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Judge Proclaims Mrs. Chapman Days

By ELTON MIMS
Member Coke County
Historical Survey Committee

How does it feel to be 100 years old? Most of us in all probability will never know but after Dec. 12, 1968, just ask Mrs. A. S. (Mary) Chapman and she can tell you.

Believed to be Coke County's oldest citizen she will observe her 100th birthday on this date after a long career as housewife, pioneer, mother and ranchwoman.

Her surviving five children, Alice, Nanny, Bill, Susie and Cooper will gather at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Susie Shelton, who lives in Burleson, on Sunday, Dec. 8, to celebrate this memorable occasion along with as many in-laws, grand children, great grandchildren, and great-great grandchildren as can be present. Although saddened by the recent death of a son, Sam, she looks forward to the intervening days with the same faith and courage she exhibited in pioneering in West Coke County before "the turn of the century."

Born Dec. 12, 1868, in Tupelo, Miss., Mary Booth, a brother, two sisters and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Booth, came by train to Texas in 1883 to the home of an

aunt near Cleburne. Renting land they began farming operations and the building of a home. In addition to farming her father served as a Baptist minister at Joshua and Bethesda in the early days following their arrival.

At about age 20 in Mollie Booth's life a young man brought a friend along to take her and a sister to a church meeting. A little over a year later she and the "friend", Anderson S. (Dick) Chapman were married in Egan and built a home in that community. The date of that marriage was January 8, 1890. After living in the Egan community for a short time the lure of the west overcame them and about 1891 they came to Coke County via covered wagon and settled in the Divide community some 20 miles west of Robert Lee. They homesteaded land and ultimately acquired 1760 acres of land which Mrs. Chapman still owns and claims as her resident homestead. The purchase price of the original land was \$1 an acre. Her husband died in 1924 and for a time she operated the ranch but later leased.

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Mrs. Mary Chapman

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Mrs. A. S. (Mary) Chapman, believed to be Coke County's oldest citizen, will on Thursday, December 12, 1968, observe her one hundredth (100) birthday; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Chapman, the former Mary Booth, native of Tupelo, Mississippi, with her family in 1883 chose to make their home in Texas; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Chapman and her husband (the late Anderson S. (Dick) Chapman who were mar-

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Christmas Party Set For Dec. 14

Robert Lee's big annual Christmas party is a little more than a week away. Plans are rapidly being completed for the big show which will be held here Saturday, Dec. 14.

Highlight of the afternoon will be the arrival of Santa Claus at 3 p.m. He will have free bags of candy for all the youngsters who are in town that afternoon.

The afternoon of fun will begin at 1 p.m. when a free movie for youngsters will be shown at the Alamo Theater. Shortly after the movie is over, there will be a

Christmas parade through downtown Robert Lee, featuring the Robert Lee Steer Band. Santa will make his appearance after the parade is concluded.

After Santa has distributed his gifts and talked with the youngsters, there will be a drawing and a large number of gifts will be presented to lucky persons whose names are drawn.

Robert Lee merchants are already having their customers sign slips of paper which will be used in the drawing. Rules regarding the drawing state that only persons above 16 years of age are eligible to register for the free prizes and that a winner must be present when his name is called in order to win a prize. Everyone is urged to register every time a visit is made to a business firm participating in the drawing.

The annual Christmas party is sponsored each year by the BCD and expenses are borne and prizes are donated by Robert Lee merchants as a means of thanking residents of this area for their patronage during the past year.

Everyone is invited to be in town Dec. 14, BCD President Hugh Lewis said. "We want everybody to come to town and enjoy the party," he added.

3 Steers Named On All-District

Three members of the 1969 Robert Lee squad were selected as members of the mythical all-district team for District 6-A.

James Fields was the only member of the Steer squad to make both the offensive and defensive teams, as he was given one of the tackle slots on both teams.

Lynn Beal was honored with a defensive end position and Teddy Millican received a line-backer position.

Aspermont and Wylie led the loop in placing the most players on the all-district teams.

Mrs. W. R. Denman visited in Baird and Gladewater during the Thanksgiving holidays.

Band Gets II Rating At Marching Contest

Robert Lee High School's 71 member band received a II rating at the Interscholastic League marching contest held Nov. 23 in Odessa. A II rating is awarded only to those bands which give an excellent performance.

Band Director L. W. Parker said he was extremely well pleased with the band for earning the II rating, and brought out that it was the first time Robert Lee has competed in Class A. Competition in this class is very keen, he noted, with 20 bands competing for the top spots.

Another consideration Parker mentioned was that the Steer Band has only four seniors and no juniors.

