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Nurses, Staff Give Hospital Rooms New Coat of Paint

The patient rooms in West Coke County Hospital have a new look this week. They all have had a new coat of paint applied and the results are very satisfying to the volunteers who did the work.

Staff members and nurses at the hospital who wanted to joined in the project to paint the walls, woodwork, ceilings and bathrooms. All the rooms were

painted in antique white which makes them light but still restful.

Some 20-25 persons spent their time doing the painting and they say they are not through. As their time allows, they plan to paint other rooms, the lobby, halls and other parts of the hospital. The hospital's board of directors has authorized the purchase of new drapes, and when they are installed, "this should look like a different place," said one of the ladies.

Reports Given on Pageant Program

The annual meeting of the Coke County Pageant Association, Inc. was held on Aug. 25 in Mountain Creek Amphitheatre, with Alice Beaty, president, presiding.

Annual reports for the 1980 season were heard. Edna Havins, treasurer, read the report for the period August 1979 through August 1980, which reflected a very successful year.

Pauline Vaughan, membership chairman, included statistics on memberships of the past three years.

Various committee chairmen gave oral reports which generated enthusiasm, gratitude and pride.

George Newby presented the nominating committee's recommended slate of officers for the new year. Officers elected were: president, Alice Beaty; first vice president, Pauline Vaughan; second vice president, Reba Roberts; secretary, Dee McCleskey; and Treasurer, Edna Havins. Three directors were elected for a three-year term: Tommy Bailey, Melvin Childress, and Glen Skelton.

Opal Jacoby and Nancy Allen were appointed to study the association's by-laws for any changes that may be needed to up-date them.

The executive committee will meet soon and set the date for the first annual meeting of the association. Everyone is asked to watch for the date, and plan to attend.

Baptist Group Going to Brazil

Rev. and Mrs. Roy Epperson, Mrs. Eph Cummins, Mrs. Les Copeland and Jim Tabor will leave Sept. 10 for a mission trip to Brazil. They will be a part of a large group of 55 Texans taking part in the Baptist General Convention of Texas, "Mission to Brazil."

Brazilian Baptists have asked for Texas to share in a two year evangelistic program which will climax on the 100th birthday of Baptists in Brazil in 1982. Each month a different group will go to Brazil for this purpose.

While in Brazil, they will be working with personal friends who have been missionaries there for the past 20 years. These friends, Dan and Mary Burt, spoke at the Robert Lee Church's 1979 Missions Christian banquet while on furlough. Work will be done in the town of Junqueiropolis, which has a population of 35,000 and is in a new farming area.

These five will return to Robert Lee on Sept. 24.

CHEERLEADERS ELECTED

Robert Lee Junior High cheerleaders for 1980 were elected Tuesday morning. They include Melanie Epperson, Tracy Pearson, eighth grade; Dana Anthony, Jana Gartman, seventh grade.

Steers Travel to Sands To Open 1980 Season

The Robert Lee Steers will kickoff the 1980 football season tonight (Friday) when they travel to Sands for a game that starts at 8 p.m.

The Steers will be operating under their new coach, Jerold Epperson, and will be using a new attack formation this year. Previously operating from the veer, the Steers now are running from the wishbone formation.

Also, the Steers will be operating in a new conference, District 3-A. It looks like a tough one, as Roscoe, Sterling City, Roby,

Loraine and Water Valley are the other teams the Steers will have to go against in bringing home the district pennant.

Coach Epperson has four starters back from last year's zone winning team: guard Joel Percifull, tackle Scott Long, quarterback Buck Duncan and halfback Darren Williams. Other returning lettermen are center Armando Sanchez, guards Rudy Balderas and Tim Bosworth and tackle Kyle Gibbs.

First opportunity to see the Steers in action on the home field

will be next week when they will tangle their perennial enemies, the Bronte Longhorns.

Everyone is urged to get behind the Steers and help them through another successful season.

There will be a pep rally in the school gymnasium at 3 p.m. Friday. All fans are urged to attend.

Money Is Raised For Jerry's Kids

Again this year, Janis Fowler and Lola O'Rear worked to raise money for the Jerry Lewis Telathon, which is used in the fight against muscular dystrophy.

They have mailed a \$70 money order to the Muscular Dystrophy Association in New York City.

Janis and Lola missed their goal in this year's drive, but expressed their thanks to everyone who helped with donations and work. "We wish to thank everyone in Robert Lee for their donations and support of Jerry's Kids," they said.

They said they would be back next year to continue the fight against MD.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE TRAINING OFFERED

The West Coke County Hospital District EMS in cooperation with MEDIC XIII, an EMS Instructors' Organization based in San Angelo is offering an ECA (Emergency Care Attendant) course beginning on Sept. 16.

