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Three Local Elections To Be Held April 3

April 3 is the date three elections will be held in Robert Lee. Area voters will go to the polls to elect a City Mayor, three City Councilmen, three directors for the West Coke County Hospital District and three trustees for the Robert Lee Independent School District.

Terms of Mayor S. E. Adams and Councilmen Jimmy Bell, Royce

Hood and Ben Cook are expiring. In checking with the City Hall Wednesday, the Observer learned that Adams has filed for re-election as mayor and N. J. Keith has filed for election as city councilman. Filing deadline is March 3.

Directors of West Coke County Hospital whose terms are expiring are Fern Havins, J. D. Harmon and Finnell Smith. As of Wednesday noon, no one had filed for the three positions.

School trustees whose terms expire are Bobby Baker, Joe Flowers and Ben Bessent. March 3 is the deadline for filing for these positions and as of Wednesday, no one had filed for a spot on the ballot to be used in the April 3 election.

CUB MEETING SET FOR TONIGHT

There will be a Cub Scout Pack meeting tonight (Thursday) at 7 p.m. in the Recreation Hall.

Included on the program will be some Indian dance performers, Tommy McSwain of the district office will be in attendance and Cub awards will be presented.

The public is invited and Cubmaster John Gross said Cub parents are especially urged to attend.

Refreshments will be served following the meeting.

4-H MEMBERS IN JUDGING CONTEST

Four Coke County 4-H Club members participated in the Angelo State University Livestock Judging Contest held in San Angelo Saturday, Feb. 21. Representing the county were William and Carolyn Simpson, Lynn Gulley and Dianna Tinkler.

Complete results were not available at press time; however Carolyn Simpson was the fifth high individual in the 4-H division of the contest. Also the Coke County team won fifth high in the beef cattle judging in the 4-H division.

Coke 4-Hers At District Show

Coke County 4-Hers were well represented Saturday at the District 4-H Foods and Project Show. Miss Martha Gonzales of Bronte, a State 4-H Council delegate, was mistress of ceremonies during the Awards Program. Miss Carol Cervenka, also of Bronte assisted with the awards presentation.

Mrs. Gaylon Pitcock of Robert Lee and Mrs. Harold Dunn of Bronte served as judges for the show.

Coke County had one senior participant in the show. Carolyn Collins of Robert Lee won the blue award in Creative Arts in the Project Show. She had a display of painted articles she had done. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Collins.

Marty Dunn of Bronte won a blue ribbon on a whole wheat-rain bread she entered in the Snacks and Beverage Division. Her parents are the Harold Dunns. Winners of red ribbons were Julia Grun, Robert Lee, Main Dish; Denise Hite, Bronte, Side Dish; and Ollie McCarty, Bronte, Desserts.

Mrs. Fay C. Roe Coke County Extension Agent, assisted with a program for adult leaders and parents.

Mrs. Richard Grun of Robert Lee and Mrs. Johnny Hite and Mrs. A. D. McCarty of Bronte also attended the show.

Ribbons were courtesy of West Texas Utilities Co. Morrison Milling Co. presented awards to winners.

The show was held in Sweetwater.

Public Schools Week to Be Observed Here March 1-5

Texas Public Schools Week will be next week, March 1-5 and Robert Lee Independent School District

BICENTENNIAL PLANNING MEETING PLANNED FEB. 26

Everyone interested in Robert Lee's Bicentennial celebration is urged to attend a review and planning meeting Thursday, Feb. 26, 7:30 p.m. at City Hall.

Persons who are unable to come are invited to call or write their ideas to Fern Havins or Mmes. Wilson Bryan, Bryan Yarbrough or Edna Havins.

FIREMEN'S AUXILIARY GIVE BOOK TO LIBRARY

The Robert Lee Firemen's Auxiliary met Monday night, Feb. 16, in a regular meeting with nine present, including two new members.

Plans were made to present the book, "100 Years of Firefighting in Texas," to the Coke County Library. The presentation was made Friday.

The president appointed a nominating committee to work on a list of new officers for the coming year, including Eula Blair, chairman, Jo Nell Yarbrough and Vivian Jacobs.

Auxiliary members voted to place some money in savings to help firemen toward the purchase of a new truck.

The auxiliary is buying first aid books for the three day First Aid Course coming up in March.

officials invite parents and the general public to visit school during this 26th annual observance of Public Schools Week.

All classrooms, elementary through high school, will be open to the public to attend classes, eat lunch with the students and to see

LOCAL FIREMEN HELP WITH GRASS FIRE

The Robert Lee Volunteer Fire Department was called out last Friday afternoon to help fight a grass fire in the Broome-Walnut community northwest of Water Valley.

Cause of the fire was not known but it started at a culvert on Highway 87 near Broome and spread rapidly eastward fanned by high winds.

According to Elton Mims, who ranches near the site of the fire, most of the burned area was on the old Farr & Lee Ranch and covered approximately 2,000 acres, roughly four miles long and one mile wide.

Firetrucks from Robert Lee, Sterling City, San Angelo and Bronte were among those at the scene along with many ranchers and volunteers from the surrounding area. Graders and dozers were brought in to clear out a lane around the fire area.

Although the fire was under control by about 5:30 or 6 p.m., it was closely watched until after nightfall.

first hand how the system works.

