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County Bond Vote Tuesday

Plans for Baccalaureate and 8th Grade Commencement

Baccalaureate service honoring the 1978-79 seniors and commencement exercises for the eighth grade class will be held during the next week at Robert Lee School auditorium.

Baccalaureate services will be at 8 p.m. Sunday and junior high commencement will be at 8 p.m. Thursday, May 24.

Rev. James Sanders, pastor of the Immanuel Pentecostal Church, will deliver the baccalaureate sermon. The seniors will be honored again Friday, May 25, when commencement exercises will be held.

Members of the class include: Danny Abalos, Clay Allen, Paula Brock, A. Waid Davis, Vallery Deen, Karen Kay Flowers, David Alan Lackey, Karen Annette Rasco, Kathy Reyes, Jeannie Valori Robertson, Kevin Roe, Terry Ross, Wesley R. Sawyer, Corwin Sparks, Cynthia Lee Walker, Buddy Raymond Wallace and Michael Scoggin Wilkes.

EIGHTH GRADE

Honor students who will participate in the eighth grade commencement program are Quint Anthony, valedictorian, and Leigh Ann Runnion, salutatorian. Jack Brewer, athletic director of Ector County Schools, will give the adress of the evening.

Members of the class are: Stuart Quint Anthony, Martha Bickley, Thomas W. Bosworth, Debbie Cummins, Sara Ann De La Pena, Cindy L. Gartman, Richard Kyle Gibbs, David Hubbard, Michael L. Hunt, Steven L. Ray, Leigh Ann Runnion, Paula Sanders, James Wyatt Sawyer, Scott L. Stephens, Rebecca L. Taylor, Ray V. Tijerina, Lupe Torres, Maribel C. Torres, Melinda H. Torres, Yolonda Torres, Everett James Wilson, Kerry Don Wrinkle and Teresa L. Ybarra.

Everyone is invited to attend these programs.

Eighth Grade Commencement

Processional..... Carolyn Long

Invocation..... Clyde Dukes
North Side Church of Christ

Salutatorian..... Leigh Ann Runnion

Valedictorian..... Quint Anthony

Introduction of Speaker..... Jimmy Bickley

Address ..... Jack Brewer
Athletic Director Ector County

Presentation of Class..... Jerry Gibbs

Presentation of Diplomas..... Jimmy Bickley
Phil Ray
John Stephens

Benediction..... Roy Epperson
Pastor, Robert Lee Baptist Church

Recessional..... Carolyn Long

CLASS MOTTO
"Today decides tomorrow."

CLASS COLORS Spring Colors

CLASS FLOWERS Spring Flowers

Coke County voters will go to the polls Tuesday, May 22, to vote on a $400,000 bond issue which would provide funds for repairing paved roads in the rural areas of the county and paved streets in Robert Lee and Bronte. The election was called by Coke Commissioners' Court at a special meeting April 20.

In calling the election, the commissioners cited the large number of chugholes and general deterioration of paved roads and streets during unusually cold wet weather of the last two winters. The four commissioners said they had neither the equipment, money nor manpower to provide all the repairs needed.

Mayors of Bronte and Robert Lee made known their concern about the condition of paving in the cities, and said their city councils endorse the bond issue.

Bob Davis, representative of Fred Baker & Associates of Amarillo, was present and presented a plan for retiring the bonds if citizens approve them. Davis noted the healthy financial condition of the county, bringing out the fact that sufficient funds are on hand to pay off the balance of the 1972 bond issue, which is the only indebtedness Coke County has.

Fifteen cents of county tax money is now set aside to provide for debt retirement. That same 15 cents will retire the proposed bond issue, with no increase in taxes, the financial agent said. In fact, he added, the 15 cents which has been used for debt retirement should easily retire the bonds, in view of the continuing increase in county valuations.

A large number of citizens in both towns and in rural areas have expressed concern about the state of repair of streets and roads. County and city officials responded to the many questions by securing engineering and financial experts to look into the matter.

Engineers are of the opinion that the work needs to be completed as nearly as possible before cold weather sets in next fall. They cited the additional deterioration which is bound to occur if the repairs are not made soon, and the additional cost which postponement would bring.

Commissioners plan to spend a samll portion of the bond money to pave 11 blocks in Robert Lee and five blocks in Bronte.

All qualified voters in the county are eligible to vote in the bond election.

The six polling places will be set up as follows: Precint 1, Recreation Hall, Robert Lee; Precinct 2, City Hall, Bronte; Precinct 3, County Courthouse, Robert Lee; Precinct 4, Schoolhouse, Tennyson; Precinct 5, Old Depot, Bronte; Precinct 9, Pecan Baptist Church Annex Building.