Classes will meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7 - 10 p.m. for a total of 40 hours. Persons interested in taking the course must be at least 18 years old.

The course will cost \$45 and this will include the price of the textbook. For further information, call: 453-2241 (all day weekends and after 6 p.m. on weekdays).

'HELP Us HELP YOU' Is Slogan for Fund Drive to Buy New Ambulance

"Please don't forget the ambulance fund drive that is currently underway." That is the plea of persons backing the drive.

Donations for this fund should be made payable to the West Coke County Hospital District EMS Ambulance Fund and mailed to P.O. Box 66, Robert Lee, Texas 76945.

Donations to this fund are tax deductible. Volunteers want to thank those who have already donated to this fund and to ask each of you to consider making a donation. "HELP us HELP YOU!!" is their campaign slogan.

Several persons in the area have asked for information regarding the charges made for the use of the ambulance. The EMS Committee has established the following rates:

Base rate for a local call (in Robert Lee) \$25.00.

Base rate transfer to San Angelo \$60.00.

Miscellaneous supplies required for care of the patient are charged at cost with additional mileage charged at \$1.00 per mile one-way.

A recent review of the books kept by the EMS indicate that total receipts for the service from April 1979 to July

1980, were \$14,203.15. The total amount disbursed in the same period was \$11,477.98 with \$3,000.00 of this amount transferred to a savings account. The balance in the operating account on July 23, 1980, was \$2,725.17. Expenses incurred in this period included purchase of the ambulance (\$5000), a scoop stretcher (\$265.00), miscellaneous supplies for use on the ambulance (\$651.97), maintenance on the vehicle (\$300.36), gasoline and oil (\$432.05) and insurance on the vehicle (\$1,051.00).

Other major items purchased include a base station for the hospital (cost was shared with the hospital), an encoder for the ambulance radio to allow communication with hospitals in San Angelo and Abilene and a demand valve for use in resuscitation of the non-breathing patient.

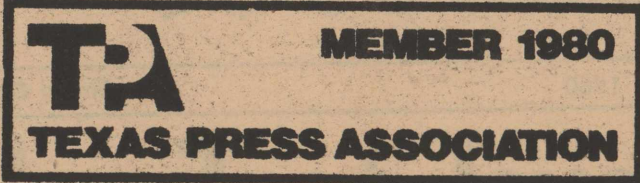
There is no way, of course, to measure the cost that would have been incurred to pay staff EMS personnel if volunteers had not provided their services free of charge. The ambulance service in NOT FREE and it is easy to understand why when you review the costs involved as listed above.

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Allen, Rehab Center Deeply in Love

When cowboy movie star Rex Allen said "I do" to the idea of an annual West Texas telethon to help the handicapped, it was almost like a marriage made in heaven.

The veteran of the silver screen soon became the public spokesman for the West Texas Rehabilitation Center and its subsidiary, the annual Cattlemen's Round-Up for Crippled Children.

Rex Allen is returning to the land of "his roots" on Sept. 6 when the 21st annual Cattlemen's Round-Up for Crippled Children

Kick-off Barbecue debuts near San Angelo.

"My daddy grew up at Robert Lee and until he died he always talked about the good life around San Angelo," commented Allen. "I am looking forward to coming down on the Concho River."

WTRC executive director Shelley V. Smith went to San Antonio about 20 years ago while Allen was performing at the fat stock show rodeo and they talked about the Rehab Center. From that meeting the telethon was born and the CRCC program enhanced.

"Rex Allen is our national honorary chairman for the Cattlemen's Round-Up," said Smith. "He talks the cowman's language."

CRCC directors, area and county chairmen, and livestock donors from across West Texas have been invited to the evening with Rex Allen at The Hollihan Acres, one mile east of Mertzon on Highway 67. The CRCC Kick-off event is hosted by Jerry Stokes, the Handy Packing Company, and Hollihan Friends.

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Play Day Winners Are Announced

Winners of the playday competition sponsored by the Coke County Rodeo Association have been announced. The final competition of the season was held Aug. 23 and participants took their best five out of seven ratings to determine the winners.

New officers for the association were elected at the Aug. 23 gathering and include: president, Donald Cooper; vice president, Bob Shields; secretary-treasurer, Brendi Gentry; assistant secretary-treasurer, Janel Vaughn; rodeo committee chairman, J. Lee Ensor; concession stand chairman, Bob Ragsdale; assistant concession stand chairman, Ron Exum.

PRACTICE DAY

A practice play day has been set for Saturday, Sept. 6. No points will be given but entry fees will be the same for the practice and ribbons will be awarded. The practice play days will continue as long as there is sufficient interest.

