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Outstanding Older Texans Are Honored

Twelve Outstanding Older Texans were honored at the July 4 Bicentennial Celebrations in the county.

Those honored in Robert Lee were Mrs. Freeman Clark, Mrs. Leola Scott, Mrs. D. P. Key, Fern Havins, John Ruth and H. L. Bloodworth.

Honored in Bronte were Mrs. Olive Keeney, Mrs. Mabel Myers, Mrs. Rebecca Cumbie, Ernest Seay, C. E. Bruton and Noah Pruitt Sr.

Gov. Dolph Briscoe proclaimed the

LOOK WHO'S NEW

Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Vosburg of San Angelo are parents of a new son, Luke. He was born Wednesday, July 7, at 3:40 p.m. in Shannon Hospital, weighed 7 pounds, 13 ounces and is 21½ inches long. He has a brother, Caleb, who is 19 months old. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Javan Vosburg of Robert Lee and Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Manning of Waco. Paternal great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Davis of Robert Lee, Mrs. D. N. Vosburg of Hico, and Mrs. Lola Summerford and Mrs. Effie Patterson of Gatesville.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Blair of Gonzales announce the birth of a son, Joe Douglas. He was born July 7 at 4:55 a.m. in the Methodist Hospital at San Antonio. He weighed 8 pounds and 4 ounces and is 21¼ inches. He was welcomed by a sister, Tracie Lynn, who is two years old. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Billy J. Blair and Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Gartman. Great-grandparents include Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Gartman, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Wink Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Blair, and Mrs. Eula Smith. Mrs. Mattie Tinkler is his great-great-grandmother.

Marcus Lee is the new son of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. (Bob) Lomas of Delhi, La. He arrived July 5 at 1:05 p.m. in a hospital at Monroe, La., weighed 7 pounds, 11 ounces and is 20 inches long. He has a sister, Jennifer, age 2½ years. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Robert Vaughan and Mr. and Mrs. George Lomas of Robert Lee. Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Wollet of Healdton, Okla., and Mrs. Oma Lomas of Pampa.

SEVEN COKE 4-H MEMBERS IN DISTRICT SHOW AT MASON

Seven Coke County 4-H Club members represented Coke County in the District 4-H Horse Show in Mason June 26. Wyndell Skinner and Buddy Wallace were among the top 10 that received ribbons.

Buddy, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Wallace Jr., placed seventh in the grade gelding halter class and was also seventh in the pole bending race. Wyndell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Skinner, placed 10th in the grade mare halter class.

In addition several club members were in the top 20 in the tough competition. These include: Lisa Devoll, 11th in pole bending and 15th in barrel racing and Wyndell Skinner was 19th in pole bending. Clay Bloodworth and Buddy Wallace tied for 17th place in reining.

Other members attending the show were Jimmy Skinner and Carol Cervenka. Parents attending were Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Wallace Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Bloodworth, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Skinner and Mr. and Mrs. Lendy Devoll.

month of May as Older Texan Month, but each County Advisory Committee on Aging could choose the date of making the awards.

Certificates of recognition to Outstanding Older Texans in appreciation for continuous contribution, interests and unselfish services rendered to the community was given by the State of Texas and signed by Governor Briscoe; Vernon McDaniel, Executive Director of Governor's Committee on Aging; W. W. Thetford, Coke County Judge; and Margaret Martin, Coke County Senior Citizens Worker from the Concho Valley Council of Governments.

Criteria for making the selection of local Older Texans was given from the Governor's Committee on Aging.

The persons to be selected were 75 years of age or older.

The Bronte Enterprise and Robert Lee Observer carried a story and published a ballot to be used by any person who wished to nominate an Older Texan and why in 25 words or less to be selected. The public was given the opportunity to make the selections and nominations were mailed or brought to the City Halls in Bronte and Robert Lee.

Coke County Advisory Committee on Aging was instructed to choose the best nominees.

Committee members living in Bronte read and chose the selections from Robert Lee and members of the committee from Robert Lee followed the same procedure to judge those from the East Side of the county.

