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HEW Reconsidering New Guidelines for Hospitals

Officials of the West Coke County Hospital District are feeling somewhat better this week after announcements have been coming from Washington that the Department of Health, Education and Welfare is backing down on some of its proposed new guidelines for hospitals.

Robert Vernor, hospital administrator, said this week that he felt the flood of protests of small towns had a major factor in the announcements that the proposed rules be reviewed and relaxed to meet more realistically the health care needs of the country.

Some of the rules would practically close down small hospitals (and some not so small by West Texas standards). One of the objectionable rules would have forced hospitals to have only

Chili Supper to Benefit Library

Friends of the Library will have a chili supper Thursday night, Dec. 15, at the New Rec Hall in Robert Lee. A unique attraction has been arranged so that anyone who wishes to, may have his or her picture made with Santa Claus.

The organization of library backers have set up the supper to raise money for the Coke County Library, and all proceeds will be used to improve the library.

Price for two poses with Santa is \$3.00 per family, and cost of the chili is \$2.00 for adults and \$1.00 for children under 12.

Sponsors invite everyone to attend the supper. Serving will be from 5 to 8 p.m.

FIREMEN AUXILIARY SELLING GIFTS, CARDS

The Firemen's Auxiliary has received a new supply of gift items, Christmas cards, and greeting cards. They are available at City Hall. The Auxiliary is also selling fruit cakes, both the 1 lb. bar and the 2 lb. tin.

four beds for each 1,000 persons served. Another would require 80 percent occupancy of these four beds. Still another proposal obnoxious to rural citizens was that an obstetrical unit could not be maintained in a hospital that had less than 500 births a year. Some exceptions were

allowed in the rules when a rural hospital is located more than 45 minutes away from a big city facility. The time factor would not help Coke County, however, as anybody can drive to San Angelo in 45 minutes.

Vernor said this week that small town hospitals were not the only ones which are concerned about the interference from Washington. "This ruling would affect a lot of hospitals in cities like Houston, San Angelo, Dallas and Fort Worth--hospitals that we consider large but would not meet the occupancy rate nor the birth numbers required.

Vernor said Texas Hospital Association had to take the lead in rallying the outpour of protests against the proposals, but residents of other states have joined Texans in writing officials that they were stunned and outraged by the HEW proposals.

Congressman Bob Krueger has been very outspoken against the proposals, as has congressional candidates Nelson Wolff. Senator John Tower has had some unkind things to say about the matter, and Governor Dolph Briscoe has been in Washington this week telling officials from President Jimmy Carter on down how he feels about the plan which would close most small hospitals in Texas.

Vernor noted that he believes the proposals will be rescinded, but "we are going to have to keep on our toes and make sure that other regulations just as crippling to rural hospitals are not slipped in on us in the future."

Court House Annex Vote Set For December 16

A week from today, Friday, Dec. 16, Coke County voters will have a second chance to vote on the matter of constructing an annex building on the courthouse square at Robert Lee.

The proposition on the ballot reads "FOR or AGAINST the construction of a courthouse annex building to be paid for out of revenue sharing funds and time warrants." The ballots are printed in English and Spanish.

Coke County citizens voted on the matter Nov. 8 and it apparently was defeated by five votes, 199-194. However, when the Commissioners' Court officially canvassed the votes, it was found that five more votes were counted against the proposition than were actually cast. The discovery left the matter dangling at a tie vote, so the com-

missioners called another election for Dec. 16.

As was indicated by the tie vote in the first election, the annex question is highly controversial. The commissioners' court

Farm Skill Team Seventh in State

The Robert Lee FFA Greenhand Farm Skill Team won seventh place in the state contest held Saturday at Sam Houston State University in Huntsville.

The team had previously won first place honors at the district and area level in order to be eligible to compete in the state contest.

The team, composed of Joel Percifull, Steve Ray and Edwin Wilson, represented Area II, one of the 10 areas in Texas. Their demonstration was entitled "Farm Use and Installation of Plastic Pipe."

Robert Lee Business Firms Ready For Open House This Weekend

Residents of the area will have plenty of opportunity this weekend for free refreshments, door prizes and inspection of an array of Christmas gifts, as three local businesses have announced open house for Friday and Saturday.

