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Commissioners discuss unit road system

Several interested spectators attended the scheduled meeting on Monday of the Coke County Commissioners Court. Two items of public interest were on the agenda. Of the most concern was the study of the unit road system which many counties of Texas have adopted. The other involved the moving of the Coke County Appraisal District office to the courthouse.

In a unit road system structure of county government, those counties who have found it feasible have lowered county commissioners' salaries to enable the budget

to afford a road superintendent to be in charge of all road work. Commissioners then are freed to attend official county, financial, and decision-making business. In addition to the road superintendent, the plan pools equipment, tools, and funds for the good of the entire county. Commissioners would remain as governing heads of the county since the state requires that counties have four commissioners.

Although the commissioners looked over the survey of county governments of those of like size, made by Judge Lee, they took no action on

the proposal or study. In most cases the plan, where adopted, saved tax money. A factor now since the demise of oil and gas revenue, county receipts have fallen steadily for several years and are likely to continue a downward spiral. Local taxpayers will eventually have to bear most of the burden of county government. However, in some counties polled, the unit road system was turned down by a resounding margin for one reason or another.

In other business, several members of the appraisal district board will look into the proposal to move into the courthouse. Although the district office would require two rooms, if space could be arranged the move would be at no added expense of utilities, etc.

The commissioners court will meet again next Monday when these two principal items will be on the agenda again. The public is always welcome at the open county meetings.



Judge Royce Lee (seated) signs a document proclaiming the week of March 8-14, Older Worker Week in Coke County. Witnessing the signing are Green Thumb workers (l-r) Lois Wallace, Geneva Minnick, Zola Hatley and Carlos Acosta.

Chamber hosts awards

A capacity size crowd filled the Bronte Community Center last Saturday evening to attend the Sadie Hawkins Supper Theatre. Chamber of Commerce directors hosted the annual awards banquet.

Highlight of the evening's program was announcing the chosen Citizen of the Year. A standing ovation followed the naming of C.B. Barbee, Bronte's retired school superintendent. Another rousing round of applause greeted the announcement of Mary (Sug) Lawhon as the Educator of the Year. Others receiving loud acclaims of appreciation were Randall Maxwell, this year's Volunteer of the Year. The Fairview

Cemetery Association was the organization honored as most outstanding for its excellent care of the cemetery. Two high school seniors were named by faculty members as outstanding. They were Luke Robbins and Teresa Vaughn.

Applause was like a continuous drum roll as the names were called for those receiving the Lifetime Achievement Awards. Senior Citizens receiving the first time presented certificates were: LeDrew Arrott, Marie Arrott, Virginia Boecking, Mary and Tony Glenn, J.F. and Ona Hughes, Frances Kemp, Helen Kirkland, James Lammers, Billy

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C.B. Barbee, honored as Citizen of the Year, receives a plaque from emcee Martin Lee.

Filings for ECCHD underway at BNH

Residents wishing to file for the upcoming East Coke Co. Hospital District election can begin to do so, according to ECCHD administrator Pam Stokes.

Three positions on the Board of Directors will be up for election on May 2, 1992.

Filing officially began February 17 and runs through March 18.

The positions available in the upcoming election are for two year terms.

Currently serving in those positions are LeDrew Arrott, chairman of the board, Pat Oglesby and Eddie Alexander. All three are eligible for re-election.

Filing applications may be picked up at Bronte Nursing Home between the hours of 8 am and 5 pm. Applications will be accepted through March 18.

For information about filing procedures on the election call Pam Stokes at 473-3621.

Other board members serving currently include Jane Cumbie and R.W. Blackmon. Their places will be up in next years' election.

UPCOMING

RL City Filings

Applications are being filed for the City Election to be held Saturday, May 2 for the election of a mayor and two regular term councilmen and one council position for a one year unexpired term. Those filing to date include Jackie Walker for Mayor, A.L. (Speedy) Brasuell and Manuel Abalos for regular terms and Beth Prather for the unexpired term.

Applications for a place on the ballot will be accepted through 5 pm on March 18. They must be filed at City Hall.

RL Pistol Match

Red Canyon Gun Club will host a 22 hunter pistol silhouette match Sunday, March 8 at 1:30 pm.

Course of fire will be: 10 chickens at 40 meters; 10 pigs at 50 meters; 10 turkeys at 75 meters; 10 rams at 100 meters. Any 22 LR pistol allowed with iron sights or scoped, as long as weight is not over 4 1/2 pounds. All shooting is offhand.

Shooters do not have to be a NRA member or the Red Canyon Gun Club. Match fees are \$5.00. Shooters must purchase a classification book at the range for \$8.00, this will be used for all 1992 matches and is good for the year of 1992.

New shooters are urged to come out and try your hand at this exciting pistol competition. For more information contact Richard Johnson at 915-453-2711 day and 453-2031 after 5:30 pm.

Br. Little League

All kids interested in playing baseball will need to sign up no later than March 9. You can do that by calling Barry Corley at 473-2032 or Scotty McCorkle at 473-6611. If you signed up on March 5 you do not need to sign up again.

Br. Spring Break

Spring break will be from March 9-13. School will dismiss at the regular time on Friday, March 6 and resume on Monday, March 16.

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OBITUARIES

Powers

Katie Julia Powers, 84, of Amarillo and formerly of Ballinger died Wednesday, February 26, 1992, in an Amarillo hospital.

Services were held at 2 pm Saturday in Ballinger at First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Bobby Bagget, pastor, officiating. Graveside services were conducted by Bronte Chapter #1048 Order of the Eastern Star in Norton Cemetery in Norton, directed by Rains-Seale Funeral Home.

She was born January 4, 1908, in Stiles and was a longtime resident of Ballinger. She was a homemaker and a member of the First United Methodist Church and the Order of the Eastern Star.

Survivors include a daughter, Peggy Ann Glascock of Amarillo; a son, W.O. "Cowboy" Powers of Lampasas; three sisters, Itha Dismore and Opal Walker of Ballinger, and Hazel Gaston of Sudan; a brother, Ted Walker of Hereford; 12 grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were grandsons; David Gentry, Dale Lockett, Jack Neal Powers, David Powers, Paul Powers, and Chuck Skeen.

Group enjoys church fellowship

Seventy four were present at Central Baptist fellowship hall Sunday evening, March 1. Sixteen were present for the first time. Towns and communities represented were, Ballinger, Blackwell, Miles, San Angelo, Edith, Water Valley, Grape Creek, Talpa, Carlsbad, Robert Lee and Bronte.

The meeting opened with the singing of 'I'll Fly Away' and prayer. Specials rendered were a violin duet of 'How Great Thou Art', joined later by groups, 2 guitar solos, trio, quartets, piano and string harp solos, 1 solo in song and lots of group singing. Other instrumental specials as a group were the piano, violin, guitar and 2 harmonicas playing 'Mansion over the Hilltop' and 'Lord I'm Coming Home'.

The group song in closing was, 'When all of Gods' Singers get Home'. A great fellowship was enjoyed by all with refreshments following the singing.

Vest

Claude Vest of Hatch, New Mexico was buried there February 15. He died following a 10 day hospital stay. After undergoing surgery, he developed pneumonia.

Mr. Vest, 91, and his wife, Opal Bedford Vest, had been married 74 years.

Survivors in Coke County include in-laws, Mrs. Mae Hurley, Bud Thetford, and J.T. Thetford of Robert Lee and Mrs. Virginia Snead of Bronte, along with a number of nieces and nephews.

