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County Bond Election Called

Bryan, Denman, Percifull Elected

Robert Lee's city council has three new members as a result of Saturday's balloting. Wilson Bryan was elected mayor and Jack Denman and Will Percifull were elected aldermen.

Incumbents Mayor Robert Vaughan and Aldermen Vaughan Da-

Service, Heuvel Returned To Board

J. W. Service Jr. and Lewis Heuvel were re-elected to another term as trustees of Robert Lee Independent School District in balloting last Saturday. Wilbern Millican was the third candidate in the race for two positions.

The count was as follows: Service, 181; Heuvel, 119; Millican, 109. A total of 205 votes were cast.

County school board members, J. S. McCabe Jr. of precinct 1 and D. O. King of precinct 3 were re-elected without opposition.

Holdover trustees for Robert Lee School are Douglas Gartman, Truman Hines, Billy J. Blair, Earl H. Ivey and D. J. Walker Jr.

Hospital News

April 2 — Mrs. Freeman Clark dismissed.

April 3 — Louis Sellers, Robert Terrell dismissed.

April 4 — Mrs. Marvin Cobb, Mrs. Otis Watson admitted.

April 5 — Charlie Farris, Mrs. S. R. Young admitted. Mrs. Jett Hood, Durwood Mumford, Charlie Farris dismissed.

April 6 — Eva Gloria admitted.

April 7 — Mrs. C. E. Bell admitted. Mrs. Marvin Cobb and baby dismissed.

April 8 — Juanice Jameson admitted.

There were eight patients in the hospital and eight in the nursing home Tuesday.

Area Rains Gauge From 1 To 3 Inches

Spring thunderstorms dumped from one to almost three inches of rain in various sections of Coke County the first of this week. Small grain farmers were glad to see the moisture, as they said it was getting dry in spite of the record moisture which has fallen during the past three months.

Heaviest rainfall reported was at Sanco with 2.8 inches; Silver area averaged about 2 inches, with some gauges above and below that mark; Edith had 1½ inches; 1½ inches was reported south of Robert Lee; and .97 was reported in Robert Lee by the Soil Conservation Service.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Beaty and Lane spent Sunday with their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Crowder at Midland.

and Freeman Clark did not seek re-election.

The mayor's race was close with Bryan receiving 110 votes to 192 for O. H. Campbell. In the alderman race, Denman got 163 votes and Percifull received 152. Others in the alderman race and their votes were: A. B. Sheppard, 46; Grady K. Bagley, 28; and Delbert Shoemaker, 28.

Holdover councilmen, elected last year, are M. L. (Pete) Smith, Gene Hinnard, and O. H. Campbell.

Incumbents Back On Hospital Board

The three incumbents on the ballot for director of West Coke County Hospital District sailed into another term of office with no opposition last Saturday.

Re-elected were Fred McCabe Sr. with 124 votes, James E. Herford with 124, and J. E. Quisenberry with 126.

Holdover members of the hospital board are Clifford Wilson and Curtis Walker.

Tennis Teams Win At District Meet

Robert Lee tennis players took four first places, three second places and one third place in the District 6A tennis meet held Monday at Sweetwater.

Taking the top spot were: Jeannie Hatch and Lois Heuvel in senior girls doubles; Carolyn Thomason in junior girls singles; Jerry Sirus in elementary boys singles; Jerry Wojtek and Maurice Duncan in elementary boys doubles.

Coming in for second place honors were: Donna Wallace and Nancy Green in elementary girls doubles; Larry Wojtek in senior boys singles; Buzzy Wojtek in junior boys singles. Gary Williams and Randy Hall took third in senior boys doubles.

Committees Named To Study Moving Of Saul Ranch House

Approximately 40 persons gathered in the district courtroom in Robert Lee last Friday night to discuss the fate of the old Saul ranch house, located northwest of town in the basin of the Robert Lee Reservoir.

After much discussion of possible uses for the house, the group elected Upton Mathers overall chairman for the project.

He appointed three committees to study major considerations before the moving and restoration project can proceed. Mrs. Bryan Yarbrough, Ulmer Bird and Mrs. R. W. Odom were named to the legal committee to look into ne-

gotation with the Colorado River Municipal Water District, owner of the house, and into other legal aspects.

Wilson Bryan was appointed chairman of a committee to study the question of costs of moving and renovation. He was instructed to appoint other members of his committee as needed.