A program will be held Tuesday night at 8 o'clock in the school auditorium when the High School Band will give a performance and Supt. Jimmy Bickley will speak. Refreshments will be served and a time for visitation will take place in the school cafeteria following the program.

Supt. Bickley invites everyone to support Texas Public Schools Week. Whether a parent or not, the visits and comments of everyone are welcome. Showing concern for the local school system not only stimulates a child's interest but increases the citizen's own knowledge about the kind of education being provided, school officials said.

CONTRACTS OF PRINCIPALS COACH EXTENDED YEAR

In its regular monthly meeting held Feb. 5, the Robert Lee School board of trustees voted to extend the contracts of both school principals and the head coach.

The contract of High School Principal Jerry Gibbs was extended one year, through the school year 1977-78. Clifford Wilson, Elementary school principal, received a contract extension for the same period.

High School Football Coach Jerry English was granted a one year contract extension also.

Each of these men has a two year contract with the board acting on contract extensions each year.

WATER SUPPLY CORP. MAKING PLANS FOR WATER MEETING

The steering committee of the proposed Coke County Water Supply Corp. has completed preliminary plans for a rural water supply system for Coke County. The committee has called a meeting for Monday, March 8 at 7:30 p.m. in the New Recreation Center in Robert Lee to discuss the matter with rural residents and land owners.

Attending this general meeting for all potential users of such a system will be William Fox, engineer for the project, and Alton Pyburn, Farmers Home Administration representative for Coke and Nolan Counties. They will be available to answer any question and explain the project.

A request for a loan and a grant for the project has been made through FHA.

Everyone who is interested in obtaining treated water in rural areas is invited to attend the meeting.

CALENDAR CHANGED

Students of Robert Lee School will be out of classes on March 12 for the San Angelo Stock Show instead of March 5 as was previously listed on the school calendar.

Mrs. D. J. Sheppard of Big Spring is a guest this week in the home of her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Max Anthony and children. The Anthony family spent Sunday in Big Spring with Mrs. Sheppard and she returned home with them.

Fire Truck Needs Are Discussed

The Robert Lee Volunteer Fire Department is making plans toward the purchase of a new fire fighting vehicle to be used in addition to the two trucks now in service.

According to information given to the Observer, plans are now in the discussion stage to decide what type truck would best suit the needs of the community.

It is generally agreed that the need is greatest for a truck which would be mobile enough to fight range and rural fires, yet could be used as a heavy duty pumper if necessary.

The Department now has a 1963 Chevrolet truck outfitted primarily for city protection. This truck was bought by Coke County. It also has a 1969 Ford for use mainly on rural fires. This truck was bought and outfitted with money donated by citizens and property owners of this area.

A fire department spokesman said that within the past few months the department has received a number of generous donations for calls made outside the city and most of this money has been placed in a fund to be used toward the purchase of a new truck.

BI-DISTRICT GAME SET FOR RL GYM

A bi-district boys basketball championship will be decided next Tuesday night when District 11-B champion Greenwood meets 12-B champion Miles in Robert Lee School gym.

The two teams will each be striving to win this tilt to advance to the regional tournament in Leveland on March 5-6.

Game time is set for 7:30 p.m.



PRESENT BOOK — Members of the Firemen's Auxiliary present a book, "100 Years of Firefighting in Texas," to the Coke County Library. Standing, from left, are Jo Nell Yarbrough, Edna Havins, Ruth Williams and Floy Sawyer. Seated, from left are

Alice Beaty, Zera Fields, Ruth Robertson, Bonita Copeland and Librarian Waunice Clanton. Members not pictured are Eula Faye Blair, Iris Conner, Yvonne Devoll, Vivian Jacobs, Judy Williams and Nita Williams.

FB Membership Drive Planned

March 1-6, 1976, is "Farm Bureau Week" in Coke-Sterling County as well as all of Texas.

Coke-Sterling County Farm Bureau will have a special membership enrollment drive during this period as a part of a statewide effort to exceed last year's total of 180,470 member families. Coke-Sterling County's organization ended its 1975 year with 406 members. All 210 county FBs will be seeking to show a gain in membership for the fourth year in a row.

Finis Harmon of Robert Lee is president of the local Farm Bu-

reau. Membership chairman is James Allen of Bronte and membership committee members who will be working on the drive include Allen, Crowley Harmon, Danny Stewart and all directors.

The county president said farmers and ranchers need an organization more than ever before.

"Farmers and ranchers need a stronger organization to help solve problems in marketing, agricultural public relations, taxation, farm exports, as well as other matters affecting our net incomes," President Harmon said.

Part of a proclamation said:

"Agriculture is becoming more important to the economy of Coke and Sterling Counties, our State and Nation. Many of our citizens are dependent directly or indirectly upon agriculture for their livelihood. All consumers benefit from the productive efficiency of modern agriculture."

