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Attending the Texas Farm Bureau's 33rd annual Citizenship Seminar at ASU in San Angelo June 17-21 were (I. to r.): Shea Kelton of Bronte, Jessica Key of Robert Lee, and Ross McCrea of Sterling City.

RL urges citizens to conserve water

The City of Robert Lee, in an effort to help conserve water through the summer months, is asking for your cooperation in water conservation. During the dates of July 1 through September 30, please please refrain from all outdoor watering from 10:00 am until 6:00 pm daily.

Gospel Singing

The monthly community gospel singing will be held Sunday, July 7, from 2:00 -4:00 pm at Central Baptist Church in Bronte. Everyone is invited to attend and enjoy the fellowship.

4-H record book deadline

The 4-H Record Book deadline has been changed. Record books will be due on Tuesday, July 9, 1996. Any 4-H member wanting to receive a year pin or project pin must turn in a record book. If you need assistance with your book, please contact the Extension office (915) 453-2461.

Playday to be held in Bronte

The Coke County Rodeo Association will host a double playday Friday, July 5, at 7:00 pm at the rodeo arena in Bronte.

Students attend Farm Bureau seminar

Sponsored by the Coke-Sterling County Farm Bureau, three students from Bronte, Robert Lee, and Sterling City were among approximately 400 high school junior and senior students from over 150 counties across the state.

The purpose of the seminar is to provide the students with a better understanding of their American heritage and the capitalistic free enterprise system, according to Bobby Roberts of Robert Lee, county FB president.

Charles Benton (TFB Field Representative), Ann Leslie (1995 Miss TFB), and Taylor Bledsoe, the 1995 TFB Speech contest winner, presented a program on "Farm Bureau Youth Activities".

Speakers at this year's seminar and their subjects are as follows: Dr. John Pisciotta of Baylor University, "The Private Enterprise Economy: Foundation of Freedom and

4th of July Bake Sale

Robert Lee Volunteer Fire Department Ladie's Auxiliary will hold a bake sale to raise money for the volunteer fire department Thursday, July 4 at 8:00 am at Super H grocery. Anyone wishing to donate baked goods may do so by

baked goods may do so by bringing items to Super H or for pick up of goods call Lorrie Martin at 453-4500. The volunteer firemen appreciate any and all help. Engine of Opportunity"; Earl Taylor of the National Center for Constitutional Studies, "The Making of America"; and Kurt Swanda, Fort Worth, "America".

The video tape "A More Perfect Union" was shown to the students and there was a special presentation by Dale Minnick, a motivational speaker.

The students were welcomed to the seminar by Dr. James Hindman, president of Angelo State University.

Meat Goat Sale

Coke County 4-H will sponsor a Meat Goat sale to be held Saturday, July 13, from 1:00-5:00 pm at the show barn in Robert Lee. Outstanding meat goat prospects will be sold from several county breeders.

Newspaper closing

The Observer/Enterprise will be closed Thursday, July 4 and Friday, July 5, in observance of Independence Day. Students chosen to attend from the Coke-Sterling County area were Shea Kelton of Bronte, Jessica Key of Robert Lee, and Ross McCrea of Sterling City.

Br. Clean-Up Days Bronte residents are asked to check their trees for limbs that are hanging low over the city streets. Limbs need to be trimmed if they are low enough to affect the normal lanes of traffic.

Residents are reminded that Clean-Up Days will begin on July 8th. Tree limbs and lumber that are placed by the street will be picked up. Only tree limbs and lumber will be picked up. The limbs and lumber must be placed by the street by 8 am, Monday, July 8th.

Inmates from Carlsbad will be helping during Clean-Up Days. Anyone wanting to donate cookies or canned drinks to be served at lunch can contact Pat or Lori at the City Hall, 473-3501.



Letters to the Editor Policy

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BNH to host July 4th fellowship Come enjoy ice cream and the fireworks at 7:00 pm at the Bronte Nursing Home. Please bring a freezer of ice cream and your lawn chairs. There will be an auction between the social and fireworks.

Golf news for ladies

All ladies interested in golf are invited to gather at the Singing Winds Golf Course on Monday evenings at 6:30 pm. This golfing time is for beginners as well as experienced lady golfers of any age. For more information, call the golf course shop at 473-2156 or Mary Morrow at 473-7044. This group will meet every Monday evening.

Coke County native Sadye McCabe Chumley recently celebrated her 101st birthday. She is shown here in front of the quilt she completed at age 95. This was one of her quilts displayed at the recent San Angelo Quilt Show at the Cactus Hotel. Page 2 Friday, July 5, 1996 The Observer/Enterprise

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CRMWD lake report

Hot weather hasn't kept anglers away from Lake Ivie, where fishing conditions remain good for bass, catfish and crappie.

