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RLHS Basketball Tangle with Teams from Roby, Sterling City

Robert Lee High School's basketball teams have made two road trips during the past week, playing Friday night of last week at Roby and Tuesday night at Sterling City. In the five games played Robert Lee won four and lost one. They began district play at Sterling City.

The girls B team played first at Roby and won their game by a margin of 36-31. Carol Longoria was top scorer with 17; Carrath Metcalf had 11; Yolanda Torres 4; Melanie Epperson 2; Tina Bower 2.

The girls varsity team, who are accustomed to winning, lost to the Roby girls by the narrow margin of 52-50. Leigh Ann

50 YEARS AGO

About 5:45 Sunday morning, all of Coke County got a light shakeup by a small earthquake. No damage to property was reported, but everybody agreed the window weights danced, and the beds quivered.

W.F. Jackson, of Oklahoma City, 90 year old kid, is visiting his son, W.S. Jackson and family this week.

Friends, I am going to begin delivering milk Sept. 1, night and morning, 5c per single pint and 7½c per quart. My cows are T.B. tested as ordered by law. I have leased a place for five years and intend to stay in business. I would appreciate your trade. Walter McDorman.

Jack alias Everette Wilson is now in the county jail. He pled guilty to a charge of theft of gasoline from a county tractor from Precinct #2 in court Monday. Punishment was assessed at three days in jail.

My, how they do play croquet these nights here in the old hometown, everybody wants to be champ and gosh, how they do play for it! John Gardner and W.H. Maxwell think they're just about it. Walker McCutchen and W.A. Clark know they are. I.G. Puett and Bumbles brings up the rear while B.M. Gramling and Chig Brown takes the game. Judge Arnold walks around with a mallet in hand and a cood of Brown Mule in his head, ready to take the champ for a game. The ladies enjoy playing some too, and watching the men argue points in the book of rules, that none of 'em ever seen.

Now come on, Bud Jones and take pity on us, cause we sure are hungry for a good old juicy watermelon and we don't like to hear / bullets buzzing around when we eat 'em. Blue Jay and Red Wing.

Jr. High Girls Down G-City

Garden City Junior High girls came to Robert Lee Monday night of last week and were soundly defeated 35-12. Jana Gartman was top scorer with 18; Missy Grim had 11; Lin Long 4; Sue Ann Millican 2.

The Dogie teams are scheduled to play in the Bronte Tournament this weekend and they will travel to Veribest Monday of next week.

Runnion led the scoring with a big 20; Frankie Walker and Martha Bickley each had 10; Debbie Cummins 6; Amy Percifull 2; Sara De La Pena 2.

The Robert Lee boys varsity team had a real squeaker but came out on the top side of a 49-47 score. Scot Long was high man with 16; Darren Williams was barely behind him with 15; Quint Anthony 10; Lupe Torres 4; Bob Flowers 4.

STERLING CITY GAMES

Robert Lee girls were unmerciful Tuesday night when they defeated Sterling City 70-29. Runnion was high pointer with 19; Walker had 16; Bickley 14; Percifull 11; Cummins 6; De La Pena 2; Mary Galvan 2; The girls now have a 1-0 record in district play and 20-2 for the season.

The Steer varsity team romped on Sterling City 51-44. Anthony was top scorer with 13; Long had 10; Torres 10; Flowers 6; Williams 6; Rasco 4; Gibbs 2. Record is 1-0 in district and 16-5 for the season.

The boys JV team downed Sterling City 43-40. Individual scores were not available.

Boys and girls A teams will play at Garden City tonight (Friday) and will host Boys A and B and girls A teams from Water Valley Tuesday night.

Johnsons To Celebrate 50th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Scottie R. Johnson of San Angelo will be honored Jan. 16 and 17 on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary. An informal family party will be held in Barracks No. 8 at Fort Concho on Saturday, Jan. 16, at 5:30 p.m. On Sunday afternoon, the 17th, there will be a reception at the San Angelo Country Club.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnson were married in San Angelo, Jan. 18, 1932. The couple have been life-long residents of San Angelo. Mrs. Johnson is a private piano teacher and still retains a number of students. Mr. Johnson retired as manager of Hemphill-Wells several years ago after a number of years in that capacity.

Hosting the family gathering at Fort Concho on Saturday will be their children, Judy and Tommy Shook, of Robert Lee, Donna and Jerry Johnson of San Angelo, and a sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Marion Parker of Houston.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnson are the grandparents of Kevin Johnson, Amy Johnson, and Rachel Shook of Robert Lee, and Melissa and Scott Johnson of San Angelo.

