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School Bond Election Called



The Old Ranch House

70 Persons Take Tour Of Old Ranch House

Visitors could almost feel a close tie with early day Coke County history last Saturday when the owners of the old John Saul Ranch house opened it to the public for a historical tour.

The tour and a barbecue dinner were hosted by present owners of the house and surrounding ranch, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Wilcockson of San Angelo.

Inclement weather cut short the tour of the surrounding countryside, but the 70 visitors were shown through the old house and heard its history repeated. This will probably be the last opportunity visitors will have to see the one time show place of Coke County, as the house will be under 35 feet of water when the Robert Lee Reservoir is completed and filled. The ranch is located about 10 miles from Robert Lee.

The original owner of the ranch, John Saul, purchased the land in 1894, and the house was built about 1904 (perhaps a year or so later). Lumber and other material used in the spacious residence was hauled by wagon

Few Running For City, School Jobs

A sprinkling of candidates has filed for city and school trustee jobs which will become vacant in April.

Otis Campbell and Wilson Bryan have signed up to run for mayor of Robert Lee, but no candidates, up to Wednesday morning, had announced for city alderman.

The two incumbents, Louis Heuvel and J. W. Service Jr., have signed up to run for reelection to their school trustee positions.

Mayor Robert Vaughan and city councilmen Vaughan Davis and Freeman Clark have indicated they will not seek reelection to the positions they now hold.

Plans this year are to hold both city and trustee elections on Saturday, April 6. Deadline for candidates to file is 30 days before the election.

City candidates should file in the office of Mrs. Edna Havins, city secretary, and school trustee candidates should file in the office of County Judge W. W. Thetford.

THDA Women To Meet In RL

Representatives from 17 counties are expected to be in Robert Lee next Tuesday for the annual Training Planning Meeting for Texas Extension District VII, Home Demonstration Association. The meeting will be held in the Baptist Church.

Mrs. Walter Hurd, Brady, district president, will preside during the business meeting.

Mrs. Maynard Gaines of Coleman, President of the Texas Home Demonstration Association, is expected to attend.

Miss Thelma A. Casey, District VII Extension Agent, San Angelo, is adviser for all Home Demonstration Club work in her area, and has coordinated plans for the meeting.

Mrs. J. B. Arrott, Coke County THDA chairman, is in charge of local arrangements. Assisting her are Mrs. J. C. Boatright, Coke County Home Demonstration Council Chairman and Mrs. Fay C. Roe, Coke County Home Demonstration Agent.

Committees making plans for the day are: Arrangement — Mmes. R. L. Page, C. E. Arrott, Lowell Roane, and Elroy Butler; Foods — Mmes. Curtis Walker, Pat Rives, Noel Brevard, Floyd Harmon and Charles Ragsdale; Coffee Hour — Mmes. Tom Rives, Leslie Rolls and Fred McCabe Sr.

Registration will begin at 9 a.m. Coffee will be served from 9:10 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the church.

The program will begin at 10 a.m., in the church sanctuary. Included on the program will be the Rev. Bill Beaty, pastor of the Baptist Church, who will give the invocation; Judge W. W. Thetford, the welcome address; Mrs. C. E. Arrott, song leader and Mrs. Martin Lee, organist.

Plans will be made for the District Home Demonstration Association meeting which will be held in Coleman April 25.

Expected to attend the meeting in Robert Lee are 65 home demonstration agents; county THDA chairmen; county council chairmen; and 40 Coke County club members.

Court To Consider Officials' Salaries

Coke County commissioners Court passed a resolution in its Feb. 12 meeting to publish its intention to raise salaries of all county and precinct officials 10 per cent.

The notice is being run in this newspaper this week and will be published next week, also.

The matter will be considered and acted on at the regular meeting of the commissioners court on March 11.

County Finances In Good Shape

Information about Coke County's finances is given in portions of the annual report of County Auditor Weldon Fikes, which is being printed in this week's newspaper.

Main items being printed are a recapitulation of all county funds, both operating funds and interest and sinking funds, and a table showing the bonded and warranted indebtedness of the county.

