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## Plans Moving Forward for Annual Coke County Rodeo

Plans are going forward for the annual Coke County Rodeo which will be held July 18 and 19 in the Bronte arena. The rodeo is sponsored by the Coke County Rodeo Association.

A steering committee in charge of the af-

fair is made up of Clayton Bloodworth, J. Lee Ensor, Elton Millican and Marshall Millican.

Association Secretary Delma Ensor said this week that duplicate prizes will be awarded in case of a tie in any of the events. However, in case of a tie in the all-around category, the winner will be decided by flip of a coin.

Prizes will be: first, belt buckles; second, halters; third, head stalls; fourth, curry combs.

Deadline for entering the rodeo events is 5 p.m. July 17. Entrants are urged to contact Mrs. Ensor by that date.

## Court Sessions Coming Up

Coke County Court will hear cases later this month, according to County Judge D.W. Sims. Pre-trial hearings are set for July 22 and trials will be held July 29.

County and District Clerk Mrs. Winnie Waldrop said this week that 51st District Court is scheduled to convene Aug. 4 and 25.

More information on the cases will be run in this newspaper on July 18.

Judge Sims also said Coke County Commissioners' Court will meet July 7 and 14.

## Pair Injured in Pickup Wreck

Two men were seriously injured last Saturday night when the pickup in which they were riding left the roadway and overturned. The accident happened about 10 p.m. near the roadside park at the divide 18 miles west of Robert Lee.

Scott Houston of Stanton was driver of the 1980 GMC pickup and one passenger was riding with him. The two men were taken to the Sterling City Hospital by private car and later transferred to a Midland hospital.

Highway Patrolman Bobby Hart, who investigated the accident, said the vehicle was demolished.

## Tickets on Sale For Coke Pageant

The Coke County Pageant Association, Inc. announces the sale of advanced sale of tickets for a special reserved section for the third annual production of "OLE COKE COUNTY-Home of the Rabbit Twisters."

Admission prices: Children 5-12, \$2.00; Adults - \$4.00. General Admission same price - children under 5 admitted FREE. Busloads, 20 or more with reservations, will receive a 25 percent discount.

Tickets may be purchased at the City Hall in Robert Lee or telephone 453-2831. The advanced ticket sale for a special reserved section will end July 15 - after July 15 will be general admission. Tickets may be purchased at the gate.

Production time is 8:30 p.m. on July 25-26 and August 1-2.

## Public Hearing On Tax Increase Set for July 10

A public hearing is scheduled for Thursday July 10, to discuss the proposed 50 percent increase in city taxes which has been proposed by the Robert Lee City Council. The meeting will be at 7 p.m. in the City Hall.

A notice of the tax increase and announcement of the public hearing were published in last week's edition of the Observer. Another notice is being published this week which gives notice that the tax increase will be voted on in a public meeting to be held at 6 p.m., Tuesday, July 15, in the city hall.

City officials stated when they announced the proposed tax raise that more money is necessary to operate the city government. They pointed out that a deficit of \$27,000 shows up in the 1980-81 budget.

Inflation in prices

## Big Crowd Expected at Spence; Town To Close; Observer Takes Vacation

A large holiday crowd is expected to be at Lake Spence this weekend for three days of water sports and camping. Most of the business firms around the lake will be open all weekend to accommodate the visitors.

However, most business firms and offices in Robert Lee will be closed Friday in observance of the Independence Day. Some convenience stores, stations and perhaps others will remain open, but most everybody will take off Friday.

Robert Lee State Bank, the U.S. Post Office

of most everything the city pays for has caused a loss of approximately \$1,500 per month for the past 27 months, causing the \$27,000 deficit to accumulate.

The tax increase will come through a raise in the tax rate from \$1.00 per \$100 valuation to \$1.50 per \$100. Valuations on the city tax roll are set at 33 1/3 per cent of the market value. An example cited on how the new rate will work: "If your house is valued at \$9,000, it is carried on the tax

### REUNION PLANNED

Descendents of the late Mr. and Mrs. W.R. Walker will meet Sunday, July 13, for their annual family reunion.