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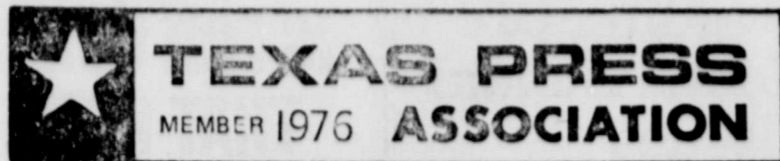
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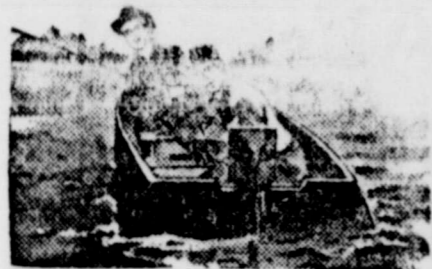
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FISHING REPORT from Lake Spence

Fishing lately has been good at Lake Spence and a number of good catches have been reported.

Y. J.'s Marina

Cecil Weir and G. M. Bankhead, Robert Lee, 1 black at 10 lbs.

Jody Harris, Odessa, 1 striper at 6 lbs.

Tim Schwager, Odessa, 3 blacks to 3 3/4 lbs.

Some big stripers were snagged over the weekend when Jess Anthony caught one at 13.8 lbs; L. H.

Lance hooked one at 12.6 lbs. and J. D. Davis got one at 8.3 lbs.

Some big blacks were hooked, with Jess Anthony and Garland Newton both landing fish that weighed 4.7 pounds.

Sunday, Dan Blair caught the big one of the weekend, bringing in a striper that weighed 15.13 lbs.; Buddy Hawkins caught one at 12.7 and Robert Dewoody's catch of the day weighed 11.13.

Triangle Grocery & Bait

Bobby James, Snyder, 30 crappie to 1 1/2 lbs.

R. C. Rainwater, 1 black at 4 1/2 lbs.

Wildcat Fish-A-Rama

Jack and Nina Brewer, 14 blacks to 4 lbs and 2 stripers to 8 lbs.

Russ Hodnett, 1 striper at 6 lbs., 5 oz.

Hillside Grocery

Calvin Jones, Odessa, 60 crappie to 1 1/2 lbs and 4 blacks for total weight of 47 1/2 lbs.

Bill Hayden, Robert Lee, 1 striper at 7 lbs.

ELTON MIMS GIVES STUDY CLUB PROGRAM

The 64 Study Club met in the home of Mrs. Wilson Bryan Feb. 10. Three guests and 19 members were present to hear the program presented by Elton Mims, well known historian of Warter Valley.

The club met Feb. 24 in the home of Mrs. George Newby with Mrs. James Herford and Mrs. Douglas Ditmore as co-hostesses. Mrs. Fred Beaty gave a review of the book, "Let Freedom Ring," by Dale Evans.

Political Announcements

Candidates whose names appear below have authorized The Observer to announce their candidacy for office, subject to the Democratic Primray May 1, 1976.

For STATE REPRESENTATIVE,
63rd Dist.:

BILL ATWOOD Jr.
MIKE EZZELL

For DISTRICT ATTORNEY,
51st Dist.:

GERALD A. FOHN
THOMAS M. GOFF
F. W. FERRELL

For SHERIFF:
J. LEE ENSOR

For TAX-ASSESSOR, COLLECTOR:
O. B. JACOBS

For COMMISSIONER, Precinct 1:
ALBERT N. (Bob) FIELDS

For COMMISSIONER, Precinct 3:
JETT HOOD
MIKE ROSS

For CONSTABLE, Precinct 1:
OLLIE ROE
JOHNNIE L. JONES

HOSPITAL NEWS

Feb. 10: Daisy Ruth Watson admitted. Rebecca Cumbie, Anna Mae Cox dismissed.

Feb. 11: Charlie Cook admitted, Buck Duncan dismissed.

Feb. 12: J. D. Green, J. D. Elkins, Johnny Elkins, Terry Frank Bryan, Inez Mayfield, George Braswell admitted, Lilly Gaines dismissed.

Feb. 13: Oleta Braswell, Jeff Blair admitted.

Feb. 14: Albert Garza admitted.

Feb. 15: Ethel Green admitted. Daisy Ruth Watson, Charlie Cook, Terry Frank Bryan, Inez Mayfield, George Braswell dismissed.

Feb. 16: Ina Collett, Louis Lara, J. E. Quisenberry, Lena Russell admitted. Johnny Elkins, Oleta Braswell, Jeff Blair, Albert Garza dismissed.

Feb. 17: Mae Eads admitted. Ethel Green J. E. Quisenberry dismissed.

Feb. 18: Frank Abalos, Gerald Brasuel admitted. Lena Russell dismissed.

Feb. 19: Rebecca Cumbie, Bernice Bell, Mabel Mundell, J. B. Robertson admitted. J. D. Green dismissed.

Feb. 20: Rosa Ybarra, Fern Havins admitted. Ina Collett, Gerald Brasuel, J. B. Robertson dismissed.

Feb. 21: Mabel Mundell, Fern Havins dismissed.

Feb. 22: Ruben Valdez admitted. Bernice Bell dismissed.

Feb. 23: Fern Havins admitted. Louis Lara dismissed.

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NOTICE TAXPAYERS

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TALENT NEEDED FOR PANCAKE SUPPER, PROGRAM

Talent is needed for the "Talent Show" program which will be held in conjunction with the Pancake Supper March 5 in the Robert Lee School auditorium.