A committee to study possible uses for the house, if it is moved, is headed by Mrs. Tom Rives. All clubs and organizations who are interested in participating in the project were asked to appoint one member to serve with Mrs.

Rives.

Elton Mims, member of the Coke County Historical Survey Committee, presided at the Friday night session. He led the group into the discussion of possible uses of the house. Those present were interested in studying the possibilities of using the house for a community center, a library, a museum, and a meeting place for county organizations.

The group voted for the committees to make their studies and report back to another public meeting on Thursday night, April 18, 7:30 p.m.

ment will no longer be necessary, and the tax rate could conceivably be lowered. However, such a decrease would amount only to pin money for the average taxpayer of Coke County.

As most persons know, approximately 75 per cent of Coke County's taxes are paid by oil companies and other larger taxpayers who have interests here.

Unless the bond issue is voted, these substantial taxpayers will undoubtedly take a hard look at the county's financial situation and demand a lowering of their valuations. And, if there is no immediate need for their taxes at the present level, they can most assuredly get a cut in their tax bill.

Valuation experts have assured the Commissioners Court that the oil valuations will maintain their present level or show an increase for at least 15 more years.

The need for the improvements suggested in the election order have existed for a long time, and they still exist today. The need is still with us. The price we'll have to pay for them will surely get no lower in future years, and there is a possibility that our ability to pay for them may get lower.

There seems to be only two questions involved in this matter:

(1) Do we need the improvements for which the bonds are proposed?

(2) Can we afford them?

Progressive citizens, who would like to see Coke County progress and become a better place for living in the last half of the 20th century, must answer both questions "YES."

The Commissioners Court explained that the matter of building a jail and construction of community centers and an agriculture exhibit building have not been dreamed up on the spur of the moment. A great deal of interest in the improvements was evidenced several months ago, and the result was the appointment of some committees to study the needs of Coke County.

A committee was appointed from civic leaders of both the west and east sides of the county to study the needs for community centers; another commit-

tee made up of leading farmers and ranchers was appointed to study the needs of the county for an agriculture exhibit building; and another was appointed to study the needs for a new jail.

All of these committees reported back to the Commissioners Court that needs existed in all three areas. All the committees came up with ideas about how much money would be needed to fill the needs of their projects. Costs of the various projects exceeded by a considerable amount the \$300,000 now being proposed. Each group started cutting out items of construction which could be eliminated, and the result was the \$300,000 figure which is now being proposed.

Gordon Charlton, representative of Columbian Securities Corp., the county financial advisor, gave a rundown of the county's financial affairs at a BCD meeting Tuesday in Robert Lee.

Charlton noted that the bonds must be paid out of the present 80 cents per \$100 tax rate now in effect in Coke County, since it is now at the constitutional limit.

It was also brought out that, for all practical purposes, Coke County is now out of debt, inasmuch as the balance in the sinking funds of the county now total more than the outstanding indebtedness.

Commissioners Court plans to make the last payment on both the courthouse and park bonds within the next year.

The Commissioners Court has issued a brochure which states that the proposed \$300,000 bond issue can be paid off in 15 years with a 16 cent tax levy for the permanent improvement fund. In 1967, 12 cents was levied for this fund; in 1966, the levy was 17 cents; in 1965 and preceding years it amounted to 19 cents. These amounts were taken out of the 80 cents tax levy for use in paying off bond issues which were voted in previous years.

Quoting from the brochure concerning the new jail:

"The present jail facilities fall far short of those required by the Texas Prison System and the

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Thursday, April 18

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Friday, April 19

Turkey and dressing with giblet gravy, English peas, carrot and coconut salad, hot rolls and butter, milk, banana Jello.

Mr. and Mrs. Freddie Ross and two sons of Riverdale, Maryland visited last week in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy P. Ross, and other relatives. They are spending some time at Midland this week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Spencer. The Rosses are moving back to Texas and plan to find employment here. He was discharged from the service in June of last year.

**Girls Going To
 Dist. Food Show**

Sheri Pitcock, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Pitcock, and Connie Blaylock, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Blaylock, will represent Coke County in the Senior Division of the District VII Food Show in San Angelo on April 27.

Sheri exhibited in the Fruit-Vegetable group and was high point senior. Connie displayed an Orange Nut cake in the Bread-Cereal group. Both girls are members of the Robert Lee Future Leaders 4-H Club. They were assisted in their food work by their mothers.

Jeania Tinkler was top winner in the Junior Division. She showed a Pound Cake in the Bread-Cereal group. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Roy Tinkler and she is a Robert Lee 4-H member. Her leader was Diane Baker.