Akin

Ruth Clementine (Orr) Akin, 98, died Friday, February 28, 1992, in West Coke County Nursing Home in Robert Lee.

Graveside service was at 2 pm Monday, March 2, in Fairy, Hamilton County, Texas, under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.

The Rev. Kary Rawlings was the officiating minister.

Ruth was born June 21, 1893, in Lost Mountain, Georgia, to Samuel Alexander and Martha Ann Orr. The family moved to Fairy, Texas, when she was a small child and later moved to Pearsall, Texas, where she resided many years.

Ruth Orr married Silas Nathan Akin January 28, 1947, at City Temple Presbyterian Church in Dallas, Texas, by the Rev. Harry Sarlis. They later moved to Stephenville, where she lived 41 years. Mrs. Akin had been a West Coke County Nursing Home resident since 1988.

Nathan Akin preceded her in death August 29, 1975, in Stephenville.

She is survived by stepsons Norvell Akin of Hico, Freeman Akin of San Antonio, Carol Akin of San Marcos and Elbert Akin of West Jordan, Utah; four nieces, Lanell Ross of Dallas, Maxine Vaughn of San Antonio, and Lanell McKinley and Martha Harris, both of Pearsall; two nephews, William Orr of Covington,

Louisiana, and Robert Vaughn of Robert Lee; and a sister-in-law, Bertie Orr of Covington.

Whitaker

Joe Whitaker Sr., 82, of San Angelo died Thursday, February 27, 1992, in West Coke County Nursing Home, in Robert Lee.

Service was at 2 pm Saturday, February 29, in Robert Massie Riverside Chapel with the Rev. David Womack of Calvary Baptist Church officiating. Burial followed in Mereta Cemetery.

He was born September 13, 1909, in Hillsboro and was a longtime resident of San Angelo and Tom Green County. Mr. Whitaker farmed in the Mereta area for many years and was later employed by McKinney Ice & Grocery until his retirement. Mr. Whitaker and his family were early day members of Calvary Baptist Church.

Mr. Whitaker had a special love for music; playing guitar and harmonica. In the late 1940's he and his son were members of a local country and western group which performed often for the "Saturday Night Shindig," a musical variety show at the Municipal Auditorium.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Lorene, in 1978 and his son, Joe Whitaker, Jr., in 1982.

Survivors include three daughters, Merle Baldwin of San Angelo; Mickie Quintana of Carlsbad, New Mexico, and Glenda Janek of Cotulla; nine grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren. He is also survived by a sister-in-law, Mrs. Doodle Tinkler of Robert Lee.

Pallbearers were grandsons, Van Baldwin, Roland Quintana, Randy Whitaker, Gary Whitaker, Patrick Quintana and Josh Timm; and a special friend and neighbor, Johnny Perez.

Memorials may be made to West Coke County Nursing Home, Box 1209, Robert Lee, Texas, 76945.

Older workers celebrated

"To meet the economic and social challenges of the future, Texas must conserve and nurture one of our most important resources--the older worker," concludes Joe Rankin, President, Texas Farmers Union. For over twenty-five years, the Green Thumb program, sponsored by the Union, and funded through the Department of Labor, has provided meaningful community service employment and training for over 1,000 senior Texans.

Operation primarily in the rural areas of 119 Texas counties, Green Thumb has given older jobseekers the opportunity of sharing their years of experience, hard work, and dedication in local community projects. Green Thumb's emphasis upon training has allowed program participants to transition back into private sector employment.

"During Older Worker Week, March 8 through March 14, let us recognize and highlight the workforce con-

tributions of our seniors while we strengthen our commitment to assuring that we invest in their talents and resourcefulness as productive partners in tomorrow's future," emphasized Mr. Rankin.

The Texas Green Thumb program encourages employers to consider utilizing the skills and abilities of seniors for their job openings not only during Older Worker Week but every other week. Hiring experience, dependability, reliability, and dedication is good business!

Our Green Thumb workers in Coke County are Zola Hatley, Geneva Minnick and Lois Wallace. Zola's work station is the Robert Lee Senior Center and Geneva and Lois work the station in the Bronte Senior Center. Carlos Acosta works at the Robert Lee Housing Authority.

If you are interested in obtaining more information regarding senior employment and training opportunities contact Kelly Millican in Robert Lee at 453-2314 or Mary Perciful in Bronte at 473-6471.

Jividen to teach series

Jimmy Jividen will be teaching a series of Wednesday evening studies at the Southside Church of Christ of Robert Lee, on the nature and work of the Holy Spirit. The study will be based in part on his book, *Alive in the Spirit*, and in part on questions submitted by class members.


In *Alive in the Spirit* Jimmy Jividen convincingly states the biblical doctrine concerning the baptism of the Holy Spirit, the gift of the Holy Spirit, the different manifestations of the Spirit's power, the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, the Holy Spirit's work in conversion and His work through the Word of God. Jividen presents the case that the Holy Spirit is very much alive and well, working in spiritual and providential ways for God, for the church and for individual Christians. He proves from the Bible and the biblical doctrine concerning the way the Holy Spirit functions in all of these areas. Copies of *Alive in the Spirit* are available for those who attend the study.

Presently serving as pulpit minister for the Baker Heights Church of Christ in Abilene, Jimmy Jividen has served as a minister of the Gospel with churches in Texas, Oklahoma, Minnesota, Colorado, Ne-


braska, and California. He is well known among Churches of Christ as an author, preacher, and lecturer. In association with his business interests in farming and ranching, he was selected as "Outstanding Rancher" in 1989 for the Middle Clearfork Soil Conservation District.

The public is cordially invited to this study series, which is set to begin at 6:30 pm next Wednesday, March 11, and will continue on March 25 and April 1. March 18 has been bypassed, avoiding any conflict with the local Spring Break.

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Griffiths to celebrate anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy P. Griffith of Lubbock will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Saturday, March 14, 1992. A reception will be held in the Tower Room in the First National Bank in Breckenridge, Texas, hosted by sons, Douglas P. Griffith and wife Barbara and Ralph Duane Griffith of Lubbock; also, Bobby and Jeffie Roberts, Floyd and Jessie Harmon of Robert Lee; Chester and Betty Polk of Dallas; Audrey and Lela Mae Rodgers of Ranger; and Leslie and Pam Griffith of Breckenridge. Serving in the houseparty will be all nieces of the Griffiths which include Lawana Millican and Dorene Mashburn of Robert Lee.

Jimmy and Madelle have two grandchildren; Isaac and Erika; and four step grandchildren; Terri, Tina, Jill, and Jeff.

Madelle (Dumpy) Creech was born in Coke County on September 1, 1924. She graduated from ROBERT LEE HIGH SCHOOL in 1941 and was SALUTATORIAN of a



Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Griffith

class of 32 students. She attended Texas Business College in Weatherford in 1941. After raising their sons she became active in the business world for 15 years as executive secretary and general office manager of Griffith, Inc. offices in Lubbock, El Paso, and Albuquerque. She was active for many years as a teacher and assisted in the office work in the Methodist Church and was secretary-treasurer of Key City Traveling Men's Wives Club in Abilene.

