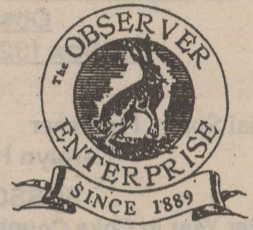


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Hunters invade Coke County

The much anticipated ringing of cash registers was like music to the ears of local businesses and ranchers this past weekend. Deer hunters descended on Coke County and pumped up the sagging local economy with their much appreciated out-of-town dollars.

The warm weather also brought some extra business to the local processors. According to Kerry Hall of B & K Processing at Bronte, hunters brought in a record number of deer for processing for the first weekend.

And Coke County showed their appreciation to the hunters, as volunteers on both the west and east sides of the county worked hard preparing two noon meals and one evening meal free of charge to area hunters.

B & K Processing, Hall's Grocery, and the Bronte Chamber of Commerce once again sponsored free barbecue lunches on Saturday and Sunday, with over 300 being served each day. According

Inmates to work for City of Bronte

Inmates will be working for the City of Bronte the week of November 15-19.

Work will be done at the Water Plant and Cemetery.

Anyone wanting to donate cookies, brownies, and drinks can contact Pat or Lori at the City Hall, at 473-3501.

Donations to help pay for the meals are also appreciated.

to Hall, Sunday's lunch was cut short at 12:00 when they ran out of barbecue.

The Hunter's Barbecue, sponsored by the West Coke County Community Development, fed over 900 hungry hunters this year, according to chairman Bob Wrinkle. This may be a slight decrease from over the past years, when over 1,000 have been served.

Overall, the impact of this year's opening weekend was way above normal, according to most, and very much appreciated by all involved.

RL Eastern Star Chapter 187

Robert Lee Eastern Star Chapter No. 187 will have a lot of items for sale Saturday, November 13, 1999, at their garage sale. The sale will begin at 7:30 am at the home of Dolores and Billy W. Roe on the Sterling City Highway at the edge of Robert Lee.

The proceeds will be used to fund a Scholarship for a Robert Lee High School graduating senior, to assist with a Birthday Party at the Robert Lee Care Center, needy families, Coke County Livestock Show, and other local community activities.

Beverly Sinclair is Worthy Matron and James (Red) Stephens is Worthy Patron of Robert Lee Eastern Star Chapter No. 187.

Regional Cross Country meet at San Antonio

The High School girls and boys recently competed at the regional cross country meet Saturday, November 6, in San Antonio, Texas. The High School girls team placed 12th out of 17 teams. Individual results are: Dixie Simpson placed 46th with a time of 15:36; Gina Torres placed 51st with a time of 15:40; Nicole Sanchez placed 56th with a time of 15:51; Krystal Soliz placed 75th with a time of 16:43; Erin Millican placed 98th with a time of 17:45; and Cristian De Los Santos placed 109th with a time of 18:47.

Joel Gallegos placed 6th overall with a time of 18:32. Joel will be competing for the State championship. Good Luck Joel!



Robert Lee High School trackster Joel Gallegos placed sixth at the regional cross country meet and qualified for the state meet.

Bi-District Football Play-Off Game!

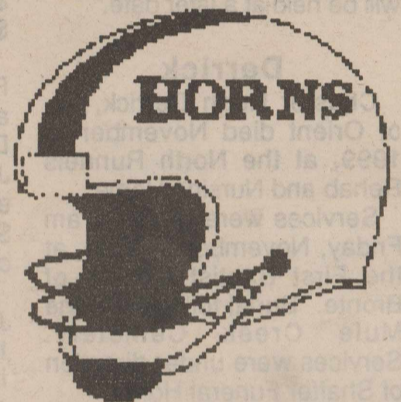
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Christmas lighting/decorating contest slated for December 4

The Bronte Chamber of Commerce will again sponsor the Christmas decorating contest. Please note that this year the Chamber is asking everyone to decorate early so judging can be done on Saturday, December 4 for "Country Christmas in Bronte."

Prize for best home is a \$50.00 gift certificate, and the second place home is a \$25.00 gift certificate. Best business is a \$25.00 gift certificate.

The voting ballots will be on the back of the "Country Christmas in Bronte" mailout flier that will be mailed out the week before. You will be the judges.

Be sure to take the time to ride around and pick out your favorite home and business decorations, then on Saturday, December 4, from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm, drop your ballot off at the Bronte mini park and have a cup of hot chocolate and enjoy some entertainment.

Remember to decorate early and watch your mail for your "Country Christmas in Bronte" flier for schedule of events, merchant ads & specials, voting ballot and much more!

Meeting slated for Coke County Retired Teacher's Association

The Coke County Retired Teacher's Association will meet Monday, November 15, 1999. The noon luncheon meeting will be held at the First Methodist Church in Bronte.

Christmas in Bronte

Saturday, December 4 will be a special day in Bronte. The dedication of the Veterans Memorial will begin with patriotic music at 10:45 am at the Old Depot on Main Street, following by the flyover and the dedication ceremonies at 11:00 am.

At 1:00 pm, the Children's Christmas Fantasy will begin. The kids are invited to dress as Looney Tune characters or Walt Disney characters and meet at the Gazebo. They will parade up and down the Main Street sidewalks and then go to the Housing Authority Reception Room.

Judges will judge the costumes and award prizes to the winners in each age category. Then Santa's helpers, led by Pat Lee, will join the children in making Christmas ornaments and decoration cookies. There will be a special story time and Santa will join the children for pictures.

Any Bronte organization wanting to have a fundraising food booth downtown should contact Marilyn Bivins at 473-6791.

Runnels Baptist Assn. to host banquet

The Runnels Baptist Association will host an International Banquet Monday, November 15, at First Baptist Church in Bronte.

The banquet will begin at 6:30 p.m. The executive board and W.M.U. will not meet.

Jessie Kidd, Foreign Missionary, will be the guest speaker. Margaret Epperson, Association W.M.U. Director, is in charge of the program.

Everyone is encouraged to attend.

Community wide Thanksgiving Service

First United Methodist Church will be hosting a community-wide

"Thanksgiving" service on Tuesday, November 23, at 7:00 pm. The service will be open to everyone and community churches and church leaders are being asked to participate in the service. The hope is that this will become an annual event in the community, rotating among the churches each year. Rev. Jim Reeves, pastor of First United Methodist, would like to invite the choirs of the community churches to participate in the service, as well as the pastors.

Blood drive at Robert Lee Baptist Church

United Blood Services will be holding a blood drive at Robert Lee Baptist Church. The drive will be in the Fellowship Hall Tuesday November 16, 1999, from 3:30 pm until 7:00 pm. Please call Becky Ross to set an appointment. Her number is 453-2724.

"We have the long Thanksgiving holiday just right around the corner," said Johnna Pevey, Community Relation Representative, "We will need your help to insure we are prepared.

Donors must be at least 17 years old, weigh more than 110 pounds and be in good health. We also ask that you have proof of identification and know the names of any medication you may have taken in the past 30 days.

United Blood Services is the area's not-for-profit provider.

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Death Notices

Carlile
 Edna Carlile, 95, of Robert Lee died Sunday, November 7, 1999. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Derrick
 Chester Hugh Derrick, 78, of Orient died November 2, 1999, at the North Runnels Rehab and Nursing Home.

Services were at 10:00 am Friday, November 5, 1999, at the First Baptist Church of Bronte. Burial followed in the Mule Creek Cemetery. Services were under direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.

He is preceded in death by one son, Carl, and five nieces and 1 nephew.

Chester is survived by his wife, Myrtice of Tennyson; one son, Chester C. Derrick of Grape Creek; two daughters, Shirley Honea of Orient and Wilma Lambert of Odessa; one sister, Irene Denton of San Angelo; five grandchildren; five great grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews; and cousins.