Lots of small black bass were caught on flats using crank baits and plastic worms. Also, topwater baits produced good results during the early morning and late evening hours. Larger black bass are still hitting around the points and main lake in water 20 to 30 feet deep. Along the deeper rocky areas, points, and the main lake, smallmouth bass were going for plastic worms and crank baits. The main lake was the place to be for white bass. Trolling along its rocky and sandy areas in water under 20 feet, white bass went for spoons, slabs, and crank baits.

Elm Creek seemed a good location for crappie fishing. Most were caught at night under lights in water 20 to 25 feet deep, and minnows were the best bait. Other areas where crappie were hanging out were coves, brushy areas, and the main lake.

Over baited holes in the main lake, channel and blue catfish kept lines fairly busy. Trotlines set around the flats and baited with stink bait and

> Sunny Notes for the Coke County Seniors

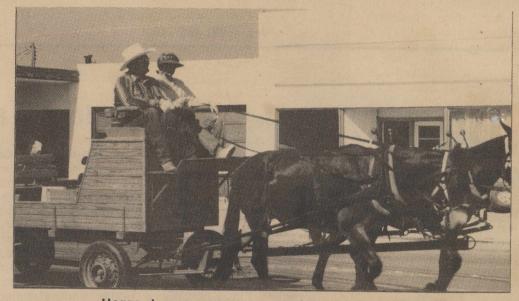
shad did well too. The yellow catfish went mainly for live baits placed on trotlines set in the main lake.

Lake elevation for Sunday, June 23, 1996, was 1542.86 feet. The surface temperature of the lake was 80.3 degrees Fahrenheit, and the bottom was 64 degrees Fahrenheit.

Lake elevation at Lake E.V. Spence was recorded at 1855.47 feet June 23, 1996.

Reports of catfish and striped bass being caught were turned in at the lake's two marinas. Stripers were the main story from Paint Creek Marina. Harold Foshe from Odessa had the largest; it weighed 20.5 pounds. At Wildcat Marina, on cut shad and perch, several stripers as big as 14.5 pounds were pulled in.





Horse-drawn wagons are of special interest during a parade, and Fort Chadbourne Days was well attended by wagons, horses, drivers, and riders.

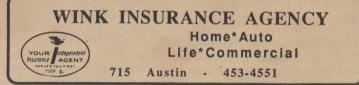
-Death Notices-----

Childress

Daryl Childress of Phoenix, Arizona, passed away June 17, 1996. He was born October 26, 1923 in Coke County and was brother to the late Melvin Childress. Daryl Copeland is his great nephew. Daryl was preceded in death by his mother, Pearl McCutchen Childress, in 1993. Pearl had returned from Arizona to Coke County after the death of Dean, her husband and Daryl's father, in 1986.



Construction of the City. The names of original Coke County county officials of 1891 courthouse was by were chiseled into the Martin, Byrns and stone that was quarried Johnson of Colorado from Hayrick Mountain.





Menu for the Week Monday, July 8 Salisbury Steak, Brown Gravy, French Baked Potato Slices, Broccoli, Hot Roll, Fruited Gelatin. Wednesday, July 10 Chili Dog, Chili Sauce, Corn, Spinach, Hot Roll, Plums. Friday, July 12 Sandwich, Potato Salad, Mixed Vegetables, Oatmeal Cookies.

Health Screening

Ballinger Home Health will be at the Senior Center Friday, July 12, at 10:30 am to take blood pressures and give blood sugar tests.

Debbie Hamilton with the Shannon Clinic will also be here that day to check hearing aids. The only cost for this service is for batteries if there is a need. ROBERT LEE POST OFFICE. PROCEEDS FROM RECYCLING ARE RETURNED TO ROBERT LEE SCHOOL.

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NO Magazines or telephone books. A telephone book drive may be scheduled in October-November.

NO Shredded paper.

CARDBOARD: Boxboard, grocery sacks, feed sacks, brown paper.

NO Cereal boxes, cake mix boxes, cigarette cartons.

ALUMINUM: NO food cans.

Anthony-Dear Unite

Dana Lee Anthony of Lubbock and Jon Marc Dear of Fort Hood were united in marriage on June 29, during a 4:00 pm ceremony at Indiana Avenue Baptist Church in Lubbock.

Rev. Calvin Gray of First Baptist Church-Idalou officiated the ceremony.