Jimmy P. Griffith was born in Stephens County on January 13, 1924. He graduated from Breckenridge High School in 1940 and attended Weatherford Junior College in 1940 and 41. He worked for Piggly Wiggly and Sears in Breckenridge and the US government as a blueprint librarian until being drafted in 1944. He served in the Philippines until 1946 as Mess Sergeant. He attended and graduated from Draughts College with a degree in Business Administration and Accounting. He became assistant general buyer for J.M. Radford Grocery Co.

in Abilene; office manager and territory manager for Bob Brown Food Brokerage Co. in Dallas, before becoming a partner and the owner of a Food Brokerage Co. in 1956. The Griffiths moved to Lubbock in 1961 and established Griffith, Inc. Food Brokers of which he served as President and Chief Executive Officer.

Jimmy was active in Jaycees serving as secretary and vice-president, and voted Outstanding Young Man in Abilene, Texas in 1950. He is a Charter member of Lubbock Food Brokers Association, serving three terms as President, two terms as secretary, and was awarded a lifetime Directorship.

Jimmy and Madelle (Dumpy) met in Weatherford and married in Breckenridge March 14, 1942. They were active in youth work in the Methodist Church, Youth Baseball and Monterey High Booster Club.

Madelle retired in 1982 and Jimmy retired in 1985. The Griffiths will be delighted to see their friends, relatives, and classmates in Breckenridge March 14, 1992.

Spence Fishin'



Lake E.V. Spence

Water temperature - 58 degrees.

General Dynamics Blackbass Tournament; Abilene, Texas

Jay Bean - 1st place 5.8 oz.

Randy Dodson - 2nd place 2 fish at 3.6 oz.

Richard Leick - 3rd place 2 fish at 2.8 oz.

Keith Dunn - 4th place 2.2 oz.

23 Fisherman made the tournament and all other fish were released.

Paint Creek Marina

D.R. Overy, Odessa, 20 1/2 pound Channel Cat, Trot Line.

Robert Nix, Robert Lee, 24 pound Channel Cat, Trot Line.

Paul Lane, San Angelo, 13 1/4 pound Striper, Trolling

Doug Watts, Monahans, 5 Black Bass up to 4 3/4 pounds.

Harvey Harwell, San Angelo, 13 pound and 6 1/4 pound Stripers.

Wildcat Marina

Daryl Sorey, Midland, and Justin Francis, Robert Lee, 7 1/2, 8 and 5 pound Stripers.

Justin Francis, Robert Lee, 9 1/2 pound Striper.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor;

Please renew my subscription for another year, check enclosed.

Everything here looks wonderful. In the area where we live we have not had any flooding but plenty of rain and it's raining today.

I really enjoy my paper every week.

Thanks,
Vera M. Saunders

648A-W-Hwy 303
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UPCOMING

Lions Flag Display

The Bronte Evening Lions Club will continue its flag display program that it has successfully done the last two years.

The program consists of displaying the flag six times a year on National holidays for a fee of \$20.00 annually.

If you want the services for 1992 and have not yet been contacted call 473-3261.

SW Tournament

The Singing Winds Golf course in Bronte will hold a ABC 18 Hole Select Shot meet, Sunday, March 8, 1992 at 1:30 pm. Sponsors for the meet will be Hurley Pharmacy and the Singing Winds Golf Shop. Also, on the upcoming agenda for the course is Ladies Day, to be held April 14. The ladies will have play day starting at 6 pm.

I WOULD APPRECIATE your support at the polls next Tuesday, March 10, and ask you to re-elect me your county sheriff.

Thank you,
Sheriff Marshall Millican

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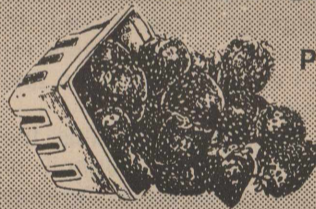
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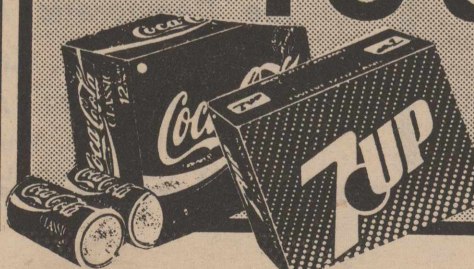
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BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS

Jr. High tennis teams defeat W. Valley

Bronte Jr. High tennis teams defeated Water Valley 10-1 Monday in their first dual match of the season.

Melinda Mackey won her singles match 6-4, while Wendy Johnson took a big 6-0 win. Courtney Stokes also won 6-3.

In girls doubles Tandy Briley

and Danielle Parker won their doubles match 6-4. Felicia Beam and Laura Stevens edged their opponents 6-4, while Amy Harrel and Joy King also won 6-4. Felicia Pullen and Shaunna Tinney were ahead 2-1 when their match was called.

Gary Walker won both his

singles matches 6-0, 6-0.

The doubles team of Nick Arrott and Clint Scott was doubly victorious winning 6-3, 6-0.

Corey Robinson and Russel Vaughn lost 4-6.

The teams are preparing for their district tournament in Rotan, March 31.



Bronte Elementary "A" Honor Roll Students

"A" Honor Roll Luncheon

The "A" Honor Roll Luncheon for the Bronte Elementary was recently held at the Homemaking Building. Honorees from the 4-6 grades were Andy Blair, son of Frank and Marty Blair; J.D. Fairchild, son of Tamy Carper and Randy Fairchild; Bonnie DeLaughter, daughter of Paul and Pattie DeLaughter; Amye Peel, daughter of Ken and Renee' Peel; Lindsay Rogers, daughter of Glen and

Suzanne Rogers; Scott Whitmire, son of Garland and Linda Whitmire; and Angie Shults. Special guests were the Reverend Phil Bell, who is pastor of the Bronte First United Methodist Church, and his wife, Patty. Reverend Bell spoke to the students about always "Aiming High". He then read the book, Oh, the Places You'll Go by Dr. Seuss.

This was enjoyed by all.

Roby defeats Longhorns

The Bronte Longhorns were defeated in Bi-District action by Roby 49-55.

Gary Bilbrey was high point man with 14 points, 8 rebounds, 3 steals. Shayne Crumpler scored 12 points; Brent Taylor scored 11 points

and had 5 assists, Jay Parker put up 5 points, and had 7 rebounds; Justin Stensby scored 4 points with 5 rebounds; Jason Cooper scored 3 points, with 6 assists.

The Longhorns finished the season with a 16-13 record.

Sunny Notes for the Bronte Senior Citizens



The Wildflower trip was cancelled due to not enough participants.

Special Quilting Day

We will quilt on Thursday, March 12th beginning at 9:00 am. The quilt will be given away to the lucky winner of the draw on Thursday, April 29th at our "An Evening with Our Stars". Donations for the quilt will be taken during the next 6 weeks at different locations. Bring a potluck dish to the "quilting bee" on Thursday.

Outreach

Outreach is a service that we try to provide through the Bronte Senior Center to benefit those 60+ and to encourage the use of our ongoing programs and to invite and inform you of our special events.

March--Eat the Right Foods

Each day, try to eat the following amounts from each of the four basic food groups; bread and cereals, 4 or more servings; meat, poultry, fish and eggs, 2 or more servings; fruit and vegetables, 4 or more servings; dairy products 2 or more cups of low-fat milk or its equivalent (cheese, cottage cheese, yogurt). Also, try to increase your intake of calcium from all food sources. (Copied from the 1992 Senior Adult Monthly Planner with Health and Wellness Tips.)

