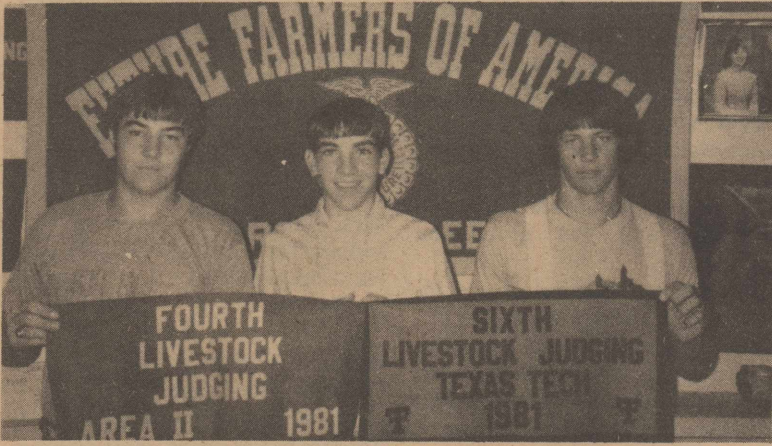


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QUALIFY FOR STATE--The Robert Lee FFA Livestock Judging Team qualified for the State Judging Contest when they won fourth in Area II and sixth in

the entire contest April 11 at Texas Tech. From left, they are Scot Long, Terry Millican and Joel Percifull.



WOOL JUDGE--Stephen Lloyd, Robert Lee FFA member, was fifth high individual in Wool Judging at Texas Tech April 11.

Robert Lee FFA Judging Teams Compete At Texas Tech Contests

Robert Lee FFA was represented by five teams competing in judging contests at the Texas Tech Judging Contest held in Lubbock, Saturday, April 11. The Livestock Judging Team composed of Joel Percifull, Scot Long, and Terry Millican qualified for the State Judging Contest by placing sixth at Tech and fourth

in Area II, with 113 teams entered. Scot Long was 13th high individual in the contest. The team will compete at Texas A&M on Saturday, April 25.

The Wool Judging Team, composed of Stephen Lloyd, Paul Ortega, Tom Bosworth, and Ray Tijerina placed sixth at Tech and fifth in Area II out of 21 teams entered. Stephen Lloyd was 5th high individual in the contest.

The Grass Judging Team, composed of Eddie Hood, Michael Hunt, Gilbert Abalos, and Brantley Robertson placed seventh at Tech, fifth in Area II, and second in District, out of 21 teams.

The Dairy Cattle Judging Team, composed of Bob Flowers, Joey Millican, Matt McKinney, and Clifton Millican placed 35th at Tech, out of 111 teams entered.

The Meats Judging Team, composed of Quint Anthony, Scott Stephens, Kyle Gibbs, and Lupe Torres placed 39th at Tech, out of 53 teams entered.

Willie Havins To Have 93rd

Willie Havins is having a "get-together" Sunday, April 26, in observance of her 93rd birthday.

She would like to have all her relatives and friends come by the Hightowers' house at 908 Euel for a visit.

A good time of visiting, a cup of coffee and a piece of cake are promised all her visitors.

Everyone is invited to attend her birthday observance.

More Rains for Coke County

More rains fell over the Coke County area last Friday adding to the sizeable amounts received early last week and bringing the week's total up to approximately five inches in most places.

The Friday rain was frosting on the cake for farmers and ranchmen who were already elated over the moisture which fell Tuesday of last week.

Measurements reported below give last Tuesday's report, plus Friday's report and the total for the week:

J.W. Service, Graham Valley--3.5, 1.3, 4.8.

Silver--3.5, 1.5, 5.0.

Sanco--3.3, 1.5, 4.8.

Edith--3.8, 1.0, 4.8.

Robert Lee--2.7, 1.2, 3.9.

Valley View--3.5, 1.0, 4.5.

Floyd Harmon, southwest--5.5, 1.0, 6.5.

Fred McCabe, Divide--3.5, 1.5, 5.0.

Grain fields and pasture land continues to look good, and prospects for a big grain crop are the best in years, farmers say.

Cloudy weather continued Tuesday and Wednesday. However, the sun was peeping out from behind the clouds about noon Wednesday.

Severe weather reports have come in this week from both south and north of Coke County, but no damage has been reported here.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Havins and family of Pleasanton were weekend guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fern Havins. Also, visiting the Havins family was their daughter, Mrs. Billie Hallmark of Bronte who brought her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren.

Sheriff's Department Reports Several More Thefts In County

Thefts continued last week in Coke County, according to Sheriff Marshall Millican. At least three persons, during the past week have had items stolen from their places.

Two of the thefts took place Thursday night of last week, Millican said.

Apparently someone just walked into the garage of Earl Funderburg of Silver Thursday of last week and took an estimated \$600 worth of tools.

The same Thursday, Floyd Payne of Robert Lee reported that he had lost a wheel and tire from his place.

A wedding ring valued at \$1300 was taken from the home of Mrs. Mildred Sparks late Monday. Some suspects are going to be given lie detector tests, Sheriff Millican said.