BACCALAUREATE SERVICE

Processional ..... Gayle Bolding

Invocation ..... Lyle Pierce
Minister, Robert Lee Methodist Church

Presentation of Speaker ..... Jimmy Bickley

Address ..... Rev. James Sanders
Immanuel Pentecostal Church

Benediction ..... Jamie Paden
Minister, South Side Church of Christ

Recessional ..... Gayle Bolding

CLASS FLOWERS--Spring Flowers

CLASS COLORS--Spring Colors

CLASS MOTTO

"We make our plans according to God's Will."

Robert Lee Citizens Invited to Attend Community Banquet Saturday Night

The annual community banquet for citizens of Robert Lee and the surrounding area will be held Saturday night in the school lunchroom. Everyone in the community is invited to attend. The program will begin at 7 p.m.

Sponsored by the Robert Lee-Silver Lions Club, the banquet promises to provide an evening of good food, a good program, recognition of achievements of outstanding citizens and an outstanding guest speaker.

Tickets are on sale and may be purchased from members of the Lions Club or the '64 Study Club. They will also be available at the door.

James L. (Curly) Hays, public relations official with West Texas Utilities Co. in Abilene, will be the speaker of the evening. Hays is recognized as one of the outstanding after dinner speakers in West Texas. He is a former all-American football player at the University of Tulsa and has done outstanding work in many fields of agriculture. His speech alone will be worth the price of admission, sponsors said.

In addition to Hays' speech, the program will provide recognition of Robert Lee citizens who have rendered outstanding service to the community. The "Citizen of the Year" and Lion of the Year" will receive awards.

Everyone is cordially invited to attend the banquet and enjoy the evening.

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Commissioners' Court Has Meeting

Coke County Commissioners' Court met Monday in regular session. One item of business was to increase the price for swimming tickets this summer at the county pools in Robert Lee and Bronte. Children's admission tickets will go up to 25 cents from 15 cents; adult tickets to 50 cents from 35 cents; and season tickets to $7.50 from $5.00.

County Judge D.W. Sims said the increase would "help a little" to offset the deficit with which the parks and pools have been operating for several years. He said the county didn't expect to make any money off the operations, but added it would be nice to come a little nearer the break-even point.

In other business the commissioners:

* Approved Texas State Parks & Wildlife regulations for 1979-80 for Coke County. Game Warden R.L. Flanagan met with the court and explained that the most important changes which might affect Coke Countians was an increase in the limit of striped bass which may be legally caught and another regulation which makes it illegal for anyone to have a green pelt from a fur bearing animal in his posssession.

* Deeded the right-of-way back to land owners on a portion of the old highway east of Robert Lee which is no longer a part of Highway 158. Horace Scott met with the commissioners to discuss this matter.

* Greeted James Sikes, new administrator of West Coke County Hospital District, who was present to make the acquaintance of the judge and commissioners.

* Authorized County Attorney Robert Owen to investigate all the ramifications connected with adopting regulatory septic tank standards for property around Oak Creek Lake.

* Organized and administered oaths to commissioners to serve as members of a county board of equalization.

May Frost Cools Coke Countians

Coke County residents were surprised last Saturday morning when they went outside and found frost on their cars. The finger-nipping frozen stuff was brought on by a bone-chilling temperature of 37 degrees about sunup, highly unusual for May 12 in this part of West Texas.

Apparently the unseasonable cold weather did no damage to young plants, even though reports from over the county stated that persons had to scrape the snowy ice off their windshields before they could see to drive.

Unusually cool weather continued through Monday, but Tuesday's temperature jumped into the 90s and forecasters warned that summer was probably here to stay. A chance of rain was forecast for the middle of the week, but the weather Wednesday looked like typical West Texas.

LOOK FOR QUALITY EGGS ---High quality eggs continue to be an outstanding food buy, both from an economical and a nutritious standpoint, says a poultry marketing specialist. Select eggs with clean, unbroken, properly shaped shells. For good interior quality, break out the egg and look for thick, cloudy albumen standing high and firm around the yolk.

Coke County Young Farmers to Have Auction Sale Saturday in Robert Lee

Things are about ready for the first annual auction to be held by Coke County Young Farmers. The big sale will be held Saturday, beginning at 10 a.m., on the parking lot behind Robert Lee School.

Anybody who has something for sale is invited to consign the items to the sale. The young farmers charge a 10 per cent commission for their services and the seller receives 90 per cent.

Consignors can unload sale items at the auction site from 1 to 8 p.m. today (Friday) and and Saturday morning until 9:30.

Those in charge of the sale said there is no limit to the amount or the variety of items which can be put up for sale. They want to sell "anything you want to get rid of and would like to get some money for it." Farm machinery, electric appliances, furniture and many other items will be put on the block and sold to the highest bidder.

The sponsors invite everyone in the area to attend the sale and pick up items needed at their own prices.

A concession stand will be open to provide refreshments for the crowd which is expected.

