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Bank Call Shows Deposits at New High

The Robert Lee State Bank hits its highest mark in deposits on the date of a bank call on March 31, when

Services Held for Ira M. Bird, 61

Funeral services for Ira M. Bird, 61, of Mission were held at 3 p.m. Saturday in the First United Methodist Church of Robert Lee. Burial was in Robert Lee Cemetery under direction of Newby Funeral Home.

Mr. Bird died Thursday morning of last week in Memorial Medical Center in Corpus Christi.

He was born Oct. 30, 1915, in Wilmeth, Runnels County, the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. L. Smith Bird. He grew up in Sanco and attended school there.

He served in the Pacific Theater of War as a navigator in the Army Air Corps during World War II and later was in command of the school for combat air navigation at Davis Monthan Field, Tucson, Ariz.

After his separation from service he ranched in Coke County and engaged in television repair work at Robert Lee. He and his family moved to Mission in 1956 and he continued his TV business until 1965 when he became a history teacher in Mission High School.

He was a member of the Presbyterian Church.

Survivors include his wife, Helen, of Mission; two sons, Carl and Gordon of Mission; three daughters, Julia of Mission, Mrs. Laura Fisher of Casper, Wyo., and Ann Marie of Corpus Christi; two grandchildren; a brother, Ulmer Bird of Sanco; and two sisters, Mrs. Thelma Killam of Mercedes and Mrs. Paul Killam of Mission.

Pallbearers were Teddy Pitcock, Melvin Childress, O. H. Campbell, Henry Carwile, J. M. Prine Jr. and Terry Bryan.

a statement of condition showed \$6,526,250.42. Cashier Willis W. Smith told the Observer that the bank had had more money than this total on deposit at the end of some days, but so far as he could remember this was a new high on the date of a call from banking authorities.

The condensed statement which is being published in this issue of the Observer shows that the bank's total assets amount to \$7,267,384.92. Capital accounts of the bank amount to \$649,054.93. Of this amount, \$100,000.00 is capital stock, \$200,000.00 is in the surplus account and \$349,054.93 is in the undivided profits account. Reserves amount to \$30,004.54 while other liabilities are \$62,075.03.

Loans of the bank are at the substantial figure of \$2,321,397.45. Officers of the bank are G. C. Allen, president; Wm. H. Allen, vice president; Willis W. Smith, cashier; and Gladys Waldrop and Joann Meadows, assistant cashiers.

Directors are G. C. and Wm. H. Allen, Smith, Cumbie Ivey, Victor Wojtek, Vaughan S. Davis and E. A. Clendennen.



NEW POSTMASTER-- Amanda J. Wilkes is the new postmaster at Silver, having taken over her new duties March 26. She replaces Mrs. Thelma Odom who retired. She is the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Scoggin and moved to Silver in 1951. She is married to Carroll T. Wilkes Jr. and they are parents of three sons, Ricky, David and Mike.

DEBATERS QUALIFY FOR REGIONAL MEET

The debate team of RLHS took third place and qualified for regional competition at the district meet held last week.

Eldorado took first place honors. Junction was second and the Robert Lee team of Kristen Prather and Betty Flowers was third.

The first three places in district debate competition are eligible for region. Chris Frederick is coach of the debate team.

Cancer Crusade Set for Monday

Coke County's annual Cancer Crusade will be conducted Monday, April 11. The drive for funds to fight cancer will be carried on simultaneously on that date in Robert Lee and Bronte.

Mrs. Wayne Mashburn is chairman of the drive and will be in charge at Robert Lee; Mrs. Billy Joe Luckett is co-chairman and will be in charge at Bronte.

Alpha Kappa Pi sorority will conduct a door to door drive in Robert Lee's residential area, beginning at 5:30 p.m. The '64 Study Club will canvass the business district seeking donations.

Anyone in Robert Lee area who is not contacted may leave his donation at Vaughan Chevrolet Co. or Bell Auto or mail it to Mrs. Mashburn at Robert Lee.

The '69 Study Club will conduct the door to door canvass in Bronte. Persons who are missed may leave their contributions at the Bronte Enterprise office or mail them to Mrs. Luckett at Bronte. The co-chairmen pointed out the tremendous progress which has been made with money raised in the last several years for the American

Cancer Society's work in detecting and treating cancer and saving the lives of its victims.

They asked everyone to contribute liberally to this worthy cause, stating, "We want to wipe out cancer in your lifetime."

License Tag Sales Hit 3200 Mark

A total of 3211 license tags had been issued up to Wednesday noon by the office of Tax Assessor-Collector O. B. Jacobs. The 1977 tags included in this total were for all types of vehicles, Jacobs said, as the various categories of licenses are no longer kept separate since the small plastic tags are being stuck onto the metal plates already on the vehicles.