STRANGE ACCIDENT

Two young women from Lubbock were going through Robert Lee Sunday night when they failed to make the curve at the Y between Highways 208 and 158. The incident occurred about 10:45 p.m. The car which they were driving hit a guy wire of WTU line and knocked out all the lights for a short time.

However, the damage was more extensive to some of the

Local Students to Regional Meet

Robert Lee High School will have a pretty good contingent of students going to Levelland this weekend for the regional meet at South Plains College. The school will be represented in the literary events, in girls track and in

tennis.

Boys track events, at the regional level, will not be decided until next weekend when the boys of Region 1-A will tee-off at Levelland to determine who will go to state.

Mitch Gibbs took first place in Prose Interpretation to win a chance to go to regional, and Stan Ray took third place in Persuasive Speaking at the district level to win a berth in the regional competition.

GIRLS TRACK

The regional girls track meet also will be held this weekend at South Plains College, and Robert Lee High School has two girls competing in three events.

Lupe Munoz had enough stamina to take first place in both the gruelling 3200 meter and 1600 meter runs to win first place in district. She will represent District 7-A in both those events.

The only other girl trackster who will go to regional is Leigh Ann Rynnion, who took second place in high jump, to win a berth in the regional competition.

WALKER IN TENNIS

Frankie Walker will represent the district at region in girls single tennis competition. She defeated all comers in her class, to take the district title.

Quite a few Robert Lee parents and other fans are planning on spending the weekend in Levelland to back the district winners who will be competing at the regional level.

Robert Lee boys track winners at the district level will not compete at regional until next weekend, but that information is being carried in another story in this week's paper.

Owen Cosgrove 'Coming Home' For Meeting

Owen Cosgrove will be "coming home" next week to conduct a series of meetings at the Southside Church of Christ in Robert Lee. The meetings will be from April 26-29, with Sunday services at the regular times of 10 a.m. for Bible Study and worship service at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. A potluck dinner is planned at 12 noon Sunday. Services will be at 7:30 p.m. Monday through Wednesday.

Cosgrove is now the minister at the new Midland Church of Christ of Midland. He will be assisted in the series of special service by Don Swinney of Big Spring, also a former minister of the local church.

He began his preaching career while a freshman at Abilene Christian University, at Robert Lee. He also is a former minister of the Church of Christ at Bronte. Cosgrove is married to the former Sue Richardson, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. T.A. Richardson of Robert Lee. She is a graduate of RLHS and has a

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R-Lee Boys Finish Third At District Meet

The Robert Lee boys track team won third place at the District 7-A meet held Tuesday in Sterling City. In making their 67 points, the Steers qualified four athletes to take part in the regional meet which will be held May 1 and 2 in Levelland.

Graves Parks took first place in pole vault, Armando Sanchez was second in the 100 meter dash, Bob Flowers was second in the 400 meter dash and Scot Long was second in discus.

Complete results at the district meet follow:

400 meter relay: 3. Parks, Darren Williams, Sanchez and Steven Ray, 45.29.

400 meter dash: 2. Flowers, 53.96; 5. Ray, 55.55.

3200 meter run: 3. Tim Bosworth, 11:20.12; 4. Garry Palmer, 11:35.59.

100 meter dash: 2. Sanchez, 11.53.

1600 meter relay: Parks, Ray, Flowers and Sanchez, 3:37.07.

Long jump: 6. Williams, 19'1".

Pole vault: 1. Parks, 12' 6".

Discus: 2. Long, 125' 1".

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TOM LOEFFLER
Congressman
21st District-Texas

**Reports from
Washington**

THE GOVERNMENT NEVER STOPS

The March 30 assassination attempt on President Reagan once again has reminded us of the great personal risks taken by those who lead us, that sometimes the price of living in a "free" society can be high.

The six shots that rang out in the stillness of that rainy afternoon shattered the euphoric mood of the capital and wounded the nation's sense of self-health just as surely as the gunman did his victims.

It is indeed a tribute to President Reagan's natural grace and personal strength that he was able to pull us through the crisis even as surgeons were tending to his wounds.

Today, mercifully, the wounded are recovering. But equally as important, the state of the nation is sound. It is business as usual and it has been from the first moments of this crisis situation.

Upon first seeing his top staff people at George Washington University Hospital, President Reagan asked rhetorically "who's minding the store?" He didn't have to ask that question.

Within minutes of the shooting a triangular chain of communication was established between the hospital, the situation room at the White House and the airplane carrying Vice President George Bush to Washington from Texas where he had canceled a speaking engagement.

The chain was meant to keep the government functioning and to ensure that the constitutional procedure for delegating presidential authority to Vice President Bush would be activated, if needed.

The system was responsive. The Reagan White House has been organized so that policy issues percolate up through a series of deliberative processes involving both presidential aides and Cabinet officers.

The conduct of business as usual was strengthened by the fact that procedures have been instituted — including a cluster of Cabinet councils — that can function without President Reagan's direct participation.

