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21 Seniors Graduate Tonight

SENIOR SPONSORS





DOROTHEA WRIGHT

Award For Outstanding Service Presented At Annual Banquet

A large crowd was present for the Community Banquet last Saturday evening at the school cafeteria. The annual affair is sponsored by the Robert Lee-Silver Lions Club and the '64 Study Club.

Lion president Winton Milliff served as master of ceremonies and also made the following awards: Twenty-five year membership awards to Ernest Clendennen and Zeddie Beal (both are also charter members), Vaughan Davis, and Myrle Jameson. Fifteen year membership awards went to Gene Hinnard and Fred-

The "Lion of the Year" plaque was awarded to Leon Russell who was also recognized for having a perfect two-year attendance rec-

Sterling Lindsey was selected as recipient of the "Citizen of the Year" award in recognition for

ASU Degrees Awarded To **R-Lee Students**

received degrees during commencement exercises Friday night at Angelo State University. A total of 371 bachelor's and 26 master's degrees were conferred at the program which was held in the Physical Education Building. The city was under a severe weather alert and tornadoes roamed around the area during the entire program.

Attorney General Mark White was guest speaker for the standing room only crowd.

Robert Lee students earning master of education degrees at ASU were Nadine Davis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Add Davis, and Brenda Dennis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. K.D. Dennis of Denver City.

Karen Bagwell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Bagwell, received an associate nursing degree. Sheila Roberts Hammerton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Roberts, earned a bachlor's degree in business adminishis years of service to the community, particularly in areas of agricultural programs for adults as well as young people. Lindsey has been a leader in working for better livestock shows and show facilities for the county as well as many civic projects and activities.

Milliff presented a gift to Teena Barrett as a token of appreciation for her service as Lion Sweetheart. Miss Barrett entertained guests earlier in the program with a solo.

Following the presentations, Jimmy Bickley introduced the guest speaker, Major Ben Munday, USAF Ret., of Sweetwater, who is a history teacher in Sweetwater Public Schools.

In his address, Major Munday held the audience at attention with his interesting and informative "history lesson" concerning circumstances and events of the War of 1812.

He suggested that the time of that war was one of the real "lows" in the history of our nation, when the young republic was called on to defend itself Four students from Robert Lee against the forces of the British in a fight for its survival. He recalled how the poorly trained and equipped militiamen suffered heavy casualties, saw the "burning of Washington City" by the British before making a last successful stand in defense of Baltimore, the decisive battle of the war.

> The patriotic spirit of all was aroused as Major Munday described in detail the assault on Fort McHenry by the English gunships, of the making and raising of the first "Stars and Stripes" flag over the fort during the long hours of the siege.

> In closing, he told how Francis Scott Key, who witnessed the battle from a British ship, wrote the poem which, over a hundred years later, became our national anthem, the "Star Spangeled Banner".

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COMMENCEMENT

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Superintendent, Robert Lee Public Sc	hools
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President, Western Texas Co	llege
Presentation of Class Jerry (Gibbs
Principal, Robert Lee High S	chool
Awarding of Diplomas Jimmy Bi	ckley
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Benediction Roy Eppe	erson
Pastor, Robert Lee Baptist Ch	urch

TO CLOSE FOR HOLIDAY

Most Robert Lee firms will be closed Monday in observance of Memorial Day. Businesses which cater to recreation seekers will remain open to take care of local trade as well as hundreds of visitors who are expected at Lake Spence.

The U.S. Post Office, federal offices in the courthouse and Robert Lee State Bank are required to observe the holiday. Other offices in the courthouse and the city hall will be closed, also.

Some service stations and eating establishments downtown will be open,

Mrs. Yarbrough To Be Honored

Mrs. Jessie N. Yarbrough will be honored at a tea from 2-5 p.m. Sunday, May 31, in the New Recreation Center in Robert Lee. The reception is planned to introduce her recently published book, "A History of Coke County, Home of the Rabbit Twisters."

Mrs. Yarbrough was a teacher in Coke County and other West Texas places for 48 years and the book was begun as her thesis for her master's degree.

Everyone is invited to come by during the tea, visit with Mrs. Yarbrough and inspect the book.

Monahans Man

An apparent drowning accident at Lake Spence last Wednesday evening has claimed the life of a 76 year old Monahans

Armstrong, of 307 Urslia St., Monahans, were camped at the lake 12 miles west of Robert Lee on Pecan Creek, when he took their boat to run his trot lines. Leaving Mrs. Armstrong at the campsite, he left about 4 p.m. and did not return. After dark, she was unable to summon anyone, when he failed to come back, and was unfamiliar with the numerous roads near their isolated camp. Making contact with early morning fishermen, she reported him missing at 6 a.m. Thursday.

recovered by lake employee, Johnny Page at 7:30 a.m.; one arm still through a life jacket. It was not immediately determined how he fell into the water. Sheriff Marshall Millican said an autopsy was not performed. His wife had reported he has been in poor health and speculated he might have blacked out and fallen from

Buy and Sell With Want Ads

Drowns At Lake

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Vinson

Mr. Armstrong's body was

PROCLAMATION

MAY 31, 1981

TO THE CITIZENS OF ROBERT LEE, TEXAS:

WHEREAS, the City of Robert Lee wishes to express its recognition and appreciation to

JESSIE N. YARBROUGH

for her many years of dedicated community service, NOW, THEREFORE, I, Robert D. Vaughan, Mayor of the City of Robert Leé, do hereby proclaim May 31, 1981, as

JESSIE N. YARBROUGH APPRECIATION DAY in this city, and I call upon the citizens of the City to be present at any activities honoring her.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Robert Lee to be affixed this the 18th day of May, 1981.

Robert D. Vaughan

ATTEST: **Edna Havins** City Secretary

Members of the 1981 Senior Class of Robert Lee High School will be honored tonight (Friday) at commencement exercises in the school auditorium. The program will begin at 8 p.m.

Speaker for the occasion will be Dr. Don Newbury, president of Western Texas College in Snyder. He will be introduced by Supt. Jimmy Bickley.

The welcome address will be given by Robert Phillips, class salutatorian, who has a grade average of 90.229. Dianna Tinkler, class valedictorian with an average of 96.760, will give the valedictory address.

Diplomas will be presented by Supt. Bickley and Dr. Phil Ray, member of the board of trustees.

Sponsors of the class are Dorothea Wright and Jerold Ep-

Ushers for the evening will be Lori Allen, Mary Galvan, Tom Bosworth and Armando Sanchez.

Class flower is the carnation and class colors are colors of the rainbow. The class motto is "Look out World; here we come! We're the class of '81."

