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\$200,000 Bond Vote Called



Bagwell's Mother Pins Award, Father, Pastor Look on

Bagwell Presented God & Country Award

Carl Bagwell, 15 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Bagwell of Robert Lee, received the God and Country Award during the worship hour at First United Methodist Church last Sunday, Jan. 23.

COMMITTEE CREATED FOR SALARY GRIEVANCES

A "salary grievance committee" was appointed at last Monday's meeting of the Commissioners' Court to comply with a new law that went into effect Jan. 1.

The committee as created includes all county officials with County Judge W. W. Thetford as chairman. Others whose names were drawn from the grand jury lists, include Mrs. C. B. Bartee and Eddie Alexander of Bronte, L. J. Samenberg of Tennyson and Rennie Baker of Robert Lee.

Any elected county or precinct officer who is aggrieved by the setting of his salary, expenses or other allowance by the Commissioners' Court may request a hearing before the committee.

The youth has spent about a year in training for the award under direction of the pastor, the Rev. Arthur Kendall. The award is given by the church in connection with scouting.

Mrs. Bagwell pinned the award on her son, and she and Mr. Bagwell also received pins in recognition of their son's achievement.

To be eligible to participate in the God and Country program, a boy must be a registered Boy Scout or Explorer. Bagwell is a member of Robert Lee Troop 461 and received his Eagle Scout Award Jan. 25, 1971. He is a sophomore in Robert Lee High School. Gene Hinnard is Scoutmaster.

In presenting the award, Rev. Kendall said, "The emblem is in no sense a reward for service. Both the church and scouting recognize service to others as a privilege and a Christian responsibility. Rather, the emblem is an outward sign of dedication to future growth and responsibility as a Christian on the part of this young man."

Coke County Commissioners' Court acting on petitions presented Monday, has called a \$200,000 bond election for Feb. 26. Purpose of the proposed bond issue is for repairing, maintaining and operating of paved streets in Bronte and Robert Lee and other county owned roads.

The election will determine

whether or not bonds of Coke County shall be issued in the amount of \$200,000 to bear interest at a rate not to exceed 5 1/2 per cent per annum and to mature over a period not to exceed 30 years. County Judge W. W. Thetford said the commissioners are considering either a 10 or 15 year period for retirement of the bonds.

Absentee voting will be at the county clerk's office in the courthouse. Polling places and presiding election officers are: Precinct 1, recreation hall, Robert Lee, Mrs. Cumbie Ivey Jr. and Mrs. Willie Clark, alternate; Precinct 2, City Cafe building, Bronte, Matthew Caperton and Royce Fancher; Precinct 3, courthouse, Frank Perciful and Mrs. Jessie Yarbrough; Precinct 4, schoolhouse, Tennyson, J. P. Arrott and Mrs. Lera Belle Brown; Precinct 5, city hall, Bronte, Noah Pruitt and Calvin McCutchen; Precinct 8, Silver schoolhouse, H. L. Bloodworth and Mrs. Ernest Clendenen; Precinct 9, Green Mountain Community Center, D. O. King and Mrs. Connie Millican.

Much discussion has taken place
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Jr. Tourney Set This Weekend

Annual Robert Lee Junior High Basketball Tournament will be held this weekend in the local gym, with games starting at 4 p.m. on Thursday and Saturday. Boys and girls teams from Win-

ters, Bronte, Sterling City and Robert Lee will be entered.

First game will be at 4 p.m. Thursday between Bronte and Winters girls, followed at 5 p.m. by boys teams from those same schools. Sterling City and Robert Lee girls will play at 6 p.m. and the boys game will follow at 7 p.m.

Finals will be played on Saturday with the consolation matches beginning at 4 p.m. Championship games will begin at 6 p.m.

School officials invited everyone in the area to attend the games, pointing out that some of the most enthusiastic and hardest fought games sometimes are played in the junior high tournament

Board Extends Bickley's Contract

The contract of Supt. Jimmy Bickley was extended at a meeting Jan. 13 of the Robert Lee Independent School District board of trustees. Contracts of principals and teachers will be taken up at later meetings.

The board also called a trustee election for Saturday, April 1. The election will be held in the high school, with Mrs. Jeffie Roberts as presiding judge. Absentee voting will be at the office of the Coke County Clerk in the courthouse.

Terms of two trustees, D. J. Walker Jr. and Earl H. Ivey are expiring. Deadline for filing is March 1 and persons who wish to file may do so at the office of Coke County Judge W. W. Thetford.

Winners Named At Food 4-H Show

"Foods for Special Occasions" was the theme of the annual Coke County 4-H Food Show held Sunday in the Robert Lee Recreation Hall.

There were 26 participants showing foods they had prepared.

Winners in the senior division were Karen Blair and Donna Scott, both of Bronte. Karen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Blair, will represent Coke County in the District Food Show in Sweetwater on Feb. 5. Her dish was taco salad. Donna Scott, daughter of Mrs. Ouida Scott, showed golden coffee bread and will also enter the district show.