1980 WINNERS

Winners of the various divisions along with their points follow:

6 and under: 1. Christa Cooper, 69; 2. Teresa Vaughn, 66; 3. J.W. Leard, 23; 4. Brent Jameson, 22.

7 and 8: 1. Marla Shields, 57½; 2. Amy Bloodworth, 53; 3. Donya Cooper, 51; 4. Lisa Exum, 46.

9 to 12: 1. Lori Bloodworth, 72½; 2. Patty Bloodworth, 64½; 3. Blake Braswell, 39; 4. Melanie Cooper, 32.

13 to 15: 1. Blane Braswell.

16 to 19: 1. Kathy McGuire, 69; 2. Mike Dumas, 52; 3. Wyndell Brosh, 49; 4. Russell Johnson, 22.

20 and over: 1. Raymond Bloodworth, 71; 2. Dale Burnett, 40; 3. Mary Jane Cooper, 30; 4. Brendi Gentry, 26.

Things have really changed since the days of "barber shops" for men and "beauty shops" for women. Today, 40-50 percent of all patrons at unisex hair-cutting centers are men.

ESTATE PLANNING SERVICE AVAILABLE

The Texas Farm Bureau Insurance Companies are offering an estate planning service to the membership, according to Dennis Weaver, agency manager.

The purpose of this service program is to provide information or ways for members to reduce their tax liability and to help them meet their liquidity needs.

This service has proven to be very popular over the years. Anyone who needs information by an estate specialist is invited to contact Weaver by calling 453-2812.

MILES INVITES COKE COUNTY TO FESTIVAL

The city of Miles would like to invite everyone to come to the Fourth Annual Miles Cotton Festival and Brisket Cook-Off to be held on Saturday, Sept. 13.

The day begins with a parade at 10 a.m. and continues all day with games and contests of many kinds along with numerous Arts and Crafts booths. There will also be a barbeque supper, cotten queen contest and a street dance. For more information or to enter the Brisket Cook-Off call Miles 468-3621 or 468-3001.

Phone Provides Medicare Help

Have a problem with Medicare claims processing? Help is only a phone call away, according to Frank Upp District Manager of the San Angelo Social Security Office. The Medicare carrier in each state has established toll-free telephone number. Beneficiaries having questions about their medical insurance claims can now call directly to the carrier responsible for processing the claim. Individuals inquiring about a claims settlement should have their Explanation of Medicare Benefits (EOMB) form available when they call.

Upp stated that people in this area should call 112-800-442-2620. He also reminded persons having questions about Medicare eligibility, enrollment or lost cards to call the local Social Security Office for assistance.

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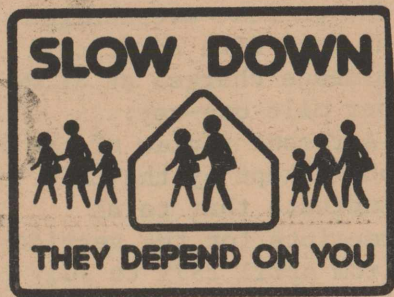
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Service for Rev. Bloodworth Friday

The Rev. Horace Lee Bloodworth, 87, a pioneer citizen of Silver, died at 5:30 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 27, at West Coke County Hospital where he had been a patient since the previous Friday.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Friday at Robert Lee Baptist Church with the Rev. Roy Epperson, pastor, officiating assisted by the Rev. Ray M. Sparks, a retired minister of San Angelo and a former pastor of the Silver Baptist Church.

Burial was at McKenzieville Cemetery near Silver under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home. Lonnie Bloodworth of Silver, a grandson, conducted graveside rites.

Horace Lee Bloodworth was born July 3, 1893, at Sulphur Springs, (Jackson County) Alabama, son of William and Almeda (Wright) Bloodworth. He came with his family to Texas at the age of three. In 1908 he came to Coke County and had lived at Silver since except for four years in Abilene while attending Hardin-Simmons University and one year at Woody.

He and Mary A. Walker were married Dec. 15, 1912, at Silver. They were active in community organizations. He was a retired Baptist minister and a retired stockfarmer. Licensed to preach in 1912 and ordained to the ministry in 1916, he pastored churches at Silver, Sanco, Buford, Woody, Bethel, Fairview and Spade as well as filling in at other churches when needed and holding meetings in many different places. He retired from the ministry in 1951. He was a member of the Silver Baptist Church, was a former member of the Silver School board and served for several years on the Coke County Hospital board at Robert Lee.

Survivors include his wife, Mary, of the home.



