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Van Horn Firm Granted Cable Television Franchise

Cable television service for Coke County may become a reality in 1979. C&H Services, Inc., of Van Horn has been granted franchises by Bronte and Robert Lee to install and operate the service in both cities.

Coke County Cable Vision has been selected as the name for the firm which will be headquartered in Robert Lee with a branch office in Bronte. Tommy Bailey, who is married

to the former Patsy Pittman of Bronte, is in the process of moving back to Coke County and is in charge of the local operation.

He said this week that there is lots of ground work and details to work out, but they hope to begin construction by March 1. A tentative date for service to begin is Sept. 15.

Bailey said the service should offer excellent reception from San Angelo, Abilene and Sweetwater, and probably from Midland and Big Spring. Also to be available via satellite will be telecasts from the Christian Broadcast Network (CBN) and Channel 17, a 24 hour station in Atlanta, Ga.

Another optional service which is planned is programs from a "premium" network such as Home Box Office or some other similar feature.

Officials of the company are going to San Antonio next week to check on purchasing equipment for the installation of the network in Bronte and Robert Lee.

Bailey said he would be glad to explain the plans of his company to anybody who is interested in knowing more about the service. He said nothing definite has been decided about the cost of cable service but the decision will be made as soon as the type and cost of equipment is determined.

FARM ECONOMIC SITUATION CLOUDY---Inflation and a mild recession are several of the roadblocks facing farmers and ranchers in 1979, says an economist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. The economic slowdown will likely affect purchases of higher priced cuts of red meat and will dampen mill use of cotton. Inflation and high energy costs will aggravate the cost-price squeeze for producers, resulting in lower incomes and a risky financial environment.

BAND CALENDARS ON SALE AT OBSERVER

Calendars which were recently received by Robert Lee Band Boosters are on sale at the Observer office. The calendars sell for \$1.00 each.

The calendars list the birthdays and anniversaries of a large number of local residents as well as dates for meetings of Robert Lee organizations.

Anyone who ordered a calendar and has not received it should call Donna Ash or Nancy Rasco.

MANDY BOX ON HONOR ROLL

Mandy Box of Robert Lee was among the students of Angelo State University who made the Dean's Honor Roll for the fall semester at the university.

Mrs. Box, who is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J.D. Harmon, is a sophomore business administration major. She had a perfect 4.0 average for the semester's work.

Junior High Girls First, Boys Second At Sterling City Basketball Tourney

Everybody was aware that the Robert Lee Junior High basketball teams were at the Sterling tournament last weekend, as the girls won the championship trophy and the boys took second place.

GIRLS GAMES

The girls played their first game Thursday and downed Sterling City B 37-10. Leigh Ann Runnion was high pointer with 14; Sara De La Pena hit 8; Debbie Cummins 5; Lupe Munoz 4; Martha Bickley 4; Amy Percifull 2.

In their Friday game the girls faced Forsan and whipped them 29-18. Runnion was top scorer with a big 22; Yolanda Torres had 4; Munoz 2; Bickley 1.

In the championship game Saturday night the girls took an easy win from Bronte, 52-28. Again Runnion was high with 24; Percifull had 14; Bickley 6; Torres 2; Cummins 2; De La Pena 2; Sheri Ebenstein 2.

BOYS GAMES

The Dogies took their first win from Sterling City B with a 40-23 score. Everett Wilson was the big gun with 18; Scot Stephens had 5;

Basketballers Have Good Week

RLHS basketball teams have competed in five games during the past week taking four wins and having one loss to mar the week's record.

Robert Lee teams went to Garden City Friday night for a non-district contest. The girls A and B and boys A team all won over the Bearcat hosts.

The girls A team took a 55-34 win. Lisa Devoll shot a big 34; Delight English had 10; Karen Rasco 6; Cindy Walker 4; Debbie Askins 1.

The girls B team took a close 41-38 victory over Garden City. Deanna Tinkler was high pointer with 21; Susan Ash had 6; Mary Ann Abalos 5; Carolyn Simpson 4; Mary Galvan 3; Dee Anna Key 2.

The Steers had some

problems but were able to come out with a narrow margin of 47-45 over the Bearcats. Kerry Gartman and Kevin Roe led scoring with 12 each; Brett Clark and Wes Sawyer 6 each; Ricky Tijerina 5; Mark Riley, David Lackey and Rickey Ross 2 each.

Coach Roddy McIver commented: "The boys showed a lot of poise in overcoming the adversities of the Bearcat gym. We were able to hold on to a victory even though we suffered from cold shooting and 29 fouls."

TRENT GAMES

The girls had little trouble when they went to Trent Tuesday night and took a 69-27 victory. Devoll led with 29; English 10; Tinkler 10; Askins and Walker 4 each; Elsa De La Pena, Rasco, Jana Hood, Karen Kay Flowers and Simpson 2 each.

It was another matter for the Steers, however, as the Gorillas downed them 52-43. Clark scored 17 points; Gartman had 16; Sawyer, Roe, Conner, Wilson and Tijerina 2 each.