Junior winners who will represent the county will be Mary Elaine Lackey and Karen Rasco.

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Funeral Services For Will Millican, County Pioneer

Funeral services for William Madison Millican, 94, were held at 2 p.m. last Friday at Pecan Baptist Church. The Rev. Jimmy Rogers of San Angelo officiated, assisted by the Rev. Joseph W. Yates, pastor of the church, and the Rev. C. R. Blake of Bronte, pastor of Tennyson Baptist Church. Burial was in Paint Creek Cemetery, under direction of Newby Funeral Home. Masonic graveside rites were conducted.

Mr. Millican died at West Coke County Nursing Home Thursday morning of last week following a long illness.

He was born March 21, 1877, in Bosque County. He was a member of the Baptist Church and a retired rancher. He moved to Coke County in 1895. He was married to Jewie Brown in 1907, in the Paint Creek community. She died in 1960.

Mr. Millican was a member of the Hayrick Masonic Lodge No. 696, and in 1955 received the first 50 year pin awarded by the lodge. He served 18 years on the Coke County school board. He also
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AUTOS DAMAGED IN MONDAY WRECK

There were no injuries in an auto accident about 8:30 a.m. Monday at the intersection of 7th and Commerce Streets. Cars driven by Carl Bloodworth and Wanda Caulder were in a collision at the intersection.

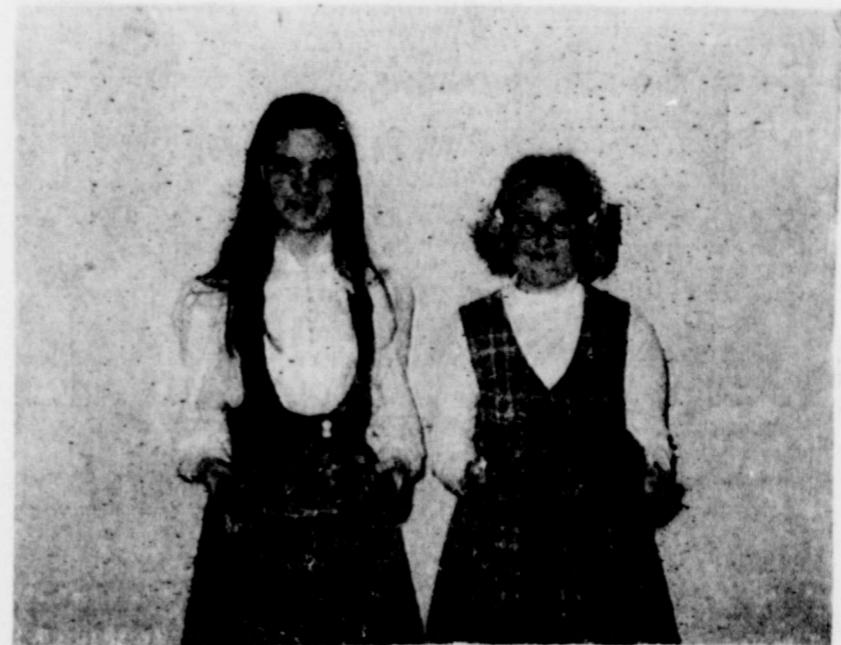
Heavy damage to Bloodworth's Maverick was reported and there was some damage to Wanda Caulder's 1964 Ford.

Patrolman Bobby Hart investigated the accident.

Mrs. Lillie Gaines spent Sunday visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dave King.



Karen Blair and Donna Scott, Senior Winners



Mary Elaine Lackey and Karen Rasco, Junior Winners

Welcome Basketball Fans



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WASHINGTON

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Congressman
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Washington — The President was not expected to recommend new taxes in his State of the Union Address to the Congress last week. It possibly could come later but, of course, recommending new taxes in an election year is not the usual order of business.

On down the line we may be hearing more of the "value added tax." The letters VAT will identify this new approach for raising revenues.

Actually the added value tax is a sales tax slightly less painful because, if sometime adopted, it will be buried in the price the consumer pays for goods. The tax starts with the manufacturers. In each step of the process until the

final item is ready for sale, a tax is added for increased value.

The concept is not new. Neither is the tax itself new in application since many European countries have had it for a number of years. The tax in foreign countries works against our exports since the tax is added above the price paid for goods.

If this type of tax is proposed, it will probably be related to raising revenue for a specific purpose. Since the courts in California and Texas have ruled that the property tax works inequality in school districts, the tax could be proposed to fund Federal contributions to public schools instead of the personal property tax. This, naturally, would make such a tax

more palatable if it were an exchange for the property tax.

Such a substitution would brighten the hearts of property owners dizzy from the escalation of real estate taxes. Likely it would partly solve the dilemmas of mayors and school boards and inspire builders to respond to the housing shortage.