The gathering will be at the Recreation Center in Robert Lee.

All relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend.

and federal offices in the courthouse will be closed for the mandatory holiday. Other offices in the courthouse as well as the city hall also will be closed.

The Robert Lee Observer will close July 4 and remain closed all the following week. No paper will be published on July 11.

Workers at the Observer and Bronte Enterprise offices take off a week during July and the week after Christmas each year. The offices will be open again July 14 and the papers will be published July 18.

rolls at \$3,000. Your present taxes at \$30.00 Under the new rate your taxes will be \$45.00.

City officials said the new tax rate will raise less than \$10,000 per year. They noted it is the first change in tax rate or valuations since 1954. "The new rate still leaves Robert Lee taxes lower than neighboring towns" council members pointed out.

## Memorial Gifts Go to Hospital, Nursing Home

A number of gifts have been made to two memorial funds of the West Coke County Hospital District in the past several weeks.

The list below gives the name of the memorialized person followed by the donors: HOSPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND

Nancy I. Eubanks by Bakers' Grocery, Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Roane, Mr. and Mrs. Darell Copeland, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Baker, West Coke County Hospital District, Mr. and Mrs. Buck Ivey, Mr. and Mrs. Cumbie Ivey Sr. and Zera and Don Fields.

Pearlie Lacey by Mr. and Mrs. R.A. Sadler, Lorraine Rubottom, Miles and Menn.

Pearl Mayo by Mr. and Mrs. Bob Baker.

Hazel Morrow by Children of Hazel Morrow. Bernice Bell by Mr. and Mrs. Billy W. Roe.

Donations to the fund also were made by Ralph and Ruth Garvin, Betty Ramage, Fern Havins, Homer Carwile, Coke County Pharmacy, D.W. Sims, W.D. Cupp, Little Freezer, Wayne and

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**Energy Shortage on Rangeland**

By Glenn Lawson, SCS

It seems we are living in a time of shortages and even our rangeland is an example. The energy shortage on our rangeland is not caused by the price of foreign oil. It is caused by the way we use the range resources.

All animals require energy from some source to survive. They require additional energy if they are expected to produce something extra. This energy is supplied through what they eat. For a 1,000 lb. cow to wean a 500 lb. calf it will take approximately 8,817 megacalories of energy. Normally supplement is given during the winter. The energy supplied by this is subtracted from the energy requirements. On the average, a Coke County rancher would probably feed cottonseed cake at a rate of 2½ lbs. per animal per day for about 100 days. This would supply about 325 megacalories of energy. If hay is not fed then the remaining energy would be taken from the range. This would be about 8,492 megacalories of energy.

Normally range forage produces about 1 megacalorie of energy per pound of production. Some of the better rangeland in Coke County would produce about 800 lbs. of useable forage per acre

per year. This leaves out plants such as mesquite, most weeds and poor quality grasses. To keep the rangeland in good condition and to protect future production all of this can not be used. By using the rule of thumb of taking half and leaving half this would mean 400 lbs. of forage could be used. That being the case it would take 21.2 acres of rangeland to produce 8,492 megacalories of energy needed.

Several things can happen if fewer than 21.2 acres were used. Lower calf weights, increased cost due to additional feeding, overgrazed rangeland and so on could result.

Producers need to decide what they want before energy shortages on their rangeland eat up their profits or deteriorate their rangeland.

**COMPTROLLER REP TO BE IN COKE**

State Comptroller Bob Bullock will have a representative from his San Angelo office in Robert Lee on July 21 to assist local taxpayers and answer questions about state taxes.

Enforcement Officer Steve Mercer will meet with local taxpayers in the conference room at the Coke County Courthouse from 9 to 10 a.m.

**County Agents News Column**

By Sterling Lindsey

Summer means hot weather in Texas along with outdoor sports and long lazy days. It also means lawn problems--drouth, weeds, insects and diseases. We are beginning to see some of the yard problems now.

Lawn problems can cause headaches for homeowners unless the problems are accurately diagnosed and properly treated before they become severe.

Dry spots, thin turf and weeds can result from improper watering, fertilizing and mowing practices. Before applying a chemical to correct lawn problems, be sure that recommended cultural practices are followed.

