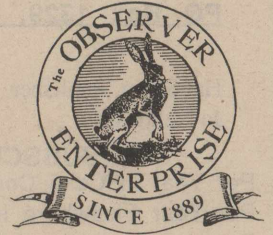


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McCown takes second at national decathlon meet

by Joan Davis

Lee McCown made a triumphant return to Robert Lee Tuesday morning after flying from the Dan O'Brien-Visa National High School Decathlon Championships in Klamath Falls, Oregon to Arlington, then home. He placed second overall in the prestigious 10-event meet with 7,108 points. Both he and Gabe Garrett of Olympia, Washington, who finished

with 7,407 points, broke the meet record set in 1994 of 7,037 total points.

Lee said Tuesday night that the championships were quite an experience and he indicated he felt humble to be in such elite company. Organizer of the national meet was Dan O'Brien, world-famous decathlete and then to be in the company of 14 other high school athletes chosen nation-wide to compete could

have been unsettling. Especially when competition began on Saturday and he was in last place after the 100 with a 11.89 (a personal best) and the long jump with a 20.01/4.

A modest man of few words but known to be tenacious when the going gets tough, he said he was determined to do well in the shot put (he won the state Class 1A championship in the shot and discus in April). And do well he did. He threw the 12 lb. shot 55 7/2 to set a national high school decathlon record in the event which moved him to 4th place in standings. Lee said the feat was the highlight of the championship for him.

The multi-talented athlete then was 2nd in the high jump at 6-5 1/2 and did 53.4 in the 400. He knew his chances of moving up were good since two of his strongest events were coming up the 2nd day.

After a 15.4 in the 110 hurdles, Lee won the discus with a 153-10 throw - nearly 15 feet farther than the 2nd place man. He confided that he was kind of disappointed at not doing better since he had thrown 158 feet and might

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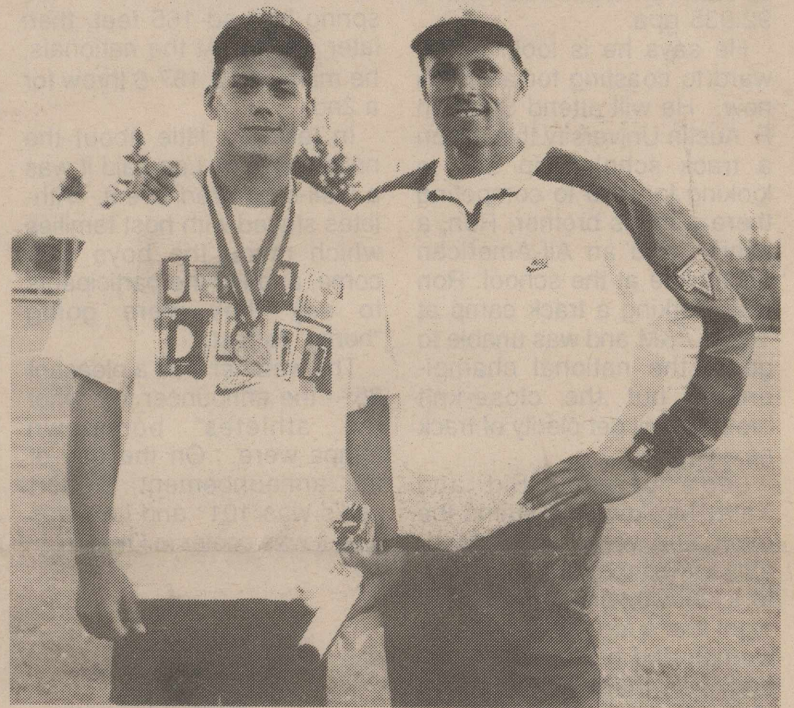
WCCCD meeting date changed

The West Coke County Community Development will change dates and location for their general meetings beginning with the July meeting on Tuesday, the 18th. Members will now meet at Ranchland Restaurant at 7 pm on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. Those who attend may choose to eat on their own or enjoy free drinks, courtesy of WCCCD.

Playday scheduled

There will be a Playday sponsored by the Coke County Rodeo Association this Friday, July 14th, at the Roping Arena in Bronte at 7:00 pm. Anyone interested in participating in the barrel racing, flag racing, pole bending, or goat tying is encouraged to come out and enjoy the fun.

One more playday is scheduled after this Friday. The last playday of the summer is set for Friday, July 28th at 7:00 pm.



Dan O'Brien (r), world record decathlete with 8,891 points, whose non-profit youth foundation hosted the nationals in Oregon, July 8-9, congratulates Lee McCown of Robert Lee, who placed 2nd in the 10-event meet.

Pageant rehearsals heat up

Rehearsals continue in preparation for Ole Coke County - Home of the Rabbit Twisters despite the red-hot temperatures. The heat the cast is suffering may be a symbol of the toughness their pioneer counterparts exhibited during the late 1800s in which part of the production is set. The nineteenth annual running of the historical pageant is set for Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, July 27, 28, and 29, at the Mountain Creek Amphitheatre behind the baseball fields in northeast Robert Lee. The rustic setting on Mountain Creek lends itself to the history of Coke County, told in music, song, comedy, and tragedy from a time frame of 1854-1910.

Over 75 people, mostly from Bronte and Robert Lee, will portray figures from the past, all in period costumes. A foreigner (from San Angelo), Robert Lee Postmaster Harrell Johnston, will again narrate

the production as the Rabbit Twister.

Scenes, stories, and actors change year to year. You never see the same Ole Coke County twice!

Concessions are available, along with souvenirs and free fans and programs. Ticket prices are 6-12 years, \$3; teens and up \$6 - about the same as a movie and well worth it. Plan now to attend and take someone with you - a friend, a visitor, or family member. For your comfort, you might want to take a cushion, stadium seat, or a lawn chair to install between rows of benches.

Coke County has a rich heritage; keep it alive and well by your attendance and support.

The pageant choir will begin singing at 8 pm each evening while Indian children and families and horsemen set the mood as they appear in the creek area. At 8:30 pm, the pageant begins to unfold as the audience sits back to enjoy.