Coach McIver was a little disheartened in his comment; "The boys had a rough night against the Gorillas. Trent played a super game and was able to out-rebound and out-hustle the Steers. Hopefully the boys will be able to get up some momentum again. The loss almost eliminates Robert Lee from the district race. I hope we can maintain our composure and respect and play good basketball for the last three games.

The high school teams will play at home during the next week. Divide will be here tonight (Friday) and Blackwell will be here Tuesday night for A and B boys games and A girls games. Starting time is 5 p.m. Season play will end Friday, Feb. 9 when Bronte comes to Robert Lee.

REPORT YOUR NEWS

Commissioners To Meet Monday

Coke County Commissioners' Court will meet at 10 a.m. Monday, Feb. 5. Items of business on the agenda as of Tuesday afternoon included:

* Read and approve minutes of previous meeting.

* Sterling Lindsey (County Extension Agent) will meet with Court to present reports.

* Opal Jacoby (Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1) will meet with the Court in re JP office equipment and rent on office space.

* Margaret Martin will meet with the Court to discuss utilization of Recreation Hall in Bronte and old Recreation Hall in Robert Lee.

* Dick Burnett, Chief of Police, San Angelo, will meet with the Court to discuss inter-local assistance.

* Bob Vaughn (Mayor of Robert Lee) will discuss land fill at City dump.

* Linda Boone (Coke County Librarian) will meet to discuss salary.

* Historical Survey Committee will be appointed.

* Three Resolutions presented from C.O.G. to be acted on.

* Approve agreement with City of Bronte on nightwatchman.

* Approve buried cable on right of way in Precinct 2 near Blackwell.

* Pay accounts which are due.

The foregoing items on the court's agenda may not be complete, since it can be added to or changed up to three days before the meeting.



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Ezell Gets Committee Positions

AUSTIN--State Rep. Mike Ezzell (D) of Snyder has been named as chairman of the Health Services Committee and has also been appointed to a position on the Higher Education and House Administration House committees by Speaker of the House Bill Clayton.

Clayton said Rep. Ezzell would serve in these capacities during the next two years of the 66th Legislature. Rep. Ezzell, a businessman and minister by profession, is serving his third term in the House. Last session, he served on the Health and Welfare, House Administration, and Judiciary committees.

The nine-member Health Services Committee has jurisdiction over all matters pertaining to the protection of public health, mental health and mental retardation, mental illness, and the regulation of nursing homes. The committee also has jurisdiction over the Texas Department of Health Resources, the

Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation, the Texas Health Facilities Commission, and the Texas Commission on Alcoholism.

The eleven-member Higher Education Committee has jurisdiction over all matters pertaining to education beyond high school and all the colleges and universities of the State of Texas. This committee also had jurisdiction over the coordinating board, Texas College and University System and the boards of regents of the several colleges and universities of the state.

The nine-member House Administration Committee has jurisdiction over the administrative procedures involving the operation of the House of Representatives and its employees, the general House Fund, all property, and the assignment of office space. The committee also has jurisdiction over all admissions to the floor during sessions of the House, radio and TV broadcasting of the House while in session, electronic recording of all proceedings, and all witnesses appearing before the House or a committee of the House.

Extra bread will stay fresher tasting and keep longer if stored in the freezer, not in the refrigerator.



Facts from a pro on driving to survive.

Q. Is it permissible to move a car that has been involved in an accident before the police get there? — C. J., Yoakum

A. Yes, if it is a serious obstruction to traffic and can be safely driven. If the accident occurred in a main traffic lane, ramp, shoulder, median or adjacent area of a freeway in a metropolitan area, the car **must** be removed off the freeway. Otherwise it is usually a better idea to leave it where it stopped. If the impact was serious, remember to turn off the ignition to reduce the risk of fire.

Q. I know you can improve gas mileage on the highway by driving at or below 55. But is there anything you can do in town?—C.J., Bronte

A. The simplest measure is to avoid jackrabbit starts and hard stops. Most drivers press the gas pedal down too far, pumping more fuel through the engine than it can handle. Accelerating hard and then jamming on the brakes at the next light wastes fuel and wears out the brakes faster. Don't start the engine until you are ready to go. Many people start it as soon as they get into the car, then adjust the mirror, buckle the seat belt and wait for their passengers to get in. And don't run the engine while waiting for the drive-in bank teller to process your deposit. If the engine is warm, it takes almost no fuel to restart it.

Q. Are there any disadvantages to cruise controls?—D.P., Abilene

A. Not if they aren't treated as automatic pilots. A cruise control can maintain a steady speed better than you can, and that will improve fuel mileage. It also prevents the driver's right foot from becoming cramped, and it allows him or her to give more attention to traffic conditions.