Drouth stress most often occurs in mid-summer and shows up as wilted, discolored turf. Watering schedules should be adjusted wet the soil to a depth of four to six inches, and only when the grass shows symptoms of moisture stress. Mowing heights might also be raised one-half inch to improve drouth tolerance in mid-summer.

Lack of nitrogen or iron often creates a lawn problem. Grass with a nitrogen deficiency may have a pale color and be heavily infested with weeds. Abundant seedheads are another symptom of nitrogen deficiency. A light application of a nitrogen fertilizer will improve the lawns appearance.

Leaf spot diseases are generally a problem when lawns are under stress and increase with high temperatures, drouth, heavy shade and close mowing. Proper mowing and watering will reduce these problems, but fungicides may be required to prevent serious damage.

White grubs feed heavily on lawns during mid-summer and their damage resembles drouth injury. If the turf does not respond

to irrigation, inspect the lawn for white grubs. We should see white grubs starting to hatch in lawns around July 10.

White grubs can be effectively controlled with applications of insecticides when treated early. Treat your lawn with durban or diazinon for grub control. Then drench the lawn after the insecticide is applied to make sure the insecticide penetrates the soil 3-5 inches.

The best way to keep a healthy, attractive lawn is through proper mowing, watering and fertilization. These regular maintenance practices allow you to keep a check on lawn conditions so that you'll be able to detect a problem early should one develop.

**FARMERS, RANCHERS SUFFERING FROM OLD AILMENT**--Farmers and ranchers are suffering from an old and persistent ailment--the cost-price squeeze. Net agricultural income in Texas is expected to decline to about \$1 billion this year despite higher cash receipts, says a marketing economist. That would put it at the 1978 level. Production costs are expected to jump about 12 percent this year, with fuel, fertilizer and interest expenses leaping much higher.

**Mercury Sizzles, Sweat Drizzles, Energy Fizzles**

Coke County, along with the rest of Texas and the Southwest, has sweltered this week under record-breaking temperatures. The mercury has climbed every day to near 100 degrees or more and got up to 107 one day.

This area has not been as hard hit as the Dallas-Fort Worth and Wichita Falls areas. Dallas-Fort Worth had experienced 13 days of 100-plus temperatures, through Tuesday. On two of those days thermometers climbed to 113 degrees.

More than 60 heat-related deaths have been reported in Texas, with one in San Angelo.

The hot weather has sapped the moisture which came with good rains on July 21, when up to five inches fell in Coke County.

Weather forecasters said Wednesday there is not much prospect for immediate relief from the heat.



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Mrs. Ora Eubanks by Mr. and Mrs. Wes Kinsey, Mr. and Mrs. A.C. Peays, Joydell Deen, Yvonne Conner, Mr. and Mrs. Buster Pierce, Ann Martin, Annie B. Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. R.E. Hambright and Vida Peays.

Lewis Perkins by Lillian Middleton.

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Virginia Jay by Mr. and Mrs. Bill Roe, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Schooley, Mr. and Mrs. Turney Casey, Pearl Ditmore and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Lomas.

Rudolph Castleberry by Mr. and Mrs. Otis Watson, Mr. and Mrs. Jake Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Wes Kinsey, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Davis, Joydell Deen and Mrs. Billie Zoet.

G.M. Street by Mr. and Mrs. Jake Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Otis Watson and Mr. and Mrs. Wes Kinsey.

1975 Exes Have Class Reunion

Members of the 1975 graduating class of Robert Lee High School met Saturday, June 21, for their five-year reunion.

The get-together took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Bickley and a covered dish supper was served.

Those attending were Liz Bickley of Midland, Mr. and Mrs. Troy (Susan Wallace) Milligan and Mr. and Mrs. Jeff (Sandra Eldred) Cantrell and son of Sterling City, James Reid of Odessa, Mr. and Mrs. Dale (Lesa Lindsey) Dykes of Crockett, Mr. and Mrs. Randy (Juania Tinkler) Lewis and Randy II, Mr. and Mrs. Randy (Jan Green) Wheiles all of Midland, Linda Havins of Denton, Teresa (Percifull) Mauldin, Kristi and Kim of San Angelo, Mr. and Mrs. Mike (Konny Service) Brest and Keysa of Belton, Mr. and Mrs. Charles (Dena Boone) Bloodworth of Kermit and Mary (Hughes) Newman of Odessa.