Second place in the Junior Division was won by Martha Gonzales of Bronte. She displayed Frito Pie in the Meat group. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Mike Gonzales and her leader was Olivia Fuentes.

Jeannia and Martha will be Junior entrants in the District Show. Winners of blue ribbons were Sheri Pitcock, Connie Blaylock, Jeania Tinkler, Martha Gonzales, Darlene Brice, Karen Blair, Mary Elaine Lackey, Sheila Roberts, Cheri Baker, Rosa Sanchez and Linda Sanchez.

Winners of red ribbons were Kay Brice, Mary Jane Zuniga, Konny Service, Valerie Baker, Debbie Moon.

Winner of a white ribbon was LaNell Flowers.

**TERRY THETFORD FINISHES
 NAVY BASIC TRAINING**

San Diego (FHTNC) March 29 —Seaman Apprentice Walter W. Thetford III, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter W. Thetford Jr. of Robert Lee, has been graduated from nine weeks of Navy basic training at the Naval Training Center here.

In the first weeks of his naval service he studied military subjects and lived and worked under conditions similar to those he will

encounter on his first ship or at his first shore station.

In making the transition from civilian life to Naval service, he received instruction under veteran Navy petty officers. He studied seamanship, as well as survival techniques, military drill and other subjects.

He is a graduate of Robert Lee high school and attended Rice University in Houston.

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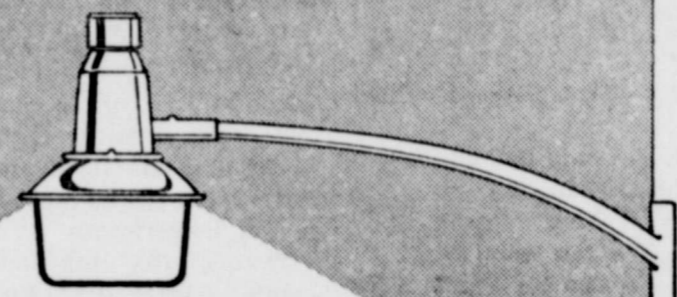


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Robert Lee School News

Related Results of Local Meet

Robert Uee came out on top, pointwise, with 149½ points in a track meet hosted here Friday, March 29. Here are the results of events in which Robert Lee made points.

Mile Run: 1. Luther Large; 5. Bob Thompson.

100 yd. dash: 3. Ricky Whitaker; 4. Mike Bagwell.

220 yd. dash: 3. Ricky Whitaker.

440 yd. dash: 1. Randy Hall; 2. Marshall Millican; 5. Larry Sockwell.

880 yd. dash: 1. Bob Thompson; 4. Carrol Green; 5. Jim Ballard.

120 yd. high hurdles: 1. Tooter Fields; 5. Lynn Beal.

330 yd. intermediate hurdles: 6. Lane Beaty.

440 yd. relay: 1. Whitaker,

Blair, Fields, Hall.

Mile Relay: 3. Blair, Millican, Bagwell, Hall.

Pole vault: tie for 4. Marshall Millican; tie for 5. Darrell Pitcock.

Discus: 3. Ricky Whitaker; 4. Tooter Fields; 5. Roy Blair.

Broad jump: 4. Randy Hall.

High jump: 4. Lynn Beal; 5. James Fields.

Shot put: 2. Ricky Whitaker; 4. James Fields.

Preview of HemisFair

Getting an early preview of the San Antonio HemisFair last weekend were Student Council officers Vernay Vaughan, Vicky Rowaldt, Margaret Flannagan, Marilyn Wallace, and sponsors, Mrs. Eloise Guerrant and Garland Davis.

They attended the impressive opening day ceremonies at HemisFair in conjunction with the State Student Council Convention. Present at the convention were officers and officers-elect from all over Texas, along with 40 exchange students. Noted speaker was Bill Glass, NFL football star.

On Saturday morning on the HemisFair grounds, students were addressed by the First Lady, Mrs. Lady Bird Johnson, and Governor John Connally. All in all, it was reported to have been an interesting and productive trip.

Golf Results Not Known

Robert Lee High School Golf team was participating in the district tournament at Sweetwater, and the results were not known when this was written. Also the girls' district track meet was Wednesday at Winters. Look for results of these contests in next week's newspaper.