Chadbourne Sale Set for Friday

A large crowd of persons in the cattle business is expected today (Friday) at the Chadbourne Ranch northeast of Bronte when the owners hold their first Chianina production sale. More than 75 of the big Italian cattle will be auctioned by Stanley Stout.

Chianina cattle are relatively new to this country and are highly recommended for improvement of growth rate in offspring when crossed with better known breeds.

Seven purebred Chianina animals will be sold, including two well known registered bulls, McKenzie and Jacob. About 50 Chianina crossbreds are for sale, and 10 heifers consigned by Joe Couch will go under the hammer.

The Chadbourne Ranch is located about 12 miles northeast of Bronte on Highway 277 at the site of Old Fort Chadbourne. Owners and operators are Conda, Brian and Garland Richards.

The sale will start at 1 p.m. Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m. at the sale site. The owners invite all cattlemen who are interested in improving their herds to attend the sale.

RABIES INCREASING IN TEXAS---Cases of rabies are on the upswing in Texas. There were more laboratory-confirmed cases in Texas last year than any other year since 1961, and 1979 is off to a rousing start. The keys to rabies control are public awareness, pet vaccination (both dogs and cats) and stray animal control.

Select beans, peas and lentils with a bright, uniform color. Loss of color usually indicates long storage, lack of freshness and a product that will take longer to cook. Eating quality, however, is not affected.

Buy and Sell with Want Ads

"CAUTIOUS OPTIMISM" IN BEEF SECTOR---Despite the rapid recovery of cattle prices, there should be "cautious optimism" among cattlemen, says a livestock marketing specialist. Herd expansion will be limited this year due to high heifer replacement costs, possible brucellosis quarantines, tight money, high interest rates, and possible government intervention with price controls and meat import quotas.

Food takes a smaller part of disposable income in the U.S. than it does in other countries, even though food prices rose about eight percent during 1978.

HOT LINE

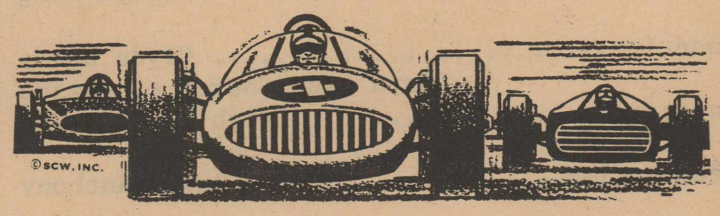
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AKP to Purchase Decorations

Alpha Kappa Pi is making plans to purchase more Christmas decorations for Robert Lee before the 1979 Christmas season. Members of the sorority are planning various fund raising projects and donations are being solicited.

Announcement of the plans was made following a meeting May 3 in the home Mary Bessent. The club's Christmas decorations account at Robert Lee State Bank will be kept open and donations may be made at the bank or by contacting any sorority member.

Program for the meeting was presented by Beth Prather on backpacking.

New officers for AKP for the coming year are: president, Nell Hines; vice president, Beverly Bell; secretary, Beth Prather; treasurer, Mary Bessent.

Committee chairmen include: membership, Beverly Bell; ways and means, Mary Bessent; program and yearbook, Jeanette Jacobs; service, Jeffie Roberts; social, Dolores McCabe; scrapbook, Dwala Casey; publicity, Beth Prather; librarian, Linda Boone; secret sister, Jo Runnion; telephone, Gaye Sawyer and Margie Wojtek.



MINDI HELEN MCCABE

Miss McCabe Receives Honors

Mindi Helen McCabe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred H. McCabe Jr., was recipient of numerous awards which were presented at the Water Valley High School awards banquet Friday, May 11. The program was held in the school cafeteria.

Awards and honors received by Miss McCabe included: mathematics; literary, best actress, district, and honorable mention, area; high ranking commercial student; highest ranking junior student; FHA past president; head cheerleader for 1979-80, has been cheerleader past three years; elected to Who's Who of High School Students 78-79 on cheerleading and academics; perfect attendance for 10½ years; lettered second year in basketball and third year in volleyball; editor of yearbook 79-80; and Miss Spirit of 78-79

MRS. WHITTINGTON DIES AT KILLEEN

Mrs. L.W. Whittington, 84, died at 1 a.m. Sunday, May 13, in Killeen. She suffered a heart attack May 9. Funeral services were held Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. in Port Arthur.

Mrs. Whittington was the mother of Mrs. John T. (Maybelle) Stewart of Robert Lee and was a frequent visitor in the Stewart home. She was born Nov. 20, 1894.

Survivors include three daughters, nine grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren and one brother.

Buy and Sell with Want Ads

LIONS CLUB MEETING

1 — 3rd Tuesday
of each month — 7 P.M.
Lions Club Community Center

Lunchroom Menu

Monday, May 21: Macoroni and cheese; Blackeye peas; Greens; Corn bread and butter; Peanut butter brownies; Milk.