Mrs. Finis (Sue) Millican, owner of Dawn Floral is having open house both days and will have free refreshments and free gifts for those who attend. She has put together a large number of Christmas floral creations which will be on sale to enhance the decoration of any home. She has invited everyone to drop by Friday and Saturday for a visit.

Konner's Korner, owned and operated by Mrs. Yvonne Conner, also will have open house Friday and Saturday. Mrs. Conner will serve refreshments and have a drawing for a door prize. She specializes

in arts and crafts of various kinds and invites all her friends and customers to come by during the weekend.

Bob and Phelan Wrinkle, who own Western Auto Store in Robert Lee, have one of the largest assortment of gift items to be found in West Texas, and they invite everyone to come by this weekend for a look at the many items they have for every member of the family. They, too, will serve free refreshments Friday and Saturday and will have drawings for door prizes which will be won by some lucky persons who go by and register.

Christmas has definitely come to the stores in Robert Lee. Just about everyone has up decorations and a wide assortment of gift items and ideas. They offer good prices, home town friendliness and interest and will appreciate your business.

voted to hold elections in all six of the county's voting precincts, an addition of two over the four boxes used in the first election.

Balloting will be conducted at the courthouse and recreations center in Robert Lee; at the old depot building and the city hall in Bronte; at the old schoolhouse building in Tennyson and at the Pecan Baptist Church in the Edith-Green Mountain community.

Polls will be open from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m.

The proposed annex would be used to house federal offices now located in the courthouse. Included would be the County Extension Service, the Soil Conservation Service, the Agriculture Stabilization and Conservation Service and the Farmers Home Administration. In addition, the proposed building would provide space for the Coke County Library.

Little opposition was heard when the building was first planned to house the federal offices. However, later, a decision was made to include space for the library. This addition caused some dissent and the commissioners' court was presented a petition calling for a vote on the matter.

Estimated cost of the building is \$100,350.00. The county calls for paying for it with federal revenue sharing funds and time warrants.

Mrs. Winnie Waldrop, county clerk, reported Wednesday morning that four persons have cast absentee ballots.

Lawrence Edward Stewart of Mansfield was a weekend guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John T. Stewart.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Plunk and son, Shad, of Dallas visited over the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Buster Pierce.



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Robert Lee High School's Annual Basketball Tournament Dec. 15-17

The annual Robert Lee High School A team tournament will begin Thursday of next week, Dec. 15 and continue through Saturday, Dec. 17.

Sixteen teams will participate in the annual tourney, with eight girls teams and eight boys teams taking part. All the first round games will be played Thursday with the action starting at 10:00 a.m.

The girls bracket shows Sterling City vs. Paint Rock at 10 a.m.; Bronte vs. Wall, 1 p.m.; Eola vs. Christoval, 4 p.m.; Robert Lee vs. Water Valley, 7 p.m.

On the boys side the first action will have Sterling City vs. Paint Rock at 11:30 a.m.; Bronte vs. Wall, 2:30 p.m.; Christoval vs. Eola, 5:30 p.m.; Robert Lee vs. Water Valley, 8:30 p.m.

Action will be resumed at 10 a.m. Friday. The Friday contests will have second round games on both the championship and consolation side of the brackets lasting throughout the day.

Saturday games will begin at 12 noon, and

will determine consolation and third place winners, as well as the champs, in both boys and girls divisions.

Robert Lee school officials and members of the local teams invite everyone in the community as well as out of town fans to make plans to attend as many of the games as possible. Lots of good basketball is promised.

The concession stand will be open throughout the tournament.

FRAN-CILLA OPEN HOUSE BIG SUCCESS

A large number attended Fran-Cilla Flowers Christmas Open House last Thursday and Friday, Nov. 30 and Dec. 1.

Many beautiful Christmas arrangements and other Christmas decorations were on display.

Refreshments were served from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days and guests registered for the door prize.

Mrs. Bill Allen was the winner of the prize which was a Christmas centerpiece.

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Plans Are Shaping Up for Christmas Parade and Program on Dec. 17

Plans are shaping up for the Christmas parade and program which is scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 17, in downtown Robert Lee. Band Director George Strickland is in charge of arranging the program.