Seniors on Annual Trip

Seniors are scheduled to leave for their senior trip at 3 a.m. Thursday morning. Thursday will be devoted to a tour of the HemisFair in San Antonio, after which they will drive to Corpus Christi for a three-day vacation. Sponsors for the trip will be Mrs. Barnhill, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Wilkes and Mr. Hamby.

School Easter Holidays

School will be dismissed at 2:35 today (Thursday) for the Easter holidays. It will resume at the regular time next Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Roane visited in the homes of several relatives in San Angelo Sunday. They visited Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Dean Williams and Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Williams.

Political Announcements

The following candidates have authorized The Observer to announce their candidacy for nomination to the office shown below, and on the indicated party ticket. (Charges are as follows: state, district, county and commissioner races, \$25; other precinct offices, \$20).

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For State Representative:
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Of Pecos County

For Sheriff:
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ALBERT N. (BOB) FIELDS

For Tax Assessor-Collector
O. B. JACOBS

For County Attorney:
FRANK C. DICKEY SR.

For Commissioner, Precinct 1:
FERN HAVINS
JETT HOOD

For Commissioner, Precinct 3:
FLOYD HARMON

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BCD Members Hear Discussion Of Bond Issue

Tuesday's BCD meeting was devoted largely to discussion of the bond election which was called this week by the commissioners court. The bonds would provide funds for the construction of a new jail and sheriff's quarters, a new agricultural building, additions to the Robert Lee Community Center and a new community center at Bronte.

However, President H. S. Lewis Jr. did make some announcements concerning the forthcoming city-wide cleanup campaign. Lewis said that he plans to meet with the city council and discuss the project. He said El Valle Garden Club has turned in suggestions to him about what needs to be done in the city. Lewis added that he hopes to be able to present some concrete plans by next week and get the campaign underway.

Following his announcement, he turned the program over to Judge W. W. Thetford, who told the group that the bond election had been called. Judge Thetford called on Gordon Charlton, fiscal representative of the county, who summarized the bond issue proposals and told something of the county's financial situation. More details of this talk are carried in another story in this week's Observer.

Commissioner Fern Havins spoke briefly about the proposed bond money which would be spent on community centers. Gerald C. Allen, Robert Lee banker, spoke for the bond proposal, stating that it would be a grave mistake for the county to pass up this opportunity for growth and improvement, particularly when there could be no tax rate increase involved. He urged the county to "go forward for surely we do not want to go backward."

Members of the BCD agreed and emphasized that various clubs and organizations of the city and area should appoint committees to work on the project, present it to the people and secure its passage on the West Side of the county. Judge Thetford and Commissioner Havins pointed out that the county has done all it can by calling the election, and "now it is up to the people to decide if they want these improvements."

HEARD AT SANCO

Jimmy Reid of Arlington visited his grandmother, Mrs. Laura Reid last Friday as he returned home from a business trip.

Miss Effie Carwile is spending the week with her nephew, Mr. and Mrs. Billie Glen Carwile and family in San Angelo.

Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Prine of San Angelo visited Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Prine Jr. and family last Sunday.

El Valle Garden Club Receives Sears Grant

El Valle Garden Club was one of about 60 statewide winners of Sears Roebuck grants given last week during the 40th annual Texas Garden Clubs, Inc., meeting in Corpus Christi.

The local council received a \$50 award to assist in landscaping the grounds of West Coke County Hospital. The money was received on the basis of work done on the project in the past and the work planned to complete the job.

Members of the Garden Club asked The Observer to express their thanks to townspeople who cooperated with them, either by donating trees and plants or by supporting their fund raising activities. El Valle Garden Club has 12 members.

El Valle Garden Club planned their Arbor Day service, planting a tree, for the hospital grounds last January, also to aid in landscaping the grounds. Mrs. Sam Powell, Mrs. Frank Coalson and the Brownie Scouts assisted in the Arbor Day program.

Cancer Crusade Set For Friday

Robert Lee's part of the annual Cancer Crusade will be held tomorrow (Friday) with a house to house canvass beginning at 7 p.m. It will be sponsored by the Robert Lee-Silver Lions Club, who will conduct the canvass. Club members will meet at the Recreation Hall at 6:30 to launch the Crusade.

Furst Moore is chairman for the West Side of the County and Upton Mathers is co-chairman for special gifts. Cecil Cox of Bronte is county chairman.

Educational materials will be distributed during the canvass. Crusade officials urged everyone to contribute liberally to help stamp out this cruel and killer disease. Money raised during the Crusade is used for research and education on cancer.