Jacobs said 3200 would probably be about the correct number of vehicles registered, since several replacement tags were issued to persons who had purchased the 1977 tags and lost them before they were placed on cars.

Jacobs said he and his deputies were "pretty busy all last week" as Thursday was March 31 and the new tags were supposed to be on vehicles by April 1.

He said the 1977 total was slightly above last year's registration figures.

Visiting last week with Mrs. C. B. Ferguson were her son, Barton Ferguson Jr. of Chicago, Ill., her brother, Lyle D. Scott of Ft. Stockton, and her sister, Allie V. Scott of McCamey. Horace Scott of Robert Lee joined his Uncle Lyle and Cousin Barton for three days of golfing at Mountain Creek Golf Course during their stay here.

Clyde Dukes spent Sunday in Abilene with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Dukes.

Light Voter Turnout For Elections

A light turnout of voters at Saturday's elections returned three incumbent aldermen to Robert Lee's City Council, elected the only two candidates as school trustees, named the two persons on the ballot as hospital directors, and returned the two incumbents as county school trustees.

In the city election, the only one of the four which was contested, F. W. (Pete) Prentice and Lewis Heuvel both received 58 votes, and Allen Clendennen got 56, to return for two more years as city alder-

men. The fourth candidate, Larry Anderson, received 32 votes.

Incumbent Joe Ash received 71 votes while newcomer Earl Lindsey tallied 68 votes for director of West Coke County Hospital District. Finnell Smith received one write-in vote. They will serve two years. Seventy-three votes were cast.

J. C. Wallace Jr., presently a member of the board of trustees of the Robert Lee Independent School District, was returned to serve another term with 73 votes. The other candidate, Way-

land Drennan, had 71 votes. John Stephens, already serving on the board, received one write-in. School board members are elected for a term of three years. A total of 74 votes were cast.

In the county school trustee election, George Newby received 51 votes from Precinct 1 and D. O. King received 24 from Precinct 3. They are both presently serving on the board.

Saturday's elections should be the last for 1977 unless some special election is called for action of voters.



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RODEO ASSOCIATION
TO MEET APRIL 14

The Coke County Rodeo Association has called a meeting for 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 14, in the County Courthouse at Robert Lee.

Purpose of the meeting is to elect some of the association's officers who have not been named and to make plans for the forthcoming playdays which will be sponsored by the association.

The first playday will be held Saturday, April 16, at the arena in Bronte.

Everyone who is interested in riding, roping or any other phase of rodeoing is invited to attend the meeting.

Encourage children to help with housework by designing hand "duster puppets" from old socks. Draw faces on several with marking pens. When dusting is done, the puppet can be laundered easily in detergent or soap suds, says Lynn Bourland, family resource management specialist of Texas A & M.

PLEASE REPORT
YOUR NEWS

Krueger Aide
To Visit Here

Congressman Bob Krueger has announced that a representative from his office will be in Coke County Tuesday, April 12, to visit with constituents. Representing Krueger will be Mike McKay, director of the congressman's San Angelo office. McKay is a native of Crane.

Here to discuss various issues with the people of the area and answer any questions they might have, McKay will be at the City Hall in Bronte from 2 to 3 p.m. and at the Commissioners' Courtroom in the Courthouse at Robert Lee from 4 to 5 p.m.

This newspaper was given some erroneous information last week which stated Congressman Krueger would be here in person. Krueger stated, "I wish I could be in Robert Lee and Bronte myself to visit with my many friends there, but I hope the people will take advantage of this opportunity to visit with my representative."

COMPTROLLER AIDE
TO BE IN COUNTY

A representative from the office of the Comptroller will be in Coke County April 11 to answer questions and assist anyone who needs help with state taxes.

The representative's schedule calls for him to be at the conference room in the Courthouse at Robert Lee beginning at 11 a.m. He will be at the City Hall in Bronte beginning at 1:30 p.m. He will remain in both places as long as he is needed.

Bullock urged anyone who has a question or needs help with his taxes to meet with his representative at one of the places listed above.

With the spring season at hand, a few maintenance practices can get your lawn off to a good start. Scalp the lawn by mowing it with a mower blade set one-half inch lower than usual. Mow in two directions at right angles to each other and remove the clippings. Apply a complete fertilizer at the rate of one pound of nitrogen per 1,000 square feet of lawn area and add nitrogen every 60 days thereafter to keep the lawn dark green. Also apply a preemergence herbicide (weed killer).