NIECE DIES

Mrs. Opal Crabb attended funeral services in San Angelo Tuesday in Robert Massie Riverside Chapel for her niece, Mrs. Frances Pauline Goolsby, 51, of San Angelo. Burial followed in Lawnhaven Memorial Gardens.

A lifetime resident of San Angelo, Mrs. Goolsby died Sunday afternoon after a long bout with cancer.

Robert Lee Area Hit By Cold, Snowy Weather

Coke County, West Texas and most of the nation have been gripped all this week in unusually cold weather. Temperatures dropped to about 5 degrees early Monday morning for a low that doesn't come too often in Coke County. The chill factor was well below zero.

It looked as if the weather might moderate some Tuesday, but about the middle of the afternoon a new cold front blew in and again the mercury dropped quickly. Some sleet fell between 9 and 10 p.m. Shortly after midnight snow started falling and a white carpet covered

Caution Urged In Trash Fires

Caution is urged by the Robert Lee Volunteer Fire Department in burning trash or garbage, or any fire-related activities, as seasonal high winds and dry foliage present a hazard.

Robert Lee firemen were called out about 7:30 p.m. Monday to fight a grass fire on the Davidson ranch located on Loop 2059 about two miles north of the intersection with Highway 158, near Pecan Baptist Church.

The fire apparently started when a highline wire broke. Cold weather evidently caused the wire to become taut and pull from its sleeve, falling into dry grass and weeds. The flames were extinguished in about an hour by firemen and neighbors who gathered quickly at the scene. The fire was confined mostly to a turned out field, but threatened the ranch house for a time.

Firemen had already answered another call to a grass fire in Saturday's high winds. The blaze occurred along the drainage ditch on Highway 158 one mile south of town.

Mrs. Betty Blay and Miss Bert Ashe of Abilene, visited over the weekend with Mrs. Russell T. McBroom and Marilyn.

Commissioners' Court Meets

Coke County Commissioners' Court met Monday in regular session and had a fairly short agenda.

Business transacted by the commissioners included:

* Passed an order to pay precinct officials on a salary basis rather than a fee basis.

* Set salaries of county and precinct officials and employees as budgeted at previous meeting.

* Judge D.W. Sims reported that the contractor who had been asked to construct a ramp into the courthouse would be unable to do so. The ramp is being constructed to meet federal guidelines for public buildings to be accessible to the handicapped. A small ramp from the street to the sidewalk in front of the courthouse will be built and a larger one will lead into the front entrance of the building. Judge

everything Wednesday morning when residents looked out.

By early afternoon Wednesday, it was reported that snowfall in the area amounted to as much as 8 inches in some places. Most reports, however, claimed the snowfall to be about 6 inches. The snow early Wednesday morning was dry and powdery, but by noon big wet flakes were swirling through the air.

As early as last Sunday, disagreeable weather was going through Coke County. High winds and blowing dirt bothered area residents all day and dropped the chill factor to below zero.

Most of the rest of the nation has been locked in the deep

HOLIDAY GUESTS

A.V. Hughes had all of his children and grandchildren as holiday guests recently. Coming from out of state were Mr. and Mrs. Bill Varnadore, Clay and Clint of Nicholson, Ga., and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Faircloth, Claudine and Lorraine of Fayetteville, Ga. Also visiting were Mr. and Mrs. Rick Whitaker, Mandy and Becky and Mr. and Mrs. Mark Newman, all of Odessa, and Jane Hughes of San Angelo.

12 Make All-District Band

On Saturday, Jan. 9, 40 high school and 13 6th grade band members from Robert Lee traveled to Hardin-Simmons University to try out for the High School and Junior High All-District Bands.

After competing with students from schools in A, AA, and AAA, 12 Robert Lee High School Band members made the All-District Band for Region II for Classes A, AA, AAA. They were:

Kenda Rasco-1st Chair-Clarinet, Tracy Pearson-12th chair-Clarinet, Becky Clendennen-14th chair-Clarinet, Sheri Ebenstein-17th chair-Clarinet, Debbie Cummins-23rd chair-Clarinet.

Melanie Epperson-2nd chair-Alto Clarinet, Carrath Metcalf-1st chair-Bass Clarinet, Leigh

freeze all week. Staggering amounts of snow, high winds and cold temperatures sent the chill factor down to 100 degrees below zero in Minnesota and to a minus 86 at Chicago. Millions of dollars in property damage was blamed on the bad weather, and a number of deaths were attributed to exposure to the bitter cold.

