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ON AMBULANCE

County Financed Service Remains a Big Question

Ambulance service for Coke County remains uncertain this week, even though another interesting development has occurred. An opinion from the law firm which is legal counsel for the Texas Hospital Association to Robert Vernon, administrator of the West Coke County Hospital District, cites an opinion that it would be legal for Coke County to foot the bill for ambulance service.

On the other hand, in a telephone conversation Tuesday afternoon, County Attorney Bob Owen stuck to his original opinion that the Texas Constitution and statutes creating the hospital district forbid the use of county tax money for operating an ambulance service.

The letter from C. Dean Davis of the Austin law firm, Davis, Davis and Sharp stated that the statute prohibits the county from taxing for the purpose of providing medical care or for hospital purposes within the district. This statement agrees with Owen's opinion.

Davis continues: "The question then becomes, whether ambulance services fall within the prohibited categories

51st Grand Jury Called Monday

A panel of 16 persons has been summoned to appear Monday at 10 a. m. for service as grand jurors for the August term of 51st District Court. Judge Earl W. Smith will preside over the session.

Called for grand jury duty are Matthew Basquez, Clint Harvey Caves, Courtney King, Geraldine Proctor, Aubrey Drennan, Don Fields, Joe David Key, Betty Ruth Lee, Jack Mathews, Eddie Alexander, W.C. Billingsley, Bob Boone, B.J. Clark, Curtis Blair, Kenneth Lackey and Wayland Drennan.

A few civil cases to be tried before a jury are on the docket and several others are considered non-jury cases for the August court term.

of 'medical care' or 'hospital purposes'. Although the issue has previously been raised, there is no Court decision authoritatively deciding the issue. The Attorney General of Texas has indicated his opinion, which in the absence of case law, is influential pronouncement."

Davis' letter goes on to cite an opinion rendered by Crawford Martin when he was attorney general, known as M385. The letter states:

"In M385, the Attorney General stated that ambulance service is an ancillary function not required of the hospital district, but permissible if necessary. In addition, the opinion considered providing ambulance services a proper exercise of the state's police power for the protection of the public health, safety and general welfare. The authority cited by the Attorney General is the very broad 'public health and sanitation' spending authority of the county under Tex. Rev. Civ. Stat. Ann. Art. 4418f, combined with the failure of the Legislature to specifically address ambulance services."

As the letter draws toward its conclusion Davis continued:

"Opinion M385 would allow the ambulance service to be provided by either the Hospital Districts, the city or the county, and would find no constitutional impediment to the taxing in order to provide that service."

The last paragraph dealing with the law said:

"However, I must point out that Attorney General Opinions do not have the force of law in Texas."

In the phone discussion with Owen Tuesday afternoon, he said he felt there were "some inconsistencies" in the M385 opinion and these differences were pointed out in the brief he

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Coke County Pageant Is Outstanding Success

"Ole Coke County--Home of the Rabbit Twisters" was a tremendous success. The pageant was presented Friday and Saturday nights of last week in the new Mountain Creek Amphitheatre at Robert Lee. A cast of more than 150 persons put the production together under the direction of the author, Mrs. Wilson (Lucile) Bryan.

An estimated 1,000 persons attended the pageant and every comment heard was complimentary and enthusiastic. Mrs. Bryan this week seemed to have no doubt that the pageant would become an annual affair and get bigger and better every year. She said, "Everybody worked so hard and did so well; but the thing which really impressed me was that all the members of the cast seemed to enjoy working on the pageant so much".

The production was presented in three acts. Act I was "Indians and

Whites" and scenes were entitled: "Fort Chadburne Powwow"; "Josiah's Story of 'Yaller Wolf'"; "Robert E. Lee Remembers"; and "Settlers Come to Stay".

Act II was "Pioneers of the Frontier". Titles of the scenes were: "Fencing War"; "Colonel Odom Organizes Cattlemen"; "Murder of Ben Warren"; and "Frontier Wedding".

Act III was called "Ole Coke County". Scenes included: "Ranchers Ponder Problems"; "Old Blue--A Dog Tale Goes to School"; "Old Countries Contribute"; and "Fight for the County Seat".

Original songs used were composed by Mrs. Bryan, Bonita Copeland and Doak Snead. Narrators were Jim Dunklin as Grandpa and Joey Luckett as Joey.

Following the presentation Robert Lee Mayor Wilson Bryan was recognized for the tremendous amount of time and work he has put into

the construction of the amphitheatre. Also recognized and given a standing ovation was Mrs. Jessie Newton Yarbrough, whose book, "History of Coke County--Home of the Rabbit Twisters", furnished most of the historical information used by Mrs. Bryan in writing the play. Mrs. Yarbrough's book is soon to be published.

As the grand finale of the evening, Mrs. Bryan was led onto the stage and presented a bouquet in recognition of her efforts in writing and directing the pageant.