The recap of each county fund shows the balance on hand at the beginning of 1967, the amount of

receipts, the total amount of money available, the disbursements and transfers from each fund, and the last column shows the balance on Dec. 31, 1967.

Fikes said that anybody who wants to look at the detailed reports included are welcome to come by his office and see the entire audit. Copies also may be seen in The Observer office in Robert Lee and The Enterprise office in Bronte.

As compared with last year, the balance on hand in all funds

is slightly under the amount on hand at the end of 1966. The audit shows a total of \$371,882.91 on hand Dec. 31, 1966, compared with \$360,340.33 on Dec. 31, 1967, a difference of a little more than \$9,000.00.

Bonds About Paid

Also included in the report is the table showing the bonded indebtedness of the county. The report shows that the county has just about paid off all its bonds, with enough money in interest

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A \$700,000 school bond election was called Tuesday night when Robert Lee School's board of trustees met. The election will be held March 16.

Supt. Jimmy Bickley reported that the board has been having frequent meetings the past few weeks in an effort to work out details for calling the election.

Included in plans for the new school facilities are the following new additions: 10 classrooms, homemaking department, vocational agriculture classroom and shop building, cafeteria, gymnasium, library and multipurpose room.

In addition to the new buildings, plans call for complete reconditioning the old gym and band hall. New dressing rooms will be built to accommodate users of the old gym, also.

Bickley said construction of the new library facility will release the present library for use as a classroom. He said the multipurpose room adjacent to the library will be used for storage of newspapers and magazines, and for housing duplicating equipment used by teachers.

The plans call for a cafeteria which will seat 254 persons, while seating capacity of the proposed gymnasium is 680.

Persons who wish to vote absentee may do so at any time until three days before the election, the superintendent said.

Open House Was Postponed, To Be Held Next Sunday

The open house which was planned for last Sunday at Robert Lee Housing Project was postponed until this coming Sunday, according to an announcement this week by Hugh Lewis Jr., chairman of Robert Lee Housing Authority.

Lewis said authority directors called off the gathering last Sunday because of rainy weather. He said they felt that floors of the new houses might be damaged by visitors and thought it best to put off the public inspection of the new structure.

The public is cordially invited to come this Sunday to the housing project and inspect the new homes, Lewis said. The open house will begin at 2:30 p.m.

Included in the project are 18 units of one to three bedroom size. They are of brick construction and have concrete floors covered with tile. Attractive kitchens are equipped with ranges, refrigerator and built in cabinets. Each unit has its own heating and water heating equipment.

Directors of the project include Lewis, Weldon Fikes, vice-chairman and directors W. T. Roach, William C. Allen and J. O. Rudd.

GLEN WALDROP INJURED IN FALL ON ICE LAST WEEK

Glen Waldrop is in Shannon Hospital in San Angelo recuperating from injuries received last Thursday when he fell on the ice. The accident occurred at the Waldrop home. He received a broken leg, one inch below the hip. Doctors found it necessary to put a pin in the break.



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EDITORIAL

We were highly impressed with the condition of Coke County finances as evidenced by an audit of county funds which was released recently by County Auditor Weldon Fikes, and which the county is having published in part, in this week's Observer.

The audit shows that operating funds weathered 1967 with a larger balance than was on hand at the end of 1966. Balance in the interest and sinking funds was slightly under the 1966 figure, but then not as much money was needed since three outstanding road bond issues which were included in the 1966 report were paid off and have no balance to show in the 1967 audit.

Also, of interest was the fact that the interest and sinking funds of the four outstanding bond issues now contain more money than the outstanding balance of the principal of the four.

Three of the four outstanding issues will mature next year and the other one (Coke County Park Bonds) will mature in 1971. While we have not checked with county officials on their plans or the possibilities to retire the bonds early, it may be feasible to call in some of them this year and avoid payment of interest for the last year.

Now that we have congratulated ourselves on our good fortune in having our county business managed so efficiently, perhaps it is time to consider some additional needs of the county and its residents.

Much interest has been manifested in recent months and committees have spent considerable time working up preliminary studies and plans of needs for a new jail and sheriff's home, a new livestock show barn and agriculture building, improvements and enlargement for the community center in Robert Lee, and a new community center in Bronte.