Tuesday, May 22: Barbecue Wienners: Cream potatoes: Mixed vegtables; Hot rolls and butter; Cake squares; Milk.

Wednesday, May 23: Chalupas with cheese; Lettuce tomato salad; Chopped onion; Crackers; Apple crisp; Milk.

The kitchen staff wishes each of you an enjoyable and safe summer!

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Jacobs and Chad of Pasadena visited with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. V.M. Box, over the weekend.

WORSHIP WITH US AT THE
Southside Church of Christ
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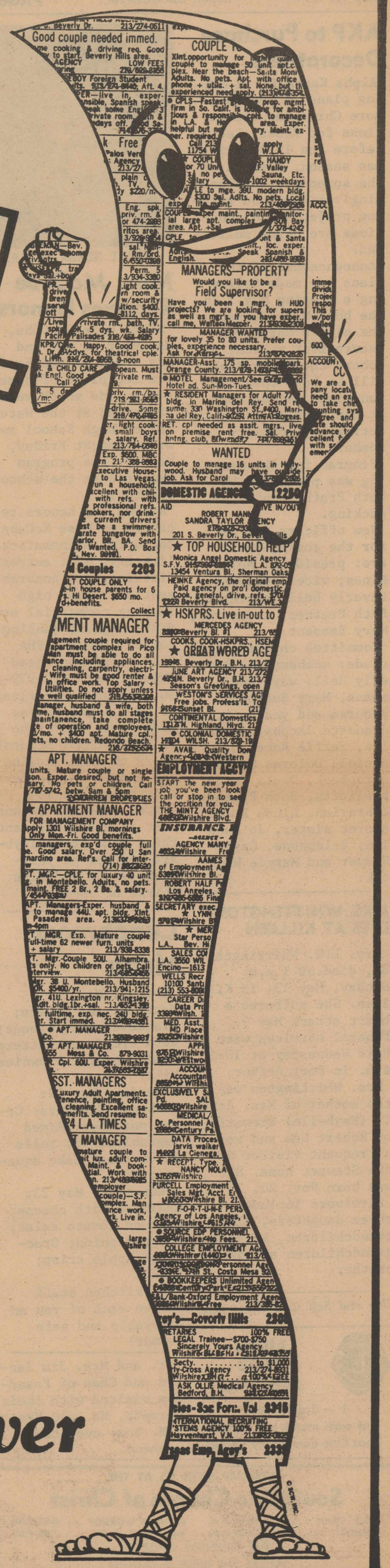
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Relay Team Wins Third in State

The mile relay team from Robert Lee High School went to Austin last weekend for competition in the UIL state track meet. The team brought home third place honors, covering the mile with a time of 3:29.0.

Members of the team are Brett Clark, Mark Riley, Rickey Tijerina and David Lackey. Jerry English is coach of the Steer track team.

Other state contenders from this district who placed include:

Mitch Admire of Irion County who was first in the long jump and third in discus.

Byron Sawyer of Christoval, third in shot put.

Brett McKibben of Bronte, fourth in high jump.

McCutchen Rites Are Held Sunday

Funeral services for John Gordon McCutchen, 61, were held Sunday, May 13, at 2 p.m. in First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Lyle Pierce, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Robert Lee Cemetery under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.

Mr. McCuthcen had been ill a year and a half and had entered Park Plaza Nursing Home in San Angelo Monday, May 7. He died at 9:55 p.m. Friday.

He was born Aug. 31, 1917, in Robert Lee, son of the late John Edward and Daisy (McDorman) McCutchen, and was a life long resident of Robert Lee. He opened Gordon's Variety Store in December of 1963 and operated it until Jan. 1978 when he closed it because of ill health. He was a Methodist.

Survivors include a brother, Joe McCutchen of Robert Lee; a sister, Mrs. Charlie (Mary Lou) Salvato of San Angelo; three nieces and three nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters, Gayle Britt and Marjorie Conley.

Foy Askins, Willis Smith, Bob Fields, Royce Wallace, Joe Ross and Charles Sims served as pallbearers.

Plan to share a ride with friends to the beach or the moutains during the summer.

You'll have more time to visit, and you'll reduce travel costs and save gasoline.

LESA DYKES GETS DEGREE AT SHSU

Lesa Lindsey Dykes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Lindsey of Robert Lee, received a bachelor of arts degree in elementary education in graduation exercises May 12 at Sam Houston State University in Huntsville.

Mrs. Dykes graduated cumlaude with a grade point average of 3.56. She is a member of Kappa Delta Pi, national education honor society.

She and her husband, Dale, live in Crockett. He is vocational agriculture teacher at Latexo, a nearby community.

