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## Robert Lee-Bronte Games To Decide District Champs

The outcome of the 1980 basketball season will be decided tonight (Friday) when Robert Lee teams travel to Bronte for the last scheduled games of the year.

A win over the Longhorns will give Robert Lee girls the district pennant, since they won the first half of district play. A win by the Robert Lee boys would throw the district race into a playoff, since the Bronte boys won the first half of district play.

If the Longhorn girls down Robert Lee, a playoff series will be required, and a playoff would be needed if the Steers defeat the Longhorn boys team.

## FFA Exhibitors Place at Abilene

Members of the Robert Lee FFA who exhibited livestock in the Abilene Stock Show late in January made a good showing, bringing home some ribbons and premium sale money.

Kerry Gartman had the top animals from Robert Lee, showing the second place light weight Duroc barrow and the second place heavy weight Duroc barrow. Clifton Millican had the eighth place light weight Duroc barrow, and Scot Long won the eighth place Chester barrow. Marty Caston showed the 10th and 20th place light weight medium wool lambs.

Gartman's two barrows were in the premium sale and sold for 57 cents and 60 cents per pound, respectively. Caston's 10th place lamb also was in the premium sale and sold for 87 cents per pound.

Sunday visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Walker were Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hardin and Philip of Dublin, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Rankin of San Angelo, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Bridges and Marshall of Hermligh, Mr. and Mrs. D.J. Walker and Cindy and Mark Riley of Robert Lee.

Robert Lee High School Varsity team boys and the "B" team boys and girls traveled to Divide for contests last Friday night and came back home with wins in all three games.

The Steers overpowered their hosts by a 55-42 score. Ricky Ross was high pointer with 14 closely followed by Vic Conner for 13 and Kerry Gartman with 10. Darren Williams hit for 8, Joel Percifull 6, Scot Long 2 and Quint Anthony 2.

Robert Lee "B" girls ended the game with a 54-30 score. Scoring for Robert Lee were Brenda Gray for 11 points, Kellye Percifull 9, Martha Bickley 6, Becky Taylor 5, DeeAnna Key 4, Mary Galvan 4, Sara DeLaPena 4, Cindy Gartman 4, Frankie Walker 3, Lupe Munoz 2 and Debbie Cummins 2.

The score at the buzzer was RL "B" boys 49, Divide 21. Quint Anthony and Matt McKinney each put 11 points on the scoreboard, Bobby Phillips 10, Kyle Gibbs 6, Lupe Torres 4, Bob Flowers 3, Jose Saucedo 3 and Scott Stephens 1.

The Steers took two more district wins when Blackwell came here Tuesday night. The girls took an easy 94-16 win while the boys won 66-38.

Scoring in the girls game were Dianna Tinkler with 18, Lisa Devoll 14, Debbie Askins 10, Carolyn Simpson 10, Lee Ann Runnion 8, K. Percifull 8, Gray 6, Galvan 6, Taylor 6, DeLaPena 2, Bickley 2, A. Percifull 2, Cummins 2.

Percifull led the boys in scoring with 21. He was followed by Gartman with 13, Williams 10, Buck Duncan 8, Long 8, Ross 2, Conner 2 and Lynn Gulley 2.

## EAGLE FOR PHILLIPS

Bobby Phillips will receive the Eagle Scout award during ceremonies to be held at 5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 10, in the school auditorium.

Scoutmaster Gene Hinnard said the public is invited to attend this special presentation.

## Races Develop In County As Filing Deadline Passes

Politics warmed up in Coke County during the final days before the deadline for candidates to file for places on the May ballot. Several candidates have filed for spots on the ballot and the County Democratic chairman has resigned her position.

Opposition has developed in the commissioner races in both Precincts 1 and 3 and in the race for sheriff. Two candidates have filed for the office of constable in Precinct 3, a position which does not exist at the present time.

Mrs. Cumbie (Patti) Ivey Jr. resigned as chairman of the Coke County Democratic Committee when the group met Monday. The committee is required to meet within 20 days of the date of resignation and appoint her successor. Golda Smith,

secretary of the committee, said Wednesday that a meeting will be held as soon as possible.

Finis Harmon announced last week that he would oppose Finis Millican for commissioner of Precinct 3. Announcement is being made this week that George Newby will seek the Precinct 1 commissioner job, opposing Albert N. (Bob) Fields.

Marshall Millican, who announced several weeks ago for the sheriff's position, will be opposed by Harry Palmer. Both are new candidates running for the job now held by J. Lee Ensor, who is not seeking reelection.