The class roll is made up of the following seniors:

Ernest M. Abalos, Mariann Abalos, Teena Joann Barrett, Timothy Howard Bosworth, Toni Lynn Bryant, Marty Joe Caston, James Lysle Fenton, Jimmy Earl Funderburg, Robbie Kaye Gartman, Mitchell Don Gibbs, Nancy Darlene Herrington, Darrell Keith Hunt, Diane Lea Mulkey, Debra Ann Nichols, Henry Graves Parks, Joel Gregory Percifull, Kellye Frances Percifull, Robert Joseph Phillips, Steven Philip Ray, Dianne Lee Tinkler and Katherine Lee White.

The complete program for the evening is being published along with this story.

DAR Award for Miss Percifull

Kellve Percifull, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Percifull and a member of the 1981 Senior Class of RLHS, has been selected as recipient of the Good Citizenship Award presented each year by the Pocahontas Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

The awards are presented to outstanding high school senior girls from 16 area schools for their patriotism, leadership, service to their schools and dependability.

Miss Percifull has been active in many phases of high school life at Robert Lee. She has participated in basketball and track and has been a member of the Student Council, band, flag corps and a cheerleader.

She plans to be a teacher after majoring in elementary education at Angelo State University.

Recent weekend guests of D.O. King were his daughters and families, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Walker of Odessa and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Anderson of Austin.

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Reports from Washington

An Important First Step

The people have spoken. Government is too large, taxes are too high, and the national defense must be given higher priority. These are tough issues and the Congress has faced them publicly in approving the President's bipartisan budget resolution.

Whether Republican or Democrat, I think all of us read what the people were demanding last November. They asked that there be serious restraint on the growth of Federal spending and that we get our fiscal house in order.

We have taken an important first step. Congress is on record for beginning a very historic process which will result in the most dramatic and substantial change in Federal fiscal policy that has occurred in this country since the New Deal. We are experiencing a new era in American political history.

Optimism has gripped the American people since January. The President was elected to restore the principle that no government can do as much for the people as they can do for themselves. In three months we have forged a coalition which will make this principle the guiding force in our democracy.

To continue the process, we must develop a budget based on reality and one that will stand the test of time. We must pass a budget that we all will support.

In forging an effective national stabilization policy we should recognize that our economy is far from brittle, but rather is resilient. One of our most urgent needs is to strike hard against inflation.

To do this we face formidable obstacles. Inflation and its effects are deeply embedded in our expectations and behavior patterns.

Knocking down the inflation rate as we move to a higher use of real resources will be an exceptional feat. No one can design a full set of policy prescriptions that will alleviate our problems easily. To repeat what the President said in his message before a joint session of Congress and millions of Americans: "Because of the extent of our economy's sickness we know that the cure will not come quickly, and that even with our package progress will come in inches and feet, not miles."

To fight inflation head on, the government must achieve a balanced budget. This would chop inflationary expectations and of equal importance would reduce the role of the government as a powerful demander of credit, thereby freeing savings to finance the private sector and reducing high interest rates.

The first essential of understanding the Reagan bipartisan budget is that there has been no cut in Federal spending or revenues. This budget is simply a reduction in the rate of growth which has plagued Federal programs in the past 20 years.

The Reagan budget quite clearly preserves benefits for those who need our help. There will be no refusal of health care for the elderly or poor unable to work; there will be no reduction in school nutrition programs for children with inadequate diets; there will be no families left without shelter and heat when they have no means to provide for themselves.

Some critics say social programs have been slighted in favor of the national defense which will increase from 24 percent to 33 percent of total expenditures in the next three years. But expenditures for social programs will increase from 37 percent to 40 percent over the same period. It is important to point out, however, that national defense is an overriding social goal. Without security for our basic freedoms there can be no democracy and no human dignity.

The real test for the Reagan budget — the bipartisan budget resolution — lies ahead as the Congress begins to tackle the real dollar issues set by our vote. These things will be hammered out in lengthy and sometimes emotional committee battles in the next couple of months.

What the Congress has done is accept an assumption — one that gives us an idea where we are coming from and where we are going. One assumption that cannot be lost in all the budget talk, however, is the one offered by the public.

The American people have decided it is time for economic reform in this country. The assumptions we have adopted are in line with the President's direction and the people's mandate. Congress is now beginning to respond.

Practice Play Day Saturday

Coke County Rodeo Association will have a practice play day Saturday, beginning at 8 p.m. in the arena in west Bronte. All participants and fans are invited to attend.

A practice play day was held last Saturday night and the association's summer program is getting off to a good start, according to Brendi Gentry, secretary.

Mrs. Gentry reminded everyone that memberships in the association are \$10 per family, and that a 50 cent entry fee is charged for entering each event during the competition. Ribbons will be awarded winners in each event, she said.

The first official play day, when records will start being kept, will be June 13.



Lake Spence Fishing News

Wanoreck's Paint Creek Marina Mr. and Mrs. Bob Sonnamaker - Hobbs, N.M. - 2 stripers - 5 lbs. 14 oz and 4 lbs. 10 oz.

Robert, Howard and Howard Earl Barker - Odessa - 1 yellow cat 35 lbs. 14 oz.

T.R. Noe - Odessa - 1 striper 10 lbs. Several small channel cat.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnie Walker; Mr. and Mrs. Shirley Walker and Alton Underwood - Big Spring - 1 blue cat 18 lbs. 9 oz., 1 striper 7 ¼ lbs.

Doug and Cindy Phillips - San Angelo - 2 blue cat 8 lbs. and 7½ lbs.

Mark Miller - Mildand - 1 black bass - 1½ lbs.

Wildcat Fish-A-Rama
Bobby Smith - Kermit; Doug
Blair - Odessa - 2 stripers 5 lbs.
and 4 lbs.

Mr. and Mrs. W.J. Mashburn - Abilene - 8 stripers up to 9 lbs.

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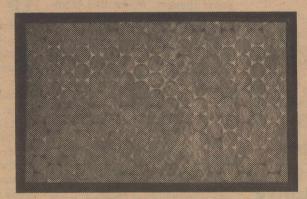


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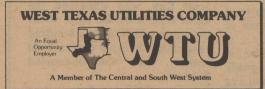
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Save energy . . . save money . . . use clean filters.



STEVEN RAY

Steven Ray State FFA Officer

Steven Ray, son of Dr. and Mrs. Phil Ray, Robert Lee, was elected as a State FFA officer for 1981-82, by delegates from the Area II FFA Association at the Area II Convention in San Angelo, Saturday, May 16. He will be one of 10 top leaders in the State FFA Association for 1981-82.