In addition to the band's winning high honors, Robert Lee

twirlers made an excellent showing at the meet. Patti Lynn Ivey receive a I rating in Class III, Peggy Green and Kay Cole were rated II in Class I and Kathy McCutchen received a III rating in Class III.

Band members are looking forward to two more UIL contests which will be counted in their rating for the year: a solo contest will be held March 1 and a concert contest is scheduled for April 15.

Scheduled for Jan. 30 is the band's annual mid-year concert when everyone in the area will be invited to come and hear the band perform.

Several band parents accompanied the group to Odessa and served as sponsors for the trip.

Open House Set At Dawn's Floral

Dawn's Flowers & Gifts, operated by Mrs. W. D. McAdams, will have an open house Saturday in order to show the public the large selection of Christmas decorations and gift items now in stock.

Mrs. McAdams is also announcing her rental service through which she can supply Robert Lee area hostesses with table covers, punch bowls, cups, plates and other accessories needed for entertaining.

A large assortment of Christmas floral decorations will be on display, and Mrs. McAdams said she would like to have all her friends and customers come by and see them.

She will serve refreshments and door prizes will be awarded lucky winners.

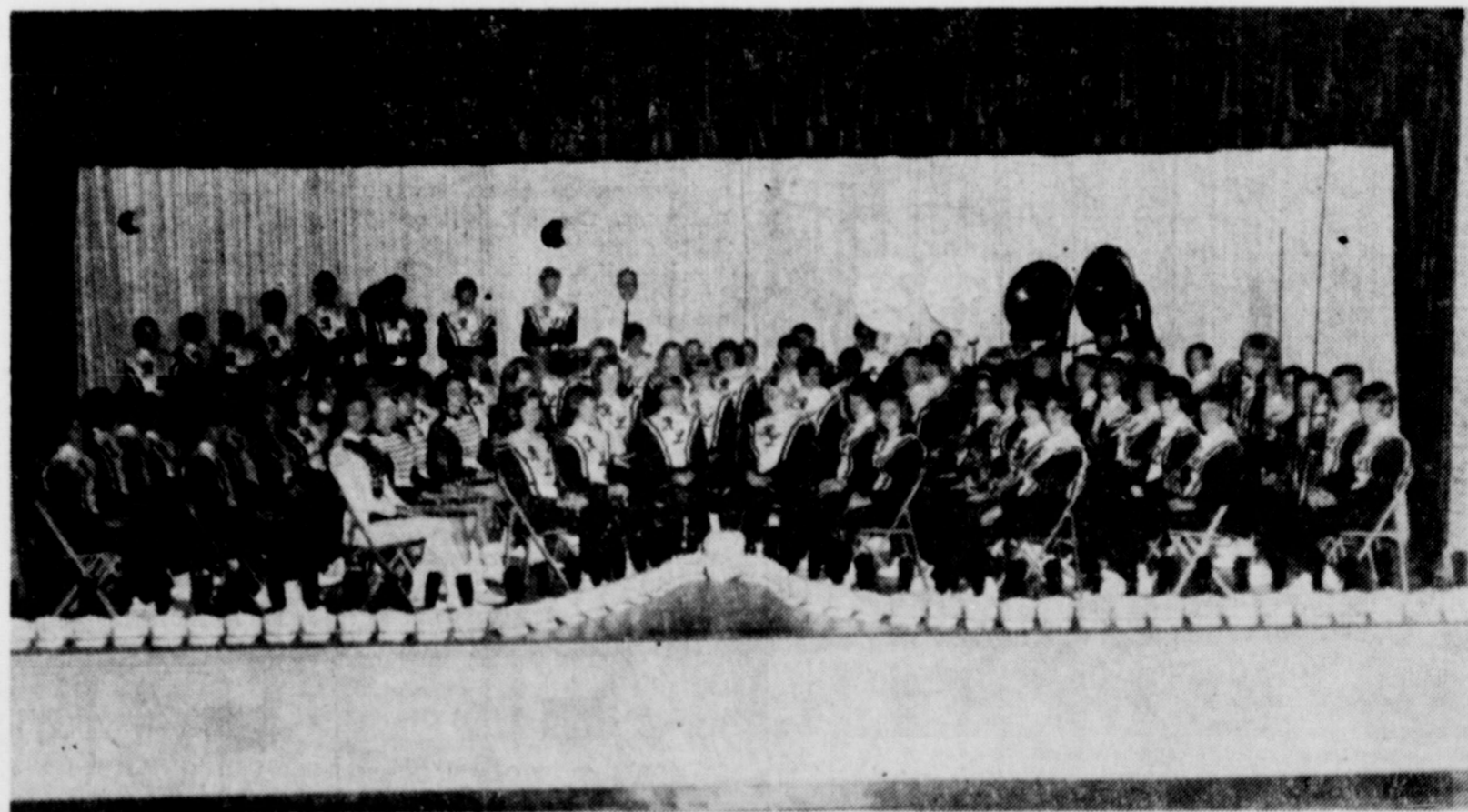
School Schedule Changes Told

A couple of changes were announced in the schedule of Robert Lee Schools during the next month by Supt. Jimmy Bickley.

