

# Robert Lee Observer

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## 1974 Politics Start In Coke

### Citizens of Tomorrow



Laurie Dickinson, 2, Mandy Dickinson and the grandchild Cook, 11, and Randy Cook, 9, are children of Mrs. Georga Newby.

### Lubbock Man Killed in Truck Wreck

A 41 year old Lubbock man died Friday morning of last week in Shannon Hospital following a one vehicle accident approximately four miles north of Robert Lee. The victim was Ralph Cantu Hernandez of 1807 San Jose in Lubbock, who was a driver for Goldbold, Inc., a feed firm of Lubbock.

### Crowd Attends Blair Anniversary

One hundred thirty-eight guests were registered when Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Blair observed their 50th wedding anniversary Sunday. The reception was hosted by the Blairs' children and grandchildren and was held in the Recreation Hall in Coke County Park in Robert Lee from 2 to 5 p.m.

Children present and helping their parents receive the guests were Mrs. J. O. (Edith) McGinley, Billy Joe Blair, Daniel Blair, Don Blair and Jerry Blair.

Out of town guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Blair, Lottie and Melvin Hunter, Alton and Thelma Blair, Aulena Wagner, Nellie Robertson, Pearl Blair and Mrs. Jesse Cargile, all of Sweetwater, Lorenna Bird, Cecil and Ester Smith and Bill and Mary Tucker, all of Blackwell; Mrs. Grace Moore of Hylton; J. D. and Bette Smith of Guymon, Okla.; Mrs. LaVerne Fritsch of Lubbock; Carl Blair, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Rawlings and Mr. and Mrs. German Walker, Linda, Janet and Kathy, all of Bronte; Jim and Mabelle Thomas of Arlington; Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Rogers of Sinto.

From Sterling City were Bill and Helen Blair, John and Lenna Blair, and Ricky and Nona Gaye Hopkins, Sandy and Bobby. Also, John Dogget of Midland, Jeff Blair III of Groesbeck, Don and Vera Blair of Fort Stockton, Mr. and Mrs. James Robertson of North Platte, Neb., Mr. and Mrs. Frank Blair of La Pryor, Vernon Smith, Jerry Blair and Bill and Betty Mundell of Houston; Mr. and Mrs. Buell Moore, R. O. Holland, and Robert and Minnie Jones of Nolan; Donna, Kim and Troy Blair of Mineral Wells.

Also Mrs. J. W. Arledge, Wade and Linda, Jack Porter, Alene Wilhelm, Roy and Judy Blair and Linda Blair of San Angelo; and Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Blair of Odessa.

The accident happened about 5:10 a.m. Friday near the home of Mrs. Marvin Simpson on Highway 208 north of Robert Lee.

Hernandez apparently lost control of the truck when he swerved to miss a deer. He did hit the deer, however. The truck was loaded with feed cubes and mineral blocks which were scattered over the highway. Hernandez was headed toward Robert Lee.

Investigating the accident were Sheriff Doug Robertson, Deputy J. Lee Ensor and Highway Patrolman Bobby Hart.

### Funeral Held For Mrs. Hoots

Mrs. Catherine M. Hoots, 80, of Robert Lee died at 5:20 a.m. Friday in West Coke County Nursing Home where she had been a patient since April 12, 1971. Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Saturday in Robert Lee Baptist Church. The Rev. H. L. Bloodworth of Silver and the Rev. Roy Epperson, pastor, officiated, with burial following in Robert Lee Cemetery directed by Newby Funeral Home.

She was born Aug. 27, 1893, in Sterling County. She came to Coke County in 1895. She was married to Richard Sheffield in 1912 and he died in 1926. She was married to Jess Hoots in 1928. He died in 1959. She was preceded in death by a daughter, Evelyn Sheffield, and a son, Clifton Sheffield.

Survivors include one brother, D. M. (Dave) Millican, and one sister, Mrs. W. J. (Bill) Capps, both of Robert Lee and several nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were Bunyon Millican, Dalton Millican, Ervin Lowrance, David Lowrance, Ernest Lowrance, Royce Gene Hood, Francis Jeffries, Roy Hood and Jett Hood.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Austin and daughter, Carole, of Dallas visited last week in San Angelo with his mother, Mrs. Coke Austin. They were in Robert Lee Thursday and came by the Observer office to subscribe to the paper. They also went out to Samco to look over their old home place. He is owner and operator of Austin Air Conditioning and Heating in Dallas. He has lived in Dallas for 17 years.

### Goldthwaite Rites For Jim Rudd

Jim Rudd, 96, died at 3:55 p.m. Sunday at Childress Hospital in Goldthwaite.

Services were held Monday afternoon in Goldthwaite First Baptist Church with burial in Goldthwaite Memorial Cemetery.