If you have a question on driving, send it to:
Texas Office of Traffic Safety
P.O. Box 1165
Austin, Texas 78767



News from West Coke Hospital

The following admissions and dismissals were reported by the West Coke County Hospital:

- Jan. 22: No admissions. Lula Brown, Minnie Wrinkle dismissed Wallis Hunt expired.
- Jan. 23: Bertie Evaline Wrinkle admitted. No dismissals.
- Jan. 24: No admissions. No dismissals.
- Jan. 25: Henry Varnodore admitted. Armanda Harmon dismissed.
- Jan. 26: No admissions. Pearl Ditmore, Pauline Thompson dismissed.
- Jan. 27: No admissions. No dismissals.
- Jan. 28: No admissions. No dismissals.
- Jan. 29: Ricky Drennan, Nola Harmon admitted. Will Capps, Neil Black, Bertie Evaline Wrinkle, Henry Varnodore, Estel-la Abalos dismissed.
- Jan. 30: Eddie Edwards admitted. No dismissals.

Motors that run fast when idling waste gasoline. Have the choke checked to see if it needs adjustment.

BOND SALES REPORT

November sales of Series E and H United States Savings Bonds in Coke County were reported today by County Bond Chairman Gerald C. Allen. Sales for the eleventh-month period totaled \$28,838 for 64% of the 1978 sales goal of \$45,000.

Texas Sales during the month amounted \$24,401, 702, while sales for the first eleven months of 1978 totaled \$280, 318,626 with 91% of the yearly sales goal of 306.6 million achieved.

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THANK YOU
The Coke County Livestock Association wishes to thank three more persons who purchased animals at the 1979 Coke County Fat Stock Show. They are:
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DON GLENN
We are sorry that their names were inadvertently omitted from the list printed last week.

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SGT. COUNTS RECEIVES COMMENDATION MEDAL

Sgt. Larry N. Counts, son of Mr. and Mrs. James N. Counts, Divide Drive, Robert Lee, Texas, recently was presented the Army Commendation Medal in Munich, Germany.

The medal was awarded for meritorious service. Such service can be over an extended period of time or for outstanding achievement in a single situation. In either case, the recipient must have demonstrated skills and dedication far above the average.

Counts earned the award while assigned as a military police desk sergeant with the U.S. Military Community Activity, Munich.

His wife, Deborah, is with him in Germany.

MRS. SHAFFER TO HEAD CF DRIVE

Mrs. Debbie Shaffer was today named chairman of a Bike-A-Thon in Robert Lee by Reuben D. Duke, president of the Lone Star Chapter of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

She will be conducting the Bike-A-Thon to raise funds which will support research and care for children affected by cystic fibrosis, severe asthma, chronic bronchitis, bronchiectasis and other related lung-damaging diseases.

Cystic Fibrosis, an incurable genetic disease, is inherited by one in every 1500 babies born in the United States. Both parents carry the recessive gene for CF and number among one in twenty persons in the U.S. who may be carriers, usually without knowing it. With improved therapy and constant research, many CF patients are now living into early adulthood.

Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Robertson, Lianne and Robby of Lubbock spent last weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J.B. Robertson.



LIONS CLUB MEETING

1 - 3rd Tuesday of each month - 7 P.M.
Lions Club Community Center

ALPHA KAPPA PI HAS JANUARY MEETINGS

Alpha Kappa Pi had two meetings during January. Due to bad weather the meeting scheduled for Jan. 10 was postponed until Jan. 17. It was held in the home of Jeanette Jacobs with 14 members present. Jeffie Roberts and Delight English have returned to active membership after a leave of absence.

In a business session it was decided to have a white elephant sale after the meeting on Feb. 14. The program was presented by Delores McCabe on "Teaching Others."

The sorority met Jan. 24 in the home of Dwala Casey with 13 members present. The program was presented by John English, who demonstrated the skills of art. He is the father-in-law of Delight English and is a retired Methodist minister. He lives at Oak Creek Lake near Blackwell, where he paints as a hobby.

Plans are being made for the February birthday party to be held at West Coke County Nursing Home.

Next meeting of Alpha Kappa Pi will be Feb. 14 in the home of Jeffie Roberts. Mary Bessent will present the program on "Love."

Lunchroom Menu

Monday, Feb. 5: Vegetable Beef Soup; Pear half with cottage cheese; Potato chips; Crackers; Milk; Chocolate pudding.

Tuesday, Feb. 6: Italian Spaghetti with cheese; Green Beans; Carrot sticks; Hot Biscuits and butter; Milk; Cranberry jello.

Wednesday, Feb. 7: Pizza; Pinto beans; Green salad; Cornbread and butter; Milk; Fruit cobbler.

Thursday, Feb. 8: Sloppy Joes; Whole kernel corn; Tator tots with catsup; Sliced pickles; Milk; Cupcakes.

Friday, Feb. 9: Fried chicken; Cream potatoes; English Peas; Hot Rolls and butter; Peanut Butter Supreme.

REPORT YOUR NEWS!

WORSHIP WITH US AT THE Southside Church of Christ

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1 Lb. Pkg. — In Qtrs.