With President Reagan hospitalized just five blocks from the White House, the daily routine of the Executive Office continued virtually unchanged. Members of the President's personal staff set up office at the hospital to provide communications and support services for their recuperating chief.

The daily briefings that center around the President were quite simply moved to his bedside. Despite the discomfort of his injuries the President has been able to interact with his top aides from the very start of his convalescence.

The relatively undisrupted operation of the White House also speaks for President Reagan's legislative program on Capitol Hill.

There will be no delay in the consideration of President Reagan's budget package because of the shooting. The American people have given us the momentum by their desire to see Federal spending reduced and the Congress will sustain that drive.

President Reagan stays in close contact with daily action on Capitol Hill and Vice President Bush is in attendance presiding over the Senate. By the time final action comes on the tax bill President Reagan will be taking a daily, active role in maintaining his personal contacts with Members of Congress. And when it comes to selling his program, there is no substitute for President Reagan himself.



Representative
Larry Don Shaw
Reports from Austin

I'm told by the veterans in the Legislature that the pace early this session was considerably slower than in past years. That may be, but I'm certain that we're working at as hectic a pace now as any House ever has.

I was pleased this last week as the House overwhelmingly approved Speaker Clayton's proposal to establish a giant state water trust fund. The plan, as I explained in an earlier column, would put any unspent state revenues at the end of each biennium into (1) a fund to cover the principal and interest on any outstanding state indebtedness and (2) a water trust fund to back water development, flood control and water conservation projects in the state.

Over the years, when enough money is finally deposited in the first fund to cover the outstanding state bonds, the unspent budget surplus each biennium would be divided equally bet-

ween (1) the water trust fund and (2) a separate "discretionary" fund which could be spent for any purpose approved by four-fifths of the Legislature. If four-fifths of both houses of the Legislature can't agree on a purpose for these special funds, the money would simply remain in what amounts to a state savings account, a hedge against the future years when the State's income from oil and gas production decline.

Several amendments were introduced to change the bill, but I voted to keep it intact. It will be important to Houston and other areas of the state where skyrocketing populations are putting a strain on their water supplies, but this fund is especially critical to our future water needs in West Texas. The Governor has already endorsed the idea, so if the Senate approves it, it should become law within a very short time.

Social Security Covers Farming

Farming represents a special kind of self-employment. Although self-employed farmers earn Social Security protection the same way as other self-employed individuals, there are some rules that apply to them alone.

Under the law, a farm operator is a person who operates a farm for profit. Ordinarily, the person who is looked upon as the head of a farm family is considered to be self-employed, and he or she is credited with the earnings from the farm even though other members have contributed their time and efforts to its operation. In some instances, various members of a family may form a partnership so that all are eligible for social security coverage based on the farm income. The partnership agreement may be oral or written.

The actual arrangement between family members for Social Security purposes is determined by an examination of all pertinent factors in the case. For example, the existence of a valid partnership may be demonstrated by such factors as the intent of the people involved to form a partnership; the contribution by each member of land, money, and services; the right of each person to participate in the management of the partnership; the proportion in which profits or losses are shared; the right of each partner to act for the others; and the extent to which each partner is liable for expenses incurred by the partnership.

For 1981, a person having net earnings of at least \$400 earns social security credit for all net earnings up to \$29,700, the maximum on which social security taxes are paid for the year. The 1981 social security self-employment tax rate is 9.3 percent. These figures are the same as for non-farm self-employed individuals. Some persons may have income from wages in addition to farm self-employment income. In such cases, wages count first for Social Security. If wages amount to more than the wage base subject to tax--\$29,700 in 1981--no Social Security taxes are paid on additional earnings from self-employment. However, if wages are less than the maximum, the self-employment tax is paid only on the difference between the amount of wages earned and the Social Security maximum.

The computation of farm earnings is similar to that for non-farm self-employed--that is, allowable business expenses are deducted from gross income. Revenue from the sale of equipment and livestock not held for sale are not considered in determining gross farm income since these items were not a part of the stock-in-trade. Self-employed farmers with net earnings of at least \$400 must file form 1040, the individual income tax return, as well as schedule F (farm income and expenses) and schedule SE (computation of social security self-employment tax), with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). A person may owe Social Security self-employment taxes even though no income tax is due. Persons with income subject to self-employment taxes must file the federal income tax forms and pay the required taxes. Additional tax information is available at any IRS office; Social Security information can be obtained from any Social Security office.

REPORT YOUR NEWS!

The Staff of
West Coke County Hospital
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to attend a
House Warming
for
Dr. and Mrs. Zae Y. Leon
May 3, 1981
from 3:00 to 5:00 P.M.
at their home
515 Overland Trail
Robert Lee, Texas

Elsie Latham Service Held At Robert Lee

Funeral services were held here Monday at 10:30 a.m. for Mrs. Elsie Summers Latham, 82, at the First Methodist Church with Rev. John Reynolds officiating. Burial was in Robert Lee Cemetery, directed by Shaffer Funeral Home.

