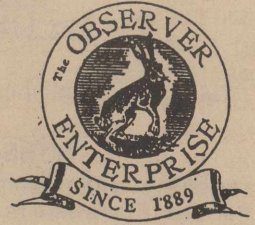


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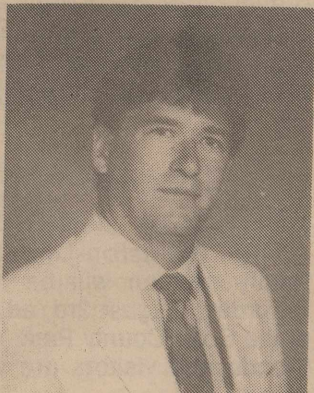
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County welcomes new school teachers



Rick Howell



Kathy Howell

Br. Elem. welcomes new principal & family

Rick and Kathy Howell are moving to Bronte from Coleman. Rick will be the new elementary principal, while Kathy will teach kindergarten. The Howells have lived and taught in the Coleman Independent School District for the past eight years. Rick served as head football coach and athletic director for seven years. He also taught World History for eight years. Kathy taught first grade in Coleman.

The Howells are originally from Snyder, where they went to school and eventually became teachers. They also taught school in Duncanville ISD for one year. They have two children, Wes, who is fourteen and will be a freshman, and Kailey, who is ten and will be fifth grader. Rick and Kathy are honored and excited about joining the outstanding staff at Bronte ISD and becoming active members of the community.

Br. Elem. receives new aide

Traci Rosenquist will be the new computer lab aide for Bronte Elementary. Traci is married to Bart Rosenquist who is the manager of West Texas Utilities in Bronte. They have lived in Bronte for two years.

Traci and Bart have three children, Meagan, who is eight and will be in the third grade; Macy, who is three and will be in the early childhood program; and Brady, who is one.

Traci was employed in the banking industry prior to moving to Bronte. The Rosenquists are active mem-



Traci Rosenquist

bers of Central Baptist Church in Bronte. Traci is also a volunteer at the CCJJCC.

"Meet the Longhorns" night set

Summer is coming to an end and school is just around the corner. The whole community is invited to help celebrate at the annual "Meet the Longhorns" night to be held Friday, August 9, in the Bronte Park.

The Chamber of Commerce will hold a hamburger cookout beginning at 5:30 pm. They will have hamburgers, chips, and tea.

The All-Sports Booster Club and Band Boosters will sponsor dessert at 7:00 pm following introduction of this year's football and volleyball teams, cheerleaders, coaches, marching band and director, as well as coaches, teachers, and other staff members.

Bring your lawn chairs and enjoy the fun-filled evening and support our students.

RL football practice to begin

Football workouts will begin for RLHS Steers on August 7 at 7 am.

Extravaganza in the making for 1996

Thanks to the wonderful people of West Coke County, we will have the Labor Day Weekend Extravaganza again this year. The old work horses had worn out and called for help. Yes, we still have people willing to see that things go on.

The Chili Cook-Off will be headed by Laura Crenshaw; booths by Peggy Coppedge; dance by Rosa and Kyle Long; drinks by Joe David Key; games by Doug Wilkes; and entertainment by Cynthia Hill. As of print time, no one had volunteered to head up the annual volleyball tournament. If you are interested, please contact the judge's office.

Now don't get too excited about not having a job. Help will be needed by those in charge. Don't let them down; we must have help to continue events such as this.

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Br. football practice set

All interested students in playing football for Bronte High School are to be at the field house on Wednesday, August 7, at 8:00 am.

If you have any questions, call any of the coaches.

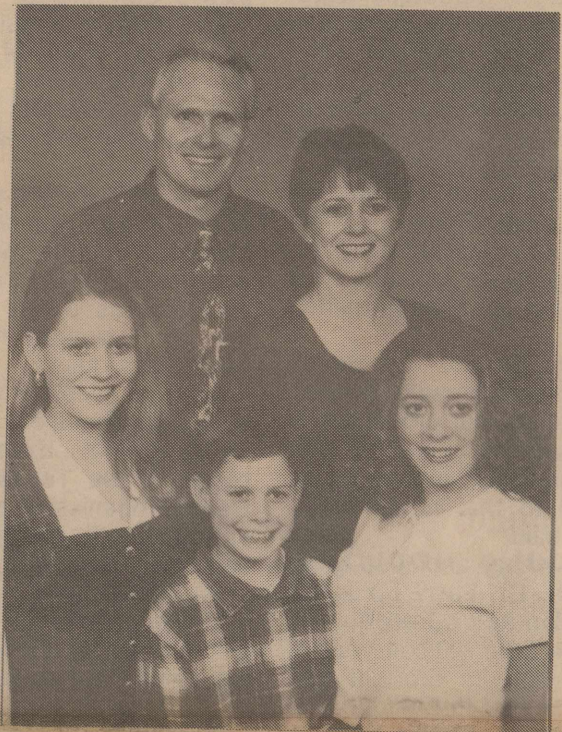
Masons to be honored

Three members of Masonic Lodge No. 962 will be recognized Saturday, August 3, for 50 years of membership. The pinning ceremony will begin at 2:00 pm at Masonic Lodge No. 962 in Bronte.

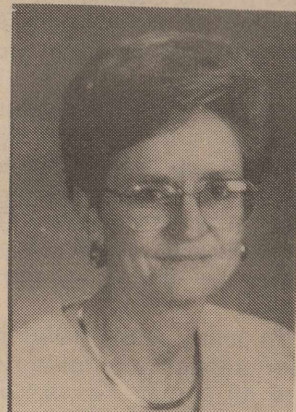
Masons to be honored are R.W. Blackmon, Royce Lee, and Tom Green.

Gospel Singing Sunday

The regular monthly community gospel singing will be held Sunday, August 4, from 2:00 to 4:00 pm at the Central Baptist Church in Bronte. Everyone in the area is invited to come and enjoy this fellowship time together.



Cliff and Kathye Gardner and family (l. to r.): Tonya, Ty, and Tara.



Ruth Kelly

Ruth Kelly, of Robert Lee, is married to Billy Kelly, manager of WTU. They have one daughter, Rita, who is completing her work on an associate's degree at Texas State Technical College in Sweetwater.

Ruth grew up in Loraine, Texas, and graduated from high school there. She received her degree from Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene. She has also attended Angelo State University and East Texas State University.

Ruth enjoys doing all types of crafts and attending craft shows, as well as going to trade days. She likes to travel and go camping.

She will be teaching special education classes at Robert Lee for the 1996-97 school year. She has taught business classes in the Miles and Robert Lee school districts and has taught special education classes in the Winters, Ballinger, and Sterling City Schools.

RL welcomes high school principal & family

Mr. Cliff Gardner has accepted the position of principal for Robert Lee High School. Mr. Gardner comes from Monahans Alternative School in Monahans, Texas, where he was the principal.

He was raised in Tahoka, Texas. After high school graduation, he played basketball for one year at Western Texas College and decided to attend McMurry University in Abilene. He ran track and played football for McMurry. Mr. Gardner received his M.Ed. from Sul Ross State University.

Cliff and his wife, Kathye, both have careers in public education.

Robert Lee ISD and the city of Robert Lee welcome Cliff, Kathye, and their children, Tonya, Tara, and Ty, to this community.

Kathye Gardner

Kathye Gardner is originally from Gallup, New Mexico. She attended McMurry University and received her Bachelor of Science degree from Texas Tech in Lubbock.

Kathye and her husband, Cliff, have 3 children: Tonya, 16, Tara, 14, and Ty, 11. They are moving to Robert Lee after living in Monahans for the past 8 years.

Kathye will be teaching 6th grade at Robert Lee Elementary.

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Farm Bureau conference held

Drought management, property taxes, boll weevil eradication updates, water shortages and the depressed cattle market were just some of the topics discussed at the Texas Farm Bureau Summer Commodity Conferences in McAllen on July 10-12.

According to Robert M. Brown, Coke-Sterling County Farm Bureau Board of Directors, speakers focused on a variety of commodity-related issues.

"Farm Bureau has developed the commodity division concept so that producers of individual commodities can address issues and concerns unique to that commodity," Brown said.

In a wheat and feed grain session, Dr. Larry Falconer, extension service economist, reviewed the difficult year of 1996, with its drought and high prices. In the rice and soybeans divisions, Steve Pringle, TFB Legislative Director, discussed farm program issues. Bill Weeks, President of the Texas Produce Association, and Dr. Merritt Taylor, extension economist, explained the effects of water shortages on the Texas produce industry. Members in the peanut division talked about legislative issues.

The sheep and goat divi-

Farmers Ins. agent receives honor

Norma Allbright of Hot Springs Village Resort, AR, agent for Farmers Insurance Group has been honored for her outstanding sales achievements during 1995. Allbright has been invited to attend the 1996 annual meeting of Farmers top sales producers.

The four-day Topper Club Convention, held in Aspen, CO, will give top Farmers agents and district managers an opportunity to exchange customer service ideas and discuss local and national trends affecting the insurance industry.

Norma joins Tooper Club's elite roster of members who have attained the upper ranks in providing insurance services to the public. She was awarded the third top underwriter of homeowners' insurance in the entire state of Arkansas and Agent of the Month numerous times.

Norma is the daughter of Noah and Dorthey Pruitt of Bronte.

sion discussed the various topics affecting their industry such as the current vote on the sheep referendum and the construction of a lamb plant in San Angelo.

The cotton session featured Craig Shook of the Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation, who presented a status report on the eradication program.