STOCK FARM POLICY

If implemented, the Carter Administrations 1977 farm bill proposals could have a long-term impact on costs and feeding practices of livestock producers, says an economist with the Extension Service. A low wheat support price of \$2.25 per bushel would tend to encourage wheat feeding either in the form of grass or as a part of a grain ration. Producers feeding livestock can expect to feed a larger amount of wheat while those raising calves and

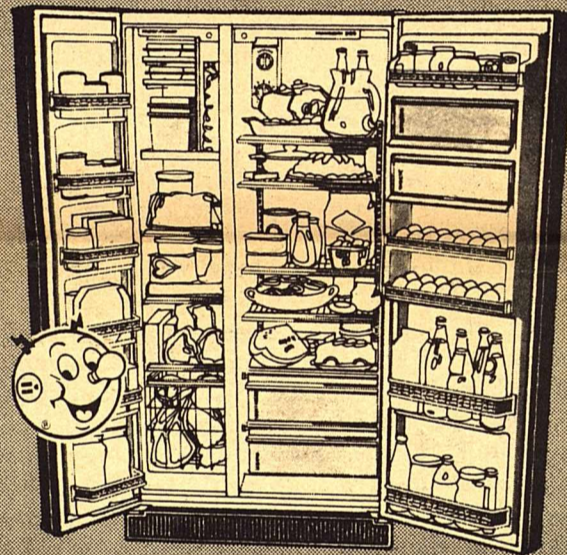
lambs may have increased options for grazing wheat where target prices are below the cost of production.

Making a habit of using a sewing machine "doodle pad" will save sewing time by insuring that the machine is threaded and adjusted properly before beginning to sew. Use a similar weight, type and thickness of "doodling" fabric if scraps of the fashion fabric are unavailable.

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Lunchroom Menu

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Tuesday, April 12: Vegetable beef soup, pears with cottage cheese on lettuce, crackers and gingerbread.

Wednesday, April 13: Pinto beans with salt pork, French fries with catsup, spinach, corn bread and butter, milk and fruit cobbler.

Thursday, April 14: Chili con carne, cheese bread sticks, macaroni and tomatoes, pickled beets, milk and fruit Jello.

Friday, April 15: Meatballs and spaghetti, combination salad, buttered corn, hot rolls and butter, milk and ice cream.

FELLOWSHIP MEET SET

The Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship meeting will be held April 9 at 7:30 p.m. at the Cactus Hotel in San Angelo.

Main speaker for the event will be Kenneth G. Burton, M.D., of San Antonio. The public is invited to attend.

Weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Prine Jr. were Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Prine of Port Arthur and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Ford of Big Spring.

ALPHA OMICRON NU ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

Alpha Omicron Nu has had a busy month during March with three programs and the election of new officers for the coming year.

Serving the sorority will be: president, Kathy Post; vice president, Cristie Bagwell; secretary, Gaye Williams; treasurer, Lana Clendennen.

First meeting of the month was March 3 in the home of Gaye Williams. Lana Clendennen gave the program on "Philosophy." She explained some aspects of yoga and members tried some yoga positions. Guests were Rhonda Hood and Linda Boone.

The March 22 meeting was held in Lana Clendennen's home and members enjoyed a White Elephant Sale, with Cristie Bagwell winning the prize. Gaye Sawyer presented the program on "Religion." Various women of the Bible were discussed. It was at this meeting that the new officers were elected.

Last meeting of the month was held with Peggy McCutchen. Pledge tests were given to Cristie Bagwell and Kathy Post. Sheri Millican gave the program on "Government."

Future events planned by Alpha Omicron Nu include Ritual of the Jewels to be given on April 21 and the Founders Day banquet to be held jointly with the sister sorority, Alpha Kappa Pi, on April 30.

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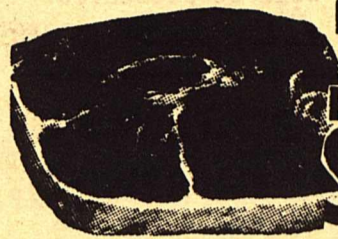
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HOSPITAL NEWS

The following admissions and dismissals were reported at the West Coke County Hospital:

- March 29: No admissions and no dismissals.
- March 30: Bessie Walker, Gertie Rives and Mary Knight admitted. No one dismissed.
- March 31: Pearl Ditmore, Cleo Tyson and Mary Tracy admitted. No dismissals.
- April 1: Elsie Latham, Anna Mae Cox and Gertrude King admitted. Helen Sanchez dismissed.
- April 2: No admissions. A. B. Curry and Dora Jordan dismissed.
- April 3: Della Freeman admitted. No dismissals.
- April 4: Pedro Tijerina, Roy Hood and Lillian Caperton admitted. Travis Pannell, Gertie Rives and Mary Knight dismissed.