Mrs. Latham died at 5 a.m. Saturday in West Coke County Nursing Home, where she had been a resident since November 1980, after a long illness. She was born Sept. 11, 1898, to Mr. and Mrs. Andrew J. Summers in Indian Territory now Oklahoma. Her family moved to Coke County in 1912.

On Nov. 14, 1915, she was married in Robert Lee to A.E. Latham. The Latham family was engaged in the trucking business here for many years, later owning a local feed store. Their home was always open to young people staying with and working for them.

Mrs. Latham was preceded in death by her husband in 1952. Two sons and a foster son also preceded her, Jackie Boy in 1941, Lee Roland in 1966, and Chester (Poochie) Allen in 1979.

Survivors include a sister Mrs. Mittie Kuykendall of Farmington, N.M.; one granddaughter, Ms. Monette Latham of Fort Worth; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers for the service were Jesse Eads, Add Davis, E.J. Light of Midland, Traveler Adkins of Odessa, Bill Pharis of Levelland, and Jon Pharis of El Paso.

News from West Coke Hospital

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

April 14: Mary Vaughan admitted. No dismissals.

April 15: Bertha King admitted. No dismissals.

April 16: Sarah Lara, Mattie Luckett, Phebe Howard admitted. Leola Scott dismissed.

April 17: No admissions. Pete Smith dismissed.

April 18: No admissions. No dismissals.

April 19: Willie Yarborough admitted. Bertha King dismissed.

April 20: Artie Walls, Cova Collier, Dona Bryan admitted. No dismissals.

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MR. AND MRS. FLOYD RAY BUTLER, III
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Brenda Mathews and Floyd Ray Butler III were married Saturday, March 21, in Eldorado. Parents of the bride are Mr. and Mrs. Jack Mathews of Robert Lee. The groom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Butler Jr. of Eldorado.

The Rev. John Robinson, min-

OWEN COSGROVE -
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graduate degree in early childhood education and a post-graduate certificate in that field.

Mrs. Cosgrove is a teacher at Midland Christian School and the supervisor of the pre-school-kindergarten department. The couple has four children.

Cosgrove received his B.A. degree and his M.S. degree from ASU. He later received his M.A. degree in administrative education and English from Sul Ross State University in Alpine. He also holds a Ph.D. degree from North Texas State University where he majored in college teaching English.

Cosgrove also has added to his more than 30 years of preaching, regular publication of numerous tracts for use on the Herald of Truth programs, and has taught in the Church of Christ Bible chairs at Sul Ross, Fort Worth Christian College and Lubbock Christian College.

Everyone in the area is invited to hear this "outstanding preacher and Bible scholar," according to Jammie Paden, local minister.

Paden said he felt the preaching of Cosgrove would prove to be a blessing to everyone in the church and to every visitor who is cordially invited to attend.

ister of First United Methodist Church of Eldorado, performed the double ring ceremony in the home of the groom's parents.

Music was provided by Jay Cash.

The bride wore a candlelight gown designed with a fitted bodice and bell sleeves accented with lace and satin ribbon. A ruffle enhanced the gathered skirt.

Her candlelight hat was adorned with silk flowers and net and secured her waist length veil. Her bouquet, was a cascade centered with a white orchid, surrounded with carnations and red sweetheart roses accented with baby's breath and English ivy.

The bride also wore an heirloom diamond brooch.

Grandparents of the groom are Mrs. F.R. Butler and Mrs. J.O. Hawley both of San Angelo and Mr. and Mrs. John Rollins of Lakewood, Calif.

Mrs. Otis Stegall of Pasadena is the bride's grandmother.

Twenty-five guests attended the ceremony and reception.

Mr. and Mrs. Butler are living in Eldorado where he is self-employed.

AON PROGRAM ON TASTING VARIOUS WINES, CHEESES

Alpha Omicron Nu met April 9 in the home of Linda Link with Lana Clendennen presenting the program. The presentation was on wine and cheese and a tasting party was part of the program.

Plans were completed for Founder's Day and other forthcoming events. The next meeting will be in the home of Trish Clay on April 23.

Visiting their mother, Mrs. Edna Havins, were Jan Havins of Arlington and Linda Havins of Denton. The sisters also visited their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Fern Havins and Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Wallace, over the Easter weekend.



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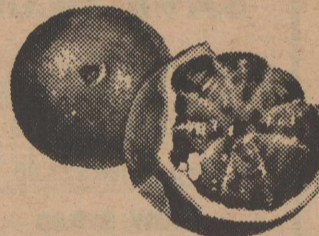
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CARD OF THANKS

I want to thank all the hospital staff, especially the nurses and Dr. Zeon for their care and consideration during my hospital stay.

Mrs. Leola Scott
43-1tc

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our appreciation to the Robert Lee Fire Department for their prompt and professional help in answer to our small fire last week.

Thank you.

J.D. and Mary Jo Harmon

CARD OF THANKS

We want to thank everyone for the concern and acts of kindness shown to Elsie Latham during the past year - the staff of the hospital and nursing home and her friends and neighbors. God Bless You.