Persons who are interested in appearing on the program are requested to contact Edna Havins at the City Hall, George Strickland at the school or Add Davis at Add Davis Grocery & Statica.

The Pancake Supper and Talent Show are annual events sponsored by Coke County 4-H Clubs and the Robert Lee Silver Lions Club.

Committees are busy making plans for this year's Lions Club 4-H Clubs pancake supper and talent show.

Serving of pancakes will begin at 5 p.m. in the Robert Lee School cafeteria and will continue until 8 p.m.

Admission price will be \$1.50 per person. Tickets can be purchased in advance from 4-H members or at the door.

The talent show will start at 6 p.m. in the school auditorium with local and area talent providing several hours of entertainment.

Proceeds from the supper will be used for community projects by the Lions Club and 4-H Clubs.

Everyone is invited to make plans to attend the affair.

PERSONALS

Mrs. Henrietta Payne of Clovis, N. M. and Mr. and Mrs. Willie Wallace of Amarillo visited Robert Lee relatives over the weekend. Mrs. Payne and Mr. Wallace are the sister and brother of Calvin Wallace and Mrs. Wallace is a sister of Mrs. Tommy Williams and Fred Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Gartman and family went to Gonzales over the weekend to take their little granddaughter, Tracie Lynn Blair, to her home after her 10 day visit here. Joining them at Gonzales in the home of their daughter and family, the Roy Blairs, were their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Gartman and children, of Ban. quete.

Jimmy Cole of Hurst, son of Mrs. Georgia Ackerman, is listed in critical condition after suffering a heart attack two weeks ago. Mrs. Ackerman, of Burkburnett and formerly of Robert Lee, is in Hurst to be with her son. She is staying in the home of her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ted (Mary) Burns of Hurst.

Mrs. George Newby was one of the four Standard Times bingo winners last week. She received \$25 in Bingo Bucks to be spent as cash at the merchants of San Angelo who participate in the bingo game each week.

PERSONALS

Mrs. Jett Hood recently spent a week in San Angelo with her grandchildren, Kim and Wes Hood, while their parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Ray Hood, went to Washington, D. C., on a business trip. Mr. Hood is assistant principal at Lee School in San Angelo.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Trimble spent the weekend in Midland with their children, Mr. and Mrs. Monty Trimble and boys.

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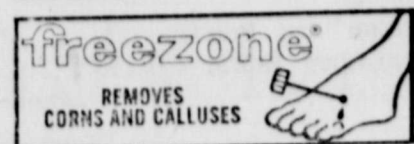
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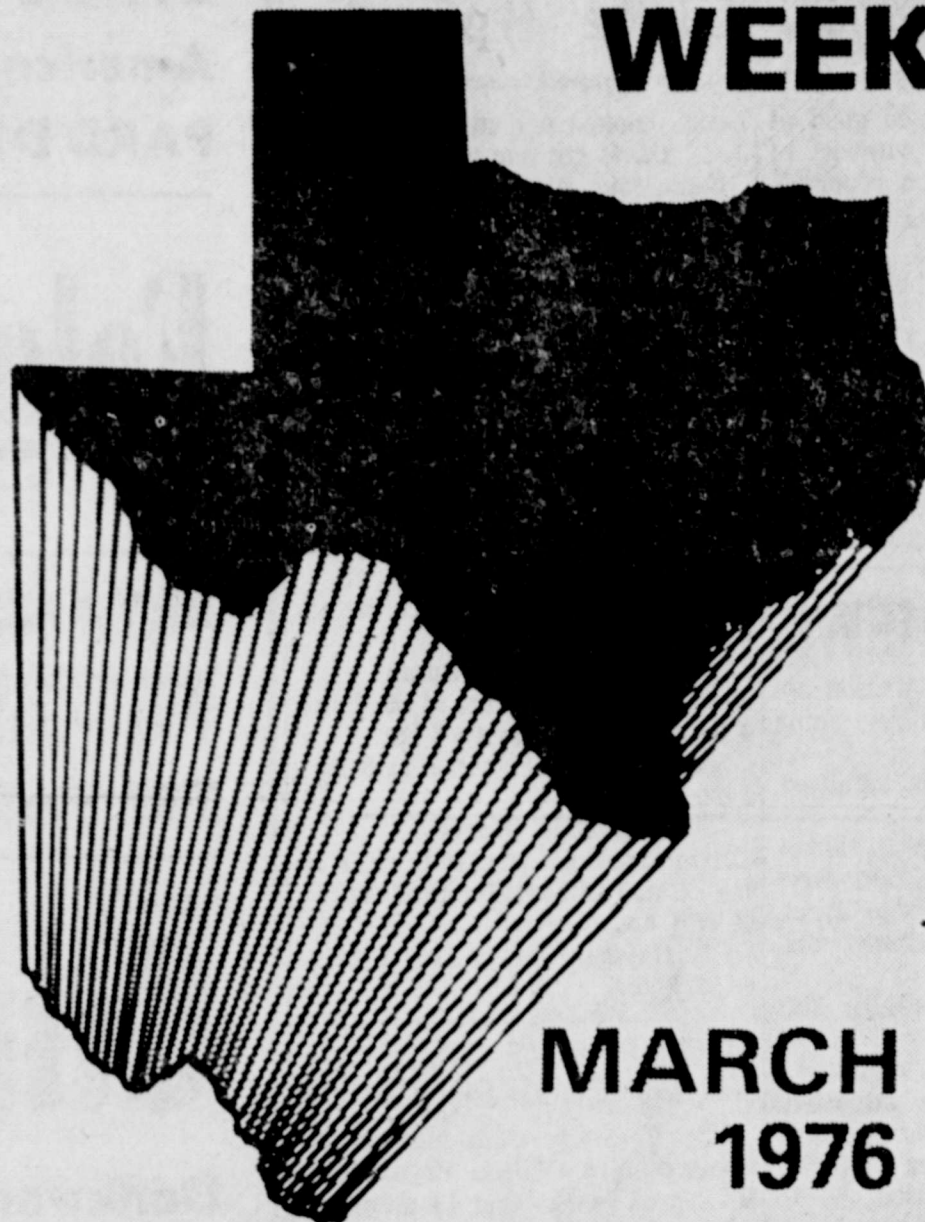
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Ferrell Seeking 51st DA Job

