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Robert Lee State Bank Has Big Day for Formal Opening

They had a big day Tuesday at the Robert Lee State Bank when the public was invited to come by for an open house to inspect the first new addition.

All the visitors were given free packets of flower seeds and ball point pens, along with refreshments and a tour of the new facilities.

The bank also presented three U.S. Savings Bonds as door prizes to three lucky visitors. A \$100 bond was won by Luis Fuentes and \$50 bonds went to Mrs. Calvin Wallace and W.J. Capps, all of Robert Lee.

Bank President Gerald C. All-

Petit Jury to Report Monday

A list of petit jurors for the February term of 51st District Court has been released and those whose names were drawn have been notified. The prospective jurors have been ordered to appear at 9 a.m. Monday, Feb. 23, at the courthouse in Robert Lee.

Names drawn include:

Dale Brown, Jim Lee, Henry Cecil Schooley, Lonnie A. Coulter, Victor I. Conner, Melissa Lee Cantrell, Thomas A. Hendry, Freddie Edward Hightower, Nola Lee Miller, Robert Sanchez, Leola Scott, Cecil Kemp, Lynn Doris Smith, Carolyn Simpson, Wavoline White, Leslie E. Wink, Ruth Robertson, Edna Havins, Norman Ray Aldridge, Roy Casey, Armene Coalson, Juanita Parker, Kaylan Sue Service, Jerry Wayne Sparks, I.B. Pate, I.A. Bird, Turner Lee, Clara L. Hood, W.A. Bloodworth. Lois Burns, Willie Eads, Sharon Lee.

Weldon Phillips, Verda J. Jameson, Wayne Arrott, G.C. Allen, Louise Walker, Faustino A. Gloria, Frankie Reeves, Essie Pearl Renshaw, Pearl Bradshaw, Beatrice T. Counts, Lois Wallace, Douglas M. Wilkes, Howard Mathew Sparks, Macie T. Wrinkle, M.M. Walters, Sybil Henry, Billy Doak Sneed, Lynda Sue Ray, Frances Freeman, Allen Max Anthony, Steve Badley, James E. Watson, Victoria Minjarez. Donald M. Mauldin, Arthur L. Runnion, J.M. Prine Jr., Martha Alexander, Nedra Brock, David Frank Peafson, Estelle Askins, Carolyn Elizabeth Simpson, Wayland Joe Drennan, Evelyn Berneice Pannell, Rodney Gardner. Juanita Torres, Jolene Barrett, Lee Roy Scott, Nancy Bailey Allen, J.D. Harmon, Randy Arnold Leigh, Pansy Bloodworth, Gladys Waldrop, William Edgar Hartman, Darris Butler Agler, Allen Daniel Sherrod, Bernice Francis Sprenkle, Billy Joe Armstrong, Robert V. Tijerina, Pamela Paulette Parker, Jay Clyde Dukes, Sarah Ann Armstrong, O.H. Campbell, T.K. Whiteside, Estelle Cheatham, Larry Jameson, Thelma Barrett, Manuel Sanchez, Ann Brunson, Jana Jeffries, Elmer Hurley, George Newby, Vida Pamelia Peays, Christine Clark, Charles Sims, Charles C. Boecking, Charles A. Farris, Wilson Muston Carwile, John C. Rabb.

en said bank officers and employees were well pleased with the big turnout of friends and customers who came by to inspect the enlarged and improved building. "We had many nice compliments on the building," he said, "and are well pleased with the response."

Allen said the improvements were made to enable the bank to serve its customers better. He noted the tremendous growth of the firm during the past few year had created crowded conditions and the additional space will take care of that problem.

Besides the improvements in the building, the bank has recently installed a new NCR computer which enables employees to process statements and other banking procedures much more efficiently.

Allen said all the improvements are being made to keep up with the demand for customer services.

Election Called For Hospital

Members of the board of directors of West Coke County Hospital District have called an election for April 4 to name two directors of the board.

Terms of George Newby and Earl Lindsey expire this year. Holdover directors who have another year to serve are T.M. Wylie Jr., Wayne McCabe and Steve Oleksiuk.

It was reported that petitions have been submitted asking four names be put on the ballot. Candidates being petitioned to run for the positions are Mrs. Barbara Chesney, Jody Rodriquez, Paul Burns and Teddy Pitcock. Other candidates should file at the business office of the hospital.

School and city elections also will be held April 4.

Phil Ray and W.L. (Dub) Metcalf are the two members of, the school whose terms expire this year. Neither of them nor any other candidates had filed for a spot on the school ballot, as of Wednesday morning. Candidates should file at the office of Supt.

STUDENTS HOLIDAY MONDAY AND TUESDAY Students of Robert Lee School will have a two-day holiday Monday and Tuesday of next

week. Teachers will have in-service training workshops at Bronte School those two days.

Children's Day Is **Big Success**

The Wednesday's Children program at the Methodist Church has had a successful first month. The kids are having a good time and the parents are, too, the sponsors have decided.

Sponsors said it looks as though the program will have a third class this week, for children age 6-17 months. Reservations are coming in more quickly, so everybody who wants to be sure of a place to leave children should call 453-2417.

Sara Reynolds, director of the programs, said she needs substitute teachers to call when a regular teacher is ill or cannot be present. Anyone interested in substituting is asked to contact her at 453-2417. The pay is \$18 less a \$2 fee for those who have a child attending the program.

"Don't forget," Mrs. Reynolds said, "Wednesdays, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., are for all our Robert Lee children, ages six months (sitting up) to five years of age."

BAND BOOSTERS WILL NOT HAVE MONDAY MEETING

The Band Boosters Club will not have its regular meeting Monday, Feb. 23, because of the school holiday. The meeting will be re-scheduled at a later date.

Mrs. Wanda Caulder and Eddie of Merkel and Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Caulder of Abilene spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Walker.

RL Girls Capture istrict Crown of the first quarter and Robert

The Robert Lee High School girls basketball team came through in grand style Tuesday night when they downed the Bronte girls 55-45 in a playoff for the Districtr 13-A championship. It was too close to speculate on during the first half. The Bronte girls were ahead 11-10 at the end

Beautiful Baby Contest Is Held

Miss Susan Blassingame's English classes held a Most Beautiful Baby Contest Monday, Feb. 16.

Cindy Gartman won Most Beautiful Girl and Joey Millican won Most Handsome Boy. Mitch Gibbs won Most Recognizeable Baby and Brenda Gray won Most Gorgeous Baby.

The judges, Sammy Jo Baker, Nelson Coulter and Jen Anthony, judged the contest from baby pictures brought by the students. Next week will be the teachers'

turn, and students will do the judging.

ORDINATION SERVICE AT BAPTIST CHURCH

A deacon ordination service will be held at the Robert Lee Baptist Church Sunday at 7 p.m. Vaughan S. Davis will be installed as a deacon of the church.

However, Robert Lee started outhitting the Bronte girls in the third quarter and led 44-38 when it ended. They pulled ahead even further during the fourth period

Lee pulled ahead during the

second period to lead the scoring

29-27 at the half.

