam knows big fish," Davis said. "He's caught stripers going 30. Losing that fish, which could have been a state record, still haunts him. It always will haunt him."

Tom Parrish, an Evant angler I know who has a place on Whitney and fishes all over for stripers, said "Spence is the best-kept striped bass secret in the country. I'm going out there next April and I'm going to catch the state record."

Any discussion of giant inland stripers invariably includes the rivers below the dams of the various reser-

voirs. Record books show the heaviest and longest stripers often come from spillways. The Sabine River record, caught below Toledo Bend, is 43.31 pounds. Not recognized as a record was a 48-pounder, caught in 1987 by a Louisiana biologist during a joint Texas-Louisiana project for selecting big female stripers for brood fish.

The Red River record, caught below Texoma, is 40 pounds. A 40-pounder was caught in the Rio Grande and 33.38-pounder from the Guadalupe. During a canoe trip on the Brazos below Whitney in 1982, Billy Joe Anz found a floating striper that weighed 38 pounds, 12 ounces.

Most of the giant stripers caught below dams are taken during the times when floodwaters are being released. Any time there is a release of flood waters, tailrace striper fishing is recharged. Biologist McCabe said he thinks fish below the dams grow faster.

Besides Amistad's 45-pound standard and Spence's best of 35-2, other reservoir records include a 39.12 from Kemp, a 35.12 from Texoma, a 33.22 from Toledo, a 33.38 from Inks, a 31.60 from Possum Kingdom, and 30.50 from Travis. The 39.90 pounder from the Guadalupe stands as the longest striper caught from Texas waters. It measured 45.15 inches. Longest striper from a lake to date is the 39-pound, 11 ounce record from Whitney, which measured 43.25 inches.

Most regulars on any of these lakes would suggest the bigger fish are still to be caught. Floyd Mabry, the legendary angler who died during the fall, told me his biggest striper officially weighed at Texoma went 30 pounds. But he said the biggest he caught came when he was being filmed for a TV fishing show. "I turned it back," Floyd said, "but I think it could easily have gone 40 pounds."

On E.V. Spence, guide Davis said spring is best, and the best method is fishing with cut shad for bait. "I'll put cut bait on the lines, and put 10 rods out. I take four people on my guided trips. We'll anchor up. This is spring when the fish are rather shallow. I don't graph at that depth. It will spook them. I call this the "shoot and hope" method, or the ambush method.

"I've learned the areas that these fish will cross. Areas 10 to 12 feet deep. We catch the fire out of them this way! About 95 percent of my biggest fish come from water 12 feet deep or less. April and May are best months for big stripers on Spence. It has been this way for the last two years and I expect it will be the same in 1992. Till 1990, June, July and August were the best months, and downrigging was the best method. But fish change, and you have to change with them."

The reason Davis uses cut bait for his springtime fishing is because he can catch the shad the night before and

save more time for fishing the next day. "I'll put the shad on ice, and they'll be good for 18 to 20 hours. I try to use big 12-inch shad, and I'll make two baits out of one shad that size. Bait has to be fresh, but not necessarily alive."

Everybody agrees that just because big stripers are in a lake doesn't mean they're going to be caught. Even if the fishermen do everything right, those big jumbos weighing from 20 to 40 pounds or better are tough to beat. And the bigger they are, the less likely they are to be caught. Make a mistake, and the fish is either gone or the angler never gets a direct line.

"Lack of patience is probably the biggest mistake," Amistad guide O'Keefe said. "Patience is a real virtue when fishing for big stripers, like it is for fishing for big bass. Also, you've got to fish a bait big fish like. Fish bigger baits."

O'Keefe has another bit of advice. "Stay away from schooling fish. I will run by schooling fish and the fisherman I have will say, 'What's that?' I'll tell them stripers, and they'll say, 'Why are we going by them?' But you won't catch the giant stripers out of the schools. Fish the area, but not the schools, for big fish."