Coke County Court dispositions

State of Texas vs: William Jeffery Wilson charged with driving while intoxicated 1st and the plea is fine \$750.00, 90 day jail, probated 24 mo., court costs \$199.25.

State of Texas vs: Tammy Lavon Crider charged with public lewdness and plea is \$300.00 fine, court costs \$199.25, and 1 year probation.

State of Texas vs: Guadalupe Camarillo Jr. was charged with making alcohol available to a minor and the plea is \$300.00 fine, court costs \$199.25, jail time 30 days, and probated 6 months.

State of Texas vs: Charity Lenn Holwick charged with making alcohol available to a minor and the plea is \$200.00, 30 day jail time, probated 6 months, and court costs \$199.25.

State of Texas vs: James Edward Sanders charged with criminal trespass and the plea was a fine of \$150.00 and court costs \$184.25.

State of Texas vs: Fred Harold Poe charged with driving while intoxicated 1st, and the plea is fine of \$600.00, court costs \$199.25, 60 days jail time, and probated for 24 months.

51st District Court dispositions

The 51st District Court dispositions for November 1, 1999, are as follows:

State of Texas vs: Arrica Kristen Bollinger, charged with permitting/facilitating escape, the plea is four years deferred adjudication, \$750.00 fine, court costs \$246.25.

State of Texas vs: Randy Rainwater, charge was theft, and plea is eight year Texas Department of Criminal Justice-I.D., probated for eight years, \$2,000 fine, \$250.00 restitution, court costs \$216.75.

State of Texas vs: Jason Joe Martinez, charged with theft of a firearm, and the plea is three years deferred adjudication, \$350.00 fine, \$246.25 court costs.

State of Texas vs: Gerardo Perez Caballero charged with unauthorized use of a motor vehicle and the plea is 300 days state jail, \$222.25 court costs.

Plans announced for Christmas parade

Plans are being made for a Christmas parade to be held in Robert Lee, on Saturday, December 4th, at 10:00 a.m. according to Rev. Jim Reeves, pastor of First United Methodist Church. "December 4th is sort of the unofficial date which is being set aside for the international celebration of the 2000th birthday of Jesus Christ," says Rev. Reeves, "and we are planning a number of activities for that day, including a Christmas parade."

The activities are part of a "Celebrate Jesus" program. Following the parade at 10:00 a.m., plans are being made for a community worship service, covered dish dinner, and gospel singing in the afternoon. This will be an all-day celebration beginning with the parade and lasting until the late afternoon, hopefully ending with a youth concert, similar to the one held in September.

Anyone interested in participating in the parade or other activities are urged to contact Rev. Reeves at 453-2417.

Fibromyalgia Support Group

The Fibromyalgia Support Group meeting will be held in the Bronte Church of Christ Annex, 118 S. Jefferson, in Bronte at 7:00 pm on Thursday, November 11, 1999. Come join us. Fibromyalgia patients and families are welcome.

Lewis makes steady recovery

by Betty Clawson
 Teresa Clawson Lewis is making a steady recovery from recent surgery at Methodist Hospital in San Antonio. Teresa sustained massive injuries to her upper body and right arm on January 18, 1999 when a brightly wrapped package containing a pipe bomb was left on her front porch.

Teresa Clawson was born in Robert Lee on November 21, 1964, and lived with her grandmother, Mrs. Odessie Clawson, while her father, Roy Clawson worked in the oil fields of West Texas. She attended school in Robert Lee for five years; moved to Midland in 1974, graduated from Midland Lee in 1983. Later that year she married Timothy A. Lewis, son of C. W. and Patricia Lewis, former Robert Lee residents, and they are parents of two children, a daughter, ViCindy Jo, born 1987 and Steven Wayne, born 1990.

After thirteen years of physical abuse and non-support by her husband, she filed for divorce in 1996. Lewis has refused to sign the divorce papers. A hearing for final divorce was scheduled for February 5, 1999. Two weeks prior to this date, the package with her name on it was left on her front porch.

By the Grace of God, the surgeons and staff of Midland Memorial Hospital were able to save her life. She remained in Midland Memorial Hospital for a month, was then transferred to Methodist Hospital in San Antonio where she remained for another month. To date she has undergone twelve major surgeries and at least two more operations will be needed before she will be able to return to work.

Teresa was employed as a receptionist at Children's Clinic, a division of Midland Memorial Hospital.

The case has been under



Teresa Clawson Lewis is shown with her children, ViCindy Jo Lewis and Steven Wayne Lewis.

continual investigation by the Midland Police Department, the Midland Sheriff's Department, the Alcohol, Drug Firearm division of the FBI. No one has yet been charged in this case, and the family is doubtful that anyone will ever be made accountable for the injuries, suffering, and loss of ability of this young single parent to support her children.

She is not bitter about this, just wants to get a divorce and get on with her life. She is actively involved with her church and school affairs. Her children, ViCindy attends Alamo Jr. High, is active in pep squad and pre-cheerleader for next year. Steven attends Jane Long Elementary and is in boy scouts. Teresa just recently completed a six weeks course in Crisis Intervention and will be working on a volunteer basis with the Midland Police Department.

She has made a remarkable recovery and attributes her life to the many prayers of her church, and the other

churches of Midland and the West Texas area.

Singers needed by Chamber

The Bronte Chamber of Commerce is asking our local churches and anyone else that would like to be part of the "Country Christmas in Bronte" Christmas program and singing of Christmas carols on Saturday, December 4 to please contact Shalon Gibbs at 473-3451 or work number 473--6791 or Susan Graves at 473-7521 by November 16.

One good thing about always telling the truth is that you don't have to remember what you said.

Churches of Robert Lee
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 (915) 453-2360
 Rev. Ray Aldridge, Pastor
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First United Methodist Church
 PO Box 144 • 9th & Chadbourne
 (915) 453-2417
 Rev. Jim Reeves, Pastor
 Sun. 10 am Sunday School
 11 am Worship
 Wed. 7 pm Choir

Northside Church of Christ
 PO Box 388 • 9th & Chadbourne
 (915) 453-2619 or 453-2270
 Tommy Williams, Minister
 Services: Sun. 10 am & 6 pm;
 Wed. 7 pm

Pecan Baptist
 PO Box 542 • 12 W. Sterling City Hwy
 (915) 453-4645
 Rev. Dale Patterson, Pastor
 Sun. 10 am, Sunday School
 11 am & 7 pm, Worship

Southside Church of Christ
 PO Box 698 • 8th & Houston
 (915) 453-2176
 Frank J. Daniels, Preacher
 Sun. 10 am, Sunday School
 11 am & 6 pm, Worship
 Wed. 7 pm, Worship

Robert Lee Baptist Church
 PO Box 493 • 22 W. 11th
 (915) 453-2724
 Bro. Miller Robinson, Int. Pastor
 Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
 11 am & 7 pm, Worship
 Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting

Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church
 601 W. 10th
 (915) 365-2687
 Rev. Hubert Wade, Jr., Pastor
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Coke County Commissioners Court

On October 25, 1999, the Commissioners Court met in special session in the Courthouse of Robert Lee. All Commissioners, County Judge, and Mary Grim were in attendance.

Judge Walker reported that she did not proceed with the TNRC solid Waste grant because it would not pay for the disposal.

Commissioner McCutchen made a motion to pass on the Solid Waste Grant. Commissioner Percifull seconded the motion. All for.

Auditor Stover Taylor addressed the Court on the retirement system. He recommended that no action be taken and let it go into effect. He stated that it will only help your family.

After discussion, Commissioner Burns made a motion to leave the Retirement Death Benefits as they are currently. Commissioner McCutchen seconded the motion. Voting for were Commissioners Burns, McCutchen and Judge Walker. Voting against were Commissioners Percifull and Rawlings.

