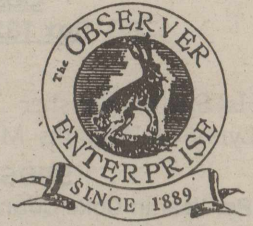


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Commissioners bid farewell

The Coke County Commissioners' Court met on December 28, 1998. The meeting was called to order with the Pledge to the flag and prayer led by James Tidwell. The minutes were read and approved.

Under open forum, farewells were given by Commissioners Tidwell and Lee. David Rawlings reported

Coke County Livestock Show

The Coke County Livestock Show will be held in the Sterling Lindsey Memorial Exhibit Building in Robert Lee with the Market Lamb and Meat Goat shows on Friday, January 15, beginning at 5 pm. The Market Swine show will begin at 8:30 am on Saturday, January 16, followed by the Market Steer show at 11 am. The Buyers Appreciation Barbecue will be served beginning at 12 noon Saturday, with the Premium Sale starting at 2 pm.

Runnels Baptist Assoc. to meet

The regular meeting of the Runnels Baptist Association will be held Monday, January 18 at Seventh Street Baptist Church in Ballinger.

The Executive Board and WMU will meet at 5:30 pm. The evening meal will be served at 6:15 pm.

The program will be held at 7 pm. The program will be on *Praise and Worship*. Eddie Tingle, Moderator, is in charge of the program.

The public is invited to attend.

County Officials to take Oath of Office Friday

The following will be taking the Oath of Office on Friday, January 1, 1999 at 9 am:

Judge, Jackie Walker; Clerk, Mary Grim; County Commissioner Pct. 2, Wayne McCutchen; Commissioner Pct. 4, David Rawlings; Justice of Peace Pct. 1, Joan Davis; Justice of Peace Pct. 2, Jack Moore. Treasurer, Phelan Wrinkle will take her Oath of Office on Monday, January 4, 1999.

Anyone wanting to attend is more than welcome. Oaths will be given in the District Courtroom.

from the Appraisal Board meeting that the board would be contracting some appraisal and use part time help for the first of the year instead of replacing Jo Nell Blair.

The Court decided to leave all major purchases to be approved through the Commissioners' Court.

Court approved increase in insurance premiums and tabled the payment schedule until more information could be obtained.

Contributions to the County Livestock Show was discussed for County Officials.

The Audit was reviewed.

Bonds approved.

Bills paid and meeting adjourned.

West Texas Rehab annual telethon

Members of the 64 Study Club in Robert Lee and Diane Lockett and Pat Martindale in Bronte will be among dozens of dedicated volunteers coordinating 30 Concho Valley and Big Country area community phone banks January 9 for Rehab '99 - West Texas Rehabilitation Center's fundraising telethon.

The Robert Lee REHAB '99 phone bank will be manned by local volunteers at the Ivey Motor Company from 6 to 10 pm. The Bronte REHAB '99 phone bank will be at the First National Bank from 7 to 10 pm. Donors can call 453-2715 in Robert Lee or 473-2911 in Bronte to make a pledge.

Also, advance donations may be made prior to the January 9 telethon. "We're encouraging everyone to participate...either in advance or during the telethon so we can send a message of support to West Texas Rehab Center, which serves many of our own families and friends," says Leta Gaston, coordinator for the Robert Lee phonebank.

Eleven television stations, including KLST-TV in San Angelo, will televise this 29th annual show which originates live from the Abilene Civic Center.

Headliners Collin Raye and the Lynns will share the stage with Peter Marshall, Bill and Susan Hayes, Anacani, Arthur Duncan, Brad Maule and Ana Alicia Garza, a 15-year-old San Angeloan, who has entertained at several Rehab



events in the past year.

Viewers of KLST-TV will be able to see the network stage show as well as local interviews and Concho Valley and Big Country phone bank reports from WTRC-San Angelo hosted by Pat Attebery, local television host and WTRC board officer.

The telecast also can be viewed nationwide via satellite: Galaxy C7, Transponder 8.

Another popular segment of the telethon is the auction

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Gospel Singing Sunday

The regular monthly community gospel singing will be held Sunday, January 3, from 2 to 4 pm at the Central Baptist Church in Bronte. Everyone in the area is invited to come and enjoy this fellowship time together.

Trashaway Service

Trashaway service for Robert Lee residents normally on Friday's route is scheduled for Thursday, December 31st.

Standard-Times All-West Texas Football Team

The San Angelo Standard-Times recently picked their All-West Texas Football team, and both Bronte and Robert Lee were represented.

Running back Daniel DeLaCerde, a Bronte senior, had 1,162 yards rushing, and 9 touchdowns for the season. He led the Longhorns to a 8-3 record, and the playoffs.

Offensive lineman Blake McKee, a Bronte junior, was the main blocker for running back Daniel DeLaCerde, and helped Bronte to the playoffs.

Defensive lineman Jeremy Edging, a Robert Lee senior, had 71 tackles, 15 hurried passes and 10 sacks for the season. He was a mainstay on the Steers defense, and has been an all-state player two years in a row.

Linebacker Will Simpson, a Robert Lee senior, had 78 tackles, 1 blocked punt, 8 hurries, and 2 sacks for the year. He was a backbone of the Steer defense that had a shot at the playoffs out of District 12-1A until the final week of the season.

AP All-State Football team

The Associated Press Sports Editors Class 1A All-State team was recently named, and Jeremy Edging, a Defensive Lineman from Robert Lee, was named to the first team.