The Christmas vacation period has been extended one day which will give students and teachers 17 days off during the holidays. Originally, the schedule called for classes to resume Jan. 6, but that has been changed to Jan. 7.

Another change is in the date of Coke County Livestock Show which has been changed from Jan. 13 to Jan. 6. Since the school will still be out for Christmas vacation on that day, no holiday will be set for the stock show.

Robert Lee students will enjoy the longest Christmas vacation they have had in many years, the superintendent said, and he asked that parents note the changes and make their plans to coincide with them.



Robert Lee Steer Band

BCD Nominating Committee Named

President Hugh Lewis presided at Tuesday's meeting of the BCD, and appointed a nominating committee to draw up a slate of officers to serve the organization in 1969. Named on the committee were Jim Bickly, Jim Barnhill, and Bobby Palmos. The committee was instructed to have a list of nominees for various offices ready at next week's meeting.

W. D. McAdams reported on a meeting of volunteer firemen held

4-H CHRISTMAS PARTY IS DECEMBER 13

All members of the Coke County 4-H Clubs are invited to attend the annual Christmas party on Friday, Dec. 13. The party will be held in the Robert Lee Recreation building from 6:30 until 8 p.m.

Senior 4-H Club members are in charge of the party.

Highlights of the party will be a short Christmas devotional, games, gift exchange and refreshments.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Beene returned Monday after spending the Thanksgiving holidays in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Kaye Roberts of Texas Tech in Lubbock, spent Thanksgiving holidays in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Artell Roberts.

Monday night. He said plans were made to have the fire truck ready to meet Santa Claus when he comes to Robert Lee Dec. 14.

Lewis reported to those present that he had discussed completion of the spillway on the dam with the contractor. He said he was told that the contractor had been hopeful he would be able to complete the job by the latter part of December. However, he said that the cold, wet weather had slowed progress on moving dirt for the fill and he didn't think it possible to complete it by that time.

McAdams also said that West Texas Utilities Co. crews have been busy stringing power lines in the lake area.

MRS. HAYLEY NOW LIVING IN CHRISTOVAL HOME

Mrs. Eva Hayley, Coke County pioneer resident, was admitted to Golden Years Nursing Home in Christoval Nov. 22. She had been a patient in West Coke County Hospital for a week before being taken to Christoval.

Sheriff and Mrs. Melvin Childress, Mrs. W. E. Jacoby and Jesse Parker accompanied Mrs. Hayley to Christoval.

Her son, A. V. Hughes, and wife visited at the home the following Sunday and said she was making a good adjustment to her new home.

County Agents News Column

By STERLING LINDSEY

The moisture received during the past week improves the outlook for winter considerably. The plant response would have been much greater a month ago, but we should still get some growth before the ground gets too cold. The winter weeds and grass should make their move now.

The week's moisture total varied from 3 to 4 inches, and as one man put it, he never saw a spell wet the ground any more than this one.

Our County Stock Show is just a month away — Jan. 6, 1969. This hardly seems possible. We are expecting another good show with heavy competition in the sheep and swine divisions. We should have about 55 exhibitors showing around 200 head of animals in the show.

Judges for the 1969 County Show will be Frank Brownfield, sheep judge; Albert Mayberry, swine judge; and Louis Bridges, classifier.

Weekend visitors in the home of Mrs. Joyce Dodson were her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wink of Lubbock. They all went to San Angelo Saturday to visit Jodie Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Carwile, Mrs. Hugh Smith, Mrs. Lowell Roane and Myna Kay were visitors Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Williams in San Angelo.

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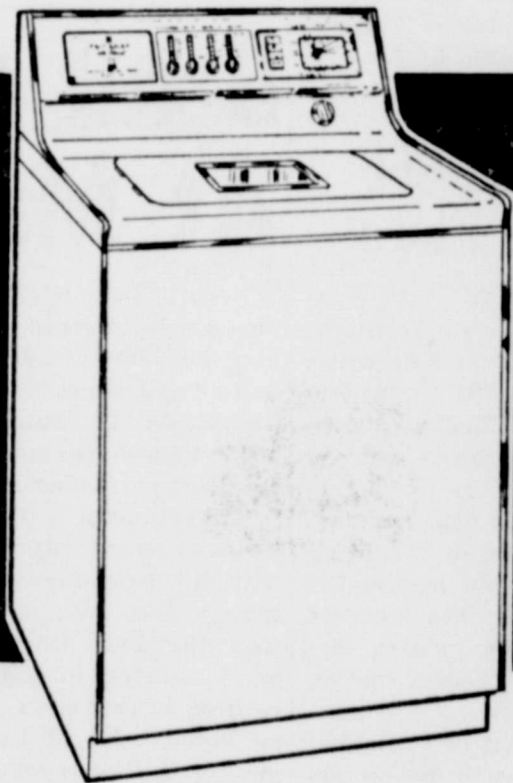
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A gathering of the Robertson family was held on Thanksgiving Day at the Robert Lee Recreation Center.