Notes From The Oil Field

Sayers Operating Co. of Midland has completed its No. 1-27 Chappell in the Jameson (Strawn) Field seven miles west of Silver. Daily potential was 10 barrels of oil plus 80 barrels of water. It was pumping from perforations at 6,454 to 6,532 feet treated with 2000 gallons of acid. The pay zone was fractured with 70,600 gallons of fluid and 62,000 pounds of sand. Casing was set at 6,597 feet, the total depth. Location is 780 feet from the southeast and 660 feet from the southwest lines of Section 27, SP Survey.

Finnell Smith and his mother, Mrs. L. E. Smith, went to Plano the weekend of March 26 to visit Mr. and Mrs. John Waddill and girls and to get Mrs. Smith who had spent a week with their daughter and family, the Waddills. The group toured a solar-heated house while in Plano.

Golfers Play for Rehab Center

The ABC Golf Tournament which was held Sunday and sponsored by Alpha Omicron Nu Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi on behalf of the West Texas Rehabilitation Center in San Angelo, was reported a big success.

All proceeds of the tournament will go to the Rehabilitation Center and a spokesman for the chapter said a "sizeable donation" will be presented.

Members of the sorority expressed their thanks to every participant and a special thanks to John Heck and Bill Allen for their help in setting up the tournament and to Joe Kinyon of San Angelo for his donation of a golf bag which was raffled off.

Winners were: first place, Sam Harvey, David Deck and Roy Murrell; second place, Red Smith, George Deck, Jack Jackson and Roy Galindo; third place, David McCollah, Roy McCollough and Mary Bryan.

Gotta Problem? A call to 453-2641 may get you the help you need.

TWO RL PLAY CAST MEMBERS HONORED

The one-act play presented by RLHS did not place in the district competition held last Thursday at Big Lake but two of the four-member cast were named to the all-star cast of the district.

Kaylan Service who played the part of Granny and Dristen Prather who was Susan in the play entitled

"Sparkin'" were among the top players of the district. Mason and Junction were named winners and Wall was selected alternate. Other members of the cast were Russell Ash and Audrey Williams. Sheila Cummins was stage manager and alternate cast member.

People with problems find people to help at 453-2641.

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ROBERT LEE STATE BANK

ROBERT LEE, TEXAS

MARCH 31, 1977

RESOURCES	LIABILITIES
Loans and Discounts \$2,321,397.45	Capital Stock \$ 100,000.00
U. S. Bonds & Securities 449,383.00	Surplus 200,000.00
Warrants and State Bonds .. 635,284.39	Undivided Profits 349,054.93
Other Bonds 2,774,054.89	Reserves 30,004.54
Federal Funds Sold 200,000.00	Other Liabilities 62,075.03
Banking House 24,705.00	Deposits 6,526,250.42
Furniture and Fixtures 18,520.04	
Cash and Exchange 811,011.77	
Other Assets 33,028.38	
\$7,267,384.92	\$7,267,384.92

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State Hiway 158 To Get Sealcoat

State Highway 158 in western Coke County will receive an estimated \$81,700 seal coat project under the 1977 Rehabilitation program recently approved by the State Highway and Public Transportation Commission.

The work, to be done this summer, will extend from the Sterling County line eastward 13.5 miles. An asphalt seal coat will be placed over the existing pavement, which is 20 to 22 feet wide.

The special program under which the work will be done is part of a \$60 million statewide rehabilitation program made necessary by Texas' worst winter in many years.

Winter damage across the state has ranged from surface damage that may be repaired by patching or seal coat, to deep freeze-thaw destruction that will require complete reconditioning of the roadbed, and construction of new pavement. The program exceeds normal maintenance requirements, but does not include any projects that require additional right-of-way.

District Maintenance Engineer James R. Evans of San Angelo says, "the program is very definitely needed to repair water and cold weather damage to roads. We in District Seven are very glad to receive this Commission approval, and feel that the projects will return area highways to satisfactory condition."

Other counties to

receive rehabilitation work under the program are Crockett, Concho, Irion, Runnels, Schleicher and Sutton.

Funeral Held For Mrs. Wright

Mrs. LaValla Jane Wright, 43, died at 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 30, in St. John's Hospital at San Angelo.

Services were conducted at 11 a.m. Saturday in Johnson's Funeral Home Chapel at San Angelo with the Rev. Roy Epperson, pastor of Robert Lee Baptist Church, officiating. Burial was in Robert Lee Cemetery.

Mrs. Wright was born Sept. 16, 1933, in Whitney. She was married to H. C. Wright March 11, 1963, in Brady. She had resided in Robert Lee for six years and was a housewife.