Steven defeated three other candidates for the position in

'64 Study Club Meets With Mrs. Bryan

The '64 Study Club met May 12, in Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Bryan's patio garden. In the business meeting, Fay Roe announced an Autograph-Tea honoring Jessie N. Yarbrough to be held May 31, from 2 until 5 p.m. in the Recreation Center.

The club members will serve as hostesses for the Coke County Pageant to be presented on July 24,25 and July 31 and August 1.

Nancy Allen introduced the program for the evening: Through Positive Projections and Reflections--We Hope We Did It. The project chairman, Alice Beaty, reported "Yesterday's Priorities" were completed. The report of the president, "Backward Reflections" was given by Nancy

"Looking to the Future" was the installation of 1981--1982 officers by Mrs. Alice Bankston, president of Texas District, from San Angelo. Officers installed

President, Nancy Allen; first vice president, Fay Roe; second vice president, Lois Dunklin; third vice president, Mavis Newby; secretary, Maybelle Stewart; treasurer. Mary Ivey: parliamentarian, Vivian Jacobs; reporter, Ruby Jones; historian, Virginia Milliff; federation counselor, Lucile Bryan.

A salad supper was enjoyed by 21 members and two guests, Mrs. Bankston and Miss Mary Anne Lackey. Hostesses for the evening were Ruby Jones, Patti Ivey, Fay Roe, Lois Dunklin, and Pauline Barron.



LIONS CLUB MEETING

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

LIONS CLUB COMMUNITY CENTER

elections conducted at the convention. Steven will be a candidate for the State FFA president, along with nine other area winners from across the state. One of the ten candidates will serve as state FFA president, and the other nine will become State FFA vice-presidents.

The election of state FFA president will be held at the State FFA Convention in DAllas, the middle of July. Steven has served as the RobertLee FFA vice-president, district vice-president, and Area II vice-president the past three years.

Gartman Rites At Sterling City

Funeral services for Jack Gartman, 46, of Sterling City, were held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, May 19, in the United Methodist Church of Sterling City.

Burial was in Foster Cemetery under the direction of Ross Funeral Home.

Mr. Gartman died at 12:35 p.m. Saturday in Sterling County Hospital after a sudden illness.

He was born Oct. 16, 1934 in San Angelo and was married to Sherry Atkinson June 12, 1954 in Eldorado. He had been a resident of Sterling City the past 10 years and was owner-operator of the Texas Truck Stop and Cafe in Sterling City. He was a Metho-

Survivors include his wife; three sons, Chris Gartman, Jerry Gartman and Keith Gartman all of Sterling City; his mother, Alta Gartman of Sterling City; three brothers, T.A. Gartman of Sterling City; Billy Joe Gartman of Beaumont, Calif. and Robert Gartman of Robert Lee: three sisters, Mrs. Don (June) Moore of Sterling City, Mrs. Billy Darrell (Nettie) Blair of Carlsbad and Mrs. Joe (Bonnie) Emery of San Angelo; and two granddaught-



Fighting fish are bred in Japan and Thailand for the purpose of competitive combat.

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Prices Effective May 22nd & 23rd



LOTH & BISMOP

PHONE 453-2652

While I was driving to Robert Lee, I turned my radio to station KTEL. To my surprise, Dianna Tinkler was the disc jockey reporting on the latest gossip.

Upon entering the city limits, I noticed several search lights beaming over the town. Being a curious person, I followed them and found that they led me to the Coke County Hospital. Looking around I saw huge, multi-colored lights surrounding a sign which read "Ernie's Disco Nursing Home", where you dance your life away. I had to see what was going on, so I went in and whom do I see but Tim Bosworth wearing his Disco Trotters while making the rounds. I asked Tim what he was doing, and he said he was trying to set the world record of running to the beat of "Celebration" while emptying bedpans and changing sheets.

Confused, I sat down wondering what the rest of the 1981

graduates were doing. Lying next to me was the Robert Lee Observer, so I picked it up and started reading. I noticed the headline read, "Another One Bites the Dust!" It seems that Graves Parks was trying to polevault 21' 3¾". Although he cleared it, he missed the mats. When asked about his fall, Graves said, "Pickle moved the mats."

I told Ernie and Tim good-bye and continued on my search. As I was leaving the hospital the ambulance rushed up with Joel Percifull inside. I had heard that Joel was the No. 1 Bronc Rider. It seemed that Joel had broken his arm and leg while riding his nephew's pony. I also found out that Joel was the owner of "Cowpokes" right here in Robert Lee. Signs had been posted on the doors saying, "Wall residents not welcome!

I couldn't stand it anymore, so I headed for the Little Freezer which was now called Little Bobby's Freezer. Bobby told me he had finally been promoted at the first of the year. Now he gets to wash dishes AND take out the trash. Seemed that Mitch Gibbs was holding two jobs. Not only was he head cook for Bobby, but he was part-time Mortician at the funeral home. Nancy Herrington was his secretary and took care of things while he was gone.

When I left the freezer, I saw Steve Ray herding his pigs to market. All of a sudden I saw this big truck. Written on the truck was "Funderburg's Packing Company." Steve and his pigs scattered knowing that Jimmy was after his pork.

I got into my car and headed down the street. On the next corner I saw Mariann and three small children. She was arguing with a man that appeared to be her husband. I stopped to see what was going on and heard Mariann say, "I'm going to get my brothers to beat you up!"

On that same street corner I saw Katherine White. She was still wondering what had happened to Zack. I talked to her for awhile and found out that Jim Fenton was now coaching a women's wrestling team. His prize fighters were Dianne Mulkey and Toni Bryant. I also asked Katherine about Teena Barrett. Yes, she was still engaged to Dubby, but she still wasn't absolutely sure that she wanted to get married.

When I left that street corner, I headed for the park. There I found Kellye Percifull surrounded by 47 school kids. Seems she had become a teacher and got more than she expected. They were on a science field trip and all of the students were throwing bugs at her.

I talked to Debbie Nichols a little later. It seems she had gone to Harvard and gotten her Masters in accounting. Debbie also told me that some of them had thrown a party for Marty Caston. But when Marty finally got there, everyone was gone. Seems he was late again! Debbie also told me that Keith Hunt had moved to Florida. He got a very good offer from Sunkist Oranges. He was picking oranges from the top of

I visited the school and found Robbie Gartman teaching Home Ec. She loved FHA so much that she decided to follow in Mrs. Guerrant's footsteps.

Well, that was the last of the 1981 seniors. As I was leaving town that night, I thought about them. It seems like they had accomplished some things since graduating after all.