We feel that now is the time to do something about these needs, inasmuch as one would not be stretching the point at all to say that Coke County is now out of debt.

The county now levies 12 cents per \$100 valuation for permanent improvements. Present valuations at this rate will bring in a little more than \$27,500 each year which could be used to retire bonds to make these improvements.

What are we going to use this money for, now that it is no longer needed to retire bonds which were voted to build a new courthouse, parks and pools, and paved streets and roads?

We think it should be used to make permanent improvements which will benefit all citizens of this county.



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Tuesday, Feb. 27
 Barbecue sausage, creamed potatoes, green beans, celery stick, hot rolls, butter, banana pudding.

Wednesday, Feb. 28
 Ranch style beans, buttered potatoes, turnips and greens, corn bread, butter, milk, peach cobbler.

Thursday, Feb. 29
 Italian spaghetti and cheese, cole slaw, buttered corn, hot rolls, butter, milk, raisin oatmeal cookies.

Friday, March 1
 Turkey and dressing with giblet gravy, English peas, combination salad, hot rolls, butter, milk, mandarin orange salad.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Glasgow and children of Sweetwater were Sunday visitors of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sloan Boone.

Several from Robert Lee attended the Youth Forum at Moody Coliseum on the ACC campus Sunday, when Pat Boone was featured guest. They were Mrs. Javan Vosburg and Debra, Mrs. Francis Jeffries and Jana, and Marilyn, Jackie and Donna Wallace.

Mrs. Raymond Jay of San Angelo underwent surgery in Clinic Hospital there last Wednesday. She is reported improved.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Duane Conger and family of Zephyr visited here over the weekend with her father, D. J. Walker Sr., who is in West Coke Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Aldridge of Dallas were weekend visitors in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Robertson. Others visitors in the Robertson home last week were Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Robertson of Abilene.

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COKE COUNTY AUDIT

RECAPITULATION OF VARIOUS FUNDS

OPERATING FUNDS	Balance Jan. 1, 1967	Receipts & Transfers 1967	Available	Disbursements & Transfers 1967	Balance Dec. 31, 1967
Jury	\$ 33,332.13	\$ 400.00	\$ 33,732.13	\$ 2,572.81	\$ 31,159.32
General	83,386.68	146,325.11	229,711.79	136,233.94	93,477.85
Road and Bridge	26,212.00	101,106.61	127,318.61	103,239.52	24,079.09
Lateral Road	0	15,110.95	15,110.95	15,110.95	0
Farm to Market	52,945.14	65,503.33	118,448.47	64,989.90	53,458.57
Officer's Salary	15,084.90	69,720.65	84,805.55	62,742.60	22,062.95
Social Security	5,664.68	14,700.00	20,364.68	14,282.68	6,082.00
Coke County Park Bond Account	4,620.21	0	4,620.21	4,620.21	0
Precinct No. 1 Road Bond Account	6,241.30	0	6,241.30	6,000.00	241.30
TOTAL OPERATING FUNDS	\$227,487.04	\$412,866.65	\$640,353.69	\$409,792.61	\$230,561.08
INTEREST & SINKING FUNDS					
Road Bond No. 1, Series 1954	\$ 54,556.04	\$ 2,795.40	\$ 57,351.44	\$ 21,250.00	\$ 36,101.44
Road Bond No. 1, Series 1959	31,772.05	29,585.51	61,357.56	20,088.25	41,269.31
Courthouse Bonds Interest & Sinking	32,707.22	15,534.52	48,241.74	21,000.00	27,241.74
County Park Bond Interest & Sinking	25,614.51	11,053.12	36,667.63	11,360.75	25,306.88
TOTAL INTEREST & SINKING FUNDS	\$144,649.82	\$ 58,968.55	\$203,618.37	\$ 73,699.00	\$129,919.37
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TOTAL ALL COUNTY FUNDS	\$372,136.86	\$471,835.20	\$843,972.06	\$483,491.61	\$360,480.45
Plus Checks Outstanding December 31, 1967					140.12
Balance on Hand December 31, 1967					\$360,340.33