Also Mr. and Mrs. David Wilkes and family of Gardendale, Elaine Millican and Russ Ketner of Lubbock, Ginger (Salmon) Welch and family of Eden, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy (Jo Nell Ross) Blair and Amanda, Douglas Herford, Mr. and Mrs. Manuel (Christine Lara) and Cynthia Denise all of Robert Lee.

Others present were Mr. and Mrs. Bickley, Stella and Martha, Jerry Gibbs and Edna Havins.

The Tom Sawyers spent a week in Houston where they visited their son, Tom, Jr., Mr. Sawyer's sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Sims, and Mrs. Sawyer's brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Hollis of Alvin.

REPORT YOUR NEWS!



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### Havins Reunion Held June 21-22

The annual Havins Reunion was held at the new recreation hall in Robert Lee on Saturday and Sunday, June 21-22. Most of those who attended were descendants of the late Milton H. and Clara (Wyatt) Havins. The three surviving children of that couple were present: Fern Havins, Bernice Roberts and Bessie Reed.

The following persons registered:

From Robert Lee: Mrs. Bernice Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. Freddie Hightower, Mrs. Willie Havins, Edna Havins, Jan and Linda, Mr. and Mrs. Fern Havins, Mr. and Mrs. Dee McCleskey. From San Angelo: Mr. and Mrs. Travis Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Brownfield, Mr. and Mrs. Cleo Havins, Milton Ray Havins,

Wells Havins, Mr. and Mrs. Rick Giddens, Mr. and Mrs. Austin Aten, Jo Lightfoot, Elizabeth Lightfoot, Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Olsen, Mr. and Mrs. Myrph Havins, Mr. and Mrs. Randy Ward and Chad, Mr. and Mrs. James Meadows, Louis, James Jr. Hayden, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Paul Shirley and Shannon, Mundi Bolding, Jade Bolding, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Thieman and Ashley.

From San Antonio: Patricia Kelly, Jessie Brant, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Winans, Mr. and Mrs. R.T. Winans.

From Kingsland: Mr. and Mrs. John Davis, Johnny, Milton, Melisa and Deborah.

Also, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Havins, Angie and Ami, Pleasanton; Kay Grim, Greg, Missy and Shelbi, Jacksboro; Carlos Smith, Waco; Scott Smith, Corpus Christi; Mrs. Bessie Reed, Riverside, Calif;

Betty Hall, New Port Beach, Calif.; Kitty McMillan, Hamilton; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hock, Kingsville; Mr. and Mrs. Otto Havins and Mr. and Mrs. Rick Kirkland, Witchita Falls; Billie Rae Hallmark, Bronte.

Also Christine Havins, Breckenridge; Floyd Winans, Oklahoma City; Mr. and Mrs. Paul J. Kelly and Kim Totty, Keller; Mr. and Mrs. Roland Carriveau, Globe Arizona; Mr. and Mrs. Troy Carriveau, Mount Auburn, Illinois; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bogusch, Charlie, and Trent, Temple; Donna McCann, Hank Martin and Katrina Martin, Austin; Paula Gilleland, Shea and Wesley, Sabinal; Mr. and Mrs. Paul Gass, Uvalde; Mr. and Mrs. Basil Havins, Houston; Mr. and Mrs. Dale Brant, Todd, Wade and Shane, Fort Worth; Mr. and Mrs. Mickey Menter, Chase and Jerome, Levelland. Visitors were Ruth

Williams, Irene Maples, Jessie Yarbrough, Thelma Watson, Verna McDorman and Dona Bryan.

Mrs. Clark Duff and daughter, Kristal, are spending two weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Rogers.