REV. HORACE BLOODWORTH

four sons, Allen Bloodworth, Raymond Bloodworth, and Clayton Bloodworth all of Silver and Ernest Bloodworth of San Angelo; three daughters, Mrs. Waymon (Ruby) Robertson and Mrs. J.C. (Jewell) Wallace Jr., both of Robert Lee, and Mrs. Willie (Daisy) Price of Akron, Colo.; 21 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, L.C., March 11, 1930.

Grandsons served as pallbearers and included Carl Bloodworth of Sundown, Charles Bloodworth of Kermit, Ed Price of Littleton, Colo., Jeff Price of Akron, Colo., Jacky Wallace of Abilene, Buddy Wallace of Robert Lee and Clay Bloodworth of Silver.

LACKEYS HONORED

Dr. and Mrs. Charles Reeder and daughter, Ruth, of Waco visited his mother, Mrs. Ella Reeder, the weekend of Aug. 23.

On Saturday night, the 23rd, Mrs. Reeder hosted a supper honoring her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Lackey, who were celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary. The Waco guests, Mr. and Mrs. Lackey and their son, David, attended.

Dr. and Mrs. Reeder left Sunday morning to take their daughter to Lubbock where she is attending Texas Tech University.



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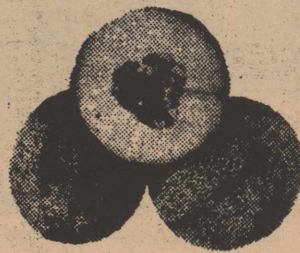
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Dear Editor:
My husband and I were in Robert Lee, July 26 for the pageant of Old Coke County. It was very agreeable and will say we got there to get the last room at your motel, which was nice. Now you will need more rooms. Between fishermen and people there for the show there was no more rooms.
I was born at Sanco, in the yellow wolf valley by the way--so very little was mentioned of Sanco, and the people who still live there. I heard a few names I remembered, as I left there in 1915. My grandparents on both sides are buried at Sanco on the side of a little hill.

Jim Fletcher a Civil War Veteran saved my life when I was bitten by a rattlesnake when I was 4 years old, and old Dr. Turney took over after he got there in a buggy and he came every day at dusk to dress my hand. He was a real good doctor, and Dr. Lenord of Bronte was mentioned, I'm sure I remember my brother was delivered by him. A Mrs. Mollie Scorbrough a midwife for that community delivered me and probably my sister.

I was at Sanco Reunion recently at Sanco. I sat in the same old seats and in the same old dust, I had sat in as a little girl--only back then the old arbor had brush as a roof. We always enjoy those old meetings and visiting with some old friends still there.

My brother Oren Fletcher of San Angelo and his children and 3 of my children were all at Sanco this year, some of them for their first time.

I remember the tales told by my mother and her father about old Hayrick. Grandpa Austin (J.J. Austin) was one of the organizers of Coke County. He had a son born that day, and he named him Coke for the new county. Uncle

Coke and all his brothers and sisters are all gone. The old home place is still there on the side of a mountain and is still lived in by some of the Austins. I know a lot about the early days there, and I am writing my memories of all I can remember of what was told to me.

I hope to always visit Coke County and Sanco, and Coke County pageant it was very colorful. I have lots of cousins there. My brother and I are all that is left of our older family of Fletchers.

Yours for success,
Vida Belle Fletcher
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VOLUNTEERS RECEIVE EMT LICENSES

Two of the volunteers with the West Coke County EMS (Ambulance Service) recently completed an EMT (Emergency Medical Technician) course offered in Bronte and passed their state exam for licensure as EMTs.

Jo Ann Harrison and Valerie Taylor both received their Class "A" Emergency licenses on Aug. 26. They bring the total of EMTs on the ambulance service to four.

QUARTERBACK CLUB TO MEET MONDAY

The Quarterback Club will meet next Monday night (Sept. 8) at 7 p.m. in the Film Room at the high school.

Everyone is urged to attend.

BRYANS SEE PAGEANTS

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Bryan motored to Galveston last week where they saw two plays on consecutive evenings in Mary Moody Northern Amphitheatre Galveston Island State Park: Irving Berlin's "Annie Get Your Gun," and Paul Green's "Lone Star."

On the third night, the Bryans saw "Beyond the Sundown" by Kermit Hunter, the story of the Alabama-Coushatta Tribes produced in the

beautiful theatre in Alabama-Coushatta Indian Reservation near Livingston. The couple reported they enjoyed the productions and gleaned ideas that might improve the annual play of "OLE COKE COUNTY, Home of the Rabbit Twisters."

On their return trip on Saturday, the Bryans stopped in Copperas Cove to visit Mr. and Mrs. Roy Holt. Mr. Holt is former history teacher, superintendent,

and a prolific writer of Texas history. Mrs. Bryan taught under his administration in Eldorado and Sanderson. The late Roy Holt Jr. was well known by many Robert Lee people through his work with American Legion.