Texas Sports Writers select all-state volleyball team

The 1998 Texas Sports Writers Association recently named their picks for the Class 1A all-state volleyball team.

Bonnie DeLaughter, a senior Middle Blocker, of Bronte, was named to the first team.

Honorable Mention went to Nicole Butts of Bronte.

Courthouse to be closed for holiday

The Coke County Courthouse in Robert Lee will be closed Friday, Jan. 1, 1999 in observance of the New Year holiday. Regular business will resume on Monday, Jan. 4.

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Obituaries

McCutchen
 Madison C. "Mac" McCutchen, 75 of Canyon Lake, Texas passed away on Thursday December 17, 1998, at his residence.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, December 19, 1998 at the Robert Lee Baptist Church with the Reverend Garry Bivins officiating. Burial followed in the Robert Lee Cemetery, with services under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.

He was born on November 1, 1923, in Robert Lee. He married Mary Helen Hlavacek on December 17, 1946. They lived in San Antonio until 10 years ago when they moved to Canyon Lake, Texas.

He served in World War II in the Air Force. He graduated from Trinity University in San Antonio with B.A. and M.A. degrees in Journalism in 1950 and 1951. He was listed in the

Who's Who in Americas Colleges. He taught at Trinity after graduation. He, along with partners, was instrumental in the origination of Texas Farm and Ranch News and Stockman's Printing. Until his death, he served as editor of Southern Livestock Standard in San Antonio, Texas.

Survivors include his wife, Mary H. McCutchen of Canyon Lake; sons and daughters-in-law, David and Janet, and Daren A. and Dana McCutchen, all of Canyon Lake; along with four grandchildren, Daren M., Danny, Heather, and Deidra, all of Canyon Lake.

Also surviving are a brother, Bill McCutchen of Nogal, New Mexico; sisters, LaVerne Cole of Ruidoso, New Mexico, Hilda Kirchman and Joyce Hood both of San Angelo, and Yvonne Devoll of Robert Lee.

Death Notices

Morton
 J.T. "Buddy" Morton, 86, of San Angelo died Saturday, December 19, 1998, in the Robert Lee Care Center.

Graveside service was conducted Tuesday, Dec. 22, in Fairmount Cemetery with L.C. Messer officiating. Arrangements were by Johnson's Funeral Home.

Survivors include three daughters, Charlotte Hasty of Sweetwater, Shirley Coppedge of Robert Lee and Brenda Martin of Abilene; seven grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Peters
 Vernon Edward Peters, 73, of Bronte, died on Saturday, December 26, 1998, in a San Angelo hospital.

Graveside services were held Tuesday, December 29, 1998, at the Fairview cemetery with services under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.

Survivors include his wife, Margarita Peters of Bronte; a son, Peter Lee Peters of Reno, Nevada; a daughter, Virginia Peters, of Colorado; and a step-son, Danny Saldana of Dallas. Also surviving are two brothers, Eugene Peters of Montana; and Lester Peters of West Virginia; a sister, Ethel Peters of Oregon; and two grandchildren.

McDaniel, Former Ag teacher, dies
 Lee Roy "Buster" McDaniel, 74, of Carbon died December 25, 1998, in an Abilene hospital.

Services were held Sunday, December 27, at the Church of Christ in Gorman with burial in Murray Cemetery in Carbon. Arrangements were by Higginbotham Funeral Home.

Survivors include his wife, Pearl McDaniel of Carbon; two sons, Gary Lee McDaniel and Eddie Roy McDaniel, both of San Angelo; two daughters, Linda Gaye Timaeus of Tyler and Neva Jean Timaeus of Angleton; two brothers, J.L. McDaniel of Carbon and Leao McDaniel of Abilene; and eight grandchildren.



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Stenholm announces 2.4 billion in farm aid
 U.S. farmers who suffered crop losses from natural disasters and disease will be able to apply to the U.S. Department of Agriculture for disaster assistance on February 1, 1999, according to Congressman Charlie Stenholm. The aid is made possible by the \$2.375 billion federal emergency disaster package passed by Congress in October.

"First and foremost, all farmers who suffered qualifying losses will be eligible for relief, regardless of the crops they produced or which part of the country they farmed," said Stenholm. "I have been urging prompt action so that producers can make plans for the planting of spring crops, and I'm glad USDA is moving forward in distributing this much-needed aid."

Under the plan announced by USDA, farmers who experienced losses on 1998 crops, and those who had losses in at least three of the past five years, 1994-1998, may apply for assistance from February 1 through March 12, 1999.

Farmers can receive payments under either the single-year or multi-year provisions, but not both. USDA will make payments to a farm at the higher of the two levels. All crops, whether insured or uninsured, are eligible for the single-year payments. Multi-year payments cover only uninsured or non-insurable crops.

Payment calculation is based on the following:
 For 1998 single year losses, farmers will be compensated if their losses exceeded 35 percent of historic yields.
 •Farmers with eligible losses of insured crops will be compensated at 65 percent of crop insurance market price elections.
 •Farmers with eligible losses to uninsured crops will be compensated at 60 percent of

the crop insurance market price elections, and must agree to buy crop insurance for the 1999 and 2000 crop years. Uninsured crops are those crops for which insurance was available, but the producer did not purchase insurance.