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to finish the game with a 10 margin, 55-45. Diana Tinkler was top scorer

for the Robert Lee girls with 18;

THE LATEST WORD

Robert Lee School officials returned late Wednesday with the word that the Robert Lee-Greenwood bi-district game will be played at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 24, in the **Howard County Junior College** in Big Spring.

Leigh Ann Runnion hit for 15 points; Martha Bickley 6; Debbie Cummins 5; Amy Percifull 4; Frankie Walker 4; Kellye Percifull 3.

Robert Lee now will play Greenwood for bi-district. The girls from Midland County took the District 14-A championship Tuesday night by knocking off Iraan 55-26. School officials were scheduled to meet Wednesday to decide the date and place.

Dogie Teams End 1981 Season The Robert Lee Dogie basket-

the Shorthorns. Boys A and B and girls A teams played, but the host teams handed them defeats in all three contests.

The boys B game wound up with a score of 34-28 in favor of Bronte. Making points for Robert Lee were Randy Stephens with 10; Heath Gardner 8; Kevin Johnson 6; Mike Sanchez 2; Jim Bob Jacobs 2.

The Bronte boys A team defeated the Dogie A team 54-45. Kirby Rasco was high pointer with 22; Doug Roberts had 10; Bobby Boone 5; Greg Grim 4; David Rodriguez 4.

The Robert Lee girls ran into stiff competition as they were defeated 46-28 by the Bronte girls. Carol Longoria was high scorer with 14; Jana Gartman had 8; Melanie Epperson 2; Tracy Pearson 2; Dana Anthony Max Anthony was coach for the junior high boys and Bobby Bolding coached the junior high girls.

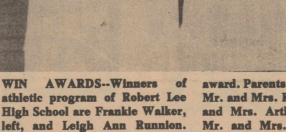


Jimmy Bickley.

Members of the city council whose terms expire this year are F.W. Prentice, Jody Rodriquez and Allen Clendennen. Prentice and Rodriquez have filed for re-election. Candidates for city council should file with City Secretary Edna Havins at the city hall. Holdover council members are Mayor Robert Vaughan and members, Alice Beaty and Wilson Bryan.

Mrs. Jeanette Mundy of Roswell, N.M. recently spent several days visiting here with her son, David LeBlanc. David, a high school student, is making his home with the Weldon Bosworth's in order to finish school here.

Mrs. Geraldine Haggard of Colorado City, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Elgie Wright, visited her aunt, Mrs. Elsie Latham, last week.



Percifull, winner of the boy's

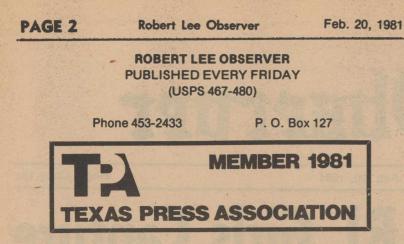
award. Parents of the athletes are Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Walker, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Runnion and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Percifull. [Photo by Winnie McPeek] Standing behind the girls is Joel

MONDAY MORNING FIRE DAMAGES GARZA HOME

An early morning fire on Monday damaged the ceiling and roof of the Albert Garza residence on West 9th St.

The fire apparently started from the over-heated stove pipe of a recently installed wood heater. Robert Lee Fire Department members extinguished the blaze before extensive damage was done.

Buy and Sell with Want Ads



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Editor and Publisher Ben Oglesby

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Committees Critical to Good Policy, Good Government

In the Congress, the difference between good legislation and bad — good government and bad — is often decided in committee. The best way to produce responsible government is to produce

responsible legislation in the drafting process. I have been fortunate since I have been in Congress representing

the people of the 21st Congressional District. In the last Congress, I served on the Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee. It was an important assignment, involving work on some important issues of concern not only to those of us from Texas, but to the Nation.

We worked, of course, on energy policy. But we deliberated long and hard on some other matters. A long-needed revision to the 1934 Communications Act began in earnest. And we wrote landmark legislation deregulating many of the Nation's industries, chief among them this Nation's railroad industry.

It was critical that "deregulation" of the railroad industry achieve its purpose. It was equally critical that deregulation not perpetuate a monopoly like the one held over the City of San Antonio.

This injustice had to end. And the Committee provided the battleground to bring about a responsible means.

Most of us who worked on this legislation from beginning to end had one goal in mind: We worked to make certain that the legislation eventually enacted into law was responsible, that it was in the *public's* interest. Not just the industry which would benefit from less costly and stifling regulation. But the consumer's as well — and particularly the San Antonio utility consumer.

We succeeded in doing just that.

This is also my objective in the 97th Congress: to work hard in producing responsible legislation in an effort to make government more responsible. I believe this is what a vast majority of Americans want. It is what I am committed to working for in your



The response to the questionnaire I mailed last month has been amazing. Of the 19,995 newsletters sent, more than 1,200 of you have filled out and returned the questionnaire to me. That's more than 6 percent, double the average 2 or 3 percent return I was told to expect on a mailing of this type.

My staff has tabulated your responses, and here's how you lined up on the eleven questions:

1. Would you favor a system of Initiative and Referendum (I&R) in which Texas citizens could propose new laws by petitioning their government? 75% Yes; 18% No; 7¹/₂ No opinion.

2. If you answered YES, do you favor a "pure" l&R system under which voters could pass laws independent of the Legislature, or would you prefer a "modified" system under which voter-approved measures would require enactment by the Legislature? 33% Pure l&R; 57% Modified; 10% No opinion.

3. Federal law enforcement officials have authority to wiretap. Would you favor or oppose extending that authority to state law enforcement agencies? 55% Favor; 42% Oppose; 3% No opinion.

4. The 12% state ceiling on mortgage rates expires automatically in 1981 and returns to the traditional 10% level. Should the Legislature let the 10% ceiling stand, raise it to 12% for another two years, or do away with the interest rate ceiling altogether? 46%: Ten percent; 32%: Twelve percent; 22%: No ceiling.

5. Should the Legislature increase the 5 cent - per - gallon gasoline tax if necessary to avoid using general revenue funds for highway construction and maintenance? 42% Yes; 54% No; 4%: No opinion. 6. Should the Legislature provide incentives for the development and use of alternative energy sources such as gasohol, geothermal energy and solar, wind and hydroelectric power? 81% Yes; 15% No; 4% No opinion.

7. Do you support giving our teachers "merit" or "experience" raises in addition to the cost-of-living increases necessary to keep their earnings even with the inflation rate? 71% Yes; 25% No; 4% No opinion.

8. Would you support or oppose efforts to increase the tuition at our state colleges and universities? 39% Support; 51% Oppose: 10% No opinion.

9. Should the State of Texas enact and enforce laws strictly regulating the transportation, storage and disposal of nuclear and other hazardous wastes in our state? 94% Yes; 4% No 2% No opinion.

10. Should the Legislature require the State Republican and Democratic Parties to hold binding presidential primary elections in 1984? 38% Yes; 44% No; 18% No opinion.

11. Should the Legislature give Texans the right to request identical but less expensive "generic" substitutes for the more expensive brand name drugs prescribed by doctors? 93% Yes; 3% No; 4% No opinion.