Two Bids were received on the pickup for Precinct 2. Ben Bessent Chevrolet bid \$17,738.00 and Ivey Motors bid \$16,475.00. Commissioner McCutchen made a motion seconded by Commissioner Percifull to award the bid to Ivey Motor Company. Motion carried.

Commissioner Percifull made a motion to approve the Trapper's Report. The motion was seconded by Commissioner McCutchen. Motion carried.

Judge Walker will set up a meeting with the State Comptrollers Office to discuss the sales tax with the Court.

The following changes were made on the personnel policy.

Commissioner Rawlings made a motion to add the wording, **all outside employment should be approved by supervisor in order to prevent conflict, to policy on conflict of interest.** Commissioner Percifull seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner McCutchen made a motion seconded by Commissioner Rawlings to change the maximum accrued sick leave from 45 days to unlimited. Motion carried.

The minimum amount of sick leave that an employee may use at any time shall be one hour instead of half a day was approved on the motion of Commissioner Percifull and seconded by Commissioner Rawlings.

Commissioner Rawlings made a motion to add wording of but with approval of



Georgia Mae Mackey (from left), Mozelle Smith, and Halley Allison were ready for "Trick or Treaters" at Bronte Health & Rehab Center.

supervisor, employee may exchange lunch breaks, etc. to the borrowing of sick leave against future accruals. Commissioner McCutchen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Judge Walker moved to table the catastrophic illness until Assistant County Attorney Nancy Arthur can do some research. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rawlings. Motion carried.

Commissioner McCutchen made a motion that the beginning sick leave days for employees will be five (5) days per number of full years they have worked for the County. Commissioner Percifull seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Judge Walker recommended that the flood plan be tabled until July. Commissioner McCutchen made a motion that they start in July, 2000. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Percifull. Motion carried.

Judge Walker received letters from the following:

Paradiom Engineering regarding the airport, Troy Frasier, Secretary of agriculture on emergency disaster loans., and Texas Department of Health on children's health insurance.

Commissioner Burns was concerned with the Paint Creek Bridge and when they will start the contract. Commissioner Percifull stated a contract has not yet been signed.

Commissioner Rawlings stated they will get started next week or so on the Senior Citizens building.

Auditor Stover Taylor stated some items for Bronte caretaker's house were ordered from the old budget. Commissioner Rawlings will talk with Clint.

The Court decided to wait until spring to begin on the Courthouse sidewalk and will begin on the Robert Lee park playground equipment after the first of the year.

Commissioner Burns made a motion to pay bills. The motion was seconded by Commissioner McCutchen. Motion carried.

Judge Walker adjourned the meeting.

Coke County Library

The Coke County Library will be open until four o'clock on Friday afternoon, November 12, and on Saturday morning from nine to twelve November 13, for an inside book sale. Most of the books are hard back, some are new and some have recently been removed from the shelves to make room for new books.

Also, the library will have an open house on Friday, December 3. Everyone is welcome to come by and see what is available to the community. The library welcomes old patrons with gratitude and new patrons with pleasure.

November 21-25 is Children's Book Week. With Christmas coming up consider books as the lasting gift. A book doesn't wear out or break and can be handed down and will be used over and over.

Somehow the fact that last month was National Popcorn Month was overlooked.

Stop by the library Friday afternoon or Saturday morning to see if there are books that catch the eye. The hardback books will sell for twenty-five cents each or five for a dollar, or as was the case at the last book sale, we will trade books for rain.

Some folks who aim to please need more target practice.

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Robert Lee School News

Steers end with a win

by Bill Burns

The Steers gained victory number two of the season against the Water Valley Wildcats last Friday night. It was a long time coming, but the Steers never gave up on themselves.

I may have been as guilty as anyone, as the season was coming to a close, of thinking that the Steers might just give it up. But no, these Steers just weren't ready to give up on themselves and that determination paid off in a big way.

1st Quarter

The Steers received the opening kick. Chase Rainwater gained four yards on the first play. Andrew McCabe gained four on the next play. Then it was Rainwater for five yards and a Steer first down.

The Cats defense got tough and with a ten yard penalty against the Steers, the Steers were forced to punt.

The Cat offense went to work and marched down the field to score a touchdown with twenty nine seconds left in the quarter.

2nd Quarter

The Steers had the ball on their own twenty seven yard line as this quarter began. The Steers lost three yards on a run. Then Beau Boxell completed a pass to Mathew Pitcock but it wasn't enough for the first down and Boxell booted the ball forty three

yards.

The Steer defense with Joel Gallegos, Dan McCown, Lewis Samiego, and Stewart Millican leading the way, forced the Cats to go three and out.

The Steer offense started a big drive from their own thirty yard line. Brandon Van Huss, Clifton Bohannon, Adam Cates and Dan McCown worked hard to protect Boxell and the running back Rainwater made five yards, McCabe made twenty yards and a first down. McCabe got six yards, then five more for another first down. Rainwater gained eight yards, McCabe one yard and Rainwater three more for a first down. Rainwater got three yards and two yards, McCabe gets five more and the Steers have a first down at the Cat twenty four line. Rainwater gained two yards and McCabe got five yards. Rainwater picked up four more yards and a Steer first down at the Cat thirteen yard line. Boxell broke through for that thirteen yards and a Steer touchdown to tie the game with 2:01 left in the half.

The Cats started a drive but Garrett Brown picked off a Cat pass to stop the drive.

The next play the Steers lose a fumble and the Cats started a drive that ended with a touchdown to end the quarter, Steers 7, Cats 14.

3rd Quarter

The Cats start at their own twenty yard line and had the ball at their own twenty-eight yard line when their big running back broke loose for a seventy-two yard touchdown run. The try for two points failed and the Cats lead was thirteen points. (Good time for the Steers to quit, right, nope, not these Steers).

McCabe gave the Steers good field position with a good kick return to the Steer forty-six yard line. McCabe ran for two yards. Rainwater gained two yards, and Boxell passed to Joseph Wink, but a Cat interfered and the Steers had a first down. McCabe gained one yard and Boxell picked up nine yards for a first down. Boxell ran for eight yards and Rainwater ran for seven more to get another first down at the Cat twenty yard line. Rainwater gained two yards and then it was Beau to Beau as Boxell passed complete to Blair and Blair made a great run to get

the touchdown.

The Cats went three and out again as the Steer defense did an exceptional job.

The Steers had the ball at the Cat forty-five yard line. McCabe gained thirteen yards on three carries, and Rainwater got thirty-four yards on four carries with the last fourteen yards going for a Steer touchdown and a Steer lead after a Deric Brothers kick for the extra point.

4th Quarter

The fourth quarter was all defense for both sides.

It was a great come from behind victory for the Steers. Great game Steers!!!!

Stompin' Steer Band Area qualifiers

On October 23, 1999, at the Birdville Stadium in Fort Worth, the Stompin' Steer Band competed in the area marching band competition. This was the second consecutive time for the Steer Band to compete at this level of competition. Most bands do not advance to area. During the last four years the Steer band has received three first division ratings and advanced to area twice. This year there are thirty-eight members in the Steer band.

To advance to area the band members had to practice a lot. The band always practices on Tuesdays after school for two hours. Some of the students had sectionals and individual practice many times this past marching season. Hard work and self-discipline and caring about band has great results.

Fifth and sixth grade band practice

The fifth and sixth grade bands are required to practice ninety minutes a week. A practice sheet that is signed by a parent is due each Friday. Your child should have a practice sheet for you to fill out each week. If they don't just send a hand written note on Friday. If they can't practice at home contact Mr. Ratliff to set up a practice time after school.