•Farmers with eligible losses of crops, for which crop insurance is not available, will be compensated at 65 percent of the five-year average National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) price. Non-insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) area loss triggers will not apply.

Historic yields will be based on the greater of the five-year average NASS county yield or the crop insurance actual production history yield, or the NAP expected yield.

Under the multi-year provisions of this program, USDA will compensate insured farmers with losses in three or more years from 1994 through 1998 with an additional payment equal to 25 percent of insurance indemnity payments made during that period. USDA will compensate farmers with eligible losses of non-insurable crops with an additional payment equal to 25 percent of what their NAP payments were or would have been had they received NAP payments. NAP area loss triggers will not apply.

"I am pleased to report that up to \$400 million will be used as an incentive for farmers to buy higher levels of crop insurance in the future, and all farmers will get a special 25-35 percent premium discount on buy-up coverage," noted Stenholm. "USDA has indicated that this incentive is the first element of their plan to strengthen the crop insurance portion of the farm safety net for future years. Crop insurance reform will be a high priority for the next Congress."

Sign up for the disaster relief payments will begin February 1, 1999. No farmer

will receive more than \$80,000 under the disaster program, and those with gross receipts of more than \$2.5 million are not eligible. Farmers can apply and get more information from their local Farm Service Agency (FSA) office at that time. USDA expects to begin paying approved losses in the spring of 1999, after review and processing of all applications.

...Rehab

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which features retail merchandise and hand-crafted items donated by businesses and individuals - ranging from airline tickets to tires, saddles to sirloins. Major auction items and a toll-free bidding number will be publicized prior to showtime in the San Angelo Standard-Times and Abilene Reporter-News.

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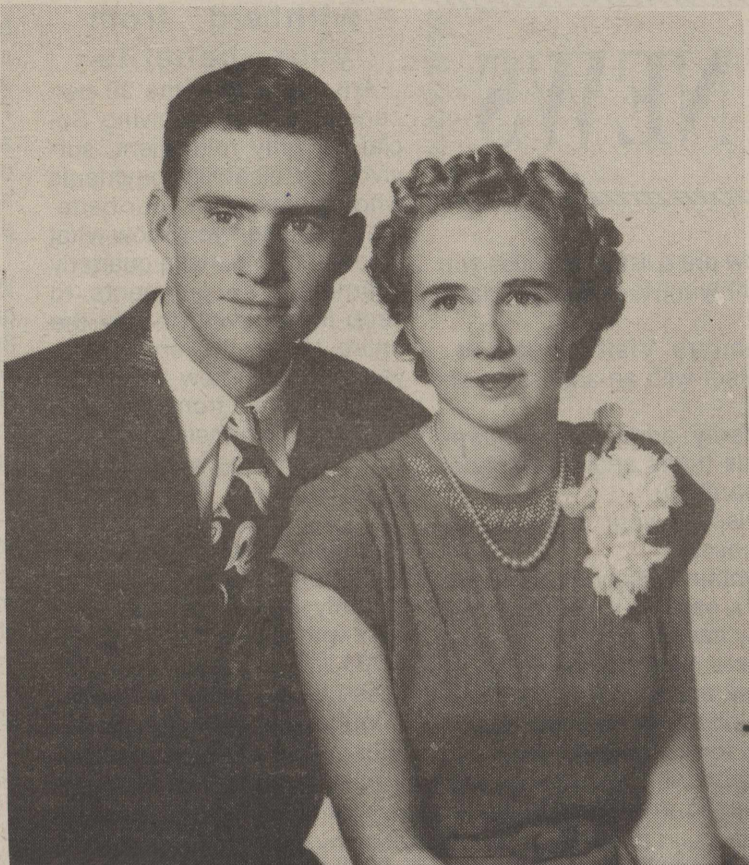
**Mr & Mrs. Wallace
celebrate their
Golden Wedding
Anniversary**

Mr. & Mrs. J.C. Wallace, Jr., were honored on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary at a reception held Sunday, December 20, in the recreation center in Robert Lee. Hosting the event were the Wallace's children and their families: Marilyn Smith, her husband Jackie and children Jessica and Joel of Shallowater; Jacky Wallace, his wife Pam and daughter Lindsay of Abilene; Susan Millican, her husband Troy and daughter Cayla of Sterling City; and Buddy Wallace, his wife Kip and children Tyler and Kate of Gail.

J.C. Wallace, Jr. and Jewell Frances Bloodworth were married on December 21, 1948, by the Rev. Fred D. Blake, then pastor of the Robert Lee Baptist Church, who performed the ceremony in his home. Attendants of the bridal couple were D.J. Walker, Jr., cousin of the bride, and Mildred Wallace (Reese), sister of the groom. Others present for the wedding were parents of the couple, Mr. & Mrs. Calvin Wallace and the Rev. & Mrs. H.S. Bloodworth; also Ernest Bloodworth, Raymond Bloodworth and family, Mrs. Waymon (Ruby) Robertson, and Edna Mae Wallace (Havins). The bridal couple took an overnight honeymoon trip to San Angelo, returning to Robert Lee the following day.

J.C. Wallace, Jr., was born November 21, 1927, in Robert Lee. He and his family resided in the Robert Lee area throughout his boyhood, with the exception of one year (1935), during which his family lived and farmed in Portales, New Mexico. He graduated from Robert Lee High School in 1946. While in high school and after graduation, J.C. was employed in the grocery business and as an electrician, and later in oil field maintenance and construction. He has been a self-employed oil field contractor since 1966. He was a member of the Robert Lee Volunteer Fire department for 40 years and Fire Chief for about 10 of those years. He was also a 12-year member of the Robert Lee Independent School District Board, serving as President during part of his tenure.