Survivors include her husband; a son, James Clyde Wright of Robert Lee; a daughter, Mrs. Vickie Sue Northam of Robert Lee; three stepdaughters, Mrs. Linda Flicks of Pleasanton, Mrs. Darlene Prine of Port Arthur, Mrs. Ena Darice Evans and Mrs. Clydene Lindsey, both of Quitman, Ark.; her mother and stepfather, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Gleich of San Angelo; four brothers, Free-land D. Gatlin, Thomas A. Gatlin and James T. Gatlin, all of San Angelo, and Barney R. Gatlin of Wichita Falls; and one grandchild.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Runnion, Leigh Ann and Robert went to Kerens over the weekend to visit Mrs. Runnion's mother, Mrs. Opal Ellisor.

Mrs. Yarbrough Is Commended By Commission

Mrs. Jessie Yarbrough of Robert Lee, chairman of the Coke County Historical Commission, has been awarded a Certificate of Commendation by the Texas Historical Commission (THC).

Mrs. Yarbrough is among 39 persons honored by the THC for serving more than 10 consecutive years as chairmen of their respective County Historical Commissions.

The chairmen were recognized during ceremonies at the County Chairman's Workshop, held in Austin April 1-2. The workshop was sponsored by the THC for county chairmen from throughout the state.

The Texas Historical Commission is the official state agency for historic preservation. Its programs include archeological investigations; history museum consultation; the marking of

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historic sites and landmarks; and the administration of the National Historic Preservation Act in Texas.

These activities are carried out or coordinated at the grassroots level by a network of county historical commissions. In citing the 39 chairmen who have served in that capacity for more than 10 consecutive years, the THC lauds the dedication and vigorous leadership which they have brought to the cause of historic preservation in Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Roe, III and Amber of Garland spent the weekend with their parents Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Roe Jr. and Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Derrick.

Cranberry juice concentrate probably will be used as a replacement for red dyes in food colorings. It gives a satisfactory coloring for pie fillings, says foods and nutrition specialist of Texas A&M University.

Track Girls Rate High in W. Texas

Robert Lee High School's girls track team has several members who rate among the best in West Texas, according to a tabulation released recently by the Abilene Reporter-News.

The report shows that the local girls rate high in the following activities:

880 Yard Dash: Debbie Smith is second with a time of 2:30.3.

Mile Run: Carla Wojtek was listed second with a time of 5:58.4.

The Mile Relay Team was listed in fourth place with a time of 4:17.7. The four girls who make up the team are Debbie Smith, Karen Kay Flowers, Audrey Williams and Stella Bickley.

High Jump: Lisa Devoll was in ninth place with a jump of 4'11".

Shot Put: Virgilla Streng was placed fifth with a toss of 37'6 1/2".

Ronnie Ruff coaches the girls track team.

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Jr. Track Teams Doing Great

The Robert Lee Junior High track teams made a fine record at the recent meet held in Wingate. Both boys and girls teams took first place honors in four events, and the other teams entered knew that Robert Lee was there for all the other events entered.

Complete results on entrants from Robert Lee:

BOYS

- 440 Yard Relay: 2. Robert Lee (Buck Duncan, Darren Williams, Marty Caston and Steven Ray).
 - 440 Yard Dash: 1. Edwin Wilson; 3. Ray.
 - 220 Yard Dash: 1. Wilson.
 - 50 Yard Dash: 3. Duncan.
 - 100 Yard Dash: 1. Wilson.
 - 880 Yard Dash: 1. Tim Bosworth; 3. Joel Percifull; 4. Jose Saucedo.
 - Long Jump: 2. Wilson.
 - Shot Put: 4. Wilson.
 - High Jump: 4. Duncan.
- #### GIRLS
- 440 Yard Relay: 3. Robert Lee (Kim Caston, Brenda Gray, Robbie Gartman and Diana Tinkler).
 - 440 Yard Dash: 1. Kelye Percifull; 3. Delight English; 4. Mary Ann Abalos.
 - 75 Yard Dash: 1. Gray; 6. Caston.
 - 220 Yard Dash: 2. English; 3. Percifull.
 - 50 Yard Dash: 1. Gray; 5. Tinkler.
 - 100 Yard Dash: 1. Gartman.
 - 880 Yard Dash: 1. Yolanda Torres; 2. Susan Ash; 3. Tinkler.
 - Shot Put: 3. Tanya Grun.
 - Discus: 3. Grun.
 - Long Jump: 3. English.