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DOTTIE LEE CANNED BISCUITS 2 cans 29c

Pork Chops Fresh Lb. **\$1.69**



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VIP APRICOT PRESERVES 18 oz. jar 79c

KLEENEX FACIAL TISSUES 200 ct. box 63c

HI DRI TOILET TISSUE 4 roll pkg. 79c

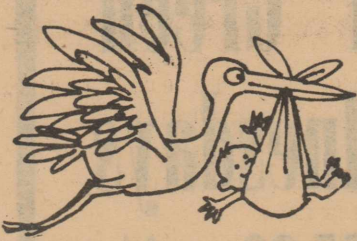
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LOOK WHO'S NEW

Raymond Cody Sizemore was born Sunday, Jan. 28, at 3:00 a.m. in the Iraan hospital to Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Sizemore. He weighed 7 pounds, 11 ounces. Cody has a sister, Shellie, who is two years old.

Grandparents are Bessie Brice of Robert Lee, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Lemons of Iraan and E.J. Brice of Bronte. Great-grandparents are Mrs. Vela Plumlee of Robert Lee and J.T. Brice of Sweetwater.

Mr. and Mrs. George Strickland Jr. of Comanche are parents of a son, Jeremy Michael, born Sunday, Jan. 28, at 10:48 a.m. in a Brownwood hospital. He weighed 10 pounds, 13 ounces and was 22½ inches long.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Bynum of Clyde and Mr. and Mrs. G.V. Strickland Sr. of Austin.

HONOR ROLL

Principal Jerry Gibbs has released the following Robert Lee High School honor roll for the third six weeks:

Twelfth Grade: Karen Kay Flowers, David Lackey and Karen Rasco.

Eleventh Grade: Clay Bloodworth and Kerry Gartman.

Tenth Grade: Candy Alderman.

Ninth Grade: Scot Long.

Eighth Grade: None.

Seventh Grade: Carrath Metcalf.

MRS. REEDER HOSTS GREEN MT. HD CLUB

Green Mountain Home Demonstration Club met with Mrs. Ella Reader on Jan. 25 with four women present.

The club has changed meeting times to the second and fourth Fridays of each month at 3 p.m. The next meeting will be with Mrs. R.L. Page on Feb. 9.

The program will be on "Time." A spokesman invited all women to attend and learn what to do with your time."

J.L. Carwile suffered a heart attack at his home Monday morning and is in the intensive care unit at St. John's Hospital in San Angelo.

FUND SET UP TO AID TOMMY BRYANTS

A fund has been started at Robert Lee State Bank for Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Bryant to help them pay expenses being incurred due to his illness.

Bryant is scheduled to return to Houston about the middle of February and will have more surgery.

Persons who wish to help them may leave their contributions at the bank.

Earl Lindsey underwent open heart surgery Tuesday morning at the Methodist Hospital in Houston. It is reported that the surgery was successful and he is doing well.