HemisFair Trips Set For May 18

This newspaper is cooperating with Abilene Travel Service in the promotion of special trips to the HemisFair in San Antonio. An ad in this issue announces a one-day and a two-day trip for the middle of May.

The one day trip will be Saturday, May 18, and the two-day trip will be Saturday and Sunday, May 18 and 19.

Cost of the one day tour is \$14.50 per person and includes transportation to and from the HemisFair grounds, an admission ticket to HemisFair and refreshments to and from San Antonio.

The two-day trip costs \$25.50 per person and includes transportation, admission tickets both days, motel accommodations for one night and all personal services such as tips, etc.

Reservations may be made at the newspaper offices in Bronte or Robert Lee. Reservations must be made not later than May 5 and a deposit of half the trip cost must be made at the same time.

Readers are invited to come by and make their reservations as soon as possible.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Walker and family were guests in the homes of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Sparks and they also visited his father, D. J. Walker Sr., who is seriously ill in West Coke Hospital.

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'68 Track Team Breaks School Records

The 1968 track and field team of Robert Lee High School has broken five records set by previous teams. Of the 16 events in which competition is held, almost one-third of the RLHS records were broken this year.

The five included:

120 yard high hurdles: record broken by Tooter Fields with a 14.8 at the district meet.

330 yard intermediate hurdles: Quinn Conley with a 41.02 at district.

440 yard dash: Randy Hall, 2:03.5 at Bangs meet.

880 yard relay: Mike Bagwell, Randy Hall, Quinn Conley and Roy Blair, 1:37.1 at Brady meet.

Sprint medley relay: Bagwell, Fields, Conley and Hall, 3:05.5 at San Angelo Relays.

Old records still standing are: 100 yard dash: Curtis Higginbotham, 10.1, in 1962.

220 yard dash: Curtis Higgin-

botham, 22.8, 1961.

880 yard run: Randy Hall, 2:03.5, Randy Hall, 1967.

Mile run: Dennis Gartman, 5:02.7, 1965.

440 yard relay: Ricky Whitaker, Buddy Vosburg, Gary Williams and Roy Blair, 45.2, 1967.

Mile Relay: Roy Blair, Buddy Vosburg, Quinn Conley, Randy Hall, 3:34.7, 1967.

High jump: Bill Blair, 5'11", 1948.

Broad jump: James Blankenship, 20'4", 1961.

Pole vault: Bill Ledbetter, 11'1", 1961.

Discus: Terry Thetford, 137'½", 1965.

Shot put: Ricky Whitaker, 48'8", 1967.

Mr. and Mrs. Alton Jones of Big Lake were overnight guests Sunday in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Jones.

The Observer, Robert Lee, Texas

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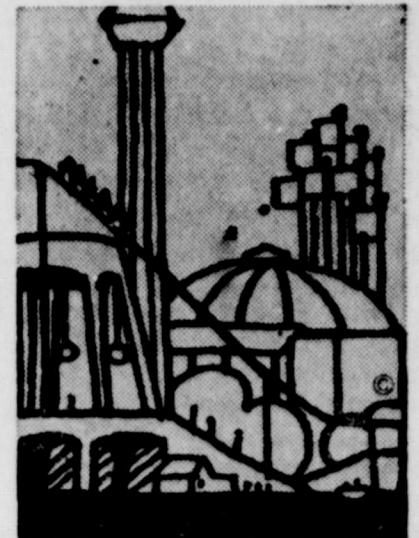
DEADLINE MONDAY TO HAVE CARS INSPECTED

Deadline is next Monday midnight for getting vehicles inspected and 1968 safety stickers on.

Department of Public Safety Headquarters in Austin announced Monday that two million vehicles remained to be inspected.

DPS said that 12:01 a.m. on Tuesday, April 16, marks the time when absence of a safety sticker becomes a violation of the law.

Weekend visitors in the home of Mrs. Mabel Mundell were her children and their families, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Mundell of Houston, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Mundell of Ft. Worth, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Self of Mineral Wells and Mr. and Mrs. Mike Casey of Robert Lee. The out of town guest also visited other relatives here, the J. O. McGinleys, Mrs. Bonnie Robertson and Mrs. Della Freeman.



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Two methods are recommended for hard cooking eggs.

Cold water method: Cover eggs in pan with enough water to come at least 1-inch above the eggs. Bring rapidly to boiling. Turn off heat and if necessary set pan off unit to prevent further boiling. Cover and let stand in the hot water for 15 minutes. Cool immediately and thoroughly in cold water — this makes the shells easier to remove and helps to prevent dark surface on yolks.