Parents of the couple are Max and Jen Anthony of Idalou, David and Linda Renz of Lubbock and Bob and Linda Dear of Harlingen.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore an elegant gown of white satin and Alecon lace, designed by Mori Lee. The bodice, encrusted with sequins and pearls, featured a high neck, long renaissance sleeves and a basque waist. The bull ball gown skirt, adorned with beaded lace appliques, was highlighted at the back waist with a satin bow, and flowed to an extended cathedral train.

To complete her attire, the bride chose a white satin hat highlighted with beaded lace appliques, pearl sprays and a single layer of silk illusion She carried a veiling. cascading bouquet of fuchsia and white star gazer lilies surrounded by white roses, pink kalanchoe, white stephanotis and English ivy.

Personal

Sue and Dale Wojtek hosted the 1996 Reunion at their home in Robert Lee. Fifty family members and friends came.

The children really enjoyed swimming and playing. The adults did a lot of visiting and telling funny stories about the past.

A delicious barbecued brisket lunch with all the trimmings was enjoyed by all.

Sue and Carla Sue held a white elephant and gag gift auction and kept us laughing.

This was one of the best reunions we have had. It will be remembered always by the kids.

Three of Grace and Claude Murtishaw's children were present: H.C., Maurine, and Mary. Mildred Wojtek was un-able to attend. Thula Eubank, Floyd Murtishaw, Doris Murtishaw and J.I. Murtishaw are deceased.

Those attending were: Melba, Otho, Kyle, Rosa, Kyla, and Kelley Long; Dale, Sue, Harvey, Carla Jean, Fred, Shanna and Maranda Wojtek of Robert Lee; Terry and Shirley Wojtek of Sterling City; Richard and Patsy Long of Sweetwater; Darell, Leona, Murty, Seth, and Angela Eubanks; Lajuan, Torrie, Jennifer, and Mathew Hayes of Lovington, NM; Carla Sue, Josh and Scotty Kristinek of Whitharral; H.C. and Chris Murtishaw of Timberon, NM; Jim and Babe Beyerlein, Mark and Eric Murtishaw, and Maurine Sparks of San Angelo; Helen Murtishaw of Bronte; Cliff and Mary Sharp of Carlsbad, Texas; and Jerry, Cliffie, and Lauran Sensabaugh of Coppell. Friends attending were Floyd and Jessie Harmon, Whitney Montgomery, Debbie and Andrew McCabe, Carolyn Casey, and Aaron Hood of Robert Lee.



Mrs. Jon Marc Dear

Attending the bride were matron of honor Sue Ann Nesbit of Robert Lee, Brenda Kitten of Lubbock, and Stephanie Cooper, also of Lubbock. They wore elegant sheath dresses of fuchsia crepe. The bodice featured a sweetheart neckline and a fitted bodice that flowed to a floor length skirt. They carried bouquets of fuchsia and white star gazer lilies, misty white, pink kalanchoe and rucus foliage.

The flower girl was Alyssa Anthony of Shallowater, niece of the bride. She wore a matching dress of fuchsia crepe and carried a basket full of mini alstroemaria, pink kalanchoe, misty white and English ivy.

The groom wore a white shirt, black western cut tuxedo jacket with tails, and a black bow tie. To complete his attire, he wore black Wranglers, black ropers and a black cowboy hat.

Attending the groom were best man Junior Patton of Killeen, friend of the groom, Jason Dear of Lubbock, brother of the groom, and Scott Leatherwood of Dalhart. The groomsmen's attire matched that of the groom; however, they wore fuchsia bow ties.

The ringbearer was Brody Anthony of Shallowater, nephew of the bride. He wore a tuxedo ensemble matching that of the groomsmen. He carried a white, satin, heartshaped ring pillow.

Ushers and candle lighters

Abilene, pianist and organist, Kathy Dawson and Kay Newberry, both of Wolfforth, who

Special guests were Rowena Stanley of Lubbock, grandmother of the groom, and Mr. and Mrs. Thurman Stanley of Arkansas, grandfather and stepgrandmother of the groom.

A reception hosted by Mr. and Mrs. Max Anthony immediately followed the ceremo-

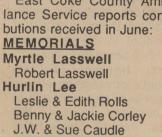
The bride's table was decorated with a tiered wedding cake accented by fresh white and fuchsia star gazer lilies, white roses and pink kalanchoes.

The groom's table served a chocolate cake featuring the names of the bride and groom and their wedding date.

A rehearsal hosted by David and Linda Renz and Bob and Linda Dear was held in the backyard of the Renz's home. Following a wedding trip to Las Vegas, Nevada, the couple will live in Lubbock.

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casion were Debra Brown of sang.

were Quint Anthony of Shallowater and Cody Anthony of San Angelo, brothers of the bride.