Jewell Bloodworth Wallace was born February 27, 1930 in Silver, Texas. She attended Silver Peak Elementary School, completing her education in Robert Lee, where she also graduated in 1946. She was employed in 1947



Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Wallace, Jr.
1948



Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Wallace, Jr.
1998

and 1948 as a telephone operator at the local telephone office, and during the 1960's and '70's at the Robert Lee Observer. She recently retired from the U.S. Postal Service with more than 20 years of service at the Robert Lee Post Office.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace are members of the Northside Church of Christ. They have lived in Robert Lee throughout their 50 years of marriage. In addition to their children who are listed above, they had another daughter, Donna Marie Morton, who died in 1996.

A large number of friends and relatives attended the anniversary reception, including guests from Robert Lee,

Silver, Bronte, Sterling City, San Angelo, Abilene, Norton, Grape Creek, Gail, Carlsbad, Winters, Sweetwater, Miles, Sonora, Midland, Manchaca, Alpine, Sundown, Lubbock, Shallowater, Lockney, Carlsbad, N.M., and the Ukraine, Russia.

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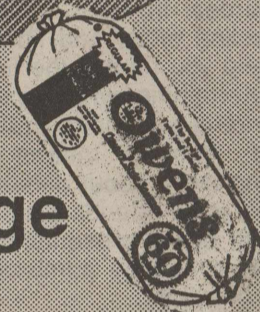
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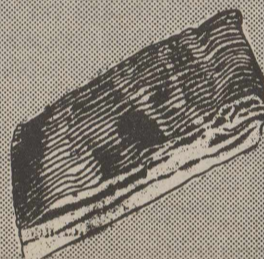
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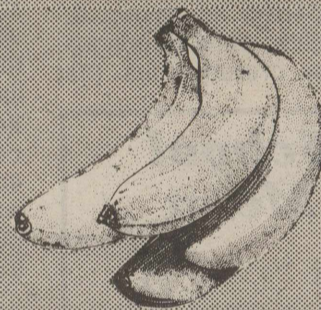
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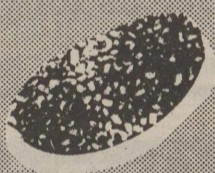
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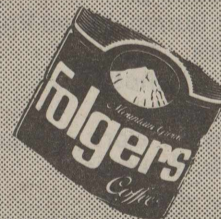


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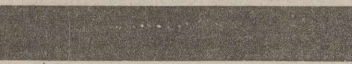
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Campus visit trips

It is never too early to start looking for the perfect college; making a campus visit is probably the most important component of the college search process. It is also probably the LAST component, as you can (and should) do a lot of the initial leg work without leaving your home and school.

Consider the factors that will ultimately make your decision - while a college on the beach SOUNDS wonderful, the real world issues such as distance from home, size, cost, and field of study will probably be those most important to you. Resources in your school counseling office and library can help you narrow the field by determining which meet the criteria you have established. Another means of learning more about different schools is by attending a college fair or the presentations of visiting college admission representatives.

As you might guess, all of this takes time. That's why it is so important to start evaluating schools, and yourself, early. Many students make the mistake of waiting until their senior year to really start thinking about what they are going to do after high school. For those who plan or hope to attend college, this may be too late, as many schools have specific admission requirements, early deadlines, or other prerequisites that

students need to know about in order to be prepared to meet them. (Some issues, like academic preparation, are addressed as early as in your eighth grade year, when classes are selected for your freshman year - algebra and biology are college preparatory courses, general mathematics and general science are not.)

Spending time your junior year learning more about yourself, what you want, and which schools meet your needs, should enable you to narrow your focus to three to five schools. Once these are identified, it will be time to actually make campus visits, and the summer before your senior year is the perfect time.

One very important thing to be aware of is the timing of your visit; the absolute worst time to go is any time classes are not in session. Just imagine visiting your own high school on a day two weeks before school starts...the doors are unlocked, and the principal and secretaries are there, but there are no students, no teachers, no activities - it's basically just a building. A college campus is no different - your impression of it may not be very valid if you visit on a Saturday, Sunday, or during a college vacation time.

Finally, make sure to PLAN your campus visit. Simply showing up on a campus for a visit is as impractical as a trip to the grocery store without a list. You may get most of the items you need, but you are certain to have forgotten something. Contacting the admissions office or the campus visit center prior to your trip will insure its success -

below are a list of activities you might want to consider. Have fun!

Campus Visit Checklist

- Meet with an admission officer.
- Verify admission requirements (tests and high school preparation).
- Discuss your chances for success.
- Obtain a school calendar and a catalog if you don't already have them.
- Determine college costs.
- Ask about financial aid opportunities, as well as deadlines, forms required, etc.
- Meet with faculty in the academic area of interest to you.
- Ask questions about academic requirements and offerings.
- Attend a class to get an idea of typical size, teaching style, academic atmosphere.
- Ask about the placement record for graduates in the field you might study.
- Identify career planning services for undergraduates.
- Tour the campus. (Be sure to check out the dorms, dining hall, library, etc.)
- Talk to students about the general academic environment and the study commitment necessary for success.
- Find out which student activities (clubs, organizations, intramurals, etc.) are available.
- Investigate transportation options.