Coe Lewis leads the women of the county in protest of "likker" and the Blue Goose Saloon in the 1994 version of Ole Coke County.

...Upcoming

Attention 4-H'ers

County Record books are due Monday, July 17, 1995. To receive a year pin and project medal, you must turn in your Record Book. For more information you can call the Extension Office at 453-2461.

Commodities

Food Commodities will be distributed on the second Friday of the month, July 14th, 1995, at the Robert Lee and Bronte Citizens Buildings. Distribution is from 8:00 am to 12:00 noon.

3rd Thursday Dance

The Coke County Cavaliers will provide C&W music for the Third Thursday Dance at 7:30 pm on July 20 in Robert Lee. The event is open to dancers of all ages and tickets are available at the door.

Trash Pickup

Hayrick Masonic Lodge members will conduct their trash pickup on Highway 208 this Tuesday, July 18th, at 5:00 pm.

1970 BHS Class Reunion

The Bronte High School class of 1970 will hold their 25-year reunion on July 15, 1995, at the Bronte Senior Citizens Building. Activities will begin at 1:00 pm - including the reading of the class prophecy. Come compare notes with everyone! All parents, teachers, friends, and families of class members are welcome to join class members. A catered supper will be served at 6:30 pm. For more information call Donna Scott at 473-2951.

Silver Homecoming

Sunday, July 23 has been set for the annual Silver Homecoming. The affair will begin at 10:00 with church service at Silver Baptist Church. Lunch is set for 12:30 at the church fellowship hall. Meat, beans, and paper goods will be provided. Guests are asked to bring a salad, vegetable or dessert.

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Lee remarked he was a little tired and recalled he had not had a break since school began in 1994. It was a busy senior year where he excelled both in sports and academics. He graduated in May as salutatorian of the class with a 92.935 gpa.

He says he is looking forward to coasting for a month now. He will attend Stephen F. Austin University this fall on a track scholarship and is looking forward to competing there with his brother, Ron, a senior, and an All-American decathlete at the school. Ron was working a track camp at Texas A&M and was unable to go to the national championship but the close-knit brothers will get plenty of track next year.

Lee's parents, Sid and Kathy McCown did attend the meet and were understandably elated over the outcome. Mrs. McCown said Tuesday night that a former Robert Lee woman and her husband visited with them at the meet. Mrs. Jessie Summers Royse and her husband live at Medford, Oregon and came to the meet in Klamath Falls to watch Lee. Mrs. Royse said she was an Observer/Enterprise subscriber and had seen in the paper two weeks ago that he would be there. She said she wanted to see someone from her hometown in competition. She graduated from Robert Lee in 1940.

What a climax to an outstanding year for Lee who was also prominent in football and basketball! To be one of only 15 selected to compete in the national decathlon championships - much less place second - is mighty high cotton in anybody's book.

Coke County Arrests

June arrests and charges filed in Coke County include the following cases:

Steven L. Sockwell - Theft by check/Failure to appear, 6-1-95; Bartley Murl Goodman - Minor in possession of alcohol, 6-11-95; William Tray Taylor - Minor in possession of alcohol, 6-11-95; Christopher Joe Ross - Minor in possession of alcohol, 6-11-95; Gwen Baker - Assault Class "C", 6-13-95; Alice Garza - Burglary of a building/Motion to revoke probation, 6-13-95; Bruce Williams - Public intoxication/Capias pro fine, 6-16-95; Jerry Webster, Jr. - Theft Class "B".

have set another national decathlon record. He pole vaulted 13.4 and had a 5 minute mile. In an event not practiced much in the area - the javelin throw - Lee said it came rather natural to him. The first time he threw it in the spring he had 165 feet, then later a 176. At the nationals, he managed a 187-6 throw for a 2nd.

In telling a little about the national meet, Lee said it was a well-organized event. Athletes stayed with host families which made the boys welcome, and led the participants to say they were going "home" to rest.

The weather was a pleasant 85° - the announcer told what the athletes' hometown temps were. On the day of the announcement, Robert Lee's was 101° and Lee was glad it was cooler in Oregon.



**Lake E. V. Spence
Water temperature
84 degrees**

Hub City West Texas Anglers, from Lubbock, Texas, held a one day tournament Sunday, July 9th.

There were fifteen anglers fishing the tournament and a total of 9 black bass reeled in.

Bill Pool reeled in the largest bass with a pop-r top water lure. It weighed in at 7.27 lbs. He also reeled in two others that made him first place with a total of 12.03 lbs.

Rusty Black reeled 3 bass in weighing 6.55 lbs. which put him in second place.

Dewayne Fenny made 3rd place with one bass weighing in at 2.33 lbs.

The tournament was headquartered at Paint Creek area, and all black bass were released.

The stripers and white bass have been top surfacing in the early mornings and late evenings. Some not so large but still keepers.

Dennis Thomas - Lubbock, reeled in a 13 1/4 lb. steeper using a white jig.

Ryan Mathews - Lubbock, also reeled in a 2 1/3 lb. steeper.

When a man is all wrapped up in himself, he makes a pretty small package.

-John Ruskin

Death Notices

Matlock

Billy Matlock, formerly of Robert Lee, died in College Station on Tuesday, July 11, following a long illness.

Graveside funeral services are scheduled for Friday, July 14, at 11:00 am, in Snyder at Hillside Memorial Gardens.

Billy, 35, was raised in Robert Lee and was an RLHS graduate.

He is survived by two daughters; his mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Matlock of Brady; a sister, Madeline Matlock, also of Brady; one brother and his wife, Mark and Denise Matlock of College Station; and his grandmother, Mrs. Ruth Jenkins of Robert Lee.

He was preceded in death by his father, Bill Matlock, and his wife, Jodie.

Harris

Vera Harris, 97, of Sterling City, died Wednesday, July 5, 1995, in the Sterling City Nursing Home.

Service was at 10 am Saturday, July 8, in Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with burial in Trinity Memorial Park.