Providing music for the oc-

Helen Kirkland Michael Book **Glenn & Tanya Burwick** Jimmy & Carolyn Lee

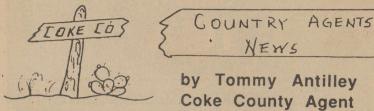
Summer Youth Series "Change Your World"

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1996 TAMU Beef **Cattle Short** Course

The 1996 TAMU Beef Cattle Short Course chose the theme "Management Strategies for Better Times" for this year's program, August 12-14, on the Texas A&M University Campus, announced Dr. Larry Boleman, Professor and Extension Beef Cattle Leader, Texas Agricultural Extension Service. Dr. Boleman says, "Producers want to know what is going on about prices of cattle, numbers of cattle, grain forecasts, farm bill, and of course, the drought. They want to know more about the market psychology. As if these weren't enough to worry about, the inference to unsafe beef that has been related to the European "Mad Cow" stories confound existing problems even more. Producers must focus on opportunities to work their way out of this market cycle while improving the quality and consistency of our product. Without question this is the worst of times for beef producers, and they are trying to position their operations to survive hopefully for better times to come." These are a few of the questions and issues that our conference will address in 1996

The 1996 TAMU Beef Cattle Short Course will take on the task of providing both information relating to beef market and management training to aid the "decisionmaking" process for producers during predicted tough market and drought conditions. Agricultural economists and industry leaders still project tough times for cattle producers, and producers must take that information and plan strategies to stay in business or perhaps decide to go out of business.

Texas A&M University faculty and staff, beef cattle producers and industry leaders have planned a program that will address the marketing conditions for producers planning management strategies for their operations for the next few years. Boleman said, "Without question, all statewide planning committees pointed to future lower prices for cattle to be a substantial problem, and indicated that producers will have to decide whether or not they can or should stay in business through 1997 and beyond." The committees have recommended speakers from across the nation to discuss how beef producers will plan strategies for the future. They will discuss what beef producers have to do to keep "beef" tops in the minds of consumers throughout the nation while maintaining stability. Producers will want to hear what is about to happen and how they sould react to the situation as well as the future of beef production in the United States.

AGENTS

day morning, August 12, and continue with an afternoon of technical beef cattle production training, that will allow more educational training time for producers in what is called "Cattleman's College". Last year's attendees enjoyed having more basic, intermediate, some hands-on, and advanced training in beef cattle production break-out seminars. The planning committees agreed that this would be a great idea for those who want to arrive a little early on Monday, and will provide concurrent training seminars in beef cattle marketing, reproduction, nutrition, health, etc. to be conducted from 12-5 pm on Monday, August 12. A meal will be provided in the Trade Show Area and will follow the training until 6:30 pm. Evening entertainment by the Brazos Valley Troup will be provided highlighting the popular hits from the 50s and 60s called Jumpin' Jukebox at 7:00 pm.

On Tuesday morning, August 13, the general session and the official opening of the TAMU Beef Cattle Short Course will begin as it has in the past 5 years. Speakers from across the nation will address participants at the "Management Strategies for Better Times" program. Agricultural economists, successful beef cattle producers and industry leaders will lead discussions related to management during current times. Panelists will address today's producers and this information is a must for beef producers.

The third day will continue with discussions about survival management strategies in the morning while emphasizing a quality product. Producer panelists will highlight this part of the program giving insight as to how small, midsized, and large beef producers will adjust to the existing marketing conditions. The afternoon session will conclude the program with a live animal demonstration in breeding, type, management and marceting of calves and stocker cattle at the Louis Pearce Pavilion.

RL Class of '49 reunites

The graduating Class of 1949 met with the Les Copelands Saturday evening, June 28. Present were Eula Faye Smith Blair and Bill Blair (both '49ers); Jennie and Roy Tinkler, Christine Clawson Stewart and James Stewart from Oklahoma; Janie Higgins Bruton and John Bruton from Midland; Esther Allen Jones from San Angelo and Tiny Hurley Whitworth from Junction. They enjoyed lots of food and visiting.

Sunday the group met in San Angelo for food, remembering and picture taking. Betty Clawson attended Sun-She and Christine day. (sisters) were both '49ers.

Some were missing for various reasons. Nelia Boykin Walker's knee surgery was still too recent for her to attend. Janet Dean Baker was also absent. Two other '49 grads who were long time schoolmates with those mentioned above were I.H. Devoll, Jr. of Kerrville and Bobby E. Seltz, who lives in Missouri.

Invitations were sent to others who were with the class several years.