ALPHA KAPPA PI MEETS IN BETH PRATHER HOME

Hostess Beth Prather welcomed 14 members to her home for the May 13 meeting of Alpha Kappa Pi.

Dorene Mashburn reported that the door-to-door Cancer Drive was a great success.

New committee chairpersons were appointed, including: publicity, Dianne Simpson; membership, Dwala Casey; program, Mary Bessent; service, Gay Sawyer; telephone, Betty Mathews; social, Dolores McCabe; scrapbook, Phelan Wrinkle; secret sister, Beverly Bell; ways and means, Jeanette Jacobs; librarian, Beth Prather.

The program was presented by Rolf Finn, a foreign exchange student from Norway. Many beautiful slides of the Norwegian countryside and citizens' national dress were shown.

Next meeting will be May 27 in the home of Carol Fenton.

You Are Tops On Our List 1981 RLHS GRADS

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We Are Proud To Sponsor

Teena Barrett

DAUGHTER OF MR. & MRS.
JOE BARRETT



May 22, 1981

Cheerleader 4; Band 1,2,3,4; Homecoming Queen 4; Class Favorite 3; Class Officer 2; Band Officer 2,3,4; FHA 1,2,3; Basketball Manager 3,4; Track 3; Band Sweetheart 4; Stage Band 2.

Robert Lee Observer

BARRETT WHOLESALE

Congratulations And Good Luck 1981 RLHS GRADS

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SON OF MR. & MRS. WELDON BOSWORTH



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FHA 1,2,3,4; Basketball 1,2,3,4; FHA Officer 3,4; Flag Corps 1,2; Band 1,2; One-Act Play 3; Student Council 1,2,3,4; Track 1,2,3.

MATHEWS LUMBER & HARDWARE

'81 SENIOR CLASS LEAVES MANY OUTSTANDING THINGS BEHIND

I, Dianna Tinkler, will Mary Galvan the ability to listen to the teachers in class--not to Betty or Yolanda.

I, Dianna Tinkler, will Frankie Walker the ability to keep hold of U.C.P. so that it remains with the seniors.

I, Steven Ray, will Joey Millican and Clifton Millican the ability to act normal.

We, Kellye Percifull and Dianna Tinkler, will Betty Ybarra the ability to walk down the hall without tripping or falling down.

I, Ernie Abalos, will Buck Duncan a year's supply of turtlenecks.

I, Kellye Percifull, will Buck Duncan the ability to come to school on time and stay there until school is out.

I, Jim Fenton, will David Caves a lifetime supply of gasoline.

I, Robbie Gartman, will Edwin Smith the ability to hit the volleyball over the net--not under or into it!

I, Debbie Nichols, will Rosemary Costilla the willpower to withstand her future motherhood I, Nancy Herrington, will Paula Autrey the ability to stay out of

I, Nancy Herrington, will Dee Anna Key my position in the concession stand and all the left over food and joys that go with it.

I, Mitch Gibbs, will Lori Allen the ability to memorize her one-act play lines correctly.

I, Diane Mulkey, will David LeBlanc my ability to type.

I, Debbie Nichols, will Cixto Saucedo my terrific mathematical mind.

I, Bobby Phillips, will Bob Flowers my ability to react calmly in a crisis. Also, I will you my coordination.

I, Bobby Phillips, will William Henderson a few extra inches of my height. Now you won't have to stand on a door-step when you take out tall girls.

I, Bobby Phillips, will Matt McKinney and Matt Wilson the ability to speak normally and my love of disco.

I, Tim Bosworth, will Rolf Kinn

my American accent and the ability to speak proper English clearly.

I, Bobby Phillips, will Frankie Walker my great serve, speed, terrific ability to bolley, and my back hand. Good Luck!

I, Teena Barrett, will Ray Torres the ability to stand up in a crowd and let yourself be known without being nervous.

I, Teena Barrett, will Brenda Gray my great personality, charm and most of all, my great beauty. Don't let it go to your head.

I, Teena Barrett, will Lori Allen my engagement ring for whenever you feel the urge to marry.

I, Joel Percifull, will Scot Long my wild nights at Cowboy's and to become a pro at golf as I was.

I, Toni Bryant, will Darren Williams the ability to kiss and to have an active social life.

I, Keith Hunt, will Jose Saucedo the ability to grow taller.

I, Marty Caston, will Kim Caston the power to hold her temper and stay calm.

I, Graves Parks, will Armando Sanchez the ability to keep away from the ball.

I, Jimmy Funderburg, will Rudy Balderas the ability to shoot basketball, including my wormy hook shot.

Methodists Honor Seniors

The United Methodist Women hosted the annual reception honoring the graduating seniors, their families, faculty and friends Sunday evening, May 17, in the Fellowship Hall of the United Methodist Church.

Receiving guests were Mrs. James Herford, UMW president, the Rev. and Mrs. John Reynolds, and Supt. Jimmy Bickley.

Mrs. Jessie Yarbrough registered the 85 guests.

The chosen colors of the senior class, colors of the rainbow, were used on the serving table with appointments of crystal. Presiding at the refreshment table were Leigh Ann Runnion and Martha Bickley.

Others assisting with the reception were UMW members Mrs. R.A. Sadler, Mrs. George Newby, Mrs. Jimmy Bickley, Mrs. Fred Beaty, Mrs. Marvin B. Simpson, Mrs. C.B. Fergueson, Mrs. O.W. Newell, Mrs. Yarbrough and Mrs. Herford.

Dianna Tinkler Is Honored

Dianna Tinkler, valedictorian of the 1981 Senior Class, was one of 27 scholars from 14 West Texas high schools who were honored at the West Texas Scholar Awards luncheon Saturday in San Angelo. The honorees are selected for their academic and civic accomplishments.

The luncheon was hosted by the San Angelo Chamber of Commerce at the Houston Harte University Center at Angelo State University.

Each student received a certificate acknowledging their efforts during high school.

Dianna was accompanied to the luncheon by her mother, Mrs. Roy Tinkler.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Faircloth and Claudine recently spent a week here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A.V. Hughes and other relatives and friends.

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Robert Lee School Bands Are Presented In Annual Concert

The Robert Lee Bands were presented in concert last Thursday evening under the direction of Mary Grace Ray.

The program began at 7 p.m. in the school auditorium with the Fourth Grade Flutophones playing four numbers, "America," "Menuet," "Fun for Four" and "Jova."

The Fifth Grade Beginner Band followed with their selections of "Old MacDonald in Stereo," "Beautiful Spring Waltz" and "Sweet Caroline."