Mrs. Harris lived in Robert Lee for a number of years, near her daughter and family while Mrs. Craig taught in the Robert Lee school system.

Survivors include a daughter, Myra Craig of Sterling City;

a sister, Birdie Tate of Dallas; two grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Mitchell

Allene Gertrude Mitchell, 81, of Bronte died Friday, July 7, 1995 at her residence.

Graveside service was held at 2:30 pm Monday, July 10, in Fairview Cemetery. Arrangements were by Shaffer Funeral Home.

She was born May 31, 1914, in Bronte and was a longtime resident. She had been a beautician for 54 years and was a member of the Bronte Church of Christ.

Survivors include two sons, Don Mitchell of Bronte and Bill Mitchell of Brackettville; a sister, Odella Wrinkle Coalson of Bronte; two grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Lewis

Marjorie Brown Lewis, 75, of San Angelo, died Friday, July 7, 1995, in a San Angelo hospital.

Funeral service was conducted at 2 pm Monday, July 10, at the First United Methodist Church in San Angelo with the Reverend Carl Rohlf's officiating. Graveside service followed in Fairmount Cemetery under the direction of Johnson's Funeral Home.

Marjorie is survived by her husband of 53 years; her two daughters, Merriet Lewis of Dallas and Laura Morgan and her husband, James Morgan, of Georgetown; one granddaughter, Emily Ruth Morgan; and two sisters, Joyce Hope Jarmon of Corpus Christi and Gwendolyn Scherz of San Angelo.

Pallbearers included two cousins of Robert Lee, Pritch Brown and Dale Brown.

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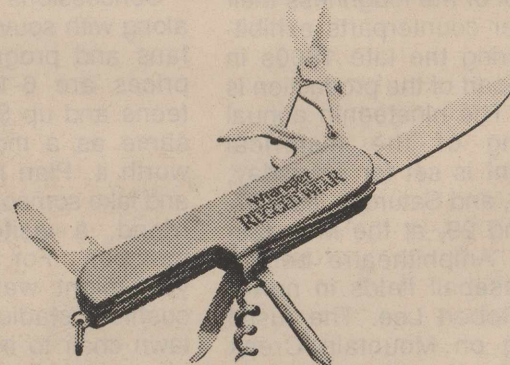
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Pageant News

Do you know what self-stick stamps and Coke County have in common?

Neither has any "likker". Got that one from the postmaster, Harrell Johnston. Come see him as the Rabbit Twister in the musical.

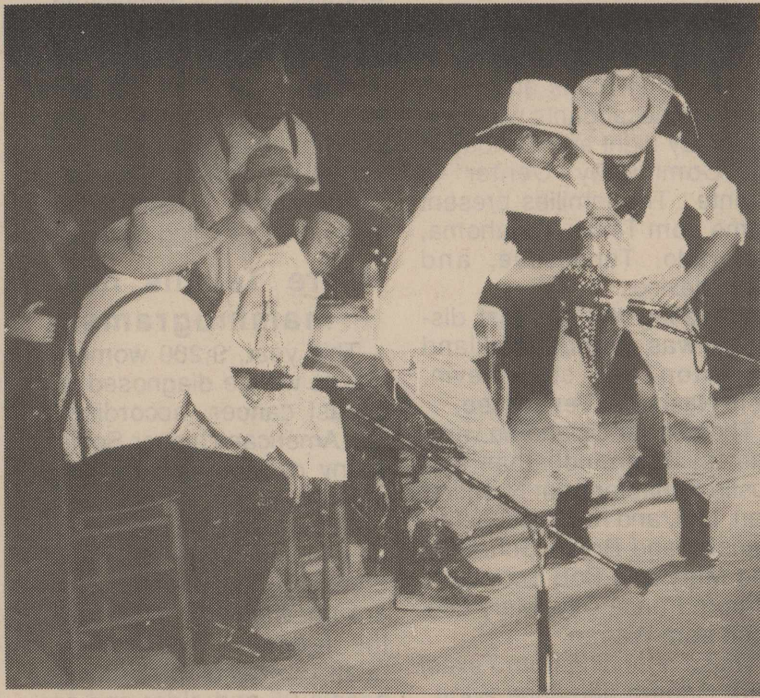
Do you have your outfit picked out yet to wear to the play? Period dress is encouraged. Gets us all in the spirit of Ole Coke County.

If you have any period clothing to donate call Lucile Bryan. She is also looking for a child's teepee.

We could always use stage hands and the choir invites your voice.

So, join the fun! Call Lucile or see her at the amphitheatre almost any evening after 8 pm. Just show up!

You can still get tickets and memberships at Winks Insurance and Forgreen's in Robert Lee and S&S Printing in Bronte. Of course, tickets are always available at the gate.



Patrons of the Blue Goose whoop it up in last year's Ole Coke County pageant.



Ruth Williams (center) celebrates with fellow postal employees (l-r) Joann Runnion, Art Runnion, Harrell Johnston, and Jewell Wallace at her surprise retirement party recently.

Surprise party for Williams

Friday, June 30, 1995, started out as a normal day for Ruth Williams. That only lasted until 11:30 that morning as she returned from delivering the mail to her customers and the Silver Post Office for the last time.

Ruth was met at the Robert Lee Post Office by about 60 of her friends and customers for a surprise retirement party. People streamed in for an hour remembering old times and wishing the best for Ruth in the future.

Ruth Williams took over the route after her husband died ten years ago, they had had the contract to carry the mail to Sanco and Silver Post Offices and the customers in between for 48 years.

Punch and a cake depicting her route in full color relief were served to the well wishers. Many gifts were delivered to Ruth by the attendees including a wooden bank made to look like an old Post Office presented by the Postal employees.

June brides should change name

Here's another item for June brides to add to their list of things to do: be sure to change your name with Social Security if you change it at work.

Social Security reports that one of the most common mistakes in wage reporting occurs when brides forget to change their name. According to Franklin H. Upp, manager of the San Angelo Social Security Office, the result is that their earnings may be reported under their new name. Social Security computers

may then be unable to process the earnings because the name and number are not consistent with Social Security records.

