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Robert Lee, Coke County, Texas (76945), Friday, Nov. 27, 1981

Postmaster Ray Shandley Retires

Rav Shandley, Robert Lee postmaster has retired after 32 years of postal service. Ray began his postal career in the Odessa post office Aug. 11, 1949.

He was a city mail carrier and drove a parcel post delivery truck there. Ray was appointed temporary rural carrier in 1954 and began the first rural route in Odessa. He carried a mounted

Flower Sak Open House Sunday, 1-6

The Flower Sak. Robert Lee's newest business, has opened up just in time for area residents to do their Christmas shopping at the unique shop. Located on Austin Street in the completely renovated building which formerly housed Key Feed Store, the firm carries a complete line of floral and gift items.

The owners, Joan and Ara Burns, have set up an open house date for Sunday afternoon from 1 to 6 when they invite everyone to come by and inspect their new store.

There will be a drawing for two \$50 gift certificates and free refreshments will be served during the afternoon.

The owners say the "Flower Sak is overflowing with Christmas gift ideas" and they would like for everybody to come by and see what they have to offer

RLHS Makes **Clean Sweep Over Loraine**

Robert Lee High School basketball teams traveled to Loraine last Friday night and took three lopsided victories from the hosting Bulldog teams.

The girls A team overwhelmed Loraine by shellacking them 81-35. Leigh Ann Runnion made a big 28 points to lead the scoring; Frankie Walker had 14; Martha Bickley 8; Cindy Gartman 7; Mary Galvan 6; Sara De La Pena 6; Debbie Cummins 6; Amy Percifull; Tracie Tomlinson 2.

The boys A team was almost as inmerciful, as the Bulldogs were shattered by a score of 74-32. Quint Anthony was high pointer with 22 big ones; Darren Williams had 13; Lupe Torres 10; Kyle Gibbs 9; Bob Flowers 9; Scot Long 7; Terry Joe Millican 2; Matt McKinney 2. The boys B team didn't pour it on quite as strongly, but they did win by a comfortable 46-30 margin. Kirby Rasco was high pointer with 16; Jimmy Skinner 14; Bobby Boone 8; Larry Palmer 4; Eddie Hood 2; David Rodriguez 2. The RLHS teams were scheduled to play Talpa Tuesday night, but the report will have to wait until next week, due to early publication of the Observer. No games are set for Friday night because of the Thanksgiving holidays. On schedule for Tuesday, Dec. 1 are games at Forsan for the girls A team and the boys A and B teams, beginning at 5 p.m. Robert Lee teams will be in the Bronte tournament the weekend of Dec. 3, 4 and 5.

city delivery route for two years. Ray transferred to Robert Lee post office where he became a clerk March 1, 1955, when Mrs. J.S. Gardner retired. He served as a clerk until Postmaster Hugh Lewis retired Oct. 12, 1973. Ray served as officer in charge until he was commissioned postmaster Jan. 5, 1974.

Ray and Doris Hamilton, a native of Robert Lee, were married Nov. 14, 1947 in Plains. They have two sons, a daughter, and four grandsons. Their children and their families are: Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Shandley and Michael of Odessa, Mr. and Mrs. Lane Shandley. Lance and Lynn of Robert Lee, and Mr. and Mrs. Stephen (Beverly) Moseley and Logan of San Angelo.

Roy is looking forward to enjoying several of his hobbies. He oil paints, plays guitar, enjoys fishing and camping, and of course, entertaining grandchildren.

WTU Seeking **Raise In Rates**

West Texas Utilities Company has filed for a general increase in its retail rates, citing inflation, high interest rates and an essential major construction program as the reasons for the action.

Bob Boone, local manager in Robert Lee, said the application is a systemwide request for higher rates. Simultaneous filings were made in incorporated towns which have retained original jurisdiction over electric rates and with the Public Utility Commission of Texas for customers in unincorporated areas and in towns which have ceded jurisdiction to the PUC.

Robert Lee is one of eight municipalities in WTU's service area which chose last year to yield jurisdiction and ask the PUC to analyze their rate cases. The city may, however, take part in any hearings involved in the case

WTU filed October 15 with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for a rate increase to wholesale cooperative and municipal customers.

The proposed rates would produce an increase in total revenue of \$32,256,983. This amounts to 15.4 ner cent based on adjusted revenues of \$209,402,398 for a 12-month test period ending September 30, 1981.



Ray Shandley

Dawn Floral Open House Set Saturday

kick off the 1981 Christmas season Saturday with an open house for all friends and customers. Everyone is invited to come by between the hours of 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

business, has issued an invitation to everyone to drop in and inspect the many Christmas gift items she has in stock. There will be Christmas for just about everyone on a gift list, Mrs. Millican said.-

She will also have some refreshments for visitors and will ask everyone to register for two door prizes which will be awarded late in the day.

Mrs. Millican carries a complete line of flowers and plants for all occasions, in addition to the many gift items. She is a member of FTD and can send flowers to most any place in the world when her customers want to provide something special for their friends and family.

Mrs. Millican said she will be glad to see everyone at the open house on Saturday.