Dr. Carl Anderson of Texas A&M University presented an update on cotton marketing, and the hay and forage division discussed hay production and drought management techniques.

The five livestock divisions held a joint meeting in which Dr. Terry Beals, Executive Director of the Texas Animal Health Commission, spoke on various health problems that can affect profitability in livestock operations.

TFB president Bob Stallman also conducted a property tax workshop. He explained the property tax situation in Texas and possible alternatives for funding education. Members formed work groups to discuss the tax situation and the viability of alternatives like business activity and gross receipts taxes.

Stallman and TFB Executive Director Vernie Glasson urged members to voice their concerns and attend a meeting of the Citizens' Property Tax Task Force, a 17-member body on which Stallman serves.

"In many ways 1996 has been a tough year for agriculture all across Texas," said Brown. "The TFB Commodity Conference is all about giving us an edge in production information and in the legislative arena."

Sanco Homecoming celebrated

Nearly 200 people gathered at the Sanco Tabernacle on June 9, 1996, to enjoy the annual Sanco Homecoming.

Nolan Pentecost, president of the Sanco Village Association, opened the ceremony, welcomed everyone, and thanked all those who helped in any way with the Homecoming. Congregational singing was led by Julia Holt of San Antonio. Nolan Pentecost and Rachel Pentecost served as MCs for the remainder of the program.

Special music was provided by Elaine Norvell and Lvon Reid, and also by Julia Holt. They were accompanied on the piano by Mrs. Eva Belle Fowler. The devotion was presented by Rev. Charles Fowler of San Angelo.

In keeping with a tradition started by her mother, Maud Bird, Mary Jo Pentecost presented corsages and bouquets to various individuals. She was assisted by her granddaughters, Rachel Pentecost and Janet Pentecost Zook. Receiving flower awards were: Doyle Berryman of Hobbs, NM, the oldest man present; Evelyn McKinley of Robert Lee, the oldest

Personal

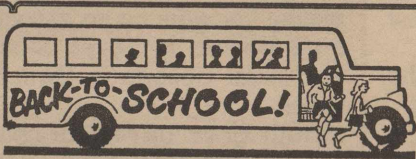
Visiting in the home of Mr. & Mrs. Garland Spencer last week were Coy and Russell Dillard of Brentwood, Tennessee.

Also stopping by for a surprise visit was a niece, Martha Gluck, and her friend Don from S.E. Vienna, Virginia.

Friday afternoon Richard and Kathy Spencer, great granddaughter Katy Lynn and grandson Rickey Spencer, were here to help celebrate Garland's birthday. Friday night Peggy Spencer and Bailey and Benny Carreon of Roby came and spent the night. On Saturday they attended a stock show in San Angelo where 4-year-old Bailey won third place showing his pig.

Personal

Brandi Brosh, daughter of Edwin and Wyndell Brosh, left Robert Lee Sunday, July 28, for Houston, Texas. In Houston, she will undergo a series of exploratory examinations at Texas Children's Hospital.



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woman present; Melvin Scarborough of Sacramento, CA, the oldest man born in Sanco; Louise Whiteside of Robert Lee, the oldest woman born in Sanco; Norman Payne of Knoxville, TN, the man who came the farthest; Leilani Scarborough of Gorman, CA, the woman who came the farthest; and Marsha and Ronnie Harris of Blackwell, parents of the youngest baby present.

This year's homecoming was dedicated to Vernon Payne of San Angelo and to Kathy Pentecost for their years of help with the home-

coming letter and with other jobs of the homecoming.

Barbecue, beans, and iced tea were provided by the Sanco Village Association, and a delicious assortment of covered dishes brought by individuals completed the meal. The barbecue and beans were cooked by the James Pentecost family, and the tea was prepared and served by Cuin and Elaine Norvell.

Following the meal, everyone enjoyed visiting with relatives and friends and catching up on old times.

...Upcoming

Youth Rally scheduled in Ballinger

An area wide Youth Rally will be held on Saturday, August 3, at Ballinger High School beginning at 3:00 pm. The rally will feature the singing and speaking of David Crain. All youth, Junior High through High School, from throughout the area are encouraged to attend this rally.

CCJJCC to meet

The Coke County Juvenile Justice Community Council will have a meeting Monday, August 5, at 6:00 pm at the First United Methodist Church in Bronte.

Pecan Baptist to hold revival

Pecan Baptist Church will have revival services Sunday, August 4 - Wednesday, August 7. The Sunday morning service will begin at 11:00 am, and services during the week will begin at 7:30 pm. Brother Lynn Stephens of Lufkin, Texas, will be the revival pastor.

Gregston-Christian reunion

The Gregston-Christian family reunion will be held Saturday, August 3rd, all day at the Coke County Park. Old friends and visitors are welcome!

Death Notices

Devoll

I.H. Devoll, Jr. of Kerrville, Texas died at his home in Kerrville, Texas on July 14, 1996.

Services were at 2:00 pm July 17, 1996, at the Kerrville Funeral Chapel, and burial

was in Kerrville Cemetery.

He is survived by one brother, Lendy Devoll and wife, of Robert Lee; one sister, Alma Moore of San Antonio; and several nieces and nephews.

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Members of the Robert Lee FFA in Coke County attended a Lamb Management Workshop held this summer on the campus of Tarleton State University. Prater Gibbs of Marlon, Texas (far left) conducted the short course which included discussions of how to select a show lamb, prepare the lamb for the ring, and exhibitor tips that can earn extra points toward final placement.

Attending the clinic from Robert Lee were (second from left) Lance Millican, Ashlee Millican, Erin Millican, Teddy Millican, Judy Millican, and Waidon Millican.

King reunion

The descendants of Sam and Anna King, longtime residents of Coke County and the Edith Community, met together July 27, 1996 at the Robert Lee Community Center. The day was spent eating, visiting, swimming, playing cards and dominos, looking at photos and getting family historical facts. Tom King passed out copies of the family history books he had compiled. It was agreed to start a King family cookbook and for all descendants to submit recipes to Rena Dee Gaines or Darlene Gower.

Those attending included R.B. and Corrine King, Shirley Strakos, Pam (Brice) and Sarah Kay Gandy, Loucille Middleton, Rena Dee and Garland Gaines, Jess and Dorothy Gaines, Sara Laverne Summers, Katie and Raymond Dixon, Karla Kay, Kari, and Kylan Wilson, Sam and Judy Keel, Frank, Robin, Lori, and Teri Smith, Joe and Vivian Keel, and Pam and Chanell Rae Baker, all of San Angelo; Brian, Kay, and Ramon Morin, Joshua King, and Madelle Thomas of Arlington; Tom King of Houston; Trudi and Don Green of Sun Lakes, Arizona; Eugenia Smith, Kristie and Haley Patricia Hill, Sam and June Plumlee, Stan, Mary, Christina, and Katrina Smith, Steve, Isaac, and Leah Sparks, and James Sparks, all of Carlsbad, New Mexico; Darlene and Eddie Gower of Ballinger; Christa Gower of Abilene; Anna Mae and Claude Hartsell and Betty Herman of Ardmore, Oklahoma; Janie and Charles Bownds of Edwards, Missouri; T.L. King of Fort Worth; Judy Snowden, Joyce and Bobby Walker, and Laurel and Meredith Walker of Odessa; Brittany and Dacoda Gunn of Coldsprings; Jackie Dunn of Granbury; Jimmie and Annie Faye King of Wingate;

Melanie Baker and David Neal of Brady; Gwen and Harry Anderson of Granite Shoals; Don and Dorothy King, and Andrew and Isaac King of Stanley, New Mexico; Lafayette and Donna Brooks of Bosque Farms, New Mexico; Yvonne Brooks and Lorraine Brooks of Artesia, New Mexico; Forrest and Bertie Wanker of Fairview, Oklahoma; Alvin and Katherine King of Whitesboro; Jesse, Jeanette, Marie, Kayla, Jesse, and John Eads and Ganiece and Pete Joyner of Midland; Frank Wanker of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Elden King of El Paso; Lavelta and Burt McVicker of Burnet; Clayton and Eva King of Brazoria; Joe, Sharon, and Rowdy Glaze, Rachel Bavousett, Lauri, Jessica, Robert, and Dustin Hall of Merkel; Kathryn, Gary, Jacob, and James Acker of Sallisaw, Oklahoma; Rasler Smith of New Braunfels; and Pauline and Carl Blair of Bronte.

Those attending from Robert Lee were Bessie

Brice, Alene and David Key, Willie and Jesse Eads, Jr., Raymond and Gwen Smith, Dee Anna and Joe Harmon, Jessica Key and Vivian King.

Friends joining them for the day were Justin Wiley of Ballinger; Barbara Paul, J.B. and Samantha Robertson, and Jesse Ray and Betty Robertson of Robert Lee; and James, Misty, and Kristian Joyner of San Angelo.