"Some people put it off because they think a lot of paperwork is involved. Actually,

you can do most of it with a toll-free phone call," Upp said. "We send you the application in the mail and you complete it and send it back with proof of your old name and your new name. Or you can stop by any Social Security office. It takes only a few minutes."

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COUNTRY AGENTS NEWS

by Tommy Antilley
Coke County Agent

Lawn problems for summer

In the recent weeks, several St. Augustine yards started out extremely green and then seemingly overnight turned a pale yellow. Most of this is due to iron deficiency. Tell-tale symptoms are alternate pale, bleached strips between the veins running up and down the leaves gradually turning the entire leaf yellow. Applying fertilizers with fairly high amounts of phosphorous can aggravate iron deficiency.

To remedy iron deficiency, apply iron sulfate or an iron chelate. Iron sulfate (copperas) can be applied as a foliar spray at the rate of 4-8 ounces in 5 gallons of water per 1,000 square feet of lawn.

CCRA Playday Results

Results from the Coke County Rodeo Association Playday held Friday, June 30th, at the Roping Arena in Bronte were:

5 & under with Help

Barrels - 1st. Kasié Skinner.

Flags - 1st. Cody Brosh, .4519; 2nd. Kasié Skinner, 1:4244.

Poles - 1st. Cody Brosh, .5228; 2nd. Kasié Skinner, 2:1772.

Goat Hair-pulling - 1st. Cody Brosh, .3535; 2nd. Kasié Skinner, .4434.

6 - 8 year olds

Barrels - 1st. Becca Skinner, .2962.

Flags - 1st. Becca Skinner, .1883.

Poles - 1st. Becca Skinner, .4532.

Goat Hair-pulling - 1st. Becca Skinner, .1670.

9 - 12 year olds

Barrels - 1st. Lyndon Butler, .2035; 2nd. Amber Brosh, .2372.

Flags - 1st. Lyndon Butler, .1226; 2nd. Amber Brosh, .1432.

Poles - 1st. Lyndon Butler, .2838; 2nd. Amber Brosh, .3218.

Goat Hair-pulling - 1st. Amber Brosh, .1606.

13 - 15 year olds

Barrels - 1st. Brandi Brosh, .1959; 2nd. Leia Brunson, .2028.

Flags - 1st. Leia Brunson, .1013; 2nd. Brandi Brosh, .1072.

Poles - 1st. Brandi Brosh, .2757; 2nd. Leia Brunson, .5406.

Goat Tying - 1st. Leia Brunson, .2059.

The next scheduled playday is this Friday, July 14th at 7:00 pm at the Arena in Bronte. There will be one more playday this summer on Friday, July 28th at 7:00 pm.

There will be a workday for all Coke County Rodeo Association members to help get the rodeo grounds ready for the July 21st and July 22nd Coke County Rodeo. Members are asked to meet at the arena around 4:00 pm on Sunday, July 16th.

Add 1 ounce of household detergent for good leaf coverage. Repeat application may be needed in 4-6 weeks.

Another problem in both Bermuda and St. Augustine is putting up seed heads. This is usually a sign of nitrogen deficiency. Following rains or sufficient watering, if nitrogen is deficient, it will cause the plant to go from vegetative to reproductive state and it will put up a seed head.

To eliminate this problem, mow the yard and then apply 5 pounds of 21-0-0 fertilizer per 1,000 square feet of lawn and water in.

For information about lawn and landscape problems, you can contact the Texas Agriculture Extension Office at 453-2461.

Fort Chadbourne Days

The "Fort Chadbourne Days" in Bronte was a huge success. Sponsored by the Bronte Chamber of Commerce, the day was filled with activities - from a flag ceremony by Fort Concho Color Guard Unit, Fort Chadbourne artifacts display provided by Garland Richards, arts and crafts booths, wagon and pony rides, space walk, country and western singing and food booth.

During the evening hours the crowd moved from downtown Bronte to Fort Chadbourne for a buffalo target shooting demonstration by Garland Richards along with tours of the Fort.

Fort Chadbourne Days was held in conjunction with a golf tournament at Singing Winds Golf Course and a Ranch Rodeo at the Bronte Roping Arena.

Bronte Chamber of Commerce Directors are Royce Lee, President; Pam Stokes, Secretary; and Dorris Sonnenberg, Treasurer; Jimmy Ed Mackey, Frank Sanders, Bart Rosenquist, Cynthia Robinson, Pat Lee and Richard Hembree.

Robbins-Kirkland Reunion

The annual get-together of the W. A. Robbins and G. P. Kirkland descendants was held Saturday night and Sunday at the Community Center in Bronte. The families present came from Texas, Oklahoma, Colorado, Tennessee, and New Mexico.

Traveling the farthest distance was Wanda Kirkland Caperton and son, Kevin, from Nashville, Tennessee.

Those from Oklahoma were James, Diann, Jonathan and Justin Schaefer from Newkirk; Karl, Lori, and Kayla Schaefer, Carissa and Bryan Schaefer and Mary and Bob Schaefer, all from Ponca City; Mary Lee Scott from Warren.

Those attending from Texas were George and June Scott, Mary Ila Scott, and James Scott from Sweetwater; Gwen Brice of Tulia; Roger, Robin, and Spencer of San Antonio; Evelyn Jo Kirk from Kerrville; Mary Payne and Sam Payne of Abilene; Ollie Hogue, David and Gayle Teel from San Antonio; Nancy Hogue of Dallas; Norman Hogue of Duncanville; Bill and Maxine Labenske from Houston; Joshua Moore of Ft. Stockton; Dwain, Lou Ann, Dwain G. (III) Moore and John Robert Moore; Barbara, Lindsay and Courtney Jackson, Betty Jean Chambliss, Don and Regina Clary, Janet and Norman Koonce, Hanna Quattlebaum, Ronnie and Carolyn Robbins, Cody and Jill Rogers, and Annie Williams all from Midland; Jettie McKnight, Edd Roy Patterson, Carlene Battery, Portis and Mary Robbins, Tammie, Ashley and Maxine Allen, Vivian Fields, Green and Margaret Fields, Laverne Johnson, Joe Weldon and Louise Fields, all from San Angelo; Helen Kirkland, Ollie Mae Cowley, Carroll and Lillian Robbins, Permelia Reed, Katherine Patterson, Gladys Baker, and Ella Pruitt, all from Bronte; Jettie Ann Moore from Big Spring.