Two candidates have filed for constable of Precinct 3. This position presently is unfiled, as Coke County historically has not had constables except

in Precincts 1 and 2. Don Bell and George T. Weir are running for the office.

Candidates for reelection who drew no opposition include County Attorney Robert Owen, Tax Assessor-Collector O.B. Jacobs and Precinct 2 Constable Wayne Arrott.

## Farm Bureau Week Will Be Observed Here

The week of February 11-16, 1980, has been designated "Farm Bureau Week in Coke County" by County Judge D.W. Sims. Governor Bill Clements has also designated the same week as a statewide observance, according to J.B. Pentecost, president of the Coke-Sterling Farm Bureau.

During this week, the local county Farm Bureau will have a special effort to enroll new members in the organization, according to Billy Johnston of Water Valley, membership chairman. Other members of the membership committee are: Finis Harmon and Donnie Thompson.

The county president said the Texas Farm Bureau was instrumental in passage of the bill limiting taxation of agricultural land in the last Legislature. Farm Bureau on all levels is working to secure sound farm program legislation, to hold down inflation, and to assure agriculture priority in any future fuel allocation, the county leader said.

Part of the "Farm Bureau Week" official proclamation, signed by Judge Sims, reads:

"An adequate supply of food and natural fibers is essential to our Nation. Many of our citizens of Coke County are directly or indirectly dependent upon agriculture for their livelihood. All of our citizens benefit from the advancements made in the agricultural industry.

## Commissioners Court Acts on Some Matters, Tables Decision on Most

Coke County Commissioners' Court had a busy day Monday and acted on a couple of items on the agenda while postponing action of several others after some discussion. Judge D.W. Sims said more information is needed on several matters and they probably will come up again at the court's meeting next Monday.

The commissioners:  
\* Heard a request from Highway Patrolman Bobby Hart for a new typewriter for the law enforcement office in Bronte. The matter was tabled until more information can be obtained on what is needed and prices.

\* Heard a request from Precinct 2 Justice of the Peace Cecil Kemp for payment of rent for the JP office. Judge Sims said the matter was tabled until more information can be obtained on the entire JP setup in the county.

\* Discussed the matter of hangars being built at the airstrip west of Robert Lee. The

county leases the 67.61 acres used for the airstrip from the Colorado River Municipal Water District for \$1.00 per year. Judge Sims said the commissioners want more information on who is interested in building hangars and the type of construction planned before they take any action on subleasing any of the land.

\* Approved bonds for officers of the Kickapoo Water District, including L.W. Duncan, Louis Gallaway and Don Glenn.

\* Tabled action of appointment of new directors for the Coke County Library Board until retiring directors can be contacted about their interest in serving another term. Those whose terms expire are Dorene Mashburn, Mary Bessent, Gay Sawyer and Hank Baker.

\* Observed an order from District Judge Earl Smith setting salary of the assistant county auditor at \$32.50 per day.

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Palmer Enters Race for Coke Sheriff

Harry Palmer has authorized the formal announcement of his candidacy for Sheriff of Coke County. His candidacy is subject to action by voters in the Democratic Primary in May.

Palmer has been a resident of Robert Lee since October 1977 when he was appointed Constable of Precinct 1. He served in that position for 15 months. He has had a total of five years experience as a law enforcement officer under the Texas Criminal Justice System. Prior to going into civilian law enforcement work, he served eight years in law enforcement work in the armed forces.

He is presently attending Howard Junior College in Big Spring and will receive an associate degree in law enforcement in May. He has maintained a 3.5 average while taking this college training.

"I have put forth this extra effort to attend school with the hope I would be able to better

serve the citizens of Coke County if they see fit to elect me sheriff," he said. He has attended numerous short courses in various phases of law enforcement work since going into the field in 1973.

Palmer has a wife and seven children. All the children are grown and married with the exception of twin boys who are in the eighth grade at Robert Lee School.

"I feel that I am fully qualified to represent the people of Coke County as their sheriff," he said, "based on my experience and education."

The candidate said he would be making an active campaign for the office and "will do my best to see everybody in the county between now and the May election." He added that he will greatly appreciate the support and vote of every citizen in the county.

REPORT YOUR NEWS



PROCLAIMS SPECIAL WEEK--Judge D.W. Sims signs a proclamation declaring Feb. 11-16 as Farm Bureau Week in Coke County. Standing at left is Dennis Weaver, Farm Bureau insurance representative, and J.B. Pentecost, president of the Coke-Sterling Farm Bureau.