Meals for the Week

Monday, March 9

Baked Pork Chops w/gravy
Mashed Potatoes
Seasoned Carrots
Cornbread
Peach Cobbler

Wednesday, March 11

Meat Loaf w/tomato sauce
AuGratin Potatoes
Broccoli
Bread

Friday, March 13

Oatmeal Cookies w/raisins
BeefTips w/mushrooms
Hot Rice
Turnip Greens
Hot Roll
Peach Halves

These programs are funded in part by the Area Agency on Aging, Concho Valley Council of Governments, through grants from the Texas Department on Aging.

"Older Worker Week" set

President Bush has declared the week of March 8-14, "National Older Worker Week", in order to create a national awareness of this country's greatest resource--it's mature worker. It is a time to honor our mature citizens who contribute so much to our community, and a time to encourage businesses to provide job opportunities for these experienced men and women.

In conjunction with this, the Concho Valley Council of Governments/Area Agency on Aging's 55+ Experience...WORKS! program - a non-profit employment and training program for individuals aged 55 and over - would like to accomplish this same awareness at the local level. Area city councils have been requested to issue proclamations in their respective cities declaring this week, "Older Worker Week". Area businesses are invited to call or

come by our office at 4860 Knickerbocker or call 944-9666 to learn more about the benefits of hiring maturity. Videos, pamphlets and other materials will be provided to those employers interested in hiring the older worker.

The 55+ Experience...WORKS! program offers vocational skills training, GED preparation, job search assistance, and on-the-job training opportunities.

Personal

Mrs. Douglass (Dorothy) Forbus of Kerrville was a visitor in Bronte last weekend, where she visited her sister Margaret Martin, brothers and families, Mr. and Mrs. Royce Lee and Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Lee. She also visited Mr. and Mrs. Turner Lee of Maverick and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Brock of Norton. She also attended the Sadie Hawkins Supper and Theatre.

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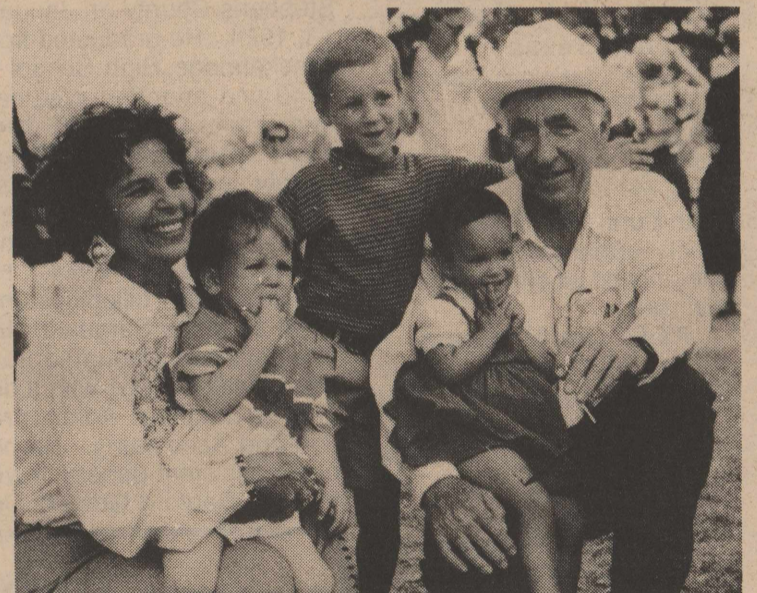
I would like to take this opportunity to thank the people of Coke County for their help and support during my first term, and ask for your continued support in the Democratic Primary Election.

D. Kristeen (Kristy) Roe
Coke County Tax Assessor/Collector

Pol. Adv. Paid by D. Kristeen (Kristy) Roe,
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"Some people might think it's a tough job representing a district that's spread out all over West Texas and the Hill Country.

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"Whether it's working with an entire community to create new jobs, or working with one person to solve their problem, it's the best job anyone could have.

"We've raised our family in West Texas and hope our grandchildren can look forward to a bright future in our state.

"Kathy and I would truly appreciate your support in this election. We've worked as hard as we know how to do right by people. We're prepared to keep on working for the people.

"I hope that's good enough to earn your support."

Thanks,

Senator
Temple Dickson
For Texas Senate

Political Adv. by Temple Dickson Campaign, James A. Rose Treasurer, P.O. Box 638, Sweetwater, TX 79556

...Supper

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Joe Lockett, J.B. Mackey, Mary and Paul McGuire, Noah Pruitt, Jr., Vera Raney, Flora Smith, and Mozelle Smith. Mike Shafer, Bronte school band instructor, provided dinner music on electric keyboard.

Entertainment for the evening followed the barbecue supper served by the directors. First on the floor was the Winters Squares, four couples of men and women square dancers from Winters. Dressed in beautiful costumes, the lively dancers drew the crowd into a delightful evening of entertainment. Bronte's own "Cuzin" Minnie (Effie Corley) greeted everyone with a "Howdy" and

added her own stories which brought forth bursts of laughter from audience.

Taking the spotlight for the finale was "the star", Jeff Gore from Early. (He didn't actually take the lights-the electricity just went off on stage for a few minutes.) Jeff is a singer/songwriter and guitarist besides being a humorist. The crowd gladly showed its approval.

Newly elected directors were recognized and outgoing directors were presented engraved plaques in appreciation of their service. The directors expressed their appreciation to everyone for attending and making it a special evening.

A&M club offers scholarship

The San Angelo A&M University Mothers' Club is offering a scholarship of \$1,000.00 for students currently enrolled in Texas A&M.

Applicants must be from Tom Green or adjoining counties, have completed at least two semesters at Texas A&M by September, 1992, and be an upper class student--either a Sophomore, Junior or Senior.

Application forms may be obtained by contacting Mrs. William V. Johnson, 3617 Southland Boulevard, San Angelo, Texas 76904, or by calling (915) 944-7173. Applications must be returned by April 15th.

Anyone interested in the Club's "Student Loan Program" may contact its Chairman, Mrs. Ralph Hoelscher, Rt. 2, Box 50, Miles, Texas 76781, or by calling (915) 468-2592.

Look Whos' New Ramze C. Messick

Ramze Chay Messick is the new daughter of Tom and Jody Messick of Stephenville. She was born February 25 and weighed 7 pounds and was 19 inches long.

Maternal grandmother is Charla Mann of Colorado City. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Messick of Blackwell.

Great grandparents include Mr. and Mrs. C.F. Messick of Rotan, Elsie Day of Valley Springs, California and Mr. and Mrs. Pete Warren of Colorado City.

Great-great grandmother is Mrs. Mae King of Stevison, California and Hiram Mann of Colorado City is her great-great grandfather.



Mary (Sug) Lawhon receives award for Educator of the Year from Martin Lee.



James Lammers is happy to receive on behalf of Bronte Cemetery Association the outstanding Organization of the Year award from Martin Lee.



Randall Maxwell, honored as Volunteer of the Year, receives plaque presented by Martin Lee.



Cuz'in Minnie (Bronte's own Effie Corley) telling it like it is at the Sadie Hawkins Supper Theatre.



Luke Robbins and Teresa Vaughn were the honored at the Sadie Hawkins Supper and Theatre as Outstanding Youths.

**YOUR VOTE AND SUPPORT
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ROBERT LEE SCHOOL NEWS

RLISD schedules Track & Field Meet

RLISD has posted the following schedule for a track and field meet to be held Friday, March 6.