Present from Elbert, Colorado was Ryan Andrey.

Attending from New Mexico was Waldene Malone of Clovis.

A bountiful pot luck dinner was brought and served at the noon hour. Pictures of earlier days were on display. A family tree was enjoyed by old and young alike. A side trip was

taken by several carloads of cousins to Hayrick to the Robbins original homestead.

Three generations retraced their ancestry there on Sunday afternoon. Visiting and "remember when" was enjoyed by approximately 77.

Late afternoon goodbyes came with all present looking forward to returning next year.

More Texans need mammograms

This year, 9,200 women in Texas will be diagnosed with breast cancer, according to the American Cancer Society. Many of them will be older women.

As women age, their risk of developing breast cancer increases. Yet many of them are unaware that Medicare - the federal government's health benefits program for people 65 and older and certain disabled persons under 65 - covers one of the most effective procedures for detecting breast cancer early, the mammogram.

To inform older women about this important Medicare benefit, first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton and the Health Care Financing Administration of the U. S. Department of Health and Human Services have begun a nationwide information campaign. In Texas, a coalition of private, nonprofit, and state organizations - the Texas Partnership for Promoting Breast Cancer Awareness - is assisting in this national education effort.

Along with a clinical breast examination by a doctor or nurse, a mammogram (X-ray of the breast) can detect cancer in its early stages when it is most likely to be successfully treated. Medicare covers a large portion of the cost of these procedures once every 24 months, and will cover additional mammograms if they are medically necessary.

But in Texas, only 32 percent of women 65 or older who were not enrolled in health maintenance organizations (HMOs) had a Medicare-

paid mammogram in 1992 or 1993, according to the U. S. Department of Health and Human Services.

These percentages indicate that many older women in Texas do not use their Medicare benefits to cover mammograms, which is why members of the Texas Partnership for Promoting Breast Cancer Awareness have joined efforts to inform them about early detection of breast cancer through mammograms. Partnership organizations include: American Association of Retired Persons; American Cancer Society, Texas Division, Inc.; Medicare Part B (Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas, Inc.); National Cancer Institute's Cancer Information Service of Texas and Oklahoma; Texas Department of Health; Texas Department of Insurance; Texas Department on Aging; Texas Medical Foundation; Texas Senior Advocacy Coalition; and the Health Care Financing Administration of the U. S. Department of Health and Human Services.

For a free Medicare brochure about mammograms, a list of Texas Partnership organizations and their telephone numbers for additional materials, and information about how to obtain a low-cost mammogram (available in Spanish or English), Texans are encouraged to call the Texas Medical Foundation Medicare Beneficiary Hotline at 1-800-725-8315 (TTY:1-800-725-8339). Se habla Español.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Observer/Enterprise, Please keep my paper coming. I enjoy it, just wish it was a bigger paper. I like to read about my great-grandchildren. They are so precious to me. I am sending payment for my paper.

Thanks,
Eura Royall

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Disaster loans available from SBA

Businesses depending on farmers and ranchers in Coke, Coleman, Concho, Nolan, Runnels, Taylor and Tom Green Counties can now apply for low interest Economic Injury Disaster Loans from the U. S. Small Business Administration (SBA). These loans are available to help businesses meet normal operating expenses that cannot be met due to the effects of a disaster. Drought which occurred October 3, 1993 through August 31, 1994 caused many farmers and ranchers to experience reduced incomes which may have had an adverse economic effect on businesses depending upon these producers. Farmers and ranchers are not eligible for this loan program but may be eligible for disaster assistance through other Federal agencies. However, nurseries that are victims of drought disasters can apply.

To obtain an application or receive additional information, interested business owners may call the SBA toll-free at 1-800-366-6303 or TDD 817-267-4688 for the hearing impaired. The deadline for filing applications is November 15, 1995.

Due to the drought, many producers experienced crop losses and were not able to purchase goods and services at normal levels. Businesses that are dependent upon these producers may have experienced decreased sales, reduced gross profit margins, increased accounts receivable or difficulty in moving inventories at normal levels. To the extent these problems have caused the business difficulty in meeting its normal obligations, these loans may be of assistance. The loan can help a business meet installments on long-term debt, accounts payable and overhead expenses that would have been met had the disaster not occurred. Refinancing of long-term debt, however, is not eligible under this program. The loan is designed for those businesses with substantial disaster-related needs and is intended to supplement monies the business owner can provide from other sources.

Loans may be approved for up to \$1,500,000 for actual disaster-related financial needs of the business. Interest rates are four percent (4%) and terms may extend to thirty (30) years, depending upon the repayment ability of the individual applicant. To qualify, businesses must be small by SBA's size standard. Businesses which can meet their financial needs through other sources are not eligible.

Rohypnol use spreading in Texas

A drug which had previously only been seen along the Mexican border has now spread northward in Texas. Youth are "getting roached" - using Rohypnol (flunitrazepam), an inexpensive sedative purchased in Mexico, to heighten the effect of alcohol and to drug girls for gang rape initiations. Disinhibition is the intended effect when girls are

given the drug without their consent by adding it to their drinks.

Manufactured by Hoffman-LaRoche and a member of the benzodiazepine family, Rohypnol is moving northward in Texas very quickly. It is a legal drug in much of the world, but it is illegal in the United States. Although chemically Rohypnol is a "downer" (it is used for the short-term treatment of insomnia), it has a paradoxical effect and users can become aggressive and do things like slam dancing, which can be physically damaging since participants do not know when they are hurt. It produces amnesia and is sometimes known as "The Forget Pill." Rohypnol is also called Rophynol, Rophies, Ruffies, and Roche or, in Texas, R-2, Mexican Valium, Rib or Rope.