Weekly drawing winners

The Joni-Lyn Sportswear weekly drawing winners last week were Jean Sullivan of San Angelo, Eula Verne Lee of Bronte and Mildred McGuire of Bronte.

School Menu

Breakfast

- Monday, Jan. 4**
Cereal, Sliced Peaches, Teddy Grams, Milk
- Tuesday, Jan. 5**
Sausage, Apple Juice, Pancakes, Milk
- Wednesday, Jan. 6**
French Toast Stix, Orange Juice, Blueberry Muffins, Milk
- Thursday, Jan. 7**
Scrambled Eggs, Grape Juice, Biscuit, Milk
- Friday, Jan. 8**
Breakfast Burrito, Mixed Fruit, Donut, Milk

Lunch

- Monday, Jan. 4**
Pizza, Sweet Corn, Tossed Salad, Milk, Brownies
- Tuesday, Jan. 5**
Frito Pie, Chili & Cheese, Ranch Style Beans, Tossed Salad, Corn Chips, Milk, Peanut Butter Cookies
- Wednesday, Jan. 6**
Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Beef & Vegetable Soup, Carrot Sticks, Cornbread, Milk, Chocolate Cake
- Thursday, Jan. 7**
Burrito, Tossed Salad, Spanish Rice, Pinto Beans, Milk, Cherry Bars
- Friday, Jan. 8**
Submarine Sandwich, Ham & Cheese, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle, Sliced Orange, Sun Chips, Milk, Ice Cream Cups

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ROBERT LEE SCHOOL NEWS



Mrs. Mark Allyn Marshall

Schultz-Marshall

On December 5th a ceremony was held in the First United Methodist Chapel in San Angelo to unite Miss Jennifer Jill Schultz and Mark Allyn Marshall in marriage. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Schultz of Robert Lee, and the groom is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Jerry Marshall of Rotan.

Mr. Schultz presented his daughter in marriage. The bride wore a gown of pure silk designed with a halter style neckline, fitted bodice, and dropped waistline. The full skirt was adorned with rows of crocheted silk lace. She complimented her gown with a sheer veil and pearl earrings.

She clutched a bouquet of twenty-four champagne colored roses.

Mrs. Rachel King of Mobile, Alabama served as the matron of honor. She wore a champagne colored satin dress designed with a scoop neckline, short sleeves, and an empire waistline. Jason Moffett of Fort Stockton was the best man. Bethany Leman of Delphi, Indiana was flower girl. Ross Schultz and Drew Schultz, brothers of the bride, of Robert Lee, were ushers. David Miracle of Crane officiated.

The chapel was decorated with white poinsettias, candelabras, greenery, and white bows. Traditional wedding music was provided by Mrs. Evelyn Nowlin of Rotan. Mrs. Mary Ann Marshall, mother of the groom, was soloist. A closing prayer was given by Marty Dittmar.

Following the wedding ceremony,

a brunch reception was held at the San Angelo Country Club. A string quartet played classical and Christmas selections. Later that evening, the couple hosted a more casual barbecue reception for their college friends and co-workers.

After a holiday honeymoon, the couple will reside in Eldorado, where the groom is employed by Schleicher County ISD. The bride will be doing her student teaching in Eldorado during the spring.

The bride graduated from Rossville High School in Rossville, Indiana. Currently, she is a senior at Angelo State University where she is pursuing a degree in early childhood education with a math endorsement.

Marshall graduated from Rotan High School and Angelo State University. At Angelo State, he received a bachelor's degree in government. Currently, Marshall is a master's candidate in public administration at Angelo State University.

New statewide hotline for youth and families

On Tuesday, the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services (TDPRS) initiated the new Texas Youth Hotline, according to Hotline Director, Jay Smith.

"The Texas Youth Hotline and the agency's Texas Runaway Hotline are answered 24 hours a day and provide prevention services to callers who are in need of a caring voice and a listening ear," Smith said. "Hotline counselors will talk with callers who face a variety of issues including family conflicts, delinquency, truancy, and abuse and neglect."

Smith said statewide televi-

sion and radio ads, billboards, movie theater ads and 50,000 pieces of public awareness materials for schools, social service agencies, law enforcement and youth-related organizations are aimed at bringing the troubled youth problem to wider public attention and to make youth and parents more aware of the services available. The toll-free number is 1-800-210-2278.

The Senate Interim Committee on Gangs and Juvenile Justice recommended increased outreach to improve accessibility to intervention and prevention services. Members of the committee include: Committee Chairman, senator Royce West (Dallas); Senator Robert Duncan (Lubbock); Senator Chris Harris (Arlington); Senator Jon Lindsay (Houston); and Senator Mike Moncrief (Fort Worth).

In response to the need for greater focus on juvenile prevention and intervention services, TDPRS has initiated the new Texas Youth Hotline. Hotline staff and volunteers will provide callers with crisis intervention, telephone advocacy and referrals to local community services.

Holiday driving precautions urged

The holiday season can be a treacherous time on Texas roadways, but there are precautions drivers can take to protect themselves.

Janie Harris, passenger safety specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, said it is important to plan carefully.

Col. Dudley Thomas, director of the Texas Department of Public Safety, agrees that it is important to be prepared.

Once on the road, Thomas said, drivers should remember that winter travel conditions may change very quickly. He said stranded motorists should call the DPS helpline at (800) 525-5555 for assistance from a DPS trooper.