The Sixth Grade Dogie Band played "Theme from Brahm's Sym. No. 1," "Hoedown," "Set of Irish Airs" and "Love Will Keep Us Together."

Selections performed by the High School Steer Band included "The Water Is Wide," "Russian Sailor's Dance," "Semper Fidelis March," "Novena" and "Battle Hymn of the Republic."

Also included on the program was the announcement by Miss Ray of the ten outstanding bandsmen for the year. These were Teena Barrett, Martha Bickley, Debbie Cummins, Bob Flowers, Bobby Phillips, Kenda Rasco, Stan Ray, Douglas Roberts, Leigh Ann Runnion and Frankie Walker.

Miss Ray also recognized the two seniors in the band, Teena Barrett and Bobby Phillips.

After an enjoyable hour of the bands' performances, the audience gathered in the cafeteria for refreshments served by the Band Boosters.

Band students performing included: Fourth Grade: Cody Anthony, Ericka Clendennen, Mistie Epperson, Stacy Griffin, Joel Herring, Raymond Hodnett, Kim Hood, Joe Pate, Scott Ray, Betty Rodriguez, Stephanie Rogers, Johanna Service, Clint Smith, Kathy Tomlinson, Sandy Torres and Sally Ybarra.

Fifth Grade: Flutes--Sherry Bagley, Lori Balas, Kristi Wrinkle and Lucinda Lewis. Clarinets--Wes Hood, Rachel Metcalf, Tracy Hubbard. Alto Sax--Kelly Tomlinson. Cornets--Robert Runnion, Stevie Ebenstein, Curt Gardner and Debbie Bell. Trombones--Randy Gartman and Ricky Herrington. Bass--Jason Herring. Percussion--Claudette Walker and Ray Mecher.

Sixth Grade: Flutes--Mikki Epperson, Gayla Sanders and Bobbie Funderburg. Clarinets--Lin Long, Lee Ann Molinar, Becky Clendennen, Missy Grim and Debbie Flowers. Alto Sax--Kelly Nichols. Cornets--Shane Smith, Tim Garringer, Pammy Millican, Scott Robertson and Noal Smith. Percussion--Jeff Meyers, Isaias

Franklin Rites Held In Angelo

Shelby Franklin Markham, 59, of San Angelo, died at 10:13 a.m. Thursday, May 14, in Angelo Community Hospital.

Services were held at 11 a.m. Saturday in Johnson's Funeral Home Chapel. The Rev. Robert Nickel, of Bellmore Baptist Church, officiated. Burial was in Lawnhaven Memorial Gardens.

He was born Sept. 12, 1921, in Robert Lee. He married Shirley Gilbert on June 22, 1966, in Amarillo.

Survivors include his wife; a daughter, Kryston Markham of San Angelo; a step-daughter, Mrs. Winston Bitner of San Angelo; a step-son, Leon Markham of Homer, Alaska; and a sister, Mrs. J.O. Cochran of San Angelo.

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High School Band: Flutes--Patty Bloodworth and Jana Gartman. Clarinets--Frankie Walker, Kenda Rasco, Debbie Cummins, Sheri Ebenstein, Tracy Pearson, Mary Lara, Rhonda Prentice, Kathy Paden, and Tancie Bell. Alto Clarinet--Melanie Epperson. Bass Clarinet--Carrath Metcalf. Alto Saxophones--Leigh Ann Runnion, Kim Caston, Dana Anthony and Tracie Tomlinson. Tenor Saxophones--Martha Bickley and Teena Barrett. Baritone Saxophone--Sue Ann Millican. Cornets; Stan Ray, Eddie Hood, Douglas Roberts, Jim Herring, John Hinnard, Jim Bob Jacobs, Richard Jacobs, Steven Gray and Dale Hodnett. Trombones--Phil Stephens, Kirby Rasco, Greg Grim, and Randy Stephens. Baritones--Bobby Boone, Larry Palmer, Kevin Johnson and Doug Bell. Bass--Bobby Phillips, Bob Flowers, Garry Palmer and David Hubbard. Percussion--Edwin Smith, Gilbert Abalos, Les Gray, Caesar DeLaPena, Michael Wilson, Heath Gardner and Mike

PERSONALS

Madeline Matlock has returned home after an extended stay in Bryan with her grandmother, Mrs. Ruth Jenkins. Her brothers, Billy Matlock and Mark Matlock of Brady, went to Bryan to visit Mrs. Jenkins, who is recuperating from surgery, and broughther home. Plans are for Mrs. Bill Matlock of Colonial Nursing Home of San Angelo and Mrs. Jenkins both to return to Robert Lee in the near future.

Renea Flanagan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R.L. Flanagan, has accepted a summer position with Phillips Petroleum in Crane. She will be classified as a utility man and will be working in the field. Her plans next fall include work toward a petroleum engineering career, after her enrollment at Texas Tech University in Lubbock next semester.



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Robert Lee High School Athletes Honored At All Sports Banquet

A large number of Robert Lee' elected as this year's recipient. High School athletes were honored at the annual all sports banquet Tuesday night, May 12.

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The program took place at the school cafeteria and those attending were served a barbeque meal prior to the awards presentations and special recognitions.

The Rev. Roy Epperson gave the invoation and Jerry Gibbs welcomed everyone to the banq-

Scot Long presented the 1980-81 cheerleaders Kellye Percifull, Teena Barrett, Lori Allen, Brenda Gray and Amy Percifull and also the cheerleaders for next year, Lori Allen, Kim Caston, Brenda Gray, Amy Percifull and Sheri Ebenstein.

Cheerleader hero Jose Saucedo was presented a gift by Kellye Percifull and Steven Ray presented football sweetheart Kellye Percifull with flowers.

A service award is given each year to a person selected by the coaches for outstanding service to the athletic program. Coach Jerold Epperson presented a plaque to Ronnie Baker who was

Coach Epperson gave recognition to those who participated in the Steer football program: Seniors, Ernie Abalos, Tim Bosworth, Marty Caston, Graves Parks, Joel Percifull, Steven Ray and Jose Saucedo. Juniors, Rudy Balderas, David Caves, Buck Duncan, William Henderson, Rolf Kinn, David LeBlanc, Scot Long, Matt McKinney, Armando Sanchez and Darren Williams. Sophomores, Quint Anthony, Randy Bohannon, Tom Bosworth, Kyle Gibbs, Steve Lloyd, Terry Millican, Paul Ortega, Pat Percifull, Stan Ray, Jamie Sawyer, Scott Stephens, Lupe Torres, and Kerry Don Wrinkle. Freshmen, Gilbert Abalos, Les Gray, Jim Herring, Eddie Hood Gary Naico, Garry Palmer, Larry Palmer, John Page and Jimmy Skinner. Also Manager John Walker.