It is estimated that each one per cent of tax levied by this method would produce \$4 billion. It follows that if five per cent were levied, \$20 billion would be produced, even excepting from the tax certain essentials now exempt from most state sales taxes.

It is estimated that \$20 billion raised in this manner would meet approximately 30 per cent of the cost of the nation's schools.

This type of tax has been studied by our Treasury officials for 20 years or more without any proposal for its enactment but since State Supreme Courts have ruled that school systems funded from property taxes are unequal and unconstitutional a great deal of impetus has been given to it. These decisions and the unhappiness of property owners build up pressures to further this idea of a new tax system.

There are arguments pro and con on this method of taxation. Eventually they will all be voiced and the development of any such idea will come slowly. The fact that states are in such a bind for ways to support public schools necessitates some answers not yet available. Since there is no choice but to look for other ways of financing schools, some way will have to be found to raise the money.

Some have already labeled such a system as a regressive tax since everyone would pay something, just as everyone has to pay sales taxes. These would argue that since it is not based on the ability to pay, it is not as fair as the income tax. Remember the income tax is more often referred to as a progressive tax.

There are two valid arguments against such an approach, as it involves public schools. One is that the Federal Government with this method of contribution would further control our public schools. A second concern is the fact that like the sales tax the VAT would be easy to increase each time more tax revenues were needed.

To say the least, if such a tax is proposed, it will be a long and drawn out controversy.



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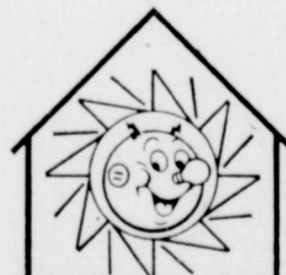
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Jan. 19: Mrs. Curtis E. Bell, Mrs. Ross Torrez and baby girl admitted. Ruth Clift dismissed.

Jan. 20: Clarence Mitchell, Mrs. Lawrence Higgins, Mrs. Richard Reyes admitted. Dona Bryan, Ruth Sandusky dismissed.

Jan. 21: Mary Large, Melvin Childress admitted. Mrs. Frank Casey, Mrs. Jay Denman, Mrs. Ross Torrez and Tracy, Don Thorpe, George McCaleb dismissed.

Jan. 22: Terry Hambright admitted. Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Higgins dismissed.

Jan. 23: Mrs. Leon Russell admitted. Mrs. Bill Beaty, Mrs. Carl Hurley, Mrs. Richard Reyes dismissed.

Jan. 24: Mrs. Daisy Childress, Mrs. Jim Ybarra admitted. Terry Hambright, Mary Large dismissed.

On Tuesday morning there were 11 patients in the hospital and 24 in the nursing home.

MISS POST IS HONOR ROLL STUDENT AT OKLAHOMA

A total of 5,593 students at the University of Oklahoma are listed on the honor roll for the fall semester of the 1971-72 academic year, announced Dr. Paul F. Sharp, OU president.

Of the total, 700 students had straight A (4.0) grades averages. To be eligible for the honor roll, a student must have an overall grade average of B (3.0) or better in a minimum of 12 credit hours and must not have a "failing" or "unsatisfactory" mark in any course.

Included among the 700 4.0 students at OU is Edna Kathleen Post of Robert Lee.

FARMERS AND RANCHERS BORROW \$14.3 MILLION

Farmers and ranchers from an 11 county area borrowed more than \$14.3 million from Texas Production Credit Association in 1971, according to Phil H. Lane, the association's president. This figure represents loans to 219 members, he said.

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PERSONALS

Miss Diane Durrett, County Home Demonstration Agent at Eldorado, visited Sunday in the A. J. Roe Jr. home and with Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Ruth. She also attended the Coke County 4H Food Show Sunday afternoon. Miss Durrett trained in Coke County prior to accepting her position in Schelicher County.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen F. Sweet of Whitney spent several days last week visiting Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Sawyer and other relatives in Robert Lee and Blackwell.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Roach are spending this week in Dallas at showings of new spring merchandise. They will buy merchandise for Roach's Dry Goods.

Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Zeddie Beal were his brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Freddie Beal, Terry and Tina of Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Bagwell of Ballinger were guests this weekend in the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Bagwell and attended the First Methodist Church Sunday when their nephew, Carl Bagwell was presented the God and Country Scouting Award.

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FOOD SHOW WINNERS —
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Both girls are from Robert Lee and are the daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Lackey and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Rasco.

Judges for the event were Mmes. Curtis E. Latimer and Harry Dockrey and Misses Janet Brownfield and Elaine Winn. They were accompanied by Mrs. Janis Choate, Mitchell County CHDA.

Food Show awards were presented by Conagri-Gladiola Flour and Coke County 4-H Clubs.

About 100 persons attended the show.