Those attending included Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Page and P. M., Mr. and Mrs. Fred Robertson, Mr. and Mrs. Wilton Robertson, Claudia, Corky and Kim, Elaine Robertson, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Walker, Dave and Rex, all of Odessa; Mr. and Mrs. James Page and Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Robertson, Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Anderson, Austin; Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Robertson, Herbie, Rita, Janet and Tony, Hobbs, N. M.

Also Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Robertson, Debra and Ray, Raymondville; Mr. and Mrs. Ray Aldridge, Dallas; Mrs. Preston Bell, Bobby and Barbara, Big Spring; Mr. and Mrs. John Doggett, Fatima, Rodney and Rancee, Midland; Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Glasgow, Travis and Bill, Sweetwater; Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Boone, Colorado City; Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Hester, Shelly and Linde, Portland; Mr. and Mrs. Richard Dumas, Rancee, Ricky, Mike and Melody, Houston; Mrs. Wilfred Talley, Marsha, Robbie, Ronnie, Fluvanna; Jan Meredith, Abilene.

And those from Robert Lee present were Mr. and Mrs. D. O. King, Mr. and Mrs. Sloan Boone and Dena, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Hambright, Theresa and Tammy, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Robertson, Mr. and Mrs. James Robertson, Kathleen and Jimmy, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Robertson, Valori and Brantley, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Robertson, Mrs. Bonnie Robertson, Jim Robertson, Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Duncan, Phyllis, Bobby and Buck and Terry Kinsey

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Askins and Chuck of Lubbock visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Bloodworth at Silver and Mr. and Mrs. Foy Askins in Robert Lee during the weekend.

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Mrs. Louie Gartman (Annie) of Corpus Christi visited Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Gartman and other relatives Thanksgiving.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Sword, Lvon and Ronnie Reid of San Angelo visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Reid Thanksgiving Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Luie Frizzell of Sweetwater visited her mother, Mrs. Lura Reid, and sister, Mrs. Robert Walker, last Friday.

Towner Leeper and two sons of El Paso visited recently in the home of Mrs. Palmer Leeper.

Mr. and Mrs. Ulmer Bird had as their guests recently her cousin, Mrs. Louis E. Holloway, and husband of Clarendon.

Carolynn Prine of Hardin Simmons University, Abilene, spent the Thanksgiving holiday weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Prine, Jr.

THANKSGIVING REUNION

The V. V. Wojteks had nine of their children home for Thanksgiving, with their families. They included Doyle Wojtek, Denise, Sharon and Gaylenn of Houston; Mr. and Mrs. V. V. Wojtek Jr., Kathy, Junette and Gary of Midland; Mr. and Mrs. Richard Norwood, Richard Jr., and Jana, who had some friends with them, Kevin and Kathy of Pampa.

And Mr. and Mrs. Troy Montgomery and Eugene, Lubbock; Mr. and Mrs. Greg Williams and Shelley, Floydada; Mr. and Mrs. Frankie Wojtek, Dona and Deanna, Eden; Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Cobb and Joyce, Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Wojtek, Barbara and Joan, Marlow Wojtek, Mrs. Gene Williams, Kenney and Bill, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Gordon and Mrs. E. W. Cobb, all of San Angelo; Mr. and Mrs. David Montgomery and Richard, San Antonio, and Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Wiginton, Robert Lee.

Having a family gathering in the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Bloodworth at Silver on Thanksgiving were Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Bloodworth, Lonnie and Charles, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Bloodworth, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Bloodworth, Janice, Clay and Patty, all of Silver; Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Bloodworth of San Angelo, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Wallace Jr., Jack, Donna, Susan and Buddy of Robert Lee and Marilyn Wallace of ACC, Abilene.

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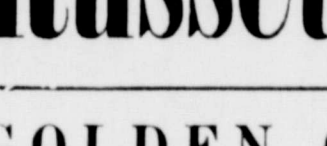


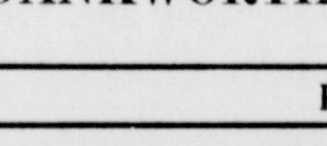
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PERSONALS

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Weekend visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Duncan were her mother, Mrs. B. F. Huddleston and her sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Watson and Rudena of St. Jo, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtiss Walker's Thanksgiving holiday visitors were their sons and their families, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Walker and children of Odessa, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Walker and family and Mr. and Mrs. Curtiss Wayne Walker and two children, all of San Angelo.