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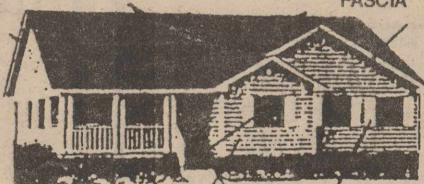


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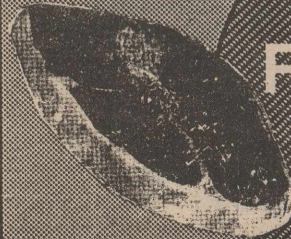
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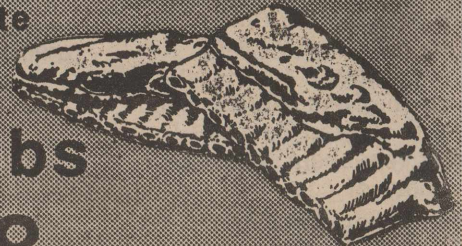
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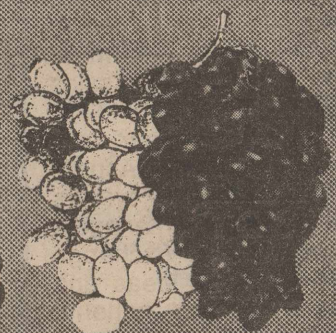


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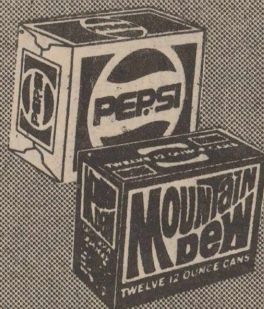
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ROBERT LEE SCHOOL NEWS

RL Elem. posts school supply lists

KINDERGARTEN:

Crayolas (no more than 24, please put child's name on each crayon)
 School scissors
 School glue
 1 pkg. assorted construction paper
 1 pkg. manilla paper
 1 spiral notebook
 1 pkg. 3" x 5" unlined note cards
 Small school box
 1 box Kleenex
 Towel for rest time (no vinyl mats)
 1 old shirt for painting pencils (regular, not Husky)
 * Please put your child's name on everything.

1ST GRADE:

6 #2 pencils
 1 large pink or green eraser
 1 pkg. construction paper
 3 - 100 ct. white index cards (3x5)
 2 large boxes tissue
 Small supply box
 1 pr. sharp scissors (that will cut paper)
 crayons
 1 lg. Elmer's glue (no colored glue)
 Ruler with inches and centimeters
 1 recipe box for index cards
 Small individual pencil sharpener
 1 box water colors
 \$3.00 for Weekly Reader
 * No markers. Please label everything.

2ND GRADE:

4 #2 pencils
 1 lg. pink or green eraser
 1 pkg. construction paper
 1 box tissue
 1 small spiral notebook (wide rule-not college)
 Supply box (small)
 Scissors
 Crayons (no markers)
 Glue
 Wooden ruler - centimeters & inches
 1 box Ziplock bags (quart size)
 * Please label everything.

3RD GRADE:

3 pkgs. wide-ruled notebook paper (white only)
 Pencils - #2
 Pencil erasers
 Spiral notebook
 Lg. box map colors, bright colors
 Construction paper - variety of colors
 Big scissors - good ones, able to cut fabric
 Lg. box crayons
 2 Lg. glue sticks
 Markers - preferably washable
 Ruler - centimeter & inches (preferably wooden)
 2 red pens
 100 index cards
 Pencil sharpener w/ holder for

shavings
 Box of Kleenex
 1 Pocket folder w/ brads
 Supply box
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4TH GRADE:

Wide-ruled notebook paper
 1 large spiral notebook
 2 small spiral notebooks
 4 pocket folders with brads
 4 red pens or pencils
 6 #2 pencils
 Map colors
 Crayons
 Elmer's school glue
 2 large erasers
 Scissors
 Supply box
 Wooden ruler with 3 holes
 1 pkg. assorted construction paper
 2 boxes Kleenex
 Bottled drinking water
 Several Ziplock bags

5TH GRADE:

Protractor - 6", clear plastic
 12" ruler (centimeters & inches)
 Scissors
 Crayons or markers (washable)
 2 red grading pencils or pens
 #2 pencils
 Notebook paper (not college-ruled)
 6 colored folders
 2 spiral notebooks (wide lines; no college-ruled)
 School glue
 School box for supplies

6TH GRADE:

1 3-ring binder (no Trappers)
 1 pkg. subject dividers
 Zipper pouch for pencils
 Notebook paper
 1 spiral notebook
 1 ream copy paper
 Holepunch
 Scissors
 Map colors
 Crayons
 Markers
 Pencils
 Glue stick or Elmer's glue
 Ruler (metric & standard)
 Protractor
 Compass
 Tissue (2 boxes)
 NO pencil sharpeners

RL Cheerleaders mini-camp

The Robert Lee High School Cheerleaders will hold a mini-cheerleading camp for ages 5 thru junior high, August 5-9 from 9 am - 11 am at Robert Lee High School tennis courts. They will be teaching new cheers for the 1996 season. For more information call 453-2980 or 453-4736.

4-H members place in San Angelo

During the Angelo Summer Spectacular last weekend, in the lamb show, Lancy Millican had a first place Lightweight Finewool, 10th Lightweight Finewool and a 10th and 11th Light-Heavyweight Finewool Cross. Ashlee Millican exhibited the 4th and 7th Heavyweight Finewool Cross, 6th and 14th Lightweight Finewool Cross, and the 6th and 7th Heavyweight Finewool Cross.

In the Prospect Steer Show, Shea Kelton showed the 2nd place Light Limousin and 3rd place Mediumweight Limousin.

Personal

Family and friends visited in the home of Hadley and Geneva Richards of Robert Lee during the month of July. Geneva's son Steve Young and grandson Ryan visited from El Paso; her daughter Amy Chadwick, husband Rick, and granddaughters Hannah and Kimberly came to visit from Sweetwater; and two other granddaughters, Heather and Aleia Corder, visited from Tyler. Another son, Travis Young and his wife Gail, visited. Also, Donnie and Eric Downs, friends of the Richards, came up from Austin to visit.

Geneva traveled to Colorado City to visit Gail Corder.

1996-97 ROBERT LEE STEER FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
August 22	Scrimmage-Santa Anna	T	5:00
August 29	Scrimmage-Midland Christian	H	5:00
September 6	Cross Plains	T	7:30
September 13	Rocksprings	H	8:00
September 20	Eden**	H	8:00
September 27	Garden City*	H	7:30
October 4	Irion County*	T	7:30
October 11	Water Valley*	H	7:30
October 18	Bronte*	H	7:30
October 25	Sterling City*	T	7:30
November 1	Miles*	H	7:30
November 8	Christoval*	T	7:30

*District
 **Homecoming

1996-97 ROBERT LEE JH FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
September 5	Cross Plains	H	6:00
September 19	Eden	T	6:00
September 26	Garden City	T	6:00
October 3	Irion County	H	6:00
October 10	Water Valley	T	6:00
October 17	Bronte	T	6:00
October 24	Sterling City	H	6:00
October 31	Miles	T	6:00
November 7	Christoval	H	6:00

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October 24	Sterling City	H	7:30
October 31	Miles	T	7:30
November 7	Christoval	H	7:30

RL school registration

High school and junior high students should pick up their class schedules at the high school office next Tuesday and Wednesday, August 6 and 7, according to the following schedule:

Tuesday, August 6

9 am - 12 noon: Seniors, juniors, sophomores, and freshmen

Wednesday, August 7

9 am - 12 noon: 7th and 8th graders

Schedules will also be available on Monday, August 12. All students are encouraged to pick up their class schedule on the assigned dates and times.

Students who have not pre-registered should also come to the high school office at the designated time and date.

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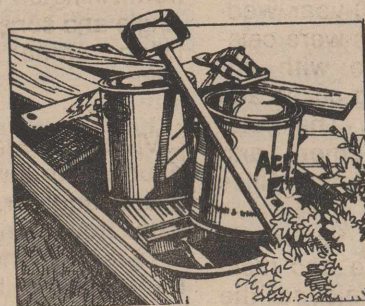
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Earwood-Holmes-Sumrall reunion

The third annual reunion of the Earwood-Holmes-Sumrall families was held July 5, 1996, at the Robert Lee, Texas Park and Recreation Building with over 100 people celebrating the event. Each year attendance has increased. This year the reunion included folks from outside the boundaries of Texas; Marian Elizabeth Young, age 84, daughter of Lela Holmes, traveled from Olympia, Washington and plans to return next year while Champ and Michelle Earwood and children, Katherine, Jennifer, and Sarah, flew in from Bogota, Colombia, South America. Champ, son of T.C. (Cyle) Earwood of Redford, Texas, is employed by the oil industry.

Old friends of the families were invited, making it also an old timers' reunion.

Clement and Laverne Holmes Earwood of Robert Lee hosted the reunion. Laverne's mother, the late Jettie Holmes of Robert Lee, was Jettie Sumrall prior to her marriage to the late Boyd Holmes. Attending the reunion were Alton, Mildred, and Paul Sumrall of Katy, Texas and Tory, Gracie, Shirley and Chris Sumrall and Kim, from Slaton, Texas.

All the children of the late Elwin Earwood were present: Olivia Earwood Beard of Austin; E.C. (Clement) and wife, Laverne, of Robert Lee; T.C. (Cyle) Earwood of Redford; Vivian Earwood Griffith and husband, Maurice, of Big Spring; and F.E. (Gene) Earwood and wife Emma, from Mathis.

The children of the late Boyd Holmes in attendance were: Maxine Holmes Stroud and husband Bud, of Coleman; Giles "Doots" Holmes, and wife Mae, from Sheffield; Laverne Holmes Earwood, of Robert Lee; Winno Jean Holmes Herring of Brady; Jettie R. Holmes Winston and husband Malloy, of Brownwood; Boyd Holmes, Jr. and wife Patty, of Midland; and Donna Holmes of New Braunfels, wife of the late John David Holmes.