The newsletter was mailed to all registered voters in the 63rd District, one newsletter per household. If you didn't receive one, or if you wish to receive legislative updates from me during the session, just give me a call or write me at the State Capitol.

Buy and Sell With Want Ads!

Rodeo Assn. Makes Plans

Plans for the 1981 season were made when the Coke County Rodeo Association had a meeting Thursday night of last week at the Bronte City Hall. A schedule of play days for the summer months was worked out and the annual rodeo was planned.

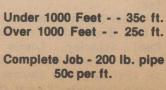
A couple of practice play days will be held in May on dates to be decided. The first official play day will be Saturday, June 13, and the events will be continued on the second and fourth Saturdays of each month during the season. Association members will elect the Coke County Rodeo Queen at the June 13 gathering. Dates for the annual rodeo

were set for July 17 and 18.

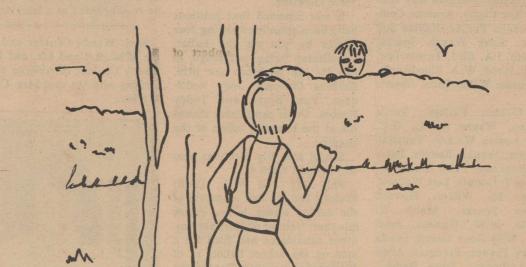
In other business, Mary Jane Cooper was elected to head the concession stand operation this year, and Mary Morrow will be her assistant.

Association officers who were elected last August include: Donald Cooper, president; Brendi Gentry, secretary-treasurer; Bob Shields, vice president; Janell Vaughn, assistant secretary-treasurer.





For Information Contact DICK COOPER 658-4020 San Angelo, Texas



behalf.

In this Congress, I will have an important new committee assignment; the Committee on Appropriations. It is important for several reasons. First, it is the Committee which controls the Federal purse strings. All Federal departments and agencies eventually must convince the Appropriations Committee that their budgets are as lean as possible. This committee will be going over the budgets with a fine tooth comb to make certain they are.

Secondly, I will have an opportunity to further our interests in a stronger national defense and more sensible policies relating to our natural resources. I have been appointed to the Military Construction Subcommittee which will be playing a key role in helping to restore our military superiority. Our military, including our military bases and other installations, have been allowed to deteriorate to a dangerously inadequate state. This decline must be reversed. They must be improved to meet the needs of a strengthened national defense.

I will also be serving on the Interior Subcommittee. Before this subcommittee will be the appropriations for such issues as predator control, the strategic petroleum reserve, fossil energy research, and energy conservation, not to mention a host of other issues critical to our Nation's resource future.

Our natural resources are much too valuable to be entrusted to the bureaucracy in Washington. I intend to see — through the appropriations process — that states and localities have a greater voice in determining the wisest use of those resources.

The 97th Congress has important work before it. How successful we are in producing solutions to our problems will be determined largely by how successful the committees of Congress are in writing good legislation.

It is the key to good government.

In my book, good government is a government that serves; not a government that merely governs.

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'64 Study Club Meets In Home Of Olene Sims

The '64 Study Club met Tuesday, Feb. 10, in the home of Olene Sims with 14 members and six guests present.

In the business meeting the president, Nancy Allen, reported on the Vial of Life project that began on February 3, with about 60 vials being issued. The second phase of the project will be held on March 3 with club members at appointed places.

Olene Sims, chairman of the nominating committee, submitted the following slate of officers for the 1981-1982 club year:

President, Mrs. Gerald Allen; first vice president, Mrs. A.J. Roe Jr.; second vice president, Mrs. Jim Dunklin; third vice president, Mrs. George Newby; secretary, Mrs. John T. Stewart; treasurer - Mrs. Cumbie Ivey Sr.; parliamentarian, Mrs. O.B. Jacobs; reporter, Mrs. Bill Jones: historian, Mrs. Winton Milliff; federation counselor - Mrs. Wilson Bryan. The club voted to accept the report of the nominating committee.

Nancy Allen introduced the guest speaker, H.C. Allen, interior decorator from San Angelo. Allen demonstrated ways to enhance the livability and beauty of a home through the use of coordinating color, fabric, and accessories.

A question and answer discussion concluded the program.

After the meeting, refreshments were served to members and guests by the hostesses Olene Sims, Zera Fields and Thelma Jo Hinnard.

The next meeting will be Feb. 24 in the home of Lois Dunklin with co-hostesses Lois McCleskey and Ruby Jones.

JANCIE HARRISON WED IN CHURCH CEREMONY

Janice Harrison and Bill Newell were wed Saturday at 1 p.m. in the sanctuary of the Methodist Church. Rev. John Reynolds officiated the double ring ceremony before a circle of close friends and family.

Mary and Hartley Newell, daughters of the groom, were candlelighters for the service. A reception followed in the Fellowship Hall of the church.

Newell is the son of Mrs. O.W. Newell of Robert Lee. The couple will make their home in Houston.

CHERRY LAWSON HOSTESS FOR ALPHA OMICRON NU

Alpha Omicron Nu met Feb. 12 in the home of Cherry Lawson. Gaye Williams had the program on "The Book Shelf." Plans for the March 7 garage sale were discussed and preliminary plans for the April 4 benefit ABC Golf Tourney were told. Pledge training and rituals were planned and will be completed at a later meeting.



LOOK WHO'S NEW

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Bob Watkins of Abilene are parents of their firstborn, Bradley Wayne. He arrived at Hendrick Memorial Hospital in Abilene and weighed 4 lb., 11 oz. His proud grandmother is Mrs. Johnnibeth Watkins of Potosi. J.C. Snead is the baby's great-grandfather and Mrs. John Snead of West Coke County Nursing Home is his great-great-grandmother at 99 years of age.

Ross Lambert Services Held

Ross D. Lambert, 46, of Hawley, died at 4:20 p.m. Monday in Hendrick Medical Center of Abilene where he had been a patient since Thursday.

Services were at 10 a.m. Wednesday in Elliott-Hamil Chapel of Memories in Abilene. The Rev. Ronnie Newton, pastor of **Evangelical Methodist Church in** Abilene officiated, assisted by the Rev. Jimmy Kennedy, pastor of Hawley Baptist Church.

Burial was in Hawley Cemetery with his brothers-in-law serving as pallbearers.

He was born Oct. 29, 1934, in Hawley and graduated from high school there in 1952. He was married to Barbara Newton Aug. 31, 1955, in Hawley. He was employed by Beasley Well Service. He formerly was employed by Union Texas Petroleum and lived at Silver about 10 years.

He was a member of the Hawley Methodist Church.

Survivors include his wife; a daughter, Robbie Morrow of Hamlin; a son, Don Lambert of Hawley; his mother, Mrs. R.L. Lambert, Sr. of Hawley; four brothers, R.L. Lambert, Jr. of Hawley, Curtis E. Lambert of Odessa, Truett Lambert of Abilene and Leo Lambert of Houston; and a granddaughter.

He was preceded in death by his father.

LISA BESSENT GOING TO PHOTOGRAPHY SCHOOL

Lisa Bessent, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Bessent, has been accepted to attend Brooks Institute in Santa Barbara, Calif. A private, senior level college, Brooks specializes in all phases of photography. Students from all over the world attend the yearround, 21/2 year courses. Lisa has attended Texas Tech University at Lubbock for 21/2 years and on completion of the Brooks courses will earn a B.A. degree in photography.