So many persons were involved in the production, it is impossible to list all of them. However, those in charge of the production were especially appreciative of John C. Odom of Killeen who returned to play the part of his grandfather, Col. T.L. Odom who settled at

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Rep. Bob Krueger to Meet With Voters at Courthouse

Congressman Bob Krueger will be in Robert Lee Saturday for a visit with his constituents and to ask for their votes in his race for the U.S. Senate in November. Krueger is scheduled to arrive in Robert Lee at 8:30 a.m. and stay until 10.

A coffee is being planned on the courthouse lawn for Krueger and his party during the one and one-half hour visit in Robert Lee.

An added and unusual attraction at the Robert Lee rally will be a Democratic mule outfitted in red, white and blue ribbons and streamers. Mrs. Cumbie Ivey Jr., county Democratic chairman, said she felt a live replica of the Democratic Party emblem would be most appropriate and invited everyone out to meet the Coke County mule.

She also said Democratic Party nominees for

other offices are urged to attend the rally, greet voters and work on their campaigns for the General Election in November.

Everyone in the area is invited to come out and visit with the congressman and get his views on matters which concern them. Krueger is serving his fourth year as congressman from the 21st District, which is the largest in Texas.

BAKE SALE

Mrs. Ivey announced that a bake sale will be held Saturday morning at the Roe Building, adjacent to the post office, in Robert Lee. Money derived from the sale of baked goods will be contributed to Krueger's campaign fund. She invited ladies of the area to bring cakes and pies to the sale and added, "We need lots of buyers, too."

Football Players Need Physicals

Coach Jerry English said this week that all boys who plan to play football this fall for the Robert Lee Steers should have their physical examinations by Aug. 18.

English said Dr. Thuy Danh Do will examine players Aug. 17. He added that all those who wish to receive their exams from Dr. Do should let him know at the first workout session on Aug. 14. Dr. Do's charge for performing the examinations will be \$10 each.

The coach said players are free to obtain physicals from physicians of their choice, but he emphasized that all prospective players should have written proof of examination by Aug. 18.

English said he and his assistants are looking forward to beginning workouts and the forthcoming season, when the Steers will return to Class B competition.



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KRUEGER OF TEXAS



By
**U. S. Representative
Bob Krueger**

DROUGHT IN TEXAS

WASHINGTON—While some portions of Texas have been blessed with much-needed rainfall in recent weeks, the drought problem remains a real threat to Texas farmers and ranchers. Some areas of the state are receiving precipitation in the middle of their harvesting season while others need many inches of moisture to make up for the dry winter and spring months.

While talking to my ranch manager last week, I learned that he had recently bought 2,000 bales of hay for winter feeding.

He figured that this might be his last opportunity to buy hay, because our supplier, who usually makes four cuttings a year, would do well to get a second crop because of persistent drought.

On our own ranch in East Texas, which normally gets over 40 inches of rain a year, we are, for the first time ever, trying to irrigate our hay meadow. If East Texas is so dry that it has to irrigate, West Texas is in even worse shape. We all hope that this is not the beginning of a new cycle of drought similar to the 1950's, when tanks, stock ponds, and even some rivers dried up, and ranchers across the state had to choose between shipping their cattle to other states or selling off their herds. Since livestock raisers have only in the last few months started getting prices that they can break even on, a continuing drought could prove severely damaging to the hopes of cattle raisers across the state.

The District I represent, which includes much of the Hill Country and West Texas, has been suffering for some time. And everything from Indian rain dancers to seeding the clouds has been tried to produce rain. But if not enough rain comes, what, if anything, can be done?

The government has some programs to assist farmers and ranchers when severe drought occurs. And for the past several months, drought disaster declarations and loan notices have been sent to me. Emergency loan designations have come from Farmers Home Administration and Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service and other agencies of the Department of Agriculture. The department estimates that so far this year, these agencies have provided millions of dollars of drought assistance to Texas.

The Small Business Administration has also offered help. In May, the SBA, under the regional directorship of my good friend Alicia Chacon, declared 102 Texas counties disaster areas due to drought damage to 1977 crops.

Programs such as these are very important to Texas and require constant monitoring to test their effectiveness and to see whether funding is adequate. For instance, legislation for supplemental funding of the Emergency Conservation Measures Program will soon come back before the Congress, and it is important that this measure be approved.

Fifty counties in Texas received help before the program used its allocation; however, many other areas of Texas are still in need of help.

Ranchers, farmers and rural residents have special needs which urban dwellers do not face and often do not even understand. For example, the Department of Housing and Urban Development recently admitted it has failed in its responsibility to provide housing and community development assistance to rural areas. New ways to help will soon be instituted because HUD understands that what has been offered is not what rural areas need.

It is important that government agencies be constantly reminded of the problems farmers and ranchers encounter, and that these problems be responded to with sensible, workable programs.

Government cannot begin to cure all ills; certainly government at its best stays away from the issuance of unnecessary regulations and instead focuses on the needs of people by offering assistance when and where it is most called for.

Jerry Lewis Show To Aid MD Fight

The Thirteenth Annual Jerry Lewis Labor Day Telethon Against Muscular Dystrophy will be broadcast in the Big Country September 3 - September 4.