Holiday visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Smith were Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Smith and family of Odessa, Wayne Smith of Fort Worth, Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Smith and family of San Angelo, Mr. and Mrs. E. K. Smith of Mercury, Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Utzman of San Angelo, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Carville and Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Roane, all of Robert Lee.

Mr. and Mrs. Connie Brown of Fort Worth, Mr. and Mrs. Max Brown and Don Earl of Burleson, Mr. and Mrs. George Moore of Monahans visited Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Fields over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. James Harmon, Sherry and Lisa of Hurst and Mr. and Mrs. Jerald Harmon of San Angelo were holiday weeknd visitors in the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Crowley Harmon.

Mr. and Mrs. Genie Baker were guests in the home of their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Denman in San Angelo on Thanksgiving Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Good, Kevin and Kyle of Longview spent the holiday weekend here with her mother, Mrs. Dona Bryan.

J. E. MITCHELL HONORED

J. E. Mitchell was honored recently with a birthday dinner in the recreation hall. He was 94 years old.

Attending were Mrs. Mildred Roach, Clovis, N. M.; Mrs. Irene Edwards, Mr. and Mrs. Dan McClanahan, Mark and Sharee, Garland; Mrs. Lillie Mitchell, Mrs. Louise Dunlap and Terry, Lubbock.

Also Mr. and Mrs. Irvan Escue, Freddie, John and Glenn, San Angelo; Mr. and Mrs. James Mitchell, Jimmy and Cathy, Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. Marion Mitchell and Don, Midland; and Bryan Mitchell, Sweetwater.

And Mr. and Mrs. Ned Thomason, Mrs. Marjorie Harwell, Mr. and Mrs. Alton Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Braswell, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Roberts, Sheila and Douglas, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Denman and Mike, Mrs. Jerry Thomason, Craig and Gary Jack, all of Robert Lee.

WELCOME

Robert Lee Baptist Church
West 11th and Chadbourne
Bill Beaty, Pastor

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.

**ELEMENTARY OPERETTA
IS DECEMBER 12**

Annual Christmas elementary school operetta will be held in the Robert Lee School auditorium on Thursday, Dec. 12. Title for this year's production is "Peace! On Earth?" Grades one through six will participate. It is sponsored and directed by Mrs. Wilson Bryan, school music teacher.

The public is invited to attend.

PERSONALS

Marilyn Wallace of ACC in Abilene was home for the Thanksgiving holidays.

Buddy Vosburg spent the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Javan Vosburg.

Kitten Dean of Angelo State College and Tony Dean of Texas Tech, Lubbock, were holiday visitors in the home of their mother, Mrs. Wilson Bryan.

Regulations
On Membership in
**COKE COUNTY LIVESTOCK
PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION**

1. The membership dues of The Coke County Livestock Protective Association are as follows: 2c a head each on sheep, goats and swine; 10c a head each on cattle and horses, or \$3.00, whichever is the greatest figure.

2. Members of The Coke County Livestock Protective Association shall not be reassessed for additional dues until after said association has paid a reward.

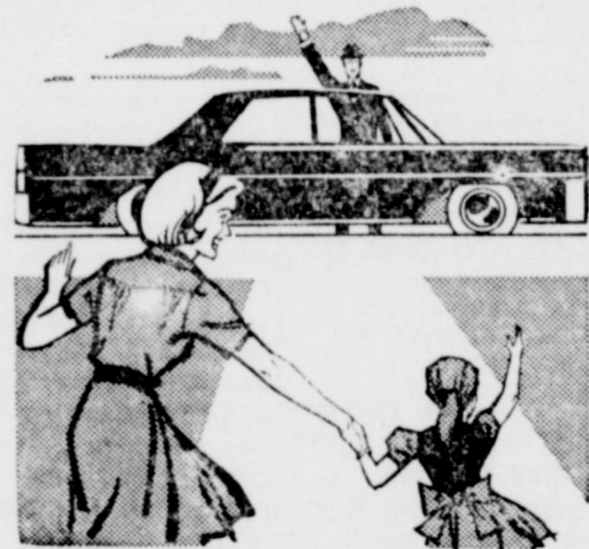
3. Membership in The Coke County Livestock Protective Association shall be limited to Coke County, Texas, and for stockmen with a livestock operation on and/or adjoining the county line of said county.

4. The word livestock is defined by The Coke County Livestock Protective Association as sheep, goats, swine, cattle and horses.