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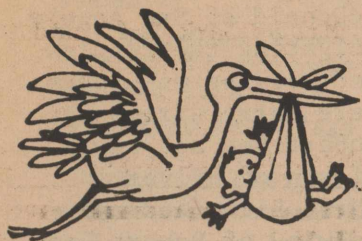
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# Robert Lee State Bank





### LOOK WHO'S NEW

Kirk Allen is the new son of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Bagwell of Midland. He was born Sunday, June 29, at 12:20 p.m. at Midland Memorial Hospital. He weighed 8 pounds, 9 ounces and is 23 inches long. The baby's grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. W.T. Roach and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Bagwell of Robert Lee. Mrs. Leola Scott, also of Robert Lee, is his great-grandmother.

### HERFORDS HAVE VISITORS

Mr. and Mrs. James Herford recently visited their son and his family, Ernest and Karla Herford and Charlie, in Winnsboro. Charlie came home with them to spend two weeks. Also visiting with the Herfords on Friday were Mrs. Herford's niece and her family, Nancy and Steve Simon-eau and Mark, of Snyder, and Mrs. Herford's great-niece, Kristen Kilmer of San Antonio. Kristen returned to Robert Lee on Sunday with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Arlis McCoulskey of San Angelo. Kristen remained in Robert Lee for the arrival of her mother, Mrs. Rita Kilmer, who had been on a vacation trip to Washington D.C. They returned to San Antonio on Tuesday.

Mrs. Tony Bullard, Tonya and Victor, of Lubbock, are spending this week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dink Lanier.

### SMITHS HAVE VISITORS

Mr. and Mrs. Finnell Smith went to Plano the weekend of June 7 to visit their daughter and family, the John Waddills.

Mrs. Waddill (Charlotte) and daughters, Melissa and Christine, returned to Robert Lee with her parents for an extended visit and to help on the remodeling of their home.

Mr. Waddill came to Robert Lee Wednesday to spend several days with the Smiths and to get his family. They will return to Plano after the July 4th weekend.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

(Former Observer Publisher Ulmer Bird wrote us a letter this week admitting to an error he made in a story he wrote about the Sanco Homecoming. It's nice to know that we are not the only ones who make mistakes. The letter follows.)

Dear Ben:

Thank you for publishing my articles on the Sanco site and finances. I made one error in the list of names of school students (exes) attending the homecoming and gladly make

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the correction. There was one former Sanco school student omitted. He was there, all over the place. I regret the omission.

The name omitted is: Ulmer Bird.

Mrs. Mitt Rogers and Misty Michelle, of Rockwall, have been visiting her mother, Joydell Deen, and other relatives for two weeks. Her husband will join them this weekend and will visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Benny Rogers, before their return to Rockwall.

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### NOTICE OF TAX INCREASE

The City of Robert Lee proposes to increase your property taxes by 50%.

A public meeting to vote on the proposed increase will be held on July 15, 6 P.M., in the City Hall, 6 E. 7th St.

#### FOR PROPOSED INCREASE:

Alice Beaty  
Wilson Bryan  
Lew Heuvel  
F. W. Prentice

#### AGAINST PROPOSED INCREASE:

None

#### ABSENT AND NOT VOTING:

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## Selling Your Home -- Yourself?

By Kathy Jobe

Selling your home and thinking of marketing it yourself instead of obtaining the services of a real estate broker?

Be aware of the advantages of each alternative.

Avoiding the usual commission paid to a real estate broker is the primary advantage most people think of.

Yet, there are some invaluable services that a real estate broker can provide which earn him his fee.

First of all, a broker can screen or qualify prospective buyers. Only those people who have the capability to buy will be brought to your home. This is an important aspect because without such "screening," many people who are not financially able to qualify for a loan often waste time looking and discussing the purchase when it is not within their reach.

Also, a broker can spare you the inconvenience of people calling and knocking on your door to see your home at inconvenient times.

Another service a broker provides is that of knowing what sources and types of financing are available to the buyer.

However, if you are knowledgeable about financing and can make these arrangements yourself, you may be able to handle this aspect of the sale.

Often financing sells a house. If you have several financing options available for a prospective buyer, it is more likely you can sell your home yourself than you would without them.