Bonded and Warranted Indebtedness

Issue	Date of Issue	Date of Maturity	Rate of Issue	Amount of Issue	Amount Retired	Amount Outstanding	Principal 1967	Interest 1967
Road Bond No. 1, Ser. 1954	10.15.54	10.15.69	2-2½%	\$245,500.00	\$215,500.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$1,250.00
Road Bond No. 1, Ser. 1959	8. 1.59	8. 1.69	3¼-3¾%	159,000.00	113,000.00	37,000.00	18,000.00	2,062.50
Courthouse Bonds	11.15.54	11.15.69	2-2½%	300,000.00	280,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	1,000.00
Coke County Park Bonds	5. 1.56	5. 1.71	2½-3%	130,000.00	90,000.00	40,000.00	10,000.00	1,350.00
				\$825,500.00	\$698,500.00	\$127,000.00	\$68,000.00	\$5,662.50

WARRANTED INDEBTEDNESS

Precinct No. 1\$5,000.00

SECURITIES OWNED — BONDS PURCHASED

Fund	Kind	Due	Amount
Road Bond No. 1, I&S, Ser. 1954	U. S. Govt. Bonds, Ser. K	4.1.69	\$10,000.00
TOTAL SECURITIES OWNED			\$10,000.00

I hereby certify that this report is true and correct according to the records of my office.

Respectfully submitted,

Weldon Fikes, County Auditor
Coke County, Texas

4-Hers Enter Animals In Houston Show

By STERLING LINDSEY

Coke County 4-H Clubs will have several club members with entries in competition in the Houston Stock Show next week. The group has 14 club members with 25 animals entered at Houston. Also, one member, Harvey Wink, will compete in the world famous Houston Calf Scramble.

Riley Waldrop, Lane Beaty, Eddie, Gary, Jean and Linda McDaniel have mutton lambs entered in the big show. Edwin, Sue and Lesa Lindsey plan to exhibit registered Hampshire breeding sheep.

Swine entries have been made by Sheri Pitcock, Sharon, Rebecca and Audrey Walker and Edwin, Sue and Lesa Lindsey. Marshall Millican will be exhibiting his Hereford heifer in the Houston Scramble heifer competition.

Club members will leave, with Robert Lee FFA members, for Houston next Monday, Feb. 26. Their animals will be in competition at varying times on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

Baptist Service Devoted To Music

A worship service devoted almost entirely to music was conducted last Sunday night at Robert Lee Baptist Church. The program was under the direction of Mrs. Leslie Copeland.

The program started with congregational singing, with Mrs. R. C. Patterson at the organ and Elaine Fikes at the piano. Musical numbers were presented as follows:

Piano solo by Kathi Prince; duet by Linda and Donna Atkins, accompanied by Kathi Prince; piano and organ duet by Nita Gaye and Daryl Copeland; vocal solo by Sally Wright, accompanied by Kathi Prince; vocal solo by Kaye Roberts, accompanied by Kathy Denman; vocal solo by Marsha Brown, accompanied by Mandy Jo Harmon.

Other numbers were a vocal solo by Sterling Allen, accompanied by Elaine Fikes, two songs by the junior choir, directed by Jack Denman; piano and organ duet by Bonita and Daryl Copeland; quartet made up of Roy Blair, Donnie Devoll, Ronnie Devoll and Gary Williams, and accompanied by Elaine Fikes; and a vocal duet by Les and Bonita Copeland, accompanied by Nita Gaye Copeland.

Mr. and Mrs. William Joe Harmon and Joey of Irving were weekend visitors in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Finis Harmon.

Baptist Young People Have Sweetheart Banquet

"Behind Love's Mask" was the theme of the youth Sweetheart banquet at Robert Lee Baptist Church last Wednesday night. Bill Allen, as the Great Mask of Tibet, gazed into his crystal ball and, among other things, saw Tooter Fields and Lois Heuvel reigning as King and Queen of the banquet for 1968. They replaced last year's royalty, Darrel Pitcock and Sharon Walker.

Group singing was led by Jack Denman and games were directed by Mrs. Bill Beaty. A quartet, consisting of Roy Blair, Donnie Devoll, Gary Williams and Ronnie Devoll, sang "How Great Thou Art." Earl Cook of Colorado City, formerly principal at Silver, was speaker for the evening. The pastor, Bill Beaty, and Darrel Pitcock led the opening and closing prayers. Jack Denman was Master of ceremonies.