Spotlight on HEALTH

A major cause of visual disability, macular degeneration is still a mystery to most Americans. The area of the eye affected is the macula—a tiny part of the retina lining the back of the eye. In normal vision, light passes through the eye and strikes the retina, a sensitive network of nerves. In macular degeneration, the macula loses its ability to function efficiently, affecting central vision. In most cases the process is not sudden, but progresses gradually.



work, to see faces clearly or distinguish different colors.

Anyone experiencing a loss of vision should have a thorough eye examination.

For more information, write to your state Society to Prevent Blindness or the National Society to Prevent Blindness, 79 Madison Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10016.

FARM BUREAU—  
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"Our farmers and ranchers have learned the value of promoting their industry through organization. Four out of five agricultural producers in the Nation are voluntary members of Farm Bureau."

News from West Coke Hospital

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

- Jan. 29: Dola Woods admitted. Bessie Caston, Ozella Harris dismissed.
- Jan. 30: Ben Oglesby admitted. No dismissals.
- Jan. 31: LaRue Harmon, Alice Wood, Ora Eubanks admitted. Rheba Taylor, Mabel Clark dismissed.
- Feb. 1: No admissions. LaRue Harmon, Edna L. Wright dismissed.
- Feb. 2: Rosa Minjarez, Robert Minjarez (new-born) admitted. Dola Wood, Hazel Morrow dismissed.
- Feb. 3: No admissions. No dismissals.
- Feb. 4: Chester Garringer, Tom Wiginton, Glen S. Easley, Melvin Childress admitted. Rosa Minjarez, Robert Minjarez, Chester Garringer dismissed.

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L to R: Tracy Pearson, Melanie Epperson, Carol Longoria, Tracie Tomlinson, Carrath Metcalf, Patti Jeffrey, Mary Lara, Sheri Ebenstein and standing behind, Coach Bobby Bolding



L to R sitting: Garry Palmer, Jim Herring, Kirby Rasco, Eddie Hood, Larry Palmer. Standing: Coach Max Anthony, Les Gray, Gery Naico, Jimmy Skinner, Gilbert Abalos, Bobby Boone

**Dogie Teams Meet Water Valley**

Robert Lee Jr. Hi teams won two of their three basketball games played at Water Valley Monday night. The girls were on top of an 18-14 score and the "B" boys raced past their hosts for a 37-12 victory. The Water Valley boys defeated the Dogies 30-20.

Scoring for Robert Lee in the girls' contest were Tracie Tomlinson with 11, Sheri Ebenstein 5 and Carrath Metcalf 2.

Bobby Boone and Jimmy Skinner hit for 6 each for the RL "A" team, Kirby Rasco made 5, Les Gray 2 and Eddie Hood 1.

For the "B" boys game, Darryl Mulkey and Caesar DeLaPena each scored 8, David Rodriguez 6, Phillip Stephens

5, Joe Torres 3, Doug Bell 3, Michael Wilson 2 and John Hinnard 2. Next Jr. Hi games will be Monday night, Feb. 11, when Robert Lee will host Bronte in their last games for this season. Starting time is at 5 p.m.

**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

Mr. Oglesby, Please, keep the Observer coming this way.

There are many changes and new names as I read the paper but it's important for me to keep in touch with home.

I'm enclosing a check for \$9.00 to insure the Observer keeps moving West.

Wishing you health, love and wealth and the time to enjoy them in this new year.

Thank you, Mrs. C.L. Baker 765A Pope Drive Vallejo, Ca. 94590



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

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## Opposition Voiced on Beeferendum

(Editor's note: The following article was submitted by J.B. Pentecost, Sanco rancher, who said he would like for Coke County cattle raisers to have the other side of the picture on the forthcoming Beeferendum. Pentecost said he was joined by three other Coke County ranchers in presenting the other side": Finis Harmon, Bill Casey and Jack Cervenka.)

We, as independent farmers and ranchers of Coke and Sterling Counties, would like you to consider the following statements when voting your convictions concerning the Beeferendum. The Beeferendum, even though it sounds good, will allow for several actions which we believe most independent farmers and ranchers would be opposed to:

1. The Beef Board, composed of 68 producer members, would be appointed by the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture. The Secretary of Agriculture would also appoint 5 non-voting consumer members. The beef producing members will represent thousands of producers, yet the 5 non-voting consumer members will represent millions of consumers, and can therefore exert tremendous pressures one way or another.