RLHS AR Reading Program

The Accelerated Reader Program is in full swing in RLHS in grades 7-12. Each student enrolled in



The Robert Lee High School Cross Country team placed 3rd at the District 10A meet and qualified for the regional meet in San Antonio on November 6th. Team members include (front row, from left) Nicole Sanchez, Krystal Soliz, (back row, from left) Dixie Simpson, Gina Torres, Christian De Los Santos, and Erin Millican.

English and Reading is required to read and successfully report on two AR books from their individual reading level in order to accumulate points during the six weeks period. Students who read and successfully report on two books during the six weeks are rewarded with cokes.

Students are additionally rewarded on an advancing scale for points earned by reading more books or more difficult books.

Students earning movie rentals the first six weeks were: Joe Arledge, Amber Brosh, Misti Brothers, Jodee Helwig, Amanda Kuhl, Trent McCabe, B.J. Bessent, Daniel Cates, Christian De Los Santos, Erin Millican, Jodi Patterson, Dixie Simpson, Tyler Lott.

Students earning Cracker Barrel gift certificates were:

Adam Caston, Shanna Wojtek, Stacy Denton, Amber Freeman.

Students earning ice cream sundaes were: Bret Ballew, Adam Cates, Kelly Long, Whitney Millican, Shelby Roe, Robert Sailer, Mary Arellano, Brandon Van Huss.

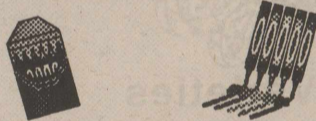
Students earning Hastings gift certificates were: Amie Kendal and Rebecca Welch.

Students earning Tinsel Town movie passes were: Bobbie Sparks, Rachelle Mills, Amy Riley.

Students begin again each six weeks to accumulate points for the various rewards offered each six weeks. There will be a special award at the end of the year based on the total points earned throughout the year.

The purpose of Accelerated Reader's Reading Program is to instill in the students a "Lifelong Love of Reading."

SCHOOL MENU



Breakfast

Monday, Nov. 15

Orange Juice, Biscuit/Jelly, Hash Brown, Milk

Tuesday, Nov. 16

Orange Juice, Banana Nut Muffin, Cereal, Milk

Wednesday, Nov. 17

Orange Juice, French Toast Sticks, Sausage Patty, Milk

Thursday, Nov. 18

Orange Juice, Cheese Toast, Cereal, Milk

Friday, Nov. 19

Orange Juice, Donut, Cereal, Milk

Lunch

Monday, Nov. 15

Barbecue Ribs, Broccoli & Cheese, Corn, Rolls, Applesauce, Milk

Tuesday, Nov. 16

Spaghetti, Carrots, Tossed Salad, Sliced Bread, Pears, Milk

Wednesday, Nov. 17

Baked Potato, Chili w/Crackers, Peaches, Gingerbread, Milk

Thursday, Nov. 18

Turkey w/gravy, Creamed Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls, Fruit Salad, Cranberry Sauce, Milk

Friday, Nov. 19

Hamburgers, Lettuce & Tomatoes, Pickles, Tator Tots, Ice Cream, Milk

Good Luck!

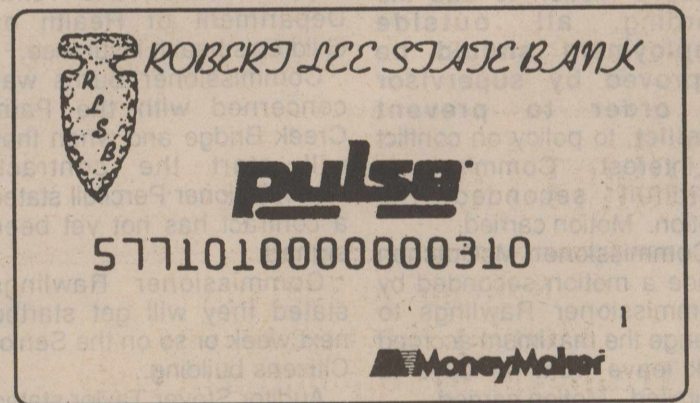
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These gentlemen were among those who donated their expertise and labor to cook the meat for the Hunters Barbecue in Bronte, sponsored by Hall's Super Save, B & K Processing and the Bronte Chamber of Commerce. They include (from left) Roger Graves, Paul Williams, Bobby Frazee, Billy Joe Luckett, and Kenny White.



These men were responsible for cooking the delicious food served at the West Coke County Community Development Hunters Appreciation Barbecue. They include (from left) Tommy Sisemore, Wayland Drennan, Clark Tinkler, Gaylon Pitcock, Roy Tinkler, Steve Taylor, Bob Wrinkle, and Robert Walker.

Veterans Memorial Committee

The Veterans Memorial Committee met on Friday, Nov. 5 and all members reported on their project status. Final preparations for finishing the memorial itself and the plans for the dedication were considered. The star portion of the foundation has been laid. The rest of the foundation will be poured this week. Money and names are still coming in. Landscaping and other improvements are being planned. The monument itself, upon completion, will be veiled and not shown to the public until the dedication ceremony on December 4.

The dedication celebration will be impressive. There will be several VIPs on the platform. The program consists of patriotic music, a flyover by the Big Country Squadron of the Confederate Air Force, posting of the colors by a Goodfellow AFB Color Guard, Roll call/TAPS for the MIAs/KIAs, and essays from the Robert Lee and Bronte High School contest winners. Coke County residents will use their talents to complete the program. A copy of the program will be published in next week's

paper.

The committee appreciates the cooperation and enthusiasm of the people of the Coke County area for the responses that have been received from coast to coast.

We look forward to seeing you on December 4. For your own comfort, please bring your own lawn chairs.

Local Judge attends seminar

Judge Joan Davis was certified at the recent twenty hour Justice of the Peace Seminar held November 2-5, 1999 in Lubbock, Texas. The seminar was sponsored by the Texas Justice Court Training Center, headquarters at Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos. The seminar is one of five held for elected Justices of the Peace so they can fulfill their Continuing Judicial Education Requirements as set forth in Article 27.005 of the Texas Government Code. The seminar addressed topics such as Judicial Ethics, New Legislation, Traffic Laws, Inquests, Family Violence, Country Courts, Deferred Disposition, Landlord Tenant Issues, Hot Checks, Probable Cause Search and Arrest Warrants, Juvenile Law:

School and Criminal Issues and Legal Research.

Mrs. Davis accompanied Judge Joyce Weems of Winters to Lubbock. Both J.P.s were elected and took office in 1991.

BHRC attends Fall Fest

Ruth Holland, Buelah Magness, Vivian Hord, Emuel Newsome & Virgil Ashley attended the third Annual Fall Fest at the San Angelo Convention Center on

Saturday, November 6. All reported having a good time! They were assisted by Marie Harres, Della Rodriguez, Art Ueber, Linda Wojtek and Mary Beth Drennan. They enjoyed the booths & games and lunch all provided by the Concho Valley Activity

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Bronte School News



The 3rd Annual "Hoyt's Pumpkin Carving Round-Up" was again a huge success. Over twenty-five pumpkins were carved by children and parents using a lot of different ideas and tools from knives to power drills to Christmas lights and spray paint. A total of 47 people enjoyed the activity.

Longhorns qualify for playoffs

The Bronte Longhorns qualified for the state football playoffs with a hard fought, exciting 21-7 victory over the Miles Bulldogs. Bronte qualifies for the playoffs with a 7-3 record while Miles finished with an identical 7-3 record.

After a scoreless first quarter Miles opened the scoring after a Bronte fumble on a Ty Groat run up the middle which covered eight yards with 11:00 left. The Pat attempt was good by Groat

making the score 7-0.

Bronte answered in the second quarter with 6:03 left on a thirty-three yard run by Steve Eldred followed by a successful Pat kick by Blake McKee to knot the score at 7-7. This score held up into halftime.