The committee voted to buy frames for the certificates from the Bronte and Robert Lee Senior Citizens Clubs.

All persons selected met the eligibility rules.

COKE COUNTY HISTORICAL PAGEANT PRACTICE UNDER WAY

Dates for production of the pageant depicting Coke County History have been changed to Aug. 27 and 28, in the Robert Lee School auditorium.

Mrs. Wilson Bryan, author, assisted by Mrs. Susan Arrott and Mrs. Denise Boyd of Bronte and Miss Wyniece Way of Robert Lee, hope to be in full practice schedule soon.

The script is county wide in content, with local people from the area participating.

Mrs. Bryan said the dream is to make such a production an annual affair, with an amphitheater built for use in the future.

Annual Rodeo to Begin Friday In Bronte Arena

The Coke County Rodeo will be held this weekend at the Bronte Rodeo Arena with the two day affair getting underway at 8 p.m. Friday, followed by a second performance at 8 p.m. Saturday.

The rodeo is primarily a local affair sponsored by the Coke County Rodeo Association, but guest performers and outside talent will be participating along with those who are entered from Coke County.

A parade will be held Saturday at 6 p.m. The parade will assemble at the Masonic Hall, go through downtown Bronte and back to the arena. There will be a grand entry for each night's performance.

Admission prices for spectators will be \$1.00 for adults and 50 cents for school age children.

The concession stand will be open each evening and sandwiches will be available.

FINE RAINS FALL OVER COKE COUNTY AREA

Welcome showers of rain have fallen in the Robert Lee area with reports of up to three inches from residents in Robert Lee and the surrounding area.

The rains started last Friday night and have continued intermittently up to press time Wednesday. The weathermen predict that the showers will continue through Thursday.

The unseasonable showers and cool temperatures which have covered the state are reported by forecasters as "not normal for July which is normally hot and dry." They say an "upper level low" has produced the thunderstorms.

SENIOR CITIZENS LUNCHEON IS SET FOR THURSDAY

The Senior Citizens' pot luck luncheon will be held today (Thursday) at the Recreation and Show Center in Robert Lee.

The gathering will begin at 11:30 a.m. and the meal will be served at 12 noon.

Following the luncheon, Mrs. Bryan Yarbrough will show films and then games will be played.

1966, 1967, 1968 CLASSES TO HAVE REUNION AUG. 8

Robert Lee High School classes that graduated in 1966, 1967 and 1968 will join together for a reunion Sunday, Aug. 8, at the Robert Lee Recreation and Show Center.

An all day affair is being planned and everyone is asked to bring food for a pot luck luncheon.

Class members and families may wish to bring cards or dominoes, a spokesman for the group said.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy J. Blair and Mrs. Douglas Gartman went to Gonzales last week to visit the Roy Blairs. They took their granddaughter, Tracie Lynn, home after she had spent a few days here, and made the acquaintance of their new grandson, Joe Douglas. Mrs. Gartman remained in Gonzales. Her family went for her Monday and Vicki Gartman stayed for a visit.



Tommy Williams

GOSPEL MEETING IS SET BY CHURCH OF CHRIST

A gospel meeting will be conducted next week, July 18 through 25, at the Northside Church of Christ in Robert Lee.

The congregation issues an invitation to all to attend the daily meetings for worship and gospel preaching.

Tommy Williams, minister of the local church, will speak throughout the meeting.

Time for services will be 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Sundays and 7:30 p.m. weekdays.

The church is located at Chadbourne and West 9th St.

Mrs. Orval Denman of Bryans Road, Md., recently visited Mr. and Mrs. Buster Pierce and Mrs. Velma Denman.

Bronte, Wall League Winners

Bronte Yankees won first place in the 1976 Colorado Little League. Robert Lee placed second, Sterling City was third, and Carlsbad was in fourth place.

Manager of the All Star team is Buford James of Bronte and the team coach is Wayne Posey of Sterling City.

The Colorado River Little League All Stars will play the Winters Little League All Stars in Ballinger on Monday, July 19, at 7:30 p.m. winner of the contest will play Ballinger Little League All Stars in Ballinger, on Tuesday, July 20, at 7:30 p.m.