2. The Beeferendum expects to collect approximately \$40 million annually. Of this amount, a large portion would be used to: (a) pay for a full time staff to handle the tremendous amount of paperwork, and (b) reimburse members for expenses incurred in travel around the country.

3. The producer will be forced to pay yet another unseen assessment. The packer will pass along the cost of collecting the assessment to the consumer, causing prices to rise, thereby reducing the demand for the producer's product.

4. The Beef Board would not be able to do anything without the complete approval of

the USDA. "USDA's agricultural marketing service would monitor the program. This review responsibility would include approval of the Board's plans, projects, and annual budgets." (USDA Letter: Facts About Beef Research and Information Order Dec. 1979). The USDA decides how much money is used for research and how much for advertising. There never was a problem so bad but what Government intervention and management will make it worse. The Government would also gain a vital toe-hold in one of the last independent businesses in the United States, that being beef production.

5. Slaughterers would keep records and would make such information available to the USDA. This will give the Government more insight into your personal business, as to what you buy and sell, etc.

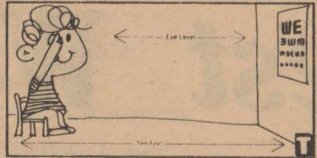
6. This Beeferendum order violates one of the Founding Fathers' basic principles of the Constitution: Only delegate power to the Government to do what people can not do for themselves. An individual has no right to assess a neighbor's profits to promote his own personal product; therefore the Government should not be given such authority. Producers not wishing to fund the program may have their assessments refunded, but only after extensive record keeping and written requests to the Beef Board. Cattle producers may be required to keep records up to eight years or more on heifers purchased and sold later as aged cows.

Fellow farmers and ranchers, it's your money. Vote for your convictions, but by all means, do go and vote.

### TEST FOR TOTS

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## Make 1980 Food Safety Year

By Kathy Jobe

Make 1980 your year for food safety.

Preventing illness—and loss of food through spoilage—can save time and money.

Here's a brief seven-part plan to help carry out the resolution:

1) Keep refrigerator temperatures between 35 and 40 degrees F. Make sure the freezer stays at 0 degrees F.

These precautions will keep bacteria from growing, since it needs warmth, moisture and food for survival.

2) Keep meat and poultry refrigerated—always.

Be aware of the new nitrite-free meat products, and don't mistake them for cured ones.

Nitrite-free meats keep safely only three to seven days—instead of the usual three weeks that cured meats keep.

3) Wrap foods loosely for refrigerator storage.

For freezer storage, wrap foods tightly in moisture, vapor-proof paper. That will pre-

vent freezer burn, and it insures a high-quality, well-preserved product.

Do not store cured meats in the freezer, since that can hasten rancidity.

4) Thaw frozen meat and poultry in the refrigerator—or, if time is critical, thaw it in a water-tight package under cold water.

If there's no time to thaw, cook "frozen-solid" meats—and be sure to allow extra time for the cooking (1½ times the usual time for large roasts, for example).

5) Use clean cutting boards for food preparation.

Clean them with one part bleach to four parts water after using them.

Also, it's wise to use a separate board for meats and another for vegetables.

6) Never buy foods in dented or bulging cans, even if they're on special.

These processed foods may be contaminated with bacteria.

7) Keep hot foods hot (140 degrees F. or above)—and cold foods cold (40 degrees F. or below).

## Cases Heard in County Court

A number of cases were disposed of in recent sessions of Coke County Court with Judge D.W. Sims presiding. Cases disposed of include:

Harold Wayne Waggoner, Sweetwater, DWI, \$320 bond forfeited.

James Gordon Casey, appeal on speeding violation, \$100 bond forfeited.

John Samuel Jamison, Abilene, appeal on speeding violation, \$100 bond forfeited.

Thomas S. Armstrong Jr., appeal on speeding violation, \$78.50 bond forfeited.

Jerry Ransberger, DWI, \$250 bond forfeited.

James M. Knight, Bron-te, theft by check, fined \$10 plus \$63 court costs and restitution.

Joe Ray Brown, Cisco, theft by check, \$20 fine plus \$55 court cost and \$24.35 restitution.

Kevin Michael, Odessa, theft by check, \$5 fine plus \$69 court cost and \$50 restitution.

Eddie Woodley, Levell-and, theft, \$250 bond forfeited.

J.B. Mulkey, Levelland, theft, \$250 bond forfeited.

Defendants in two speeding violation appeals failed to appear and five cases were passed and remain on the docket.