Bruckner receives Master's Degree

Jane Austin Bruckner received a Master of Liberal Arts degree from Texas Christian University, in Fort Worth on December 19, 1998. Jane, the daughter of Lila Austin Cope and the late Isham Austin, is a Registered Nurse with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Rutgers University, Newark, New Jersey.

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- Tuesday, Jan. 5
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- Wednesday, Jan. 6
Orange Juice, Breakfast Pizza, Cold Cereal, Milk
- Thursday, Jan. 7
Orange Juice, Blueberry Pancake with Sausage, Cold Cereal, Milk
- Friday, Jan. 8
Orange Juice, Breakfast Burrito, Cold Cereal, Milk

Lunch

- Monday, Jan. 4
Inservice - Workday
- Tuesday, Jan. 5
Pizza, Corn, Applesauce, Teddy Grahams, Milk
- Wednesday, Jan. 6
Chili Con Carne, Tator Tots, Fruit Cocktail Cake, Crackers, Milk
- Thursday, Jan. 7
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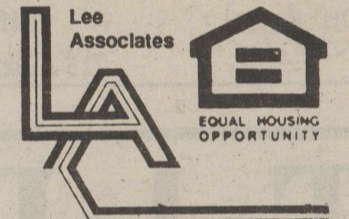
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Be wary of 'Pay nothing until' offers

At this time of year, many retailers want to reduce inventory that could run up their property tax base, so they'll entice consumers, many of whom are financially drained after the holidays, through "pay nothing until" offers.

Maybe the offer is to pay nothing for 60-90 days for an item that also has an irresistible sale price. And someone might think they will have holiday debts paid down by the date, or they'll be receiving a tax refund.

Dr. Lynn White, an economist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, recognizes that sometimes it's really tempting to buy now and pay later. Before making that purchase though, she advises, consumers should check two things first.

One, what does the fine print say about interest charged during the payment delay period? According to White, it is common for interest to be charged on the entire amount from the date of purchase, even though a payment is not required.

Some offers do give consumers 60 to 90 days to pay without interest charges. However, if the full amount is

not paid then, interest is charged from the date of purchase.

"Pretend you bought a computer that cost \$2,000 with an annual interest rate of 16 percent," suggest White. "If the agreement does not provide an interest-free waiting period, in addition to the first minimum-payment you will have interest charges that add up to \$63.95 on the first 90 days."

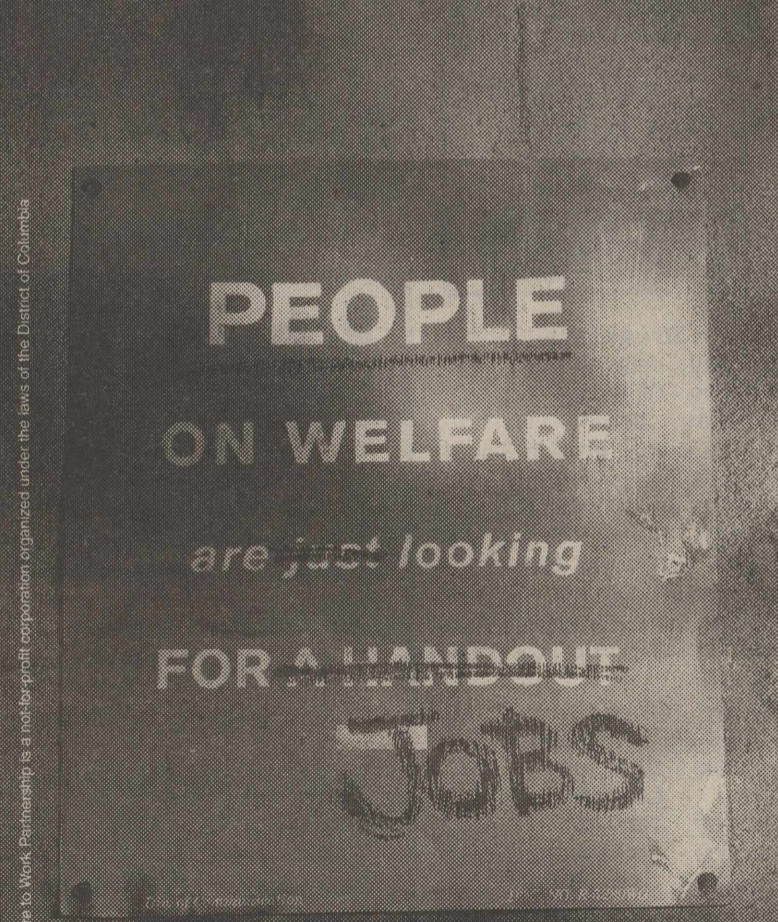
How could this happen? The interest each month from the date of purchase is added to the balance due. The example assumes that the interest is compounded monthly. If it is compounded based on the average daily balance, the interest due for the first payment would be higher.

If the contract does provide interest-free credit for the delayed payment period and you are unable to make the full payment at that time, you will be charged interest from the day of purchase on your next statement.

Next, ask yourself if you will be able to set aside in savings the amount necessary from each pay check during the delayed payment period to have the full payment ready.

The best way to avoid the risk of having interest to pay is to consider what would be the worst thing that would happen if you put aside the amount necessary to buy the item with cash when you are sure you have the money. Question your buying motive. Are you buying it now because the offer looks too good to refuse, or because your family needs it now? Are you willing to take the risk of not being able to pay the full amount when due?