Several area schools have been invited to attend the high school and Junior high event. Teams entered in the high school events are; Blackwell, Trent, Ira, Robert Lee, Paint Rock, Christoval, Miles, and Irion County. Teams entered in the Jr. High portion of the meet include; Bronte, (girls only), Blackwell, Trent, Ira, Robert Lee, Christoval, Miles and Irion County.

The High School Coaches

scratch meeting will begin the meet beginning at 2:00 pm. Others events and their times are listed below.

2:30--HIGH SCHOOL FIELD EVENTS

Pole Vault-Boys
Long Jump-Girls
High Jump-Boys
Shot Put-Girls
Discus-Boys

Immediately following will be these events:

Triple Jump-Girls
Long Jump-Boys
Triple Jump-Boys
High Jump-Girls
Shot Put-Boys
Discus-Girls

3:00--JR HI SCRATCH MEETING

3:30-3200 Meter Run-HS Girls and Boys
2400-Meter Run-JH Girls and Boys

4:30--JUNIOR HIGH FIELD EVENTS

Pole Vault-Boys
Triple Jump-Girls

Long Jump-Girls and Boys
Triple Jump-Boys

High Jump-Boys and Girls
Shot Put-Girls and Boys
Discus-Girls and Boys

5:30-HIGH SCHOOL & JUNIOR HIGH FINALS

400 Relay-JH Girls-Boys-HS Girls-Boys

800 Meter Run-JH Girls-Boys, HS Girls-Boys

100 Meter Low Hurdles-JH Girls-HS Girls

110 Meter Hurdles-JH Boys-HS Boys

100 Meter Dash-JH Girls-Boys, HS Girls-Boys

800 Meter Relay-JH Girls-HS Girls

400 Meter Dash-JH Boys-HS Boys, JH Girls-HS Girls

300 Meter Hurdles-JH Girls-Boys, HS Girls-Boys

200 Meter Dash-JH Girls-Boys, HS Girls-Boys

1600 Meter Run-JH Girls-Boys, HS Girls-Boys

1600 Meter Relay-JH Girls-Boys, HS Girls-Boys

Metcalf closes out Belle season

The college basketball game February 29 between the Abilene Christian Wildcats and the ASU Rambelles in Abilene closed out the season for the Belles. The Rambelles were defeated the last time out for the 91-92 season.

The game represented the last hurrah for 3 senior Belles. Included in the trio is Rachel Metcalf from Robert Lee who has been a mainstay in the ASU program for the last 4 years. Her career high of 29 points came February 21, 1991 vs. Abilene Christian and she had 12 rebounds February 11, 1991 vs. Eastern New Mexico. Her season high this year is 16 points against Central Oklahoma last Monday and against Texas Woman's University back on February 3rd.

Rachel is a Physical Ed major and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dub Metcalf. She is on RLHS graduate.

Boys, girls take golf wins at CC

The Robert Lee High School Golf teams traveled to Colorado City Monday, March 2 and came home with 1st place in both the boys and girls categories.

The Robert Lee girls team is composed of Lori Wink, Danielle Glenn, Wendy McPeek, Sheila Minjarez and Shelley Burrows. The team finished in first with 385 strokes. Lori Wink, Danielle Glenn and Wendy McPeek all were tied for medalist. They returned to Robert Lee and played off the tie on the first hole. Lori Wink took 1st, Danielle Glenn 2nd, and Wendy McPeek 3rd.

The boys team was also successful taking first in the tourney with 319 strokes. Team members are; Dean Burns; Scot Millican, Scott Antilley, John Williams and Danny Jackson. Dean Burns was 2nd medalist and Scot Millican was 3rd medalist.

Elementary Honor Roll announced

Principal William Hood of Robert Lee has posted the following list of honor roll students for the fourth six weeks of the school year.

3rd Grade

Erin Millican
Mary Arellano
Beau Boxell
Cayla Jeffery
Dixie Simpson

4th Grade

B.J. Bessent
Macy Hill
Dan McCown
Coke Hendry
Gina Torres

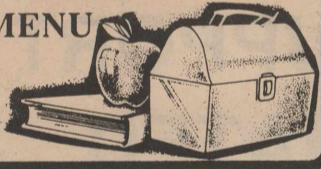
5th Grade

Holly Copeland
Lori Eubanks
Mauriusz Skibicki
Chad Helwig

6th Grade

Jessica Key

SCHOOL MENU



RL School Lunch Menu

Monday, March 9

Burritos
Macaroni & Cheese
Carrots
Cowboy Cookies
Milk

Tuesday, March 10

Chicken Ala King
Corn
Lettuce/Tomato Salad
Hot Rolls-Butter
Jello
Milk

Wednesday, March 11

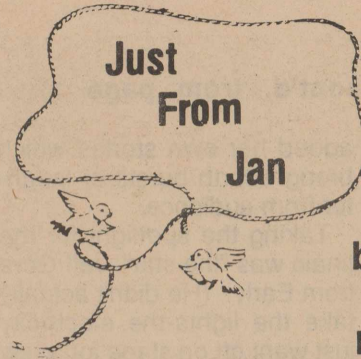
Beef Tacos w/cheese
Green Salad
Ranch Beans
Applecrisp
Milk

Thursday, March 12

Salisbury Steak w/brown gravy
Cream Potatoes
Green Beans
Hot Rolls-Butter
Peach Slices
Milk

Friday, March 13

Hamburgers
Lettuce, Tomato
Pickles, Onions
Tator Tots w/catsup
Fresh Fruit
Milk



by Jan Yanez
Coke County
Extension Agent

By the time children enter school, they have tasted most of the foods eaten within their culture and usually have definite likes and dislikes! During the school years children acquire eating habits that may stay with them for the rest of their lives and establish basic attitudes about food. Family food practices like hurried meals, the reliance on fast foods, using food as a reward or punishment, and empty-calorie snacks impact the child's overall nutrition as well as his/her attitudes toward food.

It is quite possible for a child to be well fed, but poorly nourished. The effects of malnutrition are manifested not only in specific diseases, but also in common conditions such as obesity, lethargy, apathy, hyperactivity, tooth decay, anemia, and poor posture. Children who are tired, "whiney" and difficult to get along with frequently have poor diets.

Children may not be well nourished for a number of reasons including poor eating habits. Poor eating habits can be avoided or lessened by providing pleasant experiences with food; serving food in attractive ways; utilizing small portions; allowing some freedom of choice in what is eaten and how it is eaten; and being sure the child has adequate rest, exercise and sleep.

Snacks are a desirable addition to the diet of the growing child, if they are chosen to contribute more than energy. Providing healthy,

nutritious snacks instead of "empty-calorie" snacks contributes to the child's overall diet as well helps in the acquisition of good eating habits. Children who are alone before and after school often fall prey to poor snacking practices. They need assistance in choosing and in learning to prepare healthy snacks.

Snacks can help you include needed foods from the four major food groups (not fats and sweets) in your daily diet. Think about what is missing in your regular meals and choose from that food group when you snack. Instead of cake, cookies, and candies, choose fruit, cheese or peanut butter and crackers.

Think also about the calories your body is getting when you snack. Whether a person is 12 or 20, one's body needs only so many calories. If a person eats foods with more calories than needed, extra pounds can be the result and even little snacks add up.

As a general rule to keep in mind-- Food is likely to be low in calories if it is:

- *thin and watery--like tomato juice
- *crisp but not greasy, crisp-like celery
- *bulky--like salad greens
- Food is likely to be high in calories if it is:
- *greasy or oily--like butter
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- *sweet and gooey--like candy.