Blue ribbon winners in the junior division were: Karen Arrott, Shelene Tidwell, Kathy Ensor, Virginia Balderas, Carolyn Simpson, Karen Rasco, Carla Wojtek, Minda Barrett, Lisa Devoll, Anita Balderas, Mary E. Lackey, Donna Wrinkle, Valley Deen, LaJohanna Deen, Lisa Bessent, Vicki Gartman and Lana Webb.

Junior red ribbon winners were Audrey Williams, Dora Torres, Mary Ellen Morena, Alice Garza and Rosa Torres.

In the senior division Karen Blair, Donna Scott and Lucia Garza, junior leader, won blue ribbons.

There were 52 4-H girls enrolled in the 1971-72 Foods program. They were assisted by adult leaders, parents, Mrs. Fay C. Roe, CHDA, and Miss Diane Durrett, former assistant.

Evans Services Held at Big Spring

Last rites for Earl C. Evans, 71, of Big Spring were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 19, in Nally-Pickle Rosewood Chapel in Big Spring. Burial followed at 4:30 p.m. in Fairmount Cemetery in San Angelo.

He died early Tuesday morning in a Big Spring hospital.

He was born Feb. 19, 1900, in Ballinger. He began working part time for the Post Office in 1916. In 1919 he obtained the mail contract on the route from Robert Lee to Silver. He was married to Layla Taylor Dec. 19, 1920, in Robert Lee. The couple moved to Big Spring from Midland in 1935. He held the mail route to Gail until his retirement in 1962.

Mr. Evans was vice president of the National Star Route Association from 1950-55. He had been president of the state chapter of the group from 1940-50. He was a member and lay preacher of the West Fourth Church of Christ in Big Spring.

Survivors include his wife; a daughter, Mrs. Annazine Williams of Big Spring; three sons, D. R. Evans of Big Spring, Larry Evans of Houston and B. G. Evans of Norman, Okla.; a sister, Mrs. Faye Landers of Houston; 15 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Craddock of Colorado City visited Monday with their daughter, Mrs. T. M. Wylie, and their granddaughter and her family, Mr. and Mrs. Terry Frank Bryan.

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BOND ELECTION CALLED —
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Over the past several months concerning the need for repair work on the streets of Robert Lee and Bronte and on paved rural roads as well. The matter was first brought up for serious discussion by Commissioner Fern Havins. Interest has grown since then in protecting the present paving and adding some to it. Petitions were circulated in Robert Lee and Bronte communities and were presented to the Commissioners' Court last Monday when the election was called.

Persons who favor the bond issue are pointing out that passage is necessary to protect the huge investment which county taxpayers have in the many miles of paving in the county.

Considerably more than a half million dollars has been invested in the original cost of streets and roads in the county, in addition to many thousands more which have been spent in maintenance during the past 15 years.

Judge Thetford said this week that figures supplied by Gordon Charlton of Columbian Securities Corp., the county fiscal advisor, indicated that a tax increase of 13 cents per \$100 valuation would be necessary to retire the bonds in 10 years, while a 10 cents per \$100 increase will be necessary to retire them in 15 years. These figures are based on 1971 valuations.

A look at the record shows that valuations have been decreasing slightly the past few years. The trend of county valuations can be seen in the following figures which have been the values here the past five years:

1967	.....	\$22,954,570
1968	.....	22,994,255
1969	.....	22,162,658
1970	.....	22,108,080
1971	.....	21,340,770

Coke County has no bonded indebtedness at the present time, as all road bonds, courthouse bonds, park bonds and others were paid off some time ago. The only indebtedness of the county is \$83,763.00 for machinery warrants. Of this amount, \$21,000 will be paid next month, which will leave a debt of \$62,763.

LAKE SPENCE PRAISED IN NEWSPAPER ARTICLE

The following item was taken from Sunday's San Angelo Standard-Times and tells an interesting story about the new Lake here.

Bill Follis, fishery biologist from San Angelo, recently said that Lake E. V. Spence will be one of the best in West Texas during 1972.

The lake has been stocked heavily with all species of game fish and anglers are catching the excellent striped bass at Spence.

Six pound black bass are common at Spence and large crappie are also showing up. The lake is managed by CRMWD and a permit is required to fish here. They can be purchased in Robert Lee at most bait stands and many service stations.

THERE'S HOME TOWN NEWS IN THE HOME TOWN ADS.

served on the Robert Lee school board of trustees and was a former member of the Coke County Democratic Executive Committee.

Survivors are two sons, Howard Millican of Odessa and Conrad Millican of Robert Lee; two daughters, Mrs. Hazel Smith of Arlington and Mrs. Joy M. Blake of Houston; one brother, Cris Millican of Robert Lee; one sister, Mrs. Rachael Burk of San Angelo; 10 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Items of Interest From R-Lee BCD

Ray Ford showed pictures that have been returned from the developers to the BCD when they met Tuesday at noon. Three men, Cumbie Ivey Jr., Ford and Gerald Allen, were appointed to choose pictures to be used on brochures and work up the type of folder needed to advertise the City of Robert Lee. They are expected to have it ready by next week's meeting.