Willard Piel, Ballinger Little League president, is tournament director.

All Stars Named Named to the Colorado River Lit-

tle League All Stars were Kendall Gibbs, David Caudle, Bruce James, Donnie Grant, Dennis Koenig, Jay Harper and Shane Webb of Bronte; Buck Duncan, Eddie Caulder, Rudy Balderas, Cixto Saucedo and Armando Sanchez, Robert Lee; Paul Wayne Posey, Victoriano Fitchett, Craig Foster and Michael Browne, Sterling City; Barry Gauwain and Clint Edmonson, Carlsbad.

Senior Little League Wall is the champion team in the 1976 Colorado River Senior Little League. Robert Lee was second, Miles placed third, Sterling City finished fourth, with Carlsbad fifth and Bronte in sixth place.

Colorado River Senior Little League All Stars will host the Winters Senior Little League All Stars in Robert Lee on Thursday, July

22, at 8 p.m.

The winner will play in Burk Burnett in the Section I Tournament during the week of July 26-31.

Herb Biederman of Wall will manage the Colorado River All Stars with Clyde Dukes of Robert Lee as coach.

All Stars Named Named to All Star team were the following:

Jim Jones, Craig Biederman, Danny Herrera, Karl Weishuhn and Eddie Dusek, all of Wall; David Lackey, Kerry Gartman, Brett Clark and Edwin Wilson of Robert Lee; Modesto Salinas, Ronald Smith and Mark Jessen, Miles; Shawn Colvert, Allen Phillips and Bruce Myrick, Sterling City; Doug Schwartz and David Hale, Carlsbad; David Jackson, Bronte.

Girls events will be held for various age groups with barrels, poles and flags for each age group of 8 and under, 9 through 12, 13 through 15, 16 through 19, and 20 and over.

Boys' events include barrel racing, flag racing, and pole bending for 8 years old and under and 9 through 12; Break Away Roping, Bull Riding and Ribbon Roping for the 13 through 15 group; Tie-Down Roping, Bull Riding and Ribbon Roping for 16 through 19; and Tie-Down Roping, Steer Roping and Ribbon Roping for 20 and over. The Bull Riding event for men 20 and over has been changed over to Steer Roping this year.

Belt buckles will be awarded to first place winners of each event. Ribbons will be given for second, third and fourth places.

An added attraction this year is the hair pulling contest for 8 year olds and under and a goat sacking contest for those who are 9 through 12. No entry fee will be charged for these two events and everyone in this age group is invited to enter.

Officers of the Coke County Rodeo Association invite everyone to attend the rodeo. Events will be held for contestants of all ages. Stock for the rodeo will be furnished by ranchmen of the surrounding area.

LOCAL YOUTH DEPARTS ON EUROPEAN PROGRAM

Mary Elaine Lackey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Lackey of Robert Lee, has been selected to visit Europe and Russia this summer as a participant of the 4-H Citizen Ambassador Program.

Miss Lackey joined other 4-H Citizen Ambassadors in Washington, D. C., on June 26 for an orientation program prior to a 38 day People-to-People visit in England, Belgium, Switzerland, Germany, Denmark, the Netherlands and Russia.

Mary Elaine will be traveling in a group of 33.35 young persons chaperoned by Charlotte Burnett of Tullia and Jeannine Callahan of Bryan.

The group will travel by air and bus as they experience homestays with host families, visits with European 4-H and other youth groups; tour historical sites, and meet new friends from many different cultures in Europe, as well as other youth in the USA from other states.

Mary Elaine expects to return to Robert Lee about Aug. 2.

THANKS TO ALL

Robert Lee Bicentennial Committee and City Councilmen wish to thank all who attended, participated and helped to make the July 3 Bicentennial Community Picnic a success. Approximately 300 persons attended the event.

It was a happy occasion. For fear of leaving off names, none will be mentioned.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Walker and children of Winnie have been visiting relatives in the Robert Lee area.