Mr. and Mrs. Lindsey and their daughter, Sue, who lives at Galveston, attended the graduation exercises.

Posey Services Held at Coleman

Frank Posey, 81, of Coleman died at 11:15 p.m. Monday, May 7, at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Walker Funeral Chapel in Coleman with burial in Rough Creek Cemetery.

He was born Aug. 14, 1897, in Comal County and was married to Etta Nail March 2, 1930, in Coleman County. He had lived in Coleman County most of his life. He and his wife moved to Robert Lee last November and lived here about four months before returning to Coleman. He was a retired rancher and oil field worker and was a member of the Pentecostal Church.

Survivors include his wife: three sons, James Michael Posey of Coleman, Richard Posey and Donald Posey both of Monahans; four daughters, Mrs. Frankie Arnold and Mrs. Geneva Gray both of Robert Lee, Mrs. Marie Newman of Dickenson, and Mrs. Jeannie Wristen of Odessa; one sister, Mrs. Vista Cox of Coleman; one brother, Pete Posey of Breckenridge; 18 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Grandsons served as pallbearers.

Homer W. and Betty E. Richter recently moved to the Shoestring Ranch out of Robert Lee. The couple moved here from Fort Worth. They came by the Observer office to buy a copy of "From the Top of Old Hayrick," saying they wanted to learn more about the history of their new home.

Mrs. Cox Dies in Garland Hospital

Mrs. John P. (Edna) Cox, 76, of Garland died at 1:10 p.m. Friday, May 11, in Garland Memorial Hospital.

Services were at 2 p.m. Sunday in First Baptist Church at Elkhart.

Mrs. Cox received severe injuries in a car accident on May 5 and had undergone surgery for a broken leg. Her condition worsened Tuesday after she suffered a heart attack.

She was the mother of Mrs. Jack (Frances) Denman of Garland, formerly of Robert Lee, and the grandmother of Mrs. Mike (Kathy) Post of Robert Lee. She is also survived by three sons, 12 other grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

PERSONALS

Visitors in the Curtis Walker home over Mother's Day were Mr. and Mrs. Donald Walker, Gina and Stacey of San Angelo, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Walker and Rex of Odessa, Buddy Caulder of Merkel and Debbie Caulder of Robert Lee.

Mr. and Mrs. Elton McGinnis of Eldorado visited Mrs. Pearl Ditmore Sunday at the nursing home.

Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Turney Casey were Mrs. Pearl Ditmore, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Schooley, Rheba, Taylor and Becky of Robert Lee, Mr. and Mrs. Rocky Heffernan, Pat and Stacey and Mrs. Turney Coulter of Bronte, and Mrs. Nelson Coulter of San Angelo.

Mr. and Mrs. Bascom Chesney of San Angelo visited Saturday with the Turney Caseys and Mrs. Pearl Ditmore.

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Drive Line

Facts from a pro on driving to survive.

Q: How much more dangerous are motorcycles than cars, and what can a cycle rider do about it?—R.V., San Angelo

A: Cycles are far more dangerous, mainly because riders are so exposed and unprotected. Motorcycles are involved in less than one percent of all traffic accidents nationally, yet produce three-and-a-half percent of the total fatalities. Also, a cyclist involved in a collision with a car has an 80 percent chance of serious injury, according to some studies.

Perhaps the major cause of car-cycle accidents is the motorcycle's "low visibility profile." In other words, many motorists just don't notice motorcycles in the stream of larger vehicles like cars and trucks. Cyclists must be highly alert at all times, but especially at intersections. Wearing bright, reflective clothing and driving with the headlight on will also greatly increase a cycle's visibility to oncoming traffic. Finally, it's just plain foolish to get on a motorcycle without a helmet. All medical studies show that safety helmets are a crucial factor in preventing serious injuries from becoming fatal.

Q: O.K., would you explain the "right turn on red" law one more time. Do you have to come to a full stop before you turn?—J.K., Dallas

A: Under Texas law a driver may turn right at a red light *after* stopping and yielding the right-of-way to traffic at or near the intersection. Also before you turn, make sure that the intersection doesn't have a NO RIGHT TURN ON RED sign. The same law holds true for making *left* turns from a *one-way* street onto another *one-way* street. Stop, yield, then turn. And don't forget to signal your intention to turn at least 100 feet before the intersection.

If you have a question on driving, send it to:
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Robert Lee Begins Summer Baseball

Summer baseball is getting underway with some teams already started on their 1979 schedules. Some schedules have been released and others are expected next week.

Robert Lee and Bronte have formed the Coke County Little League and released the following schedule with first games at 5:30 and second games at 7:30 p.m.:

May 29 at Robert Lee--Robert Lee Redcaps vs. Bronte White and Robert Lee Blackcaps vs. Bronte Maroon.

June 1 at Bronte--Robert Lee Blackcaps vs. Bronte White and Robert Lee Redcaps vs. Bronte Maroon.