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and Family
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BECKY SUBLETT AND EDWIN WILSON

Becky Sublett, Edwin Wilson Announce June Wedding Plans

Pre-K Day Is Planned May 7

Pre-kindergarten Day has been planned for May 7. Children who will be five years old as of Sept. 1, 1981, will be eligible to enroll for kindergarten for the school year 1981-1982.

Parents will need to have immunization records and the child's birth certificate available on May 7. Further details concerning the schedule for May 7 will be in next week's Observer.

75 YEARS AGO

By Joan Davis

Wednesday evening about dark while attempting to bridle a pony he had just secured from Walter Perry, Pastor J.C. Johnson had the misfortune to get his foot tangled in the reins and frightened the horse. Unable to extricate himself, he was tripped up and violently thrown on his back. We are happy to state he was not severely injured.

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The editor who can please everyone is not fit for this earth but is entitled to wings - It is some consolation to know that the Lord himself failed to please everyone while on this earth.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Vaughan spent Easter weekend in Leveland with their daughter and family, Bob and Vernay Lomas and children.

Bike-A-Thon Will Benefit Cancer Fund

Riders entered in the Cancer Benefit Bike-A-Thon are to report at the roadside park, just east of Robert Lee, Saturday at 9 a.m. Law enforcement officers will be on hand during the morning along the route to Bronte for the protection of the riders and volunteers. Anyone wishing to donate to the fund or enter the benefit ride may contact either the Robert Lee School or Mrs. Dennis Counts, local chairman.

In addition to the T-shirts and backpacks offered as prizes, a \$50.00 donation for prize money will be divided among the first three riders; 25 for first, \$15 for second, and \$10 for third.

Winners will be based on donations turned in, not miles ridden.

ROSS FAMILY MOVES

Mr and Mrs. Dennis Ross and Chris have recently moved from Robert Lee to accept a position with the CRMWD on Lake Thomas. They will live on the lake front and will be in the Ira School District. Mr. and Mrs. Mike Ross visited their children Monday night. They went to lake Thomas to take some dragging equipment to assist in an attempt to recover the body of a Monday afternoon drowning victim.

COUNTS HAS CHECK-UP

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Counts returned last Wednesday from Houston where he had his regular check-up at M.D. Anderson Hospital. While there, they visited with Mr. Counts' sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Harmon at Chanterview. They were accompanied on the 11-day trip by Mr. and Mrs. Mark Chumley, who stayed with their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. K.C. Collier of Spring.

Easter weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred L. Beaty were their children, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Crowder, Lee Anne and Brent of Midland; Mr. and Mrs. Lane Beaty and Chris of Colorado City. Also Mrs. Mary Smith of Guyton, Okla.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Sublett of Bronte are announcing the engagement of their daughter, Becky, to Edwin Wilson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Wilson of Silver.

Miss Sublett will be a May graduate of Bronte High School and Wilson will graduate in May from Highland High School.

The wedding is planned for June 20 at the First Baptist Church in Bronte.

LUNCHROOM MENU

Monday, April 27: Barbecue Wieners, cream potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, butter, milk, pineapple upside down cake.

Tuesday, April 28: Macaroni and cheese, blackeye peas, carrots, angel biscuits, butter, milk, peanut chocolate clusters.

Wednesday, April 30: Pinto beans with meat, spinach, french fries with catsup, corn bread, butter, milk, fruit cobbler.

Thursday, April 31: Bologna-cheese sandwich, pickles, corn, potato chips, milk, fresh apple.

Friday, May 1: Salisbury steak with brown gravy, english peas, cream potatoes, hot rolls, butter, sliced pears.

'64 STUDY CLUB HAS PROGRAM ON HOLY LAND

The '64 Study Club met April 14 in the home of Thelma Jo Hinnard with 18 members present.

President, Nancy Allen, presided over the business meeting. Grace Ditmore introduced the guest, Mrs. Fran Rohrbach, from San Angelo, who showed slides about "A Visit to the Holy Land." This was a most interesting and informative presentation, members said.

Co-hostesses with Mrs. Hinnard were Jesse Faye Russell and Opal Jacoby. The next meeting will be Tuesday April 28, in the fellowship hall of the Baptist Church. Keith Butler of San Angelo will present an "Evening of Melody."

Buddy Wallace and Keith Watson, students of Texas Tech in Lubbock, spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Wallace Jr.



LOOK WHO'S NEW

Mr. and Mrs. C.L. Sparks Jr. of Hobbs, N.M., announce the birth of a son, Calvin L. Sparks III. He was born at 8:40 p.m. Tuesday, April 7, in Lovington County Hospital, weighed 8 pounds, 1 ounce and was 20½ inches long. He has two sisters, Felicia who is 9, and Carrie who is 5.

Grandparents are Tom Harris of Sanco and Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Sparks of Robert Lee.

Mrs. Lem Cowley, of Robert Lee, is the baby's great-grandmother.

Butler To Give Club Program

The '64 Study Club is sponsoring an "Evening of Melody" Tuesday, April 28, in the fellowship hall of Robert Lee Baptist Church. Members of the club said they "proudly present Keith Butler of San Angelo for your enjoyment."