Visiting the Curtis Walkers during the weekend were their children, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Walker and sons of Odessa; Mrs. Wanda Caulder and family of Robert Lee, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Wayne Walker and family and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Walker and girls of San Angelo. Rex and Dave, sons of the Bobby Walkers, stayed for a visit with their grandparents, the Curtis Walkers and Mr. and Mrs. D. O. King.

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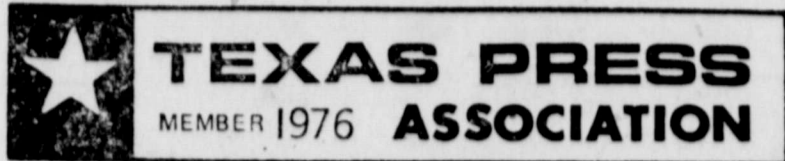
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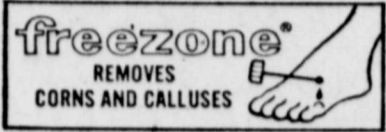
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PATTERSON FAMILY HAS GATHERING

Descendents of the late Mr. and Mrs. Bob Patterson met July 5 at the Recreation Hall in Robert Lee.

Attending the family gathering were Mr. and Mrs. Herman Patterson of Big Spring; Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Compton and grandson, Corey Flanagan. Larry Compton and Emma Sizemore, all of Colorado City; David Denman of Plainview; Mr. and Mrs. Lanny Denman, Tonya, Shawn and Cristi Dawn of Eula; Mr. and Mrs. Jerrel Harmon. Clint, Dana and Brint of San Angelo.

Also Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Patterson and Mr. and Mrs. Crowley Harmon of Robert Lee; and Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Denman and Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Lee, Troy and Kerry of Bronte.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Buzz Sawyer spent the Fourth of July weekend with the Garland Davises at Medina and attended a celebration at the Garrison Ranch. Mrs. Davis, Glen, Gary and Copie came to Robert Lee Monday for a visit. Sam Eoff of Kerrville came to Robert Lee with them and he and Glen planned to play in the Jr. Golf Tournament Wednesday at Mt. Creek Course. Guests in the Sawyer home over the weekend were Dr. and Mrs. Bob Steineberg of Big Spring and Forest Lyon and his son-in-law of El Paso. Mr. Lyon is Mrs. Sawyer's brother.

Dr. and Mrs. Tommy Kirkpatrick and daughters, Leigh Ann and Kim, of Missoula, Mont. recently spent two days with Mrs. Violet Kirkpatrick. Joining them for a family get-together were Mr. and Mrs. Joe Brasher and family of Forsan. Mr. and Mrs. John Service and Scott and Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Service Jr., Konny and Kaylan, all of Robert Lee. The Kirkpatricks also visited her mother at Denton.

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One (1) used 175-C International Track Loader with Standard Equipment and Backripper.

The County will offer as part payment on the above described machinery the following used machinery.

One (1) International TD-9 Crawler Tractor Loader with Backripper

One (1) D-6 Caterpillar Tractor, with Bulldozer.

For further information, contact Commissioner, Precinct No. 3, Jett Hood, Robert Lee, Texas. Phone 453-2891.

The Commissioners' Court of Coke County reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any technicality.

Notice is also given that it is the intention of the Commissioners Court of Coke County, Texas, to pay all or part of the contract in inter-

est-bearing time warrants, and it is the intention of the Commissioners' Court to pass an order on Aug. 2, 1976, authorizing the issuance of interest-bearing time warrants against the Road and Bridge Fund of said County in an amount not to exceed Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000), bearing interest at a rate not to exceed Six per cent (6%) per annum, and maturing at such time or times as may be fixed by the Commissioners' Court, serially or otherwise, with a maximum maturity not to exceed three (3) years from their date, for the purpose of evidencing the indebtedness of Coke County to be incurred in purchasing road machinery for use on the roads of said County.

The County will make arrangements for the Contractor to dispose of the warrants herein mentioned at not less than par, and the Contractor must agree to deliver the warrants at such price to the party with whom the County has made such arrangements.