Stover Taylor Appointed As Successor To Auditor Fikes

Stover Taylor of Bronte has had. The appointment was made Friday of last week by 51st District Judge Earl W. Smith. Veteran auditor Fikes has held the position for 26 years, since 1955. However, his service to Coke County began five years earlier when he was elected county clerk, giving him a total of 31 years of service to the county. Judge Smith met with the Coke County Commissioners' Court to make the announcement of his appointment. He said, "This appointment in no way reflected on the qualifications of other applicants, but Mr. Taylor appears to have extremely good qualifications.' Taylor is the manager and principal owner of H.S.L. Taylor & Co., Inc., a clothing manufacturer in Bronte. He said Monday night that no decision has been reached as to the future of the firm, but he is hopeful a solution can be worked out which will allow the firm to continue opera-

Santa's Visit To RL Is Huge Success

said this week that the visit of Santa Claus last Saturday was a big success. He had plenty of candy to give a generous helping to all the kids, due to the generosity of businesses and individuals who footed the bill for

Sorority members also considered the raffle of the Christmas tree skirt a success and want to thank everyone who made a donation for a ticket. Proceeds

RL to Observe Thanksgiving

Most business firms and offices in Robert Lee will be closed Thursday in observance of Thanksgiving. A few convenience stores in town and in the Lake Spence area will remain open to serve their customers.

Some places will also be closed Friday, providing a four-day weekend for employees. Included are offices in the courthouse, the city hall, Coke County Appraisal District office, West Texas Utilities Co. and the Robert Lee Observer.

The U.S. Post Office and Robert Lee State Bank will take only Thursday as a holiday, and most other will be open for business as usual on Friday morning.

Your Robert Lee Observer is coming to you early this week and probably some news items were missed in the hurry-up schedule. Perhaps these items can be carried next week.

Members of Alpha Kappa Pi from the project will be presented to the West Coke County Ambulance Fund. Mindi McCabe of Water Valley was the lucky winner.

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The ladies issued a special thanks to the Robert Lee-Silver Lions Club for the use of their building during Santa's visit and to Bascom Chesney and Winton Milliff for judging the children who dressed up in costumes to meet the special visitor. "Beautiful singing was provided by the Community Singers," they said, 'to add a special touch of the Christmas spirit to the arrival of Old St. Nicholas."

AKP members plan to provide crocheted miniature Christmas wreaths to be used as tray favors on Christmas Day at the West Coke County Nursing Home and Hospital.

The sorority had a November meeting in the home of Jeanette Jacobs. An information program was presented by Beth Prather on "Career and Marriage." The members voted to have a Christmas party Dec. 5 at the Old Rec. Hall.

Leon Russell is making a good recovery at home after being released last Friday from Angelo Community Hospital in San Angelo. He underwent surgery on his right eye last Thursday morning, made necessary by cataracts.



Jr. Chapter Team Going To State

The Robert Lee FFA was well represented in Area II FFA Leadership Contests at Big

Taylor said his main considerabeen appointed to succeed Coun- tion in applying for the auditor ty Auditor Weldon Fikes, the first job was to get into a line of work and only auditor Coke County has which would permit him to get away from making long road trips which are necessary in the operation of his clothing manufacturing business. He said he felt he owed it to his family to do away with the trips which are required in his present business. His wife is a teacher in Bronte School and they have three young children. The clothing manufacturing firm was started by the late C.R. Smith and his wife, Mozelle. They sold out to the Taylors in 1970. The firm has grown since its beginning, when the main part of the business was making blouses under the name of Joni-Lvnn. The business has expanded into other lines and now employs at least 14 seamstresses.

Spring, Saturday, Nov. 21. The Junior Chapter Conducting Team, composed of Michael Wilson, Phil Stephens, Heath Gardner, Douglas Roberts, Greg Grim, Kirby Rasco, John Hinnard, Darren Williams, and Richard Jacobs, won the contest and qualified for State FFA Leadership competition to be held at Sam Houston State University at Huntsville on Satur.

Sue Millican, owner of the

Dawn Floral in Robert Lee will

the candy.

WTU requested that the new rates become effective Jan. 1, 1982. Boone said that a rate increase granted WTU last year 'did not get the job done.'' That increase was for an average of 8.3 per cent and was only the second in the Company's entire history.

"The relief you granted us has been overrun by inflation and high interest rates and the need to build additional facilities," he said.

Growth in demand for electric energy, caused by a steady increase in new customers and higher usage by old customers, is forcing WTU to expand its facilities.

WTU's newest power plant was completed in 1977, and since then the summer peak demand

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tion in Bronte.

Auditor Fikes said Monday night that he is looking forward to working at least part of the time at his farming and ranching operations. His resignation takes effect Dec. 31 and Taylor will take over Jan. 2, since Jan. 1 is a holiday.

day, Dec. 5.

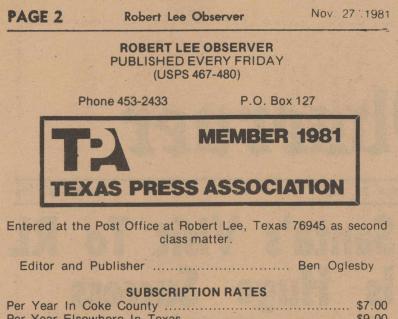
The Senior Farm Skill Team, composed of Eddie Hood, Brant Robertson, and Gery Naico placed second in area. The Senior Chapter Conducting Team, composed of Scot Long, Quint Anthony, Stan Ray, Scott Stephens, Kyle Gibbs, Terry Millican, and Joey Millican placed third in Area II.

The Area II FFA Leadership Contests are held for the first place district winners throughout the seven districts in the area. State competition is for the 10 area winners in the seven leadership contests.

Sid Long is advisor and coach of the FFA teams.

LIONS SELLING TICKETS

Members of the Robert Lee-Silver Lions Club will hold their drawing for \$50 worth of groceries on Dec. 15. All Lion members have tickets available for a \$1.00 donation.



Any reflection on the character or standing of any person, firm or corporation is not intended and will be corrected upon notification.

West Coke EMS News Notes

The West Coke County Ambulance Service wants to welcome a new volunteer to its ranks. Darryl Pitcock who is an EMT has agreed to assist us on ambulance runs.