The club women said everyone has a cordial invitation to attend this "spectacular evening of music as our guests."

The program will begin at 8 p.m.

First Baptist Boys Attend Track Meet

Members of the Royal Ambassadors of Robert Lee Baptist Church traveled to Waco last Friday to take part in a track meet. They were sponsored by Rev. Roy Epperson, pastor of the church.

A relay team made up of Robert Runnion, Joel Herring, Jason Herring and Randy Gartman took first place honors in the 200 yard shuttle relay event.

Joel Herring also won second place and Robert Runnion third place in the high jump event. Other boys participating were Wes Hood and Stevie Ebenstein. Stephen Epperson also made the trip.

The Royal Ambassadors is a group made up of boys in fourth through sixth grades.

Mrs. R.L. Hinson, niece of Mrs. Robert Vaughan, her husband Dick and children, Larry and Lee Ann, also Dr. and Mrs. Charles Allen and children, Chip, Amy and Jennifer, all of Houston, visited in Robert Lee April 15-17 in the Vaughan home and with the Ben Bessent family. They enjoyed golf and fishing while here.

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Chadbourne Ranch To Have Chianina Sale

Some of the finest purebred and crossbred Chianina cattle in the country will be sold today (Friday) at the Chadbourne Ranch, located about 12 miles north-east of Bronte on Highway 277.

The sale, which will get underway at 1 p.m. is billed as "a fine offering of 122 lots" and is the second Chianina production sale offered by the ranch.

The ranch is owned and operated by Conda, Brian and Garland Richards. They invited everyone who is interested in the big Italian breed of cattle to be present for the sale. Lunch will be served at the sale site at 11:30 a.m.

A special feature of the sale will be offering Rehab I, a genesis full blood heifer. Lively bidding is expected for her, since all proceeds will be donated to the West Texas Rehabilitation Center for Crippled Children.

A list of the offerings to be auctioned was run in an ad in last week's paper. Most of the cattle are from the Chadbourne Ranch here; however, some have been consigned by other Chianina breeders. Stanley Stout will be the auctioneer.

Appraisal Firm Head To Be In R-Lee Tuesday

Jim McMorries, whose firm from Hereford, is doing the reappraisal of Coke County property to tax purposes will be in Robert Lee next Tuesday, April 28, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. He will be at the Coke County Tax Appraisal Office.

He will look over the work which has been done by workers in his firm, since they plan to be finished in about three weeks.

Anyone who would like to meet the man who is in charge of the operation is welcome to come by the office. Taxpayers can visit with him, discuss their appraisal problems and ask questions about the new system.

Mrs. Reba Roberts, chief appraiser for the county, requested that anybody who is interested to feel free to come by.

Tee Hee Show Saturday Night

Robert Lee EMS reminds everyone of the ambulance fund benefit show at 7:30 Friday night. The program will be Robert Lee's own Community Choir group and others in a comedy mock of television's "Hee Haw" called Robert Lee's "Tee-Hee".

Sammie Jo Duncan, Coy Moses, and Jake Wyatt of San Angelo will be guests on the show. A number of hours of practice and planning have gone into this program and this group of people should be commended for their efforts in the community.

These individuals also donated their time to benefit the 4-H and Lion's Clubs last month. The show is basically the same but the youth group who appeared then will not perform and some script changes have been made.

All donations and tickets will go into the ambulance fund and the EMS unit urges all to come to the school auditorium and enjoy the show and visit with neighbors.



A MATTER OF CONSCIENCE

The fact that there are billions of hungry people in the world, and most particularly children, has been a troubling one for many years, but it is becoming more troublesome all the time. As of today, there still are no half-way, much less sure, answers. It would be presumptuous, naive and even immoral on this Sunday afternoon to write, "Look, I have come up with a solution to this greatest of the world's problems."

There is one thing well known by everyone who pays any attention to incessant news items and advertising pitches for the poor, and that is, there are more people in the world with open mouths than there is food to fill them.

Constant bombardment, most especially on television, by church programs, CARE, and other sad messages of despair, make one's blood run cold. Seeing the old (or maybe they just look old because they are starving) man or woman with scarcely enough strength to hold up a wooden bowl for a helping of rice, or the spindly-legged, belly-bulged little child who is dying from malnutrition or disease makes one wonder if all this can only lead to worldwide catastrophe, unless we find a solution.

It seems many of the altruistic programs of the United States of America, particularly for the starving third world, only have served to prolong their agony and give them enough strength to procreate another generation of starving humans, thereby adding to the problem. Humaneness demands, however, that we try as often and as generously as possible to alleviate their hunger. Good old Uncle Sam can never be faulted for not shipping his food wherever it was needed, even though millions of bushels of grain have lain on foreign docks long enough for rats to consume it completely, leaving nary a grain for the starving persons out in the hinterland.

American generosity obviously is not the answer. American generosity over the past several decades has made only a small dent in the problem: it's still with us.