Held to benefit the research and patient service programs of the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA), the marathon TV spectacular, originating from Las Vegas will be carried by a coast-to-coast "Love Network" of some 200 TV stations, and will also be seen in Hawaii, Alaska, Puerto Rico and Guam. In this area, the super-show will be broadcast by KTXS, Channel 12, LIVE from Westgate Mall.

Last year the Telethon produced a record 26.8 million for the national health agency's work. Ed McMahon will again serve as Jerry Lewis' anchorman.

Arthur Forrest, the show's producer-director, has been working closely with Jerry Lewis since March 31 on

plans for the 1978 Telethon. Mr. Forrest said, "Jerry loves to invent new ways to make his fans part of the MDA family. I'm sure he has some surprises up his sleeve, but he's not talking yet! But I can say this: We'll have more top talent on this show than we ever had before -- and there will be some sparkling surprises. The only thing we still haven't figured out is how to cram it all into 21½ hours."

KTXS - TV 12 will "cut away" from the network show approximately fifteen minutes every hour to present eyewitness

reports of MDA activities in the Big Country supported by proceeds from the Telethon and the Annual March Against Muscular Dystrophy. The health agency operates a summer camp for children with muscular dystrophy and related diseases at the Brownwood 4-H Camp and supports research on muscular dystrophy and related disorders at Baylor Medical Center in Houston.

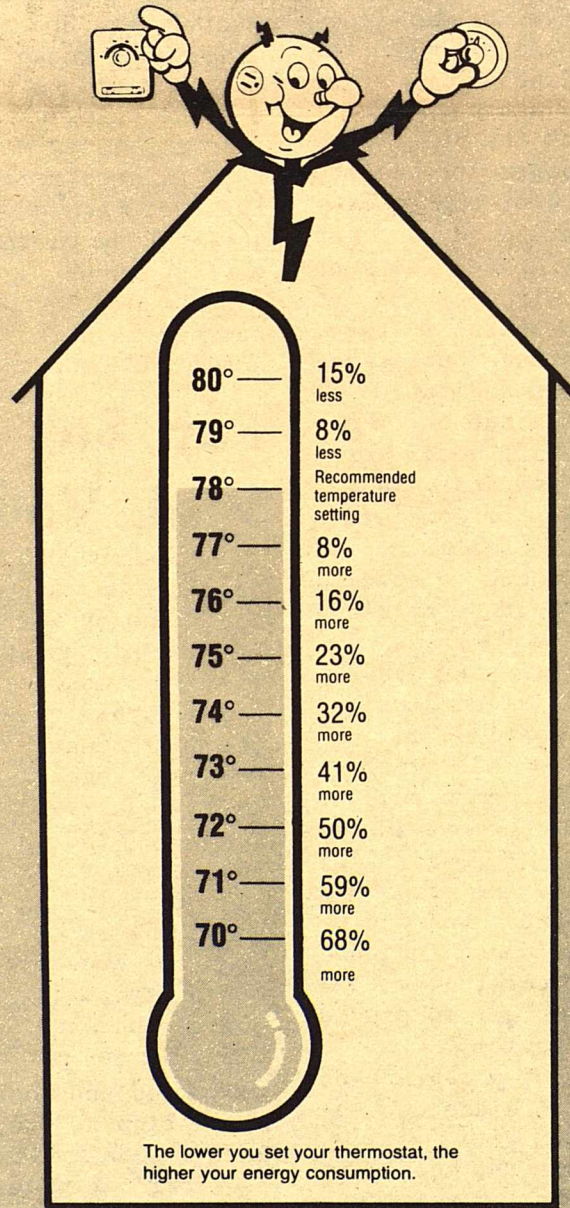
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MY SINCERE THANKS

I deeply appreciate all the unselfish work and time that so many of you put into the production of "Ole Coke County—Home of the Rabbit Twisters." I feel it grew into a labor of love for all of us as we became involved in the rehearsals. The tremendous success should make all of us proud and give us new incentive to work even harder on next year's production.

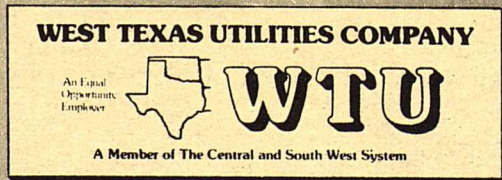
My thanks go to everyone who helped in any way to make the pageant so grand.