Spence guide Davis lists "not being where big stripers are located" as the biggest mistake trophy striper anglers make. "You've got to know the spots that are known to attract big stripers. I have a spot that has produced three of my biggest. It's a gravel hump, no bigger than the size of a car." He also cites lack of patience as a mistake. "Time spent fishing for big stripers is important.

Mary Kay super-sales rep to visit

Ruth Williams of Waco sells ALOT of Mary Kay Cosmetics. Her annual sales have reached \$3.4 million. A sales force of 2,000 members sell for her. She began moonlighting in the cosmetics business in 1968 while working as a medical secretary with 4 children. Within a short four months, she quit her job and its been uphill from there.

Now Mrs. Williams is pioneering in the Mexico market. She sees it as an untapped market area.

Mary Kay Cosmetics whose trademark is its bright pink theme color, is being exhibited by Ruth Williams' decision a few years ago to purchase a pink airplane. The plane is used to carry her to distant sales meetings and cosmetic shows. She also sports a pink luxury car for travel.

The super saleswoman plans to fly into Robert Lee in her pink plane, weather permitting, on Tuesday, March 3, for a glamour make-over party for local Mary Kay consultant Laura Crenshaw. The party will take place at the Senior Citizens Building at the county park, 7-9 pm. Only 12 make-overs can be attempted during the two-hour session but the public is invited to attend and enjoy the cosmetic seminar.

Fishing for them is strictly a patient person's game."

He said when fishermen get a big fish on, "The biggest mistake they make is putting too much drag on the reel. You can't latch down on the drag. I keep the drags on my reels reasonably light. But when fishermen get a big fish on, 90 percent of them will tighten up the drag even though I tell them not to do it."

"They'll be trying to wind on the reel and nothing happens. They think the reel isn't working, so they tighten up on it. When they do this with a great big fish, they'll break the fish off, straighten the hook, or the hook will rip out of the fish's mouth if it is not imbedded in the bone. With a fish 30 pounds or better, all you have to do is hang on...and let the equipment do the work. Tire the fish out."

Davis also avoids big schools when seeking bigger fish. "If you see 500 fish in a school, big stripers won't be in there. They segregate, in age classes, like other fish."

Don Bohne, a veteran guide on Whitney, said outboard motors and trolling motors will both keep fishermen from graphing stripers. "They'll definitely run from the motors. The key is to spend enough time to know where fish will likely hold, then stop before you get to those places, ease the anchor down, and put a shad down. The fish will often come to the shad. When you get one on and reel it in, it will often pull the school of fish to the area."

It's plain that fishermen going for freshwater stripers believe bigger fish are still to come. "I imagine," my friend Steve Barber said, "there are stripers in these lakes so big they'd scare you."

Horns practice

The Bronte Longhorns played two practice games last week.

The Horns faced Stamford and came away with a 71-41 win. Shayne Crumpler was high point man with 13 points; Brent Taylor scored 7 points, Jason Cooper 4 points, 3 steals; Gary Bilbrey 4 points, 5 rebounds; Jay Parker 4 points; Luke Robbins 2 points, 3 steals; Justin Stensby 2 points, 5 rebounds; Jacob Golson, 2 points; John Johnson 2 points.

In their game against Hamlin Bronte was defeated 66-53. Shayne Crumpler was again high pointer with 13 points and 11 rebounds. Jason Cooper scored 10 points, 5 rebounds, 6 assists; Justin Stensby, 7 points, 10 rebounds; Gary Bilbrey 7 points, 7 rebounds; Brent Taylor, 7 points, 6 rebounds, 4 assists; Jacob Golson, 4 points; Luke Robbins, 3 points; and Jay Parker 2 points.

The Horns season record stands at 16-12. They will play the Bi-District match February 28 at Hardin Simmons against Roby.

Blair honored

Gary Allen Blair of Bronte is one of 318 undergraduates of the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor listed on the Fall 1991 Vice presidents Honor Roll for achieving a 3.5 grade point average or better.

Gary is a graduate of Bronte High School and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Blair.