## Funeral Services For Mrs. Odom

Gussie M. Odom, 71, of Sour Lake, died at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 26, in St. Elizabeth Hospital at Beaumont after a lengthy illness. She was the mother of Mrs. John L. Heck of Robert Lee.

Services were at 2 p.m. Jan. 28 at Allison Memorial Chapel at Liberty with burial in Guedry Cemetery at Batson. The Rev. James Coats officiated.

Mrs. Odom was born Sept. 7, 1908.

Survivors include her husband, Fred Odom; 2 sons, J.D. Doucette, Jr. of Kermit and Jimmy Doucette of Lafayette, La.; 2 daughters, Melba Heck of Robert Lee and Evelyn Rountree of Batson; 2 brothers, Hampton McCriecht and Jesse McCriecht both of Batson; a sister, Ethel Gilmore of Beaumont; 12 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Tim Millican of Robert Lee, Johnny Carver of Colorado City, Timmy Doucette and Buddy Rouley of Lafayette, La, Terry Rountree of Batson and Chris Odom of Baytown.

Mrs. Heck had spent a month in Beaumont helping care for her mother. Others from this area attending the funeral services were Mr. Heck and their daughters and families, Mr. and Mrs. Tim Millican and children and Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Carver and children.

## STORYTELLING TO BE WORKSHOP TOPIC

TALESPINNING: The Art and Practice, a workshop on storytelling, will be presented at two locations on March 12 and 13, 1980. All practicing and potential storytellers are invited to attend. The presentation will be from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. March 12 at the F.M. (Buck) Richards Memorial Library in Brady and from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. March 13 at the Abilene Public Library auditorium. Twelve Moons Storytellers from Dallas will discuss telling stories, planning for storytelling, using local resources, and related topics. Contact (person) Nancy Rasco at (library) Coke County Library, or Beatrice Grant, Big Country Library System, 915/673-4482.



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## Newby Enters Commissioner Race

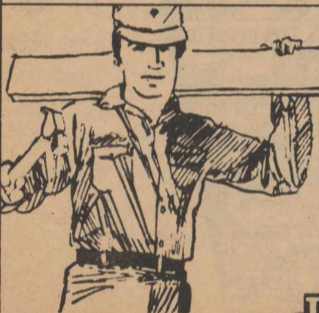
George Newby this week authorized The Observer to announce his candidacy for Commissioner of Precinct 1, Coke County. A resident of Coke County for the past 12 years, Newby operated funeral homes in Rob-



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ert Lee and Bronte for 10 years. Prior to moving here, he was in the funeral home business in Ballinger for about 20 years. He sold the Coke County businesses two years ago.

Newby and his wife, Mavis, have two daughters, one of whom lives in Snyder and the other in Virginia.

"I have a lot of interest in the betterment of our community," Newby said, "and feel the commissioner's job would be a good place for me to serve the people of Precinct 1." He added that he will appreciate the support and vote of all the voters in the precinct. "I plan to make an active campaign for this office," he said, "and will try to contact each voter personally and ask you for your vote."

Newby's candidacy is subject to action by the voters in the Democratic Primary in May.

### Elaine Lackey On Dean's List

Mary Elaine Lackey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Lackey of Robert Lee, has been named to the Dean's Distinguished list for the fall 1979 semester.

To be named to the Dean's List, a student must be an undergraduate with a grade point average between 3.6 and 3.79 while registered for a minimum of 15 semester hours. A grade point average of 3.8 or above qualifies a student for the Dean's Distinguished List.

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## Lunchroom Menu

Monday, Feb. 11: Vegetable beef soup, pear with cottage cheese, crackers, milk, cupcakes, potato chips.

Tuesday, Feb. 12: Spaghetti with meat sauce, blackeye peas, carrots, hot biscuits and butter, milk, gingerbread.

Wednesday, Feb. 13: Pinto beans, turnip greens, potato salad, cornbread and butter, milk, applesauce.

Thursday, Feb. 14: Hamburgers, lettuce, tomato, onion, pickle, corn, milk, banana pudding.

Friday, Feb. 15: Salisbury steak, cream potatoes, green beans, hot rolls and butter, milk, peanut butter cookies.

Mrs. Russell Zoet of Houston visited this week with relatives in Robert Lee. She is the former Billie Davis.