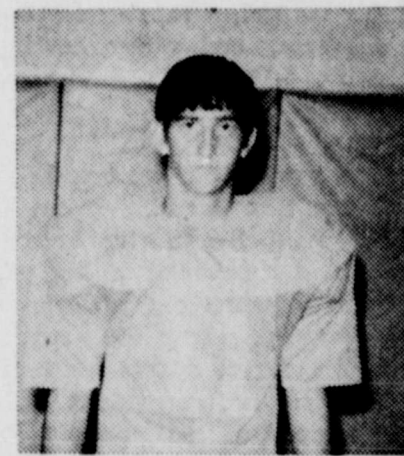
He was born June 27, 1877, in Comanche County and married Susie Karnes Dec. 25, 1904, at Trigger Mountain. She died in 1954. He then married Lottie Langford April 18, 1956, in Goldthwaite. He had lived in Mills County all of his life. He was a Baptist and a retired rancher.

Survivors include his wife; son, J. O. Rudd of Robert Lee; a daughter, Mrs. Juanita Davis of San Antonio; two stepdaughters, Mrs. Hulis Blackwell of Goldthwaite and Mrs. Bill Wittenburg of Lometa; two stepsons, Al Langford of Lampasas and Joe Langford of Goldthwaite; three brothers, Bill Rudd of Hamilton, Gus Rudd of Energy and Guy Rudd of Goldthwaite; a sister, Mrs. Ina Lacewell of Frisco; seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank P. Brown and Fran of Chickasha, Okla., were here over the Christmas holidays visiting relatives in Robert Lee and Bronte.

Politics got underway for 1974 this week in Coke County. Two present officeholders announced for re-election and one new candidate came out. The three are making their bids for election in the Democratic Primary which will be held May 4, 1974.

Candidates who wish to run on



the Democratic ticket must file with County Democratic Chairman Mrs. Cumbie Ivey Jr.

Seeking re-election are Mrs. Winnie Waldrop for county and district clerk and Mrs. Jerry Thomason for county treasurer.

A new face on the Coke County political scene is Billy Joe Luckett, who has announced for commissioner of Precinct 2. He is seeking the position now held by Jesse Parker, who has announced he will not seek re-election.

Other offices to be voted on in May are county judge, commissioner of Precinct 4 and justices of the peace in Precincts 1 and 2.

### Services Held for Raymond Large

Funeral services for Raymond W. Large, 49, were held at 2 p.m. Thursday in Johnson's Funeral Chapel with burial in Lawnhaven Memorial Gardens.

Mr. Large, who lived in San Angelo, died Tuesday in Clinic Hospital after a long illness.

He was born Dec. 5, 1924, in National City, Calif., and was a lifelong San Angelo resident.

Survivors include his mother, Mrs. Luther Large of San Angelo; a brother, Bob Large of Robert Lee; and several nieces and nephews.

ALL WEST TEXAS BACK — Lyn Sockwell, streaking back for the Robert Lee Steers, was selected as a running back on the Class A All West Texas selections of the San Angelo Standard-Times. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis L. Sockwell.

Christmas Eve visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Buster Pierce were Mr. and Mrs. Jack Raymond and family of Houston and Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Denman of Bronte. The Pierces and Mrs. Velma Denman were guests of Mrs. Fronie Scarborough on Christmas Day.



13 POUNDER — Jerry Cauld last week from a deep water er of Robert Lee caught this section of Lake Spence. hefty striped bass on a trotline

### Robert Lee Firms To Take Holiday

Most Robert Lee firms will be closed for the New Year's holiday next Tuesday. A few firms will be closed Monday, Dec. 31, as well as New Year's Day.

The U. S. Post Office will remain open until 11 a.m. on Monday and will be closed all day Tuesday. Robert Lee State Bank will be closed Tuesday only.

Hillside Grocery will be open all day New Year's to take care of fishermen's trade as well as local business.

Most local residents are ready for a quiet day at home with the New Year's football games after big Christmas celebrations.

### INFANT SON DIES

Graveside services for Kyle Lane Beaty, one day old infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Lane Beaty of Pecos were held at 2 p.m. Sunday in Evergreen Cemetery in Pecos with Rev. Clark Ford officiating.

The baby was born at 8:25 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 20, in Memorial Hospital in Pecos and died at 10:40 p.m. the same day.

Survivors include the parents, and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Fonville of Pecos and Mr. and Mrs. Fred L. Beaty of Robert Lee.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Jones during the Christmas holidays with their sons and families, Mr. and Mrs. Alton Jones and Terry of Bridgeport and Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Jones, Kent and Keith of Euless.





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**Scott Gets Range Management Award**

Horace L. Scott of Robert Lee State of Texas. was the recipient of the Excellence in Grazing Management Award at the annual meeting of the Texas Section of the Society of Range Management. The meeting was held Dec. 4, 5 and 6 in El Paso with the New Mexico and Mexico Sections of the Society of Range Management.

Objectives of the award are to give credit to those who have demonstrated excellent skills and knowledge in practicing sound grazing management on their rangelands.

Scott was honored along with other ranchmen throughout the State of Texas. Scott has carried out extensive brush control, range seeding, cross fencing and water development for better grazing distribution of his livestock.

Others attending the El Paso meeting were Mrs. Scott and Mr. and Mrs. Rex Brand.