DEBBIE ALLEN AND DON SPARKS PLAN WEDDING ON JULY 1

Miss Debbie Allen and Don Sparks are engaged to be married July 1. Parents of the bride-elect are Betty Allen of San Angelo and Bill Allen of Junction. The prospective bridegroom is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Luther Sparks of Robert Lee. Miss Allen is a student at San Angelo Central High School. Her fiance is a graduate of Sterling City High School and is employed at Wendland Manufacturing Co.

Next Week Busy With UIL Meets

Students of Robert Lee Schools will begin District University Interscholastic League spring meet competition in earnest next week, beginning with tennis on Tuesday. Some events of the spring competition have already been held and some will be held later, but the week of April 11-16 is going to be a busy time.

The action will start Tuesday with tennis contests April 12 and 13 at Big Lake.

Golfers will travel to San Angelo Wednesday and Thursday, April 13 and 14, for their matches.

Girls track is scheduled for Thursday, April 14 at Mason.

Then on Saturday, April 16, the big literary meet will be held at Big Lake.

Left over for the next week are boys track and field events which will be held Tuesday, April 19, at Mason.

Results of these meets and other information will be published next week.

Recently visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Roberts and Douglas were Mrs. Beth Walker and Joel of Hurst and Mrs. Lucille McClure of Midland who were here to attend an Easter Star function; Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. Elwerd Rogers, Gerald Rogers, Richard Kidd Jr. and Frankie Brown of Athens who were here to attend the funeral of Larkin Rogers; and Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Griffith of Lubbock here visiting relatives. Also visiting were Sheila Roberts and Walter Flowers of Angelo State University and Jim Craig of Abilene Christian University. The students were on spring break. Other guests in the home were Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Harmon and Mrs. W. E. Burns. The Griffiths attended the Sunday morning worship at the First United Methodist Church with Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Burns. Mrs. Burns, Mrs. Harmon and Mrs. Griffith are sisters.

School Holiday

Students of the Robert Lee Schools and their teachers are enjoying an Easter vacation this week. Classes were dismissed at the end of the day last Thursday and the school plant has been closed down all week.

Twenty senior and their sponsors left last Friday morning on their annual trip. The group traveled to Colorado Springs, Colo. for the outing. Prin. Jerry Gibbs told the Observer Tuesday that he hoped "those kids had better weather than reports from that area have indicated this week."

It will be back to the old grind Monday morning for students and teachers alike.

An Easter Prayer

Lord, we pray that we may understand Thy purposes and do Thy work, and in serving Thee, love Thee;

We thank thee that Thou has created us in Thy image and hast given us minds to know what is right and hearts to love what is good;

Teach us to honor Thee; to hate sin and love the sinner; to help our fellow-men; to walk with humility; to live lives of righteousness;

Lift us up in our stumbling toward Thy goals; bless Thou the work of our hands.

Amen.



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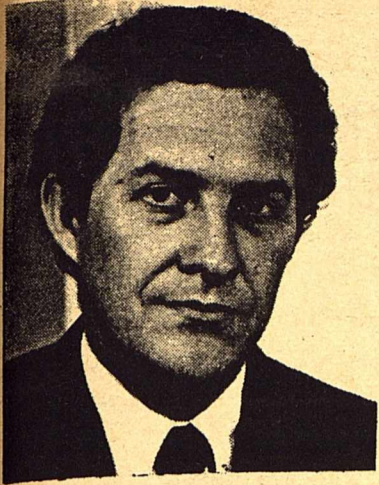


VISIT A HOUSE OF WORSHIP AT EASTER TIME WITH YOUR FAMILY

WORSHIP WITH US AT THE Southside Church of Christ

BIBLE STUDY	10:00 A.M.	EVENING WORSHIP	6:30 P.M.
WORSHIP	11:00 A.M.	WED. BIBLE STUDY	7:00 P.M.

— THE FRIENDLY CHURCH —
WHERE THE BIBLE IS TAUGHT



**Congressman
Bob Krueger
Reports**

"THE SACCHARINE BAN"

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Since the federal Food and Drug Administrations announced its proposed ban on saccharine, a sugar substitute, letters have been pouring into Congress by the hundreds, protesting the FDA's announcement. The FDA is basing its proposed decision on the results of some questionable testing by Canadian researchers which indicated that massive doses of saccharine could cause cancer in laboratory animals.

The FDA's pronouncement lacks common sense, and is indicative of a greater problem that the American people and we in government face. Our real concern should be the way in which these types of decisions are reached, and the consequent implications.

Recently I introduced legislation which would instill some common sense procedures into the FDA's approach to testing techniques. No one doubts the need to protect consumers from dangerous products; however, in all such cases, the dangers posed to society by the use of a product should be carefully weighed against the potential advantages of its use. For example, many of the treatments for cancer produce harmful or unpleasant side effects; but taken as a whole, the benefits from using the medicines are greater than the consequences of not using them.