SCHOOL IS OUT

School was turned out in Bronte and Robert Lee Tuesday and Wednesday, as Lone Star Gas Co. became worried about a shortage of fuel for residences. A number of other area schools, including San Angelo and Eden, also were dismissed. However, plans were being made to resume classes Thursday. West Texas Utilities Co. asked its customers to conserve electricity by using only appliances, etc., that were really necessary.

Weather forecasters were predicting that some relief from the winter storm would arrive Thursday and things should start thawing.

Up until this cold spell, winter had been slow about coming, but this week has more than made up for all the nice days in December and the first part of January.

Ann Runnion-6th chair-Alto Sax, Dana Anthony-2nd chair-Tenor Sax.

Stay Ray-12th chair-Cornet, Douglas Roberts-14th chair-Cornet, and Bob Flowers-3rd chair-Tuba.

Alternates for the band from Robert Lee were: Lee Ann Molinar-Clarinet, Rhonda Prentice-Bass Clarinet, Martha Bickley-Tenor Sax, and Bobby Boone-Baritone.

After competing with the junior high students from Class A, AA and AAA (some of them 9th graders, not in a high school band) five 6th graders from Robert Lee made the Junior High All-District Band. They were:

Tracy Hubbard-13th chair-Clarinet, Stevie Ebenstein-13th chair-Cornet, Randy Gartman-12th chair-Trombone, Jason Herring-3rd chair-Tuba, and Claudette Walker-5th chair-Percussion 1.

Sherry Bagley made alternate for the flute section.

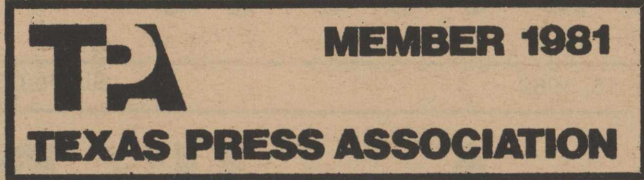
The All-District Bands will rehearse Friday, Feb. 5 and Saturday, Feb. 6 at Hardin-Simmons with a grand concert of both Junior High and High School All-District Bands on Saturday night, Feb. 6. It will be open to the public and at Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene.

Miss Mary Grace Ray wishes to express thanks to all who tried out, saying, "Just getting the nerve to go in and try out in front of two judges is the battle. The reward comes from playing in a band that is composed of the best band students from our region in Class A, AA, and AAA schools. I'm very proud of all who made the bands."

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Mrs. McBroom Writes About Trip to Guadalajara, Mexico

by Chanda McBroom

This morning we returned to Guanajuato for breakfast at a hotel facing the plaza and a trip to the mercado for some leather goods.

Our next trip was to the "Museo de los Muertos"--the mummies. Chella chose to visit the stalls of merchants around the parking lot, as she had no desire for the gruesome sight. And gruesome it really is. The mummies are wired upright in cases all along the wall. It would have been much more interesting if I could have understood the guide, but he talked so fast I wouldn't have understood if he'd been talking English. He seemed to be telling about the individual mummies, because he would point to different ones as he talked, and I could catch a few words, such as indio (Indian) soldado (soldier) or Mujer (woman). One was an infant about the size of a 12" doll that they claim is the smallest mummy in the world. Some mummies were dressed, but most were not: some had hair, even beards; one had been scalped.

There is a burialground in the courtyard of the museum where bodies are stored in crypts as long as the family of the deceased pays the rent. The story is, that if the rent is not paid, the bodies are removed. If the body has mummified, it is then added to the mummies inside for public display. It seemed that the guide was telling that, but he talked very fast and my Spanish isn't that good, so the story is unconfirmed.

Our return to Zapotlanejo was uneventful.

Nov. 23 - Today was washday. It was also cold, and the house has no heat, so I just stayed under my electric blanket until about nine. By that time the temperature had risen considerably. I stayed at home and did the hand washing while Foy took the big stuff to the washateria in Zapotlanejo.

Zapotlanejo covers an area about the size of Robert Lee, and boasts a population of 20,000. Every block has houses joined together around the block, usually with two or more stories. Homes and stores are in the same building, and any yards they may have are in the center of the block. Sidewalks are too narrow for two people to walk abreast. Is it any wonder, then, that when evening comes they all gather at the plaza? There's usually music or dancing or speeches.