F. W. Ferrell, assistant county attorney for Tom Green County, will oppose 51st District Attorney Gerald Fohn for that post. Ferrell, 33, has served as assistant county attorney since September 1973.

From April 1967 to June 1973 he was Judge Advocate in the U. S. Air Force with his chief duty being prosecutor of criminal cases. His last position in the Air Force was as Chief of Military Justice at Ramstein Air Base, Germany, and there was responsible for all criminal prosecutions.

While in the Air Force, Ferrell received the Meritorious Service Medal, an Air Force Commendation Medal and was a finalist for the 1971 Albert M. Kuhfield Award, given annually to the outstanding Judge Advocate of the Air Force.

Since Ferrell became assistant county attorney in September 1973, the office has obtained over 2,000 convictions and assessed approximately \$375,000 in fines. He is personally responsible for all juvenile cases.

Ferrell received his B. A. degree from the University of Texas in 1965 and his law degree from the UT Law School in August 1966. He was admitted to practice law in December 1966.

Ferrell is married to Retta Baker Ferrell and they have two children, Melissa, 9, and Marshall, 5.

Ferrell is submitting his candidacy subject to action by voters of the 51st District in the Democratic Primary in May.

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F. W. Ferrell

Lunchroom Menu

Monday, March 1: Meat loaf, creamed potatoes, combination salad, hot rolls and butter, milk and prunes.

Tuesday, March 2: Chili and crackers, fruit Jello, French fries with catsup, milk and ice box cookies.

Wednesday, March 3: Pinto beans with salt pork, potato salad, turnips and greens, milk, corn bread and butter and apple cobbler.

Thursday, March 4: Barbecue beef on bun, corn, cole slaw, potato chips, milk and vanilla pudding.

Friday, March 5: Barbecue chicken, buttered potatoes, green beans, celery sticks, hot rolls and butter, milk and pink applesauce.

NEWS FROM THE COUNTY LIBRARY

By Wainice Clanton, Librarian

The Coke County Library has just received 50 books on loan from the Abilene Public Library. These books are on various subjects including fiction, non-fiction, books on crafts, etc.

On loan from the Tom Green Public Library are 36 volumes of large print books. The public is invited to come by and take advantage of these special programs.

The library has recently received a large number of books donated by the Scurry County Public Library and the Mitchell County Public Library.

Every donation of books and money is greatly appreciated. These donations may be made at the library anytime between Tuesday and Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Donations of money may be made at the library or to any member of the Library Committee.

MOVE TO TENNESSEE

Jacky Preslar and his wife, Nancy, have recently moved to Kingston, Tenn., near Knoxville where he is employed as a nuclear engineer for the Tennessee Valley Authority a huge government operated electrical generating complex. The plant is located near Knoxville.

Preslar is a 1970 graduate of Robert Lee High School and a graduate of Texas A&M University where he received a Master's Degree in Engineering Technology.

He is the son of Mrs. Paul Burns of Edith Routh, Robert Lee.

Ruth Ann Sword of San Angelo, 7 year old granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Reid, spent several days at Sanco with her grandparents while she was enjoying a few days' school vacation. She also visited Effie Carwile of Sanco.

The Observer, Robert Lee, Texas

Feb. 26, 1976

COKE COUNTY YOUTHS IN HOUSTON SHOW

Thirteen Coke County 4-H Club members will be competing in the 1976 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Feb. 25-March 7.

Entering market steers are Russell Ash, Cynthia Ash, Susan Ash, Edwin Wilson, Everett Wilson and Lisa Devoll.

Cindy Walker, Vicki Gartman, Kerry Gartman, Terry Joe Millican, Debbie Askins and Ricky Ross are showing market barrows, and Diana Tinkler is entering market lambs.

Sterling Lindsey, County Extension Agent for Coke County, will sponsor the Coke County group.

Eight members of the Robert Lee FFA will also compete in the show. Entering market barrows are Randy Bessent, Terry McGinley, Terry Ross, Harvey Wojtek, Ronnie Wagner and Tim Rowoldt. Market lambs will be entered by

Clark Tinkler and Dallas Johnson. Randy Bessent will also enter a market steer. Their teacher is Glenn H. Lawson.