June 5--Robert Lee Redcaps vs. Robert Lee Blackcaps at Robert Lee and Bronte White vs. Bronte Maroon at Bronte.

June 8 at Robert Lee--Robert Lee Blackcaps vs. Bronte Maroon and Robert Lee Redcaps vs. Bronte White.

June 19 at Bronte--Robert Lee Redcaps vs. Bronte Maroon and Robert Lee Blackcaps vs. Bronte White.

June 22--Robert Lee Redcaps vs. Robert Lee Blackcaps at Robert Lee and Bronte White vs. Bronte Maroon at Bronte.

Bobby Roberts is manager of the Redcaps and Bob Boone is manager of the Blackcaps.

4TH-6TH GRADE GIRLS

Fourth to sixth grade girls have begun their schedule with a game with Bronte Monday night. Robert Lee girls lost 11-8. Leading hitters were Patty Jeffries and Dana Anthony with three hits each, and Melanie Epperson and Lin Long with two each. The remainder of the schedule follows:

May 17--Bronte at Miles

May 21--Miles at Robert Lee

May 24--Miles at Bronte

May 28--Bronte at Robert Lee

May 31--Robert Lee at Miles

June 4--Robert Lee at Bronte

June 7--Miles at Robert Lee

June 11--Bronte at Miles

June 14--Miles at Bronte

June 18--Bronte at Robert Lee

June 21--Robert Lee at Miles.

Games played at Miles will begin at 6 p.m. and all other games will begin at 7 p.m.



Don't wash cranberries until you use them. They'll spot.

Bands Present Spring Concert

Lots of good music filled the air last Thursday night as the 1979 Spring Concert was presented by the Robert Lee School Bands.

The program was held in the school auditorium under the direction of Band Director Mark Jenkins.

The evening's entertainment began with the Fifth Grade Beginner Band presenting three numbers including "Theme From the Surprise Symphony" by Mayden, "Theme From Rocky" by Conti and "This Old Man" (in three suites) arr. by Ployhar.

The Junior High Band followed on the program with "Delta Dawn" by Harvey, "March Militaire" by Schubert and "The Erie Canal" arr. by Ostling.

Presentations by the High School Band were "Holly Holy" by Diamond, "Shenandoah" arr. by Ployhar, "Smoke on the Water" by Cedmune and "Trumpets Ole" by Cofield. By special request, the band also played "Sweet Caroline" directed by Karen Rasco.

Jenkins announced the 10 outstanding bandsmen for 78-79 school year. They are Karen Rasco, Karen Kay Flowers, Renea Flanagan, Waid Davis, Elsa De La Pena, David Lackey, Lisa Devoll, Dianna Tinkler, Bobby Phillips and Kellye Percifull. These were voted on and selected by the band students.

MAY 25 OBSERVER TO FEATURE SENIORS

Next week's Observer will be the annual senior edition and will contain features and pictures of the 1979 class members.

Sponsors for each of the seniors are being sought and anyone who would like to sponsor a particular class member (or just any one of them for that matter) is invited to come by or call the Observer office as soon as possible.

The baccalaureate program and eighth grade commencement program are being run this week, since they are scheduled before next week's paper comes out.

Please give us a call if you want to sponsor one of the 1979 seniors.

Couple Honored On Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Abalos were honored at a huge celebration May 5 at the New Recreation Hall in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary. Over 400 persons attended the affair which began at 3 p.m. and extended into the night. Children of the couple were hosts.

Mr. and Mrs. Abalos were married May 5, 1929, at Big Lake. They moved to Robert Lee from Rankin in 1956. He was an employee of Union Texas Petroleum and is now retired.

All of their 13 children, except a daughter from California, were present. Also present were all except two of their 51 grandchildren and all 17 of their great-grandchildren.

The couple's children are Mr. and Mrs. Willie B. Abalos of Robert Lee, Mr. and Mrs. John B. Abalos of Sweetwater, Mr. and Mrs. Edwardo Gonzales of Rankin, Mr. and Mrs. Joe B. Abalos of Winnie, Mr. and Mrs. Esquipula Gonzales of El Paso, Mr. and Mrs. Benito Jacobo of San Angelo, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gonzales of Winnie, Mr. and Mrs. Selso Abalos of Winnie; Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gonzales of El Paso, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Purcell of Austin, Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Robles of California, Ms. Aurora Abalos of San Angelo and Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Abalos of Robert Lee.

Three Classes To Have Reunion

The 1945, 1946 and 1947 classes of Robert Lee High School will have a reunion Saturday, June 2, at the new recreation center in Robert Lee.

Persons who were members of these classes at anytime during their school years, and their families, are urged to attend. All former teachers and their families are invited as special guests. A spokesman for the above named classes said that members of other classes are welcome to come also.