Foy and Chella live out of town. They have a large yard with room for a garden. Their

house has a living room, dining room, kitchen 2 bedrooms, a bath, and 2 large porches. In their back yard is a little house that would probably fit in one of their bedrooms. It houses a family of five, with no indoor plumbing. I suppose that to Victoria, Foy's house is "muy rico". The fact that electrical outlets are almost zilch, that the shower runs water all over the bathroom floor, and there is no hot water in the kitchen are items of no importance. Of course in this climate there is no need for air conditioning, and in the early morning one can wear more clothes! (winter temperatures may get down into the 30's at night, but it never freezes, and warms up quickly after the sun comes up.)

Chella got off work at noon today, so we picked her up, ate lunch at a sidewalk cafe, then drove to the canyon north of town. I don't know how big the

canyon is, but as we were flying over it on the way down here, the airline passengers were comparing it to the Grand Canyon. The highway to Zacatecas crosses it by going 12 miles down. At any rate, it is a beautiful canyon with waterfalls higher than Niagra, tho admittedly much smaller.

It was so cold last night that my feet stayed cold all night, even with the socks Chella lent me to sleep in. It will be nice to be in a lower altitude tonight, as these Mexicans don't ever heat their buildings!

Just a word about these Tarascans. They were a very fierce tribe that the Aztecs were never able to conquer: their features are more oriental than most Indians; their houses were made of wood, even to split-wood shingles; their roofs are very steep and even seem to curve almost like pagodas. When the Spaniards decided to take them over, they sent governors to Pzcuaro who literally butchered hundreds of Tarascans, but failed to subdue them. Then Vasco de Quiroga, a judge in Mexico City, retired from his job, became a priest, and asked to be sent to the Tarascans. In time he conquered with love the fierce people who had successfully resisted two great military powers. Everywhere there are monuments to this great man who did so much for the people.

It was near Tzintzuntzan (Seen-sun-sahn) that we saw the first ancient ruins. It seems that they call all of them pyramids, although the ones I saw were not pyramidal.

Tzintzuntzan is noted for its production of straw objects. That is where I got my souvenirs. Not only could I afford them, but I didn't mind carrying them.

From Tzintzuntzan we passed through Quiroga and Morelia, then turned north through hilly terrain to Salamanca. We were down out of the pines now, and back in the land of pepper trees, organ-pipe cactus, and prickly-pears as big as trees. One tree that intrigued me was the casa-

juate. Most of them were almost devoid of leaves, but were covered with white flowers.

Farther north was Irapuato, the strawberry capital of the world. Here all the roadside stands offered "fresas con crema". I asked them to leave the cream out of mine. I'll take plain strawberries any time.

Out destination was Guanajuato, one of the larger cities of Mexico, and at one time the silver capitol of the world. It was here that many of the revolutions began, because the mineowners were forcing the Indians to work in the mines and actually working them to death. It is here, too, that the natural mummies have been found.

Guanajuato began in the bottom of a canyon and has literally climbed the mountainsides. Now the original street is a tunnel with houses built on bridges across it and with rooms actually hanging to the walls on the sides. In some places higher on the mountain-side the houses are built below the road, so that cars are parked on top of the house and entry is made from the roof.

There was an interesting sidelight on this trip. Foy and Chella had been here before without making reservations, but we were not so lucky. After trying unsuccessfully at several places, we started into a hotel parking lot only to be stopped by a boy jabbering something about "un cuarto" (a room). With great difficulty we gathered that he was telling us there were not vacancies in town due to the fact it was a Mexican holiday and where were several conventions, but he knew of a place about 15 minutes away. In desperation we took him into the car and left town the way we had come in. He directed us to the Balneario de Marquiz de Cuevas, a simply beautiful old French estate that has been converted to accommodate tourists. It was quiet, clean, with plenty of hot water, clean restrooms (not too common in Mexico) carpets, and good beds.

That little boy, Uvaldo Valdez y Sanches, was a real treasure. After returning him and two of his friends to Guanajuato, we ate supper at one of the hotels high on the mountainside overlooking the city, then went back to Cuevas for a good night's rest.

The plant life in Mexico has fascinated me. There are flowers everywhere---everywhere except where we can stop the car to take pictures of them. Poinsettias grow like hedges higher than the houses, and sometimes seemingly in pots on top of the houses. Bouganvillea is in almost every yard. Often adobe huts with straw roofs will be almost hidden by the profusion of bouganvillea, poinsettias, and oleanders. Although this is the dry season, the roadsides were ablaze with wild flowers. One native tree with beautiful large orange blossoms is frequently used in landscaping. Chella tells me that the women hate it, because it constantly sheds its blooms, and they have to clean them up. That reminds me of something else.