Scott is a Beefmaster breeder and recently attended a big sale of the comparatively new breed at Pleasanton, where he purchased some stock to add to his herd. The Beefmaster, recognized as a distinct breed in 1954, started out as one-half Brahman, one-fourth Hereford and one-fourth Short-horn.

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### Mrs. Waldrop Running for Clerk

Mrs. Winnie Waldrop has announced that she will be a candidate for re-election as Coke County District and County Clerk. In making her announcement, she issued the following statement:

To the Citizens of Coke County:

It has been a pleasure to serve the people of Coke County as County and District Clerk the past few years and I take this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation for allowing me this privilege.

In announcing my candidacy for re-election to this office I pledge my continued effort to be worthy of this honorable position and of the trust you have placed in me by your loyalty and support. I shall always welcome the opportunity to share your views in matters concerning this office and will always be glad to assist you in any way I can.

Again, I respectfully request your vote for me for County and District Clerk of Coke County at the Democratic Primary Election on May 4th.

Thank you.  
Winnie Waldrop

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### Thoughts From The Living Bible

"My beloved said to me, 'Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away. For the winter is past, the rain is over and gone. The flowers are springing up and the time of the singing of birds has come. Yes, spring is here. The leaves are coming out and the grape vines are in blossom. How delicious they smell! Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.' "My dove is hiding behind some rocks, behind an outcrop of the cliff. Call to me and let me hear your lovely voice and see your handsome face."

Solomon 2:10-14  
Religious Heritage of America

### SORORITY MEETS

Alpha Kappa Pi met Dec. 19 in the home of Mrs. Truman Hines with Mrs. Ronald Foust as hostess. Christmas gifts were exchanged. Fourteen members were present.

### Lunchroom Menu

Monday and Tuesday, Jan. 1 and 2: School holidays.

Wednesday, Jan. 2: Steak fingers and gravy, creamed potatoes, green beans, hot rolls and butter, milk and jelly.

Thursday, Jan. 3: Italian spaghetti, English peas, cole slaw, hot rolls and butter, milk and ice box cookies.

Friday, Jan. 4: Barbecue chicken, buttered potatoes, combination salad, hot rolls and butter, milk and peanut butter supreme.

### PERSONALS

Mrs. Ernest Jones and Alton Jones attended funeral services for her brother-in-law, George F. Jones, 74, in San Angelo Saturday. Mr. Jones died about 3 a.m. last Wednesday in a San Angelo nursing home. Services were in Johnson's Funeral Home Chapel Saturday at 9:30 a.m. with burial in Eola Cemetery.

Recent visitors of Miss Effie Carville at Sinco were Mrs. David Key and Mrs. Vivian Samuelson of Robert Lee and Mrs. William Thomas of Brussels, Belgium.

Visiting Christmas Day with Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Killam and family were Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Prine of San Angelo, William Heard of Kerrville, Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Lively and Mrs. W. L. Rutledge of San Angelo and Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Snyder and John of Odessa.

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### CARD OF THANKS

May we take this method of thanking our friends and neighbors for their kind expressions of sympathy in our time of sorrow and for the food and everything. Especially, we thank the nurses at the Nursing Home. I know our sister was given the best of care. God bless you all.  
 The Family of  
 Catherine (Cass) Hoots  
 D. M. Milligan  
 Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Capps

### Mrs. Thomason Out for Treasurer

Mrs. Jerry Thomason announced this week that she is a candidate for re-election as Coke County treasurer.

When she announced that she was seeking another term as treasurer, she made the following statement:

To the Citizens of Coke County: It has been my pleasure to serve the people of Coke County as County Treasurer in the past and I take this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation for allowing me this privilege.

In announcing my candidacy for re-election to this office, I pledge my continued effort to be worthy of this honorable position and of the trust you have placed in me by your loyalty and support.

If re-elected as your County Treasurer, I promise to continue the same efficient and courteous service to the best of my ability.

Mrs. Jerry Thomason Mrs. Thomason is a widow and has two sons, Craig, who is employed as a reporter on the Hill Country Daily Herald, and Gary Jack, who is a junior at the University of Texas at Austin. She is a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Mitchell, longtime residents of Bronte.

Her candidacy is subject to action of voters in the Democratic Primary next May.

### CROWD ATTENDS PARTY

A large crowd was present for the annual Christmas party at the West Coke County Nursing Home held last Friday at 2 p.m. The 29 residents, some of their relatives and friends, along with the hospital and nursing home staff, welcomed Santa who was present to hand out gifts from under the Christmas tree. Then everyone gathered in the dining room where refreshments were served.



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MACARONI, 10 oz. pkg. - - - 2 for 65c

FROZEN

FISH STICKS - - - - - 16 oz. box 79c

FROZEN

MIXED VEGETABLES - -20 oz. pkg. 45c

GANDY'S PURE

ICE CREAM - - - - - 1/2 gal. 99c

GANDY'S FROZAN - - - - 1/2 gal. 59c

POTATOES - - - - - 10 lb. bag 79c

LETTUCE, large heads - - - each 29c

CARROTS, 1 lb. cello bag - - - 2 for 29c

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