The competition in the junior events is set for the second week of the show when 4-H and FFA boys and girls from all sections of the state will be vying for top premiums and prices.

This is the largest junior livestock show in the country.

HAS 75TH BIRTHDAY

Mrs. Bryan Gartman was honored Sunday with a birthday dinner in celebration of her 75th birthday. The gathering was held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gartman at Sanco and those attending were Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Pitcock of Sanco, Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Millican of Robert Lee, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Wayne Walker and family of San Angelo and Mrs. Melva Winkler of Abilene.

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We are a non-profit organization dedicated to free enterprise, agriculture and member service.

Coke-Sterling Farm Bureau

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

James Allen, Chairman
Crowley Harmon
Danny Stewart

AGENTS: Thurston McCutchen
Waldon Millican

Secretary: Mrs. C. E. Arrott
Box 11, Robert Lee

Atwood Seeks Spot as Representative

Bill Atwood Jr., 29, of Snyder has announced that he has filed as a candidate for State Representative for the 63rd District of Texas in the Democratic Primary election to be held in May.

The district includes Scurry, Borden, Dawson, Howard, Sterling and Coke Counties.

"I believe the people are tired of what is happening and it is time for a change," said Atwood. "We've got to have rules and regulations governing the people, but this does not mean the government should control the people as a whole."

"I believe the people should control the government at all levels and to do this, you, the people, have got to be represented in our state capitol as an individual and in all phases of industry."

"I am looking forward to this campaign as a citizen who is willing to get involved and would like to get others involved so that this

can be a stronger district. I do not believe you can represent people well unless you keep in touch with their needs and interests. I plan to meet with the people in every part of the 63rd District frequently during the next three months."

Atwood has been a resident of Snyder for the past 27 years. He is a graduate of Snyder High School and attended Allen Military Academy.

For the past few years he has been associated with his father, Bill Atwood Sr., in operation of an oilfield construction firm in Snyder.

Orval Denman of Bryan's Road, Md., visited from Tuesday until Friday of last week with Mr. and Mrs. Buster Pierce and Mrs. Velma Denman. He made the trip by plane.

BRONTE BAND BOOSTERS TO HAVE FESTIVAL

The Bronte Band Booster Club will sponsor a Bicentennial Festival on Saturday, March 27. Activities will get underway at 11 a.m. in the Bronte City Park. The celebration will be in honor of the 200th birthday of the United States.

There will be activities for all ages. They will include competitive games, beard growing contest, food booths, country store, antiques, hand made items and numerous other events of interest.

The day's events will be climaxed with a spaghetti supper in the Bronte School Cafeteria beginning at 4:30 p.m. Following the supper will be an old time variety show starting at 7 p.m.

Information regarding the events, entries and advanced ticket sales can be obtained by contacting Mrs. James Koenig, booster president, at 473-3911.

Have you tried a WANT AD?

MISS SUE ELLEN NOYES, STEVE MEADOWS PLAN WEDDING ON MAY 22

Mr. and Mrs. William E. Noyes of Wichita Falls have announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Sue Ellen Noyes, to Steven F. Meadows, son of Mr. and Mrs. Forrest K. Meadows of Robert Lee.

The bride-elect is a 1973 graduate of Wichita Falls High School. She is presently a junior at Angelo State University and is employed by Clinic Hospital Medical Associates.

Her fiance is a 1973 graduate of Robert Lee High School and is now a junior at ASU. He is employed by White's Store, Inc.

The couple plans to be married May 22 at Lamar Baptist Church in Wichita Falls.

Observer want ads are very effective and cost very little

CARTERS NEW RESIDENTS

Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Carter and their daughter Gaye Lynn, are new residents of Robert Lee, having moved here a month ago from Waianae, Hawaii. They reside on Vicki Street.

Mrs. Carter is the former Jo Ann Millican and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Millican of Robert Lee. Her husband is a native of Abilene.

The Carters, who had lived in Waianae 6½ years, are engaged in the wholesale jewelry business.

Gaye Lynn is an eighth grade student in Robert Lee School.

STATED MEETING

HAYRICK LODGE

No. 696, A. F. & A. M.



2nd Tues. Each Month, 7 P.M.

"DUB" METCALF, W. M.

LEWIS HEUVEL, Secretary

We know your gas bill has gone up. But ours went up \$166,189,000!

Lone Star's annual gas bill is *four times* what it was just five years ago. The average price Lone Star has had to pay producers for the gas we buy has gone up to about *two-and-one-half times* what we were paying just one year ago.