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CALIFORNIA CELERY

The next meeting will be Feb. 26 in the home of Gaye Williams.

The Bessent's accompanied their daughter to California and transported some of her equipment.



LIONS CLUB MEETING

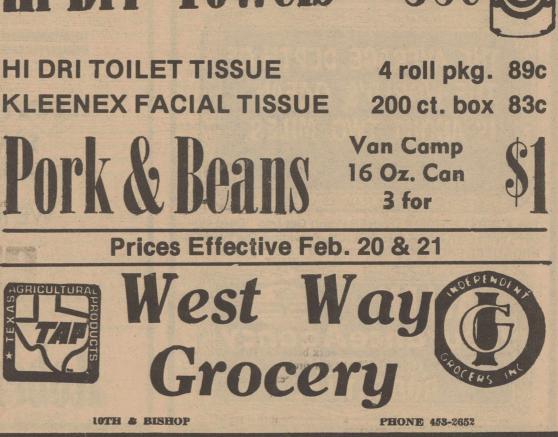
1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month-7 P.M.

LIONS CLUB COMMUNITY CENTER

MORE WOMEN NOW HEAD HOUSEHOLDS

At the end of the 1970's, about 14 percent of all households were headed by women -- an increase over the 1960's of about 57 percent, reports Diane Welch, a family life education specialist.





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Mrs. Peevehouse to Celebrate Ninety-Eighth Birthday In May

(Editor's note: The following article concerning Mrs. John (Beatrice) Peevehouse who will be 98 in May was written by her daughter, Thelma Mauldin.)

Mrs. John (Beatrice) Peevehouse was born May 6, 1883, in Georgia. Her family later moved to Mississippi where her father was in the lumber business. She married Jake McDonald in 1899. He was a farmer and attended "Ole 'Miss'' College.

In 1900 in a covered wagon they went to the Oklahoma land rush. There was land for only a small percentage of the many people who were camped at the site. Jake broke his leg and took malaria. Beatrice packed for the return to the small farm in Mississippi. They farmed in Mississippi for eight years. The farm was so small Jake needed more land. His family had moved to Texas.

In 1910 they packed the covered wagon and with six children journeyed to Texas where they filed a homestead claim on 640 acres in Upton County. They lived in a tent and dug a water well by hand. At night Beatrice securely pinned her babies clothes to her own, thinking wild animals might steal them from her. There was no school for the children. They buried one baby while there. Beatrice was unhappy there as she longed for the green of Mississippi.

After the three years required to prove their homestead claim they packed the covered wagon and went to Hamilton County where Jake's father owned land. The land they left in Upton County later became an oil field.

They had seven more children while living in Hamilton County. In 1924 they moved to a farm of their own in Coryell County. They





MRS. JOHN PEEVEHOUSE

were happy there. She was a good wife to Jake and a wonderful mother and now a grandmother helping raise some of her grandchildren. She was a Sunday School teacher and active in church. These were some happiest years of her life. In 1949 they celebrated their golden wedding anniversary with nine living children. In 1950 Jake died.

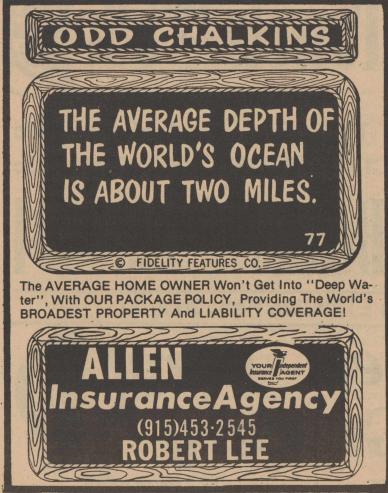
Beatrice was bothered by wars. In World War II she had three sons and a son-in-law in the service. Capt. Norman McDonald, a fighter pilot, was killed in action.

Four grandsons were in the military service during the Korean War. Four grandsons and a granddaughter were in the service during the Vietnam War.

Beatrice buried her oldest child Troy McDonald last year. He was 79 years old. She now has six living children: Mrs. Thelma Mauldin of Robert Lee, Mrs. Mildred Alman of Fort Worth, Mrs. Hazel Witzel and Arvin McDonald of Waco and Otis McDonald and D.W. McDonald of Gatesville. There are 21 grandchildren, 35 great-grandchildren and 14 great-great-grandchildren.

In 1970 Beatrice married John Peevehouse and moved with him to Buckholts. They live alone in their own home. Keeping house, sewing and cooking.

Beatrice looks and acts much younger than her 97 years. She is very active going up and down the stairs in her home for exercise. She has a good memory



and keeps up with the world news. She likes pretty clothes and to go to the beauty shop. She is truly a beautiful woman.

Services Held Feb. 11 For Mrs. Thornton

Ora Ellen Thornton, 70, of Robert Lee died Monday, Feb. 9, in Odessa Medical Center after a short illness.

Services were at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday of last week in Robert Lee Baptist Church with burial in Robert Lee Cemetery, under direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.

Mrs. Thornton, a resident of Robert Lee since 1972, was born Sept. 10, 1910, in Tanglewood. She was married to W.L. Thornton May 24, 1930, in Tanglewood. She was a member of the Baptist Church.

Survivors include three daughters, Betty Joe Robertson of Rockport, Mary Lou Hodge of Carbon and Lee Ona Gordon of Odessa; two brothers, I.C. Hilton of Breckenridge and Olive Hilton of San Antonio; six sisters, Elba Thorpe, Carrie Moore and Odell Vaughn, all of San Angelo, Iva Allison of Oxnard, Calif., Joy McCleery of Grand Prairie and Lula Benning of Sanderson; six grandchildren; and four greatgrandchildren.

ALPHA KAPPA PI WOMEN ENJOYS SALAD SUPPER

Alpha Kappa Pi met Feb. 11 at Konner's Korner for a salad supper. Fourteen members were present. A new member, Evelyn Flanagan, was present for her first meeting. Beth Prather gave the program on "Speech."

Nursing Home Residents Listed

(Editor's note: Every now and then we have inquiries from somebody who would like to

Hodnett Rites At Big Spring

Mrs. Jim (Jane) Hodnett, 72, died at 11 a.m. Tuesday in an automobile accident four miles northeast of Big Spring.

Services were at 2 p.m. Thursday in Nalley-Pickle Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Bob Neel of Vincent Baptist Church officiating. Burial will be in Trinity Memorial Park.

Mrs. Hodnett was born Dec. 24, 1908, in Maysfield. She was married to Jim Hodnett Dec. 12, 1936. He died in 1979. She was a member of Vincent Baptist Church and was a Sunday school teacher.

Survivors include a son, Tom Hodnett of Houston; a daughter, Jeninne Blackburn of Lubbock; a brother, Robert McGuire of Robert Lee; four sisters, Lerline Score of Phoenix, Ariz., Ruth Devaol of Glendora, Calif., Cornelia Freeman of Dallas and Will Norman of Anton; and three grandchildren. know who lives in the West Coke County Nursing Home. For the information of everyone we are running a list that was compiled last week.)