Correct pricing is important. Your broker can assist in appraising or determining the market value of the property. Or you may hire an appraiser, or you may be familiar enough with the market to know what comparable homes are selling for.

If you overprice your house, it may remain on the market too long. When this happens, people begin to think something is wrong with it. To sell, you may have to reduce the price drastically.

On the other hand, if the house is underpriced, you will lose money needlessly.

After determining the market value of the house, decide if you are going to ask more than you really expect to get. If so, be prepared to negotiate. Or you must decide if you are going to price your house at exactly the amount of money you want.

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## News from West Coke Hospital

June 24: Sylvia Tinkler and Mary Hood admitted. Royce Hanes dismissed.

June 25: Demma Clark admitted. No dismissals.

June 26: Ila Anderson admitted. Sylvia Tinkler dismissed.

June 27: Baby Boy Anderson admitted. Demma Clark dismissed.

June 28: O.B. Jacobs and Fern Havins admitted. Baby Boy Anderson dismissed.

June 29: Tracy McGuffin admitted. Ila Anderson dismissed.

June 30: Dola Wood, Una Walton, Georgia Roe and Tom Wiginton admitted. No dismissals.

## SORORITY TO RUN CONCESSION STAND

The Executive Committee of the Coke County Pageant Association met at the Mountain Creek Amphitheatre Monday evening and opened and considered bids which had been received for operation of a concession stand at this summer's productions.

The right to operate the concession was awarded to Theta Alpha Chapter of Epsilon Sigma Alpha Sorority, of Bronte. The sorority will have for sale a considerable variety of foods, drinks, and desserts.



MRS. MARK RILEY

## Cynthia Lee Walker, Mark T. Riley Pledge Vows in Church Ceremony

Cynthia Lee Walker and Mark Trey Riley were united in marriage at 7 o'clock in the evening on Saturday, June 28, at the Robert Lee Baptist Church. The Rev. Roy Epperson, pastor, officiated the double ring ceremony.

The bride's parents are Mr. and Mrs. D.J. Walker of Robert Lee. The groom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Morgan C. Riley of San Angelo.

Bonita Copeland, organist, and Richard Long, vocalist, provided the traditional wedding music.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a formal gown of white knit fashioned with a chapel train and veil, an empire bodice and chiffon sleeves gathered to wide cuffs. The neckline, bodice, cuffs and hemline were complimented with lace and seed pearls. A double ruffle of chiffon graced the hemline and train.

She carried a cascade of yellow and white roses and white daisies entwined with English ivy, nestled on her Bible.

Mrs. Darrel (Sharon)

Pitcock, of Purcell, Okla., served her sister as matron of honor. Debbie Askins, of Robert Lee, served as her maid of honor. Robin Riley of San Angelo, sister of the groom, was bridesmaid.

They wore formals of yellow Quina knit with a fitted bodice and a single layered, gathered capalet attached at a scooped neckline.

They each carried a yellow candle encased in a crystal vase accented with dried flowers and butterflies.

Jenny Purvis of Sonora and Audra Pitcock of Purcell, Okla., neices of the bride, were her flower girls. They wore floor length dresses of yellow plisse crepe featuring a high-waisted, semi-fitted bodice and a bias single layered capalet attached at the neckline. They carried white baskets filled with yellow and white daisies.

Judd Pitcock of Purcell, Okla., nephew of the bride, carried the rings.

Wes Sawyer, of Robert Lee, served as best man. Groomsmen were Bill Helwig of Robert Lee, brother-in-law of

the bride, and Jeff McDonald of San Angelo.

Lighting the candles and serving as ushers were Kerry Gartman of Robert Lee and Edwin Wilson of Silver.

Mrs. Bill (Audrey) Helwig, of Robert Lee, sister of the bride, registered the guests.

A reception was held in the Church Fellowship Hall following the wedding. The table was spread with a white linen cloth. The centerpiece was a silver candelabra and yellow candles. The wedding cake, that graced the table, was made by the bride's sister, Mrs. Pitcock, and was decorated with fresh white daisies and a fountain. The cake was served by Mrs. Dennis (Becky) Purvis of Sonora, sister of the bride.