The Volunteers also want to let everyone know that we have some of the good sausage we sold last year. The sausage will cost \$6.50 for a three pound box of the pre-formed sausage patties. Those of you who bought some last year will remember how good this sausage is. Call 453-2275, 453-2241 or 453-2584 with your orders.

The volunteers with the Ambulance Service has also agreed to sponsor a Medical Explorer Post

FFA Teams Place High At District

The Robert Lee FFA Chapter's Leadership Teams won four first places, two second places and a fifth place in Concho District FFA Contests held in Wall, Wednesday, Nov. 18.

Teams winning first were the following: Senior Chapter Conducting - Scot Long, Quint Anthony, Stan Ray, Scott Stephens, Kyle Gibbs, Terry Millican, and Joey Millican; Junior Chapter Conducting; Michael Wilson, Phil Stephens, Heath Gardner, Douglas Roberts, Greg Grim, Kirby Rasco, John Hinnard, Darren Williams, and Richard Jacobs; Senior Farm Skill - Eddie Hood, Brant Robertson, and Gery naico; Extemperaneous Speaking - Stan Ray.

Teams winning second place in

for Robert Lee. This Boy Scout supported activity is co-educational and organization of the post has been completed. More information regarding the post will be available at a later time. but all high school students (age 14.20. freshman on up) are invited to participate. Activities will include an overview of the types of careers available in medicine and fun events as well. We certainly hope that all high school students who are interested in this area (or who think they might be interested) will get involved. Gaylon Pitcock, an EMT with the volunteers, will serve as post advisor.

As you know the volunteers are very proud of the new ambulance which the citizens of this area purchased for our use. It proved the worth of purchasing an ambulance which could accomodate more than one patient on a recent Sunday. The volunteers were working with one patient from an accident when another accident occurred. The volunteers were able to place both patients in the same vehicle, transfer one to Shannon and one to Angelo Community Hospital and, as the volunteers noted, were actually able to give the patients good care during their time in the ambulance. We have asked throughout the fund raising efforts for you to HELP US HELP YOU and this really proved it. Our thanks again to everyone who participated in the fund drive and to those organizations which are continuing to assist us in this effort.

Lake Spence



Yolanda Martinez and Ricardo Tijerina

Martinez-Tijerina Vows Set For December 5 In San Angelo

Mr. and Mrs. Crisanto D. Martinez are announcing the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter. Yolanda, to Ricardo Tijerina. The couple will be married Saturday, Dec. 5. in St. Joseph's Church in San Angelo.

Miss Martinez attended Christoval schools and is a secretary for Strike It Rich Stores, Inc., in San Angelo.

Tijerina, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Pedro L. Tijerina of Robert Lee, attended Robert Lee High School and is employed by American Well Service in San Angelo. Following their marriage, the couple will be at home in San Angelo.

LUNCHROOM MENU

Monday, Nov. 30: Fish krispies with tartar sauce, macaroni and cheese, English peas, hot rolls with butter, milk and peanut chocolate clusters.

Tuesday, Dec. 1: Beef tacos with cheese, lettuce and tomato salad, chopped onion, corn, milk and peanut butter brownies.

Wednesday, Dec. 2: Pinto beans, turnip greens, potato salad, cornbread with butter, milk and peach cobbler.

Thursday, Dec. 3: Vegetable

BETTY PRINCE NOW A DESIGNATED CTA

Betty Prince has been designated as a Certified Texas Assessor by the board of directors of the Institute of Certified Texas Assessors, the professional organization of the Texas Association of Assessing Officers.

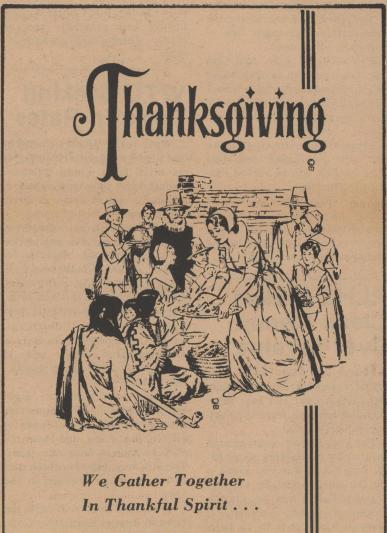
Achievement of this "CTA" designation represents years of work and study. There are only 388 active Certified Texas Assessors in the State of Texas, and this designation is recognized by the legislature of the state, the State Property Tax Board and the Board of Tax Assessor Examiners.

The objectives of this institute 'are to develop the profession of assessing, establish and maintain standards of performance and provide education for its members.

DRUG, ALCOHOL COUNCIIL MEETS IN ROBERT LEE

The board of directors of the Sweetwater Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse held a bi-monthly meeting Nov. 22 in Robert Lee.

Members discussed present legislation and future funding for the alcohol and drug problem. Also, a report was made on pamphlets that are to be distributed for the "Holidays Ahead" campaign. Ten members were present.



To meet with family and friends... to express our thankfulness for the many good things of life ... these happy customs began with the first Thanksgiving Day. And may they long continue! At this season, it's our favorite custom to extend our thanks and best wishes to our friends and customers. To all of you, a happy, hearty Thanksgiving!

District are the following: Farm Radio - Jim Herring, Scot Long, and Terry Millican; Junior Farm Skill - Bobby Boone, Doug Bell, and Harold Jameson. The FFA Quiz Team composed of Maribel Torres, Rosa Baideras, Caesar De La Pena, and David Rodriquez placed fifth.

The teams winning first place completed in Area II Leadership Contests on Saturday, Nov. 21, in Big Spring, at Howard College. (See related story elsewhere.)