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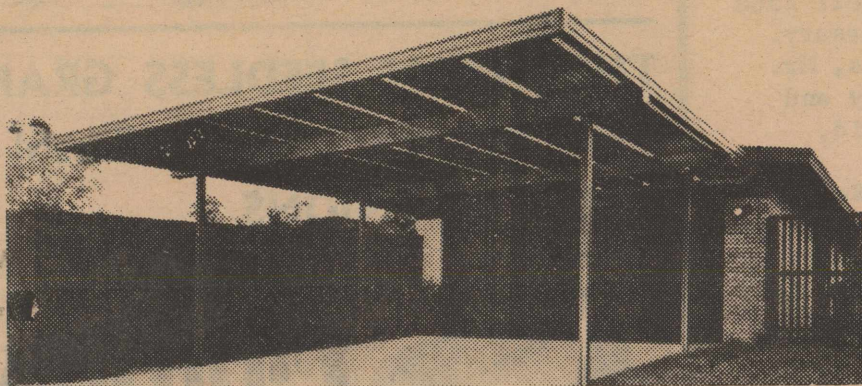
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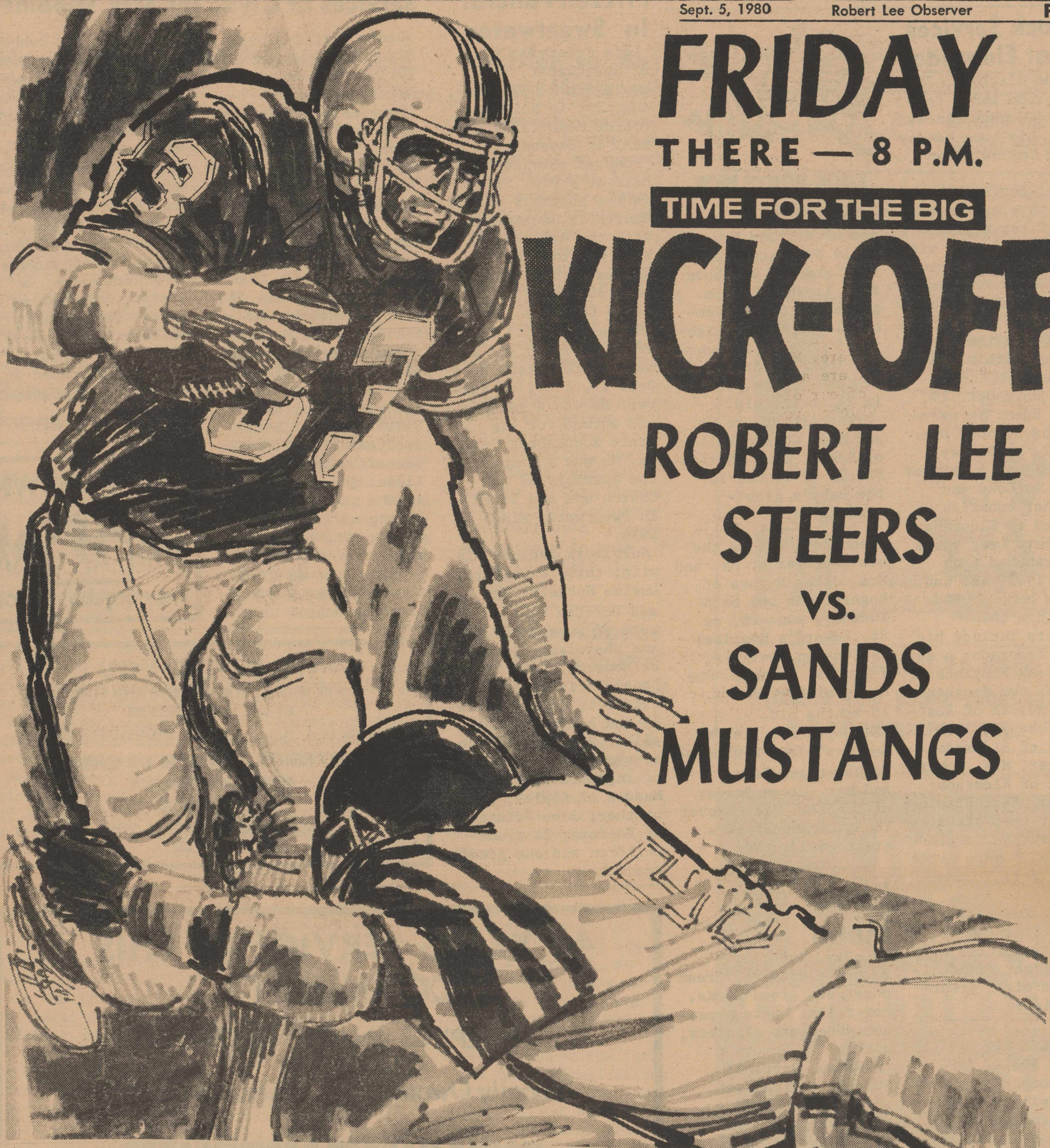
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Blaylock Services Held at Eldorado

William Blaylock, 78, of Eldorado and a former Coke County rancher, died at his home Monday morning following an illness.