"The challenge with 'no payment until' offers is that it's easy to think we will have more money later than we do now."



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'Back to Basics' approach works as a New Year's diet resolution

If you're going to make a New Year's resolution in 1999, how about one that says you're not going to buy any new fad-diet books to help you lose the extra pounds you put on during holiday excess?

Instead, resolve to take a "Back to Basics" approach to losing weight.

That's a resolution that's not only easy to keep, says Belinda Boshell, RD, LD, president of the 4,000-member Texas Dietetic Association, but also one that saves you money. The reason is that fad diets don't work.

"From Thanksgiving to New Year's Day we're deluged with a series of feasts, parties, snacks and other calorie-laden opportunities," Boshell said. "According to the Calorie Control Council, the average person puts on between 5 to 10 pounds."

Unfortunately, most Americans look for quick-fix answers once the holidays end. They seek out the latest diet that claims to produce rapid, short-term weight loss. Some may have temporary results, Boshell said, but none is the answer.

"At any one time, 50 million Americans are on some kind of weight loss," Boshell said. "But only 5 percent of those keep off any weight they may lose."

And even if fad diets did work there are other reasons to avoid them. Most fad diets promote fast, unhealthy weight loss (more than 2 pounds per week) which in the long run can work against your metabolism, making it easier to regain the weight. Another reason is that these diets eliminate various foods. And since all foods are there for a reason - namely to provide us with nutrients - cutting out any food may cause dietary deficiencies that can affect daily performance and long-term health.

"For instance, we all need iron to stay healthy," Boshell said. "Although fruits and vegetables contain a lot of important nutrients, they are not typically rich sources of iron. For example, you'd have to eat 10 1/2 cups of raw broccoli or 21 cups of cooked corn to get the same amount of iron as in a 3-ounce serving of cooked sirloin steak. And combining vegetables with protein is a better, more balanced option."

Boshell said that the "Back to Basics" approach is based upon eating all foods in mod-

erate, balanced form. Here are the components of TDA's "Back to Basics" plan to get your physique where you want it after the holidays:

•**Eat a variety of foods.** Enjoy foods from all food groups.

•**Choose the leanest cuts of meat.** For example, lean cuts of beef can be found by looking for the word "round" or "loin" in the name.

•**Cook it right.** Use low-fat cooking methods such as roasting, broiling and grilling.

•**Enjoy 5 a day.** Eat at least five servings of fruits and vegetables daily.

•**Get active.** Work toward 30 minutes of moderate exercise most days of the week.

•**Plan your snacking.** Bring healthy, low-fat snacks such as pretzels, yogurt or fruit to work to eat at a specific time.

Avoid the candy jar.

"For my own purposes, I've reduced these tips into my own ABC's about nutrition," Boshell said. "It helps me remember what is important."

They are:

•**All foods can fit.** Just don't overdo the amounts.

•**Balance a variety of foods with physical activity.**

•**Make Conscious choices at mealtime and snacktime.**

"Back to basics is an ideal way to reach or maintain a healthy weight," Boshell said. "We know from years of experience that restrictive diets don't work. But with Back to Basics there's no extremes and it can fit into anyone's eating plan."

64 Study Club meets for party

Members of the 64 Study Club met December 8th for their annual Christmas Party. The Recreation Hall was beautifully decorated for Christmas. Turkey, ham and dressing with all the trimmings was served to 43 members and guests.

The program for the evening was Christmas Carols sung by everyone present. Roger Alexander was the song leader. He also entertained the group with two special Christmas songs.

During a brief business meeting, members signed up to help host Bryan's Barn. Members brought Christmas gifts to be delivered to the Girls' Home in San Angelo.

Nita Duncan made and presented three lovely door prizes. Ava Lou Davis won a candy Christmas tree. Virginia Fikes and Charlotte McKnight each won a candy wreath.

Mr. & Mrs. Wilcox celebrate 50th Anniversary

John and Fern Wilcox of Robert Lee, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a surprise party at their home on December 6, 1998.

The groom's sister, Connie Kneller and daughter Margaret, provided the food for the festivities while his brother, Bob Wilcox and his wife Alice Joyce, brought a beautiful wedding cake, which was made by Alice, along with a 50 wedding anniversary cake top. The groom's sister Norma Parks of Bronte presented the couple with a lovely crystal serving platter. There were numerous other gifts as well.

Others attending were Nancy Abernathy and Don of Coleman, Norma and Eli Speary of Bronte, Nicole Sensenbach, Jessica, Travis and Benjamin Speary and the couple's son Louis Wilcox and Brenda Amy. Those not able to attend were two sons, John and wife LaVonne of Longview, WA, and Earl Wilcox and wife Connie of Woodland, WA and grandson O.J. Wilcox.

The couple originally married in Franklindale, PA at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Fitch in 1948.

RL VFD news by Marian Thompson, Secretary

The Robert Lee Volunteer Fire Department held its second meeting of December on the 21st. There were seven members present. Keith Eubanks, president, presided.

The minutes were read and approved. The Treasurer's report was given, showing the bills paid, memorials received, and one debt that was paid off.

Mr. Eubanks reported that the City Council approved giving Bud Thompson the position of Fire Marshal. Mr. Eubanks, Rick Drennan, Chief, and Bud Thompson, Dispatcher, all attended the Council Meeting to ask that \$2 be added to the water bill, to be paid voluntarily by residents. It was approved. They also discussed replacing the City Pumper, which is 35 years old.