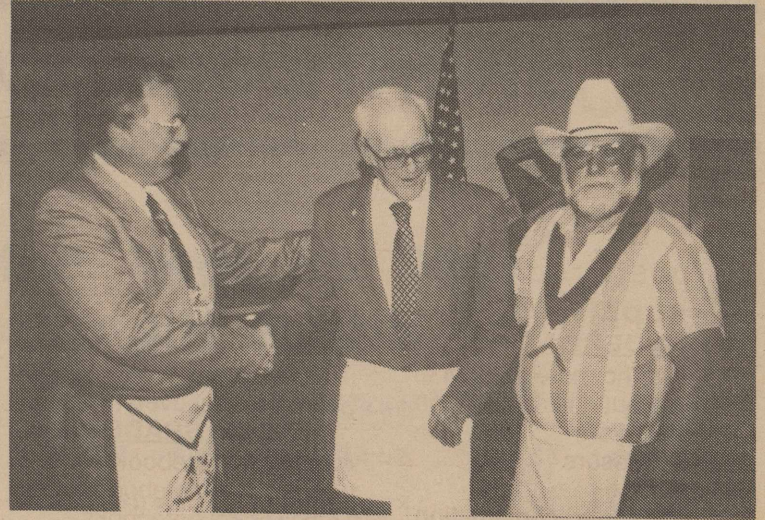
After a wonderful potluck luncheon, two 50-year wedding anniversaries were celebrated, complete with anniversary wedding cakes and congratulations. The celebrants were Clement and Laverne Earwood and Giles and Mae Holmes.

Some of the fishermen fished at the lake and most younger folks enjoyed the swimming pool. The non-swimmers and non-fishermen sat around in clusters in the comfort of the air-conditioned recreation hall, reminiscing about earlier times, showing pictures of kids, grandkids and great grandkids and making occasional forays back to the food tables to get just a "small taste" of that beautiful dessert that was passed over at lunch time or to refill that empty tea glass or coffee cup.

Collins Holmes of Iraan, Texas, son of Giles and Mae, attended, as did Mickey and Sharon Kern (Big Spring), daughter of Jettie and Malloy Winston, along with the Kern children, Daniel, Clara, and Joel David. Ann Garza, daughter of Clement and



On July 9, 1996, Right Worshipful Weldon Riley, District Deputy Grand Master of Masonic District No. 77 proudly presented a 50-year pin and certificate to Past Master Allen Bloodworth of Silver. Brother Bloodworth became a Mason in 1946 and is the recent Past Master of Hayrick Lodge No. 696 in Robert Lee. Allen may have been the eldest Master of a lodge in the state of Texas during his term this past year. John Jacobs, the current Master of Hayrick Lodge, also helped with the presentation.



O.B. Jacobs, Past Master of Hayrick Lodge No. 696, is presented his 50-year Masonic pin by Right Worshipful Weldon Riley, District Deputy Grand Master of Masonic District No. 77, and his son, John Jacobs, current Master of the Robert Lee Lodge. Mr. Jacobs became a Master Mason in the same lodge in 1946 and is still a very active member. The ceremonies were held July 9, 1996 in Hayrick Lodge No. 696 in Robert Lee.

Laverne Earwood, brought her children, Joe, Josh and Tasha, from San Angelo. Ann's oldest daughter, Tony Williams of Abilene, came with her two children, Jeff and Kim. Ann's other daughter, Joan, and her fiancé, Jeff Wofford of San Angelo were also present, along with Joan's three small sons, Cisco, Dusty, and Jay, who helped host the reunion.

Winno Jean Herring came with her son, Johnny Penny and his wife, Mary, and their children, Casey and Erica were in attendance as well as Winno Jean's daughter, Jettie Herring.

Olivia Beard traveled from Austin with son David and grandsons Wade and Travis, who was accompanied by his wife, Diane.

T.C. (Cyle) Earwood's sons and families present were: Champ and family as listed above from Bogota, Colombia; Duke (Cyle, Jr.) and wife Vicky and sons, Chad and Bret, from Corpus Christi. Jake and Julie and sons, Austin and Zachery, drove from Arlington while Dee and Angie and sons, Brandon and Dilan, came from Corpus Christi.

Vivian and Maurice Griffith's daughter-in-law, Dhela and granddaughter, Cali Griffith, came from Stonewall.

Two of Gene and Emma Earwood's children were in attendance: Becky Earwood Grant and husband Tom, along with children Crystal and Tiffany, of Houston; and Phillip Earwood and his daughters, Tamara and Jessie, from Mathis.

Other family members present were the children of Boyd Holmes, Jr. and his wife, Patty: Cassie and Caressa; Wayne and Betty Holmes of Arlington; Mike and Becky Gaston with Chris, Justine, Samantha and Teresa of San Angelo. An old friend of Ann Garza, Sara Velasquez and her children, Kimberly and Tim of Odessa, came to visit.

It was a richly rewarding reunion and renewal of family relationships.

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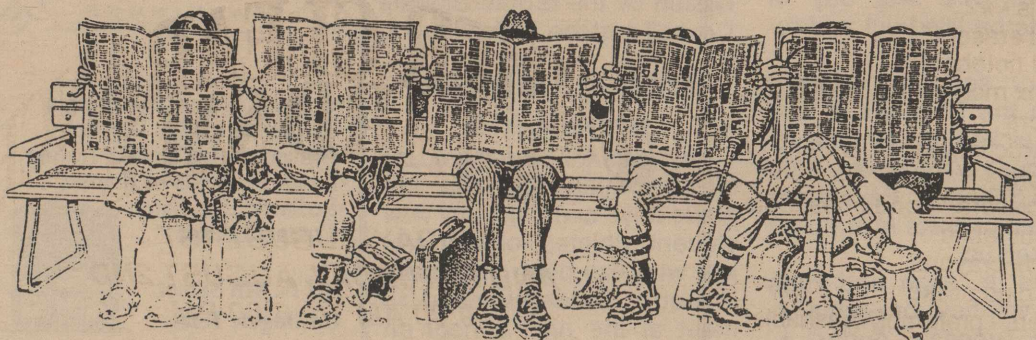
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Past Master of Hayrick Lodge No. 696 Lee Starling proudly receives his 50-year pin from Right Worshipful Weldon Riley, District Deputy Grand Master of Masonic District No. 77, and Worshipful Master John Jacobs of Hayrick Lodge No. 696. Lee was raised to Master Mason in 1946 in Mansfield Lodge #331 and is active in the Robert Lee Lodge.

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BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS

1996 Football Schedule Bronte High School

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
August 22	Scrimmage- San Saba	Coleman	6:00
August 30	Roscoe-Scrimmage	There	6:00
September 6	Eden	Here	8:00
September 13	Abilene Cooper "Soph"	Here	8:00
** September 20	Roby	Here	8:00
* September 27	Sterling City	There	7:30
* October 4	Water Valley	There	7:30
* October 11	Miles	Here	7:30
* October 18	Robert Lee	There	7:30
* October 25	Irion County	Here	7:30
* November 1	Christoval	There	7:30
* November 8	Garden City	Here	7:30

* District Games
** Homecoming

Bronte Junior High

September 12	Irion County	Here	6:00
September 19	Roby	There	6:00
September 26	Sterling City	Here	6:00
October 3	Water Valley	Here	6:00
October 10	Miles	There	6:00
October 17	Robert Lee	Here	6:00
October 24	Irion County	There	6:00
October 31	Christoval	Here	6:00
November 7	Garden City	There	6:00

Br. school posts registration calendar

Bronte Elementary will register only students new to the district on Monday, August 5 and Tuesday, August 6, between 9:00 am and 3:00 pm. All other students will have registration papers, including emergency care cards, sent home on the first day of school to be filled out and returned.

School supplies ordered through the PTA are in and can be picked up any time after August 5 between 9:00 am and 3:00 pm. Payment is due when packets of supplies are picked up.

Bronte Jr. High and High School will hold pre-registration on Tuesday, August 6, and Wednesday, August 7, following the schedule below:
Tues., Aug. 6
12th Grade: 8-10 am
11th Grade: 10 am-12 pm
10th Grade: 1-3 pm
Wed., Aug. 7
9th Grade: 8-10 am
8th Grade: 10-11 am
7th Grade: 11 am-12 pm

All new students need to bring their Social Security card, birth certificate and any other records from their previous school. Students need to pre-register only at their designated time.

Bronte Schools will be

hosting an Open House on Thursday, August 15, at 6:30 pm in the school auditorium. There will be an orientation meeting for all parents concerning the new Student Code of Conduct. A PTA meeting will also be held and an invitation for all parents to visit their child's room(s) and teachers. Refreshments will be served in the cafeteria, hosted by the Bronte Student Council and the PTA following

Bronte athletic physicals

Physicals will be required for all upcoming 7th and 9th grade boys and girls, any new student athletes, or any athlete who has been previously injured. Students need to meet at the high school on Friday, August 2, at 12:15 pm, and a bus will be leaving at 12:30 for San Angelo. Physicals will begin at 1:30 and are free at this time only.

all other activities. All parents are invited and encouraged to attend this important event.

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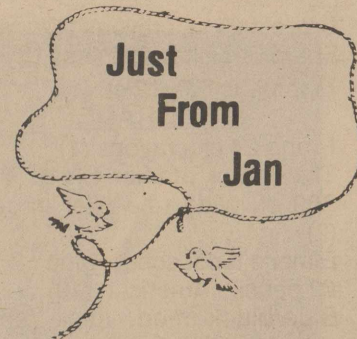
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Diana Arthur, LVN
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by Jan Yanez
Coke County
Ext. Agent

Tips for hot weather handling

Hamburgers on the grill, salad in the sun, potluck by the pool... summer dining is definitely casual. But this relaxed attitude toward hot weather meals shouldn't extend to how the food is handled and prepared. Food-borne illnesses don't take summer vacations.