"My idea of an agreeable person is a person who agrees with me." Benjamin Disraeli

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS TO: BETTY J. TEMPLETON, Respondent:

GREETINGS:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear and answer before the Honorable 51st Judicial District Court, Coke County, Texas, at the Courthouse of said County in Robert Lee, Texas, at or before 10 o'clock a.m. of the Monday next after the expiration of 20 days from the date of service of this citation, then and there to answer the petition of Jesse E. Templeton, Petitioner, filed in said Court on the 13th day of November, 1978, against Betty J. Templeton, Respondent, and said suit being numbered 2747 on the docket of said Court, and entitled "In The Matter of Marriage of Jesse E. Templeton and Betty J. Templeton", the nature of which suit is a request for divorce.

The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgment or decree dissolving the

marriage and providing for the division of property which will be binding on you.

If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said Court at Robert Lee, Texas, this the 30th day of January, 1980.

Winnie Waldrop, Clerk, District Court, Coke County, Texas. By Mildred A. Reese, Deputy.



Thomas Jefferson once smuggled rice seed out of Italy for planting in South Carolina and Georgia.

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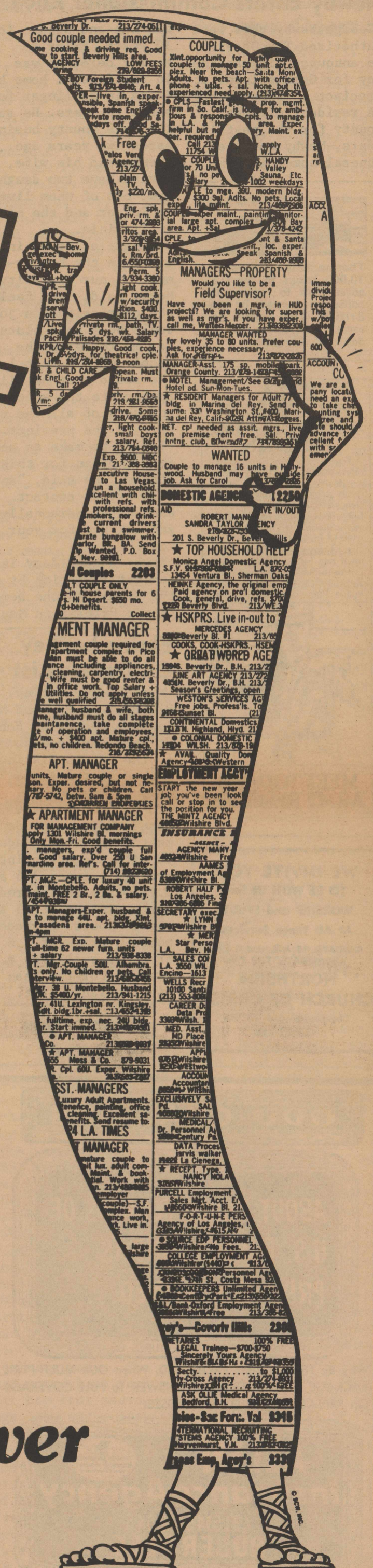


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## Robert Lee Observer

Phone 453-2433





## County Agents News Column

By Sterling Lindsey

We would like to caution everyone to be watchful for strange acting or abnormal acting varmints. One case of rabies was confirmed in the county last week and several abnormal acting varmints have been killed or observed.

Tommy Bryant, near Green Mountain in the Edith Community, had a skunk to attack his dogs last week. The skunk was checked by the State laboratory in Austin and found to be positive for rabies. During the course of the week Tommy removed two other skunks and one cat that acted abnormal.

Also during the past week, Foy Askins removed a raccoon that appeared to be abnormal. A second raccoon was later observed in the same area that showed abnormal behavior.

Stockmen are particularly cautioned to be watchful for animals, pets and varmints that are acting unusual. Should someone be exposed-bitten or come in contact with the saliva from a rabid animal-action should be taken to have the suspected animal, pet or varmint checked for rabies. The family veterinarian or the county health officer in San Angelo can make the arrangements for the test to be made.

### TREE PLANNING TIME AHEAD

Trees around our homes provide more than landscape beauty. They provide climate control and make important contributions to improving the environment. They add increased value and esteem to our property. Trees filter and clean the air we breathe, provide oxygen for living, and serve to reduce urban noise and sound.

Trees are one of nature's best gifts and are a mighty fine investment for our homes and communities.

If you've been thinking of adding trees to your landscape, the time is at hand.

Plant trees as soon as possible so that root systems can develop and become well established before hot weather hits.

Most nurserymen now have good supplies of container, balled and burlapped, and bare-rooted trees. So take

time now to visit him and make your selection.