Coach Ed Poehls presented his basketball players and gave a summary of their accomplishments for the year: Senior--Joel Percifull; Juniors--Rudy Balderas, Bob Flowers, Scot Long, Matt McKinney, Clifton Millican, and

Darren Williams. omores--Quint Anthony, Randy Bohannon, Kyle Gibbs, David Hubbard, Scott Stephens and Lupe Torres. Freshmen--Gilbert Abalos, Eddie Hood, Darryl Mulkey, Gery Naico, Garry Palmer, Larry Palmer and Jimmy Skinner. Also Manager John Walker.

Those who participated in track events were also introduced by Coach Poehls and included Seniors--Tim Bosworth, Graves Parks and Steven Ray; Juniors--Bob Flowers, Scot Long, Armando Sanchez, Darren Williams and Matt Wilson; Sohpomores--Quint Anthony, Tom Bosworth, Kyle Gibbs, David Hubbard, Scott Stephens, Ray Tijerina, Lupe Torres; Freshmen, Jim Herring, Les Gray, Eddie Hood; Darryl Mulkey, Garry Palmer, Larry Palmer and Jimmy Skinner. Also managers John Walker and Paul Ortego.

The golfers were recognized by Coach Epperson and included Senior--Joel Percifull; Juniors--Scot Long and David Caves; Sophomores--Pat Percifull and Jamie Sawyer; Freshmen--Jim Herring and Gery Naico.

Bobby Bolding, who coaches tennis, presented players: Senior --Bobby Phillips, and Junior--Matt Wilson. Also Sue Ann Bohannon, DeeAnna Key and Frankie Walker.

Coach Clyde Dukes presented the basketball girls and also those who took part in the track and field events and commented on the accomplishments of each individual and as a team. Varsity: Mariann Abalos, Martha Bickley, Mary Galvan, Brenda Gray, Dee Anna Key, Amy Percifull, Kellye Percifull, Leigh Ann Runnion, Dianna Tinkler, and Frankie Walker. "B" Team: Debbie Cummins, Sara DeLaPena, Cindy Gartman, Carrath Metcalf, Lupe Munoz, Paula Sanders and Tracie Tomlinson. Managers were Lori Allen, Teena Barrett, Sheri Ebenstein, Suzette Herrington, Mary Lara, Rhonda Prentice, Kenda Rasco and Becky Taylor.

Special Awards were presented by Coach Dukes to Leigh Ann Runnion and Lupe Munoz who went to the state meet in high jump and the 3200 meter run.

Members of the girls track and field were Martha Bickley, Debbie Cummins, Sara DeLaPena, Cindy Gartman, Lupe Munoz, Amy Percifull and Leigh Ann Runnion. Girls Cross Country: Lupe Munoz.

Joel Percifull was named to receive the 1980-81 Steer Award and was presented this honor by Coach Nelson Coulter.

Several other people who were given thanks by the coaching staff included Jimmy Bickley, Ierry Gibbs William H neth Rasco, Gary Williams, Roy Epperson, Mike Fluhman, Jimmy Funderburg, Clifton Millican, Matt Wilson, the ladies of the school cafeteria, Sammie Baker, Susan Blassingame, members of the school board, the faculty, and all the parents for their support and help in backing the sports program.

Coach Epperson, who is athletic director, expressed his special thanks to his coaching staff, Max Anthony, Clyde Dukes, Ed Poehls, Bobby Bolding, and Nelson Coulter and to the coaches wives.

Nelson Coulter gave the bene-

Mr. and Mrs. Buster Bradley of San Antonio visited in Robert Lee Monday renewing old acquaintances. He attended schools here and has Porter family relatives buried here. He inquired of classmates Carrie Service Casey, Ruth Brown, Ruby Roberts, Mitchell Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Sloan Boone, Vic Collett, and Buster Hester.

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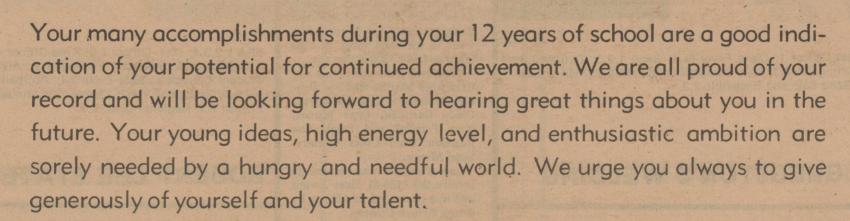
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Robert Lee High School and attended the "Summer Normal", a school especially to prepare prospective teachers for the examination and for teaching.

The young teacher for her first year's work, received a total of \$240, \$40 per month for a six month school. But she paid a total of \$50 for the six month's room and board, good country food. She boarded with the Bob Houston family. There were seven or eight people in a four room

John Stroud, the principal, occupied one room. Jessie, with two daughters of the family, Ruby and Jewel, another. Mr. and Mrs. Houston, another. The fourth room was for cooking and eating and living. The house was of the usual pioneer type - built of 1" x 12" inch "boxing" plank, the cracks between covered by strips of lumber about three to four inches wide, hence the name, "box and strips". There was a porch on the back.

The two teachers and the family never thought about being under-privileged. They kept a state of merriment and happiness going, played pranks on each other. Following the year at Graham Valley, Mrs. Yarbrough taught at Paint Creek and continued yearly going to college during the summer, graduating from San Marcos. After her graduation, schools for the year had about all been taken, but she was employed to teach at Iolanthe, with 12 pupils, just over in Sterling County west of the Cedar Hill community which now is ranch land west of the gas plant.

"From the Texas Natural plant up on the hill I suspect you could look over and see where Iolanthe was. I walked 2 or 21/2 miles to school, and I remember the

weeds were pretty heavy on that. I boarded with some people named Boswell, and Mr. Boswell cut a trail for us to walk through the broom weeds."

We are quoting now from a taped conversation in the Ulmer Bird home Sunday, August 6, 1978. I asked at this point, "Had you ever given thought to getting a bicycle?"

"No, I didn't have a bicycle. That's one thing that brings to mind my youth because I don't suppose there ever was a personespecially a girl, who grew up that wanted a bicycle any worse than Jessie did. I'm telling you, I wanted a bicycle; but I couldn't have one, so I just never did learn to ride one.

"After that, I thought, 'Well, I'm just going to ride one, and after that maybe I'll still get one'. When I was teaching at Lowake, I went out on a picnic with a family that lived there. The mother in that family was riding a bicycle. She got her clothing somehow hung, got dumped, and broke her leg, and after that I lost my enthusiasm, and was just plain afraid to try it.