Funeral services were held at 3 p.m. Tuesday in the First Baptist Church in Eldorado with the Rev. Don Willford and the Rev. J.C. Hancock officiating. Burial was in Eldorado Cemetery under the direction of Kerbow Funeral Home.

He was born Oct. 29, 1901 at Eden. He married Alpha Spencer Dec. 10, 1922, at Bailey Ranch. He was a pioneer rancher in Coke and Schleicher counties and moved to Eldorado from Robert Lee, where he had ranched from 1936 to 1943, and had made his home in Eldorado since then.

Survivors include his wife of Eldorado; a son, Billy Frank Blaylock of Eldorado; two daughters, Jerry Blaylock of Austin and Ebba Blaylock Nikolauk of Eldorado; his mother, Mrs. Robert Blaylock of Eldorado; a brother, Bert Blaylock of Robert Lee; six sisters, Cornelia Copple of Uvalde, Fannie Gilbert and Vera Bledsoe both of Santa Anna, Lucille Nixon of Tow; Lorena Heffernann of Eldorado and Loice of Calif.; eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

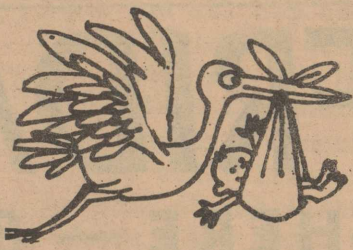
COMPTROLLER REP TO VISIT ROBERT LEE

State Comptroller Bob Bullock will have a representative from his San Angelo office in Robert Lee on Sept. 15, 1980 to assist local taxpayers and answer questions about state taxes.

Bullock said Enforcement Officer Steve Mercer will meet with local taxpayers in the conference room at the Coke County Courthouse from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. "If Robert Lee area merchants, or anyone else for that matter, have any questions about state taxes or need help in preparing state tax forms, Mercer will be there to assist them," Bullock said.

"We're trying to cut the red tape in this office, and we believe these face to face sessions with taxpayers help do just that," Bullock added.

The San Angelo office, headed by Thomas M. Goff, serves San Angelo and surrounding counties.



LOOK WHO'S NEW

Tony Lee is the new son of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Blackstock of Big Lake. He was born Aug. 31 at 9:27 a.m. in Reagan County Memorial Hospital, weighing 5 pounds, 15 ounces. Tony Lee has a brother, Jason, who is 23 months old.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Gorman Walker of Robert Lee. Charlie Farris of Bronte is the baby's great-grandfather.

Jennifer Caye is the new daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Hughes of Rogers. She was born Tuesday, Aug. 26, at St. Edward's Hospital in Cameron, weighing 7 pounds, 1 ounce. She has a sister, Jamie, 15 months old.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Hughes of Cuthbert and Rev. and Mrs. Glenn Border of Lubbock. Mrs. Grover Young of Rogers is a great-grandmother.

Lunchroom Menu

Monday, Sept. 8: Barbecue wieners, cream potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, butter, peanut chocolate clusters, milk.

Tuesday, Sept. 9: Spaghetti with meat sauce with cheese, blackeye peas, combination salad, hot biscuits, butter, ginger bread, milk.

Wednesday, Sept. 10: Pinto beans with meat, turnip greens, macaroni and tomatoes, cornbread, butter, peach cobbler, milk.

Thursday, Sept. 11: Hamburgers, lettuce, tomato, onion, pickles, whole kernel corn, ice cream, milk, chips.

Friday, Sept. 12: Fish krispies with tartar sauce, tator tots with catsup, english peas, hot rolls, butter, chocolate cupcakes with icing, milk.



A male swan is called a cob, a female swan a pen, and a young swan a cygnet.

Frizzell Funeral In Sweetwater

Luie Frizzell, 60, of Sweetwater, died at 1:30 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 28, in Rolling Plains Memorial Hospital in Sweetwater.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Friday in the Assembly of God Church in Sweetwater with the Rev. Roger West officiating.