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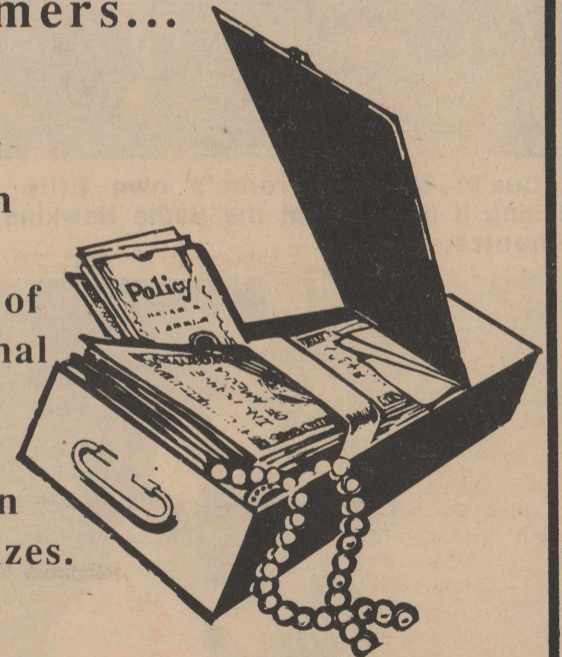
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FFA members display the third place banner won in recent competition. Pictured (l-r) are Scott Antilley, Nikki Tavarez, and Michael Hayes.



FFA members display banners for second and fourth place won in recent competitions. Pictured (l-r) are Debra Drennan, Rachel Pentecost, Christie Payne (holding 4th place banner), Eli Arellano, Wendy McPeek (holding second place banner), Chris Ross, and Lori Wink. Standing on the back row are Krista Green (l) and Audra Pitcock.

Presidential campaign finances detailed

Millions of Americans are stumped by the first question on the 1040 federal income tax form. The question asks if taxpayers want \$1 of their tax to be used for the public financing of presidential campaigns.

Research conducted for the Federal Election Commission finds that regardless of whether they check "yes" or "no" or leave it blank, few people understand what the presidential campaign check-off is all about.

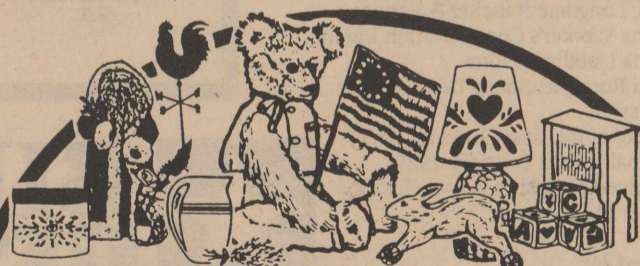
As the tax filing season begins and the presidential campaign season moves into full swing, the FEC has

launched an educational effort and a toll free tax checkoff hotline (1-800-486-8496) on the \$1 Tax Checkoff to help taxpayers make an informed choice.

The \$1 Tax Checkoff publicly finances the presidential general election, provides matching funds to presidential primary candidates and finances the nominating conventions. Most people are not aware that candidates who

accept public funding must limit campaign spending. And the candidates who run in November cannot accept private contributions from individuals or political groups.

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No stripers in O. H. Ivie

A rumor has been started that striped bass were stocked into O.H. Ivie reservoir by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD). This rumor has appeared in the big city newspapers and small town newspapers. It has also appeared in outdoor and fishing magazines. We have even been told that it is being spread in bass club meetings. The rumor is false. There have been no striped bass stocked into Ivie since 1989. Here is a list of all the fish stocked into Ivie since 1989. Florida largemouth bass, 2,420,681; Smallmouth bass, 120,802; White crappie, 306,299; Southern strain walleye, 2,495,00; Channel catfish, 390,486; Blue catfish, 385,891; Flathead (yellow) catfish, 3,013; Coppernose bluegill, 332,548; Threadfin shad, 300 adults.

"Not only have stripers not been stocked into Ivie," said TPWD District Management Biologist Bill Follis, "there is currently no plan to stock

stripers into Ivie." Follis added that no more largemouth bass would be stocked since the bass are protected to 18 inches there is a tremendous number of broodfish in the population. With all the new water the lake has caught this spring, those fish will spawn and produce an uncountable number of young. Due to that, TPWD is not going to stock Ivie with bass this year, but stock other lakes that have been shorted the past two years due to the large number of fish sent to Ivie. For more information contact: Billy J. Follis or John A. Dennis, TPWD, 4002 N. Chadbourne, San Angelo, Texas 76903, (915) 655-9413.

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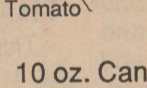
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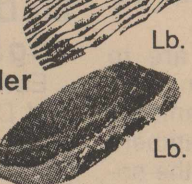
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Memoir to benefit WTBR

West Texas Boys Ranch of San Angelo will be receiving the proceeds of a family memoir about Gene Newman of Miles, Texas. Newman, a deceased San Angelo area rancher who cared deeply about WTBR, was president from 1974 to 1976 and served on the board for many years. He was a nationally known figure in the cattle industry. President of the Texas Cattle Feeders Association, Newman also served on the boards of the National Cattlemen's Association and National Cutting Horse Association.

Newman not only was one of the founders of the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association in the late 1940's but also established Veribest Cattle Feeders near San Angelo and Newman & Bonner Feed Mill in San Angelo with partner Johnny Bonner. In addition to his other endeavors, he ranched in Texas, Montana, Colorado and Mexico.

"Each man is a blend of stories. Some told straight-out, matter-of-fact. Some told with fondness and sentiment right there on the surface. Others told with words disjointed by laughter. And sometimes, certain stories are forgotten, overlooked or not told. They all make the man," said Roger Ellison, Chief Executive Officer of WTBR.

Cowman to Cutter: Remembering Gene Newman in the Words of Those Who Knew Him started out as a simple project by Newman's children to commemorate their dad. In writing, editing and reading the stories about their dad with co-author Cynthia Buchanan Cowley of San Angelo, Suzy Watson and Nancy Newman of Miles and Johnny Newman of Carlsbad, New Mexico, say they have begun to understand their father a little better.

As the stories from friends and family about Newman rolled in, West Texas Boys Ranch was mentioned time and again. The children said, "Well, yes, Daddy had been a supporter of the Ranch and loved the boys." The message came clear as a bell what

Art society accepting apps

The Artist Society in San Angelo is accepting applications for its second annual art show to be held at the old Santa Fe depot Saturday, April 11, 1992 from 10 am-5pm.

Interested parties are to submit 3 slides and an entry fee of \$15.00 for members and \$20.00 for non-members by March 20, 1992 to the society's president: Don Keeney, 693 Blackwood Rd., San Angelo, Texas, 76905.

In addition to the art show, there will be a variety of performing artists scheduled throughout the day. A percentage of the sales will be donated to the depot.

This is the same day as the wine festival which will be held in the evening.

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must be done.

Cynthia Cowley says that there are some serious moments in the book, but it tends to stay on the lighter side. Gene Newman was an "uncommon man," as former Texas Congressman Tom Loeffler of San Antonio said in his chapter. Hopefully this book will produce uncommon results for the WTBR.

Publication date is March 1, 1992. Copies of the book will be available through WTBR (915-949-1936) or the Newman/Watson Ranch in Miles (915-655-6513 or 915-658-1648).