The obvious solution is to set up an all-out crash program and do everything in our power to promote zero-population growth over the world. Over a billion people go hungry every day; another billion or more are existing only fairly well on what they have to eat; and then there are probably another billion of us who are well fed, or overfed and need to go on a diet. But, can you believe, there are hungry people in the United States?

The professional do-gooders say that if the USA would share its food and keep our food intake to the minimum for good health, we could do away with the world's hunger. It's not true.

We could do away with a small portion of it, but we would accomplish little as an end result. If all the food in the world were distributed evenly among all the people in the world, we would all be hungry. There simply is not enough to go around. The billions of dollars worth of food we have given away in the last 25 years seems to have made little difference.

Until the last half-century or so, disease, pestilence and wars held down the world's population. Modern medicine has increased chances for all of us to live longer. Infant mortality gets lower and lower every year. All these advances are good, if you want quantity and less quality in life.

So what is the answer? The correct answer would confound the wisdom of a thousand Solomons.

Our only answer is to be a copycat and reiterate a premise that has been brought out many, many times in the past: we must stop reproducing so fast.

With all the advances that are being made in food production and other progress which enhances the quality of life, there could be a quick turn-around in this problem--only IF! If there could be some way devised within the next generation to hold reproduction to a one-for-one basis, the whole thing could be resolved in the next half-century--before it gets much further out of hand.

The only way this incredibly idealistic goal can be reached is for all the nations of the world to join hands in implementing it. Scientific break-throughs during the past 20 years make it possible. It's a matter of providing birth control materials and educating people on how to use them and on the necessity of using them.

It's hard to believe that any man or woman, regardless of how hungry or how full their bellies are, really want to bring children into the world for whom they cannot provide. Love for children and caring for them is a universal trait, and there should be millions fewer children born each year if the prospective parents had the knowledge and materials to prevent conception.

Pope John Paul II is the logical person in all the world to get this program on the road. During his short reign as the spiritual leader of the Roman Catholic Church, he has shown he has the intelligence, energy and charisma to get things done. He has the power to bring about just about any changes he wishes in his congregation, which, incidentally, is the largest in the world.

He has come out strongly, however, against abortion and birth control, which is a big disappointment. His position against abortion is understandable, but not against birth control. Surely, an intellectual giant such as he, can see the broad road to destruction into which the world is headed.

The historical stand of the Catholic Church against birth control has outlived its usefulness. It would be an earth-shaking pronouncement he announced tomorrow that he is declaring birth control is okay. But it would not be the first earth-shaking pronouncement of change that the successors to St. Peter have made. Many other popes have prayed long for divine guidance and have done much soul-searching on important changes in church dogma.

At the risk of being sacrilegious, this writer would like to suggest that His Holiness continue to ask for even more guidance from above than he has already received. The answer he receives could have eternal influence on the planet earth, for he is the logical person to lead this crusade.

As one tiny ripple in the gigantic sea of the printed and electronic media, this newspaper would like to invite all the brethren of our profession (Protestant, Catholic, Jewish, Moslem, Hindu, or whatever your belief) to slow down for a moment and consider that excessive numbers of persons is the greatest problem facing the world today.

The Columbia spacecraft, the naval and military superiority of the super powers, the OPEC cartel, drug addiction, violent crime and all the other problems facing the United States and all the world look pale when compared to this big beastly giant of a problem.

It's big and beastly, all right, but it has developed into a super problem from too many of the dearest creatures to our hearts. Can't it be controlled, so fewer numbers of beautiful children can live happily, rather than face annihilation from hunger, disease of nuclear wars?

A united front by all the media can be a powerful force for implementing a program of this kind. It needs to be activated and pushed.



Jerry Lackey's Country Folk

Horseman Aubrey Stokes reached for his rain gauge atop a gate post at his ranch west of San Angelo and poured out .30 from last Wednesday night's rain. "That makes over three (3) inches for this week," he smiled, looking back at visitor Shelley V. Smith.

We then joined Stokes in a jeep tour of the ranch over and through fields of wheat, already heading out, to view prize quarter horses in every direction.

Stoke's El Rancho Contento is home of the famous Chick Called Sue "expected to foal again any day now."

Smith, executive director of West Texas Rehab Centers, was out to check progress on a yearling colt called: "Wes Tex-an". The colt, to be sold in the summer, is "bred in the purple, from both the dam and the sire's side." Stoke has donated the animal to WTRC.

Well, the Stokes rain gauge was not the only one in West Texas that collected measurable moisture. There's mud in every direction across the Concho Valley. And down in the Texas Hill Country where I took my family for Easter and a first hand tour of the Blue Bonnets and wild-flowers, it looks like heaven.

Talked to Henry Clark at Del Rio. He said "this spell covered terrain all the way to the Rio Grande. I would say a general rain of around three inches would pretty well describe it."

Clark said the wheat "out around Mertzon was kneehigh and has a sweet taste to it. You know, it usually taste bitter...this is the first time I ever remember it tasting sweet!"