In the third quarter, with 3:19 left, again Bronte scored on a thirteen yard run by Eldred and again the Pat by McKee was good making it 14-7. This score was significant in that Bronte knew they must win by seven points or more to make the playoffs. Bronte finished the scoring on a one yard run by quarterback Brandon Gibbs with 10:23 remaining in the contest. McKee's extra point was good bringing the score to 21-7.

Bronte finished with 265 yards rushing and nine yards passing while Miles had 182 yards rushing and twenty-four passing. Steve Eldred finished with 153 yards on fourteen carries while Jared McClure had ninety-one yards on ten carries.

Bronte played outstanding team defense especially in the second half of play, holding an explosive Miles team scoreless. The line play of Henry White, Blake McKee, Randy Johnson, Wes Howell and Jake Graves also contributed to Bronte's offensive success.

Bronte's season continues on Saturday night with a Bi-district contest at Abilene

Wylie vs. the Ranger Bulldogs. Game time is set for 7:30 pm.

Bronte Shorthorns defeat Miles Bulldogs

The Shorthorns recently defeated the Bulldogs by a score of 20-0. Garrett Fiveash had a twelve yard run for a touchdown but, the conversion failed. Cody Lee threw a forty yard pass to Fiveash for another touchdown but, the conversion failed again. Finally, Cody Lee scored the last touchdown of the night with a four yard run and the two point conversion was a success by Justin Moore.

The Shorthorn record for the season was 7-1-1.

Bronte JV Volleyball

On October 28, the JV girls lost against Miles with scores of 15-10 and 15-11. Heather Richey had 5 kills, 1 block; Kelly Cooper 1 ace; Joel Sefcik 2 assists, 1 ace; Lindsay Springer 2 assists; and Jenna Herold 1 kill.

On October 30, Bronte JV played Water Valley. They lost by scores of 15-6 and 15-12. Kelly Cooper had 2 kills, 1 ace; Heather Richey 3 kills; Joel Sefcik 3 assists, 1 ace; Lindsay Springer 1 kill, 2 assists; Lindsey Williams 1 kill, 1 assists; Crystal Jackson 1 kill; Tiffany Riordan 1 assist; Jenna Herold 1 block; and Heather Sturgill 1 kill.

SCHOOL MENU

- Breakfast**
- Monday, Nov. 15**
Cereal, Applesauce, Toast, Milk
- Tuesday, Nov. 16**
Sausage, Apple Juice, Pancakes, Milk
- Wednesday, Nov. 17**
Scrambled Eggs, Hash Browns, Biscuit, Milk
- Thursday, Nov. 18**
French Toast Stix, Mixed Fruit, Blueberry Muffins, Milk
- Friday, Nov. 19**
Breakfast Burrito, Grape Juice, Biscuit, Milk
- Lunch**
- Monday, Nov. 15**
Pizza, Sweet Corn, Tossed Salad, Rice Krispie Bars, Milk
- Tuesday, Nov. 16**
Spud Day, Chili & Cheese, Potato (Baked), Steamed Broccoli, Mixed Fruit, Crackers, Milk
- Wednesday, Nov. 17**
Hot Submarine Sandwiches, Ham & Cheese, Lettuce & Tomato, French Fries, Bun, Cinnamon Rolls, Milk
- Thursday, Nov. 18**
Turkey & Dressing w/gravy, Creamed Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls, Pumpkin Pie, Milk
- Friday, Nov. 19**
Cheese Burgers, French Fries, Lettuce & Tomato, Pickle, Bun, Pink Panther Cake, Milk



by Jan Yanez
Coke County
Ext. Agent

Salad bar dining

How to be savvy, not sorry

Many restaurants now offer salad bars as a low-calorie, healthful addition to their regular menus. Salad bars are also popping up at many of the larger supermarket chains. In addition to low-calorie, nutritious foods, however, many offer selections that may be high in fats, sodium, and calories. So the next time you dine at a salad bar, use these tips and be savvy.

Foods to Choose

In general, stick with raw vegetables, a good source of nutrients. Legumes, such as kidney beans or chickpeas are also good choices since they are sources of low-calorie protein. Use lettuce, tomato, pepper, and onion. Some salad bars offer broccoli or cauliflower which are high in nutrients and natural fiber. Fresh peas and beans are also sometimes available. Choose a vinegar and oil dressing, or reduced calorie dressing, often found in the condiment section, or sliced lemon, to avoid fatty dressings altogether.

Foods to limit

Unfortunately, salad bars can also be fattening. It's easy to load up a plate and rack up the calories. In addition,

people may tend toward salad bar foods that are high in fat or sodium. Macaroni, pasta and potato salads should be avoided because of their high fat content. Bacon bits, processed cheeses, and croutons are high in sodium. It's easy to overdo high fat dressings, too.

Healthy salad bars

A healthy salad bar should be well refrigerated and should carry a food shield (also called a sneeze guard). It should have no flies and look clean and fresh.

If food is in buckets surrounded by ice, scoop from the bottom. The temperature at the top may be warmer than is safe.

Marinated foods are generally considered to be safe, principally because of their high lemon and vinegar content.

General guidelines

Try to keep food choices to a reasonable quantity. A recent study at Mississippi State University found that students averaged about 1,000 calories per tray when selecting from a salad bar, but less than 900 calories for a hot meal. Salad bar meals average 43% of calories from fat while hot meals averaged only 40%. Both meals are above the American Heart Association advice that suggest less than 30% of calories should come from fat.

Savvy, not sorry

Salad bars can be a fast, convenient, tasty alternative to the usual restaurant fare, but you should approach them with the preceding tips in mind. Select a variety of fresh fruits and vegetables and avoid foods with added fats (like oil or mayonnaise) or prepared dressings. When you make savvy salad bar choices, you won't be sorry.

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Reflections of the Past

Dedicated to my son Edmond

by Mary E. Dean

It was just a letter from Washington,

"Missing in action" is what it said,

"Your son was serving in the Philippines."

Do prisons wall him or is he dead?

"You must meet the world with a smile" they say

"Other mothers their sons had to give."

But how can they know how my heart is torn,

They did not suffer that he might live.

Such a little while since he was a child,

And always so willing my load to share.

I recall now the many things he did

My dear boy then so free from care.

How he mopped the floor when I was sick,

Brought all the clothes from off the line,

Warmed baby's milk as he watched the bread,

Helped get the children off to school on time.

But the sweetest memory of them all

And the one to my heart most dear,

Is how we two alone would kneel

And I heard his childish voice in prayer.

Asking God's blessing on each one of us

And his tone was tender and kind.

Little did I know how he'd need God,

Far away from home on the battle line.

Then I think how he sang as he milked the cows.

Also at church and at school each day.

When he volunteered "I'll be back soon" he said

And he smiled as he went away.

He gave his best of this, I'm sure

And my heart is warmed this to know

But it chills with terror when sleep is gone

And it seems my reason, too, will go.

Is he suffering, starving, maimed or diseased,

With all mercy gone and no one to care.

Or worse than death, do enemies' hands

Hold him fast and torture him there?

Dear God, have mercy on all boys at war,

And comfort all mothers like me.

One Texan's Family
by Nora Dean
The Agony and the Ecstasy

This chapter is an attempt, however inadequate, to relate Edmond's experiences and

our experiences involving his imprisonment by the Japanese during World War II.