Thawing meat or poultry at room temperature can cause bacteria to multiply rapidly. Instead, move the food directly from freezer to refrigerator. It's the safest thawing method; plus, if plans change, the food can be safely re-frozen. For faster thawing, wrap the package in water-tight plastic and submerge it in cold water. Change the water every 30 minutes. Or, thaw in the microwave and cook immediately after thawing.

Keep food preparation areas, including cutting boards, utensils, platters and countertops, clean. Wash with hot, soapy water immediately after preparing raw meat or poultry. Hands, too, should be washed for at least 20 seconds, using soap and warm water. If the hands have any cuts or infections, wear rubber or plastic gloves. Like hands, the gloves should be washed frequently.

Don't let juices from raw meat or poultry come in contact with other foods. Do not go from cutting meat to cutting vegetables without thoroughly washing and disinfecting the knife and cutting surface. Do not use the same platter to transport uncooked

food from the kitchen to the grill, and then cooked food from the grill to the table unless it has been washed between.

Although a roast that is pink in the middle usually doesn't present a health risk, the same is not true of a hamburger. Because the surface bacteria can enter the meat during grinding, ground meat and poultry should be cooked until gray in the middle.

Picnic food should be transported in a carrier with a cold pack. Keep the lid on and, if possible, place the cooler in the shade. Don't let cooked food sit out in the sun - or any place else, for that matter. Leftovers should be refrigerated within two hours after cooking or serving. Anything left out longer should be discarded. Divide large amounts of leftovers into small, shallow containers for quick cooling in the refrigerator.

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August 6th

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- Elmer's 8 oz. school glue (1)
- Assorted pockets only folder (6)
- Blunt 5" Fiskar scissors (1)
- 8 ct. watercolors-P108,8000 (1)
- Sandwich size Ziplock bags (1)

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- Assorted pockets only folder (4)
- Prang 16 ct. crayons (1)
- Pink Bevel eraser (1)
- 100 ct. facial tissue (1)
- Elmer's 8 oz. school glue (1)
- #2 pencil - American (10)
- Plastic school box (1)
- 1/16" wood ruler, standard & metric (1)
- Sharp 5" Fiskar scissors (1)
- Map pencil, 7"-12 ct. (1)
- Box Ziplock bags (gallon) (1)

2ND GRADE:

- 1/16" wood ruler, standard & metric (1)
- #2 pencil - American (12)
- 1/2" x 500" scotch tape, trans. (1)
- Prang 24 ct. crayons (1)
- Pink Bevel eraser (1)
- Plastic school box (1)
- Thick 10 ct. Marker-14410 (1)
- 100 ct. facial tissue (2)
- 200 ct. wide rule filler paper. (2)
- Elmer's 8 oz. school glue (1)
- Assorted pockets only folder (6)
- Sharp 5" Fiskar scissors (1)
- 10" x 12" Ziplock bags-gallon 2 ML (5)

3RD GRADE:

- #2 pencil - American (12)
- 200 ct. wide rule filler paper (1)
- Red check pencil, uncapped (2)
- 1/16" wood ruler, standard & metric (1)
- Elmer's 8 oz. school glue (1)
- Pink Bevel eraser (1)
- 1/2" x 500" scotch tape, trans. (1)
- 100 ct. facial tissue (2)
- Plastic school box (1)
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- Assorted pockets only folder (2)
- Thick 10 ct. marker-14410 (1)
- 8 ct. watercolors-P108,8000

- (1) Crayola 24 ct. crayons (1)
- Sharp 5" Fiskar scissors (1)
- Map pencil 7", 12 ct. (1)
- 4TH GRADE:**
- Prang 24 ct. crayons (1)
- Thick 10 ct. marker-14410 (1)
- 200 ct. wide rule filler paper (2)
- Elmer's 8 oz. school glue (1)
- #2 pencil - American (10)
- Blue/black med. stick pen, erasable (2)
- Red med. stick pen (1)
- 70 ct. spiral comp. book, wide rule (2)
- 1/16" wood ruler, standard & metric (1)
- 1/2" x 500" scotch tape, trans. (2)

- Asst. pockets & brads folder (3)
- 100 ct. facial tissue (2)
- 6" x 9" Ziplock bags (qt. 2 ML) (25)
- 8" imported Sharp scissors (1)
- Map pencils 7", 12 ct. (1)
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- Notecard file box (1)
- 2" looseleaf binder-3 ring (1)
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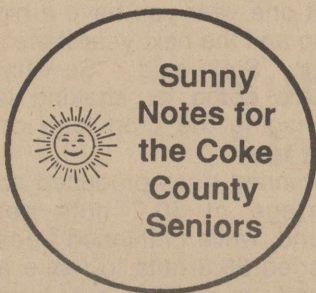
5TH GRADE:

- Prang 24 ct. crayons (1)
- 1/2" x 500" scotch tape, trans. (1)
- 200 ct. wide rule filler paper (1)
- Elmer's 8 oz. school glue (1)
- Red med. stick pen (2)
- Blue med. stick pen (2)
- 100 ct. facial tissue (2)
- 1/16" wood ruler, standard & metric (1)
- Asst. pocket & brads folder (3)
- 70 ct. spiral comp. book, wide rule (1)
- Thick 10 ct. marker-14410 (1)
- #2 pencil - American (3)
- Sharp 5" Fiskar scissors (1)
- Pink Bevel eraser (1)
- 8 tab index divider (1)
- Map pencil 7", 12 ct. (1)
- 1/2" asst. heavy poly binder (1)

6TH GRADE:

- 200 ct. wide rule filler paper (2)
- Elmer's 8 oz. school glue (1)
- #2 pencil - American (5)
- Black med. stick pen (1)
- Red med. stick pen (1)
- 100 ct. facial tissue (2)
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Menu for the Week
Monday, August 5
 Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes, Broccoli, Hot Roll, Gingerbread
Wednesday, August 7
 Pork Steak w/Cream Gravy, Egg Noodles, Zucchini Squash, Hot Roll, Peach Cobbler
Friday, August 9
 Country Fried Steak, French Baked Potato Slices, Spinach, Hot Roll, Fruited Gelatin

Health Clinic
 Don't forget, Friday, August 9 (second Friday), Ballinger Home Health will be giving free blood pressure and blood sugar checks at the Senior Center in Bronte at 11:00 am.

Debbie Hamilton, audiologist with Shannon Clinic, will not be here for the month of August but will be back in September!

Transportation
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 For all people of all ages: Come ride the Thunderbird

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The hours of the Thunderbird Van are: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, 9 am - 1 pm and Tuesday to San Angelo, 8 am - 5 pm.

AHA offers programs to Coke Co.

The American Heart Association offers a wide variety of educational programs for residents of Coke County. The local AHA office can provide companies, physicians, community groups, schools, and individuals with a wealth of information regarding heart health and ways to reduce the risk of heart attack, stroke and diseases of the circulatory system. Program and

brochure topics include diet, exercise, quitting smoking, and knowing the warning signs of a heart attack or stroke. Many educational items are free of charge.

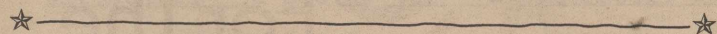
Heart disease and stroke are the nation's number one and number three killers, respectively. In 1994, 60 deaths occurred in Coke County, and 21 or 35% of these deaths were due to cardiovascular diseases. These staggering figures reinforce the need for community education.

Rusty Garvin, Regional Director of the AHA, announced that the major efforts of the Coke County Division will be directed toward local educational and community service programs. "People working with people in the community, school, and work place make our programs effective and save lives each year," he said.

The American Heart Association is the nation's largest voluntary health organization dedicated to the reduction of disability and death from cardiovascular disease and stroke.

To request information regarding the AHA's corporate, community and school wellness programs, CPR classes, or upcoming events, please call 1-800-692-4241.

*** Six flags have flown over Texas: Spanish, French, Mexican, Republic of Texas, Confederate States and United States.**

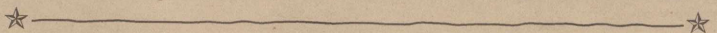


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LETTER TO HOUSEHOLDS (Multi-Child)
NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM/SCHOOL BREAKFAST PROGRAM

Parent/Guardian: _____

The BRONTE school serves meals each school day. Children Grades K-5 may buy lunch for \$1.25. Children Grades 6-12 may buy lunch for \$1.50. Breakfast is \$.75 for all students. Children may also get meals free or at a reduced price.

If you now get food stamps or AFDC for your child, your child can get free meals. If your total household income is the same or less than the amounts on the Income Chart below, your child can get free meals or reduced-price meals. A foster child may get free or reduced-price meals regardless of your income. The reduced price is 40 for lunch and 30 for breakfast.

TO GET FREE OR REDUCED-PRICE MEALS FOR YOUR CHILD, YOU MUST COMPLETE AN APPLICATION AND RETURN IT TO THE SCHOOL. WE CANNOT APPROVE AN APPLICATION THAT IS NOT COMPLETE.

HOW TO APPLY
 If you now get food stamps or AFDC for the child you are applying for, the application must have the child's name, a food stamp or AFDC case number for that child, and the signature of an adult household member.
 If you are applying for a foster child, the application must have the child's name, the child's "personal use" income, and an adult signature.
 If you do not list a food stamp or AFDC case number for the child you are applying for, then the application must have the child's name, the names of all household members, the amount of income each person got last month and where it came from, the signature of an adult household member, and that adult's social security number or the word "none" if the adult does not have a social security number.