Fishing News

PAINT CREEK MARINA

Bud Windham, Garland Norman and Max Wise, of Odessa, 1 striper, 28 lbs. 1 oz., perch on trotlines.

SKINNY'S HILLSIDE

Charles B. Hedges, Big Spring, 2 stripers, 25 lbs. and 6 lbs., 10 channel cat up to 9 lbs.

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Friday, Dec. 4: Chicken pot pie, combination salad, buttered corn, hot rolls with butter, milk and peach half.

PADEN GETS ARMY COMMISSION

Olen E. Paden, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jammie Paden of Robert Lee, has been commissioned a second lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force upon graduation from Officer Training School at Lackland Air Force Base, at San Antonio.

The lieutenant was selected through competitive examination for attendance at the school.

Paden will now go to Reese Air Force Base at Lubbock for training.

His wife, Kathleen, is the daughter of retired Air Force Col. and Mrs. A.M. Dodd of Llano. The lieutenant is a 1981 graduate of Arizona State University at Tempe.



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MYSTERY LION--This kid's not ever going to get a handout unless he learns to turn over his hand. Do you think he has learned yet? See next week's Observer for the identity of this mystery Lion for November.

4-H Gold Star Winners Feted In San Angelo

West Central Texas recipients of the hard-won 4-H Gold Star were feted in San Angelo Nov. 19.

In addition. Nathan Donsky, longtime San Angelo civic leader, businessman and jeweler, was honored as the 1981 "Friend of 4-H" in the West Central District of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

The Gold Star is the highest honor to be earned on the county level in the vast Texas 4-H program. The recipients were guests today of West Texas Utilities Company.

The Gold Star 4-H'ers honored included Frankie Walker, daughter of Mrs. Ralph Walker and the late Mr. Walker, and Douglas Roberts. son of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Roberts.

RL Firemen Answer Calls

Robert Lee Volunteer Firefighters answered a call last Wednesday evening at 4 p.m. At that time they extinguished a grass fire five miles out of the city limits on the Sterling City highway.

Firemen were called to a second blaze Thursday morning at 2:40 o'clock, also on the Sterling City highway. A spokes-



LOOK WHO'S NEW

Andrew Wayne Blair was born at 4:04 a.m. Saturday. Nov. 14. in the Winters Hospital. He is the new son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Blair of Bronte. The baby weighed 8 pounds. one ounce.

Andrew Wayne has two brothers and two sisters. Gary, age 9, and Michael who is $2\frac{1}{2}$, Julie. 7, and Kim. 5.

Grandparents are Rev. and Mrs. M.E. Stephens of Monahans and Mr. and Mrs. Dave King of Robert Lee.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Percifull of Sonora are parents of a son Jared Scott, born Sunday, Nov. 22, at Shannon Hospital in San Angelo. He weighed 6 pounds, 2 ounces. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Frank Percifull of Robert Lee and Mr. and Mrs. Dale Thompson of Bronte. Greatgrandparents are Mr. and Mrs.

Hadley Richards of Robert Lee, Mr. and Mrs. L.B. Thompson of Temple, and Mr. and Mrs. J. Wenderoth of Witzenhausen, Germany. The baby's greatgreat-grandmother is Mrs. Ed Hickman of Robert Lee.

A new arrival in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Craig of Abilene was their first child, a daughter, Anslee Brenea. Born in Hendrick Memorial Hospital in Abilene at 3:36 p.m. last Wednesday, Nov. 18, she weighed 7 pounds. 2 ounces and was 20¹/₂ inches long.

Proud grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Gerald McCasland of Big Spring, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Rutherford of Fort Worth, and Mr. and Mrs. James Craig of Robert Lee.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed McCasland of Big Spring, Mrs. M.L. Prichard, of Odessa, and Mrs. Vera Harris of Robert Lee are the baby's great-grandparents.

Kevin Allen is the new son of Mr. and Mrs. J.B. Teters of Ballinger. He was born Monday. Nov. 16, in the Shannon Hospital in San Angelo at 3:45 p.m. Weighing 6 pounds, 9 ounces, he is 19¹/₂ inches long.

Welcoming the new member to their family is a sister, Terri Michele, 4 years old.



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man for the department reported a truck loaded with furniture and household goods was severely damaged by a fire unknown origin and the owner's name and destination were not available at this time.

Mr. and Mrs. Travis Allen of Denver, Colo. are spending this week in Robert Lee visiting her father, Calvin Wallace, and other relatives and friends.



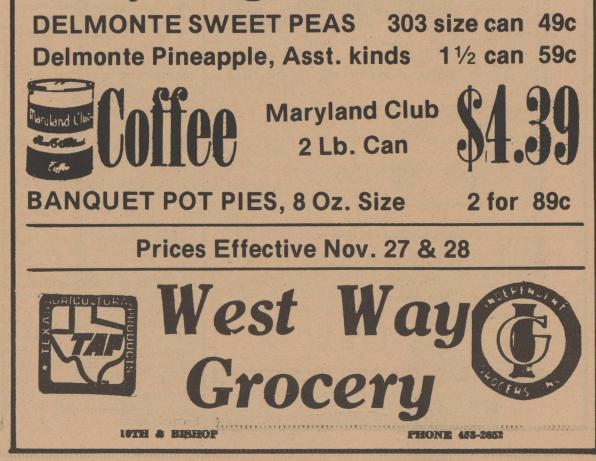
1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month - 7 p.m.

LIONS CLUB COMMUNITY CENTER parents are Mr. and Mrs. Truman Hines of Robert Lee.