After selecting the tree, your next step is proper planting. Here are a few guidelines on getting that job done right.

1. Dig a hole large enough in diameter so that the root system has at least 6 inches clearance on all sides. Some people will dig their hole twice the width of the root ball, which is an excellent idea if you can manage it. It's not necessary to dig the hole much deeper than the root ball as the ball should rest on a solid soil foundation.

2. Plant the tree at, or slightly below, the level at which the tree was growing in the nursery. The original soil line can be seen as a discolored ring on the trunk.

3. Be sure to provide internal soil drainage, if you are unsure as to whether or not your soil drains well. Try this test: Dig a hole and fill it with water. If the water does not drain through the soil in a day or two, plant roots will suffer from lack of oxygen. To improve drainage, dig a trench leading away from the bottom of the hole and fill it with gravel so that excess water can drain to lower areas of the yard.

4. Carefully place the tree in the hole. Handle it by the ball and not by the trunk. A broken ball of earth can mean a dead plant. Always remove any container before you plant.

5. Backfill the hole carefully, using good topsoil or a mixture of soil, sand and organic matter, such as peatmoss. Firm the soil around the plant and water thoroughly to settle the soil around roots and to eliminate any air pockets.

6. Do not fertilize the tree after planting. Wait until early spring and then fertilize lightly with a regular commercial fertilizer. Heavy applications of fertilizer will burn and injure the root system and could possibly kill the plant.

7. You may want to stake the newly planted tree and tie it with guying wires to provide stability and prevent wind damage.

"At 20 years of age, the will reigns; at 30 the wit, at 40 the judgment."  
Benjamin Franklin

# Quitting Business!

# SALE

WALL TO WALL SELL-OUT

Starts Friday, Feb. 8  
10:00 A.M.

All Sales  
Final

## D'DOTS

10 A.M.-  
5 P.M.

GIFTS & CHILDREN'S APPAREL

1009 Euel St.

453-2306

Robert Lee, Texas 76945

WE INVITE YOU TO BECOME A

## FARM BUREAU

MEMBER NOW!

Membership Drive Will Be Held Feb. 11 - 16, 1980

We officially invite you to join our member service organization. Our dues are only \$23.00 a year (tax deductible). This small fee entitles you to the following services; two agricultural publications each month; a free barbecue (convention) annually for you and your family; lobbying in Austin and Washington for agriculture; a free name sign for your gate and "NO-TRESPASSING" signs are available; free \$200 bail bond card; a tire service; a complete insurance service designed to save you money, including your home, your auto, your boat or your life; Blue Cross-Blue Shield Hospital and Surgical Care; free estate planning to help you transfer property to your prospective heirs smoothly and with as little inheritance tax as possible; plus you automatically have \$1,000 accidental death insurance on yourself and your wife, with \$500 on each unmarried child under 25.

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

## Coke-Sterling Farm Bureau

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Finis Harmon

Billy Johnston

Donnie Thompson

AGENTS: Dennis Weaver

George Demere

Secretary: Mrs. C. E. Arrott

Box 11, Robert Lee



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Cards of Thanks . Same Rates

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**LOUVENIA K. REES**  
INCOME TAX SERVICE  
112 Woods  
BRONTE, TEXAS  
After Jan. 10th  
Please Phone for Appointment  
473-3851

FIRE WOOD — DELIVERED, 453-2853. 22-6tp

WANTED: House to be moved. Three bedroom desired. Andrew Schaefer, Miles, Texas, 468-4034. 4-4tp-BP

WANT TO BUY Silver Dollars ONLY. Call 473-6621 or come by 121 N. State. After 5 p.m. call 473-5551 or come by 302 S. State, Bronte. 4-tfc-BP

**NOTICE**  
Notice is hereby given that a proposed use hearing will be held by the City of Robert Lee, in city hall, Tuesday, Feb. 19 at 7:30 p.m. The public will be given the opportunity to make oral or written suggestions regarding the possible use of the following revenue sharing funds by the city; funds on hand, \$441.95; funds to be received during the fiscal year of 4-1-80 to 3-31-81, \$3,041.00.  
Robert D. Vaughn, Mayor  
City of Robert Lee  
ltc

LADIES, can you wear 9 4-A FLOR-SHEIMS? Phone 473-3851. 6-2tcBP

**LES GRAY'S**  
POWER ROTARY  
SEWEROOTER  
SERVICE  
453-2711 or 453-2775

**Monuments**  
LETTERING  
LOT COVERING  
SAM L. WILLIAMS  
Robert Lee, Texas

### FOR SALE

Stucco house, located on large corner lot. Completely re-finished, carpeted throughout. Must see to appreciate.