Rohypnol is sold for \$2.50 to \$5 per pill. The number of cases reported by the state police lab on the lower border involving Rohypnol has gone from 31 in 1991, to 53 in 1992, 124 in 1993 to 197 in 1994. This year, through March 24, there were 64 reported cases. In February, more than 57,000 tablets of Rohypnol, packaged in bubble packs, were seized in McAllen, along with 53 pounds of marijuana. The drugs were obtained in Mexico and were destined for Florida. Also that month, more than 52,000 tablets, packaged loosely in plastic bags and located inside a car door, were seized in Louisiana.

The drug has now become popular in the Houston area, and an Austin area school district reports that it is "all over" the schools.

Reports of Rohypnol abuse in the United States were first documented in June 1993. At the time, Rohypnol was seen only in South Florida, where it has now become the fastest growing drug problem. Its use has spread north through Florida and west in Alabama and Mississippi. Although use of the drug is relatively new to the United States, it was introduced in Europe in the 1970s.

Use is almost always in combination with beer and other drugs and experts warn that it could be a gateway to use of harder drugs and other combinations of drugs. Many of the users are involved in gangs.

Once physical dependence has developed, abrupt termination of the drug will result in withdrawal symptoms, such as headache, muscle pain, extreme anxiety, tension, restlessness, confusion and irritability. Higher doses may induce amnesia. Adverse behavioral effects include restlessness, agitation, irritability, aggressiveness and, more rarely, delusion, rages, nightmares, hallucinations, psychoses and inappropriate behavior. Withdrawal seizures can take place seven or more days after use ceases. Clients in treatment require medical detoxification, with withdrawal consisting of tapering off using other benzodiazepines.

One of the Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse's objectives is to provide information on the incidence and prevalence of substance use, problems, and unmet needs across the state. The agency monitors drug use trends to identify new drugs and different use patterns so state and local agencies can plan ahead to meet changing prevention and treatment needs. TCADA participates in the national Community Epidemiology Work Group, which is sponsored by the National Institute on Drug Abuse, and sponsors the Texas Epidemiology Work Group (TEWG). At the annual TEWG session, representatives of local law enforcement agencies, treatment programs, medical examiners, street outreach workers, and Department of Public Safety, Drug Enforcement Administration and State Board of Pharmacy officials report on emerging trends across the state.



Bronte school teacher Jerita Taylor, shown with WTU's Kit Horne, recently attended a three-day symposium sponsored by WTU.

Taylor attends symposium

Jerita Taylor of Bronte joined 30 West Texas educators to learn more about renewable energy and how to use that knowledge in the classroom during a three-day symposium sponsored by Education Service Centers 14, 15 and 18 and West Texas Utilities Company.

The symposium, held June 28-30, in Fort Davis, Texas, included lectures, hands-on activities and field trips.

"Teachers are always looking for new resources and information for their students," said Kit Horne, farm and ranch community relations consultant for WTU, "Programs like this give teachers useful information they can't get from textbooks."

The teachers, from fourth-through ninth-grade science classes, received hands-on training and information about the use and feasibility of solar panel technology and windpower electricity generation. They visited the Central and South West Renewables Energy Solar and Wind Power Projects and McDonalds Observatory.

WTU sponsors workshops aimed at different teachers, such as science or agriculture teachers, once a

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Stenholm accepting applications

Congressman Charles W. Stenholm is currently accepting applications from young men and women who are interested in attending one of the United States Service Academies.

Eligible applicants will be at least 17, but not past their 22nd birthday, by July 1, 1996, and must have graduated from high school by that date. Competitive applicants will be in the top 20 percent of their class and have SAT scores above 500 Verbal and 550 Math, or ACT scores of 24 English and 25 Math. Involvement in extra-curricular activities, including school and community organizations and sports, as well as full or part-time employment is also in the applicant's favor.

Individuals who wish to attend the Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs, Colorado, the Military Academy at West Point, New York, the Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland, or the Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point, New

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SS benefits for children

Social Security benefits for children are one of the least known features of the Social Security protection available to all workers. For children under 18, however, it is the most important safety net available to them when a parent dies, becomes disabled, or retires.

More than 3.7 million children are currently receiving benefits totalling more than a billion dollars monthly. Social Security benefits can be paid to a retired, disabled or deceased workers' biological child, adopted child, stepchild, and, under certain conditions, grandchild.

Children may receive Social Security benefits from a parent who has died, retired, or become disabled if they are under age 18, or 19 if a full-time high school student, or at any age if disabled before age 22. The children must be unmarried and have earnings from work of less than annual earnings limit (\$8160 for 1995).

The amount of the benefit payable to a child may be as high as 75 percent of the deceased worker's benefit for survivors and 50 percent for children of retired or disabled workers. The amount of the benefit is subject to a family maximum payable to the dependents of the worker.

Divorce has no effect on the Social Security benefit rights for children.

For more information, call toll free 1-800-772-1213.

Boykin surprise party

A surprise party was held July 8th to celebrate Ben Boykin's 75th birthday.

Out-of-town guests included Billy Bob and Dawn Highsmith from Boerne; Charles Highsmith of San Marcos; Koyle Knappe, A&M College; Dennis and Becky Purvis, Laura and Kari, all of Sonora.

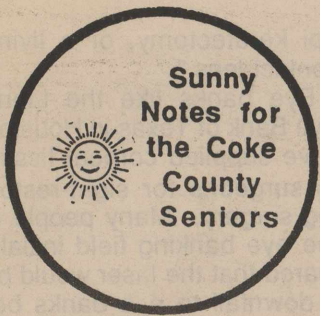
Robert Lee guests included Marcela Blaylock; J. E. Quisenberry; Bill and Ruby Jones; David and Alene Key; Donnie and Audry Devoll and Chad; Darrel, Sharon, Judd, Jerrod, Matthew, and Travis Pitcock; Nelia and D. J. Walker; Mark, Cindy, Julie, and Cooper Riley.