Hugh Lewis Jr. presided for the meeting and told the group that he had a letter from the San Angelo postmaster informing him of a new postal ruling. The letter stated that first class post offices now handle passports and that they may be obtained at the Civil Service window in San Angelo.

Some discussion was heard on the coming bond election for seal-coating streets in Robert Lee and Bronte and for other county paving. The Commissioners' Court called the election at a meeting Monday and notice is being run in this week's Observer.

Mayor Wilson Bryan told BCD members that at next week's meeting he would like to bring up the volunteer fire department and discuss some equipment needs of the department to adequately fight fires in the area.

Weekend guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Flanagan were Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Biggs of Fort Worth.



Lynn Gulley and Champion Breeding Heifer



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BAPTISTS HAVE GUEST SPEAKERS SUNDAY

Guest speakers conducted services at Robert Lee Baptist Church Sunday, due to absence of the pastor, the Rev. Bill Beety, who was ill with the flu. Conducting the Sunday services were Jerry Brock of Bronte and Taylor Henley of San Angelo.

Rev. H. L. Bloodworth of Silver, assisted by Gary Sam Williams and Weldon Fikes, conducted Sunday afternoon services at West Coke County Nursing Home.

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BB Teams Split District Games

Robert Lee High School teams won one each and lost one each in district play during the past week.

The league leading Mason boys came here last Friday night and continued their winning streak by defeating the home team in a close 57-53 game. Bobby Mumford led the scoring for the Steers with 18 points, followed by Bill Rowoldt with 12 and Edwin Lindsey with 10.

Robert Lee girls dumped the Mason team 48-41. Rhonda Askins made half of the points with 24, and Elizabeth Bickley had 15.

In games with Eldorado Tuesday night, Mumford scored 26 points to lead the Steers to a whopping 85-56 victory. Riley Waldrop had 17.

In the girls game Eldorado won 57-33 with Askins sinking 21 points for Robert Lee.

In a boys B team game with Bronte prior to the Eldorado contests, Bronte won 41-35. David Beatty and Wibby Millican had 9 each.

Standings

Mason boys continue to lead the district with a perfect 6-0 district record. Robert Lee is in second place with a 4-2. Sonora and Bangs each have 3-3 records; Menard is 2-4 and Eldorado 0-6. Robert Lee girls have a 3-3 record.

Robert Lee travels to Sonora Friday night for games which begin at 6:30 p.m. Last home games of the season will be next Tuesday when Menard comes here for games at 6:30 p.m. Preceding this game will be the Robert Lee B team against the freshman team at 4:30 p.m.

Also upcoming on the schedule are games at Bangs on Feb. 4 and at Mason on Feb. 8. This will complete the district schedule.

Mrs. Waldrop Heads OES School

"Wings to Peace and Harmony" will be the theme for an Eastern Star School this weekend in San Angelo. The school will be held at the Masonic Lodge hall.

Mrs. Winnie Waldrop, Deputy Grand Matron of District 5, will call the sessions to order and give the welcome at 7:30 p.m. Friday. Registration will begin at 6:30. Mrs. Waldrop will present the District Deputy Grand Matron, Mrs. Cora Lee Darsey.

Sessions will continue Saturday morning and afternoon with a luncheon scheduled in the Masonic Hall Saturday and will conclude with a banquet at the Rio Concho Manor on Saturday evening.

Honor guests will include Mrs. Aliene Houston, Worthy Grand Matron; Harold Todd, Worthy Grand Patron; Mrs. Renee Oton, Grand Examiner; Mrs. Darsey, Mrs. Waldrop; and Mrs. Bonnie Barefoot, co-chairman of the school.

OES Chapters participating will be San Angelo, Norton, Sterling City, Winters, Brady, Robert Lee, Mertz, Ballinger, Eden, Paint Rock, Miles, Christoval, Concho, Bronte and Carlsbad.

Mr. and Mrs. John H. Tenley and Mr. and Mrs. John Delk visited over the weekend at Santa Anna in the home of Mrs. Irene Triplitt.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Roe III of Waco spent the weekend visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Roe Jr. of Robert Lee and Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Derrick of Sanco.

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SOCIAL SECURITY MAN HERE FEB. 3

A representative of the San Angelo Social Security office will be in Robert Lee at the courthouse from 1 until 2 p.m. next Thursday, Feb. 3. Anyone needing to apply for retirement, survivors, disability or medicare insurance benefits should see him at that time.