3 bedroom rock house, 1 bath, central heating. Has garage. On large corner lot.

Town and Country Mobile house located on 4 lots.

2 bedroom house, bath; completely redone on inside. Located on large corner lot. Must see to appreciate.

Large Commercial Building on Main Street.

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

GARAGE SALE Friday and Saturday, back of Neice Jo's Fabric Shoppe. Bedroom suite, dinette suite, oak desk, odd chairs and other furniture. 1tc

WILL DO ODD JOBS — remodeling, paint, wall paper or other. See Ron, at 1006 Hillcrest, Robert Lee. 1tp

HOUSE FOR RENT: 2 bedroom. 112 Wood, Phone 473-3851, REES. 6-2tcBP

MATURE ADULT would like to do baby sitting. Nancy Mundell, phone 453-2246. 32-2tp

FOR SALE — Black vinyl couch, gas range, home traction equipment. Phone 453-2451, 1701 Austin. 1tc

DOLL MAKERS: Do you want to buy heads, feets, hands? L. Rees, 473-3851. 6-2tcBP

FOR SALE: Dining table, six chairs. Twin couch and table. Riding lawn mower. All good condition. Call 453-2835. 1tp

FOR SALE: White Turkeys for sale. Call 473-6481, Bronte. 1tcBP

SWEDISH GOVERNMENT sponsoring Scandinavian (Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland, etc.) High School Exchange students for placement this year in your home. Contact Jane Feathers after 5 p.m. Phone 915-949-0295 or write 2830 Colorado, San Angelo, TX 76901 for details. Must be within 150 miles radius of this area. 6-1tcBP

STAMP COLLECTORS: Do you want to sell that collection you grew tired of? L. Rees, 473-3851. 6-2tcBP

**CARD OF THANKS**  
We wish to thank everyone for all their kind expressions of sympathy shown to the family through visits, calls, prayers, cards, food, flowers and memorials. A special thank you to Dr. Shin and all the nurses for all their help and understanding.  
The Family of Clarence Mitchell  
1tp

**THANK YOU**  
for your many expressions of sympathy and love at the loss of my mother. It is wonderful to have such friends.  
Melba Heck and Family  
1tc

**Political Announcements**  
The Observer has been authorized to announce the candidacy of persons listed below for the offices and in the elections indicated:

**DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY**  
MAY 3, 1980

For State Representative,  
63rd District—  
MIKE EZZELL

For Sheriff—  
MARSHALL MILLICAN  
HARRY PALMER

For County Tax Assessor-Collector—  
O. B. JACOBS

For Commissioner, Precinct 1—  
ALBERT N. (BOB) FIELDS  
GEORGE NEWBY

For Commissioner, Precinct 3—  
FINIS MILLICAN  
FINIS HARMON



# Gladiola Flour 99c

5 Lb. Bag

KOUNTY KIST

**CREAM STYLE CORN**

17 oz. can 29c

KOUNTY KIST

**CUT GREEN BEANS**

16 oz. can 29c

**TRELLIS SWEET PEAS**

17 oz. can 29c

# Shortening

Jewel

42 Oz. Can

**\$1.39**

**WAGNER ORANGE DRINK**

32 oz. bottle 49c

**RAGU SPAGHETTI SAUCE**

15 1/2 oz. jar 79c

**TUNA, Chicken of the Sea**

6 oz. can 89c

# Pancake Syrup

Best Maid

32 Oz. Bot. 99c

**GEBHARDT'S JUMBO TAMALES**

30 oz. can 89c

**SWIFTS VIENNA SAUSAGE**

2 for 89c

# Coca-Cola

NEW

1 Liter Size

2 for

**\$1.00**

**SUPER SUDS DETERGENT**

giant box 89c

**ORE-IDA FRENCH FRIES**

2 lb. bag 83c

# EGGS

Large Size

Gray Crt.

Dozen

**69c**

**PARKAY STICK OLEO**

1 lb. quarters 63c



# POTATOES

10lb. bag

**99c**

**APPLES, Washington Delicious**

lb. 39c



# Round Steak

lb.

**\$2.19**

**RUMP ROAST**

lb. \$1.49

DANKWORTH

**GERMAN SAUSAGE**

ring 99c

# Bacon

Sliced Slab

Lb.

**99c**



# BAKER'S Groc. & Mkt.