Plans are for the get-together to start early in the afternoon with visiting and reminiscing to be followed by a barbecue supper.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Beaty went to Midland last weekend to spend Mother's Day with their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Crowder.

'64 CLUB COMPLETES YEAR OF ACTIVITIES

The '64 Study Club met May 8 in fellowship hall of First United Methodist Church for its annual end-of-club-year salad supper with hostesses Mavis Newby and Virginia Milliff serving. Following business, a program, "In Togetherness Lies Great Power," reviewed the year's achievements.

We Did It Ourselves, project committee report, showed that 100% of the club's goals were fulfilled. Club Work - The Greatest Kind of Partnership, President Pauline Vaughan's report, summarized achievements above and beyond the set goals.

Installation of Officers for the ensuing year concluded the program with Mrs. W.D. (Alice) Bankston, San Angelo, president elect of Heart of Texas District, presiding. She installed the following officers for the club year September, 1979 - May, 1980: president, Pauline Vaughan; first vice president, Maybelle Stewart; second vice president, Alice Beaty; third vice president, Olene Sims; secretary, Elsie Peays; Treasurer, Mary Ivey; parliamentarian, Yvonne Conner; reporter, Lois McCleskey; historian, Thelma Jo Hinnard; federation counselor, Lucile Bryan.

Guests accompanying Mrs. Bankston were Mrs. Sam Powell and Mrs. Sam Grayson.

Miss Kathy Jobe spent Mother's Day weekend in Graham with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Jobe.

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An angler is only as good as his or her equipment and the proper care and maintenance of tackle is essential to performance.

Dull hooks, frayed line or worn rod guides invite disappointment at the moment of truth. The American Fishing Tackle Manufacturers Association offers these tips for making sure your gear is ready for your next fishing outing.



- Fishing rods should be completely disassembled, cleaned and a light coat of penetrating oil applied over metal joints.
- To prevent bowing, rods should be stored in an upright position and never leaned against a wall or floor. Rigid plastic or metal tubular containers take the worry out of stepping on or breaking rods during the off-season.
- Reels should be removed from the reel seats, broken down and lubricated to prevent rust from forming or salt water from corroding the moving parts.
- A few simple tugs should indicate whether line has begun oxidizing and losing its prescribed "test" strength specifications. If the line is relatively new, reversing its position on the reel will restore its strength.
- Hooks on lures should be sharpened with an ignition point file and rusty hooks replaced. Worn lures can be rejuvenated with enamel paints or tape. Spinners and spoons made of nickel or copper can be repolished with a soft cloth.

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Lengthy Docket For County Court

A lengthy docket containing names of 18 persons will come before Coke County Court Friday for pre-trial. Court will convene at 10 a.m. in the district court room in Robert Lee, with Judge D.W. Sims presiding.

The cases are set for trial Wednesday, May 23.

Names and charges on the docket include:

Terry Jay Richards, possession of a prohibited weapon, DWI and failure to appear.

Joe D. Wilder, theft by check (two counts).

Jimmy Gregg, theft.

Wesley Finch Ash, DWI and unlawful possession of prohibited weapon.

Don W. Moore, theft.

Jimmy Walker, DWI.

Stacey Elder, theft.

Edna Young, theft by check.

Antonia Orozoo Florez, DWI.

Carroll C. Puckett, appeal on speeding violation.

James Clarence Riddle, appeal on speeding violation.

Daniel G. Welsh, hunting wild deer in closed season.

Danny Fowler, unlawfully exercise of control over property.

Bradley Kent Allen, appeal of speeding violation.

Wencelad Martinez, possession of marijuana.

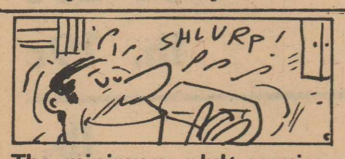
Ronnie Hernandez, possession of marijuana.

Jesse Martinez, possession of marijuana.

James Weaver Scott, DWI.

Cecil Clay Cothrum pled guilty after appealing a speeding violation and paid a fine of $27 plus court costs.

Delbert Wayne Coalson forfeited bond after appealing a speeding violation. Case was dismissed on motion of county attorney.



The minimum adult requirement of water is about a quart of liquid per day.

4-H SOIL JUDGES FIRST IN DISTRICT

The Coke County 4-H Club Soil Judging Team placed first in the district contest held in San Angelo recently. The group will participate in the state contest at Texas A&M University on June 6.

Bud Johnson of Bronte was high individual in the contest, with Donnie Grant of Bronte second high in the district. The other two team members were Wayne Sprenkle and Bruce James, both of Bronte.

The Junior Soil Judging Team placed second in the district. Teams members participating were Kirby Rasco, Terry Joe Millican and Douglas Roberts of Robert Lee and Craig Grant of Bronte.