Mexican women clean the streets in front of their houses. Not only do they sweep them. They carry bucketsful of water to wet them down whether the street is paved or not. (A few now have running water and use hoses, but most use buckets.) But they don't bother to fill up the chugholes! Also, any vacant lot they seem to consider a fair spot for a trash dump. It seems to me that somebody is always burning trash somewhere.

Nov. 24 - We didn't do much but rest today while Foy Dell recovered from a slight cold. After going to Zapotlanejo for the mail, Foy and I went into Guadalajara for lunch at a big new international shopping mall. We had hamburgers at a Jewish establishment next door to an Arab candy store. The hamburgers were very good, but distinctly different from those you get at home.

After lunch we met Chella at

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her school for a 2-hour Spanish class.

Nov. 25 - We got off to a slow start again today, but Foy and I left early enough to go to Chapala for lunch. Chapala is a resort town some 30 miles south of Guadalajara. Built on a beautiful mountain lake, it is frequented -- and inhabited -- by the wealthy of Mexico, Canada, and the United States. I saw license plates from all the border states plus Washington, Oregon, Colorado, Utah, Nevada, Wisconsin, Illinois, Ontario and Sask. Chapala covers many times the area of Zapotlanejo and boasts 5000 fewer residents. The wide streets are bordered with flowering trees, oleanders, bouganvillea and poinsettias. It boasts a yacht club, wide sandy beaches, and beautiful homes--not to mention all the hotels with signs in both Spanish and English.

Foy Dell and I spent so much time in Chaoala that Chella had to ride the bus home from school.

Nov. 26, Thanksgiving Day - Many times I have seen heavy fog, but nothing to compare with that we went through this morning. When we left Zapotlanejo the sun was shining brightly, but within 5 miles there was a patchy fog in the valleys. By the time we started around Guadalajara the fog was so heavy we could only go 5-10 miles an hour and at times not at all, with cars bumper to bumper on both sides of the road. After inching along this way for some time, we heard a train whistle and everybody stopped. The car ahead of us was a shadow. At times the one ahead of it was vaguely visible, but the train remained only a ghostly sound as it passed. When the train was gone and the fog cleared slightly, traffic began to inch along again. About 60 feet farther, we crossed the railroad tracks-- and even the lights of the train had not been seen. In a little while the fog began to burn off, so it was clear by the time we got around town.

It is only about 200 miles from Guadalajara to Puerto Vallarta, but it takes a good 6 hours to drive it. Instead of having tunnels and bridges, this road is up, down, over, and around, usually with only two lanes. It is just a little bit scary going around these curves and meeting trucks or buses trying to pass each other... especially in places where you can look down for a thousand feet.

Our hotel is on the beach, with a balcony overlooking the sea. Foy and I sat up for hours watching the breakers as the tide came in. This is my first time to spend the night so close to the ocean, so it's very exciting to me. The breakers sound like a very gusty wind storm. My mind keeps waiting for a lull, which of course never comes.

Happy Thanksgiving. My fried oysters tonight presented me

with what seems to be a small black pearl. I can hardly wait to have it examined by a jeweler to see if it is any good.

Nov. 27 - Sunrise caught me beachcombing, but all I found was an eel that had been washed up and a few small pieces of shell.

After breakfast we walked to the river. It can't be much of a river. If it were, all those shops etc. that are on an island in the middle of it would be washed away. Nevertheless, it was interesting. I bought a purse that would have saved me nearly \$200., if I'd had it in Tonalá.

For anyone who knows me well, it goes without saying what I did with most of my time. I'd swear the big waves avoided me (they'd come in on my right or on my left, never far away), but after so many hours I did get a little dizzy. But that was probably the sun instead of the sea. I'll never admit that the water did it! However, I will admit that the sound of the breakers made me seasick after I went to bed.

Nov. 28 - Leaving Puerto Vallarta after a leisurely breakfast, we retraced our route to Zapotlanejo. Oh yes, we came through Quemado and Magdalena in that order-- just as they are in New Mexico.

I have forgotten the exact location, but somewhere in the state of Nayarit, near the world's largest opal mines, we stopped to see some ancient Indian ruins that the local people call pyramids. I believe they claim that there are 11 of them, but we only saw five. They really don't look like pyramids, but that may be because they are not fully excavated and we only see the tops. Anyway, one was circular. They call it the temple to the moon. There are two altars on it. The temple to the sun is larger and is square. All the others I saw were rectangles.