Drought impact hits billions

The statewide economic impact of the record-setting drought for Texas agriculture could be more than \$6.5 billion, according to figures released by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

The projected direct economic loss to agricultural producers is about \$2.4 billion, said Dr. Roland Smith, associate department head for the department of agricultural economics at Texas A&M University. The remaining \$4.1 billion economic loss could result for industries associated with the harvesting, transportation, processing and marketing of agricultural and food products in the state. One in five Texas jobs depend on agriculture and agribusiness.

In 1995, sales of farm and ranch products in Texas totaled about \$14 billion. Adding the economic multiplier effect, the total impact of agriculture in the state was about \$45 billion last year.

Firm figures on the drought's devastating effects are not available because in the northern areas of the states, not all crops have been planted yet, Smith said.



Shea Kelton and Casey Antilley recently returned from the District 7 4-H Leadership Lab held at the State 4-H Center on Lake Brown-Shea was selected as the Information wood. Officer for the District 7 4-H Council during officer elections for 1996-1997.

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Well-known trees are included: oaks, maples, spruces, and pines. Also species such as horsechestnut and mockernut hickory, sassafras and shadbush, persimmon and pawpaw and pagodatree and pecan.

Dozens of drawings illustrate the trees' leaves or needles and their acorns, berries, seed pods, cones, etc. "What Tree Is That?" is organized to make it easy to identify trees in a simple step-by-step fashion.

"Helping people enjoy and appreciate trees is central to the educational mission of the Arbor Day Foundation," John Rosenow, the Foundation's president, said. "Being able to identify trees is important to knowing how to care for them and how to plant the right tree in the right place."

To obtain your free tree ID guide, send your name and address to "What Tree Is That?", The National Arbor Day Foundation, Nebraska City, NE 68410.

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Of course the Trade Show of 60 or more participants will still be a major attraction in addition to the program. Their participation helps to subsidize the producer's cost of this enormous program. The value of this program is well over \$150 per participant, yet the registration is only \$60 for participants. That includes a "Texas style" prime rib dinner, a "Down Home" all-you-caneat barbecue, noon meals, reception dinner, refreshments during breaks and early mornings, entertainment, and the conference proceedings. Further information is avail-

able from county Extension Agent Tommy Antilley. Please call (915) 453-2461.

Free tree guide available

"What Tree Is That?", a pocket guide for identifying trees, is available free-ofcharge from The National Arbor Day Foundation.

The 72-page guide will help vou identify 135 different trees found in the eastern and

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House approves MFN treatment for China (News & Views - by Charlie Stenholm 17th District U.S. Representative)

The future of American agriculture will increasingly rely on developments in countries and markets far from our shores. A case in point is China.

On June 29, the U.S. House of Representatives voted 286 to 141 to extend Most-Favored-Nation (MFN) treatment for China. This means that the U.S. will allow China's products to enter our country at the same low tariff rates that apply to virtually all trading partners.

While MFN treatment for China has been a controversial issue, it is important to keep in mind just how important trade is to the agricultural sectors in Texas and the United States.

For example, it is likely that grain supplies will continue to be tight through the next year. A rising demand from Asian economies could result in an export boom that could keep both production and prices at the boiling point for much of the upcoming decade.

From the fiscal year (FY) 1994 to FY 1995 agricultural exports increased by 175%. U.S. agricultural exports to China topped \$2.6 billion last year, compared to \$333 million worth of goods in 1993. In 1995, Texas was responsible for 23% of U.S. agricultural exports to China, with exports totaling \$650 million.

China's economy is one of the fastest growing in the world. Its income has grown 10% this year and is expected to continue at this rate through the coming decade. China has a population of 1.2 billion -- four and a half times more people than the U.S. -and includes a growing middle class with more disposable income that can be spent on more varied and more nutritious diets.

By 1995, U.S. grain exports to China had already reached 9.1 million tons. China's demand for grain is expected to outstrip supply by over 20 million tons as early as the year 2000. In fact, at 12 million tons per year, China is the world's largest wheat importer. By the year 2030, China is expected to import about 90 million tons -- one half of today's total global grain trade! China is the world's largest importer of cotton, and is the largest export market for U.S. cotton -- importing 18% of total U.S. exports. Cotton exports to China increased from \$497 million to \$813 million between 1994 and 1995. The U.S. currently exports \$12 billion in agricultural products to China each year, providing more than 170,000 American jobs. For each additional \$1 billion in agricultural exports, 20,000 jobs are created in the U.S. China is considered the most important growth market for U.S. agricultural exports in the next century. The benefits of trade with China for our farmers and ranchers depend

on maintaining and expanding economic ties. Extending MFN treatment to China will provide economic opportunities that will benefit agriculture in Texas and the nation.