By order of the Commissioner's Court of Coke County, Texas.

WELDON FIKES

County Auditor

Coke County, Texas

July 15 & 22, 1976

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Don Austin of Michigan City, Ind., have been recent guests of Mrs. Opal Baker, Mrs. Joyce Dodson and Mrs. Anna Mae Cox. Mrs. Austin is a sister of the three Robert Lee ladies.

Mrs. Willie Price, Jeff and Cindy of Akron, Colo., are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Bloodworth of Silver. Also visiting last week were Mr. and Mrs. Allen Bloodworth of Mason and their grandchildren, Robbie and Gina Bloodworth of Stillwater, Okla.

Descendents of the late Mr. and Mrs. Sam Walker gathered Friday night in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gorman Walker and Saturday night in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Walker before attending the annual Walker reunion held Sunday in the Recreation and Show Center.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Wallace Jr. spent several days last week in Nashville, Tenn. While there they toured the city and attended the Friday night performance of the Grand Old Opry. The Wallaces drove to Eulless, where they spent the night with Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Askins, then flew to Nashville Wednesday morning. They flew back to Dallas Saturday and returned home Saturday night. The vacation trip was a Christmas gift from their children.

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Certificate of Deposits		Other Liabilities	59,565.23
Purchased	265,000.00	Deposits	6,391,615.49
Federal Funds Sold	385,000.00		
Banking House	25,955.00		
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Mrs. Joe David Key

MISS TERI KAYE MCMILLAN EXCHANGES VOWS WITH JOE DAVID KEY IN JUNE 25 CEREMONY

Miss Teri Kaye McMillan and Joe David Key were married during a ceremony June 25 in the First Baptist Church of Christoval with Rev. I. L. Whetsell of San Angelo officiating.

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. C. L. (Buzz) McMillan of Christoval and Mr. and Mrs. David Key of Robert Lee.

Miss Lisa McMillan, sister of the bride, served as maid of honor. Miss Lori Cooksey of Christoval and

Miss Dee Anna Key, sister of the bridegroom, were bridesmaids.

John Service of Robert Lee served as best man and Mike Davis of Robert Lee and Mark McMillan, brother of the bride, were groomsmen. Serving as ushers were Darrel P. Cock and Dennis Purvis, both of Robert Lee.

Music for the ceremony was provided by Miss Sherry Philip of San Angelo and Daryl Copeland of Robert Lee.

A reception following the ceremony was held in the church fellowship hall. Serving in the houseparty were Mrs. Tommy Bledsoe and Mrs. Gary Hanna, both of San Angelo, and Miss Brenda Adams of Seminole. Miss Becky Large of Austin registered guests.

The bridegroom's parents hosted the rehearsal dinner in a San Angelo steakhouse.

Mrs. Key is a 1973 graduate of Christoval High School and is presently employed with the West Coke County Hospital District. Her husband is a 1970 graduate of Robert Lee High School and a 1974 graduate of Texas Tech University. He is co-owner of Key Feed Store and engaged in ranching.

After a short wedding trip the couple are residing in Robert Lee.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

I want to lift a voice in support of your editorial concerning the matter of doctors for our "rural" hospitals, and point another disadvantage against rural life at a time when people are moving to the country as fast as they can find places to live.

My home is one and one-half miles from a service line of General Telephone Company. Recently I inquired as to how much it will cost me to get a line out to the ranch. The reply was that it would cost me \$14,000.00. You read it right: Fourteen Thousand Dollars.

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Others in the Robert Lee trade

area have had similarly outrageous cost estimates, adding up to the simple solution that in cases like this General Telephone Company is not making a legitimate estimate, but is so inflating the estimate for all practical intents and purposes to refuse telephone service in such cases.

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The telephone company will be around again to the city commission for a raise in telephone rates. That would be a good time to bring up the matter of whether dishonest and deliberately inflated estimates are being made to avoid meeting their responsibilities in the rural areas, or to extort money far beyond the actual cost in payment for any lines they might build.

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