Clarence Tucker who operates a stock farm in Taylor County was telling me last week wheat in the Abilene area is knee-high. And Bobbie Sayles of Tuscola states: "This has got to be the best spring we have experienced in over 20 years."

Conda Richards in commenting about the good moisture in Runnels County the other day also asked for a reminder of the 2nd Chianina Production Sale, April 24 at Chadbourne Ranch near Bronte. Some 80 lots will be sold. Should be an outstanding sale and I'll see ya there.

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Lake Spence Fishing News

Wanoneck's Paint Creek Marina

Glen and Doris Cothrun - Midland - 7 channel cat to 6 lbs., 2 strippers to 6 lb., 4 crappie to 1 1/2 lbs.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Bohannon-Robert Lee, Lima, Peru-1 blue catfish 34 lb. 3 oz. New Lake Record, 1 yellow cat 36 lb. 6 oz., 50 channel cat to 3 lbs.

Wildcat Fish-A-Rama John Ramey, John Leach-Big Spring - 31 white bass to 2 1/2 lbs. 1 channel cat 2 1/2 lbs., 1 striper 2 1/2 lbs.

Triangle Groc. & Bait Joe Phillips - Odessa - 50 white bass, 5 strippers to 7 lbs.

Dr. Robert Hampton - Sweetwater-6strippers to 8 lbs. Bob Deer-Odessa- 3 strippers to 7 lbs.

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Hank Baker - Robert Lee - 1 yellow cat 13 1/2 lbs.

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Closing of Friendship Road Brings Publicity to County

The controversy which has been going on the past few weeks concerning the closing of Friendship Road is bringing lots of publicity to Robert Lee. Some local citizens consider it bad while others feel that any kind of publicity is better than none.

Wednesday's San Angelo Standard had a headline completely across the front page over the lead story. The head said, "Spence Reservoir feud spills over."

The Observer has run extensive coverage over the feud, along with some observations in letters to the editor.

The problem has grown out of action taken by the commissioners' court to close Friendship Road, a route that some fishermen in the area like to use when they go to the lake.

An organization has been formed to force the commission-

ers to rescind their action and re-open the road. So far they have not voted to open the road and the organization is threatening to sue the county and the Colorado River Municipal Water District, owner of the lake.

Further activity will be reported as it develops.

Speeders beware: highway patrolmen sharpen radar skills

COLLEGE STATION — Drivers who fudge on posted speed limits will soon face increased odds of being ticketed for speeding, say law enforcement training officials for the Texas Engineering Extension Service (TEEX).

Texas highway patrolmen are going back to school on the Texas A&M University campus to learn how to use radar speed measurement equipment.

The course is a result of a recent Florida court case, in which a speeding citation based on radar measurement was thrown out. The defense proved to the court that the equipment was improperly calibrated and operated.

The radar operators course offered by TEEX's Law Enforcement and Security Training Division will instruct officers on scientific principles and theory of technology. Factors that can limit the accuracy and effectiveness of radar equipment will be emphasized along with operating procedures to circumvent or minimize the factors.

JR. HIGH MEET

SET APRIL 30

A district junior high track meet will be held at Robert Lee School Thursday, April 30.

The six school which will participate include Garden City, Bronte, Grape Creek, Robert Lee, Sterling City and Water Valley.

VISITORS ARE HERE

Mrs. Maurine Sparks of Colorado City and Mrs. Mary Sharp of San Angelo visited with their sister, Mrs. Mildred Wojtek, last Sunday. After eating out for lunch, they visited their mother, Mrs. Grace Murtishaw, in the Bronte Nursing Home. While in town last week, Mrs. Wojtek subscribed to the Observer for their aunt, Mrs. Lee Augustine of Sterling City.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Jake Davis had their son, Frank, of Dallas, home over the holiday. He visited with other relatives and attended church services with his parents.

Mrs. Yvonne Conner accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. Pat Byrd, traveled to Houston last Wednesday. She had an appointment for Thursday, April 16, at M.D. Anderson Hospital there for extensive tests and expects to be gone several days.

Mrs. Norma Ruth had as her guests last week, her niece, Mrs. Sarah Lou Davis, accompanied by a friend, Bruce McGuire, both of McAllen. Also, visiting was her sister-in-law Mrs. Loujenia King, and Mrs. Florence Clark of Abilene. They enjoyed the Senior Citizen's Luncheon and an afternoon of visiting with other relatives.

Mrs. Arthur Runnion, Leigh Ann and Robert were in Kerens last week to visit her mother, Mrs. Opal Ellisor. Mrs. Ellisor had surgery last Friday and is reported to be doing well. Mr. Runnion joined his family in Kerens Thursday and he, Leigh Ann and Robert returned home Saturday. Mrs. Runnion remained with her mother until Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stenberg of Big Spring visited with their aunt and husband, Mr. and Mrs. R.C. Sawyer over the weekend. Also visiting were the Sawyers' daughter and children, Mrs. Garland Davis, Copie and Gary of Medina, and Glenn Davis of ASU and his friend. The families attended Easter sunrise services at the Amphitheatre and enjoyed holiday dinner together.

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