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COUNTY OF COKE
TO THE RESIDENT QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF COKE COUNTY, TEXAS, INCLUDING THOSE WHO OWN TAXABLE PROPERTY IN SAID COUNTY AND WHO HAVE DULY RENDERED THE SAME FOR TAXATION:

TAKE NOTICE that an election will be held on the 26th day of February, 1972, in Coke County Texas, in obedience to an election order entered by the Commissioners' Court of Coke County, Texas, on the 24th day of January, 1972, on the proposition for the issuance of road bonds as set forth in the attached copy of ORDER FOR ROAD BOND ELECTION, said order being made a part of this Notice for all intents and purposes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name officially and affixed the seal of the Commissioners' Court of Coke County, Texas, this the 24th day of January, 1972, pursuant to authority given by law and the aforesaid order of the Commissioners' Court of said County.

W. W. Thetford
County Judge,
Coke County, Texas

ATTEST:

Winnie Waldrop
County Clerk and Ex-Officio
Clerk of the Commissioners'
Court of Coke County, Texas
(Com. Cl. Seal)

ORDER FOR ROAD BOND ELECTION
THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF COKE

ON THIS, the 24th day of January, 1972, the Commissioners' Court of Coke County, Texas, convened in session, being open to the public, at the regular meeting place thereof in the Courthouse at Robert Lee, Texas, the meeting being open to the public and notice of said meeting, giving the date, place and subject thereof, having been posted as prescribed by Article 6252-17, Section 3A, V.A.T.C.S., the following members of the Court being present and in attendance, to wit:

W. W. THETFORD, COUNTY JUDGE, Presiding; and

FERN HAVINS, COMMISSIONER, Precinct No. 1
JESSE PARKER, COMMISSIONER, Precinct No. 2
FLOYD HARMON, COMMISSIONER, Precinct No. 3
JACK CORLEY, COMMISSIONER, Precinct No. 4

and with the following absent: None, constituting a quorum; and among other proceedings had were the following:

There came on to be considered the petition of Cumbie Ivey, Jr. and 102 others asking that an election be ordered upon the proposition hereinafter stated; and

IT APPEARING TO SAID COURT that said petition is signed by resident property taxpaying voters of said County equivalent in number to one percent (1%) or more of the total votes cast in Coke County in the last preceding general election for Governor, so that this court is obligated and empowered to call said election; therefore,

BE IT ORDERED BY THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT OF COKE COUNTY, TEXAS:

THAT an election be held in said County on the 26th day of February, 1972, which is not less than thirty (30) days from the date of this order, at which election in accordance with said petition the following proposition shall be submitted:

"WHETHER or not the bonds of said Coke County, Texas, shall be issued in the amount of TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$200,000), to bear interest at a rate of not to exceed FIVE AND ONE-HALF PER CENTUM (5½%) per annum, and to mature serially over a period of not to exceed THIRTY (30) years from the date thereof, in conformity with the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas, particularly Section 52 of Article III of the Constitution, as amended, for the purpose of the construction, maintenance and operation of macadamized, graveled or paved roads and turnpikes or in aid thereof, in Coke County, Texas; and shall ad valorem taxes be levied on all taxable property in said County subject to taxation for the purpose of paying the interest on said bonds and to provide a sinking fund for the redemption thereof at maturity?"

SAID election shall be held under the provisions of the Acts of the Thirty-ninth Legislature, First Called Session, Chapter 16, as amended.

ALL RESIDENT qualified electors of the County, including those who own taxable property in said County and who have duly rendered the same for taxation, shall be permitted to vote at said election. That at said election two separate ballot boxes shall be provided at each polling place. In one box only resident qualified electors who own taxable property and who have duly rendered the same for taxation shall be allowed to vote. In another box all resident qualified electors (who are otherwise qualified but do not own taxable property which has been duly rendered for taxation) shall be allowed to vote. The votes cast in each of said boxes shall be recorded, returned and canvassed in such a manner as will reflect separately the votes cast by the qualified electors who own taxable property and who have duly rendered the same for taxation from the votes cast by all qualified electors (including those who own taxable property and who have duly rendered the same for taxation).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the ballots for said election shall be prepared in sufficient number and in conformity with Chapter 6, V.A.T.S. Election Code, and printed on such ballots shall appear the following proposition: "THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS AND THE LEVY OF AD VALOREM TAXES IN PAYMENT THEREOF"

The word "FOR" and beneath it the word "AGAINST" shall be made to appear to the left of the proposition. A square shall be printed on the left of each of the words "FOR" and "AGAINST" and each voter shall place an "X" in the square beside the statement indicating the way he wishes to vote.

ABSENTEE VOTING shall be conducted at the County Clerk's Office in the Courthouse, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 5, V.A.T.S., Election Code.