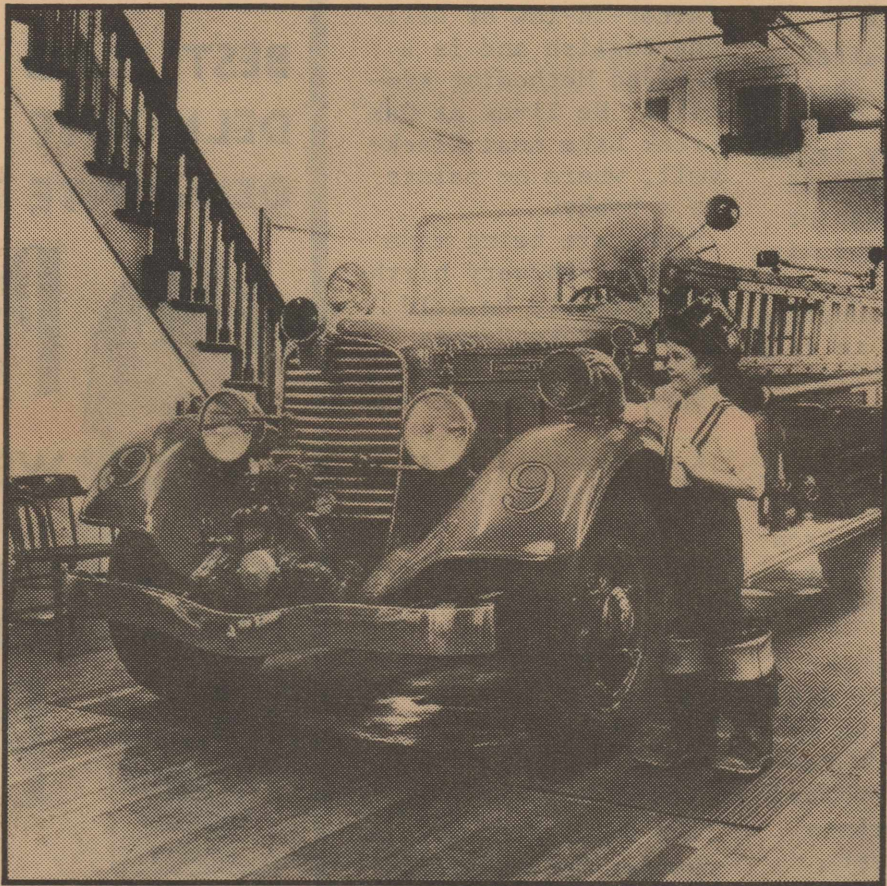
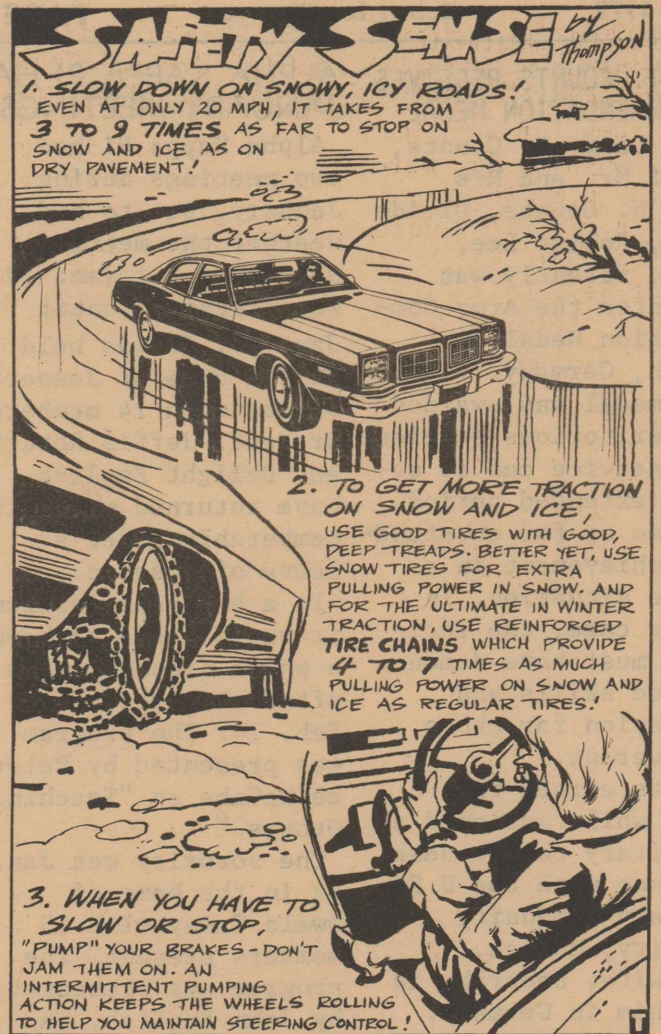
Buy and Sell with Want Ads

METHODISTS TO HOST ETERNITY SINGERS

The First United Methodist Church of Robert Lee, is announcing the return of the ETERNITY singing group. This outstanding group from Hollywood, Fla., appeared in Robert Lee during the Memorial Holiday last spring. They are scheduled to appear Tuesday, March 13, in the school auditorium. The time is tentatively set at 8 p.m.

ACCIDENT CONTROL---

Light bulbs can produce surface temperatures of several hundred degrees, enough to cause serious burns and ignite combustible materials. Touch light bulbs only when cool and allow enough air space around them to dissipate heat, cautions the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.



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I couldn't get enough of Old Number 9. Even her siren had a special wail that gave me goose bumps. Kind of lonely and yet reassuring at the same time. Sometimes they'd park her out in front of the station, and I'd walk slowly all around her. She'd sit there, all alone, resplendent in her red coat, her chrome fixtures

gleaming and winking at me in the sun.

I grew up, moved away, and on to other things. But I never forgot Old Number 9. Guess that's why I joined the local club for fire engine buffs. Turned out there were a lot of us around. Enough of us to be able to pool our Savings Bonds and go looking for a fire engine to buy.

I finally found Old Number 9. Spending her retirement on the edge of a highway under a big "Mack's Red Hots" sign. But we changed all that. Today, Number 9 has the place of honor in every town parade. She leads the march down Main Street. With me at the wheel, of course.

Bonds can help you build a hefty nest egg for a new car, a house, education or retirement. Happy endings begin with U.S. Savings Bonds.



Take stock in America.

Services Sunday For Mrs. Wyatt

Services for Mrs. W.H. (Bama) Wyatt, 95, were at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 28, in First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Lyle Pierce, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Robert Lee Cemetery directed by Shaffer Funeral Home. Mrs. Wyatt died at 4:30 a.m. Saturday in West Coke County Nursing Home. Bama Lowe was born April 14, 1883, in Coleman County. When she was three years old, she moved to Hayrick with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William L. Lowe, where her father operated a General Store. They moved to Robert Lee when the town was first organized and had lived in or near Robert Lee since.

She was married to William Henry Wyatt Dec. 10, 1899 in Robert Lee. He died June 26, 1965. Survivors include a son, Roy Wyatt of Robert Lee; Two daughters, Helen Fowler of Robert Lee and Elgene Mitchell of Lake Brownwood; six grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren.

Grandsons served as pallbearers and included Roy Fowler of Alvarado, Charles Fowler and Ricky Fowler of San Angelo, Dellwyn Fowler and Larry Fowler of Oklahoma and Micky Baker of Robert Lee.