INCOME CHART			
Household Size	Annual	Monthly	Weekly
1.....	14,319.....	1,194.....	276
2.....	19,166.....	1,598.....	369
3.....	24,013.....	2,002.....	462
4.....	28,860.....	2,405.....	555
5.....	33,707.....	2,809.....	649
6.....	38,554.....	3,213.....	742
7.....	43,401.....	3,617.....	835
8.....	48,248.....	4,021.....	928
For each add'l member add.....	+4,847.....	+404.....	+94

Verification: Your eligibility may be checked at any time during the school year. School officials may ask you to send papers showing that your child should get free or reduced-price meals.

Fair Hearing: You may talk to school officials if you do not agree with the school's decision on your application or the results of verification. You may also ask for a fair hearing. You may do this by calling or writing:

Name Alan Richey, Superintendent Phone 915-473-2511

Address P.O. Box 670, Bronte, Texas 76933

Reporting Changes: If your child gets free or reduced-price meals because of your income, you must tell the school if your household size decreases or your income increases by more than \$50 per month or \$600 per year. If your child gets meals because you get food stamps or AFDC, you must tell the school when you are not getting AFDC or food stamps for them. You may then fill out another application giving income information.

Confidentiality: School officials use the information on the application to decide if your child should get free or reduced-price meals. Free and reduced-price eligibility information may be subject to release to other federal, state and local education, health, or other means-tested programs. Some programs already identified are the National Assessment of Educational Progress and officials collecting data for Title I allocation and evaluation purposes.

Reapplication: You may apply for meals anytime during the school year. If you are not eligible now but have a change in status, like a decrease in household income, an increase in household size, become unemployed or get food stamps or AFDC for your child, you may then complete an application.

Handicapped: Meal substitutions at no additional cost for children who meet the definition of "handicapped" will be served, provided a physician has submitted a statement attesting to this fact and prescribing a substitute.

IN THE OPERATION OF THE CHILD FEEDING PROGRAMS, NO CHILD WILL BE DISCRIMINATED AGAINST BECAUSE OF RACE, SEX, COLOR, NATIONAL ORIGIN, AGE OR HANDICAP. IF YOU BELIEVE YOU HAVE BEEN DISCRIMINATED AGAINST, WRITE IMMEDIATELY TO THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE, WASHINGTON, D.C. 20250.

We will let you know when your application is approved or denied.

Sincerely, *Janel Vaughn*

Shaking pecan trees could improve crop

Giving an early shake to overloaded pecan trees could help thin crops and improve nut quality, data from the Texas Agricultural Extension Service indicates.

"Sometimes trees overload and the pecans don't develop very well, so we looked at shaking the trees in July or so and thinning the nuts," said Dr. Larry Stein, Extension horticulturist at the Texas A&M University Agricultural

Research and Extension Center in Uvalde. "Decreasing the load can help the nuts mature, and so far results indicate both size and quality can be improved."

Initial tests conducted with an Atascosa County grower found that by shaking overloaded Shoshoni pecan trees in mid-summer, the grower could improve the percentage of kernel within nuts from thinned trees.

What's more, the return set, or crop that set on the trees in 1996, was from 60 percent to

70 percent of a full crop on the thinned trees. None of the unthinned trees set nuts in 1996.

"What pecan trees tend to do is bear in alternate years so that one year you have a big crop and the next year there's none," Stein said. "So what you're doing by shaking is managing the crop load on your tree."

Thinned trees produced an average of 50.7 nuts per pound, while unthinned trees needed 58.3 nuts to make a pound. In addition, nuts from the thinned trees averaged 51.3 percent kernel weight versus 46.8 percent for nuts from the unthinned trees.

The nuts from the thinned trees did not reflect the statewide average of 40.9 nuts per pound and 53.8 percent kernel, Stein said, but that statistic is misleading because state averages come from pecan shows where only the best nuts from the youngest trees are measured.

"Those are 100 percent Cadillac," Stein said. "Most orchards aren't going to have those conditions. This was really a significant increase in quality."

Thinning appeared to allow the nuts to mature to a level closer to the state average, he said.

For the test, randomly selected trees were shaken with a trunk shaker fitted with pads to avoid trunk damage. From one to three shakes were

given each tree to dislodge approximately 25 pounds of nuts from each tree on August 1, 1995.

The remaining crop on both thinned and unthinned trees was allowed to mature. Both groups of trees were similarly managed.

Mature pecan trees were harvested in October, when Atascosa County Extension agents Brent Batchelor and Larry Perez analyzed yields and found significant differences between harvests from thinned and non-thinned trees.

When orchard owners see that their trees are overloaded, thinning by shaking is less expensive than pruning or hedging trees to reduce nut load. Pruning and hedging work must often be contracted out, Stein said.

Stein doesn't expect to be able to replicate the experiment this year because there aren't enough overloaded trees.

"If we have overloaded trees, we'll go ahead and shake some, but most areas don't have heavy crops this year because of the drought and heavy insect feeding," he said.

Disaster loans available from SBA

Businesses in some Texas counties have until August 12 or August 22, 1996 to file applications for low-interest dis-

aster loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA). The SBA's Economic Injury Disaster Loans are available for businesses dependent on farmers and ranchers sustaining crop losses from the beet armyworm infestation which occurred during the period of June 15 through August 31, 1995 and continuing. Farmers and ranchers are not eligible for these SBA loans.

Businesses in the following counties affected by the beet armyworm infestation which occurred June 15 through August 24, 1995 and continuing have until August 12, 1996 to apply: Coke, Reagan, Runnels, and Sterling.

Businesses in the following counties affected by the beet armyworm infestation which occurred August 1 through August 31, 1995 and continuing have until August 22, 1996 to apply: Runnels and Taylor.

Applications and further information can be obtained by calling the SBA toll-free at 1-800-366-6303 or TDD 817-267-4688 for the hearing impaired.

These loans are intended to assist businesses in offsetting working capital losses which they suffered as a result of the beet armyworm infestation reducing crop income of the area farmers and ranchers. Small businesses claiming to have been physically injured by the weather are not eligible.

Personal

Eugenia Smith of Carlsbad, NM has been visiting her sister, Bessie Brice, in Robert Lee. Also visiting from Carlsbad were Eugenia's son Stan and his wife Mary, their daughters Christina and Katrina Smith, her grandsons James and Steve Sparks, and Steve's children Isaac and Leah.

Bessie's son Raymond and his wife Gwyn of Robert Lee and Stan and family have been visiting his brother Frank, wife Robin, and daughters Lori and Teri in San Angelo. They all attended the King family reunion, held in Robert Lee.

Also, a grandson of Eugenia's, Rasler W. Smith of New Braunfels, was here for the reunion and visiting family members.

WTC to hold orientation

Orientation for all new students at Western Texas College will take place August 20 and 22. Two identical Success Seminars are planned to help new students ease the transition to college life. Students will be given the chance to meet the faculty, interact with other incoming students, tour the campus, gain helpful information, and register for fall classes. Academic advisors will be available to help with class selection. Lunch and entertainment are also a part of the seminar, and parents are welcome to attend.

Students who have not completed their admission paperwork or paid registration or housing fees will need to do so at the seminar. Students who do not have ACT or SAT scores on file will need to take a placement test. The cost is \$10, and the test takes about 90 minutes. Plan to report to the admissions office promptly at 8:00 am if you need to take the test. Students who plan to receive financial aid for the 1996-97 school year should have their financial aid file complete before the seminar. If you have questions about your financial aid status, please call our Financial Aid office before August 20.

Registration for either Success Seminar is necessary. Call the Student Services office to reserve your spot. Students who do not attend a seminar will register September 3. Classes begin September 5.

To reach College Relations, Financial Aid, or Student Services, call toll-free 1-888-GO TO WTC (468-6982). Summer hours are Monday through Thursday from 8:00 am - 5:00 pm.

4-H Record Book awards

Five 4-H members submitted Record Books this year. Each 4-H member must complete a project form and keep specific records when entering a category. All 5 members advanced to District competition.

Awards went to the following students in these categories:

Casey Eubanks - Junior Division; Goats, 1st in County/4th in District; **April Cowart** - Junior Division; Goats, 2nd in County/5th in District; **Colby Eubanks** - Junior Division; Agriculture, 1st in County/1st in District; **Whitney Millican** - Intermediate Division; Agriculture, 1st in County/1st in District; **Cayla Jeffrey** - Intermediate Division; Clothing, 1st in County/5th in District.

NOTICE OF EFFECTIVE TAX RATES

1996 Property Tax Rates in

East Coke County Hospital District, City of Robert Lee, City of Bronte, and Bronte I.S.D.