Food was prepared and served by women of the church. Mrs. Artell Roberts was general chairman of the banquet which was sponsored by the Woman's Missionary Union. Mrs. Fred McCabe, Jr. was food chairman; Mrs. Jack Denman was program chairman and Mrs. Bill Beaty was decorations chairman.

Between 60 and 70 persons were present despite the icy night, and it was hailed as "the best ever" by many.

Alice Gloria Attending Beauty School In Dallas

Miss Alice Gloria, a 1967 graduate of Robert Lee High School, is living in Dallas and is a student in the Icenhower University of Beauty Culture. She has also completed courses in typing and office machines at El Centro Junior College of Dallas County.

Miss Gloria is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Santos Gloria of Robert Lee. While attending high school here, Alice was active in the Spanish club, in the Future Homemakers club, and was elected a favorite of the Freshman class.

In addition to her school activities, Miss Gloria is an active member of First Baptist Church of Dallas.

Carl Frederick Hatch of Robert Lee received honorable mention on the first semester honor roll at Schreiner Institute at Kerrville. Students must have at least a 3.0 average to be listed for honorable mention, according to Dean W. C. Weir.

WANT ADS

PUBLIC NOTICE

By an order of the Commissioners' Court of Coke County, Texas, on February 12, 1968, a resolution was adopted to publish notice of intention to increase the salaries of Coke County and precinct officials by 10% of their present salary. Pursuant to Art. 3883i, Sec. 18, V.A.T.S. said order will be considered and acted on in a regular meeting of the Commissioners' Court March 11, 1968, at 10:00 o'clock A.M. in the courthouse in Robert Lee.

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Hinnard Program At BCD Meeting

Scoutmaster Gene Hinnard was in charge of Tuesday's BCD program. He set up one of the tents which were recently purchased for the Boy Scout troop. Hinnard reported that the troop purchased two packs containing four tents each.

The purchase was financed with money which was left over from donations received last year for use in repairing the Boy Scout hut.

President Hugh Lewis Jr. presided at the meeting and told the group that the open house planned last Sunday for the public to inspect the Robert Lee Housing Project was postponed because of rainy weather.

Supt. Jimmy Bickley discussed at length the proposed bond election to build new school facilities.

Baptists Take Part In Music Festival

A large number of persons from Robert Lee Baptist Church participated in the Runnels Baptist Associational Music Festival at Ballinger Monday night.

Both individuals and groups participated. The Junior choir was directed by Jack Denman, assistant music leader for the church, and accompanied by Elaine Fikes, church pianist.

Kathi Prince played a piano and Marsha Brown sang a solo, accompanied by Mandy Jo Harmon. Linda Atkins and Donna Atkins sang a duet, accompanied by Kathi Prince.

Kathy Denman accompanied Kaye Roberts for a solo. Sterling Allen also sang a solo, accompanied by Elaine Fikes. Kathi Prince again accompanied Sally Wright for a solo. Leslie Copeland is Music Director of the Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Perry Post have returned from a week's trip to Louisiana. They visited her mother, Mrs. Mittie Garland, at Monroe, La. and his mother, Mrs. Jessie White at Sterling, La. Enroute to Louisiana, they visited the Bob Edwards family at Garland, Texas and stopped in Henderson, Texas returning home and visited the Earl Boggus family. Both of the latter are former residents of Silver.



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County Demo Committee Announces Assessments For Holding Election

In a recent meeting of Coke County Democratic Executive Committee, candidates who filed for places on the Democratic ticket before the Feb. 5 deadline were assessed two per cent of the annual salary paid by the office they seek to pay expense of the election.

Some district candidates are not assessed the full two per cent of their salaries, but rather two per cent of the portion of the salary which is calculated to come from Coke County. This applies to all district offices except state representative, which is set by state law at \$1.00.

The assessments were as follows:

For congress, Omar Burleson, \$20.00; for state representative, George Baker, \$1.00; for district judge, Joe L. Mays, \$59.00; for district attorney, Frank C. Dickey Jr., \$32.00; for state board of education, Frank N. Pool, \$1.86.