The terrain on this trip was even more rugged than that on the trip to Patzcuaro. The canyons were deeper, making the mountains seem much higher, and the growth was progressively more tropical. Near Guadalajara there are fields of corn, sugarcane, and Maguay (the cactus from which tequila is made). Nearer the coast they are mostly replaced by orchards of papayas, guaves, avocados, bananas, pineapples, and coconuts, tho there is still some corn and cane. For some reason, the furrows never follow the contour of the land, but run straight up the mountains on land it looks like you'd need to use your hands to climb.

I suppose they only have to carry seed UP the mountain, and they can slide the produce DOWN to their waiting burros. Of course they may have to use ropes to keep it from sliding too fast! I'd be interested in seeing what kind of plows etc. they use.

It was hard to believe, but the road where the train went by us in the fog was lined with huge trees, with several factories just off the street. I have to keep telling myself that it really is the same place.

Nov. 29 - We went to church in Guadalajara today. Have you ever been to church where you only understood about one word in ten? It's a sobering experience. The singing was very good. That I could get, because I can read Spanish, but my ear just

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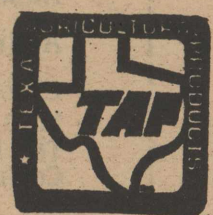
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Sims Asks for 2nd Term As County Judge

D.W. (Dub) Sims has announced that he will seek reelection for a second term as county judge of Coke County. Judge Sims has just completed his third year as head officer of the county and said he would like to have four more years to continue his open door policy of county government.

Sims' administration, beginning in 1979, brought a new light to county government in Coke County when he made it a policy to report the activities of Commissioners' Court meetings and other county government activities to the press openly and without creating undue difficulties to those who sought information.

In making his announcement, Sims said, "When I went into office, I was given three pieces of advice if I wanted to remain in office: 1. Stay out of law enforcement; 2. Let the commissioners make the decisions; and 3. Don't talk to the news media."

"That's good personal advice," the judge said, "for personal gain, for when law violators are convicted, they won't vote for you; when a person allows others to make all the decisions, he doesn't lose votes; and when the general public is unaware of their governmental decisions, they do not have the information to become discontent with individuals."

"However," Sims said, "I feel that good county government supports law enforcement, demonstrates leadership and is open to the public."

"My feelings on these three matters," Sims said, "were not political promises, they are policies I have followed during the past three years." The judge said, if he is reelected, he will continue to keep the doors open, "for when you start closing doors, power become vested in a few."

In addition to making information available to the press, Sims has pushed for clear-cut inter-local agreements with other governmental agencies, so it was spelled out just what the obligations of the county are. For example, agreements have been signed with the City of Bronte and the City of Robert Lee clearly stating what the city would pay for the county to reimburse the nightwatchman, and agreements

have been signed between the Cities and the County for rural fire protection as well as between the Hospital Districts and the County for Rural Ambulance Service. In all, nine of these inter-local agreements have been approved by the Commissioners' Court, while none was in effect when Sims took office. "It really has been my aim," the judge said, "to provide the people with open government."

Sims was born in McCamey and moved to Coke County when he was a small child. He attended Bronte Schools and is a Registered Medical Technologist. He holds a B.A. Degree with a major in psychology, and is currently completing his thesis with a 3.61 grade point average for his master's degree from Angelo State University.

Sims said he was going to make as active a campaign as possible. He said he was not going to neglect the duties of his office to campaign, and that his problem with walking may limit his electioneering. "However," the judge said, "I will contact everyone I possibly can, and, if there is anyone who wants my views on any question, I will welcome phone calls and visits at my office."

Sims' candidacy is subject to action of the voters in the May Democratic Primary.

Mrs. Thomason Asks Election As Treasurer

Mrs. Jerry Thomason this week is announcing that she is seeking reelection as Coke County Treasurer. In making her announcement, she issued the following statement for the consideration of Coke County voters in the Democratic Primary in May:

In announcing for re-election, I wish to take this opportunity to express my appreciation to the citizens of Coke County for their support and cooperation during my tenure in office.

I enjoy my work very much and it is a real pleasure to serve Coke County in this capacity. I pledge my continued effort to fulfill my obligation and to merit your confidence in this public trust.

Your support will be deeply appreciated in the Democratic Primary election.

Jerry Thomason
Coke County Treasurer

4-H Rifle Club

Scores for members of the Coke County Rifle Club who shot Jan. 9 were:

1. Kerri Bilbrey 61; 2. Tina Hines 51; 3. Jennifer Robinson 30; 4. James Badgett 25; 5. Melinda Gentry 23.

If weather permits, the club members will shoot again Saturday. "We have to start contest shooting as soon as possible," said Leader Jim Herford, as he urged as many members as can to come out for the practice sessions.