'64 STUDY CLUB HONORS PRESIDENTS

The '64 Study Club, TFWC, met for its regular second-Tuesday meeting in the home of Mary Ivey with Ruth Bradley and Yvonne Conner acting as co-hostesses.

President Pauline Vaughan introduced the program with Pat Neff's remark, "Anniversaries are the punctuation marks of progress." This year marks the 15th anniversary of the club's organization, and past presidents were honored guests, and those present received a corsage.

Thelma Jo Hinnard, Olene Sims, and Christine Roach are charter members who have held continuous membership. Reba Roberts, Jessie Faye Russell, and Patti Ivey were charter members who dropped out and have been reinstated.

Past presidents in order of service are Patti Ivey, Mary Barnhill, Olene Sims, Jo Runnion, Mary Bessent, Joyce Womack, Frances

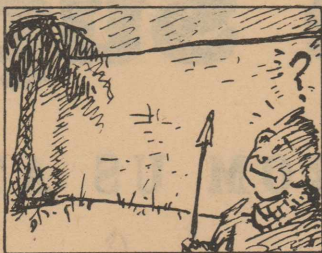
Denman, Gaye Sawyer, Christine Roach, Mavis Newby, Lucile Bryan, Alice Beaty, and Reba Roberts.

Lucille Bryan, State Federation Performing Arts Division Chairman, read a paper recalling music in America during the 15-year time span of the club's life. Ruby Jones sang several

songs of types that were popular, while Della (Kitten) Lemons accompanied and played others to illustrate.

Next meeting will be held in the home of Zera Fields.

Mr. and Mrs. Cleo McDorman of Olympia, Wash., recently spent a week with his mother, Mrs. Verna McDorman.



The Great Wall of China has enough stone to build an eight foot-wall around the earth at the equator.

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Mrs. Haley to Head Drive for Funds

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital is proud to announce Virginia Haley of Robert Lee has been named to head the 1979 Spring Bike-A-Thon Campaign in Robert Lee and Silver.

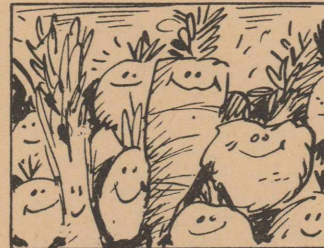
William J. Kirwen, St. Jude's development director, made the announcement and said more information will be forthcoming concerning the date, place, time, etc.

"We are proud to have Mrs. Haley for this important task," Kirwen said. "St. Jude Children's Research Hospital offers hope to stricken children everywhere that would not be possible without such volunteers."

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital is the only research center dedicated exclusively to the study and conquest of catastrophic diseases of children. Its work particularly in leukemia and other childhood cancers,

has been internationally acclaimed and cited as a leading example for basic and clinical research.

"Since Danny Thomas opened this institution in 1962, his dream of conquering the deadly diseases of childhood has continuously been brought closer to reality. Thomas is still the very active president of this organization and inspires us in this cause," Kirwen said.



Carrots, parsley, celery, parsnips, dill, anise and caraway are all part of the same plant family.

**Save Money,
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Budget-Stretching Ideas

SAVE ON FUEL

Set your home thermostat down 3 degrees. That will cost you nothing, and you'll save considerably on fuel bills, says the NAHB Research Foundation, the technological subsidiary of the National Association of Home Builders.



In the moderate climate zone—Baltimore, Philadelphia, Cincinnati, and Kansas City—savings will be about 10 per cent. The percentage will be higher in warmer climates, less where the weather is colder. Dollar savings will be higher in colder areas.

Lower temperatures don't mean that a well-insulated house will be less comfortable. By acting as a barrier to the loss of heat, fiber glass or rock wool insulation keeps the interior surfaces of ceilings, walls, and floors warmer. The Research Foundation says the indoor temperature can be reduced 2 to 4 degrees and still maintain comfort.

Mineral fiber insulation can usually be added to an attic floor by a do-it-yourselfer, following instructions available from a building material dealer. Or the work can be done by an insulation contractor.

Bob Hope knows just how much Red Cross helps veterans.



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"If you're a veteran, the rules and regs that affect your benefits can sometimes be baffling. Where to turn for help?"

"Try Red Cross. Yes, the Red Cross.

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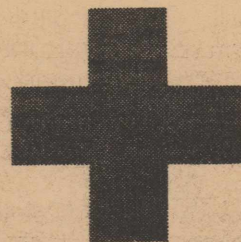
"Red Cross also helps many

veterans upgrade their military discharges... and that holds the key to getting a job. Just last year, Red Cross represented more than 2100 veterans before discharge review boards.

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Notes from the Extension Office

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SOLVING CONSUMER PROBLEMS--SELF-TEST, ACTION!

Solving consumer problems with faulty merchandise starts with a quick self-test and business-like actions designed for results.

SELF-TEST

To decide if action is your right, ask yourself several questions first:

Did you follow use-and-care instructions carefully?

Did you use the product for its intended purpose?