LUCILE BRYAN

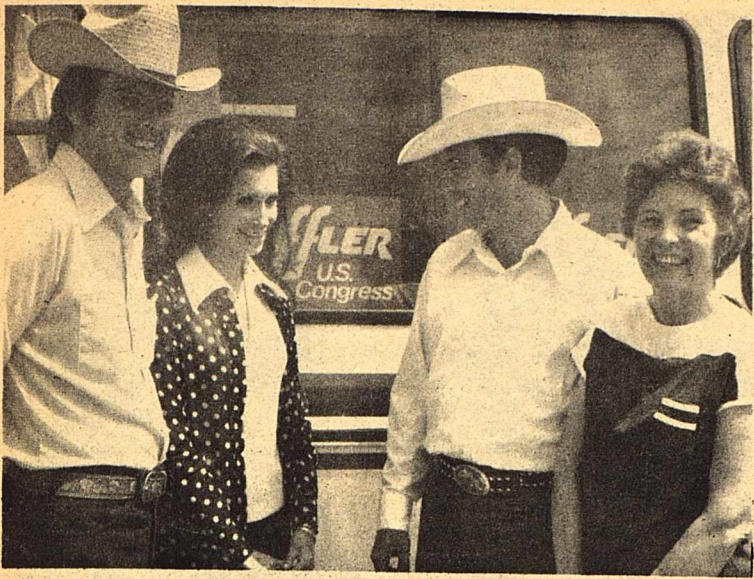


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72° to 78°

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LOEFFLER WORKS IN COKE--Tom Loeffler of Kerrville, Republican nominee for U.S. Congress, was in Robert Lee and Bronte last Saturday shaking hands and visiting with voters. He visited at Tennyson from 9-9:30 a.m., then shook hands and talked with citizens at the post office in Robert Lee from 10-11:15, moving on to Bronte for lunch at the Hitchin' Post and visiting from 11:45 a.m. until 1:15 p.m. From left are Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Phillips of Bronte, Loeffler, and Mrs. Keith Lloyd of Robert Lee.

Students Attend Citizenship Meet

Coke--Sterling County Farm Bureau sponsored three students to attend the 16th annual High School Citizenship Seminar on the Baylor University campus in Waco July 17-21.

Chosen on the basis of scholastic achievement, character and leadership ability, the students are: Roberta Wilcox, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wilcox of Tennyson; Debra Watson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A.L. Watson of Sterling City; and David Lackey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Lackey of Robert Lee.

These three students will give a report on the Seminar at the fall County Convention.

Speakers at the meeting were Carrol Caloupa, TFB president; Warren Newberry, TFB executive director; Carl Anderson, McLennan County judge; Robert K. Campbell, president of Texas Power and Light; Dr. Thomas Cunningham, family life specialist and associate professor at Oklahoma State University, and John D. (Jack) Jackson, flight training instructor for American Airlines.

Also speaking were Dr. C.L. Kay, executive director of the Center for Business and Economic Education at Lubbock Christian College; Karl Killsholm, immigrant farmer and lecturer from Algona, Iowa; Joseph E. O'Connell, FBI, and W. Cleon Skousen, author, lawyer and educator of Salt Lake City.

The guest speakers dealt with different facets of citizenship responsibility, emphasizing a better understand-

ing of the American competitive enterprise system and the ideological threats to it.

News from West Coke Hospital

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

July 25: Tien Nguyen and Lola Allison admitted. Bessie Hallmark and Amanda Harmon dismissed.

July 26: No admissions. Frank O'Rear, Tanya Carper, Arron Blake Carper and Juanita Saucedo dismissed.

July 27: Sara Lara and Hattie Garringer admitted. No dismissals.

July 28: Frank Allen admitted. Tien Nguyen and Elva Jameson dismissed.

July 29: Desma Walker, Antonio Flores and Calia Mae Cargile admitted. Velma Hardy dismissed.

July 30: Melinda Hickman and H.J. Winchester admitted. No dismissals.

July 31: Alice Lara admitted. Iva Duncan and Antonio Flores dismissed.

MARLENE SHOOK TO ENTER NURSES TRAINING AT TTI

Miss Leone Marlene Shook is making plans to enter nurses training Aug. 21 at Texas State Technical Institute in Sweetwater. She has been accepted for the fall term of the school.

Miss Shook recently completed high school work through GED testing at San Angelo, and then took the test for entrance into nursing school.

She has been working at Bronte Nursing Home since May 27 and will continue her work there until Aug. 15.

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presented when he requested an opinion from the attorney general's office on financing ambulance service with Coke County tax dollars.

No answer on Owen's request for an opinion from the attorney general's office had been received as of Tuesday. A drive for Coke County to provide ambulance service for its residents came to a sudden halt at the June 5 meeting of the commissioners' court when Owen was requested to give the judge and commissioners an opinion on the legality of the matter.

A petition with 487 names signed to it was presented at the meeting and backers of the service were pretty confident they had sufficient popular support to rally the commissioners to support the measure. However, action was tabled at that meeting and has since remained in limbo.

COKE PAGEANT--

Continued from Page 1 Fort Chadbourne shortly after the Civil War.

A real audience pleaser was the male quartet composed of Dee McCleskey, Jerome Hanna, Les Copeland and Bill Matlock.

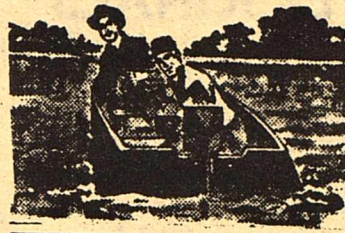
Ruby Jones was director of the choir and Bonita Copeland was piano accompanist.