The Boykins were taken completely by surprise. It was a huge success and Ben had a wonderful birthday party.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Sir:
I am mailing you a check for \$20.00 in order for you to continue sending the Observer/Enterprise paper to my address. I still know a few people there.

Edith T. Mitchell
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Sunny Notes for the Coke County Seniors

Quilters! It's time.

Thursday, July 20th, is our next quilting day. Doors open at 9:00. Bring a covered dish and come join us if you would like to learn or renew some skills from the past. They will be finishing the quilt that they started at Fort Chadbourne Days. Those who helped with the quilting demonstration that day were: Pearl Mae Andrews, Lora Belle Brown, Bernie McCarty, Charlie Belle Bagwell, Ella Pruitt, Eula Maude McCutchen, Helen Kirkland, Marguerite Sonnenberg and Ann Ellis.

It's Hot!

Seniors, when it's hot, take extra care of your self. Stay cool, out of the sun, especially in the heat of the day, drink plenty of fluids, and come see us down at the Senior Center. It is cool down here!

Meals on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. You don't have to heat up your kitchen to cook a nutritious meal.

We have a movie, we quilt, we have potluck and even have time just to sit and visit. We offer at different times of the month, health checkups. We provide educational programs which benefit seniors. We have guests who come in and give programs, different events each month. Come check us out. If we are not offering what you need, let us know. We might just be able to fill your need.

Remember, this is your Senior Center and we would like to have more of you take advantage of what your tax dollars provide. There are lots of services out there for seniors and we can even help locate and provide numbers and information about those services. Call 473-6471 for more information.

MENU FOR THE WEEK

Monday, July 17

Chili Con Carne, Cabbage Wedges, Corn, Cornbread, Gelatin

Wednesday, July 19

Sweet and Sour Pork, Peas, Cornbread, Peach Half, Brownie with Nuts

Friday, July 21

Roast Beef, Brown Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Broccoli, Hot Roll, Gingerbread

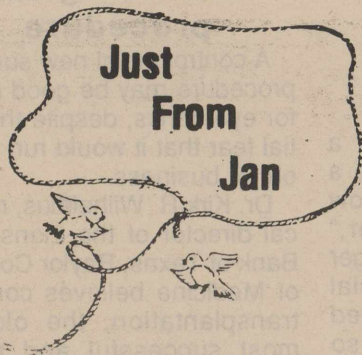
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Kids give opinions on food and activity

Do kids think they are physically fit and have good eating habits? According to a Gallup telephone survey, more than half say "yes." The survey results are based on telephone interviews with a national sample of 410 children between the ages of 9 and 15.

Over 90 percent of the youngsters surveyed agree that a balanced diet and physical activity are important for good health. Fifty-two percent are aware of the Food Guide Pyramid and most could name at least one food group.

When asked about eating habits, about half (49 percent) reported eating meals with their family every day. Only 13 percent said they eat meals with their family only once or less per week. While two-thirds rated their own eating habits as good to excellent, breakfast is still the most frequently skipped meal (by 51 percent).

The study was initiated by the American Dietetic Association and the International Food Information Council in cooperation with the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports. A similar study was conducted in 1991. An important finding is that more kids surveyed in the most recent study rely on school lunches than in 1991.

The sponsoring organizations express concern that some confusion and misinformation about a healthy diet does still exist, however. Nearly three-fourths of kids said they are tired of hearing foods being labeled as "good" or "bad." They think their favorite foods are not good for them and that all high fat foods must be avoided in order to have a healthy diet. In addition, 64 percent say that foods that are good for

them don't taste good.

Commenting on these findings, Nancy Schwartz, Ph.D., R.D., of the American Dietetic Association's Center for Nutrition and Dietetics, says that nutrition messages for consumers, especially young people, need to emphasize that all foods can fit into a healthful diet with variety and balance over time.

When asked about physical activity, the good news is that respondents say the most important reason for being physically active is because it is fun (59 percent). Activities that youngsters said they do included playing outdoors, walking, jogging, riding a bike or playing sports. While these attitudes are promising, emphasis should continue to be placed on regular participation in both moderate and vigorous activities over time, says Sandra Perlmutter of the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports.

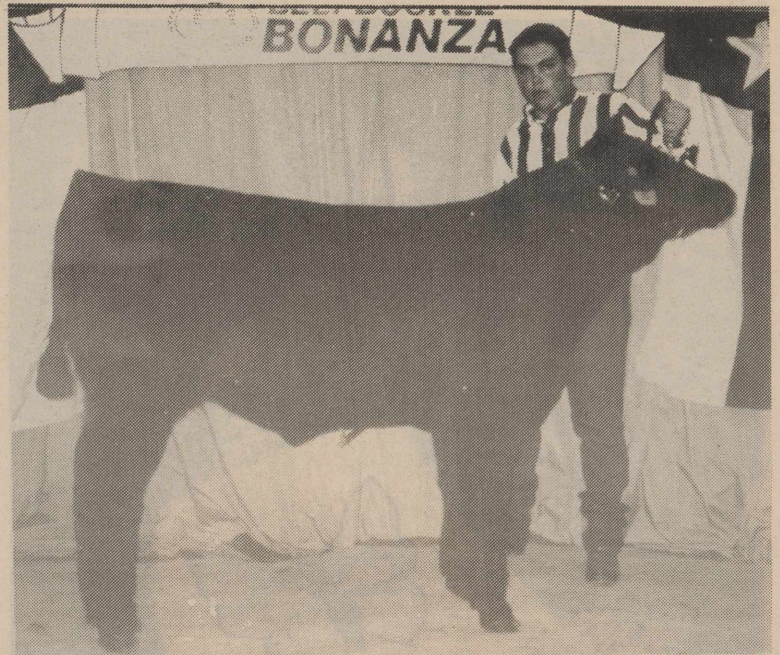
Where do children get their health information? It may be important for educators and parents to recognize that children reported getting nutrition information from schools and teachers (90 percent) and parents (77 percent) with television coming in third at 64 percent and books fourth at 60 percent.