Graveside rites were at 4:30 p.m. at the Sanco Cemetery, near He was born May 23, 1920, in Sanco and was married to Lurena Reid Oct. 22, 1938, at Silver. He was a rancher and worked for Big State Roustabout Service. He was a member of the Assembly of God Church and had lived in Sweetwater since 1956.

Survivors include his wife; three daughters, Luvina Huckelbridge and Doretta Faust, both of Sweetwater, and Sharolett Clements of Houston; four sons, Donald Frizzell, Dean Frizzell, Jerry Frizzell and Larry Frizzell, all of Sweetwater; two sisters, Ethel Truelove of Ingleside and Minnie Maddox of Alpine; a brother, John Frizzell of Bandera; 24 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Services at Clyde for Mrs. Gibbins

Ordie Mirtle Gibbins, 82, of Clyde, died at 10:10 p.m. Sunday at her home.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 2, at the First United Methodist Church in Clyde with the Rev. Hardy Cole officiating.

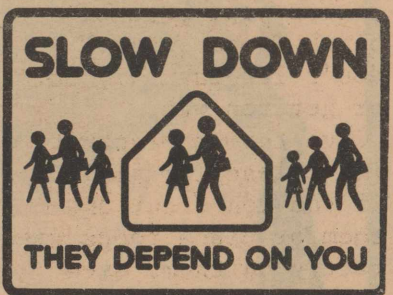
Burial was in Clyde Cemetery under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

She was born Feb. 16, 1898, in Robert Lee and married Clyde Gibbins in 1944 at Robert Lee. She attended Tyler Commercial College in Tyler and worked for Walker Smith Grocery Company in Stamford and Wooten Grocery Company in Abilene. She also worked in the government rationing office in Coke County. She had owned and operated Gibbins Drapery Shop in Clyde for 26 years. She had lived in Robert Lee,

New Mexico and Lubbock before moving to Clyde in the 1940s. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Clyde.

Survivors include a daughter, Beverly Munson, of Abilene; a stepson, M.C. Gibbins, of Bowie; two brothers, A.V. Hughes of Robert Lee and Emory Hughes of Atlanta, Ga.; a sister, Zola Hatley of Robert Lee; three grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband in 1959.



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Now Is Bluebonnet Planting Time

Now is the time to plant Bluebonnet seeds--if you can find them.

The crippling drought has reduced the Bluebonnet seed harvest to a fraction of the usual production.

Carroll Abbott of Kerrville--the state's only fulltime wildflower seed and plant collector--usually sells tons of Bluebonnet seeds each season,

Butcher Block Items Need Care

By Kathy Jobe

Treat your butcher-block items "right" -- don't let them dry out or get too wet.

Give them a penetrating-oil-sealer finish if you don't cut on them or place foods directly on them. Give them a warm mineral-oil finish if you do use them for cutting or food preparation.

Be sure to clean butcher-block surfaces before treating them.

Remove heavy food particles or foreign matter on the surface with a steel scraper or spatula. Brush all loose particles from the surface.

Then, using a soft bristle fiber brush, scrub the surface with a very mild detergent and water solution.

You can lift out food and water stains by adding a small amount of household bleach to the detergent solution.

Sponge off the butcher block surface with clear warm water and dry the wood by rubbing with a soft towel.

To treat butcher-block surfaces with mineral oil, CAREFULLY warm the mineral oil in the upper portion of a double boiler.

CAUTION: the oil is flammable, so do not heat it directly over the heat source.

Then, using a new paint brush or a clean pastry brush, apply warmed mineral oil generously over the surface and let it sit for 15-20 minutes.

If the wood will absorb additional oil, give surfaces another application and let it sit for about 10 minutes before wiping off the excess.

Be sure to treat both sides of the butcher-block surface with warm oil to avoid warping. Also, warm mineral oil is appropriate for wooden salad bowls and other wood containers used in direct contact with foodstuffs.

but he is now limiting his customers to a maximum of 50 pounds each.

The short supply of seed, however, have an extremely high rate of germination.

"It seems like Mother Nature wanted every seed which was produced to grow," Abbott says. "Our germination rate was tested at the State Seed Laboratory and came out to an amazing 94 per cent."

Despite the shortage, Abbott's mail-order seed firm--Green Horizons--still sells the smaller packages at former prices. A thousand seed, for example, costs \$2.35, including tax and postage. With each order, Abbott sends along cultural notes on how to grow Bluebonnets successfully and a list of nearly 60 other wildflowers which should be planted now.

His address is 500 Thompson Drive, Kerrville, Tx. 78028.

Bluebonnets are easy to grow--if you follow a few simple rules, Abbott explains.