Mrs. Bryan said she felt she could speak for the entire Coke County Pageant Association in expressing thanks to everyone who helped in any way to make the presentation such a huge success. She also noted that the association needs more memberships and urged everyone who is interested in the continuation of the pageant to join. Various types and prices of memberships are available from association officers.

Members of the board of directors are: Pauline Vaughan, chairman, Cumbie Ivey Jr., S.E. Adams and Phil Ray, all of Robert Lee; Nolan Pentecost of Sanco; Terry F. Bryan of San Angelo; Glenn Skelton, Vera Raney and Roberta Owen, all of Bronte.

Officers are: president, Lucile Bryan; first president, Alice Beaty; second vice president, Dee McCleskey; secretary-treasurer, Edna Havins.

In charge of theatre construction and maintenance are Wilson Bryan, Robert Vaughan and Fern Havins.



FISHING REPORT from Lake Spence

PAINT CREEK MARINA
W.H. Cox, El Paso, 1 striper, 10 lbs. 6 oz.
Allen and Lois Sherrod, Bronte, 4 striper to 7½ lbs.
Larry Reese, Odessa, 1 striper 6 ¾ lbs.
Sharon Tyler, Odessa, 1 striper, 7 lbs. 6 oz.
Charlie White, Lubbock, 1 striper 10 lbs.
Ricky Gipson, Big Spr-

ing, 1 striper 25 lbs. 10 oz. (Lake Record)
Rex Rainey, Big Spring, 2 striper to 7½ lbs.
Bruce Felts, Jimmy Felts and James Felts, Big Spring, 9 striper to 12 lbs.

Tom Wilmeth, Midland, 1 striper 10 lbs.

TRIANGLE GROC.

Tony Pharr, Abilene, 1 striper 12 lbs.

WILDCAT FISH-A-RAMA

Mr. and Mrs. Harry London, Winters, 4 striper to 4 lbs.

Bull Ellis, Snyder, 2 striper to 11½ lbs.

Carl Wyrick and J.R. McMurray, Big Spring, 6 striper to 11 lbs.

Farm Bureau Sends Firemen To A&M School

Coke--Sterling County Farm Bureau and the Texas Farm Bureau Insurance Companies jointly sponsored a fireman from the Robert Lee and Sterling City Volunteer Fire Departments to the 49th Annual Firemen's Training School. The school was held July 23-28 at Texas A&M University.

"Volunteer fire departments have been very effective in reducing the amount of loss involved by fire in rural areas," said L.W. Duncan, county president. "It is our hope in sponsoring this program that the firemen will help the two Volunteer Fire Departments better serve the residents of Coke and Sterling Counties."

Attending the school were Roddy McIver of Robert Lee and Gary L. Maricle of Sterling City.

Window sills 30 to 32 inches high are desirable for elderly--bending to open windows is reduced, falls against glass are minimized and they serve as an easy escape in case of fire.

Police News

A collision at the intersection of Austin and 12th Streets in Robert Lee occurred shortly before 8 p.m. Sunday. In collision were a Chevrolet driven by Burl Davis and a Vega station wagon driven by Virginia Balderas.

Constable Harry Palmer investigated the accident. He reported that Miss Balderas and Virginia Gloria, a passenger, sustained minor injuries, were treated at West Coke County Hospital and released. Davis was not injured in the smash up.

Palmer said both vehicles were heavily damaged.

Kim Barrett of Bronte was placed under arrest Friday night after an incident at a Bronte residence. He was charged with harrassment and evading arrest. Sheriff J. Lee Ensor investigated and made the arrest at Bon Spoons Grocery & Gas.

NURSES. EARN AN EXTRA INCOME AS A PART-TIME OFFICER.

If you're a registered nurse, you could receive a direct commission as an officer in the Army Reserve. You'll serve 16 hours a month, right in your own community helping your country and yourself. Call your local unit for details. It's listed in the white pages of the phone book under "U.S. Government."



THE ARMY RESERVE. PART OF WHAT YOU EARN IS PRIDE.

Hiway Cafe Is Demolished

Construction has begun on a new convenience store in Robert Lee. Skinny's, Inc., headquartered in Abilene, has cleared the lot at the Y formerly occupied by the Hiway Cafe and work on the building started this week.

Charles Guernsey of Abilene, an official in the firm, told the Observer Wednesday that the building will be completed, stocked and ready for opening in about eight weeks. This target date is subject to change, he said, in case of any unforeseen problems which may arise.

Skinny's stores handle gasoline and other petroleum products, as well as a large line of grocery, drug and sundry items.

The firm now has 21 stores operating in West Texas and another six are under construction, counting the one in Robert Lee. The Robert Lee store will be housed in a 40 by 60 foot building.

Church of God

Sunday School 9:45 A.M.
Morning Worship 11:00 A.M.
Sunday Evening 6:00 P.M.
Thursday 7:00 P.M.