For county and precinct offices the two per cent assessments were made on salaries as shown:

For tax assessor-collector, O. B. Jacobs, \$120.80 on \$6040 salary.

For sheriff, Melvin Childress and Albert N. (Bob) Fields, \$116 on salary \$5800.

For county attorney, Franck C. Dickey Sr., \$96.00 on \$4800 salary.

For commissioner, precinct 1, Fern Havins and Jett Hood, \$110.00 on \$5500 salary.

For commissioner, precinct 3, Floyd Harmon, \$110.00 on \$5500 salary.

For constable, precinct 1, Ollie Roe and Hershall Hall, \$36.00 on \$1800 salary.

For constable, precinct 2, Hiram Brock, \$36.00 on \$1800 salary.

For justice of the peace, precinct 2, Earl D. (Pete) Nutter, \$21.00 on \$2100 salary. This assessment was cut in half because Nutter is running for a two year term, rather than four years.

Other names which will appear on the ballot for positions in Coke County Democratic Party include D. K. Glenn for chairman and the following candidates for delegates from their voting precincts: Mrs. Cumbie Ivey Jr., precinct 1; Noah Pruitt, precinct 2; Sam Gaston, precinct 4; Horace Bloodworth, precinct 8; David King, precinct 9.

One Republican

One Republican candidate has filed with Mrs. Winnie Waldrop, county clerk. He is Jim Kent of Ward County who is running for state representative.

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FORMER RESIDENT DIES IN ABILENE HOSPITAL

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon in Loraine for Mrs. Myrtle Mae Martin, 70, long time resident of Loraine and former Coke County resident.

Mrs. Martin died Monday in Hendrick Memorial Hospital in Abilene after a short illness.

Mrs. Martin formerly lived in Coke County. Her father was R. J. Newton, who owned the old Cobb place north of Robert Lee.

Mrs. Bryan Yarbrough, a cousin, attended the funeral.

PTA Hears Talk On New Buildings

Superintendent Jimmy Bickley discussed building plans for Robert Lee school when the PTA met last Thursday night in the school auditorium. Jim Herford, president, presided at the meeting.

Special music was furnished by Willis Parker's fifth and sixth grade band classes.

Mrs. Roy Tinkler was elected chairman of the nominating committee. Mrs. Bill Beaty and Mrs. Rex Martin will serve with her on the committee. Mr. Armistead's sixth grade won the room count.

The PTA is selling Zip Code books for \$1.00 each. Anyone desiring a book and not contacted by a sales person may see Mrs. Rex Martin or call Jim Herford.

The Observer, Robert Lee, Texas

Feb. 22, 1968

Mothers March Set For Tuesday Night

Annual Mothers March for the March of Dimes drive will be held next Tuesday at 6 p.m. The March will be conducted by members of the '64 Study Club and the girls belonging to the Future Home-maker Chapter at Robert Lee School.

Local residents are asked to remember the date, time, have their porch lights on, and their contributions ready. Educational materials will also be left in the homes of the city.

The March had to be postponed earlier because of bad weather.

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WELCOME TO ROBERT LEE,
Home Demonstration Association Representatives

Robert Lee School News

The Student Council once again invites the public to attend the MERLIN Mystery Show — Friday, Feb. 23 in the School Auditorium at 8:00 p.m. Thrills and excitement are in store for any who enjoy witnessing the amazing powers of hypnotism and feats of magic.

Buy your tickets in advance from any Student Council member at a cut rate from door price.

Senior Bake Sale Saturday

The seniors were so delighted at the tremendous response at their bake sale that they have decided to have another one this Saturday, Feb. 24. It will be held in the same location — The Appliance Shop — beginning at 8:30 a.m. This is to be their last money making project before the Senior Trip to Corpus. They urge you to buy more of their delicious cakes and pies.

School News Briefs

Two new students enrolled in the first grade recently. They are Valori Robertson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Robert-

Hospital News

Tuesday, Feb. 13 — Carl Brock, Mrs. C. E. Mathers, Bill McCutchen, Albert Palmer admitted. Mrs. Lendy Devoll, Mrs. R. L. Hollway and baby, Mrs. Dale Wojtek, Mrs. Lillie Cowley dismissed.