New findings benefit preemies

Premature infants who receive small amounts of breast milk or formula within days of birth may benefit from a much needed boost in intestinal development.

Preliminary findings at the USDA's Children's Nutrition Research Center indicate that early feedings may stimulate the production of important enzymes as well as other digestive processes.

"Early feedings appear to increase lactase activity," said Dr. Robert Shulman, a CNRC investigator and an associate professor of pediatrics at Baylor College of Medicine. Lactase is an intestinal enzyme that is responsible for the digestion of lactose, or milk sugars, found in breast milk and formula.

Shulman believes this increase in lactase activity may enable premature infants to more quickly tolerate regular full feedings, a prerequisite for release from the hospital.

Shulman's findings are based on the progress of 70 premature infants who received small amounts of breast milk or formula as soon as four days after birth with 70 premature infants who did not receive food until they were 15 days of age.

"For years, premature infants have been automatically placed on intravenous feedings because doctors believed that breast milk or formula might jeopardize the infant's underdeveloped intestine and put the baby at risk of necrotizing enterocolitis (NEC)," Shulman said. NEC is a serious complication that destroys the intestinal lining.

"But, there comes a time when all premature infants must graduate from intravenous feedings onto oral feedings. We are finding that the advantages of early feedings appear to outweigh the disadvantages," he said.

Shulman believes that information from the study might play a role in defining the best way to feed premature infants and in standardizing feeding recommendations in hospital nurseries across the nation.

Shulman presented his findings at the annual meeting of the Society for Pediatric Research in Washington, D.C.



Bronte 7th and 8th grade girls participated in Summer League Volleyball at Lakeview. The team includes (top, I. to r.): Katy Frazee, Coach Jennifer McCorkle, (middle, I. to r.): Chrissie Israel, Lacy Schoenfield, Cara Sefcik, Angie Harrell, (front, I. to r.): Callie Walker, and Lauren Williams. (Not pictured is Chrissie Counts.)

TPWD statistics show that since the saturation patrols began recently, game wardens have contacted 168,549 people and issued 3,359 citations. Here are some of the most common infractions for which boaters are cited:

* Improper exhaust system not having a muffler insert or exhaust water manifold.

* Failure to have enough PFDs (personal flotation devices) on board. There must be a U.S. Coast Guard approved PFD for each person on board. All PFDs must be serviceable, readily accessible and of appropriate size for the intended wearer.

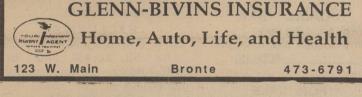
* Failure to display registration number.

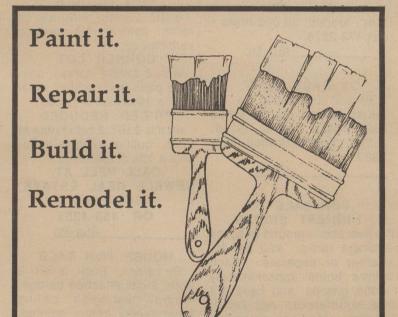
* Operating without proper lights. From sunset to sunrise, boats are required to have one red and green combination at the front of the boat and one 360 degree white light aft.

* Failure to have a serviceable fire extinguisher.

* Children under 13 years of age not wearing PFDs. All children under 13 years of age in motorboats under 26 feet in length must wear a U.S. Coast Guard approved







Lake patrol enforces

boating safety

Many boaters have noticed the increased numbers of law enforcement on lakes across Texas. Some have come in contact with a Texas Parks and Wildlife game warden and have a reminder of the experience - a citation.

"A lot of the citations are issued because boaters lack the proper number of life jackets or kids are not wearing life jackets," said Carlos Vaca, boating law administrator for TPWD. "But, surprisingly, a good number of the citations are issued because of failure to produce certificate of number." PFD while underway.

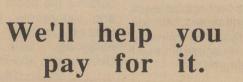
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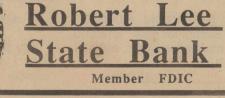
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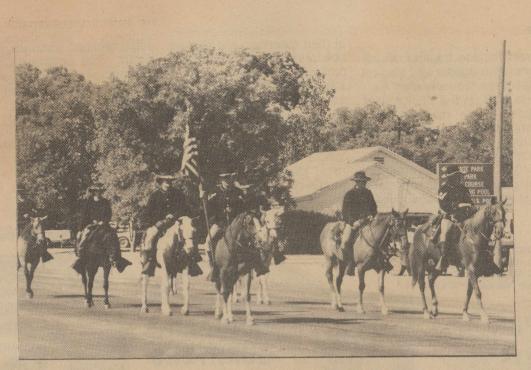
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A detachment of troops from Fort Concho was on hand during the Fort Chadbourne Days celebration, shown here during the parade. The soldiers performed drills throughout the day.