Other storytellers in Cowman to Cutter include such national and local figures as writer Elmer Kelton, publisher Stanley Frank, cutting horse legend Buster Welch, cow trader and author Wade Choate, rodeo pioneer Chili Cole, veterinarian Wes Bonner, cowboy artist Wayne Baize and agribusinessman Toad Tucker, plus a host of others.



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McDaniel/Magness engagement

Edwin McDaniel of Crane and Darlia Hicks of San Angelo announced the engagement of their daughter, Janet to Billy Magness, son of Bill and Hazel Magness of Bronte.

The bride-elect is a senior at Bronte High School and will graduate in May. The prospective bridegroom is a graduate of Bronte High School and is currently attending Angelo State University.

The couple will reside in Bronte after a March 21st wedding.



Lifetime Achievement Awards were presented to a line of fine citizens. They are from L to R: James Lammers, Bill Luckett, LeDrew Arrott, Noah Pruitt, Jr., Marie Arrott, Helen Kirkland, Paul McGuire, Mary McGuire, Virginia Boecking, Frances Kemp, Mozelle Smith, Fred Hughes, Ona Hughes, Mary Glenn, and Tuny Glenn. Seated and not pictured was Vera Raney.

Board agrees to drop water well rules

State Senator Bill Sims, D-San Angelo, and State Rep. Rob Junell, D-San Angelo, have jointly announced that the Texas Water Well Drillers Board has agreed to drop all proposed rules which would put controls on an individual's water wells.

The action came as a result of a meeting in Austin between Sims' office, Junell, Frank Del Rio, chairman of the Texas Water Well Drillers Board, and Texas Water Commissioner Peggy Garner.

In addition to dropping the proposed rules, the board also agreed not to require the licensing of windmill repairmen. The rules only require the licensing of water well pump installers which was the intent of the original House Bill 1648, which was passed by the 72nd Legislature, Sims said.

"The regulations, as previously proposed, would have resulted in very costly and

unnecessary modifications to existing water wells," Sims said.

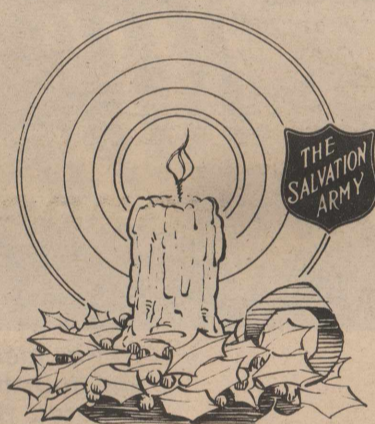
The senator praised the efforts of Junell, his West Texas legislative colleague, who did much of the detail work during negotiations with the board.

"Rob deserves a lot of credit for getting this done," Sims said.

Ranchers, farmers and landowners with private water wells voiced opposition to the regulations, saying that many would have to pay from \$400 to \$1,500 per well to bring existing wells up to specifications.

Charles Probandt of San Angelo, president of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers Association, said the announcement "is certainly a relief for the landowners in windmill country. I want to thank Frank Del Rio for allowing the landowners the opportunity to discuss these changes with the board,"

Probandt said. "Sen. Sims deserves a lot of credit for getting this done. He led the negotiations to get these changes implemented and Rob Junell supported us and worked to get this done, too."



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17TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT U.S. REPRESENTATIVE
Charles Stenholm

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CARD OF THANKS
ON BEHALF OF the John T. Stewart family-I would like to take the opportunity to say "Thank you" for your prayers, love and concern during my Dad's recent operation. The success of the operation was due to your prayers and God's love for us. For those that stood by Dad's bed, the waiting room, the doctors, nurses, staff of Angelo Community Hospital-Thanks! We Love You, Dad.
Kay, Laurence, Tommy, Vickie & all of your grandkids & of course your wife.
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WE WOULD LIKE to thank the residents of Robert Lee for your kindness and sympathy during the loss of my husband and our father, Fred Pruitt.
The Pruitt family
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 Stover Taylor, County Auditor
 Coke County, Texas
 30a-2tc

CARD OF THANKS

Our appreciation and gratitude to the persons who made nominations for us to receive Lifetime Achievement Awards at the Sadie Hawkins Supper Theatre, sponsored by Bronte Chamber of Commerce.

Sincerely,
 Mary and Paul McGuire
 30B-1tc

WE WISH TO give a special thank you to our West Coke County Emergency Medical Service for coming to Earl's aid on the 18th of February. We really appreciate you.
 The Earl McCoy Family
 30-1tc

NOTICES

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that Coke County Commissioners' Court, Coke County, Texas will receive sealed bids in the Office of the County Auditor until 10:00 am Monday, March

A PUBLIC HEARING will be conducted in the Robert Lee City Hall, 6 E. 7th St., Monday, March 9 at 7 pm. This hearing will be prior to the adoption of the budget for the fiscal year of April 1, 1992 to March 31, 1993. All citizens are hereby invited to attend this hearing.

Jackie Walker, Mayor
 Attest: Edna Havins
 City Secretary
 30a-1tc

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that Coke County Commissioners' Court, Coke County, Texas will receive bids on Health Insurance in the Office of County Treasurer, Courthouse, Robert Lee, Texas until 10:00 am Monday, May 4, 1992.

Coke County has a limited Self-Insured Health Insurance Program. For further information please contact Phelan Wrinkle, Courthouse, Robert Lee, Texas. 453-2713.

Stover Taylor, County Auditor
 Coke County, Texas
 30a-2tc

Yanez presents Ext. program

The Bronte and Green Mountain Extension Homemakers met in February at their regular club meeting. Program was given by Agent Jan Yanez on State Recommendation, Cultural Arts "Texas Wineries". Grapes and the wine industry has been a part of Texas since the 16th century and is still a growing part of the Texas industry today.

Members attending from the Bronte club included hostess Virginia Boatright, Dorothy Treadwell, Annie Laura McShane and Marie Arrott.

Green Mountain included hostess Zera Fields, Doris Penny, Lucille Carwile, Oma Lewis, Opal Baker, Lillie Gaines and Alma Peck.

Small town celebrates store closing

[Editor's note: The following article was first printed in The Dallas Morning News and was submitted to the O/E by a local businessman.]

Death of a Town

By Steve Bishop

It was big news when America's largest retailer closed one of its stores in a small Texas town. **USA Today** and the **New York Times** both reported the closing of the Wal-Mart store in Hearne. Wal-Mart closings are rare, in 28 years of business only six have closed. Having grown up in Hearne and lived there for another seven years as minister of a local church, I saw a very different side to Wal-Mart's contribution to a small community. Wal-Mart killed Hearne twice.

Before Wal-Mart arrived, Hearne had a small but active downtown. Businesses were owned and operated by local people. There were some franchised stores like Western Auto and J.B. White, but they were managed and owned by people who lived in Hearne. The hardware store, the clothing store and the variety store were all owned by local people.

These were the men and women who would watch you grow up and remember your name. They participated in the life of the community. They had financial and emotional investments in government, education and religion. They were the people whose names we wore on our Little League uniforms, which they furnished.

I spent my first earned income, profit I made selling a pig in the livestock show, at J.B. White. Mr. Stott, the manager, helped me pick clothes that matched, then congratulated me on a fine job in the livestock show. I bought one of my first suits there with his help.

While in high school, I sold Mr. Stott ads in our yearbook and school newspaper. His store was one of the first in which I learned the responsibility of paying bills, a habit that has proved very useful.