HAS HIP SURGERY

Mark Chumley received a broken hip in a fall at his home last Thursday. Alone at the time, he was helped into the house by his neighbor, O.G. Kennedy. He was transferred to St. John's Hospital in San Angelo by EMS ambulance. After having hip surgery Friday morning to replace the hip joint, he was removed from ICU to his room on Saturday and is resting comfortably.

Visiting in the Chumley home are the couple's two daughters. Mrs. Dwain Leonard of Big Spring and Mrs. K.C. Collier of Spring.



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Jan Frazee and Billy Matlock

Jan Frazee And Billy Matlock To Marry Dec. 5 At Bronte

Miss Jan Elizabeth Frazee and William T. Matlock III will exchange wedding vows on Saturday, Dec. 5, in the First Baptist

WIND ENERGY FOR PUMPING WATER

In most areas, wind machines are not yet economical for pumping water if another means is available, says an agricultural engineer with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M University System. Without electricity or an enginepowered pump, however, a windmill is the best way to pump water for home or livestock use. However, irrigation generally requires a higher pumping rate than a multi-blade farm windmill provides. Modern wind turbines are being tested in combination with electric pumps to provide "wind assistance" for irrigation.

Church in Bronte.

Parents of the couple are Mrs. Virginia Frazee of San Angelo and Mrs. William T. Matlock Jr. of Robert Lee.

The bride-elect attended schools in Bronte and San Angelo and is employed by the Roadrunner Grocery in Robert Lee.

The prospective bridegroom is a 1978 graduate of Robert Lee High School and is employed by Union Texas Petroleum in Silver. The couple plans to make their

home in Bronte



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Alton Fischer of Runnels Coun-

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cotton harvest would be finished

in most of that county shortly

The Rowena Company has so

far ginned about 3.350 bales

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good. Production is between one-half and three-fourths bale

around 3.500 bales of cotton

produced at the Veribest Gin up

to Thanksgiving week. "Some of

the best irrigated cotton has

averaged up to 1³/₄ bales per

cotton buyer, has purchased an

average of 1,500 bales of cotton

per day in the last several weeks.

Top quality cotton brought about

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Pete Ewald, San Angelo based

Jeschke reports

Everytime I drive back into San Angelo from a road trip, I see cotton strippers--three or four to a field--working into the night hours in the flats in the Concho Valley. All those lights give the appearance of a busy airport.

According to agriculture writer, Scott Campbell, dryland production in the San Angelo area is averaging from one-half to threefourths bale per acre. He reports gin operators consider quality to be extremely good, but prices continue to remain depressed at press time.

Steven Hoelscher, who farms near Wall and in the St. Lawrence valley near Garden City. says cotton production is up considerably this season on both the irrigated and dryland farms.

"Cotton stripping in the St. Lawrence area is about half finished." said Delmar Batla. manager of St. Lawrence Gin Co. Batla stated his firm has ginned about 5,400 bales.

Batla confirmed Hoelscher's statement concerning irrigated cotton. He said the yield is about one bale per acre. Dryland cotton is averaging about the same at St. Lawrence, as the San Angelo area--from one-half to threefourths bale per acre.

Farmers appear to have a wait-and-see attitude about marketing their cotton. Prices remain in the low and depressed stage and everyone is hoping conditions will improve.

Bill Helwig estimated the Mereta Co-op has ginned nearly 8.000 bales of cotton. He says the quality is good, and production is generally about two-thirds bale per acre on dryland. He says the crop is the best he can remember since the late 1960's. Some cotton is being sold over the Co-op's Telcot tube system and prices are averaging between 53 and 55 cents per pound.

RIFLE SCORES

Members of the Coke County 4-H Rifle Club tried their hand at shooting in a practice session Nov. 21 with the following results:

1. Kim Caston 72; 2. John Walker 70; 3. Claudette Walker 66; 4. Scott Henson 62; 5. Christy Sowell 58; 6. Kerri Bilbrey 41: 7 Vicki Ellis 34; 8. Marla Shields 33: 9. Gary Blair 31: 10. Jennifer Robinson 16; 11. Warren Brasher 16.

rage quality averaged near 52 ents per pound It sunny weather continues this

week, many machines and gins will not shut down during the Thanksgiving holidays. For the rest of us. let's hope for a day of feasting and relaxing

STOCKER GAIN CONTRACTS

To get the most from forage produced by small grain crops. producers may want to consider grazing stocker cattle under a gain contract, which can provide some price insurance. Before entering such a contract, though a producer needs an accurate estimate of his costs so that he can determine the price needed per hundredweight of gain to make the agreement profitable. says an economist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. Texas A&M University System. In addition to gain contracts. producers can consider grazing owned stocker cattle until small grains play out or grazing them for a shorter period and then harvesting small grains for grain or hav

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EDITORIAL

Thanksgiving week is a very good time for all of us to have some serious thoughts about just how thankful we are for the friends and neighbors we have in our little towns and the surrounding countryside. We have so much for which to be thankful, and we are so dependent on each other

Business firms in Robert Lee and Bronte would find it impossible to exist without the patronage of our friends and customers in town and country. Farmers and ranchers could exist without the townspeople, but it would be terribly inconvenient. Stores and other businesses in our two towns render a real service to folks who live in the rural areas. Of course, they could go into bigger and more distant towns for a spool of thread or a jug of milk, but that would be costly and time consuming.

Citizens of the county who are engaged in industry also need the business and agricultural sectors to make good communities, just as they are needed by businessmen and farmers. This is particularly true of the oil industry, which means so much to Coke County.

In short, we need each other and are dependent on each other for the good life we all enjoy.