DANCE TO AID AMBULANCE FUND FOR EAST SIDE

A dance is scheduled for Saturday night, from 8-12 at Bronte Community Center. The affair is being sponsored by Miller Liquid Feed and all proceeds will go to the ambulance fund of East Coke County Ambulance Service.

Larry Spivey's band, the King and the Jokers will play for the dance. Admission prices will be \$3.00 per person or \$5.50 per couple.

Everyone is invited, Miller said, to attend the dance and enjoy a night of fun--and, at the same time, contribute to a worthy cause.

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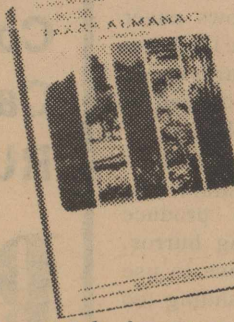
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If the debut of 1982 is an indication as to what is in store for the rest of the year... folks, we are in trouble!

West Texas had a whale of a good drought going before Jan. 1 arrived. On Jan. 3, we (my family and I) were enroute to Paint Rock and Lowake to check on our country folks. Perhaps the worst duststorm I have witnessed in more than 10 years rolled across fresh plowed earth between Veribest and Eola. It was a wall of dirt, the kind we had back in the 1950s, where it was dark in the middle of the day and night lights came on.

Besides the weather conditions, which has been winter one day and summer the next, the livestock markets have left a lot of room between reality and desire, too. The cattle and sheep markets opened lower in 1982.

According to some forecasts I have seen for the new year ahead, the expectations are not too bright. Babson's predictions, in which I have put much faith for 30 years, states it is "difficult to make a case for any substantial betterment for the beleaguered agricultural segment of the eco-

nomy. There are gluts in supplies of major products that militate against any large-scale boosts in farm prices.

"Unless adverse weather patterns over large sections of the nations growing areas threaten a significant alteration of the supply and demand, the balances at crucial points in the crop year will see little improvements in farm

quotes. Therefore, no substantial recovery in overall farm income appears to be in the cards for 1982. It is likely, however, that exports of agricultural products will top 1982 shipments."

Of course, the foreign affairs with all the current critical international problems will hurt agriculture more than any other area of the national economy.

The Congress just barely passed the new farm legislation before the holiday vacation. One can hear pro and con on the new bill.

As I read the bill, I was pleased to see it extend for four years, the existing wool and mohair support program. The support level would be 77.5 percent of the rate determined under a formula contained in the basic wool-mohair law.

For wheat, the target prices at not less than \$4.05 per bushel for the 1982 crop (compared with \$3.81 for 1981), and then at \$4.30 for 1983, \$4.45 for 1984 and \$4.65 for 1985, appears to show improvement. Price support loan rates for the 1982-85 crops would be not less than \$3.55 per bushel.

Beginning with 1982 crops, disaster payments would be mandatory only for producers who do not have federal crop insurance available, but the Secretary of Agriculture would have discretion to make disaster payments to any wheat grower, if disaster losses create an economic emergency.

The bill continues the current program through the 1985 crop, with loan rates based on a percentage of open market prices for cotton. The loan floor of 55 cents a pound is so stated. Target prices will be the higher of (a) 120 percent of the loan rate, or (b) 71 cents a pound in 1982.

Well, the year could improve 100 percent if it started raining

and continued with a good round of moisture once a month. Let's hope for that!

EXTENSION EXTRAS

By Mary Anne Lackey

Neatly wrapped in their own package, eggs are nature's own convenience food. They are great for meals and snacks any time of the day-- any season of the year.

Texas produces over three billion eggs a year and ranks eighth in the nation in egg production.

Eggs are a nearly perfect food because they contain all nutrients except vitamin C and are an excellent source of iron, phosphorus, magnesium and vitamins A, B, D, and E. Although a good source of protein and fat, eggs are low in calories. They are popular for low calorie diets because one egg has only about 80 calories.

Like most foods of animal origin, eggs contain cholesterol-- a substance needed for many normal body functions. Unless you are on a low-cholesterol diet, you will find eggs a wholesome, completely digestible food.

Only a doctor should advise you to lower intake of dietary cholesterol.



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West Coke Hospital News

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

Jan. 5: O.W. Higginbotham, Ralph Garvin, Minnie L. Waldrop and Helen Fowler admitted. Willard Bigham, Goldie Bigham and Ynes Lara dismissed.

Jan. 6: No admissions. Becky Elkins and D. Greathouse dismissed.

Jan. 7: Amanda Harmon admitted and Helen Fowler and Ralph Garvin dismissed.