Santa Claus will be on hand to greet all the kids in town and pass out goodies. Everyone is invited to make plans to be in Robert Lee for the affair.

The parade will begin at 2 p.m.

This year's parade

will be different from those of former years in that no motorized vehicles or animals will be allowed to participate. Persons with bicycles, tricycles, wagons, etc., will be allowed to take part and must be in place at the starting point at 1:45 p.m.

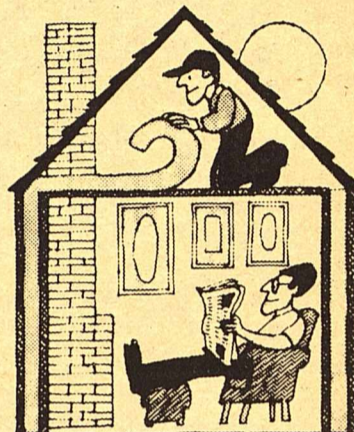
The parade will begin on Austin Street in front of Baker's Grocery and proceed south to the U.S. Post Office. It will be led by the Robert Lee Junior High

Band. The band will present a short musical program from the steps of the Robert Lee State Bank.

This year's parade will be divided into four age groups and prizes will be awarded for first, second and third place in all groups. Robert Lee-Silver Lions Club will furnish the candy for Santa to pass out.

Mrs. Gerald Allen is a patient in Shannon Hospital at San Angelo. It was reported Tuesday that her condition is improving.

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Girls Are First at Forsan Tourney

RLHS basketball teams were in Forsan last weekend for the annual tournament there. The girls took first place honors with three straight wins, while the boys had two losses to be eliminated from the tournament.

GIRLS GAMES

In their first game Thursday the girls took an easy 74-34 win over the lasses from Sterling City. Five girls scored in double figures, with Karen Rasco leading the pack with 21; Lisa Devoll had 12; Vicki Gartman 12; Renea Flanagan 11; Stella Bickley 10; Jana Hood 8.

In their second game on Friday the girls found another easy mark when they whipped Borden County 64-38. Devoll was high pointer with 22; Bickley had 18; Gartman 14; Rasco 10.

In the championship game for the big trophy the girls faced Klondike and came out on the long end of a 59-40 score. Bickley was the big gun with 26; Devoll hit 18 and Gartman sank 15.

The Robert Lee girls placed two forwards and two guards on the all-tournament team: Bickley

and Devoll in the shooting positions and Carla Wojtek and Cindy Ash in the guard spots.

BOYS GAMES

The boys opened the tournament with a game against Sterling City and lost by a close score of 42-36. Micky Baker was high man with 23; Kerry Gartman 6; Mark Riley 4; Jimmy Munoz 2; Brett Clark 1.

The boys faced a tough Coahoma team in their second game and lost 56-35. Baker again was high pointer with 10; Gartman 8; Clark 5; Vic Conner 4; Munoz 4; Riley 3; David Lackey 1.

Baker was the lone member of the Steer squad to be selected for all-tournament honors.

BACK TO FORSAN

The high school teams went back to Forsan Tuesday night for girls A and B team and Boys A team games. Both girls teams won their games but the boys went down before the Buffalo onslaught.

The girls A team took a closely fought game by a slim 51-49 score. Stella Bickley was the top scorer with 21; Lisa Devoll hit for 16 and Vicki Gartman had 14.

The girls B team also took a squeaky 39-36 win over their adversaries. Karen Rasco hit for 18; Jana Hood 11; Renea Flanagan 6; Elsa de la Pena 4.

Score in the boys game was 63-31 in favor of the Buffs. Micky Baker was high pointer for the Steers with 11; Brett Clark 6; Kerry Gartman 6; David Lackey 3; Danny Abalos 2; Mark Riley 2; Jimmy Munoz 1.

The high school teams will play in the Bronte tournament beginning Thursday and continuing through the weekend. Tuesday night's games will find Blackwell here for the boys A and girls B team games and Ballinger will be here for a girls A team game.