To remove the shell: crackle the shell. Roll egg between hands to loosen the shell; then peel. Holding the egg under running cold water or dipping in a bowl of water helps to ease off the shell.

Boiling water method: Place cold eggs in dish of lukewarm water to prevent cracked shells. Bring water in a pan to rapid boiling, using enough water to come 1-inch above eggs. Transfer eggs from warm water to boiling water with spoon; reduce heat to keep water below simmering and hold for 20 minutes. Cool eggs promptly and thoroughly in cold water — this makes the shells easier to remove and prevents dark surfaces on yolks.

Follow directions given above for removing shell.

Shortcuts for Easier Lawn Care

Maintenance shortcuts can take much of the burdensome labor out of lawn care. There is no way to keep a neat and attractive yard without some work, but through proper planning, maintenance can be greatly reduced.

If trees, shrubs, and flower beds are arranged in groups and a mulch or ground cover is used in these areas, some hand trimming can be eliminated. Leave large, open areas of landscape which are easy to mow and will speed up the lawn maintenance work.

Grouping the trees, shrubs and flowers and isolating them from the turf area easily constructs an edging around these groups to prevent the turf from encroaching into the planting area. By making the edging wide and low, it will provide an excellent surface, as well as guideline for using a power driven lawn edger. Brick, redwood or concrete materials are good edging.

Using a power edger around the plant beds and along drives and walks about once every six weeks during the growing season will maintain a neat and manicured appearance in the yard. This virtually will eliminate the need for hand trimming grass in and around the trees and shrubs.

Ornamental plants handled this way usually will grow better, since they have little or no competition from the grass for moisture and nutrients, also the mulch will keep the soil from baking and packing. In addition, there is less danger of plant damage from the mowing equipment.

The laborious task of trimming grass and weeds along a fence can be practically eliminated by using naphtha as a contact spray on all vegetation at the base of the fence without endangering the roots of ornamental plants.

Apply the naphtha in a narrow band with a pressure-type sprayer so that the foliage of undesirable plants is thoroughly wet without saturating the soil beneath. Use

care to keep the material from the leaves and trunks of desirable plants.

If used every six to eight weeks, vegetation along the fence line will be kept to a minimum with little or no hand trimming. This method is recommended for keeping grass and weeds out of a chain link fence.

SPRING CONCERT TO BE HELD ON APRIL 26

Willis Parker, band director, announced that the spring concert will be held Friday, April 26, when the Band Booster club met April 2. Mrs. Willis Wayne Smith, president of the Band Boosters, presided at the meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Upton Mathers and Mr. and Mrs. James Craig were appointed as a nominating committee. They will present the nominations for officers for next year at the next meeting.

It was voted that the group will sponsor band calendars again next year. Selling ads to business firms will be done in the spring and summer months. Listing and selling the names will be in September.

Next Band Boosters meeting will be Tuesday, May 14, at 7:30 p.m. in the music room at the school. The public is invited.

Mrs. Gertie Bloodworth of Silver, Mrs. Lonnie Tomas of Amherst and Mr. and Mrs. Winfred Talley of New Home visited their aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Varnadore Sunday afternoon. The Talleys teach school in the New Home school system.

Some of the children of Mrs. Bonnie Robertson honored her with a birthday dinner Sunday given in her home. She was released from the West Coke Hospital long enough to go home and attend the party. Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Winfred Talley of New Home, Mr. and Mrs. Keith Tomes and children of Amherst, Elaine Robertson of Hardin Simmons University, Abilene and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Bloodworth and children of Silver.

Mrs. Lula Pierce of Dallas is here spending several weeks in the homes of Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Pierce and other relatives, Mrs. Guy Denman and with Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Denman at Bronte. Other visitors in the Pierce home Sunday afternoon were Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Sheffield and daughter of Odessa.

Mrs. Raymond Bloodworth and Mrs. Foy Askin visited in Lubbock last Thursday night and Friday with their children, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Askin.