Were your expectations for the product reasonable?

If your answer "yes" to all three questions and decide the problem is the merchant's or manufacturer's fault, then business-like actions can help solve it. **START WITH LOCAL ACTION**

Try to solve the problem locally where you bought the product, if possible.

Take the sales slip, the product and all its instructions and tags.

Start with the department in which you found the product.

Use courtesy in making the complaint. Stay calm and state the facts.

Avoid rush-hour or just-before-closing-time visits.

Expect the store to exchange or repair the item--or refund your money.

If results are not satisfactory, report the matter to the customer-service department or to the manager.

WHEN TO WRITE COMPANY

If local action is not satisfactory, write to the manufacturer.

Find the address on the label, instruction booklet or the product packaging.

Do not send the product unless the manufacturer asks for it. They may have special locations for returned merchandise.

HOW TO WRITE COMPANY

In writing a letter to the manufacturer, be as courteous and precise as possible. Keep a copy of the letter and enclose your return address.

Include product identification, brand name and model, serial number, size, color and other descriptive information.

Explain the problem carefully and briefly--and steps already taken to correct the problem.

Include the name of the store which sold the product and the

purchase date.

Also, suggest action you want the company to take. Action could include a money refund, product replacement or repair.

Address the letter to the Customer Service representative or the Consumer Division of the company. A letter addressed to the "president" can sometimes delay any response.

However, in cases of "no reply" from the consumer division, "going to the top" is necessary. In this case, check the Standard and Poor's Register of Corporations at any public library, for the name of the person who is the president or the chairman of the board.

Mrs. Yarbrough Publishing Book

Mrs. Jessie Yarbrough has made a deal with an Austin publishing company to publish her book, "A History of Coke County--Home of the Rabbit Twisters."

The main portion of the book was written a number of years ago as Mrs. Yarbrough's thesis for her master's degree. However, she has added to and revised the material through the years so that the history is up-to-date.

No definite date has been set for the book to be completed and ready for sale. However, Mrs. Yarbrough said she had been assured that the Austin firm would "get right onto it and it will be ready in a few months."

Mrs. Yarbrough, who spent most of her adult life as a teacher in Coke and Concho counties, is recognized as the foremost historian of Coke County. She has spent countless hours gathering material, interviewing old timers and verifying the authenticity of her information.

She said the publication date of the history would be released as soon as the publishers decide when the work will be completed.

Pasta products are economical to serve as a side dish or to combine with other foods. The work "pasta" is Italian for "paste" and refers to macaroni, spaghetti and noodles. Since these products are made from a dough mixture of flour and water extruded through dies to vary the shapes, the work "pasta" came to be used for all three products.

Girl Scout Cookie Sale Starts Friday

KNOCK-KNOCK! at 4 o'clock (not a minute sooner) Friday afternoon, Feb. 2, you may open your door to friendly smiles topped by pairs of shining eyes and hear the perennial chant, of buddies in unison, "We are selling Girl Scout Cookies! Do you want to buy some?"

These little Girl Scouts of the West Texas Girl Scout Council are the future home-makers, teachers and community leaders of the next decade. They are learning to accept responsibility today as they experience the thrill of meeting the public on its terms, making change for the \$1.25 per box of cookies, and telling customers that they have two new cookies this year. A natural ingredient granola cookie and crunchy sesame wheat crackers are being sold in addition to the usual peanut butter patties, sandwich cremes, thin mints shortbread, and peanut butter sandwich.

Rewards are many for the Scout: a cookie patch if she sells 48 boxes, a Brownie can take her father to the Brownie/Dad Special to be held June 8-9 and

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July 6-7 at Camp Boothe Oaks if she sells 84 boxes. A third grade Brownie might elect to attend a summer session at camp instead of going to the Br./Dad event. Partial or full camperships can be earned through selling from 9 to 22 cases. There is a new Cookie program which will give Cadettes and Seniors an opportunity to earn credit toward Council events and Wider Opportunities.

Income from the Cookie Sale is used to build the troop treasuries, provide camperships and awards, help members attend national and international events and training, maintain established camp, promote troop camping, make improvements at Camp Boothe Oaks, and maintain the Council properties.

The Hot Air Balloon Cookie Patch to be awarded this year carries out the theme of the sale "Looking Up - Aiming High." Cookies freeze well and can be enjoyed all year long.



Some say it's best to plant potatoes on starry nights.

COLD WEATHER STILL LINGERING IN COKE

Cold winter weather has continued in this area during the past week, causing residents to stay pretty close to the fire.

One bright spot in the weather picture has been some measureable moisture. Most of Coke County has received about an inch of rain and drizzle. Most of the rain fell Thursday of last week, with intermittent drizzle adding a small amount to the week's total.

The weather picture was terrible over the weekend, with cloudy, damp temperatures hovering a little above freezing during the day and dropping into the 20's at night. Cloudy weather continued Monday and clearing began Tuesday, but the mercury didn't get out of the 40's. The mercury dropped into the high teens Tuesday night and bright sunshine Wednesday was supposed to raise temperatures into the mid-50s.