Treat family and friends to eggnog, hot wassail and tasty small sandwiches during the "home for the holidays" season of joyous reunions, warmth, gaiety and good things to eat.



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The Chrismons are symbols from Christian history which refer to the life of Christ.

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Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

Use toll-free reservation numbers of major hotel or motel chains to get overnight accommodations during holiday travel, if saving time and gasoline are important.

John Cobb Dies In Oklahoma

Word has been received here of the death of John Cobb, 87, of Ninnekah, Okla. He died Sept. 13 in Chickasha, Okla., and services were held Sept. 15 at the Epworth United Methodist Church.

He was a former Robert Lee resident and a brother of the late Jim Cobb of Robert Lee.

Mr. Cobb was born Nov. 30, 1890, and lived in Coke County until he moved to Oklahoma in 1913.

Survivors include a daughter, three sons, three step-children, 11 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren and five step-grandchildren.

Guests of Mrs. Willie Clark on Saturday included Mr. and Mrs. Bill Craddock of Medina, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Williamson of Big Spring, Mr. and Mrs. Marcus Turner and Mrs. Paul Brown of San Angelo and Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Bilbo and Mrs. R.M. Lowery of Robert Lee.

Lunchroom Menu

Monday, Dec. 12: Skillet Dinner with Cheese; English Peas; Buttered Carrots; Hot Rolls and Butter; Peanut Butter Cookies and Milk.

Tuesday, Dec. 13: Tamales with Chili; Combination Salad; Buttered Rice; Hot Biscuits and Butter; Peach Half and Milk.

Wednesday, Dec. 14: Pinto Beans; French Fries; Spinach; Cornbread and Butter; Fruit Cobbler and Milk.

Thursday, Dec. 15: Hot Dogs with Chili; Corn; Cabbage and Carrot Slaw; Potato Chips; Chocolate Pudding and Milk.

Friday, Dec. 16: Turkey Dressing with Giblet Gravy; Green Beans; Sweet Potatoes; Celery Sticks; Hot Rolls and Butter; Rainbow Jello with Cream and Milk.

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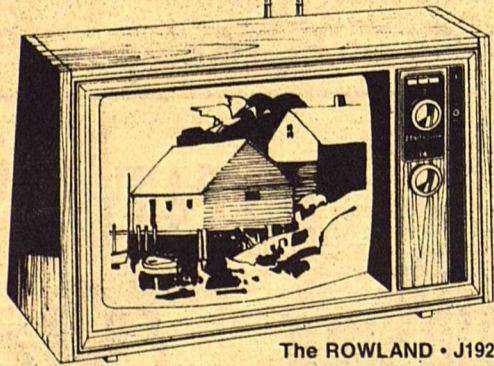
1. Do we really need more space for our county offices?
2. Do we need a County library?
3. Can we afford the upkeep and utilities? Check out the cost of our present operation.
4. If we do need extra space, why should the county be a landlord? Most rental space is by private enterprise.
5. Do you feel that a library that is used by 5% of the people should be a tax burden on all the people?
6. Ask your county officials just how much our taxes would increase if revenue sharing and a 50% drop in oil and gas taxes came about.
7. Find out how much our present maintenance is on current county property.
8. We are not in the library business regardless of who says we are. The approved Federal Grant can be used for renovating the old jail house or not used at all.
9. We have a school library at Bronte and Robert Lee. Why not make a deal with the school if we need a library in either Bronte or Robert Lee.
10. We have the best schools, roads, streets, parks, water and sewer systems of any small communities in Texas. This has been a joint venture of both Bronte and Robert Lee. Our hospital districts are now giving us the best medical care available because of cooperation. Let's continue to stay together on the important issues, and keep out costly non-essential items. Let's spend our taxes for the majority of our people.

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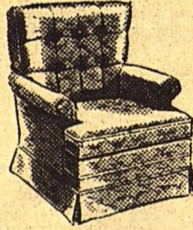
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West Coke County senior citizens will meet for their regular monthly get-together at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 15.

Each one is urged to come, bring a covered dish and bring someone with you. Each lady is requested to bring a Christmas gift for a lady and each man should bring a gift for a man to be exchanged. Gifts should be of not more than \$2 value.