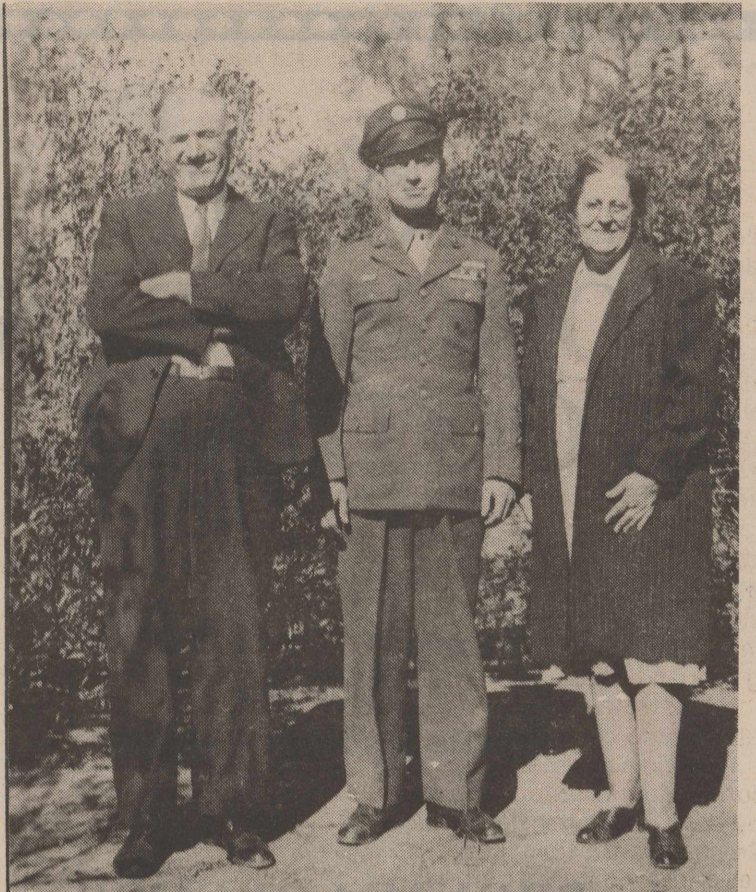
Edmond was serving in the armed forces and sailed for unknown parts of the Pacific in the fall of 1941, arriving in Manila on Thanksgiving before the attack on Pearl Harbor and Manila. The card he mailed at Hawaii enroute did not indicate his destiny. That was our last correspondence from him as a free man except a telegram he tried to send immediately after the attack. The message was garbled I could only make out that it was from Manila.

Since the Japanese had us completely cut off from the Philippines, the first word we had about Edmond was six

months after the fall of Bataan and Corregidor. A message from the government told us he was serving in Bataan at the time it fell and was missing in action. But we did not give up hope. Six months later we received a form card from him indicating he was imprisoned at Camp Cabanatuan No. 1 in the Philippines and falsely checking that his health was excellent; he was treated well, etc. My parents received four of this type card with identical information during the two years he was in that camp.

When MacArthur returned to the Philippines and his forces began to approach the area of the prisoners' camp,

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Edmond Dean (center), pictured with his parents.

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...Reflections

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we eagerly listened and waited until the day they finally raided the camp liberating many Americans. As the lists of names came out daily, we were sure Edmond's name would be included. But the final list without his name was devastating for us. We did not know that a year earlier he had been put in the hold of a ship for a six week's voyage to the island of Kyushu where he was put to labor in the Yawata steel mill. We never heard from him during that horribly long year and a half.

The Yawata steel mill located in the city of Fukioko was the original target of the second atom bomb. But cloud cover made the sighting of the mark impossible for the American bomber. After repeated attempts of futile searching, the flight crew provisionally turned back and dropped the bomb on Nagasaki, which is not far from Fukioko but held no American prisoners.

When the long awaited V-J day arrived, we began hungrily listening for some word from Edmond. But six anxious weeks lapsed before a letter from him was received by my parents. He had sent a telegram immediately after his release, but it never reached them.

When the call got through to me in New York about 8:00 p.m. one evening, I doubled up with shock. My roommate, Marie Ward Stocking, who was a stewardess and RN, helped me to cope with the shock.

My work required that I get up and go out before Marie, but as soon as I was out of bed, she roused enough to turn on the radio every morning, however, the morning after we heard from Ed, she did not turn on the radio, and never did again. All that time I thought she was turning it on for herself.

As soon as I learned Edmond's schedule, I made plans to meet him in San Antonio, where he would be arriving via train from San Francisco. Immediately after checking into the hotel at San Antonio, I called Brooke Hospital to ask if he had arrived. The kind receptionist informed me that he arrived that morning but was out on leave for the evening. I felt sick as I looked down on the street to see masses of men in uniform-to think I was so close and could not find him. My impatience sent me out on the street to look for Ed. Warnings that the men had changed drastically, made me follow and stare at every man in a sergeant's uniform. Of course, my search was hopeless. I returned to my hotel room and called the hospital to leave a message for him. He called early the next morning.

As my taxi pulled up to the hospital, a handsome Spanish-American soldier in pajamas greeted me and offered to take me to the reception room. He led me through ward after ward, lamenting that they would not let him go home. Soon I realized why he could not go

home. I asked directions and found Ed waiting in the reception hall. How could anyone describe such a moment? I shall not try.

As soon as he was given permission for leave to go home, I made airline reservations to take us to San Angelo where all the family plus relatives and friends would be waiting. Although my job required extensive air travel of which I was not afraid, I was anxious about this short flight. The weather was perfect with no visible reasons for fear-but running through my being was, "What if after all this waiting, I get him on an airplane and..."

There was little conversation as we shared the flawless flight. It is impossible for us to know the fear that grips men's souls when they are hurled back into a life they have forgotten.

Those few days were so emotionally packed, we often had to fight hard to choke back the tears. We did not know why tears! Just tears!

The first day the house was filled with relatives and friends-some driving long distances to share our rejoicing. Before we gave thanks for the meal, Mother read from the 77th Psalm, "I cried unto God with my voice...and he gave ear to me. In the day of my trouble, I sought the Lord..." She lived with her Bible those years (in fact, all of her years) and God did hear her cry.

On my flight home, as I reflected on the past few days, I thought it would be wonderful if every person in the world could experience the ecstasy we had shared-then I considered that to know such ecstasy, one would first have to live the agony. Also our heart bled for the families whose loved ones did not come home.

Little by little, Edmond divulged some of the atrocities they endured. Although he never dwelt on the subject, he was able to discuss it without great trauma. Also, the greatest miracle was his lack of bitterness toward his captors. He said if we ever became like them, we would have lost all they were fighting for. His attitude and the fact he could pray for the Japanese guards outside his door can be attributed to his faith in a loving God. Not many months went by before he felt as if it were all a bad dream that never really happened.

I will try to relate some of the details of his imprisonment as told by him, in which there were at least four times he barely survived.

The first was on the Death March from Manila to the prison camp. The march lasted several days, and any who fell by the way were bayoneted and dragged off the road. Edmond's first attack of malaria struck during the first day of the march. At one point, they were permitted a short rest. He told his buddies, "When it is time to go, you will have to go without me. I cannot go any farther." His buddies refusing his plea, one on each side, lifted him to his feet and carried him on. As they trudged down the highway, they spotted three packets of brown sugar

wrapped in banana leaves that had been thrown to them by Filipino women. The sugar provided enough energy to keep them going.

The Filipino women were so compassionate and helpful. In spite of abuse and beatings by the Japanese, they continued to throw food to the Americans.

Another desperate time in his interment was in the camp at Cabanatuan when he was so weak from the malaria, his fellow prisoners agreed that he would not last through the night. Although he could not respond, he heard their diagnosis, and with his heart cried out to God, "Please let me some time, some how just get home." The next morning, their finding him still alive, sent the men scurrying throughout the camp in search of quinine to help him.