5. All members of The Coke County Livestock Protective Association are encouraged to have their brand or brands and other livestock identification placed on records in the Clerk's Office in Coke County, Texas.

6. All thefts of livestock from a member of said association should be reported immediately to the Sheriff's Office in Coke County.

7. The Coke County Livestock Protective Association shall pay a reward to any person or persons providing information and/or other assistance that prove useful in the arrest and conviction of a person or persons unlawfully taking livestock from a member of said association, and shall pay a reward only on cases involving members of said association.



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ADDITIONAL DEER KILLS REPORTED BY HUNTERS

Deer kills reported in the area since last week include eight point and 11 point bucks by Dale Wojtek, who was the only hunter reported to bring in two.

Buddy Vosburg got an eight pointer, Marshall Millican 8, Keith Hood 7, LeRoy McDaniel 6, and Garland Davis got a doe.

PALMERS HAVE WRECK ON RAIN SLICK HIGHWAY

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Palmer of Robert Lee were involved in an automobile accident last Wednesday about three miles west of Bronte. Mrs. Palmer was admitted to West Coke County Hospital following the accident.

The accident occurred when the couple was driving along the slick highway during a rain storm. The car went out of control and collided with another automobile. Names of the occupants of the other car were not available.

PERSONALS

Doug and Joe Pierce of Waco visited their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Davis and Mr. and Mrs. Buster Pierce and other relatives over the Thanksgiving holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Gaither were Thanksgiving holiday guests of their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bud Gaither at Irving and their daughter and her family, Mr. and Mrs. James Green at Belton.

Rev. Bobby Palmos and Charles visited his mother, Mrs. George Palmos at Hearne over the holidays. He attended the Texas A&M football game in Austin Thursday. Mrs. Palmos returned home with them for an extended visit.

Thanksgiving holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jett Hood were their children and their families, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Hood and children and Mr. and Mrs. William Ray Hood, all of San Angelo, Mr. and Mrs. Dwayne Williams of Hermleigh; and Mr. Hood's father, J. B. Hood and Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Hood, all of Brownwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Jones and children of Winters were Thanksgiving guests in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Jones.

Guests in the A. J. Bilbo home for the Thanksgiving holidays were Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Kay, Jan and Mark of Alpine, Mr. and Mrs. Steward Evans, Sandy, Stevie and Brent of Rochelle, Mr. and Mrs. Rocky Gilmore and Billy of Abilene. Mrs. Bob Boren and John of Snyder visited in the Bilbo home Sunday.

Mrs. Fred Beaty and Lane spent the Thanksgiving holidays in Alvin where they attended the Baxter family reunion and the observance of Mrs. Beaty's father's 89th birthday. They were accompanied by Mrs. Jim Crowder and daughter, Lee Anne, of Midland. Mrs. Crowder is the former George Ann Beaty.

Visiting in the Maurice Yarbrough home during the Thanksgiving holidays were James Ryan and family and Mrs. Livia Ryan, all of Dallas. Mrs. Ryan is Mrs. Yarbrough's mother and Ryan is her brother.

Mr. and Mrs. Gregg Bodenhamer of Santa Ana, Calif., spent the Thanksgiving holidays here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Samuelson. They left Saturday to return to California, where both are enrolled in college.

Rhea McCutchen, secondary education major from Robert Lee, has been initiated into the Texas Tech Army CorpsDettes. The CorpsDettes is a woman's organization affiliated with the Army Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC).

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Mr. Ben Oglesby
Editor and Publisher
ROBERT LEE OBSERVER
THE BRONTE ENTERPRISE
Robert Lee, Texas 76845

Dear Mr. Oglesby:
Our Area Conservationist at San Angelo thoughtfully sent us a copy of the October 24 editions of both the Robert Lee Observer and The Bronte Enterprise which contained special conservation sections.

We want to take this opportunity, Mr. Oglesby, to compliment you on the publication of such fine conservation editions. We also want to express our appreciation for your taking the time and trouble to publish these initial sections. May they not be your last ones.

In our opinion, information activities such as these, although intangible and difficult to evaluate, are valuable and far-reaching. We think they are an excellent way to focus public attention on needs for, and benefits of, soil and water conservation work. In fact, newspapermen such as you are due much of the credit for the success of the conservation movement due to the publicity you have given this worthy cause. All of us in the Soil Conservation Service know this to be true — and we truly appreciate it.

Also, we liked the nice things you said about our staff there in Robert Lee in the box titled "Sincere Appreciation."

We hope you will extend our compliments to all who made these editions possible.

Sincerely,
H. N. Smith
State Conservationist
Soil Conservation Service
Temple, Texas 76501

JP RECORDS

Fines were assessed in the amounts, against the persons and for the offenses indicated below during November in the court of Justice of the Peace Roy P. Ross:

Carroll D. Barnett, no address given, \$25.00 for being drunk in a public place.