It's regrettable that new tax laws of the State of Texas have done more to bring divisions to our people than anything in recent years. This is not good, for we need to reason together on this matter in order to solve it equitably and for the best interest of all citizens and the taxing entities involved.

Many of us are angry with our schools, our county, our cities and other tax-supported bodies for what many taxpayers feel are unacceptable inequities. Most of all, the citizens of the county are down on the Coke County Tax Appraisal Office and its officials. Many citizens have spoken of what they thought were highhanded and inappropriate actions by appraisers and others connected with the tax office.

We are not suggesting for one minute that Coke County taxpayers relax their vigilance or their aims toward getting taxes assessed fairly and equitably. Certainly that is a right that we have in this great country, any time we have a legitimate complaint.

However, we have heard of instances where taxpayers have taken out their wrath on individual members of boards or governing bodies

Jan Elizabeth Frazee

and

William J. Matlock 111

invite you to share in their joy

as they exchange marriage vows and begin their new life together on Saturday, the fifth of December nineteen hundred and eighty-one at ten o'clock in the morning First Baptist Church

Bronte, Jexas

Reception following

Jim Herford is adult leader for the rifle club.

VOLUNTEERISM--A PART OF AMERICA

Volunteerism is rooted in the history of America and today remains a strong force for social progress. A major user of volunteers is the Cooperative Exten sion Service at the federal and state levels which is responsible for conducting informal educa tional programs in agriculture home economics, and community and youth development, notes a 4-H and youth specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M University System. Volunteers work hand in-hand with county Extension agents in the conduct of these programs. In Texas this year. some 63,000 volunteers have been involved in Extension activities, including 22,000 in 4-H programs. Willing the second second

of our schools, county, cities, etc.

These persons are serving us as best they can, with no pay, and personal vendettas which nail them to a cross of personal financial loss and loss of friendships should not enter into this matter.

We should be able to disagree without being too terribly disaggreeable. As was stated above, citizens should be able to stand up and state their cases, if and when they feel justified in complaining about the way things are coming up. That's the beauty of democratic government in schools, counties and cities.

Free elections allow us to elect governing trustees, directors, etc., and we should use this electorate process to continue to keep a firm hold on the institutions which use our tax money for their operation. Tax supported institutions should never be allowed to forget that they are supported by the people, that they exist for the people, and they are deadbeats of no use unless they serve the people well. Any other reason for their existence in a democracy has no place and should not be allowed to continue for one more day. Public officials whose salaries are paid with tax money, who don't see their duties in this perspective should be removed at the next election.

Dictatorial, unresponsive officials who believe in "big brotherhood" have no place in our society -- on a local, state or national level. It's all too obvious that we already have too many little self-serving people in big places in our government at all levels, who feel they have inherited some sort of divine right to make decisions on how things should be run. All too often, it seems, their decisions are unfruitful in producing results, plus being terribly wasteful of taxpayer dollars.

We are thankful in 1981 that we have hope that conditions are going to be looking up. Let us work together to iron out our differences, heal our wounds and achieve solutions which are fair to everyone.

Most of all, let us simply be thankful for the wonderful place we have to live during this 1981 Thanksgiving season.

Liability Insurance A Must For Texas Drivers After January 1st

Beginning Jan. 1, 1982. Texas drivers contacted by Department of Public Safety officers during traffic stops and vehicle accident investigations will be required to furnish proof of compliance with the new compulsory liability insurance law.

Under House Bill 197. an amendment to the Safety Responsibility Act approved this vear by the Texas Legislature. all drivers must carry minimum liability coverage for medical expenses of \$10.000 per person (\$20,000 for two or more persons) and property damages of \$5,000.

Colonel Jim Adams, DPS director, said troopers will accept as evidence of insurance coverage the policy for the vehicle being operated or a document issued by the insurance company.

"Such a document must contain a statement that the liability coverage for the motor vehicle is the minimum prescribed by the law." Adams said. "The document must also include the name of the insurance company. name of the insured person, policy period and policy number. This document may take the form of a letter or a card, depending upon the preference of the insuring company."

Adams pointed out that DPS troopers will be enforcing the provisions of this law along highways and rural roads.

"Local police officers and sheriff's deputies also have the authority to request this information from drivers." the DPS director said. "I am sure most law enforcement agencies in our state will also be enforcing this statute in their respective jurisdictions."

Drivers who do not maintain the specified coverage risk being fined at least \$75 for the first offense and a minimum \$200 for subsequent violations. In addition, a conviction under this new law will result in the suspension of the violator's driver license and motor vehicle registration unless the violator establishes and maintains proof of financial

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Adams also said vehicles which are to be used in the driving test by new driver license applicants must be covered by the minimum liability insurance specified by the law. Applicants will have to certify on the license application that the minimum coverage is in effect for the vehicle before they will be permitted to take the driving test.

The DPS director predicted that more Texans will obtain the required liability coverage when the new law goes into effect.

"Current figures show that approximately 74 per cent of the drivers involved in accidents carry liability insurance." Adams said. "This indicated that a substantial number of people must secure the required coverage or face the possibility of heavy fines and loss of driving privileges."

Out-of-state, governmentowned and self-insured vehicles are exempt from the insurance requirements of the new law. However, drivers of self-insured vehicles will be aksed by DPS officers to produce evidence of self-insurance at accident scenes and traffic stops.