The Robert Lee Jr. High Band plans to play for the group after lunch.

ABC TOURNAMENT WINNERS NAMED

An ABC Tournament was held Sunday at Mountain Creek Golf Course in spite of the foul weather and the following winners were announced:

First place: Robert Vaughan, Rod Bailey, Frank Percifull and Arthur Rodriguez.

Second place: Jerry English, Benny Nichols and Lewis Watson.

Third place: Randy Lewis, Harvey Wink, Elsie Adams and Andy Coronado.

PREPARE FOR WINTER RECREATION IN TEXAS--

Even though Texas winters are generally mild, hikers and campers should still take extra precautions. This means packing extra clothes and carrying matches in a sealed container. Recreationists west of the Wichita Falls-Del Rio line should be prepared for severe cold that can come from fast-moving Arctic fronts.

Buddy Wallace, son of Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Wallace Jr., underwent knee surgery last Friday at St. John's Hospital in San Angelo. He was released from the hospital on Monday

VISITS IN OKLAHOMA

Mrs. C.G. Walker spent a week the first part of November with her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Wilton Robertson, Corky and Kim in Lindsey, Okla. While there, she attended a football game between Lindsey and Elk City in which Corky played in the defense starting line-up and Kim was a cheerleader. Lindsey won 36-6.

Mrs. Walker and her sister, Mildred Smith of Lubbock, spent Thanksgiving week with her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. C.G. Walker Jr., John, Sherri, and Claudette at Artesia, N.M. They were joined on Thanksgiving Day by Mrs. W.K. Scud-day of Brownfield, sister of Mmes. Walker and Smith.

PEANUT SEMINAR TO FEATURE PRODUCTION MYTHS--

Some light will be shed on popular peanut production myths that have cropped up over the years during a special seminar Dec. 13-14 at the Marriott Hotel, Coit Road and LBJ Freeway, Dallas. The program will feature three panel discussion groups who will deal with myths related to the three major phases of production--planning and preparation to stand establishment, stand establishment to harvesting, and harvesting to marketing, notes an agronomist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

The new Department of Energy has a budget of \$10.4 billion. Federal regulation of energy costs exceeds the value of the annual Texas crude oil output by about \$1 billion. Cost to U.S. taxpayers is equal to a tax of \$3.51 for each barrel of oil produced in the U.S. in 1976.

HOSPITAL NEWS

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

Nov. 29: Annie Mae Benningfield, Siroca Rodriguez, Earl E. Smith and Essie Childress admitted. Ruth Garvin dismissed.

Nov. 30: Pearl Ditmore and Mary Jane Martinez admitted. Blake Rowland dismissed.

Dec. 1: Jess Adkins, Joey Luckett and Stephanie Martinez admitted. No dismissals.

Dec. 2: Mary Pruitt, Lillie Gaines and Maggie Andress admitted. A.B. Curry and Joey Luckett dismissed.

Dec. 3: Richard Anderson, Alton Phillips and Luther Lara admitted. Fern Havins and Lena Russell dismissed.

Dec. 4: Clarence Mitchell admitted. Essie Childress, Pearl Ditmore, Mary Jane Martinez and Stephanie Martinez dismissed.

Dec. 5: Lula Brown, Gladys Wright, Vernon Ramsey and Eugene Brooks admitted. Earl E. Smith and Richard Anderson dismissed.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Robert Lee Observer--

Enclosed is a check for renewal of my subscription for another year.

I got a kick out of the little article you had recently about my being in the hospital for heart surgery. I am well recovered now and I got several cards from friends around Robert Lee which I really appreciated. You stated that I lived in Robert Lee several years. I was raised there. Went to school there, all my schooling. My dad was editor of the Observer for years before he died. I ran the paper for awhile in partners with C.H. Lamb and later with Bob Hall, and also my wife and I ran the whole works several years before my mother and the other kids finally sold out to Mr. Young. Thanks a lot and keep the Observer coming. Felix Puett

For easy cleaning of blender jars, fill the container one-fourth full with warm water and a drop of liquid detergent. Cover jar, run on low speed for a few seconds, and rinse with clear, warm water.