This notice concerns 1996 property tax rates for the above jurisdictions. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

East Coke Hosp City of Robt Lee City of Bronte Bronte ISD

	East Coke Hosp	City of Robt Lee	City of Bronte	Bronte ISD
Last year's tax rate:				
Last year's operating taxes	\$ 169,541	\$ 67,345	\$ 59,300	\$ 740,391
+ Last year's debt taxes	\$ 86,379	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ -0-
= Last year's total taxes	\$ 255,920	\$ 67,345	\$ 59,300	\$ 740,391
/ Last year's tax base	\$ 70,284,745	\$ 19,202,060	\$ 13,784,900	\$ 56,851,158
= Last year's total tax rate	\$.36419/\$100	\$.35075/\$100	\$.43/\$100	\$ 1.31/\$100
This year's effective tax rate:				
Last year's adjusted taxes	\$ 255,340	\$ 67,351	\$ 59,275	\$ 727,581
(after subtracting taxes on lost property)				
/ This year's adjusted tax base	\$ 70,320,850	\$ 19,044,940	\$ 13,760,830	\$ 53,280,324
(after subtracting taxes on new property)				
= This year's effective tax rate	\$.36310/\$100	\$.35364/\$100	\$.43075/\$100	\$ 1.36557/\$100
x 1.03=maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearing	\$.37399/\$100	\$.36424/\$100	\$.44367/\$100	\$ 1.40653/\$100
This year's rollback tax rate:				
Last year's adjusted operating taxes	\$ 169,159	\$ 67,351	\$ 59,275	\$ 727,582
(after subtracting taxes on lost property)				
/ This year's adjusted tax base	\$ 70,320,850	\$ 19,044,940	\$ 13,760,830	\$ 53,280,324
= This year's effective operating rate	\$.24055/\$100	\$.35364/\$100	\$.43075/\$100	\$ 1.36557/\$100
x 1.08=this year's maximum operating rate (or + \$.08 for schools)	\$.25979/\$100	\$.38193/\$100	\$.46521/\$100	\$ 1.44557/\$100
+ This year's debt rate	\$.11945/\$100	\$ -0-/\$100	\$ -0-/\$100	\$ -0-/\$100
= This year's rollback rate	\$.37924/\$100	\$.38193/\$100	\$.46521/\$100	\$ 1.44557/\$100

SCHEDULE A: UNENCUMBERED FUND BALANCES

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

ECCHD: Emergency Fund	-0-
Insurance Fund	-0-
Indigent Health Care	-0-
City of Robert Lee:	\$ 97,245
City of Bronte:	\$ 70,000
Bronte I.S.D.:	\$ 876,000

SCHEDULE B: 1996 DEBT SERVICE

These units plan to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues.

East Coke County Hospital District	\$ 81,657
City of Robert Lee	-0-
City of Bronte	-0-
Bronte I.S.D.	-0-

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rate calculations. You can inspect the full calculations at Coke County Appraisal District 710 Austin St., Robert Lee, Tex.

Notice prepared by Patsy N. Dunn, Tax Assessor/Collector July 29, 1996

Property Tax Rates

1996 PROPERTY TAX RATES in Coke County General and Farm to Market Flood Control, Coke County Underground Water District, West Coke County Hospital District, Kickapoo Water District, and Robert Lee Independent School District. This notice concerns 1996 property tax rates for the taxing jurisdictions listed above. It presents information about three tax rates. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. For all jurisdictions except Robert Lee ISD, this year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. For Robert Lee ISD, This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the school district can set before it must hold a rollback election. In each case, the school rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes and state funds by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. All rates are given per \$100 of property value.

	Coke General	Coke FM&FC	Coke Co. Underground Water	West Coke Hospital District	Kickapoo Water District
Last year's tax rate:					
Last year's operating taxes	\$ 726,703	\$ 154,095	\$ 24,669	\$ 273,285	\$ 1,123
Last year's debt taxes	\$ 0	\$ 26,829	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Last year's total taxes	\$ 726,703	\$ 180,924	\$ 24,669	\$ 273,285	\$ 1,123
Last year's tax base	\$ 175,054,031	\$ 172,308,580	\$ 181,255,841	\$ 109,314,240	\$ 22,594,567
Last year's total tax rate	\$.415131 /\$100	\$.105000 /\$100	\$.013610 /\$100	\$.250000 /\$100	\$.004970 /\$100

This year's effective tax rate:					
Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$ 724,792	\$ 180,263	\$ 24,668	\$ 273,285	\$ 1,122
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$ 181,771,212	\$ 178,987,572	\$ 188,180,820	\$ 116,056,820	\$ 23,829,780
- This year's effective tax rate for each fund	\$.398738 /\$100	\$.100712 /\$100	\$.013108 /\$100	\$.235475 /\$100	\$.004708 /\$100
Total effective tax rate (County only)	\$.499450 /\$100				
x 1.03 = maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearing	\$.514433 /\$100		\$.013501 /\$100	\$.242539 /\$100	\$.004849 /\$100

This year's rollback tax rate:					
Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and including taxes for state criminal justice mandate.)	\$ 724,792	\$ 153,543	\$ 24,669	\$ 273,286	\$ 1,123
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$ 181,771,212	\$ 178,987,572	\$ 188,180,820	\$ 116,056,820	\$ 23,829,780
- This year's effective operating rate	\$.398738 /\$100	\$.085784 /\$100	\$.013109 /\$100	\$.235475 /\$100	\$.004712 /\$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	\$.430637 /\$100	\$.092446 /\$100	\$.014157 /\$100	\$.254313 /\$100	\$.005088 /\$100
+ This year's debt rate	\$.000000 /\$100	\$.014867 /\$100	\$.000000 /\$100	\$.000000 /\$100	\$.000000 /\$100
- This year's rollback rate for each fund	\$.430637 /\$100	\$.107513 /\$100	\$.014157 /\$100	\$.254313 /\$100	\$.005088 /\$100
This year's total rollback rate (County only)	\$.538150 /\$100				

	Robert Lee ISD
Last year's tax rate:	
Last year's operating taxes	\$ 1,446,541
Last year's debt taxes	\$ 0
Last year's total taxes	\$ 1,446,541
Last year's tax base	\$ 100,007,678
Last year's total tax rate	\$ 1.446430 /\$100

This year's effective tax rate:	
Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$ 1,416,013
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$ 104,839,372
- This year's effective tax rate	\$ 1.350650 /\$100
x 1.03 = maximum rate unless the school district publishes notices and holds hearing	\$ 1.391169 /\$100

This year's rollback rate:	
Last year's adjusted operating taxes	\$ 1,416,014
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$ 104,839,372
- This year's local maintenance and operating rate	\$ 1.350650 /\$100
x Student enrollment adjustment	1.000000
- This year's adjusted maintenance and operating rate	\$ 1.350650 /\$100
+ \$0.08 cents = this year's maximum operating rate	\$ 1.430650 /\$100
+ This year's debt rate	\$.000000 /\$100
+ Rate to recoup loss certified by commissioner of education	\$.000000 /\$100
- This year's rollback rate	\$ 1.430650 /\$100

UNENCUMBERED FUND BALANCES

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
Coke County General	\$535,586
Coke County FMFC	\$313,536
Coke Co. Underground Water Reserve	\$ 18,000
West Coke Hospital Contingency	\$ 3,596
Kickapoo Water Contingency	\$ 30,000
Robert Lee ISD	\$ 76,286

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at the Coke County Tax Office, Robert Lee, Texas. Name of person preparing this notice: D. Kristeen Roe, RTA
Title: County Tax Assessor/Collector
Date Prepared: July 29, 1996

1996 DEBT SERVICE

Coke County plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues.

DESCRIPTION OF DEBT	PRINCIPAL OR CONTRACT PAYMENT TO BE PAID FROM PROPERTY TAXES	INTEREST TO BE PAID FROM PROPERTY TAXES	OTHER AMOUNTS TO BE PAID	TOTAL PAYMENT
Prec 1	\$8,693	\$ 577	\$ 7,737	\$17,007
Prec 2	\$4,024	\$ 329	\$ 6,529	\$10,882
Prec 3	\$7,362	\$1,477	\$13,256	\$22,095
Prec 4	\$4,152	\$ 215	\$ 6,549	\$10,916

Total required for 1996 debt service	\$60,900
- Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in Schedule A	\$34,071
- Excess collections last year	\$ 0
= Total to be paid from taxes in 1996	\$26,829
+ Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 100.00% of its taxes in 1996	\$
= Total Debt Levy	\$26,829



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COMPUTER TABLE for sale. L-shaped corner table; new condition, \$65. Power Walker, as seen on TV, \$75. Call 453-2438, Joann Runnion. 01-2tc

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A-1 HOMES OF SAN ANGELO We have The "Z" - a must see. \$1600 down, \$280/mth. wac, \$240 months; 9.75% APR/VAR. 915-653-1152 or 800-626-9978.

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Elaine Lee
453-2995



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GARAGE SALES

GARAGE SALE Friday & Saturday, August 2 & 3. 510 S. State, Bronte. 01B-1tp

BACK TO SCHOOL YARD SALE Jerry T. Parker residence. 3 miles north of Bronte on 277, then 1/2 mile west at the sign. Saturday, August 3. 01B-1tc

INSIDE SALE 813 Vicki St., Robert Lee; Friday & Saturday; everything must go; make offers. 01-1tp

GARAGE SALE Saturday, August 3, 8am-3pm. Schwinn 10 speed, Kirby vacuum w/ shampooer, electric typewriter, plus size clothing, queen box springs, misc. kitchen. 1501 Bishop, Robert Lee, Rascos. 01-1tp

BIG GARAGE SALE (Don't miss!) Chest of drawers, 4-drawer sewing cabinet, small round table, jewelry, portable auto speakers, bass cannon, men's and ladies' jeans, good shoes, boots, kids' books and videos, a/c window unit, dishes. Lots of good things; too much to list. Friday & Saturday, 8 am - ? 222 E. 1st St., Robert Lee, B. Barrett. 01-1tc

CARD OF THANKS

WORDS CANNOT EXPRESS my heartfelt gratitude to my wonderful family and friends for the prayers, flowers, food and visits while in the hospital for hip surgery and recuperating at home now. May God bless and keep you all. Thanks!
Eula Maud McCutchen
01B-1tc

HELP WANTED

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NOTICES

Political Calendar

The Observer/Enterprise

has been authorized to make the following announcements in the political offices in Coke County.

Each candidate or the campaign treasurer has paid for his or her announcement. All political advertising, announcements, and printing is cash in advance.