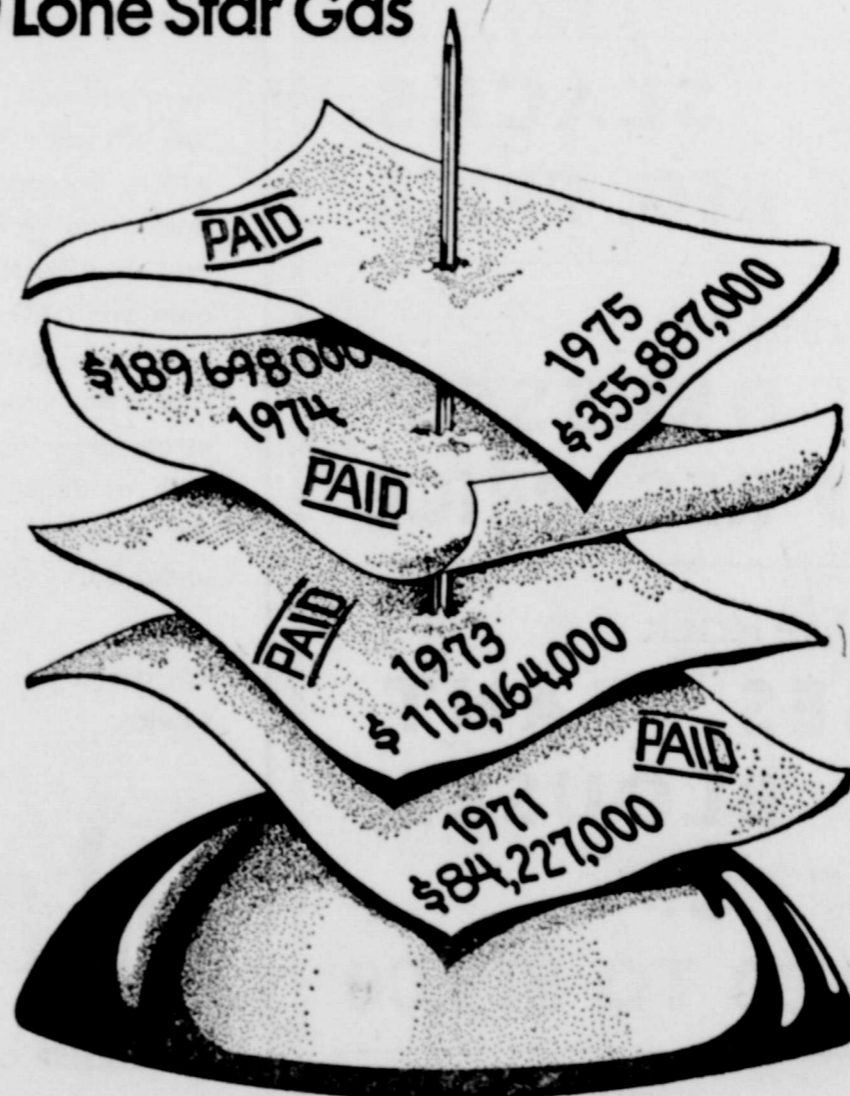
Because Lone Star must pass on these gas cost increases, your gas bills this winter are substantially higher than they were last year. And further rate increases are required to cover our cost of service. We know you don't enjoy paying these higher utility bills, but we have no other choice. And we believe you would rather have natural gas from Lone Star than the alternate forms of energy such as electricity, wood, fuel oil or coal.

Lone Star makes no profit on that portion of your gas bill which passes on increases in the average cost of gas we buy. In fact, Lone Star Gas Company utility profits have declined 56 per cent since 1972. Even with a *full* flow-through of its gas costs from the producer to the customer, Lone Star would lose money because of Gross Receipts Taxes (those taxes paid to each city under our franchises on gross revenues).

The only way Lone Star can continue to provide natural gas to its customers is through rates that include all changes in the cost of purchased gas. It is also important that we recover other costs of service that are no longer covered by our margins on gas sold to residential and commercial customers.

Our residential and commercial customers are in the enviable position of being able to get all the gas they want. There is **NO SHORTAGE OF GAS FOR OUR RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL CUSTOMERS THIS WINTER!** And with your support, we hope to be saying that for many years to come.

Lone Star Gas



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Printing and Office Supplies

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Competitive Prices

Our prices are competitive with (and many times lower) those of out-of-town printing and office supply firms. If you use some office supply item we don't have in stock, let us order it for you, and then we'll keep it in stock for your future use. Come in and check with us.

We make RUBBER STAMPS and invite you to bring us your next order.

Robert Lee Observer

Phone 453-2433

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.

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.

COPY DEADLINE:

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

FOR SALE

3 Bedroom House located on 3 lots. Barn with pens.

See me for Cartledge Estate lots.

Choice lots and other small acre tracts.

Two bedroom house, large rooms. Located on two lots, storage buildings, Well established yard.

ADAMS LAND & REALTY CO.
 Phone 453-2723 or 453-2757
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 Representing Birk Monument
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 Sam L. Williams, Phone 453-2525.

WANT TO LEASE: Need grass or ranch lease. Will consider purchase of existing livestock. Josh Johnson, phone (915) 655-7817 or Box 1784, San Angelo, Tex. 76901. tnc

DONATE YOUR UNWANTED ITEMS to the Robert Lee Silver Lions Club Fund-Raising Auction Sale. Phone 2444, 2368 and 2420 for pickup. 7tc

NEW BRICK HOUSE FOR SALE

New, 3 bedroom brick house, 1 1/2 baths, completed under F.H.A. supervision. Located on 75'x140' lot. Adjoining corner lot (75'x140') can be purchased.

ADAMS LAND & REALTY CO.
 Phone 453-2723 or 453-2757
 or 655-9429

or
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 (512) 345-3111, Austin, Tex.