While in Bataan, the prisoners were used for farm labor. On one occasion, Edmond and a fellow prisoner were weeding vegetables and engaged in muted conversation. A Japanese guard walking near, because of his paranoia, believed that Edmond was cursing him. Upon taking him aside, he began repeated assaults of violent screams and knocking Edmond down with the butt of his rifle. Each time Edmond got up to be bombarded with the same explosive question. In his attempt to penetrate the language barrier, Edmond surmised he was saying, "Do you want me to kill you?", to which he responded negatively. Until, in complete exhaustion, Edmond did not get up and relented to his death threat. This enraged the guard even more. As he cocked his rifle to shoot, he was halted by a piercing command from his approaching supervisor, the farm manager. After the manager dealt a scorching reprimand to the guard (in Japanese) he slapped both men and sent them to their respective tasks. The Americans called the manager Donald Duck because of his incessant "quacking".

Edmond says the prime reason for the excessive cruelty was a sense of inferiority because of their diminutive size. Since they were no physical match for the American men they would force the prisoners to fight each other. The men would accommodate with moans and grimaces of "fake" pain, as our present day wrestling "shows." These charades sent the Japanese into fits of ecstatic screeches.

When the first atom bomb was dropped on Hiroshima, the American boys were not informed about the feats, but they knew some catastrophe had occurred because the guards did not press them in

their work-just huddled around with ashen faces of fear. A few days later, when the second bomb was dropped, they were not even taken to the steel mill, and all forms of regimentation ceased. Still unaware of the bombs and our victory, the men wandered daily from the camp but returned at night. After two weeks of this staggering bewilderment, a squadron of hedge-hoing P-38s spotted the camp, which promptly brought low flying B29s dropping food and notes that read, "Stay there. Don't leave. We are coming for you." On top of being overwhelmed at the assurance of their liberation, they were bursting with pride at the awesome size of the B29. The only bomber they knew was the B17.

In due time, the liberation party arrived via train September 13, 1945, to rescue the tired emaciated soldiers. Big strong military men and officers burst into tears at sight of their "comrades." The train route took them through devastated Nagasaki to a port where they were transported on a British aircraft carrier to Okinawa. From Okinawa, they were flown to the hospital in Manila where they were treated and nourished until they were able to go home.

In departing Manila, they boarded a ship bound for San Francisco. As they glided into the harbor there, the ship was met by small boats carrying pretty, gleeful, waving girls, multicolored flowers and wafts of joyful music. The men stood on deck looking down at the boats with motionless stares. The sincere, eager efforts of the welcoming armada were innocent. How could they know that the anxiety pulsing in the depths of every man could not respond to superficial gaiety?

On their first night in San Francisco, because of having slept for years on bamboo mats, the men could not tolerate the soft, hygienic beds. At the break of dawn, the attendant was utterly baffled to find all of the men sleeping on the floor. From

San Francisco, Edmond was transported via train to Brooke Hospital in San Antonio.

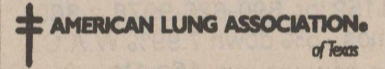
During those years of incarceration, Edmond had all the diseases common to the prisoners; beri-beri, malaria, yellow jaundice, and amoebic dysentery. At one time, he weighed 89 lbs. His normal weight is around 165 lbs. He recovered from every disease even though the doctors warned that the amoebic dysentery might be a problem all of his life.

After Edmond was rescued from the Japanese imprisonment at the end of the war, he returned to Texas and resumed his education. His farm experiences directed his interest to agriculture, which became his major in school. For many years, he has served the cotton farmers as an executive in the Southwestern Cotton Growers Association.

Shortly after his release from the military service, he married Jane Strode, a skillful young girl from far West Texas, and in time became the father of three boys: David Ed, Charles Stephen and Phillip Claud.

There is much I have omitted, and I am sure there is much, much more Edmond never told.

Edmond is the epitome of a kind, loving husband, father, son, and brother. He was born in 1919 and died January of 1989. He is buried in Lubbock, Texas.



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 Ricky, Bobby, Debra & Jan
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WE WOULD LIKE
 to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, food, calls, memorials and kindness during our time of sorrow at the loss of our Mother.
 Mother had known of the Aneurysm of the Aratic Tube at the heart for four years. It started leaking on the verge of bursting Tuesday night. Emergency surgery was done in Houston on Thursday at noon and she never recovered consciousness. Passing away around 5:30 Friday morning October 29, 1999. Rest In Peace Mother.
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by Senator Troy Fraser
 As the century draws to a close and we all look forward to ringing in the new millennium, we need to stop and remember that there are thousands upon thousands of brave men and women who were willing to defend our country without question, some even making the ultimate sacrifice to pave the way for the freedom that we all enjoy today.

Our nation has always had its heroes- its veterans. Even the earliest settlers in our nation were willing to fight for our freedom. George Washington fought as a colonial militiaman in the French and Indian Wars long before he lead those same colonies to freedom as our nation's first Commander-in-Chief.

From Lexington & Concord to Gettysburg, the Meuse-Argonne, Guadalcanal, the Battle of the Bulge, Korea, Vietnam, Desert Storm and now, Bosnia and Kosovo, America's sons and daughters have provided us with an endless stream of those willing to defend our country.

Especially now, in these last days of a century made secure by the force of our principles and the strength of our military, we need to say thanks-to all who have served, are serving, or will serve in the defense of this great nation.

I recently had the privilege of standing on the beaches of Normandy. Even after fifty plus years, it is a hollowed place of valor remembered and brave men lost. I wandered through the hedgerows, fields and villages where still today, local folk remember. It is an amazing and emotional experience.

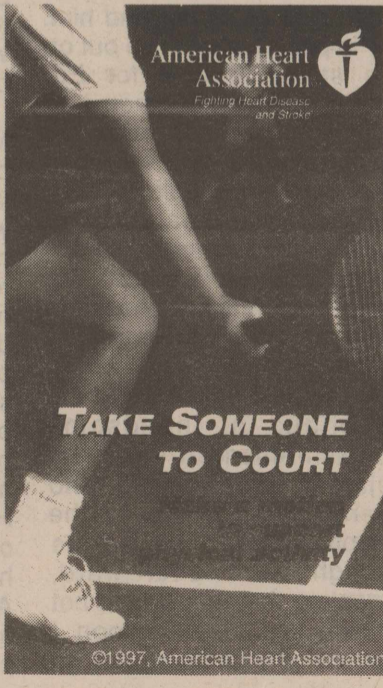
I walked the shoreline, and looked up at the cliffs that were scaled by LTC James Earl Rudder- a brave, young leader from Eden, Texas and his 225 brave Rangers.

One of the most decorated soldiers of World War II, LTC Rudder stormed the beach at Pointe du Hoc and under staggering enemy fire, scaled the 100 foot cliffs to find and destroy German gun batteries. As I stood beside the plaque at Pointe du Hoc that was placed in honor of Rudder by former Texas Governor Bill Clements, I was struck with thoughts of the tremendous obstacles both physical and mental that these men overcame to capture and hold this crucial point.

LTC Rudder's career did not end with the war. He later became land commissioner, and eventually President of A&M University, where he was responsible for the first admittance of women to the University.

The United States lost thousands of its men in that battle. As I looked up and down the rows of thousands of white crosses marking the graves of our fallen heroes, I was moved by a reverent sense of awe and respect. These brave soldiers are the reason that you and I enjoy our freedom today. As Winston Churchill so eloquently stated, "Never have so few, done so much, for so many." As American citizens, we must never lose sight of the fact that it is these sacrifices that have made us free.

Veterans Day is now upon us. It's a day to recognize and remember our heroes, both celebrated and those unsung service men and women who helped accomplish extraordinary feats, then quietly returned to their everyday lives. We should all make an effort to seek out these veterans, and give them a heartfelt "thank you."



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Tony Mackey (right) assists with serving the drinks at the Hunters Barbecue in Bronte, sponsored by Hall's Super Save, B & K Processing and the Bronte Chamber of Commerce.