Other members of the house party included Dee Anna Key, Karen Rasco and Karen Flowers of Robert Lee and Mrs. Danny Maxwell of Abilene.

Also Mmes. Ralph Walker, Joe Flowers, Sid Long, Douglas Gartman and Foy Askins all of Robert Lee.

The groom's parents hosted a rehearsal dinner at the Recreation Hall Friday night.

Mrs. Riley is a 1979 graduate of Robert Lee High School and attended Angelo State University. She is employed at Robert Lee State Bank.

Her husband is a 1980 graduate of Robert Lee High School and is employed by Ernest Clendennen, Inc. of Silver.

After a wedding trip to San Marcos, Mr. and Mrs. Riley are living in Robert Lee.

## AKP GARAGE SALE

Members of Alpha Kappa Pi will have a garage sale on Thursday, July 10, downtown at the Mini-Western Auto Store from 6 p.m. until ?

This money raising project is sponsored by the sorority to pay for Christmas decorations.

A spokesman for the organization said all prices will be slashed.

Buy and Sell with Want Ads



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SELLING YOUR HOME—  
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Remember, every buyer would like to buy low and every seller would like to sell high.

## PREPARING TO SELL

After weighing the advantages and disadvantages, if you want to proceed with the sale, prepare yourself in every possible way.

Be ready to spend some money to help the sale.

Sunday newspaper ads are most beneficial. Most newspapers have special weekly or monthly rates, so check on these before deciding what size ad to run and how long you wish to run it.

A "for sale" sign in the yard will catch the eye of house hunters driving by.

Weekends are probably the best time for these shoppers.

Keep your lawn well-groomed. The exterior often determines whether the prospects will want to look further.

If you do some painting to freshen the interior, use neutral colors in keeping with the more popular schemes.

Clean out closets since storage is important to most buyers.

If any house repairs are needed, attend to those before showing the kitchen. Have your house ready to show at any reasonable time—especially the living areas.

The kitchen and bathrooms are of special interest to buyers, so keep them clean and orderly.

A home that is well-lighted is inviting.

When a buyer makes a written offer, you may accept, make a counter to sell at a price between the original asking price and the amount offered, or, of course, you may reject the offer.

Educational programs conducted by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, or national origin.

## ARE YOU READY FOR HIGHER TAXES?

Your County Farm Bureau feels obligated to make known its position in regard to events concerning re-appraisal and taxation of Coke County real estate.

The new property tax code (Senate Bill 621) recently enacted by the legislature calls for one central appraisal of property for all taxing entities (county, school, cities, etc.) with each entity adjusting its tax rate to obtain necessary taxes.

This new law calls for local administration with the appointment of five persons to the county central appraisal board. This board is appointed by our County Commissioners, School Boards and City Councils. The board in turn hires a chief appraiser and establishes a budget for this office. How this new appraisal is implemented and how much money is spent to obtain the new central appraisal has been a matter of concern to the Coke County Farm Bureau.

The County Tax Appraisal Board, as of last communication, plans to hire an outside appraisal company to come in and appraise individual property at a possible cost of somewhere between \$100,000 and \$250,000. They feel this must be done in order to comply with the provision of the law, which says; "All taxable property is appraised at its market value as of Jan. 1." This is no different from the old tax code in the Texas Constitution which states; "The Constitution requires taxation to be equal and uniform and that property be taxed in proportion to its value." "Value in this section has been interpreted to mean reasonable cash market value." (Martin v. City of Mesquite, 590 SW2d 793, CCA, Dallas.)

Our present County appraised values have been considered to be quite low by some people; however, what is reasonable market value in Coke County would not be the same as Tom Green County, Sterling County, or other counties. What is 100% of market value today will not be 100% of market value tomorrow. The new law gives no guidelines to show each individual county what market value for that county actually would be. The courts have said "Determination of the exact market value each year of each piece of property within a county, city or other taxing districts is a task of staggering complexity. Consequently, courts have recognized that exact uniformity and equality is unattainable and have held that no attacks in valuations fixed by Boards of Equalization can or will be sustained in the absence of fraud, want of jurisdiction, illegality or the adoption of an arbitrary and fundamentally erroneous plan or scheme of valuation." (Martin v. City of Mesquite, references to Rowland v. City of Tyler, 5 SW2d, 756, 760 (Texas Comm'n App. 1928, judgment adopted) and State v. Whittenburg, 153 supra 205, 265, SW2d, 569, 572-73 1954.)