Chief Rick Drennan told of a call he received regarding classes for Hazard-Materials, which will be in San Angelo in January.

They discussed the benefits of the community adding \$2 to the water bill. The money will go to upgrading the equipment, which in turn will bring down the key rate, and it will mean lower insurance premiums. It is also an Income Tax deduction.

Dispatcher Bud Thompson reported a quiet two weeks. He also thanked Bucky Sparks for being the only fireman to show up on the 14th for cleanup night. The fire house still needs to be made ready for the rummage sale which will be held on January 23rd. He also explained the changes in the band-width made by the FCC, and that it should not effect them.

The fire department is applying for Federal grants to upgrade the equipment. How-



Louie Wilcox and Brenda congratulate his father, John Wilcox (seated), and Fern Wilcox on their recent 50th wedding anniversary. The surprise party for the couple's anniversary was held at their home in Robert Lee on December 6, 1998.

ever, it can take years before they are approved. A house fire or range fire waits for no one.

The meeting was adjourned and they watched and discussed a film the Chief had received from E-ONE, a company that builds fire engines and other emergency equipment.

Give and let live

'Tis better to give than to receive. But why? In addition to having a positive impact on others' lives, starting a tradition of philanthropy enhances family togetherness. Parents also can pass along values of social responsibility and caring to their children, who, in turn, will promote charity throughout future generations.

"The holidays make it easy for us because we take time during the holidays that we don't take during the rest of the year," says Dr. Joyce Armstrong, an assistant professor in the Texas Woman's University family sciences department. "If we can keep it up during the rest of the year---that's the real challenge. Even if you drop the ball after New Year's, it's never too late to pick it up again or start anew. It becomes a lifestyle for you. A good place to start is where you are right now - this very day."

Winter holidays are a perfect opportunity for creating and nurturing philanthropic customs. Many different celebrations emphasize conscientiousness, such as Kwanzaa's *ujima*, one of the seven guiding principles (*Nguzo Saba*), that promotes collective work and responsibility in the greater community, society and world. During Hanukkah, Jewish families can perform *mitzvah* - acts of obligation towards God and others - through gifts of food, clothing, toys and more, and still others make deposits into a small box each Sabbath, donating the money at the end of the year to a particular charity. Many Christian churches also sponsor adoption programs where one family "adopts" another and provides them with gifts and food

for the holidays.

Donating time is effective, too. Parents and children could serve a meal at a soup kitchen, which would benefit both the hungry and the regular volunteers who could have the day off to spend with their own families. All of these works unite the family through helping others and encourage continuous involvement in charity.

"Create a family mission statement," Armstrong advises. "Call a family meeting and set some goals for yourself. Doing things for one another in the home is a good way to start out - helping siblings, taking care of pets, performing chores. Take things in that child's environment and work with them from there."

"Most definitely, the parents must be models for their children. You're trying to teach some values to your kids. If your heart's not in it, or you're just doing it because your boss told you to, or because it looks good, your child is going to see through that eventually. Pick something that interests both you and your children."

Dr. Sally Stabb, associate professor of social psychology at TWU adds, "When parents involve kids early and consistently in taking responsibility for other people, pets or chores around the house, they tend to continue such activities as adults."

It's not imperative for people to get involved in everything; instead, pick some programs that are interesting personally. That way, it's easier to stay motivated as children see the benefits of benevolence.

"Clearly, family is a primary source of the attitudes that kids develop regarding what's good and what's right to do," Stabb notes.

For more information, call Armstrong at (940) 898-2690 in the TWU department of family sciences or Stabb at (940) 898-2149 in the TWU department of psychology and philosophy.

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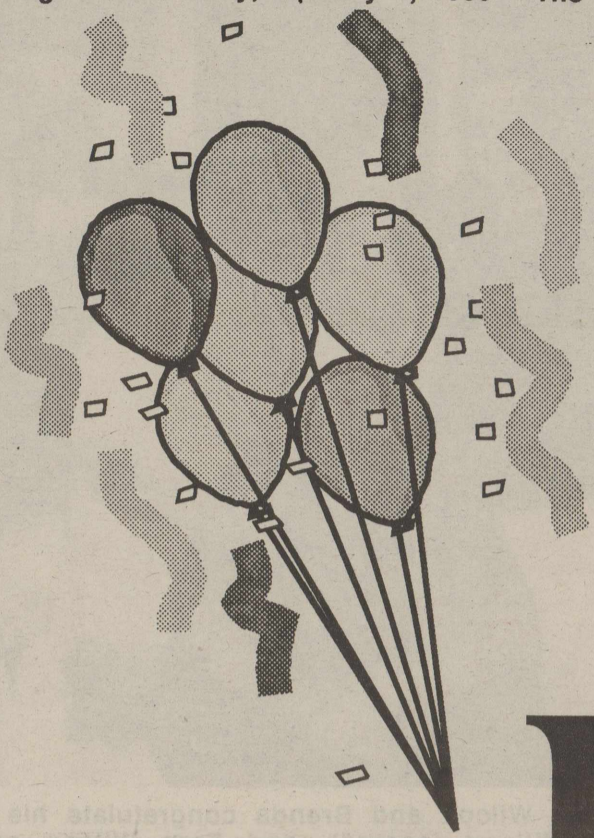
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