Goodyear's 1917 model Packard five-ton truck made its appearance during the Fort Chadbourne Days parade.



Enjoying summer

days with family Some people dream about those long warm summer days. Memories of eating popsicles on the front lawn, running through the sprinkler, and picking wild blackberries fill my mind. These simple, spontaneous, close-to-home * Blankets on the lawn can provide the center for many activities. An instant picnic, laying on your back relaxing while your toddlers play with toys, a place to enjoy stories or listen to the evening sounds.

* Tents become forts for toddlers and preschoolers. A great camping trip can take place in your own backyard. supper. Each family brings their own food or something to share -- no planning ahead -- keep it simple and focus on conversation and good company.

* Have a cupcake party. Cover a picnic table with vinyl tablecloth, bring lots of cupcakes, frosting, and an assortment of different toppings including chocolate chips, sprinkles, raisins and fruit.

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Boating safety campaign continues

199,694 and counting! That's how many people Texas Parks and Wildlife Department game wardens have personally contacted since the largest boating safety initiative in department history began in early May.

Game wardens continue to conduct saturation patrols in high-profile lakes across the state. Recently, they made contact with 11,381 boats, made 12 BWI arrests, and issued 624 water safety citations.

Law enforcement employees never know what they're going to encounter, and there have been a few odd incidents recently. These include:

* Shots fired at water skiers -An angry boat owner on the shores of the Trinity River fired shots at some water skiers after yelling at them that their wake was damaging his boat. No one was injured, and game wardens were not able to locate the shooter.

* Vigilant clerk helps nab boat thief - TPWD law enforcement accounting clerk Jean Wade of the Garland office was instrumental in the seizure of four personal watercraft and two trailers that had been stolen. Wade received three boat registrations in the mail and recalled that the applicant had been involved in some questionable transactions in the past. A check of the applicant and the equipment determined the boats to be stolen.

* PFD saves life - a skier in Guadalupe County hit a submerged log, which caused a major chest wound. The water skier had an approved personal flotation device (PFD), which saved his life.

* Child injured on personal watercraft - An 8-year-old riding a personal watercraft ran into a pier at Lake LBJ. He was transported to Burnet Hospital.

And, on the lighter side:

* Eight lives left - A stowaway kitten on board a boat on Medina Lake jumped ship when wardens made a safe boating check. The cat was not wearing a PFD, but wardens rescued it without incident.

Abalos joins Navy

Cynthia Abalos of Robert Lee, daughter of Manuel and Christine Abalos, recently enlisted in the United States Navy for guaranteed training in the Navy's Advanced Electronics program.

Cynthia enlisted under the Delayed Entry Program and will report to Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Illinois, in June 1997 for active duty, where she will undergo basic training.

Upon completion of basic training, Cynthia will begin 42 weeks of schooling at Great Lakes in the Advanced Electronics field. After successfully completing school, she could be assigned to any one of the Navy's duty stations around the world.

Cynthia is a 1996 graduate of Robert Lee High School.

^a 15 Hysterical Church Bloopers The following announcements actually appeared in various church bulletins:

 Don't let worry kill you - let the church help.
Thursday night - Potluck supper. Prayer and medication to follow.

3. Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our church and community.

4. For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

5. The rosebud on the altar this morning is to announce the birth of David Alan Belzer, the sin of Rev. and Mrs. Julius Belzer.

6. This afternoon there will be a meeting in the South and North ends of the church. Children will be baptized at both ends.

7. Tuesday at 4:00 pm there will be an ice cream social. All ladies giving milk will please come early.

8. Wednesday the ladies liturgy will meet. Mrs. Johnson will sing, "Put me in my little bed" accompanied by the

activities are cherished most.

Unfortunately, work schedules, to-do lists and scheduled activities result in more crazy days than lazy days.

Would you like to have more memorable days than hectic days this summer? Slowing down your busy pace involves loosening up on routines and making conscious choices about structured activities. Ask each family member what they enjoy the most about summer. Then plan summer activities that reflect your family's interests. Be sure and leave plenty of unplanned time for just hanging out with your family around home.

Do you feel comfortable with the idea of just hanging out? Here are a few ideas to keep on hand to spur your imagination: * Play games. Infants and toddlers love to play with balls and bubbles. Preschoolers enjoy Hide-and-Seek, Frisbee, T-ball, Mother May I?, and Red light, Green light. Think of outdoor games you played as a child. Build an obstacle course. Get neighbors involved in a giant game of hide-and-seek, or team children and parents up for a mini-scavenger hunt.