When Mr. Stott left J.B. White in 1985, he had been there for 23 years. A succession of managers followed him, but none were able to turn around the decline in business after Wal-Mart opened. The store closed its doors while I was still living in Hearne. With its closing, a part of town life was gone that Wal-Mart could not and would not replace.

Slowly, over a five-year period, a downtown that was much more than storefronts died. It was killed by a corporation that, in spite of its sloganeering, is not interested in traditional values like loyalty or commitment. Wal-Mart exists to turn a profit; that is all. So when the bottom line doesn't meet projections, it can kiss that little town goodbye and move on to a more promising site. What it leaves in its wake is apparently of little concern.

That first death was the end of a downtown that held much more than stores, it held memories, values and people who stayed long enough to

make a difference in our lives. Wal-Mart's arrival ended all that.

The second killing occurred in December 1990 when Wal-Mart closed its doors in Hearne. It closed because it couldn't turn a profit. Wal-Mart leaves an empty building as testimony to the '80s greed, and it leaves a downtown of vacated shops as testimony to our rush to save a little money (maybe not a very different kind of greed).

Perhaps in retrospect, this is all about greed. Greed on the part of Wal-Mart and greed on the part of Hearne's citizens, like myself, who left the people who had been part of our community so long to buy from the newcomer on Highway 79. In our desire to save \$5 on a trash barrel, we would patronize Wal-Mart, telling our downtown friends that unless they could keep up with these prices, we would not, could not, buy from them.

I wish we would have realized that we were squeezing out our most valuable asset. The savings that we made shopping at Wal-Mart cut off the lifeblood of the businesses that had served Hearne for years. In probably the most prosperous decade of this century, we were lured away from old friends with the carrot of "everyday low prices." Little did we know that the low prices would prove so costly.

No matter what else Wal-Mart may say for itself in marketing, it cannot say it really cares about the communities it goes to, especially the small ones. Wal-Mart said it was in Hearne to serve Hearne and the surrounding area. Its service came at a very high price.

I am not suggesting that the downtown business people were not motivated by profit, certainly they were in business to make money. Some of them lived in the nicer houses in town, drove newer cars and traveled to Houston and Dallas more frequently than most of us, but that was to be expected. The difference is that these people were in Hearne to stay. Their kids attended Hearne schools, they joined Hearne clubs, they served in local politics, they invested more than money in our little town.

Mega stores like Wal-Mart can never replace or duplicate the personal influence that the men and women of Hearne's downtown brought to our community. Their managers rotate out too quickly, they are on the corporate ladder, so there is no time to watch a kid ascend through grade school to high school.

To our downtown owners, profit was not the only motive; being a good neighbor, a good citizen, was equally important to them.

Unfortunately for us residents, profit, our own profit, became more important to us. In the end, it was our own penchant to hang onto a dollar that drove our local businesses out.

I doubt that Hearne will ever recover from these two deaths. I however mourn the first as a great loss, and am angry at the second. My anger stems from the apparent value that for those of us who lived in Hearne, the bottom line was our measure too. Loyalty, friendship, history and civic pride could not keep us from spending our money at Wal-Mart. My own experience there tells me that what little we saved in Wal-Mart we usually spent the very next day, in Wal-Mart. Wal-Mart promised us that our lives would be better if we saved money and shopped with it; our townspeople warned us that if they went out of business they would never be replaced.

Well, the townspeople were right. Hearne is not better off since Wal-Mart came and left, it was not better when Wal-Mart was there. The soul of downtown was and is irreplaceable. We lost more than our businesses, we lost friends. We lost people who cared about us as people rather than profit margins.

I am glad that I grew up when it was a lively two-block square where I could talk to Mr. Stott about the livestock show, the football game and what I wanted to do when I grew up.

Wal-Mart's legacy to Hearne is much different than Mr. Stott's. He left us a part of himself and as a result richer; Wal-Mart took more than it left and left us poorer in more ways than one.

Agency signs K. Gardner

The MFN Agency, Pleasure Records and Four Newton Publishing of Whitney, Texas, have signed a record manufacturing and international distribution and promotion agreement with Kaylan Gardner, an inspiring singer and songwriter from Robert Lee, Texas.

Kaylan's first single "Untamed Men", backed with "What's There To Do With My Life" will be arriving at radio stations world wide within February and March of this year. An extensive marketing program will accompany this release as Pleasure Records will be seeking foreign label and tour activities for Kaylan.

Allen Newton, President of Pleasure Records, was quoted as saying, "Kaylan Gardner is without question one of the finest up and coming talents in the Country and Cross Over music arenas." Mr. Newton further stated, "We believe Kaylan Gardner has a very good future in the music industry."


Kaylan, a native-born Robert Lee resident, and her husband, Rod, commute to their respective jobs as nurses in nearby health care facilities.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Service, Jr. of Robert Lee. Her grandmother, Mrs. Ruth Service, also resides in Robert Lee.

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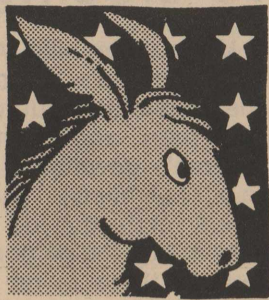
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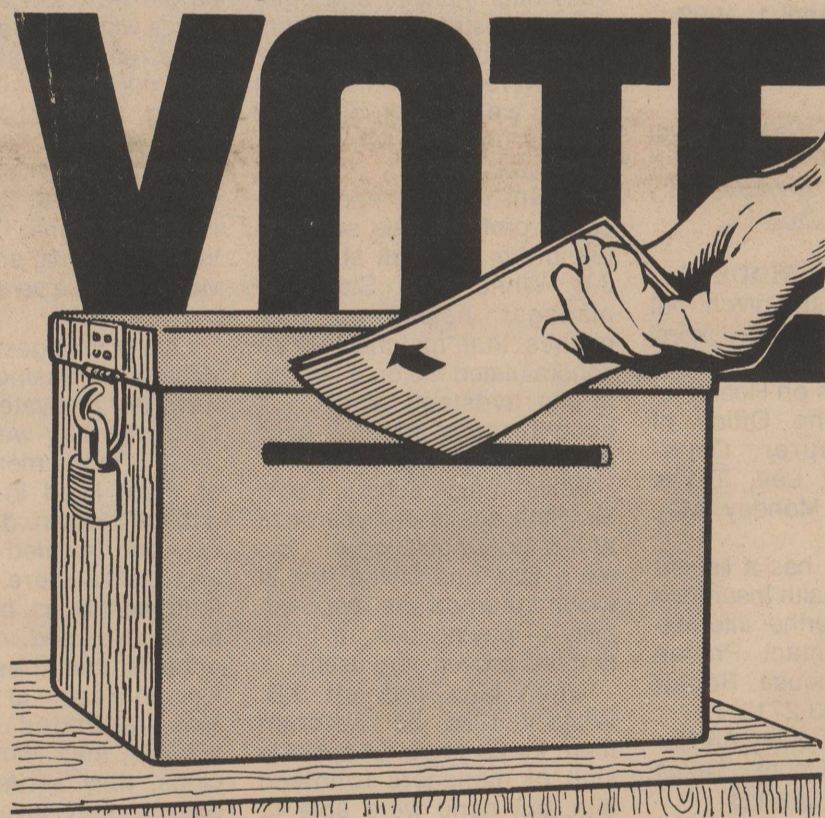
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