FISH FARMING A COMPLEX BUSINESS

Because both capital require ments and risks are high in the fish farming business. experience, prior planning and professional expertise are important. contends a fisheries specialist with the Texas Agricultural Ex tension Service. Texas A&M University System. In establishing a new catfish farm. major concerns should include financing, physical features of the production complex, source of fingerling catfish. feeding, processing market fish, marketing and management. The initial capital outlay will run about \$5,000 per acres, and annual production costs will average about \$3.300 per acre. Production must average at least 2,500 pounds of fish per acre (at \$1.50 a pound) to make a profit--about \$400 per acre

CORRECTION

The ad in last week's paper for The Flower Sak stated that two \$25 gift certificates would be given at the Sunday open house of the new Robert Lee firm. The ad should have said that two \$50 gift certificates would be given. Joan and Ara Burns are being twice as generous as was stated in their ad: We apologize for the mistake.

CORRECTION

It was reported incorrectly in last week's Observer and Enterprise that the tax rate for the City of Robert Lee had been set at 27 cents per \$100 valuation. Mayor Robert Vaughan stated that the rate should have been 25 cents per \$100.

We are sorry for the error, and will be glad to run corrections for any other taxing bodies who have a lower rate than was reported.

West Coke Hospital News

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

Nov. 17: No admissions. Hollis Ensor dismissed.

Nov. 18: No admissions or dismissals.

Nov. 19: Rosa Ybarra admitted and Bessie Walker dismissed.

Nov. 20: No admissions or dismissals.

Nov. 21: No admissions or dismissals.

Nov. 22: Manuel Reyes and Mike Davis admitted. No dismissals.



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CONTINUOUS RANGE BRUSH CONTROL

Once you start a range brush control program, you'll likely have to keep it up or reinfestation will result. notes a range brush and weed control specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. Texas A&M University System. Fall and winter is a good time to control brush to improve rangelands. Mechanical methods include chaining and grubbing while chemical treatments include kerosene, diesel, 2,4,5-T and pelleted or granular herbicides applied around the base of the brush species.

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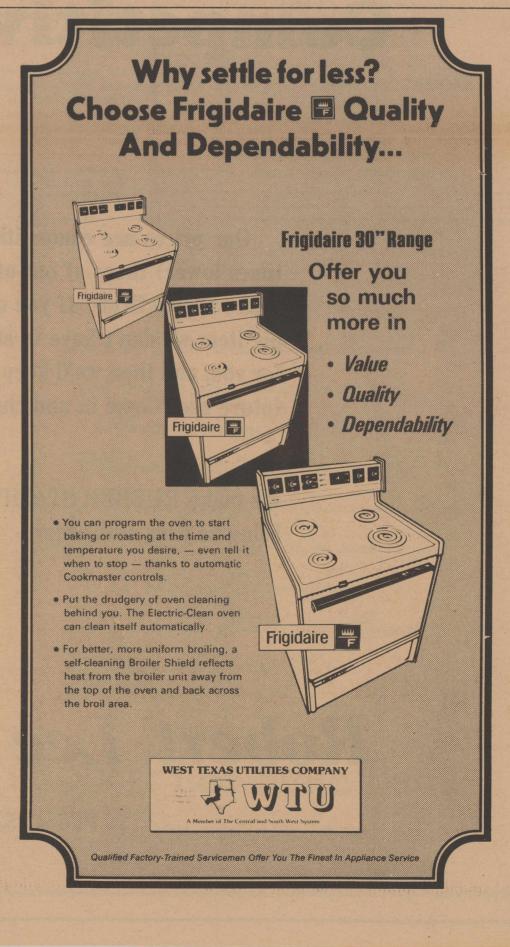
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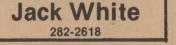
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Robert Lee Independent School District is accepting bids until December 17, 1981; at 8:00 p.m. when bids will be opened for a heavy duty 1/2 ton, a light 3/4 ton, and/or heavy duty 3/4 ton pickup. Specifications may be obtained at the school superintendent's office. Phone 915-452-2612. 2TC

ART SALE- Sat. Dec. 5th 8:00 a.m. Landscapes in oil by Billie Barrett- ranging in sizes 3x6 to 24x30. Price range \$2.00 to \$75.00. Also two easels, largewind chimes, some other gift items. Noah's & Billie's Art Shop & Novelties, 210 E. 1st St., Robert Lee. 46-1tc

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Mt. Creek Golf **Club News**

The annual ABC Turkey Shoot golf tournament was played on the local course last Saturday in beautiful West Texas autumn weather. An excellent turn out of 38 players, with several San Angelo golfers participating, played the tourney.

Winning turkeys for their holiday meals were three teams of players. First place was won by the John Stuart. Jake Jacoby. Horace Scott. and Rossman team with a 66 score.

Second and third places were won on a play-off after both teams shot a 68. John Heck, Red Smith. and Carl Cummings held on for second place and Dennis Weaver, Bill Blair, Mike Colwell and Adam Trevino took third place.

This was the last planned ABC tournament on the season's schedule but others might be organized later.

In other November golf news. Roy Epperson recently shot a hold in one. Playing with him were Robert Vaughan and Bob Boone, who vouched for the rarity.

"Discussion: a method of confirming others in their **Ambrose Bierce** errors.'

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woolen coats or in bags of sweaters for winter storage. Helps prevent moth damage and adds a nice spicy fragrance.

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WTU SEEKING -

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has grown to a point termed "uncomfortably close" to the system generating capacity.

The current construction program includes a coal-fired power station at Oklaunion, near Vernon. Although ownership of this plant will be shared by two sister companies in the Central and South West Corporation, Oklaunion will be the most costly project ever undertaken by WTU.

So far, WTU has lagged well behind most of the industry in increasing its rates. A recent report from the Public Utility Commission shows WTU's rates to be second lowest in the state among investor-owned companies and fifth lowest among all utilities.

Under the proposed rates, an average bill for basic residential service would be increased by 19.1 per cent. For example, a residential customer using 600 kilowatt-hours per month would pay \$40.95, compared to \$34.39 under the present rates---a difference of \$6.56. This would include fuel costs.