The courts have also said in the following two cases, "It is held with equal emphases that mere errors in judgement of the fact that a trial judge or jury differs with the valuation fixed will not suffice." (Druedon v. Baker, 229 SW493, Texas Supreme Court.) "A reasonable discrepancy between the true value of the property and the value at which it is assessed for taxes is permissible to cover the difference in judgement as to the value of property." (Darby v. Borger Independent School District, 386 SW2d, 572 CCA, Amarillo).

Raising our appraised values to 100% of today's inflationary values will cause other problems such as (1) Raising inheritance taxes, (2) Loss of State aid to schools. Even if we are forced to raise our appraised value, why should we hire an outside appraisal firm

who knows little or nothing of Coke County property?

We have several qualified tax assessors (County, School, City, etc.) who would be qualified to do the job. The law (SB621) specifically states: "The Board of Directors of the Appraisal District may contract with an appraisal office in another District or with a taxing unit in the district to perform the duties of the appraisal office for the district." The Chief appraiser is the Chief Administrator of the appraisal offices. "The Appraisal Board Manual issued to the five County Board Members, gives said board members three options: "(1) The district may name a chief appraiser who does not serve as tax assessor of another jurisdiction, (2) The district may name a chief appraiser who continues to serve as tax assessor of another jurisdiction, (3) The Appraisal District may contract with a taxing unit to perform the duties of the appraisal office."

In the case of Darby v. Borger Independent School Dist. 386 SW2d, 572 CCA Amarillo, the courts said, "There is no rule of law that we know about that permits duly constituted boards of equalization to abrogate their rights and duties to a professional tax appraising firm...Exact uniformity and equality of taxation is unattainable..." Who would know better the actual cash value of Hotel Borger than the business and professional men of the city, who understood local economic conditions or an out of county professional appraising firm unfamiliar with the price it would bring if offered for sale? The question answers itself. Of course, it would be local people.

Incidentally, the proposed hiring of a highly expensive outside appraiser would only be to appraise 14% of the county tax rolls because 86% of the tax roll is composed of oil property and we have had professional outside appraisal for that in the past. In 1978, Thomas Y. Pickett charged the County \$12,224.50 to appraise oil property in Coke County. Pritchard and Abbott charged the Robert Lee Ind. School Dist. \$9,700 to appraise oil property in Robert Lee School Dist. These are figures quoted by County and School offices.

The preceding facts and opinions were presented to some of our County officials and other interested parties in an open meeting on June 2, 1980, by Farm Bureau Staff Attorney Bill Bownds, who has been paid to do nothing else but to study the new tax laws since their inception. Some county personnel have expressed some irritated feeling toward the Farm Bureau for getting interested and have claimed that we don't know what we are talking about. We feel the law and the above court cases speak for themselves. We have no interest in this other than saving the taxpayers of Coke County some of their hard earned tax dollars. We feel that home owners and city businesses will be worst hurt by the possibility of raising taxes to pay for this new appraisal in that agricultural producers will be able to pay taxes on their land based on its productive value rather than its market value. We are writing this letter in order that the people of Coke County might become more interested in our new property tax law and openly express their opinions concerning the new law and how it is implemented. After all the citizens pay the taxes and should have some say concerning administration.

COKE COUNTY FARM BUREAU TAX COMMITTEE  
Jack Cervenka—Chairman, Finis Harmon, Alonzo Robbins, Wayne Arrott, Nolan Pentecost, T.K. Whiteside.



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### GOLF TOURNAMENT WINNERS NAMED

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Second place winners were Emil Jost, Dennis Weaver and Glen Sullivan with a 65. Taking third place were Red Smith, John Medicott, Jack Thomason and Zane Porter.

Members of the golf club said they appreciated the support given by Sweetwater Pump & Supply.

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