Wednesday, Feb. 14 — Mrs. Ralph Minjarez admitted. Hugh S. Lewis Jr. dismissed.

Thursday, Feb. 15 — Mrs. Richard Beene, Mrs. Terry Frank Bryan, Mrs. Mabel Mundell admitted. Mrs. Lexie Lewis, C. E. Mathers dismissed.

Friday, Feb. 16 — V. H. Collett, Mrs. Mary Payne admitted. Mrs. E. O. Higgins, Bill McCutchen, Mrs. Ralph Minjarez and baby dismissed.

Saturday, Feb. 17 — Mrs. Tomas Arellano, Mrs. W. D. Mann admitted. Sam Williams dismissed.

Sunday, Feb. 18 — Mrs. Lendy Devoll, A. E. McCoy admitted. Albert Palmer, Mrs. Albert Palmer, Mrs. Richard Beene, Sloan Boone, Mrs. Curtis Walker dismissed.

Monday, Feb. 19 — Mrs. Sherman Williams admitted. Mrs. Lendy Devoll, Mrs. Tomas Arellano and baby, Mrs. W. D. Mann and baby dismissed.

As of Tuesday, Feb. 20, 13 patients remained in the hospital and eight were in the Nursing Home.

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Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Training Union 6:00 p.m.
Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday
Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

HEARD AT SANCO

Mr. and Mrs. Green Preslar are patients in the Santa Anna Hospital. Their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Evans, came for them after Mr. Preslar suffered a stroke last Saturday at his home.

Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Eubanks and Mr. and Mrs. Russ Lord of New Mexico visited their brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Sam McGallan, over the weekend.

Mrs. Eugene Rorex and Karen of Carlsbad visited Mr. and Mrs. Ulmer Bird last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Luie Frizzell and Charlotte of Sweetwater visited last Sunday with Robert Walker, who is reported improved in a San Angelo Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Wayne Walker and children visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Gartman last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Eldred Reid and daughter of Grand Prairie visited his grandmother, Mrs. Lura Reid, last weekend.

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Mr. and Mrs. Fred Killam have returned to their home in the Rio Grande Valley after several weeks visit here.

Mr. and Mrs. Ulmer Bird and Mr. and Mrs. Nolan Pentecost attended the Barbecue given on the old Saul Ranch last Saturday.

HOLLWAYS HAVE NEW SON

James Cameron is the new son of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hollway of Dallas. He was born Saturday, Feb. 10, in West Coke Hospital and weighed six pounds, 13 ounces. The mother is the former Lexie Lewis.

The Hollway's have a daughter, Tracy, four years old and a son, Bobby, three. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Lewis Jr. of Robert Lee and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hollway of San Angelo. Mrs. Hugh Lewis Sr. of Robert Lee is a great grandmother.

Drexel Skipworth, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Skipworth, has leased the L. L. Discount Station on Avenue N in San Angelo. He took over the business last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Terry and family of San Angelo were here over the weekend visiting her mother, Mrs. E. O. Higgins, who is in West Coke Hospital.

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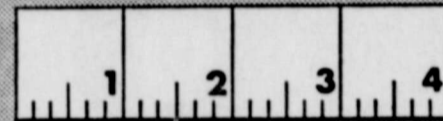
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Robert Lee Tuesday, February 27 for your annual Training Planning Meeting. We wish you a successful meeting, and would be glad for you to call on any of us if we can be of service to you. And, don't forget to come back to Robert Lee—soon to be WEST TEXAS' NEWEST PLAYGROUND!

The Following Firms and Individuals Welcome You to Robert Lee

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Mrs. Jerry Thomason
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Coke County Home
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Robert Lee Observer



AT HISTORICAL TOUR — Hosts for the historical tour of the old Jahn Saul Ranch house held last Saturday, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Wilcockson, of San Angelo, posed with Mrs. Bryan

Yarbrough (center) on the staircase of the old home. In front center, is a cowhand from a neighboring ranch, Lynn Gulley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Gulley.

Mrs. Pauline Lofton is visiting her son, Keith Lofton, and family in Snyder this week.