Continued warming was forecast for Thursday.

"An old man in a house is a good sign."

Benjamin Franklin



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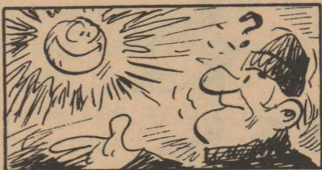
FAMILY MOVING TO Robert Lee area
looking for a 3 bedroom 2 bath
house or larger. If you would be
interested in selling your home, call
453-2812. 28-1nc

TOP CASH FOR OLD FIDDLES, any
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110 ACRES 11 miles from Mammoth
Springs, Ark. Will trade for acreage
in Coke County. Jim Ballard, 453-
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121.77 acres—90 acres cultivation, rest
pasture—3 water wells, 3 bedroom
brick house, approximately 1900 sq.
ft. living space, 2 baths, all car-
peted, two car garage, cement storm
cellar. Has 144' x 30' barn and
a welding shop. Located 6½ miles
west of Robert Lee near Lake Spence.

3 bedroom brick house, 1½ baths, dou-
ble car garage. Located on large
corner lot. Priced to sell.

Combination Business and Dwelling. 3
bedrooms, 2 baths, fireplace, has
carpets, recreation room upstairs.
Located on corner lot. Front part of
property former Froggy's Cafe. Own-
er will help the financing.

3 bedroom house, 1½ baths, large liv-
ing room-dining area combination.
Located on 3 corner lots. Priced in
lower teens. Will rent subject to
sale.

2 bedroom brickstone house located
on corner lot. In excellent condition.

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Bids will be accepted
until 7:30 p.m. Febru-
ary 15, 1979, at the
Robert Lee I.S.D. board
room for the vehicle
specified below. The
Board reserves the right
to reject any and all
bids, and to accept
the bid which appears
to be in the best inter-
ests of the District.
Submit bids to:

Jimmy Bickley, Super-
intendent
Robert Lee School
Sanco Route
Robert Lee, Texas 76945
1979 12-passenger Club
Wagon Van or equivalent
7600 GVW
Engine 351 CID V-8 or
equivalent
Automatic transmission
3 speed
Air Conditioner: high
capacity front and rear
Special Insulation Pa-
ckage
Power Steering
Privacy Glass
Solid Color Paint (wh-
ite)
Blue Interior
Radio-(A/M)
Tires (5) 16.5 x 8.75
8 p Black Wall
Mirrors left and right
Doors-swing out type,
all doors

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Notice of Estray
which was published
last week resulted in
finding the owner of
the Rambouillet Ewes
which had strayed. The
owner identified the
animals and the matter
has been satisfactorily
concluded by Sheriff
J. Lee Ensor.

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CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank everyone for
your kindness during the illness and
death of our loved one.

The cards, flowers and other expres-
sions of sympathy are appreciated.

We are especially grateful to those
who brought food and those who
served us.

A special thanks to Dr. Shin, Dr. Do,
and the Nursing Home and Hospital
personnel who took such loving care
of "Bama."

The Family of Mrs. W. H. Wyatt
1tc



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Chunk

79c



V.I.P. PEANUT BUTTER

18 oz. jar 89c

V.I.P. PEACH PRESERVES

18 oz. jar 63c

Parkay Soft Oleo

1 Lb.
Tub

69c

LUX LIQUID

22 oz. bottle 89c

DELSEY BATHROOM TISSUE

4 roll pkg. 95c

CHIFFON FACIAL TISSUE

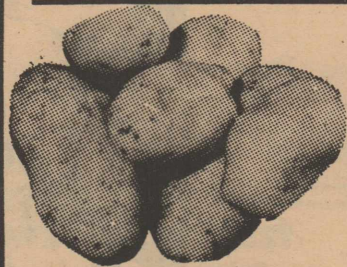
200 count box 63c

TIDE

king size box \$2.29

GLADE - SOLID - AIR FRESHENER

43c



No. 1 Russets

Potatoes

10
Lb.
Bag

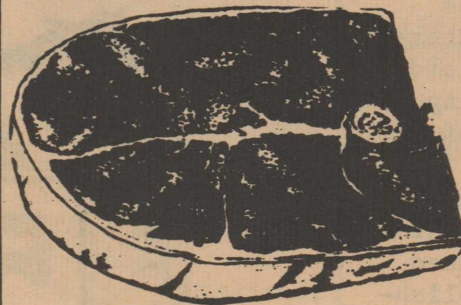
95c

ORANGES, Mexico

4 lb. bag 99c

GRAPEFRUIT

5 lb. bag 99c



Round Steak lb. \$1.89

RUMP ROAST lb. \$1.49

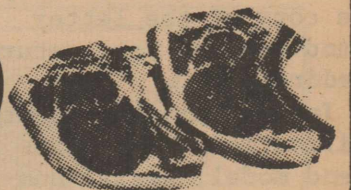
SLICED SLAB BACON

lb. \$1.39

Pork Chops

Lb.

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