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NOTICE OF ELECTION
THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF COKE

TO THE RESIDENT, QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF SAID COUNTY, WHO OWN TAXABLE PROPERTY IN SAID COUNTY, AND WHO HAVE DULY RENDERED THE SAME FOR TAXATION:

TAKE NOTICE that an election will be held in said County at the time and places, and on the Propositions, as provided in the Order Calling An Election, duly passed by the Commissioners Court of said County, which Order is substantially as follows:

ORDER CALLING AN ELECTION

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF COKE

WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court has received petitions signed by more than 90 of the qualified taxpaying voters of the County requesting that an election be held on the Propositions herein after submitted; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court has considered said Petitions and in response thereto and upon its own initiative as permitted by law considers it in the interests of the County to call a bond election on said Propositions and for the purposes hereinafter stated:

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED BY THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF COKE COUNTY:

1. That an election shall be held in said County on the 7th day of May, 1968, at the several polling places, and with the election officers as follows:

In Election Precinct No. 1 at the Courthouse, Robert Lee, Texas, with Mrs. Patti Ivey, presiding Judge, Mrs. Willie Clark, Alternate Judge.

In Election Precinct No. 2, at the City Hall, Bronte, Texas, with Matthew Caperton, Presiding Judge, and Noah Pruitt, Alternate Judge.

In Election Precinct No. 4, at the Schoolhouse, Tennyson, Texas, with Sam Gaston, Presiding Judge, James Arrott, Alternate Judge.

In Election Precinct No. 8, at the Schoolhouse, Silver, Texas, with Robert Walker, Presiding Judge, H. L. Bloodworth, Alternate Judge.

In Election Precinct No. 9, at the Community Center, Green Mountain, Texas, with D. O. King, Presiding Judge, Glenn Waldrop, Alternate Judge.

The Maximum number of clerks to be appointed by the Presiding Judge in each Election Precinct is hereby fixed as Three.

The County Clerk shall be the clerk for absentee voting and for the period of time that absentee voting is permitted by law the County Clerk's regular office hours shall constitute the time during which absentee ballots may be cast.

Mildred Wallace is hereby appointed as the Presiding Judge of a Special Canvassing Board to canvass the absentee votes to be cast at said election. Said Presiding Judge shall appoint at least two election clerks to serve on said Special Canvassing Board.

but in no event shall more than Two clerks be appointed, which number is hereby fixed as the maximum number of clerks that may be appointed to serve on said Special Canvassing Board.

2. That at said election the following Propositions shall be submitted in accordance with law:

PROPOSITION NO. 1

Shall the Commissioners Court of said County be authorized to issue the bonds of said County in one or more series or issues in the aggregate principal amount of \$125,000, with the bonds of each such series or issue, respectively, to mature serially in not to exceed 25 years from their date and to bear interest at rates not to exceed 6% per annum, for the purpose of erecting a jail for the County; and shall said Commissioners Court be authorized to levy and cause to be assessed and collected annual ad valorem taxes in an amount sufficient to pay the interest on said bonds and to provide a sinking fund to pay said bonds at maturity?

PROPOSITION NO. 2

Shall the Commissioners Court of said County be authorized to issue the bonds of said County in one or more series or issues in the aggregate principal amount of \$175,000 with the bonds of each such series or issue, respectively, to mature serially in not to exceed 25 years from their date and to bear interest at rates not to exceed 6% per annum, for the purpose of constructing buildings and other permanent improvements in and for the County as follows, to-wit: a building in the city of Robert Lee to be used for annual exhibits of horticultural and agricultural products and livestock of the County; a building in Bronte to be used for a coliseum and auditorium; and an addition to the present coliseum and auditorium in Robert Lee; and shall said Commissioners Court be authorized

ed to levy and cause to be assessed and collected annual ad valorem taxes in an amount sufficient to pay the interest on said bonds and to provide a sinking fund to pay said bonds at maturity?

3. That the printed ballots for said election shall have written or printed thereon the following:

PROPOSITION NO. 1

FOR) THE ISSUANCE
AGAINST) OF JAIL BONDS
) AND THE LEVY-
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) IN PAYMENT
) THEREOF

Proposition No. 2

FOR) THE ISSUANCE
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4. That only resident, qualified electors who own taxable property in said County and who have duly rendered the same for taxation shall be entitled to vote at said election.

5. That notice of said election shall be given by posting a substantial copy of this Order in each of the Election Precincts of said County and also at the County Courthouse, not less than 15 days prior to the date set for said election; and, a substantial copy of this Order also shall be published on the same day in each of two successive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation published in said County, the date of the first publication to be not less than 14 days prior to the date set for said election.

Randy Carwile of San Angelo was a weekend guest in the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Carwile. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Glen Carwile of San Angelo.

Sheriff Pleas To Save Traffic Signs

Sheriff Melvin Childress this week issued a plea for teenagers and adults to refrain from damaging stop signs, speed limit signs and other signs which help control traffic in Coke County.