"As I remember, the 12 students at Iolanthe were in about four or five different grades. That was easily handled. But in a one-teacher school you have 20-25 pupils and have all the grades-have to get them all in-you don't have but about 10 minutes for each class."

Mrs. Yarbrough and I discussed in this taped one-hour interview the one teacher school in which education started in Coke County and the rest of the frontier. The citizens did not wait for counties to be formed and bonds to be issued, but as soon as there were a few families settled down, they pitched in together and built a school, often donating their time and raising the money among them. The school house was also a community meeting place and nobody raised a fuss if hymns were sung and the gospel preached in the same building.

Jessie Newton Yarbrough in her record-setting career of 48 years in the school room bridged two eras from the hand made, citizen-enterprise communitybuilt one-room school to the modern school systems, presiding as teacher, principal, and sometimes care taker of these schools at Valley View, Paint Creek and Graham Valley in Coke. Iolanthe in Sterling, and. with her husband, teacher at Lowake in Concho County, then in the Robert Lee, Amarillo, and Lakeview systems, retiring from Lakeview in 1957.

One of three articl Newton Yarbrough's life, career, and contribution to the life of Robert Lee, Coke County, and

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STAN RAY

Stan Ray Named Area President

Stan Ray, son of Dr. and Mrs. Phil Ray, Robert Lee, was elected by delegates for the schools in Area II, to serve as area president for next year. The Area II FFA Convention was held in San Angelo, Saturday, May 16.

Seven FFA members, elected II president.

at their respective district meetings, were candidates for Area II President. Stan will be in charge of all Area II FFA activities held next year. Stan has served as a chapter officer and district officer, before being elected as Area

Trailer Meet Held In R-Lee

"A good time was had by all" when the occupants of 20 trailers brought their vehicles to Robert Lee County park for a meeting from Wednesday through Sunday. The group was the Big Country Unit of the Airstream WBVVI Club.

Early arrivals enjoyed a steak cookout Wednesday evening and a pot luck supper Thrusday evening plus many games. The rally began Friday; with registration, games, shopping, golfing and visiting. Friday evening's program was a salad supper and a program by Mrs. Pauline C. Barron of Robert Lee. Saturday was a beautiful day with a pancake and sausage breakfast and barbecue, beans and trimmings for supper. Bingo was the evening entertainment.

The Sunday morning program was coffee cake and coffee and a devotional by Rev. John Reynolds, pastor of the First United Methodist Church.

Visitors included Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Harms of Springtown, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Barron, Mr. and Mrs. J.T. Stewart of Robert Lee and Mrs. Adell Merritt of

Members attending were: Mr. and Mrs. Emmitt Askins, T.S. Thomas and Bill Grimmitt of Snyder: from Abilene were the R.J. Joneses, J.C. McDearmans and Bill Timmens and son, Kevin: also Mrs. Mildred Sawver of Ballinger; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Theis, Colorado City; Lon Hughes, Hamlin; Harold Copeland Megargel; Mr. and Mrs. Oral Davis, Rising Star; Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Lagow, Coleman; V.J. Coleman, Ackerly; J.K. Bradshaw, Springtown; Rudy Kubena, Hermleigh; Mr. and Mrs. Warner Johnson and Harold Clark, Brownwood; the Roy Reeders, Fluvanna; Edd Hamiltons, Bryan; and A.J. Roe Jr., Robert

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During a business meeting Mrs. A.J. Roe Jr. was nominated president for 1982.



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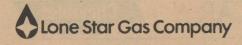
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Congratulations were extended

to Carol Fenton for completing

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into the sorority, and to Evelyn

Flanagan for accepting the vows

of pledgship for the Ritual of

Jewels of Beta Sigma Phi.

Founder's Day 50th Anniversary

This year's anniversary of Beta Sigma Phi was something extra to celebrate because it marked the Golden Anniversary of the sorority. Members have worked this anniversary year to extend the hand of friendship to community women and to enjoy to the fullest extent the opportunities for personal growth that Beta Sigma Phi offers every member.

Alpha Kappa Pi members and their husbands celebrated Founder's Day May 2 in the new Recreation Center in Robert Lee.

Mistress of ceremonies, Beth Prather, opened the celebration and called on members to carry out their responsibilities for the opening: pledge of allegiance, Jeanette Jacobs; opening ritual, Gay Sawyer; grace, Phelan Wrinkle.

After a buffet dinner, prepared by the members, Beth Prather welcomed the guests, including members' bands; Evelyn Flanagan, a new AKP pledge; and Delight English, a former mem-

The program followed: review of the year, Dianne Simpson; message from international, Betty Mathews; founder's day pledge, Dolores McCabe; installation of officers, Beverly Bell.

New officers for 1981-82 include: president, Beth Prather; vice president, Dwala Casey; secretary, Dianne Simpson; treasurer, Jeanette Jacobs.

The program continued with presentation of awards by Beverly Bell: girl of the year, Gay Sawyer; man of the year, Bob Boone; program of the year, Dwala Casey; perfect attendance, Jeanette Jacobs, Beverly Bell; Jo Runnion; Dianne Simpson, Mary Bessent, Dwala Casey, Phelan Wrinkle, Beth Prather and Nell Hines. Presentation of scrapbook was by Linda Boone; secret sister gifts, Nell Hines; and closing ritual, Jo Runnion.

Members said the evening program was enjoyable and they are ready to begin a new year of service, social and cultural

75 YEARS AGO

By Joan Davis

Dear Mr. Editor,

Although I am fond of our little burg, we must continue to forge ahead with our committments to school and church activities. There are those in this town who fall woefully short of their duties in this area, some living less than one mile from either and never have darkened the doors. No wonder we are called "rabbit twisters". It makes me tired everytime I hear the name. We must be more progressive and share the plow of responsibility for social and cultural change. - A subscriber.

Clerk Barnett issued a marriage license this week to Tom Norfleet and Miss Bennie Reed, both of Silver.

Messrs. H. and P. Fletcher have bought near Sweetwater at the new railhead. They will move and erect a broom factory direct-

Born to Mr. and Mrs. C.M. Barger of Edith, on the 20th, a daughter.

Lost - a fob chain and fob last Sunday between B.F. Tubbs and Sons store and my residence. The fob has engraved on it my name, Charlie. Finder will be justly rewarded by leaving it at the City Drug Store. Charlie Coulson.

Sam Whitaker and Jim Shook had a misunderstanding on the streets one day last week in Bronte, which resulted in Mr. Whitaker being stabbed in the shoulder.