Roberts couple celebrates 45th wedding anniversary

Bobby and Jeffie Harmon Roberts of Robert Lee observed their 45th Wedding Anniversary this year and celebrated it by taking a New England Fall Foliage Tour. They boarded a plane in San Angelo to DFW at 8:25 am Thursday, October 14, 1999, changed planes for a three hour and forty-one minute non-stop flight to Boston, Massachusetts.

AmeriSuites Hotel in nearby Medford was our accommodations for the night and a reception was hosted by COSMOS touring company for thirty-three tourists arriving from around the world and the United States. Countries and states represented were England, Scotland, Malaysia, Australia, Texas, Oklahoma, California, Florida, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, our tour guide was from Massachusetts, and our bus driver was from Wisconsin. Friday, October 15, we loaded the beautiful private deluxe air-conditioned motorcoach for our seven day tour of the beautiful states of Massachusetts, Vermont, New Hampshire, and Maine.

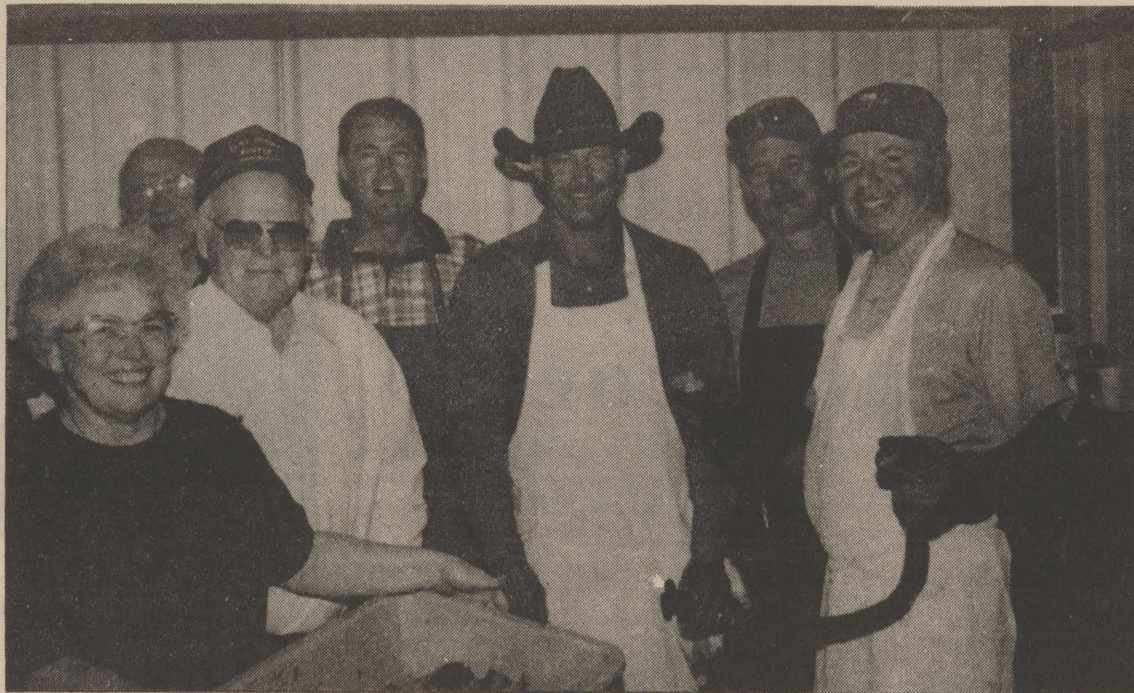
The autumn leaves were at their peak, the layout of the land was rolling hills covered with Maple Trees, sumac, burning bush and many others in their Autumn Splendor, luscious green valleys and farmland, apple orchards, pumpkins at harvest time with some still in the fields. Maine is the Pine Tree State and with the Autumn Leaves among the Green Pines. Our tour included travel along the Farm to Market Highways so that we were among the beautiful landscape most of the time, visiting quaint little towns in the hills, and along the highways. Maximum elevation on the tour was 4000 ft. At that point a few flakes of snow fell on us October 18 in the fabulous White Mountains of New Hampshire, an area noted for its foliage of contrasting colors in the fall. Birch, oak, and maple leaves form a brilliant kaleidoscope of yellows, browns, oranges, and red. New Hampshire is the second most wooded state in the nation.

The weather was beautiful most of the time with temperatures ranging from thirty-two to sixty-five degrees, with showers one morning, and rain all day the day we toured Kennebunkport, Maine, and viewed former President

George Bush's beautiful retreat.

Visits to the many places of interest included: Old Sturbridge Village, Springfield, Norman Rockwell Museum, Killington, Woodstock, Bennington Battle Monument, Manchester, Billings Farm and Museum, Shelburne Hertaige Park, a Maple Syrup Farm (a 7th generation (Burr Morse) of the Morse family) told us how they have gathered the sap from the Maple Trees on their farm for many, many years and now his teenage son is learning the works. It takes forty gallons of sap to produce one gallon of maple syrup. Then on to Montpelier, Vermont's capital; North Conway, NH; the Valley of Malls; Kennebunkport, the Bush's getaway; Ogunquit, Maine for a Lobster Bake, view the beautiful Atlantic Ocean and other points of interest; Salem, Massachusetts, the witchcraft city and they were really getting ready for Halloween.

Other scenic highlights:



These folks served as meat cutters at the West Coke County Community Development Hunters Appreciation Barbecue. They include (from left) Barbara Davis, Add Davis, Bob Wrinkle, Pat Percifull, Joel Percifull, Don Sparks, and Dave Hughes.

Berkshire Hills, Lake Champlain once the home to patriot Ethan Allan, Green and White Mountains, Crawford Notch and the Old Man of the Mountains, Kancamagus Highway, and Maine's rocky coastline, and a one hour and fifteen minute cruise across the island-studded Lake Winnepesaukee aboard the historic MS Mount Washington.

October 21 the motorcoach took us to Logan Airport in Boston, Massachusetts, for our flight to Dallas-Fort Worth Airport where our plane arrived to return us to San Angelo. We were met by Wayne and Dorene Mashburn at 11:21 pm who, also, took us for our departure.

Local school needs help to earn free educational resources

Robert Lee Elementary announces its 1999/2000 Campbell's Labels for Education program Label Collection Drive!

Robert Lee Elementary is asking students, parents, teachers and friends in the community to support us by collecting Campbell's product labels for its Campbell's Labels for Education drive. With this support, Robert Lee Elementary will earn additional educational resources just by redeeming Campbell's product labels!

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Obituaries

Marvin Clay Williamson

Marvin Clay Williamson, 58, of Dripping Springs, died November 9, 1999, in an Austin Hospital.

Graveside services were at 2:30 pm Thursday, November 11, 1999, at Fairview Cemetery in Bronte. Services were under direction of Shaffer Funeral-Home.

He was born July 14, 1941, to William Clay and Modena Brunson Williamson in Kennedy, Texas. He was

employed as a furniture salesman and had been a resident of Dripping Springs for five years.

Marvin is survived by one brother, Marion Jay Williamson and wife, Patricia Ann of Dripping Springs; niece, Debra Rohan and husband, Larry; great-niece, Molly, and great-nephew, Ian, all of Boerne; niece, Paulette Moczygomba and husband Tim, and great-nephew, Turner, all of Spicewood, Texas.

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West Coke County Community Development would like to thank the cooks at the 11th Annual Hunters Appreciation Barbecue:

- Tommy Sisemore
- Curtis Walker
- Roy Tinkler
- Clark Tinkler

- Gaylon Pitcock
- Wayland Drennan
- Steve Taylor
- Robert Walker

& the meat cutters:

- Add & Barbara Davis
- Joel Percifull

- Pat Percifull

- Dave Hughes
- Don Sparks

We would also like to thank the servers, and those who helped with clean-up duties. These folks graciously give of their time and talents each year to contribute to the success of the barbecue.

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