Eward Lee Meredith, no address given, \$15.00 for speeding.

Joe B. Abalos, no address given, \$10.00 for speeding.

Lowell Grady Roane, no address given, \$10.00 for running a stop sign.

George H. Kirkland, no address given, \$25.00 for possession of a wild buck deer without a license tag attached.

Earl B. Husted, no address given, \$50.00 for possession of a wild deer with all evidence of sex removed.

Chester Roy Freasier, no address given, \$15.00 for speeding.

GOLF TOURNAMENT

An ABC best ball golf tournament is planned at Mountain Creek Golf Course for Dec. 15. Tee off time is 12:30 p.m.

An entry fee of \$3.00 will be charged. All entrants must have their names in by 11 a.m. on the day of the tourney.

Prizes for winners will be given in the fashion of a turkey shoot, with nine birds going to the nine winners.

Mr. and Mrs. David Waldrop and Stacey Lynn of Edinburg spent the weekend here with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Mayfield and Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Waldrop.

Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Millican were guests in the home of her daughter, Mrs. Lila Yancey, at Irving last week. The couple helped Mrs. Yancey celebrate her birthday on Thanksgiving Day.

MISHAP ON RAIN SLICK HIGHWAY DAMAGES CAR

Mrs. Doris Davis of Midland was not injured last Wednesday morning when she lost control of her car on the rain-slick Sterling City highway.

The auto went through a fence along the roadway and received minor damage. Ivey Motor Co. towed in the car and completed minor repairs in a short time.

Mrs. Davis was on her way to Waco when the accident occurred.

Ballinger Rites For Mrs. Barr

Funeral services were held Tuesday in First United Methodist Church in Ballinger for Mrs. Earl Barr, 64, member of a prominent Runnels County ranch family and former resident of Bronte and Robert Lee. Mrs. Barr died Monday in Shannon Hospital in San Angelo after a month's illness. Burial was in Garden of Memories Cemetery at Ballinger.

Mrs. Barr was born Ruth Joe Maxwell, Oct. 9, 1904, near Ballinger. She moved with her parents to Bronte in 1906. She was a graduate of Robert Lee High School and of Shannon Nursing School in San Angelo.

An active worker in the Methodist Church, she was particularly interested in choir work. She was also active in the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers Association Auxiliary and in the promotion of the Miss Wool of America pageant.

She and her husband had ranches in Runnels County for 35 years.

Survivors include her husband; a step-son, James Earl Barr of Borger; a brother, W. H. (Bud) Maxwell of Bronte; three sisters, Mrs. I. M. Cumbie and Mrs. Ernest Ivey, both of Bronte, and Mrs. Arthur Tubb of Robert Lee; and two grandchildren.

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MRS. CHAPMAN —
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ed it to one of her sons. Another son operates the ranch today.

Mr. and Mrs. Chapman reared six boys and five girls and saw them leave home one by one to establish homes of their own. They were Alice, Mrs. Leonard Lobb; Rachel, Mrs. Buford O'Neal; Nanny, Mrs. L. J. O'Neal; Ollie, Mrs. Carl Plock; Susie, Mrs. Susie Shelton; and the boys Sam, Bill, Joe, Anderson (Buster), Coke and Cooper. Of these, three daughters' Alice, Nanny and Susie, and two sons, Bill and Cooper are still living.

Kept at home in the early days by the necessity of providing for and caring for a large family she made up for the lack of travel by traveling far and wide in her later years when she had leased out the ranch. Most of the winters were spent with her son, Joe, and his wife, Elizabeth, until his death several years ago, but come spring she would catch a bus and start a round of visits that carried her to Arizona, California, Kansas, South Dakota, and to Palo Pinto, Cleburne, Burleson and Quemado in Texas to visit her widely scattered family. She traveled mostly by bus because she enjoyed seeing the countryside at a slower speed, and being a sociable person, met many interesting people. So many were her travels that one neighbor on seeing her with a suitcase, would ask, "Coming or going?"

Although physical activity for her has slowed down she still enjoys watching television, visiting with friends and hearing from others by letter. To her friends she has been and will continue to be an inspiration to and past the end of her days.

We salute her as Coke County's No. 1 citizen!