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HAVE VISITORS

Thanksgiving Day and weekend visitors in the Turney Caseys and Pearl Ditmore home were Mrs. Rheba Taylor, Becky, Vonie and Deana and Cindy Worrell of Springtown, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Taylor of Hurst, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Casey of Silver, Mr. and Mrs. G.L. Coulter, Turney, Tim and Layne Mr. and Mrs. Rocky Heffernan, Pat and Stacey and Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Coulter all of Bronte, Mr. and Mrs. A.J. Hinton from West Coke County Nursing Home, Mrs. Opal Crabb and Mr. and Mrs. William Taylor and Tray of Robert Lee.

Monday visitors in the Turney Casey home were Rev. and Mrs. Bascom Chesney of San Angelo and past weekend visitors of the Caseys were Mr. and Mrs. H.C. Schooley Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Allen, Sherry, Missy and Tracey, of Burleson. They also visited Mrs. Pearl Ditmore who came home from the West Coke County Hospital Sunday.

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WMU CHRISTMAS TEA SET MONDAY

The WMU of the Robert Lee Baptist Church will have their annual Christmas Tea Monday, Dec. 12. The tea will be held at the parsonage located at 306 W. 11th from 10 a.m. until 12 noon.

All ladies of Robert Lee are invited to this Christmas Tea and working ladies are invited to spend their coffee break attending the tea.

ELEMENTARY HONOR ROLL

Elementary School Prin. William Hood has released the following honor roll list for the first quarter of the 1977-78 school term:

Third Grade: Becky Clendennen, Kim Do, Nikki Epperson, Debbie Flowers, Lin Long and Lee Ann Molinar.

Fourth Grade: Dana Anthony, Jana Gartman, Steven Gray, Jim Bob Jacobs, Kathy Paden and Mike Sanchez.

Fifth Grade: John Hinnard, Kirby Rasco, Doug Roberts and Michael Wilson.

Sixth Grade: Sheri Ebinstein, Julia Grun and Carrath Metcalf.

CATTLE MAY NEED VITAMIN A--

Beef cattle may not be getting enough Vitamin A in their diets this fall due to drought conditions and lack of green forage, says a beef cattle specialist. So producers may want to supply a supplemental source of Vitamin A for cows since the Vitamin is particularly important to reproduction and lactation. Vitamin A may be supplied by green pastures, grass or legume silages, hay not over a year old, or by intramuscular injection or orally.

The average price of natural gas paid Texas producers in 1977 was 83¢ per thousand cubic feet, State Comptroller Bob Bullock reports.

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Junior Hi Wins Two of Three

The Robert Lee junior high basketball teams hosted three games with teams from Miles Monday night and took two victories and lost the third by a slim three points.

The girls A team completely swamped their guests with a 41-6 score. Leigh Ann Runion was the high pointer with 14; Delight English had 8; Mary Galvan 6; Martha Bickley 4; Dee Anna Key 3; Brenda Gray 2; Yolanda Torres 2; Sara de la Pena 2.

The boys A team took a big 35-17 win over the Bullpups. Dogies making points included Darren Williams with a big 19; Buck Duncan 8; Quint Anthony 6; Scot Long 1; Tommy Bryant 1.

Miles was able to defeat the Dogie B team 21-18. Scoring for Robert Lee were Everett Wilson 8; Jamie Sawyer 4; Scot Stephens 2; Bob Flowers 2; Cixto Saucedo 2.

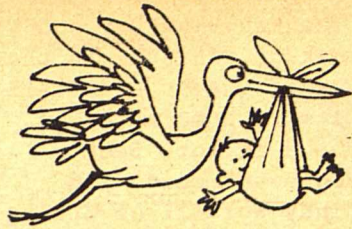
Both the junior and elementary teams will travel to Grape Creek Monday for games. The four contests on the schedule will begin at 4 p.m.

THANKSGIVING GUESTS

Visiting over the Thanksgiving holidays with Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Service Jr. and Kaylon were Mr. and Mrs. Joe Brasher, Warren and Jody of Forsan, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Brest of Lubbock, Mr. and Mrs. John Service, Scott and Jeanne, Mr. and Mrs. Jay Lynn Service and Violet Kirkpatrick all of Robert Lee.