THE POLLING PLACES and election officers of said election shall be respectively as follows:

PRECINCT NUMBER AND POLLING PLACE

- 1 Recreation Hall, Robert Lee
- 2 City Cafe Building, Bronte
- 3 Courthouse, Robert Lee
- 4 Schoolhouse, Tennyson
- 5 City Hall, Bronte
- 8 Schoolhouse, Silver
- 9 Community Center, Green Mountain

PRESIDING JUDGE

- Mrs. Patricia Ivey
- Matthew Caperton
- Frank Percifull
- J. P. Arrott
- Noah Pruitt
- H. L. Bloodworth
- D. O. King

ALTERNATE PRESIDING JUDGE

- Mrs. Willie Clark
- Royce Fancher
- Mrs. Jessie Yarbrough
- Mrs. Lora Bell Brown
- Calvin McCutchen
- Mrs. Ernest Clendenen
- Mrs. Connie Millican

SPECIAL CANVASSING BOARD: Kenneth Lackey, W. W. Wrinkle and Tom Williams

If the regularly appointed Presiding Judge is unable to serve at the election, the Alternate Presiding Judge therefor shall serve as Presiding Judge. The Presiding Judge shall appoint at least two (2) Clerks (one of whom shall be the Alternate Presiding Judge if the election is conducted by the regularly appointed Presiding Judge) and not more than four (4) additional Clerks, as he deems necessary for the proper conduct of the election.

On election day the polls shall be open from 8:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.

A COPY of this order, signed by the County Judge of said County

and certified to by the County Clerk of said County, shall serve as proper and sufficient notice of such election.

THE COUNTY CLERK OF Coke County, Texas, is hereby authorized and directed to cause said notice of election to be published once each week for three consecutive weeks prior to said election in a newspaper of general circulation in Coke County and published in Coke County, and in addition thereto notice shall be given by posting such notice at four public places in Coke County, one of which shall be at the Courthouse door of said County, for three consecutive weeks prior to said election.

The above order having been read in full, it was moved by

Commissioner Havins and seconded by Commissioner Corley that the same be adopted. Thereupon, the question being called for, the following members of said Court voted "AYE": County Judge Thetford and Commissioners Havins, Parker, Harmon and Corley; and none voted "NO".

PASSED AND APPROVED, this the 24th day of January, 1972.

W. W. Thetford
County Judge,
Coke County, Texas
Fern Havins
Commissioner, Precinct No. 1
Jesse Parker
Commissioner, Precinct No. 2
Floyd Harmon
Commissioner, Precinct No. 3
Jack Corley
Commissioner, Precinct No. 4

Legal Notice

Being certified by the Commissioner of Agriculture of the State of Texas for this purpose, the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association, 233 West Twohig, San Angelo, Texas 76901 proposes a referendum election on March 28, 1972, under provisions of Article 55C, Vernon's Civil Statutes on the proposition of whether or not sheep and goat producers in the following counties shall assess themselves a maximum amount of 20c per head on sheep and 10c per head on goats to be collected at the point of first processing or sale on all sheep or goats being sold off of grass and producer-raised lambs going into feedlots, and to elect members for a 9-man commodity producers board to administer proceeds of such assessment to be used for predator control designed to encourage an increase in production of sheep and goats.

Counties to be included in the referendum area are: District one — Culberson, Jeff Davis, Brewster, Presidio, Reeves, Pecos, Terrell, Crockett, Crane, Upton, Midland, Reagan, Glasscock, Howard, Borden. District two — Callahan, Coleman, Nolan, Coke, Taylor, Runnels, Tom Green, Concho, Sterling, Irion, Scurry, Mitchell. District three — Val Verde, Edwards, Kinney, Real. District four — Blanco, Travis, Kerr, Kendall, Comal, Hayes, Caldwell, Borden, Bexar, Llano, Williamson, Gillespie, Mason, Guadalupe, Medina, Uvalde. District five — Schleicher, Menard, Sutton, Kim-

ble, McCulloch. District six — Stephens, Young, Clay, Jack, Palo Pinto, Burnet, Parker, Hood, Somervell, Eastland, Erath, Comanche, Hamilton, Bosque, Brown, Mills, Coryell, McLennan, San Saba, Lampasas, and Bell.

The referendum and election will be held by mail ballot which will be provided to all eligible voters not later than 15 days prior to the election. Ballots must be mailed to the polling place at Box 1486, San Angelo, Texas 76901 before midnight on the date of the election.

Any person within this area engaged in the business of producing or causing to be produced sheep or goats for commercial purposes is eligible to vote, including owners of ranches and their tenants and sharecroppers, if such person would be required to pay the assessment proposed.

Any persons qualified to vote at the referendum may place his name in nomination for membership on the proposed commodity producers board as a representative of the district in which he resides or as a director at large by application to the above organization signed by himself and at least ten other persons eligible to vote in the referendum. Such applications must be filed at least 30 days prior to the election date.

Any person qualified to vote who does not receive a ballot prior to March 13, 1972, may obtain one at his local County Agent's office.

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Robert Lee's Annual Jr. High Tournament This Weekend

BOTH BOYS AND GIRLS
TEAMS WILL BE ENTERED
IN THE COMPETITION

EXCITING, ENTHUSIASTIC
BASKETBALL

THURSDAY — Starting at 4 P.M.