TX pines being cut faster than growth

The entire state may some day pine for the woods of East Texas, say officials with the Texas Forest Service at Texas A&M University.

Texas pine trees are being cut down faster than they can grow, says Roger Lord, a staff forester with the forest resource development department of the state forest service in College Station.

In 1993, the number of pines being harvested by the wood-based industry rose 3 percent over the year before -



Shea Kelton, son of Steve and Sharon Kelton of Bronte, had the champion medium weight Angus steer during the July 4th holiday at the Whataburger Belt Buckle Bonanza in Austin, the world's largest prospect steer show.

an upward trend seen in 15 of the last 19 years. The same figures show that pines were being plucked from the forest at a rate of 9 percent above estimated growth, he says.

Statistics for the 1994 harvest are not yet available, but Lord expects those numbers to be up over 1993, possibly by 2 percent to 5 percent. He says rising timber prices and a growing national demand for Texas timber are behind the increasing harvests.

"It's a problem," says Lord, "but on the horizon there are some good things that make it less worrisome."

Lord says some members of the woodbased industry are planting nine plantations that should help the situation - provided the trees come on line like industry expects.

It keeps more than memories alive.

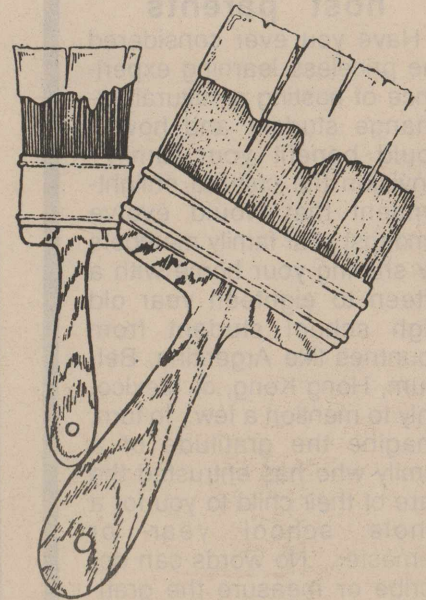


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Margaret Brunson shows off the quilt she won during the Bronte Nursing Home 4th of July festivities.

BNH 4th celebration

The Fourth of July Ice Cream Party and Fireworks was a huge success at the Bronte Nursing Home.

Homemade ice cream was served to over one hundred people. Mrs. Hurlin Lee and Geneva Minnick brought cupcakes and cookies to go with the frozen treats.

Cakes made by Lora Bell Brown and Marguerite Sonnenberg were auctioned off to raise money for the Activity Department. Drawings were held for carpet cleaning for one room and a hall, donated by Debora England, and a handmade queensize quilt, donated by Marguerite Sonnenberg. Margaret Brunson won the quilt.

YES seeks host parents

Have you ever considered the priceless learning experience of hosting a cultural exchange student and how it could benefit your family? Envision the cultural enlightenment that would evolve amongst your family members by sharing your home with a fifteen to eighteen year old high school student from countries like Argentina, Belgium, Hong Kong, or Mexico, only to mention a few. In turn, imagine the gratitude of a family who has entrusted the care of their child to you for a whole school year or semester. No words can describe or measure the gratitude of that family. If you host a student and then decide that you or a member of your family would like to visit the homeland of your student, rest assured that you will discover a lifetime friendship and will receive a royal welcome from that family. The YES program will include medical accidental insurance, transportation, and school enrollment at your local high school. These high achieving students will bring their own spending money and personal items. For more detailed information contact the nonprofit Youth Exchange Service (YES), 4675 MacArthur Court, Suite 830, Newport Beach, California, 92660, or call 1-800-848-2121.

Students need SS cards

"Any student looking for a summer job needs to have a Social Security card to show his or her new employer," says Franklin H. Upp, manager of the San Angelo Social Security office. "You will need to have the card with you so the new employer will have the correct name and number to credit your earnings and taxes."

If you've lost or misplaced your card, contact Social Security for a replacement. "You'll need to show some identification," Upp said, "but the process is really very simple." You can contact your local Social Security office to obtain the form or call Social Security's toll-free number, 1-800-772-1213, business days between 7:00 am and 7:00 pm.

"Remember," stresses Upp, "your future Social Security benefits will be based on the earnings posted to your Social Security record, so be sure you use the proper number."

New surgical procedure

A controversial new surgical procedure may be good news for eye banks, despite the initial fear that it would run them out of business.

Dr. Kirk R. Wilhelmus, medical director of the Lions Eye Bank of Texas, Baylor College of Medicine believes corneal transplantation, the oldest, most successful and most frequent transplantation operation performed in the world, may become even more successful due to the introduction of an excimer laser by Summit Technology, Inc.

The laser, approved by the FDA for photorefractive keratectomy, or the correcting of corneal shape, may soon be approved to "polish" away elevated scars on the surface of the cornea to improve sight. However, eye banks foresee a different use for the laser.

"We anticipate that the laser will be used to make a more precise, cleaner cut into the tissue, thus lessening scars and raising the high success rate of corneal transplantation to a new level," said Wilhelmus, "In the future we may see the development of an

epi keratectomy, or a living contact lens."

Eye banks like the Lions Eye Bank of Texas in Houston have supplied corneal tissue to surgeons for sight-restoring surgery. Many people in the eye banking field initially feared that the laser would be a downfall to eye banks because of its possibility of eliminating the need for transplantation.

Dr. Reinhart anticipates one problem that the excimer laser will cause in tissue procurement. He cautions eye banks to watch for tissue of donors who have undergone laser surgery.

"If the laser procedure is used as a polishing device, the cornea will be much thinner. We would have to develop a way of inspecting procured corneas before incision to prevent paper thin corneas from being transplanted."

"We are excited about the laser and look forward to the introduction of it into eye banking," said Emile J. Farge, Ph.D., executive director of the Lions Eye Bank of Texas, the largest eye bank in the world, "It's ironic that a beam of light will help to restore sight."

Topping off the evening was the firework display supervised by the Bronte Volunteer Fire Department.

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