The above group had Thanksgiving Day dinner with Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Service Sr. and were joined there by Mr. and Mrs. Butch Service and Johanna of Robert Lee and Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Crisp and Billy of Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. Brest are now residing in La Palma, Calif. having moved there from Lubbock last week.



LOOK WHO'S NEW

Mr. and Mrs. John T. (Tommy) Stewart Jr. of Orange are parents of a son, John T. Stewart III, who was born in a Beaumont hospital Friday, Nov. 25, at 8 p.m. He weighed 3 pounds, 11 ounces and measured 16½ inches long. He has a sister, Tara Elizabeth, who is 3 years old.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. John T. Stewart Sr. of Robert Lee and Mr. and Mrs. Doyle West of Orange. Mrs. L.S. Whittington of Killeen is his great-grandmother.

Christa Michelle is the new daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eddie L. Gower of San Angelo. She was born at 8:55 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 3, in the Shannon Hospital at San Angelo, weighed 6 pounds, 3 ounces and is 21 inches long.

Grandparents are Bessie Brice of Robert Lee, Edward Brice of Bronte and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Dixon of San Angelo. Great-grandparents are Vela Plumlee of Robert Lee and J.T. Brice of Sweetwater.

Mrs. Gower is the former Darlene Brice.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Beaty were in Liverpool over the weekend to visit Mr. and Mrs. R.E. Waltrip and family and to help celebrate Mrs. George Baxter's 88th birthday. Mrs. Baxter is the mother of Mrs. Beaty and is making her home with the Waltrips, her granddaughter and family. They were also joined by Mrs. Alan Paty and Cheryl, another granddaughter of Mrs. Baxter's of Lake Jackson, for the celebration.

Visiting last week in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Buster Farris was their aunt, Mrs. Charlie Farris of Dallas.

Plans Made for Christmas Paper

The Observer Christmas edition will be published Friday, Dec. 23, in time for delivery before Christmas. If possible, the paper will be printed a day early, even though it will carry the regular Friday date.

The Christmas edition will carry letters from all the kids in the area who want to write a letter to Santa Claus. Teachers in the Robert Lee Elementary School are arranging for students to write letters, and anyone who does not write a letter at school is invited to bring his message by the Observer office or mail it.

The Christmas paper will also carry Christmas greeting messages from businesses, individuals and any organizations who care to run them. An effort is being made to contact all the business firms in the area, but if anyone is missed, please contact the Observer.

Several individuals and families have chosen the last few years to send greetings to their friends through the Observer's columns. Any person who would like to run a greeting ad is asked to call or come by the office.



Please Consider This Before You Vote --

On December 16th there will be another opportunity to vote on the Courthouse Annex issue.

Citizens in support of the Annex will vote FOR the proposal in view of the following reasons:

1. Just as building the Coke County Stock Barn did not raise taxes, neither will the new Annex to the courthouse.
2. The Annex means money for Coke County. The Federal Government contract for rental of the Annex will amount to approximately \$8,700 per year for a five year committed period, and includes an escalation clause in the event of increased expenses.
3. The Annex will be paid for in four years with the above funds, plus Revenue Sharing funds already available.
4. The Federal offices are over-crowded and need the space. The necessity for extra space, if not met by the County, will be met by either private means or re-location.
5. The Coke County Library will be provided space in the Annex and can expand to meet the demands of a 1,000-book-per-month circulation.
6. The Library has already brought \$15,000 into Coke County through a State grant. These funds can be expended to benefit Coke County as a whole if the Library is also located in the vicinity of other County agencies.

Funding has been carefully considered to eliminate a tax raise to pay for the Coke County Courthouse Annex. It makes sense to vote FOR the Annex.

(Pol. Adv. Paid for By Friends of the Library.
Mary Bessent, Chairman)

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Farmers Should Certify Program Crops for 1978

"All farmers in Coke County who certify their crops and land use acreage on all 1977 cropland will be eligible to participate in 1978 program benefits." Fred H. McCabe, Jr. Chairman of the Coke County ASC Committee said. This also includes farmers who did not have allotments in past years.