Prepare the seed by soaking three or four days in baby-bottle-warm water, changing the water daily, to dissolve the lacquer-like coating on the seeds. Plant the seeds in late summer or early fall and cover them up with soil. Tamp the seed bed to make it firm--even walk over it lightly. And then water thoroughly.

The seeds will begin sprouting in 7 to 10 days and for weeks afterwards, Abbott says.

Sowbugs especially love Bluebonnet seedlings and an all-purpose insecticide should be used, he says.

RISING INCOMES IN RURAL AREAS--Contrary to popular belief, incomes of people living in rural areas are increasing at a faster rate than those of their city cousins, says a community development specialist with the Extension Service. From 1968 to 1975 personal income in non-metropolitan counties increased 25 percent faster than in metro counties.

Among non-metro counties, per capita gains were greater in those located far from urban areas. Rural incomes jumped mainly due to increases in such transfer payments as pensions and social security and stronger demands and prices for food and energy.

Loeffler to Be Dinner Honoree

Congressman Tom Loeffler will be the guest of honor at an appreciation dinner at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 13, at the Bronte Community Center.

Tickets are now on sale and can be obtained from Glenda Phillips, phone 473-5391, Box 211, Bronte, or from Jim Clendennen, phone 453-2872, Box 278, Robert Lee.

The tickets are priced at \$15 per person or \$25 for couples.

Mrs. Phillips, who is Loeffler's campaign manager in Coke County, urged all of Congressman Loeffler's friends and backers to make plans to attend the dinner.

Barbecue Supper Before Big Game

A barbecue supper will be served before the Robert Lee-Bronte football game Friday night, Sept. 12. The supper will be sponsored by the Coke County Livestock Association and Coke County Young Farmers.

A barbecue was held at Bronte last year before the two Coke County teams met on the gridiron and was very successful, so the organizations decided to try it again this year at Robert Lee.

Officials of the farm and ranch organizations invite everyone to make plans to eat barbecue with them before the contest for the Coke County football championship.

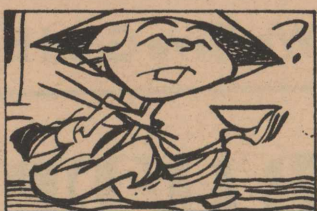
News from West Coke Hospital

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

Aug. 26: Charles Farris, Alvie Best admitted. No dismissals.

Aug. 27: No admissions. Horace Bloodworth, expired. Vida Peays, Charles Farris, Alvie Best dismissed.

Aug. 28 through Sept. 1: No admissions, no dismissals.

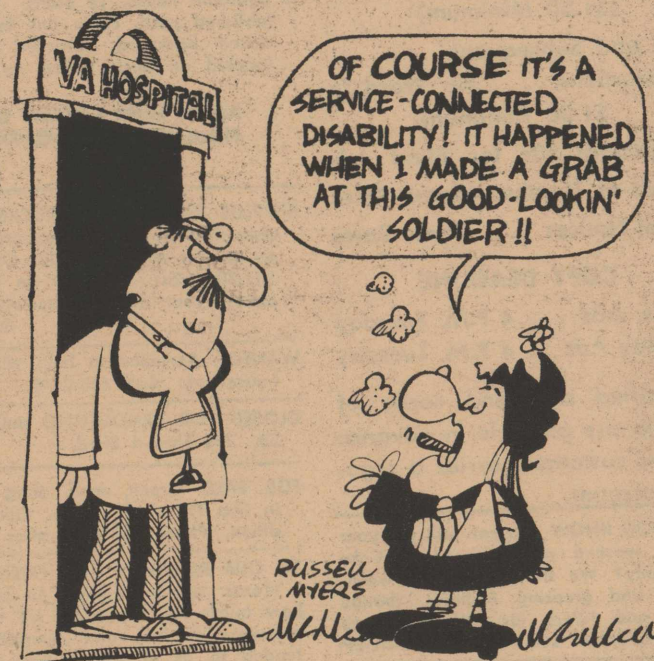


Despite a record harvest of over 315 million metric tons in 1979, the amount of grain available per person in China has decreased since 1957.

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BROOM HILDA
By Russell Myers

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The flowers, memorials, cards and food, your prayers, visits and calls all meant so much to us and we thank you for your concern.

We're appreciative of the ladies who served the meals, the ministers, those who sang, the organist, Shaffer Funeral Home, and all who came to be with us.

A special thanks to Dr. Zeon and all the nurses at West Coke County Hospital for their attentive care during his illness.

Mrs. Horace Bloodworth and Family



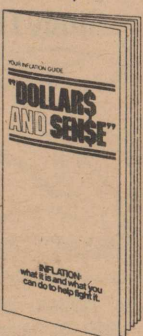
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