PROCLAMATION —
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ried Jan. 8, 1890 at Egan) answering the "Call of the West," traveled via covered wagon to Coke County and in 1891 established their home in the Divide Community west of Robert Lee; and WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Chapman reared their family (six boys and five girls) in Coke County; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Chapman, following her husband's death in 1924, continued to live on their ranch and through hard work, profound faith and indomitable courage met the needs of her family in the pioneer tradition; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Chapman still owns her Coke County ranch and claims it as her resident home, and the Chapman family is indelibly identified with the history of Coke County; and

WHEREAS, on Sunday, December 8, Mrs. Chapman and her five surviving children with grandchildren, great grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren will gather at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Susie Shelton, in Burleson, Texas, to celebrate her approaching birthday; now

THEREFORE, I, W. W. Thetford, County Judge of Coke County, proclaim Dec. 8 and Dec. 12, 1968, as "Mrs. A. S. (Mary) Chapman Days" and recommend that we, the citizens of Coke County salute Mrs. Chapman and congratulate her upon reaching the 100th anniversary of her birth and wish for her many happy returns of the day.

W. W. Thetford
County Judge, Coke County

Mr. and Mrs. Travis Elliott and family of Snyder were visitors in the home of his parents on Thanksgiving Day. Other visitors in the Elliott home Sunday were their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bud Ramsey and children of Colorado City.

Coke County Has Heavy Rain, Snow

A wet week has just passed in this area leaving from 3 to 4½ inches of moisture and greatly improving agricultural prospects. Farmers and ranchers say they expect some new growth of winter weeds and grass.

The wet weather actually began last Tuesday night when good rains measured nearly two inches in some places. The rain continued last Wednesday and turned to snow Wednesday night.

Thanksgiving Day was clear and pleasant for everyone to enjoy the holiday. But the weather was not through with unusual performances, and Saturday morning, with the temperature hovering a little above freezing, snow fell until after noon. Most of it melted as it fell, due to the moisture already on the ground and to the above-freezing temperatures. Cold and clear weather has been the rule this week.

Lunchroom Menu

Monday, December 9

Meat and cheese sandwiches, vegetable soup, lettuce, tomatoes, potato chips, milk, banana pudding.

Tuesday, December 10

Tamalies and chili, buttered rice, jello salad, cheese bread sticks, crackers, milk, peach upside down cake.

Wednesday, December 11

Corn dogs, navy beans, pineapple with cottage cheese on lettuce, corn bread, butter, milk, apple cobbler.

Thursday, December 12

Hamburger patties and gravy, creamed potatoes, green beans, celery sticks, hot rolls, butter, milk, jelly.

Friday, December 13

Fish sticks with tartar sauce, buttered potatoes, garden salad, hot rolls, butter, milk, oatmeal cookies.

MRS. ROBERT BILLINGSLEY HONORED AT GIFT TEA

Mrs. Robert L. Billingsley, the former Jeannie Hatch, was honored at a tea Saturday from 7 to 9 p.m. in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Vaughan.

Punch, coffee and cake squares were served and gifts were displayed for the guests to see.

Hostesses were Mesdames Vaughan, Bob Fields, Lindy Devoll, Jerry Thomason, Javan Vosburg, Artell Roberts, W. E. Jacoby, A. V. Hughes, J. C. Wallace Jr., Hershel Hall, Lewis Heuvel, W. T. Roach, Will Percifull and Bobby Baker.

Also serving in the houseparty were Misses Kathy Percifull, Patty Hughes, Lois Heuvel, Kay Roberts and Diane Baker, and Mrs. Robert Lomas. They were classmates of Mrs. Billingsley in the graduating class of 1968 at Robert Lee High School.

100 PERSONS ATTEND CHILDRESS OPEN HOUSE

Approximately 100 persons attended the open house held Sunday at the new home of Sheriff and Mrs. Melvin Childress. Mr. and Mrs. Childress moved into their new home a short time ago and invited all their friends to visit them and inspect it.

Mrs. Childress said, "We had a wonderful day and appreciate so many of our friends' coming by." Visitors registered from Robert Lee, Bronte, San Angelo, Abilene, Colorado City and Sterling City.

William Joe Harmon of Irving spent the Thanksgiving holidays here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Finis Harmon.



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STOKELY'S CREAM CORN, 303 Can - 2 for 45c

MILK, Pet or Carnation, Tall Can - 2 for 33c

TUNA, Chicken of the Sea - - - 2 Cans 69c

APPLE BUTTER, Bama - 29 Oz. Jar 33c

SALAD DRESSING, Salad Bowl - Qt. Jar 39c



Oranges 5 lb. bag 49c

GRAPEFRUIT - - - - 5 Lb. Bag 59c

Bananas 1lb. 10c

YELLOW ONIONS - - - - 2 Lbs. 15c

DIET RITE or RC COLA - - - 6 Bot. Crt. 39c



SEVEN BONE

Roast 1lb. 49c

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THICK SLICED BACON - - - 2 Lbs. \$1.19

ALL MEAT BOLOGNA, Hormel - - Lb. 49c

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