COKE COUNTY SHERIFF

Mike Harris

COKE COUNTY COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 3

Pat Percifull

COKE COUNTY COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 1

Paul Burns

COKE COUNTY ATTORNEY

Lane Arthur

COKE COUNTY CONSTABLE PRECINCT 2

William "Keith" Fletcher

ROBERT LEE ISD IS ACCEPTING BIDS for plumbing renovations. For specifications and details, contact William Hood, Superintendent, Robert Lee ISD, 1323 Hamilton, Robert Lee, Texas 76945. 51a-2tc

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION of Nondiscrimination in Career and Technology Education Programs

1. Bronte ISD offers career and technology education programs in Agriculture and Home Economics. Admission to these programs is based on classification, student interest, student aptitude, and available space.

2. It is policy of Bronte ISD not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national (cont'd. next page)

...Classifieds

origin, sex, or handicap in its vocational programs, services, or activities as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.

3. Bronte ISD will take steps to assure that lack of English language skills will not be a barrier to admission and participation in all educational and vocational programs.

4. For information about your rights or grievances, contact the Title IX Coordinator, Alan Richey, Superintendent, at Box 670, Bronte, Texas 76933, and/or Section 504 Coordinator, Rick Howell, at Box 670, Bronte, Texas 76933, 915-473-2511.

01B-11c

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

On this 30th day of July, A.D. 1996 it appearing to the Commissioner's Court of Coke County, Texas, that House Bill 768, Chapter 206, Section 12 of the General Laws of the State of Texas, requires that the Commissioner's Court in each county shall, each year, provide for a public hearing on the County Budget.

Acting by virtue of the order of the Commissioner's Court of Coke County, Texas, made this 30th day of July 1996, notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held on the Budget of Coke County, Texas as prepared for the year 1997.

The hearing will be at 10 am Friday, August 16th, 1996 at

the courthouse in Robert Lee, Texas, at which time any taxpayer of Coke County, Texas shall have the right to be present, participate in, and present oral or written comments in said hearing.

A copy of said proposed budget is available for inspection by the public at the offices of the County Judge, County Auditor, or County Clerk in the courthouse at Robert Lee, Texas.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE this 30th day of July 1996.

Jackie Walker
County Judge
Coke County, Texas
01a-11c

Cattle importation slows

The number of cattle being imported into Texas from Mexico has slowed to a trickle this past year, says Dr. Parr Rosson, Texas Agricultural Extension Service economist. He credits this to herd liquidations due to the Mexico drought.

"Feeder cattle imports are running about 80 percent of what they were a year ago," Rosson said. "This is attributed to the draw down on the Mexican cattle herd over the last couple years due to the extreme drought in the northern part of Mexico."

Since 1993, Mexico has been going through significant reductions in herd sizes. The current drought conditions have not helped the situation any by forcing ranchers to continue the liquidation process.

"The primary reason for the lower Mexican cattle shipments to the United States is the reduction in the size of the cattle herd in Mexico," Rosson said.

Last year at this time, imports were more than 765,000 head higher than what they are today. However, year ago numbers had increased significantly because of the devaluation of the Mexico peso. But even with the stabilization of the peso, numbers have not increased.

"It (the peso) has been stable since February at about 7.5 pesos to \$1," Rosson said. "If we see another drop, then I think we're back where we were a year ago in terms of reduced imports from the United States and a big influx of imports from Mexico."

As of now, though, imports are indicative of the stable but low value of the peso.

The increase of cattle imports along with herd rebuilding in Mexico and Texas is dependent on two things - rain and Mexican banks willing to lend money to purchase cattle.

"When cattle rebuilding does begin, Texas cattle producers are well positioned to respond with sound breeding stock, genetic material and export credit guarantees provided by the US Department of Agriculture," Rosson said.

Economically, Texas and Mexico should have an equivalent import/export ratio, but with recent insufferable drought conditions both countries are distressed.

"You can't export without importing. So from the standpoint of both countries, mutual trade benefits are quite important," Rosson said.

* Austin was first named Waterloo.

* State name: "Tejas" from Indian word meaning friendly.

Milk prices expected to rise

Cows may be contented, but consumers may not be as the price of milk and milk products crawl up as summer ends.

"Milk will probably go up some in price," said Dr. Bud Schwart, an agricultural economist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, "because we have a very tight milk supply in most of the country. We'll probably see them go up 8 cents to 10 cents per gallon (in Texas)."

And, the milk supply is not expected to increase significantly in the short run, he said.

"We're going through a period where we're experiencing high feed prices. We had a very bad feed crop last year," he explained.

Additionally, this year's drought that has seared much of the central and southern part of the United States has impacted hay supplies. Dairy producers are facing high prices for hay and feed grains this year as well, he said.

As a consequence, a lot of small-time farmers are retiring, and these cows are "leaving the industry," lowering the milk supply even further. Another factor is the beginning of school, adding to the competition for available milk supplies and driving up the price.

According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Economic Research Service, Americans drank an average of 23.5 gallons of whole, low-fat and skim milk in 1994, the latest year for which figures are available.

Consumers also may see an increase in another favorite

product - ice cream. Several ice cream manufacturers already have announced price increases.

"Ice cream is made of milk and if milk supplies are tight, the price (ice cream manufacturers) pay for their raw ingredients is going to go up," Schwart said. The average consumption of frozen dairy products - which includes ice cream - was 30 pounds in 1994.

"It's funny, though," Schwart said. "Sometimes, it's hard to tell if stores are going up or down (in Texas) because they run a lot of specials on ice cream. You may walk in and see ice cream for \$4.50 for a half-gallon carton and you walk back in the next day and it's two for \$5. So it's going to be difficult to detect those increases in ice cream prices."

Cheese prices are expected to go up as well.

"Wholesale prices have been one of the main drivers of the price increase because it's been the competition among cheese makers that has milk prices so competitive. This country can't get enough of cheese, it seems," he said.

According to the International Dairy Foods Association, Americans consumed 26.8 pounds per person in 1994, compared to 17.53 pounds in 1960.

A lot of that cheese goes into prepackaged and restaurant foods, Schwart said. "The price increase is going to be reflected in pizzas, hamburgers or anything that uses cheese," Schwart said.

* Caddo Lake in east Texas is the state's largest natural lake.

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Marsha Lindahl, Director
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Beef producers to meet with industry leaders

Beef producers will have the unrivaled attention of beef industry leaders to discuss the beef checkoff program from 7 to 9 pm August 22 during a satellite Town Hall Meeting.

The program will be broadcast to county Farm Bureau offices throughout the state on the Ku band. Any producer with a satellite dish can also receive the program on the C-band.

On hand to answer producers' questions about any facet of the checkoff will be Jan Lyons, chairman of the Cattlemen's Beef Board; John Lacey, president of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA); Rick Allen,

Adapting to motion sickness

Got motion sickness? Get used to it.

So advises Dr. Helen Cohen, an associate professor of otorhinolaryngology at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston who specializes in treating patients with inner ear disturbances such as vertigo.

"Motion sickness, like vertigo, is a condition that you can learn to live with through practice," Cohen said.

Cohen says a process called habituation "teaches" the inner ear to adjust to the dizziness associated with vertigo. She suspects people who spend a great deal of time at sea, for example, have learned through habituation or repetitive training, to adjust to unexpected motion.

"Motion sickness is caused when there is a conflict between what you see and how the inner ear feels it," she said. "This causes your brain to be confused, sending signals that can result in higher heart rates, rapid breathing, nausea and sweating."

Cohen says it's important that if you are experiencing motion sickness, to get outside or look out a window. This helps your eyes confirm that motion is occurring, reducing this conflict.

While it's true that people who are constantly exposed to motion sickness conditions can "habituate," Cohen admits for the average land-based person who vacations once a year, medications and a few common-sense tips are still the best hope.

According to Dr. Alan Blum, a Baylor family physician who has occasionally battled motion sickness, over-the-counter medications such as meclizine or diphenhydramine are recommended.

"I recall one trip on Lake Superior aboard a four boat to Isle Royale known the the locals as the 'barf barge,'" said Blum who is now a believer in over-the-counter preparations. Most should be taken at least an hour before they are needed.

Some other tips for the queasy-at-heart include: *Stay in well-ventilated areas. Go outside if you must or open a window.

*Avoid overeating or alcoholic beverages prior to your trip.

U.S. Meat Export Federation (USMEF); and Bob Nunley, chairman of the Texas Beef Council (TBC).

The Beef Board is charged by USDA with administering the \$1 per head beef checkoff program on a national level. NCBA and USMEF are both contractors with the Beef Board for beef checkoff funds. TBC is in charge of

collecting and administering the checkoff program in Texas.

"Satellite communications allows beef producers two hours to discuss the beef checkoff program with national leaders," says TBC Chairman Bob Nunley, a rancher from Sabinal, Texas. "Beef producers can ask questions via a toll-free 800 number or

transmit them by fax."

Satellite coordinates are: Ku-Band, Telstar 401, Transponder 11-full, Downlink frequency 12.040 MHz, Audio 6.2 & 6.8; or C-Band, Galaxy 9, Channel 1, Downlink frequency 3720 MHz, Audio 6.2 & 6.8. The Galaxy 9 satellite replaces Telstar 303 in location.

"The checkoff is a great program because it is produc-

er-driven," Nunley said. "This satellite Town Hall Meeting is an example of how producers can have input into the programs, objectives and goals of the checkoff. Please make your plans to participate either from your home or office or from your county Farm Bureau office.

For more information on the program, call Lisa Williams at TBC (1-800-846-4113).

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