Certifying refers to reporting acreage on a field-by-field basis, Mr. McCabe added, and applies to farmers who wish to participate in the voluntary farm programs. He said all these reports must be received in the County ASCS office within the next few weeks to allow time for the Normal Crop Acreage to be established for each farm by the county ASC Committee.

So far, a large number of farmers in Coke County have certified. The programs that may

become available to eligible producers include the 1978 loan, deficiency and disaster programs administered by ASCS.

"Farmers may not have needed to certify crop acreages last year," Mr. McCabe noted, "but we want to emphasize that they do need to contact us about their 1977 crop acreages this year if they plan to participate in 1978 programs."

Producers will no longer have to pay a service charge for late filed acreage reports except for cotton, peanut, tobacco and rice.

Applicants for all ASCS programs will be given equal consideration without regard to race, color, sex, creed or national origin.

Coke Weather Dusty and Cold

Coke County has had some winter weather this week. After a balmy weekend, a front moved into the area Sunday, bringing blowing dust which hung in the air and reminding old timers of the dust bowl days of the 1930s.

Freezing temperatures greeted local residents in the early mornings the first of the week and high winds were blowing again Wednesday morning.

ATTENTION HUNTERS & TRAPPERS

Fur buyer will be in Bronte at Red Barn Bar-B-Q each Thursday from 7:00 A.M. till 7:30 P.M. beginning Dec. 1.

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Social Security Pays \$152,320 Monthly in Coke

Social security benefits were being paid to residents of Coke County at the rate of \$152,320 a month at the start of 1977, Franklin H. Upp, social security manager in San Angelo said today.

Social security benefits can be paid to retired persons age 62 and over, to workers who become severely disabled before age 65, and to survivors of deceased workers.

Monthly social security checks are also paid to certain dependents of a worker who has retired, become disabled or died.

Of the 869 social security beneficiaries living in Coke County, 479 are retired workers and 51 are disabled workers. Another 132 persons are receiving

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benefits as the wives or husbands of retired or disabled workers. Widows, widowers, and dependent parents of deceased workers number 134.

In Coke County, 223 people under age 65 and 646 people age 65 and older are receiving monthly social security benefits. Of 869 beneficiaries, 341 are men, 455 are women, and 73 are children.

Statewide, 817,914 retired workers receive an average monthly benefit of \$205.60. For every 1,000 persons age

65 or over in Texas, 868 receive social security benefits.

ACCIDENT CONTROL--Before decorating the holiday tree, check all electrical decorations for frayed, cracked or worn insulation and inspect the plug for possible damage. Be sure not to overload electrical circuits, and disconnect tree lights before leaving the house or retiring for the night, cautions the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

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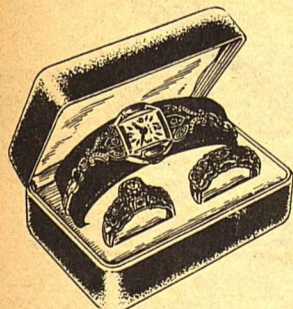
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Political Announcements

The Observer has been authorized to announce the candidacy of persons listed below for the offices and in the elections indicated:

For Justice of the Peace,
Precinct 3—
RALPH E. HUGHEY

NOTICE TO BIDDERS
Notice is hereby given that the Commissioners' Court of Coke County, Texas, will receive sealed bids in the office of the County Judge until 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, January 3, 1978 for the following:

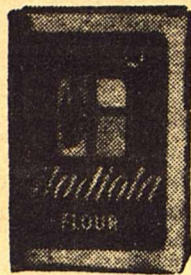
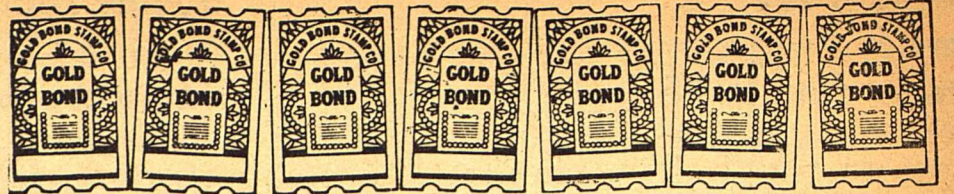
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