The following are residents of West Coke County Nursing Home and invite your visits at anytime.

Jessie Bagley, Bill Barnett, Lou Ella Bessent, Martha Bell, Calla Mae Cargile, Inez Conner, Allie Childress, Pearl Childress, Anna Mae Cox, Velma Denman, Ella Duncan, Pearl Ditmore, Amanda Harmon, Esmerijilado Hernandez, Melindy Hickman, Mattie Higgins, Mary and Johnny Hinton, Jessie Key, Elsie Latham.

Also George McCaleb, Lettie McDonald, Hugh Padgett, Vida Peays, Alice Preslar, Gertie Rives, Effie Roberts, Bonitia Robertson, Georgia Roe, Lena Russell, Earl Smith, Theodasia Snead, Pauline Thompson, Cleo Tyson, Bessie Walker, Peggy Wimberly, Roy Wyatt, Henry and Grace Varnadore and Willie Yarbrough.

The residents of the nursing home, as well as nurses and other personnel welcome visits from anyone at anytime.

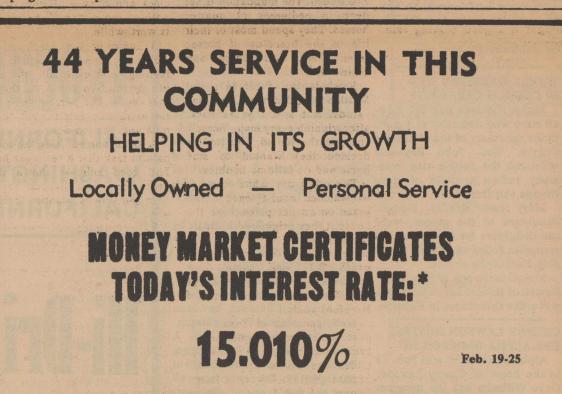
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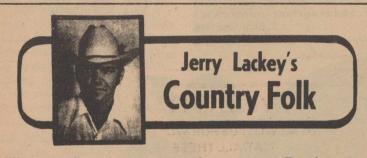


Robert Lee State Bank



TO WED IN APRIL--Mr. and **Mrs. Frank Pearson of Robert** Lee announce the engagement of their daughter, Dana, to Keith

Eubanks of Midkiff. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Sid Eubanks of Bronte. The couple will be married on April 18 in San Angelo.



When traveling the territory primarily known as the Concho Valley, some ten West Texas counties, one would get the idea the terrain is set for the best approaching spring in a quarter century.

However, my travels beyond this region have alarmed me to the fact that a major part of the state is on the verge of a severe drought if a good soaking rain does not arrive soon.

San Angelo based wool buyer W.F. "SON" DRAKE said some of his buddies went fishing down past Juno and "found terribly dry conditions. What few weeds available for possible sheep feed are actually not out of the ground enough for them to obtain a bite.'

HENRY CLARK of Del Rio comments: "Why its dry from Loma Alta to Del Rio and Brackettville. There is a strip south of Loma Alta which hasn't received any measurable moisture in two years."

NORMAN DIETEL of Fredericksburg says that part of the Texas Hill Country "has been on the short end of the moisture stick as well." "Our peach farmers worried through most of anuary, not only e moist ure standpoint, but too many warm days could possible bring out early budding. Peach trees require so many cold days each winter inorder to produce in the summer. Of course, last year things were going well until hail and other weather problems spoiled the crop. Speaking of Hill Country fruit, FROGGIE and GENE JONES. operate an apple farm south of Junction. Last year they produced 2,200 bushels in their orchard. "It's too early to say what to expect this year," they say. The Jones' neighbors, BERN-ELL AND B.L. SMITH are making use of another product that is plentiful across West Texas--the Mesquite, B.L. is sawing up layers from elderly tree stumps, constructing legs and polishing them into beautiful coffee tables. He took one over to Froggie Jones, who happens to be an aritst, and she painted a wild turkey on it.

always a treat. Entering over a cattle-guard with a sign over it reading: Suits Us, the visitor approaches a beautiful native stone home. Below the hill are the barns and pens and stretching to the South Llano River are irrigated small grain fields.

I refer to the place as the Smith Zoo Ranch. The foundation is set deep in pedigrees of quarter horses. They spend most of their life in the breeding of horses from Hobo, Joe Moore and Chario Bill.

Rawhide Bo, P-136-847, and Smith's Don Bar, were longtime studs. But a few years back, after winning every major horse show in the nation, the Smiths decided they wanted to stay home and do fulltime hobbies.

The other day while visiting, we watched Four-Horned sheep graze on an oat patch near the house. (They originated in Spain about 1680.) Also near by were some Belted Galloway cattle which B.L. says came from Scotland. They have a flock of Mouflon sheep and a herd of Hereford goats.

Well, speaking of Texas probring in animals, and Mesquite tables the Jones apples **LEROY WILLIAMS of Dimmit** County in South Texas is making money with prickly pear. I was visiting with his brother, JACK WILLIAMS of San Angelo recently. Jack says LeRoy claims the spine-laden cacti is a savior as an emergency feed. He uses pear as a supplement -- not as the so-called "last resort" feed -and nurtures it in all his pastures. "Pear allows grass to go about twice as far," he says. "Cattle normally graze 10 to 15 hours a day. If you keep them on pear about eight hours their grazing time on grass is cut significantly." A few years ago Williams cleared 800 acres and row-planted pear in 50 acre blocks. Each day he burns a sufficient amount for the herd to eat. Burning off the thorns with a butane torch makes the substance more palatable for livestock.

might be a good time to look into some unused products on your range which may help out in the cost of living increases!

Feb. 20, 1981

County Agents News Column

By Sterling Lindsey County Extension Agent

I received the following article a few days ago. I think it very appropriately answers the many questions about feeding animals, having junior project programs and the basic purpose of 4-H and other youth groups. I hope it gives you a better understanding of the purpose of project programs.

JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SHOWS ARE THEY WORTH IT?

Before we discuss the merits of a junior livestock show, maybe we better define it. First of all, it's not a junior livestock show, it's a youngster show where livestock are used as props or visual aids. About 90% of the people who come to a livestock show come to see their youngster or someone else's youngster show themselves, and they have to have an animal in order to get into the ring.

projects Junior livestock should never be sold as a money-making project. It is a teaching project, and should be sold as such. What does it teach?

1. It teaches youngsters to get along with people. Showing animals, winning, getting beat, and so forth, helps youngsters to get along with others.

2. Livestock feeding teaches responsibility. It is the feeder's responsibility to hear the alarm clock and obey it. If they learn nothing more than that, feeding is worthwhile.

3. Junior projects teach youngsters to attend to details. In feeding, and especially through life, it is often the little things that count. The person who goes the extra mile gets the job done. mile gets the job done.