In the case of saccharine, there are some very important reasons why its use should be continued. There are some ten million diabetics in America which depend on saccharine's continued availability. Others who are overweight and rish cardiovascular disease (the number one killer of Americans) also depend on the product. Large numbers of dentists have also indicated

their belief that the dental health of great numbers of Americans could be endangered if this sugar substitute were eliminated.

The legislation which I am offering to deal with this problem requires that the Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare balance the various health factors involved in making any determination concerning the safety and desirability of a product. In other words, the Secretary would need to consider not only the risks involved in the use of any given product, but also the benefits. This is the manner in which the government needs to approach making the decisions which affect the lives of millions of Americans.

A common sense approach to finding solutions to our problems usually offers the best hope for the American people, and it is the approach I hope our government will see fit to take with regard to the proposed ban on sacchrine.

GRAIN FARM POLICY

Carter Administration proposals to raise the corn loan rate to \$2 per bushel while holding the wheat loan rate at \$2.25 would, if implemented, tend to encourage feedgrain production relative to wheat production, says an Extension Service economist. A 300-million-bushel wheat reserve is also being proposed which would be held by farmers under a three-year storage contract. The sorghum target price is being proposed at about \$3.70 per hundredweight while the corn target price will be \$1.75 per bushel.

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**Two Accidents
Reported in Coke**

A 1977 Chevrolet Monte Carlo driven by Lisa Bessent of Robert Lee and a 1963 Chevrolet pickup driven by D. C. (Frank) Fuentes of Bronte were in collision Thursday afternoon of last week. The accident occurred about 5:30 p.m. in Robert Lee at the intersection of West 10th Street and Highway 208. Miss Bessent, the 16 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Bessent of Robert Lee, was taken to West Coke County Hospital for treatment of minor injuries. A passenger in the vehicle driven by Fuentes was also treated for minor injuries.

Deputy Sheriff Ron Wetterman, who investigated the accident, said Miss Bessent was coming off West 10th and Fuentes was driving south on Highway 208 when the accident occurred. Wetterman said he would judge both vehicles to be total losses.

Another auto accident occurred in Coke County about 6:20 p.m. Monday when a one-car rollover about 11 miles northeast of Bronte on U. S. Highway 277 critically injured James E. Hamilton of Plano.

Hamilton was alone in a 1975 Ford Runabout traveling toward Bronte when the accident occurred. Highway Patrolman Bobby Hart investigated the mishap and said Hamilton evidently ran off the pavement and when he pulled back onto the highway lost control of the vehicle and it rolled over.

The injured man was taken to Shannon Hospital in San Angelo suffering from head and chest injuries. Hart said his condition was critical and listed at the hospital as "poor but stable." The vehicle was totaled.



Linoleum was patented in 1863 by Frederick Walton, an English rubber manufacturer.

OPENING NOTICE

Beginning April 1
CARLTON'S BARBER SHOP
In Bronte Will Be Open
Fridays & Saturdays, 8-6

Mr. L. O. Lemon, who has worked at Blackwell the past year, will operate the shop. Mr. Lemon will work at Blackwell on Thursdays, 8 to 6.

WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR BUSINESS



**FISHING
REPORT
from
Lake Spence**

Recent catches at Lake Spence included:
YJ'S MARINA
Ray Taylor, Monahans, 11 blacks to 4 lbs.; 1 crappie and 1 white bass;
TRIANGLE GROCERY & BAIT
Dwayne Williamson, Snyder, 1 striper at 8½ lbs.
Joe Don Guynes, Snyder, 1 striper at 13 lbs.
Glenn Cothrun, Midland, 2 yellow cats to 11½ lbs., 2 channel cats to 1½ lbs.
WILDCAT FISH-A-RAMA
Roy Lewis, Odessa, 20 crappie to 1 lb.; 4 blacks to 1 lb.; 1 striper at 3 lbs; 1 channel cat at 3 lbs.
Don Hensley, Merkel, 1 striper at 6½ lbs;
Don Davis, Midland, 1 striper at 11½ lbs.
Harold Martin, Leveland, 1 striper at 9 lbs.
Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Morris, Big Spring, 2 striper at 7 and 7½ lbs.
V. C. Wood, Pyote, 1 striper at 11 lbs. 3 oz.
Dr. Robert Hampton, Sweetwater, 1 striper at 9 lbs. 14 oz.
Dr. Bud Aldredge,