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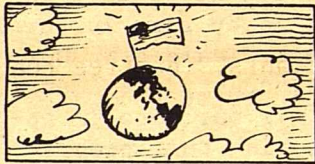
Mrs. David Key underwent surgery Monday morning at Angelo Community Hospital in San Angelo. She is reported to be making a good recovery and is in room 103.

Mrs. Jim McConnell and daughter, Sarah, of Albuquerque, N.M., visited this week with Mr. and Mrs. Otis Watson. Mrs. Watson is recuperating at her home after undergoing surgery July 25 at St. John's Hospital in San Angelo.

Mr. and Mrs. Javan Vosburg went to Hico Sunday to visit his mother, Mrs. Alice Vosburg.

Becky Manning of Waco is spending a few days with her sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Vosburg, Caleb, and Luke.

North Carolinians got stuck with the nickname "Tar Heels" during the Civil War when General Robert E. Lee used the term to describe the sticking quality of troops from North Carolina. The term itself stems from the threat of the state's soldiers to tar the heels of other states' troops who wanted to abandon their battle positions.



The United States, which is the fourth largest country in total land area, occupies 6.4 percent of the world's land area.



MISS JANET CAROL WHITE AND RICHARD GUERRANT

Janet White, Richard Guerrant Plan September Rites

The engagement of Miss Janet Carol White and Richard Fambro Guerrant, both of Austin, has been announced and the wedding is set for Sept. 16 in St. John's Methodist Church in Austin.

Miss White is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J.G. White of Austin and Dr. and Mrs. A.K. Munson of Lubbock. Mr. Guerrant is the son of

Mrs. J.R. Guerrant of Robert Lee.

The bride-elect is a graduate of L.C. Anderson High School in Austin and attended the University of Texas at Austin. She is employed as an administrative technician with the comptroller of public accounts.

The prospective bridegroom is a graduate of Robert Lee High School and is attending the University of Texas at Austin. He is employed as business manager of KOKE, Austin broadcasting firm.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Block, Chipper and Natalie of Pomona, Calif., and Mrs. Dean Block of Monrovia, Calif., recently spent five days with Mr. and Mrs. James Hubbard. The Blocks had been to Indiana to attend the wedding of the Nathan Blocks' son. Nathan is a brother of Mrs. Hubbard and Mrs. Dean Block is her mother.

Kathy Larsh, age 6, and Jennifer Larsh, age 3, of Mounds, Okla. are spending several weeks with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Keith Lloyd.

Weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred L. Beaty included Mr. and Mrs. Jim Crowder, Lee Anne and Brent of Midland, Mrs. Eugene Kegans, Bax and Kacey and Mrs. Patsy Grimes of Leonard and Mr. and Mrs. Lane Beaty and Chris of Colorado City. The group also attended the "Ole Coke County" production.

Mandi and Bradley Mouser of Wilson visited last week in the home of their aunt, Beth Prather, while their parents attended coaching school in Houston. Mrs. Mouser is formerly Susan Newell.

A.J. Hinton visited with relatives in Abilene over the weekend.

CONTRACTORS' NOTICE OF TEXAS HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION

Sealed proposals for constructing 5.292 miles of Reconstruct Gr., Strs., Foundation Crse. & 1 CST. From N. City Limits of Robert Lee, North 5.5 Miles on Highway No. ST. 208, covered by CGR 454-4-14 in Coke County, will be received at the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation, Austin, until 9:00 a.m., Aug. 16, 1978, and then publicly opened and read.

Plans and specifications including minimum wage rates as provided by Law are available at the office of Gerald G. Lackey, Resident Engineer, San Angelo, Texas, and State Department of Highways and Public Transportation, Austin.

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KAY HINDS FETED AT BRIDAL SHOWER

Kay Hinds, bride-elect of Teddy Millican was honored with a bridal coffee Saturday, July 29 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at Southside Church of Christ.

Hosting the event were: Ruth Beal, Myra Craig, Elna Duncan, Wanda Green, Melba Heck, Clara Hood, Frankie Hood, Mary Hood, Opal Jacoby, Alene Key, Hazel Lindsey, Eunice Mumford, Mary Paden, Winnie Pitcock, Joyce Rives and Charlene Rogers.

The couple plan an Aug. 26 wedding at Day Memorial Methodist Church in San Angelo.

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Morning Worship 11:00 A.M.
Sunday Evening 6:30 P.M.
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LAUNDRY FACTS AND FANCIES

From the early days of history, when we changed from our tiger skins to cloth clothing—people have been trying to get clean clothes. The means have varied greatly over the years—some rather strange and certainly difficult.

In ancient times, people would take their dirty laundry to the nearest body of water and beat out the dirt with rocks. After that, the clothes were left to dry and bleach in the sun. This is still going on today in many places. In Finland, for instance, docks are built out into the Bay of Finland so washing can be done from there.

Here in America, laundering became an organized business when the "Fortyniners" joined the gold rush to California. Not a woman was to be found within 500 miles and one disillusioned miner turned launderer. Soon, clean clothes became symbolic of the American way of life.