4. Decisionmaking is the most painful task that a teenager has. The good animals shown this year didn't just happen to be here. Somebody planned it that

5. Feeding teaches youngsters to plan. Without a good planning job, we are sunk.

6. Somewhere along the line, we hope our young feeders will learn a little about livestock production.

We don't expect every youngsducts which are being utilized to ter who feeds a calf, lamb, or hog to become a beef cattleman, sheepman or hogman: neither we expect all little league baseball players to play for the major leagues. Feeding is a family project. I don't mean the whole family does the work. I mean the whole family must enjoy it. Half the value of the project is lost if the parents don't attend the show. I think sometimes we are prone to look at investments through the wrong end of a telescope. For example, we don't buy a TV set, we buy entertainment; we don't miss a day at school, we lose a day of education. By the same token, we don't invest toward a premium list or buy some youngster's calf or pig in a premium sale. Rather than that, we invest in the future of some boy or girl who in turn will help to keep America the greatest country on earth.

Robert Lee Observer



Myrph Havins hands the keys to Gandy's plant to Ray McCoy "Ole Coke County Boys" Play **Big Roll In Gandy's Operation**

Just about everybody in this area of West Texas knows about Gandy's Dairies of San Angelo. It is a firm which started out as a small local dairy and has grown into a big operation which processes more than 50,000 gallons of milk and milk products a day for distribution in 64 West Texas counties.

It's interesting to note that a couple of "ole Coke County boys" have been so instrumental in the fantastic growth of Gandy's.

One man from Bronte and another from Robert Lee have been two of the key employees of the firm during its phenomenal progress during the past 40-plus years.

Myrph Havins, a Robert Lee native, has just retired as production manager of the whole operation. His retirement was announced by another "ole Coke County boy," Alfred F. "Squirrel" Williams, a native of Bronte, who still is serving as manager of the company.

"Myrph has been a dedicated and loyal employee of Gandy's Dairies for the past 44 years and, has contributed to and shared in the growth of the organization," Williams stated. Williams has named Ray S. McCoy to succeed Havins as plant manager in charge of production.

Havins began his employment with Gandy's in 1937 as a bottle washer and progressed to a milk bottler and then into ice cream production. In 1948 he was named supervisor of Gandy's ice cream plant, a position he held until he became plant manager in charge of all production.

"Over the years, I have seen Gandy's grow from a small local dairy into the mass production



A.F. "SQUIRREL" WILLIAMS territory. Gandy's, with its home office in San Angelo, has 15 branch offices and distribution centers in West Texas and employs approximately 285 persons.

Williams served as vice president in charge of sales from 1968 until his promotion to manager in 1978. He joined Gandy's as a delivery man in 1940, serving as a route salesman in wholesale, retail and ice cream divisions. After leaves of absence to serve with the Navy Sea Bees in World War II and the Korean Conflict, Williams returned to Gandy's where he was promoted to sales manager in 1958.

The Bronte native and his wife, "Skip," have lived in San Angelo since 1940. They have two children and three grandchildren and are members of the Johnson Street Church of Christ.

Anybody who has been drinking Gandy's milk and eating their other dairy products for the past 40 years or so can thank the "two ole Coke County boys" for mak-

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Visiting the Smith Ranch is

The moral of this column is: if you are living in a drought and don't have a few oil and gas wells pumping in your pasture, it

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dairy of today. This has required many changes and improvements to the plant facilities," Havins said on the eve of his retirement.

Havins now intends to relax and enjoy a bit of travel and golf with his wife, Nita. He plans to stav active in civic affairs and is a member and past president of the East Angelo Lions Club and is Deputy District Governor of the Lions International. He is also chairman of the Concho Valley Chapter of Mysthenia Gravis Foundation. Havins and h is wife are members of the United Methodist Church and have five grown children.

STILL THE HEAD MAN

Williams, who is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Tom Williams of Bronte, remains the head man at Gandy's. He was promoted to his job as general manager of Gandy's when the firm was sold in 1978 to Dean Foods Company of Chicago.

He is responsible for sales, marketing, and all branch operations in Gandy's 64 county trade ing them what they are today.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Coke County Appraisal District office at 710 Austin in Robert Lee is the place.

Everyone in Coke County is to sign the Homestead Exemptions, Renditions and Agriculture use or Productivity Forms. Anytime from Jan. 1, 1981 to April 1, 1981.

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NEW SPRING COLORS Watch for fashion colors highlighted in apricots, peaches and corals for both spring and fall, 1981, predicts Becky Saunders, a clothing specialist.



The average ostrich eqq weighs 3.63 to 3.88 pounds. Its 1/16-inch-thick shell can support the weight of a 280-pound man.



NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that Coke County will receive sealed bids in the office of the County Judge until 10 o'clock A.M. Monday, March 9, 1981, for the following:

1-New Chasis-Cab, 2 ton truck, GVW 19,500, V-8 Engine (Not less than 350 cubic inches), Cab to axle not less than 72 inches)

6-9.00 x 20, 10 ply nylon tires with tubes

2-Speed rear axle

Heavy duty rear springs (not less than 23,000 lb. with auxiliary overloads)

Heavy duty front springs **Power Steering 4-Speed transmission** West Coast mirrors Heavy duty radiator **Disc Wheels**

Fuel tank not less than 30 gal.

Heavy Duty Vinyl Seats

5 Yard dump bed installed.

The County has for trade-in:

One used 1961 Chevrolet Truck Chasis

For further information, contact George Newby, Commissioner of Precinct No. 1, Robert Lee, Texas, 76945.

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

Weldon Fikes, County Auditor 2 tc

OPEN ADMISSIONS POLICY: It is the policy of the WEST

COKE COUNTY NURSING HOME to admit and to treat all patients without regard to race, color or national origin. The same requirements for admission are applied to all, and patients are assigned within the nursing home without regard to race, color or national orgin. There is no distinction in eligibility for, or in the manner of providing any patient service provided by or through the Nursing Home.All the facilities of the Nursing Home are available without distinction to all patients and visitors regardless of race, color or national origin. All persons and organizations that have occasion either to refer patients for admission or recommend the WEST COKE **COUNTY NURSING HOME are** advised to do so without regard to the patient's race, color or national origin.

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LEGAL NOTICE The Texas Dept. of Health Resources has established, in accordance with the Federal Public Health Act, the current annual level of uncompensated services for West Coke County Hospital and Nursing Home, Robert Lee, Tex., to be that the facility does not intend to deny anyone admission to the facility or any of its services because of an inability to pay. The documents upon which the determination was based are available for public inspection at the Texas State Dept of Health, 1100 West 49th St., Austin, Texas from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on regular business days. The level of services set out meets the presumptive compliance guide lines of the Federal regulation. 1-tc

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BRENDA MATHEWS HOME AFTER BACK SURGERY

Brenda Mathews and her mother, Mrs. Jack Mathews, arrived in San Angelo SAturday at noon from Houston, aboard the General Telephone Company plane.

The company, where Brenda is employed, flew her home after she had undergone back surgery there Feb. 4.

Though she is in a body cast. she is feeling well, but will be unable to sit for one month due to pressure on the back area. She will remain here with her parents for an extended time.

WALLACE ON HONOR ROLL James Morris Wallace of Robert Lee, a student attending Angelo State University in San Angelo, is listed on the Dean's honor roll for the fall semester at the university.