INCOME TAX SERVICE
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week that she was well pleased with the tour and with the interest shown by the large number who attended. She also expressed thanks, on behalf of Coke County Historical Survey Committee, to Mr. and Mrs. Wilcockson for inviting the public to participate in the tour.

COUNTY FINANCES —
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and sinking funds to pay more than the outstanding principal. The county outstanding principal balance amounts to \$127,000, and \$67,000 of this amount is for Precinct 1 road bonds. The balance in the interest and sinking funds of the four bond accounts amounts to \$129,919.37, almost \$3,000 more than the principal now owed.

The two Precinct 1 road bond issues mature in 1969, while the courthouse bonds also will mature in 1969. The other outstanding bond is the Coke County Park Bonds issued in 1956, and they will mature in 1971.

Some other information which is not included in the portion the county is having published, but which should be of interest to readers is the assessed valuation of the county beginning with 1961 and going through 1967. The table below shows that valuations have decreased less than one million dollars during the seven year period. Low point reached during the seven years was 1964 when the valuation of county property went down to \$21,637,500. The table follows:

Year	Amount
1961	\$23,737,975
1962	23,921,805
1963	22,792,695
1964	21,637,500
1965	21,776,095
1966	22,612,645
1967	22,954,570

Another table which will be of interest is an Analysis of Taxes Levied. The following information shows the tax rate and the amount of tax levied for the past seven years:

Year	Tax Rate	Amount
1961	\$.95	\$225,516.78
1962	.95	227,263.90
1963	.95	216,536.79
1964	1.25	267,972.41
1965	1.25	269,651.69
1966	1.25	280,048.63
1967	1.25	284,184.96

In addition to the county rate of \$1.25, Coke County residents pay a state ad valorem tax rate of 47 cents to the county tax assessor-collector, making a total of \$1.72 per \$100 valuation assessed for state and county taxes. In addition to this tax, residents of Precinct 1 pay 25 cents per \$100 toward retirement of the road bonds which mature next year.

The \$1.25 county rate is divided as follows into various county funds:

Jury fund, 0; road and bridge fund, 18 cents; general fund, 65 cents; permanent improvement fund (interest and sinking fund for retirement of county bonds), 12 cents; farm to market and flood control fund, 30 cents; total, \$1.25.

TWIN SONS BORN TO MR. AND MRS. ABALOS

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Abalos are parents of twin sons, born Tuesday, Feb. 6. Robert weighed four pounds and 11 ounces and arrived at 4 p.m. Freddie weighed five pounds and arrived at 6 p.m. Mrs. Abalos is the former Kathy Lozano.

The twins were born in West Coke Hospital.

The family has three other sons, Frinkie, five years old, Steven, three, and Tommy Ray, one.

Grandparents are Mrs. Cruz Arroyo of Winters and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Abalos of Robert Lee.

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it, and sets it on the ground. He ties a knot in one end of the rope. Slowly and mysteriously, the knotted end begins to ascend upward, until it is perhaps 50 feet in the air; the lower end still touches the ground. Then a small boy climbs the rope to the top and disappears. The rope falls limply to the ground.

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BRYANS HAVE NEW SON

Frank Preston Bryan is the new son of Mr. and Mrs. Terry Bryan of Robert Lee. He was born Feb. 16 in West Coke Hospital and weighed 9 pounds. He has one sister, Teri Kathryn. The father is engaged in the concrete business with his father. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Wylie Jr. and Wilson Bryan, all of Robert Lee. Great grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Craddock Sr. of Colorado City and T. M. Wylie Sr. of San Angelo.

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LIPTON TEA - 1/4 Lb. Box 39c

Potatoes 10 lb. bag 33c

SMALL SIZE
CARROTS - 1 Lb. Cello Bag 10c

KEITH
FROZEN FISH STICKS - 2 for 49c ^{8 OZ. PKG.}

^{20 OZ. POLY BAG}
FROZEN FRENCH FRIES - 18c

PRE-TRIMMED MEATS

SEVEN BONE
Roast 1lb. 49c

HOME MADE WHOLE HOG
SAUSAGE - - 2 Lbs. \$1.19

HORMEL
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We Hope Your Meeting Is Enjoyable and Profitable