Making that way of life a little easier for modern Americans in today's smaller homes are compact washers and dryers. Whirlpool Corporation, for example, offers "Thin Twin" compact models featuring from three to five cycles, three to five wash/rinse temperature combinations, plus many other features. The

washers are available as stationary units or portable models that roll easily on casters to the sink. The portable unit has a special attachment to connect to most sink faucets. Matching electric dryers have three



DOING THE LAUNDRY is a lot less rugged than it was in the days of rocks and rivers.

drying cycles, automatic cool-down care for permanent press fabrics and thermostatically controlled heat. The compact pair can fit side by side in about four feet, or can be stacked to take up only 25 to 30 inches in floor space width.

Derricks Having Interesting Tour Of Duty on Job in North Africa

July 23, 1978
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Hello,

What a pleasant surprise when we got a copy of the Robert Lee Observer in the mail. We have only gotten one so far and it was two months old. Probably they will start coming more regular now, we'll just have to wait and see.

Our bill should have been sent to Clyde Jay, Box 368

Roscoe State Bank, Roscoe, Texas 79545.

We are not suppose to send any money out of this country but I do have a check book so I have written a check and it is being hand carried by Ann Louder to Robert Lee where she will be visiting her parents, the Whites. We ourselves will be home in November. We plan to leave here on the 19th of October, but plan on seeing all the family before returning to Robert Lee for a short stay. We will come by your office at that time and let you know how things are working out.

We are enjoying our tour of duty here. Naturally the way of life is quite different.

Some of the people there might be interested in knowing that we have been to Norway and visited with Elsa Joberg. She was an International Farm Youth Exchange student that lived with us for a short period of time in 1969. Elsa spoke at several Home Demonstration and 4-H meetings.

Elsa has since married and is now Elsa Tval. She lives on a farm with her husband that they have leased. Thourmud Tval is a very fine person and he tests farm machinery for the Norwegian government. They took us to her brother's farm where she was born and raised. There her two sisters and their families came

to meet us and we were entertained quite regally. The snows on this farm had melted (we were there in May) but the cattle and hogs were still in the barn. It was quite an experience to see how they winter them. Three hours each morning were devoted to cleaning the stalls and pens. The cows were on the second floor of the barn and the hogs were on the third. The first was used for feed and hay. In the evening three more hours were spent cleaning again. All waste went into a pit under the barn and in the summer after the crop is harvested the pit is cleaned and scattered on the fields and then plowed under.

Elsa and Thourmud took off work and took us touring in their car for four days.

We didn't get to see any reindeer but did see where a large herd had crossed the afternoon before and saw just one laplanders home.

Needless to say our stay there was fantastic, we plan to make another trip there one day and they are planning one to the U.S.

Will look forward to seeing you when we come home. We hope all is well in Robert Lee-- We're proud of the new library!

As ever,
The Derricks

SORORITY SAYS THANKS

Members of Alpha Kappa Pi expressed their thanks this week to every one who patronized their concession stand at the "Ole Coke County" pageant Friday and Saturday nights.

A spokesman for the sorority reported that \$343 was made to go into the fund for the Christmas decorations which have been purchased for Robert Lee.

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jess Adkins from Sunday to Tuesday were Mr. and Mrs. D.O. Carter and Randy, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Carter and Michelle all of Thermopolis, Wyo., Larry Carter of Powell, Wyo., Ruth Lucas of Hudson, Wyo. and Richard Kitchens of Alamogordo, N.M.



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Notes from the Extension Office

By Kathy Jobe
County Extension Agent

Everyone interested in 4-H foods projects, please contact the County Extension office or me. They are beginning in August and the County Food Show is to be held on Nov. 4. Foods projects develop nutrition knowledge, confidence and abilities to plan meals and cook them. I will be having meetings in Bronte and Robert Lee to organize our project groups and give out materials.

SEERSUCKER: FABRIC FOR TABLECLOTHS

White seersucker is an ideal fabric to use for making tablecloths and napkins. The fabric is easy to launder and never needs starching or ironing. Colors and prints may also be used, but white is a dressy summer covering that goes with a variety of dinnerware and decors.

Available in several weights and patterns, e.g. dobby and leno effects, the creative home sewer may discover many ways to piece yardage together for large-size cloths or to form patterns with the seersucker "stripes". Matching napkins can also be made. Add washable trims -- fringe, eyelet, lace -- to cloths and napkins for further elegance.

STORAGE OF SMALL APPLIANCES

An array of small, kitchen appliances may offer convenience, but storage can become a problem. Having items used most frequently within easy reach and occasionally used appliances out of the way helps end clutter.

Survey storage possibilities. Keep appliances used daily -- toaster, can opener, blender -- on counter tops, if space allows. Mount or hang some from wall pegs when not in use, e.g. electric knife, hand mixer. Sturdy, pull-out shelves in base cabinets offer room for bulky, heavy items such as fry pans, griddles. A lazy susan in a base cabinet makes

small appliances accessible. Shelves with sliding doors might be added to an eating bar arrangement, or in a corner of counter top.

Appliance cords should be rolled up loosely for storage, or hung on a handy cord storage rack mounted to a cabinet door or wall.