Wallace, a psychology major at ASU, is listed on the 3.50 to 4.00 honor roll.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Royce Wallace.

By Joan Davis

A surprise dinner at Mrs. Billinglea's of Fort Chadbourne honored the good old lady on her birthday. Being present were 2 or 3 hundred good neighbors who came bearing laden baskets. There were edibles in excess and bountiful supply. O.D. Spoonts had a kodak and took pictures of the young groups on horseback and mountainside. In late afternoon, we took our leave.

A bond election was called for purpose of adding to the present public school by W.J. Adam, secretary of the Board of Trustees. The \$1200.00 bond issue would be at 6%.

J.C. Rabb and family will open a confectionery and cold drink stand in their home, having recently moved here from Sterling City. They are dwelling in the Tom Goss home in the north part of our city.

Robert Allen has sold his cattle herd to Jim Allison for \$9 and \$10.

Come to my eating house for baked beef, chili, and fresh baker's bread. G.A. Harmon

75 YEARS AGO LUNCHROOM MENU

Feb. 23 and 24: Inservice. Feb. 25: Fish krispies with tarter sauce, green beans, cream potatoes, hot rolls, butter, milk, fruit cobbler.

Feb. 26: Corn dogs with mustard, pork and beans, tator tots with catsup, milk, banana. Feb. 27: Barbecue chicken,

english peas, cream potatoes, hot rolls, butter, milk, peanut butter supreme.

RIPE BANANAS BEST

The riper the banana, the sweeter it is because the starch content has turned to sugar. The fruit is softer and ideal for use in baked products, says Cass Ryan-Crowe, a foods and nutrition specialist.

Mrs. Ervin Watson is recuperating at home after having surgery Feb. 12, in St. John's Hospital, in San Angelo.

"Total abstinence is easier than perfect moderation." St. Augustine

Counting our Blessings



If you name a lifetime gift to The Salvation Army, you may not only enjoy some tax benefits, but also continue to receive income from the donated money or property!



How you can do this is outlined in a brochure you can get free by writing Public Information Department, The Salvation Army, 50 West 23rd Street, New West 23rd Street, York, N.Y. 10010.

U.S. Savings Bonds Increase Interest Rates

ere's some good news L for those already holding or about to purchase U.S. Savings Bonds.

And Shorten Maturity Period.



Some people have thought that seeing a wolf before the wolf saw them would render them speechless.

The Treasury has announced that effective Nov. 1, 1980, all Series EE Bonds will earn 8% interest if held for 9 years. Intermediate yields will also rise from 4½% to 5½% after one year and to $7\frac{1}{2}\%$ after five years.

All outstanding Savings Bonds will also benefit from a 1% increase to their next maturity. U.S. Savings Bonds are now growing bigger, faster. So they're an even better way to save than they have been over the years.

They're still safe, still guaranteed, still easy to buy through the Payroll Savings Plan. But now the interest rate has been improved.

And the maturity is shortened so that you reach that full 8%

a lot quicker.

Take another look at Bonds. As a saving instrument. At the tax benefits. At the new interest rates. The shortened maturity. Bonds do make sense. For you and for your country.



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News from West Coke Hospital

Feb. 10: Dolan Mackey admitted. Grace Boykin, Buford Elkins. Odessie Clawson dismissed.

Feb. 11: No admissions and dismissals.

Feb. 12: Joe Seaton, Marshall Freeman admitted. No dismissals.

Feb. 13: Leola Skelton admitted. Dolan Mackey, General Gibbs dismissed.

Feb. 14: Ruth Tidmore admitted. No dismissals.

Feb. 15: No admissions. Willie Clark dismissed.

Feb. 16: Joe Irma Johnson, Bessie Walker, Iva Bell admitted. Ruth Tidmore, Joe Slaton dismissed.

LAKE SPENCE FISHING NEWS

Although there were a number of boats and bank fishermen on Lake Spence this weekend, the catches were slim. There was some crappie activity but none of any size was noted.

Mrs. Shirley Bohannon of Robert Lee did boat a 22 lb. blue cat while running her husband's line. Bohannon who is presently working overseas, will probably be less excited over the fish than she was, Mrs. Bohannon said.

ASK FOR RECEIPTS

Ask for appliance-repair receipts even if no charge is involved, in order to document possible recurring problems, advises Linda McCormack, a family resource management specialist.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to Rule 052.01.00. 043 (b) (3) of the Public Utility Commission of Texas, West Texas Utilities Company herewith gives notice that it has requested a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity from the PUC for the construction of a 138 kV H-Frame transmission line, a 138/69 kV substation and the installation of a 138 kV OCB at the present Oak Creek Power Plant Substation. The entire construction will be located in northern Coke County, Texas. The transmission line will extend West 26.2 miles from the WTU Oak Creek Power Plant to the proposed Cedar Hill Substation approximately 0.15 miles SE of the junction of FM 2742 and FM 2059.



Kathy Jobe, Michael Shane Doss Exchange Wedding Vows Feb. 7

The First Baptist Church of attendants wore dresses of deep Graham was the setting Saturday, Feb. 7, for the 7 p.m. candlelight ceremony uniting Kathy Lynn Jobe and Michael Shane Doss in marriage. Reverend John Wiles officiated at the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Jobe of Graham and the groom's parents are Ms. Roxie Hodnett of Robert Lee and Bob Doss of Big Spring. Grandparents of the bride are Mrs. Lena Jobe of Graham, John Jobe of Edgewood, Mrs. Jean Tate of Monahans and the late Arb and Pearl Walker. The groom's grandparents are Mr. and Mr. R.W. Vaughn of Robert Lee.

The bride and groom exchanged vows before a crescent candelabra flanked by spirals and branch candelabras decorated with commador foliage and brass urns of purple and lilac mums.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a long white formal of sheer organza with chantilly lace. The bodice featured a low V-neckline with ruffles of lace and organza with a satin bow. The long sheer sleeves had a ruffled lace cuff with a satin bow. The full skirt had two ruffles of lace in front and the back featured many layers of ruffled organza with alternate tiers of chantilly lace that extended to the length of the semi-cathedral train. The veil was a short mantilla of net and chantilly lace. The bride carried a bouquet of cascading roses, violets lillies and stephanotis in the chosen colors of purple and violet. The bouquet was attached to a white bible which was carried by the bride's mother in her wedding.

purple crepe polyester featuring a cape bodice forming the sleeves. The empire waistline released a short over-skirt and long underskirt. The bridesmaids carried nosegay bouquets complimentary to the bride's.

The mother of the bride wore a long floor-length gown of lilac with a knifepleated skirt and a sheer bodice overlay. The groom's mother wore a plae beige floor length dress featuring a short jacket and belted skirt. Both mothers wore purple orchid corsages.

Serving as best man was Jamie Sawyer of Robert Lee and groomsmen were Stanley Partee and Tony Partee of Big Spring. Ushers were Jerry Jobe and Brent Jobe of Graham and Dale Hodnett of Robert Lee. Miss Chawn Trout registered the guests.