* Play with water. Sprinklers, swimming pools, water balloons, washing the car, watering the plants -- anything to be in or near the water.

* Spontaneous gatherings. Invite neighbors over to share a meal. It could be any time of the day -- a weekend breakfast, a lunch, or a week night * Take a walk or fly a kite.

* Make a sidewalk chalk picture.

Summer is a season of so many possibilities. Working parents can easily fill every day with tasks and "to-dos." It is easy to let our sense of urgency about an over-scheduled life prevent us from taking some time to enjoy our children. This summer let yourself relax and enjoy the lazy days of summer!

Renovations at RL City Hall Renovations will begin at Robert Lee's City Hall on Monday, July 8. Customers are asked to enter City Hall at the back entrance. pastor.

 9. Thursday at 5:00 pm there will be a meeting of the Little Mothers Club. All ladies wishing to be "Little Mothers" will meet with the Pastor in his study.
10. This being Easter Sunday, we will ask Mrs. Lewis to come forward and lay an egg on the altar.
11. The service will close with "Little Drops of Water". One of the ladies will start quietly and the rest of the

congregation will join in.

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12. Next Sunday a special collection will be taken to defray the cost of the new carpet. All those wishing to do something on the new carpet will come forward and do so.

13. The ladies of the church have cast off clothing of every kind. They can be seen in the church basement Saturday.

14. A bean supper will be held on Tuesday evening in the church hall. Music will follow.

15. At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be "What is Hell?" Come early and listen to our choir practice.

Groundwater protection

program to begin

Rural residents across Texas now have an opportunity to take an active role in protecting their ground and drinking water with the launch of a new voluntary program called the "TEX*A*Syst Ground Water Protection Program."

TEX*A*Syst is based on the national FARM*A*Syst program that has been used throughout the U.S. since 1991 to address many sources of rural pollution through a series of easy-tounderstand self-assessment worksheets and bulletins. "The difference between FARM*A*Syst and TEX*A*Syst is that our program is targeted to all rural residents in Texas," said Dennis Hoffman, Project Leader and Research Scientist at Blackland Research Center, Temple, Texas.

The TEX*A*Syst Ground Water Protection Program helps rural residents protect their ground water by reducing nonpoint source (NPS) pollution risks on their property. Through this program, residents voluntarily use a series of bulletins to identify present or potential sources of contamination by their management practices and/or structures on their property.

Once these present or potential souces of contaminaare identified, tion TEX*A*Syst then recommends solutions to reduce or prevent them. In addition, the bulletins increase the participant's knowledge and understanding of the environment, existing policies, regulations and Best Management Practices (BMPs) that can reduce or prevent NPS pollution of ground water.

Some of the subjects covered in TEX*A*Syst bulletins include: well head protection, pesticide storage and handling, livestock waste man-agement, fertilizer storage and handling, petroleum storage and handling, hazardous waste management, household wastewater treatment, milking center wastewater treatment, and livestock holding pen management.

"This is an excellent opportunity for anyone that is going to design a homesite to learn about separation distance between the well and the septic system," said Monty Dozier, Water Quality Extension Associate with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. "Because it is hard to correct the separation distance after they have been put in place. TEX*A*Syst The Groundwater Protection Program is a demonstration project funded by the U.S. Enviornmental Protection Agency (EPA) Section 319(h) of the Clean Water Act. Funds are administered by the Texas Soil and Water Conservation

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Board (TSSWCB), which is the lead agency for the state's agricultural/silvicultural NPS management program. Funding is provided TSSWCB to implement activities that demonstrate ways to control and prevent NPS pollution associated with agricultural/silvicultural runoff.

"Future plans for the pro-

gram include training county extension agents and Natural Resource Conservation Service staff on the TEX*A*Syst bulletins, so residents can contact a local source in the future regarding the program," said Hoffman.

"Currently, we are looking for groups and organizations that would like for us to speak

at their meetings and explain how residents can voluntarily protect their water supply," said Dozier. "We want to reassure everyone that TEX*A*Syst is not regulatory in any fashion."

In an effort to reach Texans concerning water quality issues, the TEX*A*Syst program is on-line and can be accessed on the Internet at

http://brcsun0.tamu.edu/~hof fman. The on-line program contains all the bulletins and is cross-linked to the national TEX*A*Syst program.

For additional information, contact Justin Hester, Project Manager in the Statewide Management Program, at the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board at 817-773-2250.

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