Sweetwater, 1 striper at 3½ lbs.
Blame Dyess, Gail, 1 striper at 9 lbs. 5½ ozs.
HILLSIDE GROCERY & BAIT
K. D. Dennis and party Denver City, 80 channel cat to 3 lbs.
C. E. Johnson and Donny Johnson, Andrews, and Rex Bruton, Midland, 40 white bass to 5 lbs.; 9 blacks to 1 lb.; 1 striper at 4 lbs.
Dean Eubanks, Odessa, 13 crappie to 1½ lbs.;
C.C. Weir, Robert Lee, 9 channel cat to 3 lbs.
EDITH COUNTRY STORE
Carl Flack, Edith, 5 blacks to 5 lbs.
Mrs. Esther Hale, San Antonio, 5 crappie to 2 lbs.
Christopher Jennings, Odessa, 3 blacks to 4½ lbs; 2 crappie to 2½ lbs.

Try to accept others as they are. Learn to recognize and appreciate people's strengths and unique qualities, advises Mrs. Ilene Miller of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

REPORT YOUR NEWS!

"I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die."
—John 11:25, 26

May all the joys of Easter be yours is our wish.

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COPY DEADLINE

Class. Ads . . . 4 P.M. Tuesday
 Display Ads . . 4 P.M. Tuesday

Classified ads and cards of thanks are payable in advance unless customer carries a regular account. \$1.00 additional charged if ad has to be posted in ledger and statement mailed.

WANT TO BUY; LARGE corner lot on paved street with all utilities available. Call 453-2335. 35-tnc

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FOR SALE: 3 bedroom, 2 bath. Call 453-2516 after 5 p.m. Please do not call any other number. 28-tfc

WANT TO SELL: Four H78-14 four-ply Polyester Tires. Practically new, run less than 2000 miles. \$100. Call 453-2841. 40-tnc-BP

FOR SALE: Dinette table with six chairs. In good condition, \$30.00. Phone 453-2996 after 6 p.m. 1tc

NEW 5 GAL. GAS CANS, \$3.68. Gray's Exxon, Highway 208 North. 41-tnc

THE FAITH GOD GAVE US CAN ONLY BE RELEASED BY OUR ACTIONS. 1tp-BP

WESTERN ART CLASS starts next Monday, 11th, at 7 p.m. at Konner's Corner. The teacher will be Lorene Millican. \$2.50 for three hours. Phone 453-2475. 1tp

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PUBLIC NOTICE--

A hearing will be held in the Commissioners' Court Room in the Coke County Court House in Robert Lee, Texas, on April 11, 1977, at 10:00 o'clock A.M. for the purpose of determining the manner in which Revenue Sharing Funds to be received by Coke County, Texas, will be expended. Interested residents of Coke County may appear at this hearing and express their views as to how such funds should be allocated.
 W. W. THETFORD
 Judge for
 Coke County, Texas
 2tc-BP

Kathy Anderson Has 4.00 Grade Average at Tech

Kathy Anderson, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond McCutchen of Robert Lee, has recently completed her second semester at Texas Tech University with a perfect 4.0 average.

The rarity of such academic excellence was noted in a letter recently received by Mrs. Anderson's parents from the Texas Tech Dad's Association, which read, in part: "The Texas Tech Dad's Association joins you in sincere appreciation for the academic performance of your daughter, Kathy Anderson, during the spring and fall semesters of 1976. In achieving a 4.00 scholastic record in two consecutive semesters in a university with the academic standards of Texas Tech she has earned our commendation."

Mrs. Anderson is a graduate of Robert Lee High School.

Need help? Call 453-2641 when you need someone who cares.



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GANDY'S FROZAN 1/2 gal. crt. 79c

GANDY'S PURE 1/2 GAL. CRT.



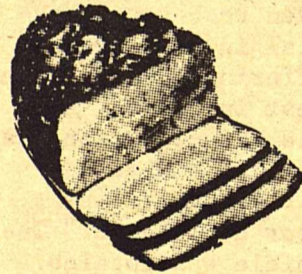
Ice Cream \$1.39

Potatoes 10 lb. bag 79c

LETTUCE head 29c

APPLES, Washington Delicious lb. 33c

ORANGES, California Navel lb. 23c



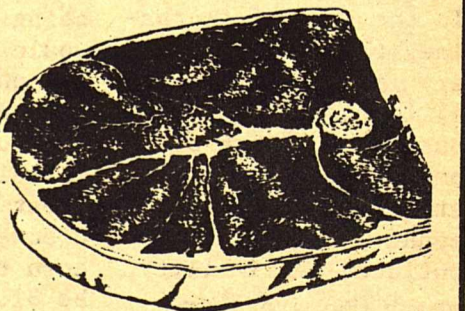
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