The sheriff pointed out that quite a bit of damage has been done to signs and he added that they were all erected for the purpose of making streets of the cities and the county safer for all citizens.

"Signs are not erected in a haphazard manner," Childress said, "but rather after a study has been made by the sheriff's department in cooperation with city officials. Traffic control signs are put up in places where accidents are most likely to occur if they were not there, and speed zones are designated in areas where studies show they are needed."

Som of the signs in the school areas were purchased with money donated by business firms and were erected to contribute to the safety of students. Considerable damage has been done to these signs in Robert Lee.

"Making our streets safe is a worthy project for all of us," Sheriff Childress said, "and should be a concern of young people and adults alike."

Destruction of signs as well as failure to obey them is a serious matter, the sheriff said, and either violation could easily lead to injury or loss of life. "The life saved might be your own," he added.

Plans are to repair the damaged signs and continue every effort to make the streets of Robert Lee and Bronte as safe as possible. Sheriff Childress asked the cooperation of everyone in maintain-

ing them and in observing the messages printed on them.

He had one other suggestion for parents: "These things should be considered and talked about at home, rather than in a court of law."

WELCOME

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State Department of health... not only are the jail facilities antiquated, but the housing provided the sheriff and his family are highly inadequate under present day standards. There is a need for additional office space in the courthouse building, due to the various state and federal programs that require office space and the normal increase in county office requirements. Therefore, it is believed that a logical addition of law enforcement offices could be added to the jail building and this would place the officers where they need to be."

Agricultural Building

Concerning the livestock and exhibit building, the commissioners' report said:

"Due to the damage caused to the present livestock building located in Robert Lee Park, a new and properly constructed livestock exhibit building is proposed to take the place of the old one. This building will be large enough to accommodate various agricultural and livestock exhibits, and many of the activities that might be held in the county but due to poor facilities are not at this time held."

Bronte Community Center

The brochure issued by the commissioners had this to say about the need for a community building at Bronte:

"At present there is no community building in Bronte of a size that will accommodate large group meetings, etc., that is owned by the county. This proposed building will allow citizens of this county to provide, not only to local citizens, but groups from neighboring communities, a place to hold gatherings in a building large enough to satisfy their needs."

Robert Lee Community Building
Commissioners evaluated Robert Lee's needs for additions to the present community building as follows:

"The existing community building, located in the county park at Robert Lee, although in good repair, is not adequate to satisfy the needs of the members of this community. It is proposed to construct an addition to the present building which will double the present floor space and provide area that is needed for this building.

Additional building improvements to some of the buildings need to be made for their maintenance, which would be included in this issue."

Some architectural planning has been done on the proposed Bronte Community Center, but present plans call for further study on the needs for the Robert Lee center, before anything definite is done.

A legal notice calling the election is being published in this newspaper. Polling places will be set up at Robert Lee, Bronte, Tennyson, Silver and Green Mountain. The court appointed the county clerk as clerk for absentee voting.

Steer Track Team Places Fourth In District 6-A Meet

Robert Lee Steer track team placed fourth in the District 6A competition held April 6 in Merkel. A total of 54 2/3 points were tallied by the local track and field team.

Wylie won first, Merkel was second and Roscoe was third at the meet.

The Steers set two new school records in both hurdles. Tooter Fields ran a 14.8 in the 120 high hurdles to erase the 15.0 set by Richard Sims in 1961. Quinn Conley went over the 330 yard intermediate hurdles in 41.2 to break the 41.5 set by Gary Williams in 1967.

Two other members, besides Fields and Conley, qualified for regional competition. Randy Hall ran a 52.6 in the 440 for second place, and Ricky Whitaker threw the shot 46 feet, 4 inches for second place.

Others who earned points were Roy Blair, 4th in shot; Hall, Blair, Ricky Whitaker and Fields, 4th in sprint relay; Hall, Blair, Conley and Marshall Millican, 4th in mile relay; Millican, 5th in pole vault; Whitaker, 6th in discus; and Bob Thomason, 6th in 880.

James Fields had the busiest time with the most wins in the Freshman Division of the meet. He placed first in discus and high hurdles, second in high jump and third in 100 yard dash. He and Kenneth Prine were the only freshman entries, and compiled 49 points. Prine tied for third in pole vault.

Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Pierce of Robert Lee and Mrs. Lula Pierce of Dallas visited Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Kallys Willis at Snyder.



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