HAY FOR SALE: Call 453-2686 or 453-2321. 4tp

PUBLIC NOTICE — There will be no hunting, camping, boat launching or any other use of lands, roads or other Real Estate or personal property belonging to Lakeside Estates without signed written permission from Mr. Louis Rochester or Walter H. Cowart. 4tc

FOR SALE: Sewing machine, baby bed, new Bicentennial fabrics. Neicie-Jo's Fabric Shoppe. 3tc

**Lake Spence
Lots For Sale**

Waterfront and off-waterfront, 20 percent down up to 8 years to pay. Call 453-2643, 453-2655 or 453-2935 or contact Buster Farris, Mike Reasonover, Konny Service or Celeste Service.

CARD OF THANKS
 MY SINCERE THANKS to each of you for the visits, cards, flowers, gifts and other expressions of concern while I was in the hospital. I send special thanks to the doctors and nurses at St. John's Hospital for their good care.
 Mrs. Eula Sparks

CARD OF THANKS
 We wish to express our appreciation and thanks to you of the Robert Lee area who turned out to help put out the grass fire we experienced last Friday afternoon.
 Walnut and Broome
 Community Residents

FOR RENT: 2 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath house at 815 Eucl. \$110. Phone 465-4215 or 453-2875.

FOR SALE — 3/4 Limousin bulls, 1/2 Chianina bulls — will sell or lease. 50 to pick from. Call E. J. Bishop or Darrell Compton. 754-4324 or 754-4515. Winters, Texas.

WILL DO PASTRY BAKING in my home. Special orders on decorated cakes. Will also do sewing. Mrs. C. L. Cook, phone 453-2670 4tc

FOR SALE: 3/4 Simmental yearling bull calves. \$300 and up. All so Simmental-Cross club calf prospects. Phone 453-2898 after 8 p.m. Clifford Wilson. 2tp

RINSE 'N' VAC CARPET CLEANER. Only \$8.00 if brought back by closing time the same day taken out. Reg. \$12.00 Western Auto Store, Robert Lee.

WANTED: Sales Representative in this area for Bernina Sewing Machine. Must have good sewing skills. Ideal position for the housewife. Part or Full time acceptable. Contact Farm and Ranch Fabrics and Bernina, P. O. Box 2072, Abilene, Texas 79604. 1tp

OIL NEWS

Kendrick & Mullican of Abilene have staked two locations in the Jameson (Strawn) Field 18 miles northwest of Robert Lee. Both are slated to drill to 6,600 feet.

No. 2 Arch Mathers will be drilled on a 160 acre lease. It is located 1,400 feet from the southwest and 467 feet from the northwest line of Winfield Scott Survey 8.

No. 3 W. L. Carr Estate is located on a 243 acre lease. Drillsite is 2,500 feet from the southeast and 2,850 feet from the northeast lines of D. H. & J. W. Snyder Survey 7, A-647.

ATTENDS HISTORICAL MEET

Mildred Sparks and Jessie N. Yarbrough attended the Tom Green County Historical Society meeting that was held Feb. 16 in the Officers' Quarters No. 1 at old Fort Concho in San Angelo.

Dr. Bob Holcombe of Angelo State University presented the program on "The United States Constitution and Its Background."

PERSONALS

Effie Carwile reports that Mrs. Harvey Reid and Mrs. T. E. Pitcock visited her last Wednesday afternoon and that Bryan Gartman visited her and her brother, Henry, Thursday morning.

Mrs. Eula Sparks returned to her home in Robert Lee on Feb. 15 after being a patient for three weeks at St. John's Hospital at San Angelo where she underwent knee surgery.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Brumley recently returned to Robert Lee after a week's trip to Dallas and Louisiana where they were guests of his sisters. They visited Mrs. Carnelia Cooper of Dallas, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Jester of Shreveport, La., and Mrs. Lillian Crew at Sulphur, La.

PURE VEGETABLE SHORTENING

Snowdrift 3 lb. can **\$1.09**

TRELLIS SWEET PEAS 303 can 27c

DOUBLE LUCK CUT GREEN BEANS. 303 can 4 for 89c

KOUNTY KIST WHOLE KERNEL CORN 12 oz. can 29c

RANCH STYLE BEANS 303 can 31c

HUNT'S WHOLE TOMATOES 300 can 29c

DUNCAN HINES LAYER Cake Mixes 63c

ASST. FLAVORS LIPTON'S BETTER BURGER SEASONING 45c

KRAFT'S GRAPE JELLY 2 lb. jar 89c

MORTON HOUSE CHILI 15 oz. can 59c

ZESTA Crackers lb. box 49c

FAMILY SCOTT TISSUE 4 roll pkg. 79c

ZEE PAPER TOWELS big roll 53c

KRAFT'S PARKAY 1 lb. quarters 49c

PILLSBURY BISCUITS 2 for 25c

GANDY'S PURE ICE CREAM HALF GAL. CRT. **\$1.29**

CELLO BAG CARROTS lb. 19c

LETTUCE head 27c

YELLOW ONIONS lb. 17c

SEVEN BONE Roast lb. 69c

ROUND BONE ROAST lb. 79c

GOOCH'S GERMAN STYLE SAUSAGE ring \$1.09

GOOCH'S FRANKS 12 oz. pkg. 79c

GOOCH'S THIN SLICED Bacon lb. **\$1.39**

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