Energy awareness reduces monthly bills

COLLEGE STATION — Turning off the lights when you leave a room for more than three minutes saves money, say experts at the Center for Energy and Mineral Resouces at Texas A&M University.

That is one of the tips offered in "Texas Energy," the center's monthly consumer publication. Among the suggestions to help renters save energy and reduce utility bills:

- Major appliances account for 20 to 30 percent of all energy used in the home. Energy can be saved by lowering the thermostat on the hot water heater, as well as by insulating the heater tank and the hot water pipes, the publication says.

- When washing dishes in the sink, fill the sink and plug it instead of letting water run constantly. If using a dishwasher, stop the machine before it gets to the dry cycle and let dishes dry in the air. Run the dishwasher only when full.

- A four-minute shower uses less water than a bath. A flow restrictor attached to the shower head can cut water flow from eight gallons a minute to two.

When cooking, preheat the oven for only five minutes or not at all, says the energy publication. For oven-cooked eals turn heat off for the last 10 minutes. Boil or heat on the range with a cover on the food to save a third of the energy normally used.

Former Coke Resident Dies

Funeral services for Lorean DuPree Prine, 74, of San Angelo were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday in Johnson's Funeral Home chapel. Rev. Billy Simmons of Our Savior's Church officiated and graveside services were conducted at 3:30 p.m. in Sanco Cemete-

Mrs. Prine died at 12:43 p.m. Sunday in Shannon Hospital in San Angelo.

She was born June 13, 1907, in San Angelo, the daughter of William Dayton and Rachel Custer DuPree. She was married to Duke Monroe Prine Feb. 21, 1932, in San Angelo. He preceded her in death July 12, 1976. The family lived at Sanco for several years, then moved to San Angelo where she lived the rest of her life. She was a housewife.

Survivors include one daughter, Doris Killam of San Angelo; two sons. William Heard and Duke Monroe Prine, both of Kerrville; one brother, Vernon DuPree of San Angelo; two sisters, Lola Rutledge and Stella Lively, both of San Angelo; six grandchildren and two greatgrandchildren.

Prine Funeral Held Tuesday

Funeral services were held on Monday, Nov. 23, for Gerald (Jake) Allen, 53, of El Paso. Rites were conducted at 2:30 p.m. in the Chapel Hill Funeral Chapel in El Paso with burial following in Ruidoso, N.M.

Mr. Allen died Saturday at 3 a.m. of a rare form of cancer.

Son of the late Verna and Orville Allen, he was born and raised in the Silver community.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Lou of El Paso; one daughter, Pam, also of El Paso; three sisters, Ruth Phillips of Dalhart, Cora Bell Fauvin of Fort Worth, and Alberta Vanderland, of Fort Worth; and one brother, Buster Allen of Corpus Christi. He was preceded in death by a brother, Alvin Allen, last month.

Mr. Allen was a nephew of Mrs. Curtis Walker of Robert Lee.

EFFECTS OF ALCOHOL ON STRESS, OCCUPATION

Alcoholism is a destructive form of stress control and a menace to the work industry, says a health education specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M University System. An est 10 percent of adults in the United States have a drinking problem, and alcoholism costs the job industry about \$40 billion annually. Alcoholics drink to "tune out" self-doubt and ease challenging work pressures. Supervisors and co-workers should help the alcoholic in an effort to relieve these pressures.

Tips On Your Teeth

Each year, hundreds of people contact The Dental Society of the State of New York to find out what kind of dental specialist they should go to for care.

According to Dr. Edward Whalen, Dental Society president, there are eight areas of dental specialization besides the general practitioner. He offers the follow ing "dictionary of dental specialties"

Orthodontics is the science of tooth and oral structure development. The or thodontist treats problems counsel and guidance to the replacing missing natural related to irregular dental development, missing teeth, and other abnormalities in order to establish normal the causes, diagnoses. prefunctioning and appearance.

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Good oral hygiene is important to the prevention of tooth decay and an attractive set of teeth.

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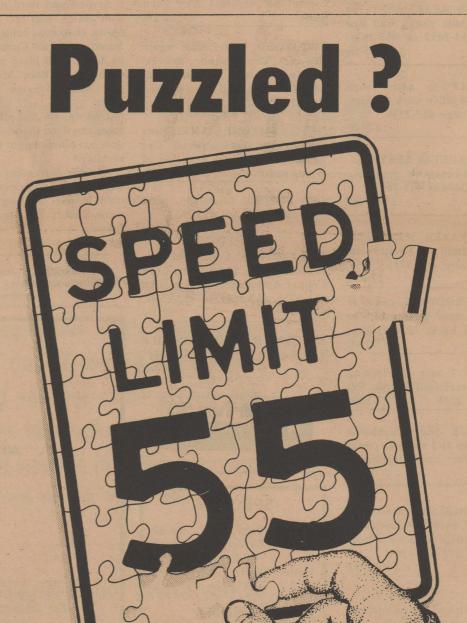
Pedodontics is limited to seases, injuries and defects the treatment of children, in the jaws and associated adolescents and young adults whose dental development

Periodontics is the scidiseases of the mouth, a ence of diseases which afstudy of their causes, pro- fect the oral mucous mem- checkups are the best ways cesses and effects. The oral branes, as well as other to prevent problems before pathologist may not neces- structures which surround they start, says Dr. Whalen.

other specialists who do teeth and associated structure with fixed or removable

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Speed increases the severity of injuries when a crash occurs, and often causes tension. So slow down, relax...and ENJOY TEXAS.

(a message from this newspaper and the Troopers of the Texas DPS).