BRIEFS

It is recommended that smaller, lighter and more delicate items be placed in the top rack of a dishwasher. Plastic items that are labeled dishwasher-safe should also go topside. Place open ends down so they will drain. Be sure lightweight items are anchored in place. Other articles that may be put in the upper rack are medium and small bowls and lightly soiled pans.

SEW A DENIM TOTE BAG with material from pant legs cut off for shorts. Open the inside seams of each leg and sew them to the seams of the opposite leg. Sew the bottoms closed and add a drawstring to the top -- a laundry-loving tote or beach bag!

The summer separates pull-it-together fashion is the vest. Choose long or short, boxy or man-tailored versions. Reversible vests, featuring a solid color backed up with a print or plaid, increase mix-and-match possibilities. Washable polyester and cotton mosquito netting, cotton chintz, cotton lawn and woven blends are popular fabrications.

An electric coffee grinder provides fresh ground beans for delicious brew quickly and readily. One compact unit which grinds beans regular, fine or extra fine makes enough for up to 12 cups of coffee in less than a minute. The grinder may include a brush for easy care or detachable parts which can be sudsed clean.

Prickly heat is caused by blocked sweat ducts. Perspiration, unable to reach the skin's surface, breaks through below. Irritating pimples and blisters erupt, usu-

ally near skin folds where heat and moisture accumulate. To help clear the condition and prevent secondary infection, skin should be kept clean, cool and dry. Cool showers followed by careful drying and a dusting of powder or cornstarch is recommended. Light, loose-fitting clothing and limited physical activity are also helpful.

Trees in County Having Problems

By Sterling Lindsey

We are seeing more and receiving calls on more tree problems this year than during any previous year I can remember. Most of the cases checked fall into one of four categories: (1) leaf scald or burn (2) borer damage (3) root rot or (4) iron deficiency. We will attempt to give some ideas that may be helpful on the above problems during the next two weeks.

The worst problem has been leaf scald. There are many interrelated factors that can cause scald. No two situations are the same, but in most cases at least four or five factors come into play before the tree reached the scalded condition. We will list the more common factors for your consideration to prevent and/or treat future scald problems.

The list includes the following:

Not enough winter water, salty water, shallow or light watering, alkaline soils, tight subsoils, shallow soils, low humidity, high evaporation, transpiration and demand, high temperatures, acid preferring plants, young trees with insufficient root systems, sprinkling the leaves, salty soils and not enough rainfall.

The most common problem was a high demand for water during the very hot days coupled with the use of slightly salty water on trees with insufficient roots or the water was not applied soon enough.

Once a tree has suffered scaled leaves, there are a few things that can help bring the tree back and/or prevent future occurrences. First, water during the cool part of the day if possible -- early or late. Water deeply and less often, preferably 4 to 6 inches of water out to the drip line every 10 days to 2 weeks on large trees or 2 to 4 inches of wa-

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ter on small young trees every 7 to 10 days depending on your soil and soil depth. If your soil is shallow, you may have to give the tree less water more often. Water heavy enough to wash some salt on beyond the roots each time you water.

Mulching can help in some situations where the ground is bare. It will shade the ground, help hold the moisture and lower the temperature on the root system.

Acidizing may help where your soil is highly alkaline. Give your tree a mixture of vinegar and water, five parts water to one of vinegar in holes punched out under the branches; not up next to the trunk.

Salty water does three things that are not in the best interest of the tree. First, as the water is used, some of the salt adheres to the soil and you gradually increase the salt content in the soil. Secondly, salty water tends to bind clay soils. As the salt increases, if your subsoil contains clay the soil may tighten and restrict air, moisture and root movement. Thirdly, salty water is not absorbed as readily by most plants. The tree tends to resist the water and root absorption is slowed.

Building some type of border to trap and utilize all the rainwater that falls will help. Too often we do not hold the rainfall we receive.

Punching several drain holes under your tree

and filling them with sand or gravel will help. This can serve as an entrance for the moisture and also as an escape for salt. This would be particularly helpful on the redbed clay subsoils.

Some of the above factors should give some relief. However, there is no substitute for heavy, deep watering at proper intervals. The water must be there when a high demand day comes along and the tree must have ample roots to conduct the moisture to the leaves. Good rains will take care of the situation, but if it does not rain, we must take care of the problem if we are to have pretty trees through the heat of a summer like the present one.

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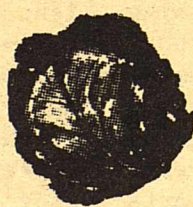
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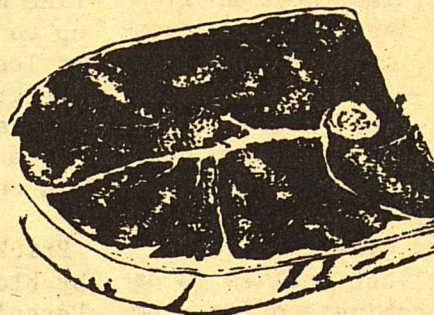
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