Coulter Released From Hospital

Tim Coulter of Bronte was released this week from Shannon Hospital where he had been a patient since Monday of last week recovering from serious injuries received in a motorcycle accident. The accident occurred when Coulter swerved his motorcycle to avoid collision with a motorcycle ridden by Rodney Thomas and then collided with a parked car.

The youth was taken to Shannon Hospital in San Angelo where emergency surgery was performed to remove his spleen and one kidney, both of which were badly damaged in the impact.

He was placed in the intensive care unit of the hospital but was moved to a regular room Tuesday morning. His rapid recovery from the extensive injuries has been almost miraculous relatives said.

The 16 year old youth is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Grady Coulter and is a freshman at Bronte High School.

REPORT YOUR NEWS

Union Texas Has Employee Dinner

Employees of Union Texas Petroleum Division of Allied Chemical Co. and their wives had a banquet/dance and awards presentation program Thursday night, May 10, at the Bronte Community Center. Approximately 100 persons were present for the occasion.

Chester Wilson of Bronte, superintendent of Union Texas operations in this area, was master of ceremonies for the program. He was assisted by Winton Milliff of Robert Lee, assistant superintendent. Six department heads from the firm's Houston office were here for the dinner and program. Headquarters for this area is at Silver.

A social period from 6:30 to 7:15 p.m., followed by a catered dinner. After dinner, awards were presented, after which, those present stayed for the dance with Sammie Duncan's Band providing dance music.

Service awards were presented to 11 employees who have a total of 225 years of service with the company. Receiving awards were: 30 years, F.W. Prentice of Robert Lee; 25 years, G.T. Hines of Robert Lee; 20 years, B.G. Jackson of Bronte, W.V. Bosworth, W.W. Casey, D.J. Walker Jr. and B.F. Roberts, all of Robert Lee, Charles Stephens Jr. of Novice, J.F. Leady of Winters; and B.E. Richey of Lawn; 10 years, J.H. Tarter of Colorado City.

Safety awards went to 37 employees for working one year with no lost time accidents.

Safe driving awards went to the following: 20 years, W.W. Casey of Robert Lee, Charles Stephens of Novice and B.E. Richey of Lawn; 10 years, Don Morue of Abilene and J.H. Tarter of Colorado City; five years, F.W. Prentice of Robert Lee, L.D. Moore and L.G. Robinson, both of Bronte.

These eight employees have a total of 95 years of safe driving.

REPORT YOUR NEWS

News from West Coke Hospital

The following admissions and dismissals were reported.

May 8: No admissions. Dola Wood dismissed.

May 9: Citriano Fuentez admitted. No dismissals.

May 10: No admissions. No dismissals.

May 11: Tommy Bishop, Jerry Thomason, Gladys Pierce admitted. Bertie Clift, Lou Ella Bessent dismissed.

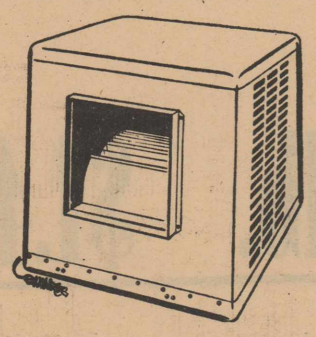
May 12: Glen Williams admitted. Pearlie Lacy, Zona Snead, Citriano Fuentez, Tommy Bishop, Glen Williams.

May 13: Ron S. Epperson admitted. Willie Russell, Pearl Ditmore dismissed.

May 14: Leola Scott, Sara De La Pena, Pearl Mayo admitted. Gladys Pierce dismissed.

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NOTICE OF BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETING

In obedience to an order of the Board of Equalization, regularly convened and sitting, notice is hereby given that said Board of Equalization will be in session at its regular meeting place in the School House in the Town of Robert Lee County of Coke, Texas, at 9:30 a.m. for Industrial Taxes and 2:00 p.m. for local taxes, on Monday, the 4th day of June, 1979, for the purpose of determining, fixing and equalizing the value of any and all taxable property situated in Robert Lee Independent School District, Coke County, Texas, for taxable purposes for the year 1979, and any and all persons interested or having business with said Board are hereby notified to be present.

BY ORDER OF TLE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION.

Arch C. Mathers
Chairman of the Board
Robert Lee Independent School District Coke County, Robert Lee Texas. 14th day of May A.D., 1979.

1tc

PUBLIC NOTICE

Offices in the Coke County Court House at Robert Lee, Texas, will be closed all day Tuesday, May 22, because of the bond election which will be held that day. Citizens are advised to keep the closing date in mind so they will not be inconvenienced by the closing.

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My thanks to Dr. Shin and nursing staff for the care I received while in the hospital. Also to my friends for their visits, cards and flowers.

Pearl Ditmore

CARD OF THANKS

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