Senior Trip Was Fun-Filled **Vacation For Class Of 1981**

One of the highlights of the year for the 1981 Senior Class of RLHS was a trip to Durango, Colo., during the spring break. The class spent five days, on the

They departed from Robert Lee at 4 a.m. on April 12 and returned at 10:30 p.m. on April 16. Accompanying the seniors were their class sponsors, Dorothea Helen Wright and Jerold Epperson; also going along as chaperones were Susan Blassingame and Clyde Dukes.

The seniors stayed in condominiums at the Tamarron resort area. The trip was highlighted with two days of skiing and one day of shopping in nearby Durango. On their last night 13 members went out to eat at The Crystal Palace, one of the fanciest places in Durango. While there, they went swimming and participated in other activities.

Members of the Class of '81 wish to thank each and everyone who helped make this trip possible through your support and donations.

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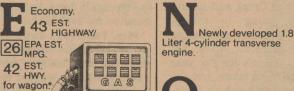
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 25. Bumper rub strips
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 27. Assist grip above each passenger door
 28. Console with rear ashtray and coin holder.
- 29. Plastisol* lower body stone-chip protection
 30. Color-keyed seat and shoulder belts
 31. Color-keyed carpeting
 32. Extended front seat track

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 34. Cigarette lighter and ashtray lamp
 35. Glove compartment lock
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Mrs. Theodosia Snead 100 Today It's Time to

Mrs. Theodosia "Mammy" Snead will be 100 years old Friday, May 22. A resident of West Coke County Nursing Home since April, 1971, she will be honored there with a birthday party especially dedicated to her. Although she is in very frail health now and unable to visit with her family and friends, "Mammy" has been a joy to all who ever knew her.

The daughter of Dr. and Mrs. David Sloan, she was born Theodosia Sloan on May 22, 1881. In 1916, she became acquainted with a widower with six children. Theodosia and John Snead were married in Hill County in December, 1916. Mrs. Snead immediately moved to Coke County with her new family and made them her life. The children were J.C., Iva, Ethel, Douglas, DeWitt, and Joe Long.

She loved every minute of her farm life and although she had no children of her own, had a full-time job with caring for a farm home, sewing, canning, and preserving. Children, grandchildren, and visitors loved her stories of her childhood and way of life of the past. Many of her favorites involved a well-loved black woman who cared for her as a child; hence her own name, "Mammy" to the youngsters in her family.

Family and friends recall her sweet disposition and calm manner of accepting whatever came her way. Mrs. Snead had a humorous way of presenting a story and knew many early day tales. Always starched and clean, she wore her white, curly, wispy

hair twisted on the back of her Spray Pecans head, wearing her wedding rings pinned to her clean, flowered

Mr. Snead passed away in 1956 and for several years Mrs. Snead lived with relatives due to her failing eyesight. Later poor health dictated that she take a room in the nursing home.

Still living are three sons, J.C. of Robert Lee, Douglas of Bronte, Joe Long of Roscoe, and numerous grandchildren, and great grandchildren.

"Mammy" has had a long, productive happy life.

News from West Coke Hospital

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

May 12: No admissions. Oma Lewis dismissed.

May 13: Iva Bell admitted. No dismissals

May 14: Dola Wood, Doris Payne admitted. John Hodnett

May 15: Waymond Robertson, Mark Hambright admitted. James Phillips dismissed.

May 16: Jamie Meyers admitted. No dismissals.

May 17: La Dair Sherrill admitted. Dola Wood, Doris Payne, Mark Hambright, Jamie Meyers dismissed

May 18: Una Walton admitted. No dismissals.

By Sterling Lindsey **County Extension Agent**

The pecan crop in Coke County looks very good at this time. We are hoping we can make this statement again in September.

During the past week spot checks have been made for the pecan nut casebearer, the insect that tunnels into the nutlets at stages during the growing season. Based on what we have found, the optimum time to spray to control the first generation of casebearers will be this weekend - May 22 to May 25.

Because of the cool nights we have been having, we expect the egg lay and hatch to be spread out this year. We would suggest a first application May 22-25 then a second spraying in the period May 28 to June 1. Egg lay by the casebearer moths has been lightin Coke County so far. But down state, in most counties, the infestation is heavier than normal. We could still have a buildup in Coke County. The second spraying would give protection against the late hatching

The casebearer makes a complete cycle in about 42 days. We can expect the second generation of casebearers to hit between July 10 and July 15.

The spray materials recommemded for use in controlling casebearers are sevin, malathion and Zolone. Use one of the three materials and add zinc sulfate or NZN to your spray solution to combat rosette in your trees. Pecan trees need several applications of zinc each year to (1) make desired growth and (2) to produce a good crop of nuts.

During the last two or three years a new disease called sticky shuck or stem end blight has plaqued pecans in most of Texas. This causes black shinny spots on the shuck and the nut does not fill out or fills out improperly. Often the nut sticks on the tree, staying in the shuck. To control sticky shuck, you must spray during the water stage of development. Usually this will be between July 20 and August 5. About July 20-25. I would cut into a few nuts. If they are full of water, and you have been bothered with sticking nuts, spray your trees with benlate or benomyl.

Soil Stewardship Week Planned

Soil Stewardship Week will be held nationwide this year May 24-31, according to Joe Rawlings, chairman of the Coke County Soil and Water Conservation District

Since 1955, Soil Stewardship Week has been recognized in millions of churches and schools across the nation. It is designed to focus on the nation's natural resource problems and to consid- Pageant Assn. er ways to solve them.

"This country must, at whatever cost, maintain the capacity of the land to produce food and fiber." cites the National Association of Conservation Districts in its booklets for the 1981 observance. NACD sponsors Soil Stewardship Week in cooperation with the nations 3,000 soil and water conservation districts.

"With our own population at 220 million and growing and with many regions of the world depending on the United States to supplement their food supply, the need to maintain our productive capacity becomes increasingly apparent," according to

This year's event focuses on

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Coke County Park

at the Recreation Center

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"Society's Pressure Points" as its theme and covers such topics as soil and water conservation, urbanization, and loss of prime farmland.

Information for the 1981 observance of Soil Stewardship Week is available from many soil conservation districts.

Asking for Bids

The Pageant Association is advertising for bids for concession stand operators.

Bids are to give association what is to be served as food and drink, and what percent to be given to the association.

Bids shall be mailed to COKE COUNTY PAGEANT ASSOCIA-TION P.O. Box 26, Robert Lee, Texas 76945.

Bids will be open at 3:00 p.m. June 15, 1981.



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