After the ceremony the mother and father of the bride hosted a reception at the First Baptist Church Activities Building. The bride's table was covered with a floor-length lace cloth featuring an arrangement of carnations, roses, baby's breath and lillies using silver appointments. The three-tiered bride's cake was decorated with confectionery roses and gumpaste flowers in the bride's colors. The top was a porcelain dove compote featuring matching flowers. The groom's table was decorated with a brass candelabra accented with greenery and a brass coffee service. A german chocolate groom's cake made by the bride's mother, was decorated with marzipan fruit. Assisting at the reception were Mrs. Tommy Copeland, Miss Jan Byerly, Ms. Rhonda Herring, LaDonna Singleton, Marla Reedy and Starla Vaughn.

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47 Coke County Young People **To Attend Houston Stock Show**

A total of 47 Coke County young people will exhibit animals and participating in the 1981 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, Feb. 27-March 8. With more than 27,000 expected livestock entries, the Houston Show will once again be the largest in the world.

A list of Coke County 4-H members submitted by County **Extension Agent Sterling Lindsey** shows the following members will participate: showing market lambs, Lin Long. Rachel Metcalf, Carrath Metcalf. DeAnn Parker. Jana Ragsdale, Lisa Lee, Sheila Lee, Stephen Lee, Tammy Millican, Dianna Tinkler and Bill Carper; showing market barrows will be Kim Caston, Doug Tounget, Douglas Roberts and Bill Grant Jr.; Rick Drennan will be only exhibitor of a market steer.

Instructor David Howell released the following list of exhibitors from Bronte FFA: market lambs, David McCaleb, Jon W. Lee, Mike Saunders, Bud Johnson and Wavne Sprenkle: showing market barrows will be Jay Harper, Bobby Zuniga, Bruce James, Kendall Gibbs, Darrell Sowell, Dee Eubanks, Martin W. Boyd, Shane Webb, Blair McGinnis, Lance Ball, Kendall Denton and Don Sharp; showing market steers will be Michael Cervenka and Cody McClure.

Instructor Sidney J. Long submitted a list of Robert Lee FFA exhibitors as follows: market lambs, Scot Long, Matt McKinney, Matt Wilson, Tim Bosworth, Randy Bohannon, Steve Lloyd, Kerry Wrinkle, Terry Millican and Pat Percifull; showing market barrows will be Joey Millican, **Clifton Millican and Bob Flowers.**

'The 1981 Show offers spectators a unique opportunity to see some of the finest livestock ever and it's all gathered under one roof," said Assistant General Manager Don Jobes, Jr.

The Houston Show also provides an opportunity for exhibitors to participate in some of the toughest of showring competition after a year's worth of preparation for their animals. This year's show once again promises to be profitable for them, as open show and junior exhibitors will vie for more than a half a million dollars in prize monies and premium auction prices above market value.

Houston, the fastest growing city in the nation, brings western heritage to life when it once again hosts this two week extravagan-

386 miles to downtown Houston where they meet with city officials, bands and spectators to lead the parade.

During the second week of the livestock show, junior show exhibitors take over the 22.3 acre livestock exposition facility. Judging begins on March 5. Competition here is fierce as these exhibitors know they're up against both the best in livestock and in judges.

Junior shows include breeding beef heifers, dairy, breeding sheep. Angora goats, beef and dairy scramble heifers, commercial steers, breeding rabbits, market lambs, market poultry, market turkeys, market swine and market steers, including a carcass contest.

Exhibitors of market animals realize that, in addition to the premium awards and trophies, a grand championship in their market divison at the Houston Show could pave the way for a future cattle herd or college diploma.

The Houston Livestock Show holds the world's record in all categories of prices paid for champion market animals: grand champion steer--\$110,00; grand champion lamb--\$41,000; grand champion barrow--\$36,000; grand champion pen of 5 broilers-\$26,000; and grand champion turkey--\$15,000.

Tom Watson Attends Meet

The West Central Texas Council of Governments was sponsor for Tom Watson, local alcohol and drug counselor, to the Alcohol/Traffic Safety Education Workshop held Feb. 2-6, at the Criminal Justice Center at Sam Houston State University, Huntsville.

The workshop is a joint effort by the Texas Commission on Alcoholism and the State Department of Highways & Public Transportation. The two departments are coordinating to train administrator/instructors in D.W.I. School training and hope to have a D.W.I. School within reach of each county of Texas.

The purpose is to work with local judges and probation departments and place D.W.I. offenders on probation to be sent to these schools to cut down on repeat offenses. Another purpose of the program is to assure that participants receive as much knowledge as possible and have za. Livestock show dates are Feb. each school in Texas teaching the

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Statement Of Intent To Change Rates

General Telephone Company of the Southwest, in accordance with the Rules of the Public Utility Commission of Texas, hereby gives notice of the Company's intent to implement a new schedule of rates in Texas effective February 27, 1981.

The proposed changes in rates will affect all customer classes and are designed to increase the Company's gross annual revenue derived from local service by 23%.

A complete set of revised rate schedules has been filed with the Public Utility Commission at Austin, Texas, and is available for public inspection in each of the Company's **Business Offices in the State** of Texas. A summary of the Company's rate filing has also been sent to the Mayor's Office of each affected municipality.

GTE **GENERAL TELEPHONE**

Mrs. Beth (Frazier) DeSpain, cousin of the bride provided special music, "If" and "Love Is A Many Splendored Thing". Cecil Porter accompanied on the organ and played selections of hymnns.

Cindy Bessent of Robert Lee served as the matron of honor and bridesmaids were Rhondy Huckabee of Coleman and Becky Green of Graham. The bridal

After a trip to Ruidoso, N.M. the couple will reside in Ranger where the groom will be employed by Tri-State Construction as field supervisor.

Sell What You Don't Need With a Want Ad

25-March 8, and rodeo dates are Feb. 27-March 8.

Horses, buckboards and stagecoaches take to the concrete and businessmen don western hats and boots to welcome the largest civic event in the history of this bustling oil and space flight capital.

The annual rodeo parade, previously held on the first Friday of on Alcholism and Drug Abuse, the show, will be held Saturday, February 28 at 9:15 a.m. This event draws more than 6,000 trailriders journeying as far as in the beginning stages.

e type course.

Twenty-five people attended this workshop from a wide area and each participant was certified as a D.W.I. School Instructor in the State of Texas.

Upon the completion of course, the participant's agency which in Coke County is the Nolan, Runnels and Coke Counties Council will be able to apply for equipment and film to update present programs or promote programs

WALKER'S INCOME TAX SERVICE YEAR ROUND TAX SERVICE Office Hours 9 to 5 or by Appointment Monday Through Friday Located at Mountain Creek Lodge Office

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Housing Authority of the City of

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MOORE DIRT CONTRACTOR, Bronte, Tex. Phone 473-3474. We do caliche and dirt work, septic systems, road building, repair and new 24tfc-BP and new.

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Our hearts overflow with sincere appreciation for all who expressed their love and sympathy in so many comforting ways during our recent sorrow. We are deeply grateful to all of you. The family of Mrs. Ora Thornton

TO BECOME A MEMBER OF COKE COUNTY RODEO ASSO-CIATION, send \$10 dues per year per family to Brendi Gentry, Star Route, Box 9, Bronte. Phone 786-4482.

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