SATURDAY — Starting at 4 P.M.

Four boys teams and four girls teams are entered in this tournament. Enjoy all the games—be on hand Saturday night when trophies will be presented to the winners.



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Mr. and Mrs. George Newby

Melvin Childress
County Sheriff's Office

Tinkler's Gulf Service Station

Mathews Lumber & Hardware

Mr. & Mrs. O. B. Jacobs
Coke County Tax Assessor

Mrs. Winnie Waldrop
County Clerk

Robert Lee Recreation Center
Jack and Juanita Trimble

Froggy's Cafe

Add Davis Grocery, Sta. & Trailer Park
Mr. and Mrs. Add Davis

Baker's Grocery

Key Feed Store

Ivey Motor Co.

Snead's Pharmacy

Bryan's Ready Mix Concrete

Gordon's Variety Store

West Texas Utilities

West Way Grocery

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Western Auto Store
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Alamo Theatre

Coke County Butane
Mr. and Mrs. Bob Fields

Robert Lee Observer

WANT ADS

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING RATES

1st Insertion Per Word 5c
 2nd and Subsequent Insertions Per Word 3c
 Minimum Charge: 50c
 Additional 50c for blind ads.

COPY DEADLINE:

Classified Ads -- 4 p.m. Tuesday
 Display Ads -- 4 p.m. Tuesday

CARDS OF THANKS

Per word 5c — (Minimum \$1.00)

Classified ads and cards of thanks are payable in advance unless customer carries a regular account. \$1.00 minimum charge if posted in ledger.

CARD OF THANKS

We are truly grateful to all our friends who did so much for us during our recent illness. Our special thanks to Dr. McDaniel and the entire nursing staff at West Coke Hospital.

May God bless each of you for taking care of us in so many thoughtful ways.

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Rives
 30-1tp

CARD OF THANKS

We deeply appreciate each act of kindness shown us during our time of sorrow. Especially for the food, flowers and cards, and a special thanks to the nursing staff at West Coke County Nursing Home. God bless each of you.

The Family of
 Mr. Will Millican

30-1tp

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our thanks to everyone who has been so wonderful to us. The food and flowers were deeply appreciated. We want to especially thank Dr. McDaniel and the entire nursing staff. May God bless each one of you.

The Linzy McDorman Family
 30-1tc

PRESEASON SALE on Refrigerated Window Units. Models to fit any window. No more pads, pumps or copper tubing to buy every year. Your old cooler taken in trade regardless of condition. Fee installation now until April 1st. Low monthly payments if desired. Hambright Plumbing and Air Conditioning. Phone 453-2473. 30-5tc

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FOR SALE: Twin Beds, box springs and mattresses, dresser and chest. Call 453-2511 till after 5; home No. 453-2497, Robert Lee.

FOR SALE: Mape Couch, \$45.00; three quarter Hollywood bed with mattress and box springs, \$45.00; large table lamp, \$12.50. Come see. Eula McCutchen, 501 North Chadbourne.

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FOR SALE: Fourteen foot tandem stock trailer and Shetland mare with bridle, saddle and blanket. 453-2848. 30-2tp

Lunchroom Menu

Monday, Jan. 31

Beef stew with potatoes and onions, English peas, carrot and coconut salad, hot rolls and butter, milk, jelly.

Tuesday, Feb. 1

Tamale pie, buttered rice, fruit Jello in lettuce, hot rolls, butter, milk, pineapple upsidedown cake.

Wednesday, Feb. 2

Ranch style beans, buttered potatoes, turnip greens, cornbread, butter, milk, apple cobbler.

Thursday, Feb. 3

Hamburgers, buttered corn, lettuce, tomatoes, onions, pickles, potato chips, milk, vanilla pudding.

Friday, Feb. 4

Fish sticks with tartar sauce, creamed potatoes, garden salad, hot rolls, butter, milk, raisin cookies.

Jr. Boys Third In Bronte Tourney

Both boys and girls junior high basketball teams took part in the annual Bronte tournament last weekend. The boys won third place.

Robert Lee girls defeated Bronte B team 13-8 Thursday in their first game behind the scoring of Marilyn Wright who had 8 points. They lost their second game on Friday to Jim Ned 34-10. Betty Bazar was high pointer with 6. Losing their final game with Soscoe 25-14, the high pointers were Rosa Sanchez and Bazar with 6 each.

Robert Lee boys won Thursday from the Bronte B team 33-2. Pely Abalos tossed in 14 points for the locals. In the second game, Robert Lee lads lost to Jim Ned in a close one 30-28. Abalos again was high with 18 points. To win third place, Robert Lee downed Bronte 51-22 on Saturday. Abalos scored 16 points to lead his team.

Mr. and Mrs. Houston Hill of Burnet visited Sunday night and Monday with her sister, Mrs. Bryan Yarbrough.



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