Jan. 8: Bill Capps and Roy Wyatt admitted. Minnie Waldrop, O.W. Higginbotham and Gilbert Davis dismissed.

Jan. 9: Sallie Gartman admitted. Amanda Harmon dismissed.

Jan. 10: No admissions or dismissals.

Jan. 11: Merritt Smith and Lena Russell admitted and Bill Capps dismissed.

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You can avoid traffic tie-ups and wasted time while waiting your turn in an office by calling the teleservice center of Social Security Office nearest you. Remember, it is better to spend an extra minute dialing again if the line is busy than spending an extra hour waiting in an office.

The best time to call is in the afternoon after the first week of the month.

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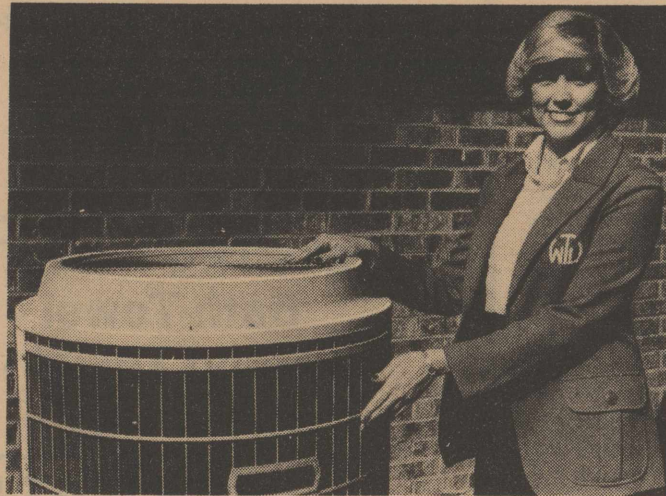
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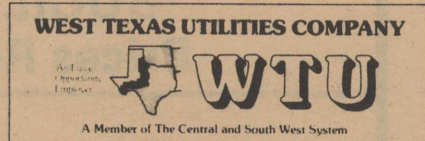


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MYSTERY LION--This kid looks as if he may be getting in deep water. Do you think he ever got out? See next week's Observer for the identity of this mystery lion for January.

MRS. McBROOM-

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isn't attuned to it.

This afternoon we went to the Mercado in downtown Guadalajara. This was much more fascinating than the international shopping center. This was MEXICO. We ate at one of the little booths, bought icecream from a vendor, and did all those things forbidden to Americans in Mexico. Result? We had a marvelous time! Foy haggled with a man over the price of a bag he wanted and got it for half the asking price. I wasn't so adept, but did get the cost down a little. Trouble was, I didn't know what the stuff was costing before or after the haggling.

Nov. 30 - Another washday in Zapotlanejo. I went with Foy this time. As we came into town, we were detoured by road construction, and ended up having to carry the clothes nearly two blocks to the laundry. I can't imagine Americans putting up with that sort of thing. They don't tear up one street at a time. (Yes, I know that mess that has been in San Angelo nearly two years, but there are ways to get around it.) They were tearing them up all over town. Cars and pedestrians simply had to make their way through the heavy equipment and piles of dirt and rocks as best they could. A man who spoke a little English told Foy that the streets were to be finished by Dec. 15. I can hardly wait to hear from them at that time.

About all I've done today is rearrange my bags to try to get in all this stuff. I'll have to carry my straw souvenirs in a bag. There's no way I'd trust it to be checked.

Dec. 1 - It was a wonderful trip, but it sure feels good to be back in the good old U.S.A. We can gripe all we want to, but it's still the greatest!

Foy took me to the airport and got me settled in the right section with all the right papers, then went back to town for his Spanish lesson.

I was right disgusted with the baggage handlers in San Antonio. After the inspection of the contents of my bags, they insisted that they be brought out or the carrier and broke the little bottle that had my opals in it! That was so unnecessary!

It's great to be at home.

"All doors are open to courtesy." Thomas Fuller

'Project 150' due

AUSTIN, Texas (Spl.) — Two major University of Texas collections that brim with materials documenting the history of Texas will furnish items for a large exhibition that will tour the state in 1985 and 1986 in honor of the 150th anniversary of Texas' independence.

UT's Eugene C. Barker Texas History Center and the Texas Memorial Museum will join with the Dallas Historical Society and San Jacinto Museum of History Association to provide materials for the "Project 150" exhibition.

The Barker Center has the nation's largest collection of books and manuscripts related to Texas history. Texas Memorial Museum has paleobiological specimens that provide the earliest evidence of Texas' geological existence.

LA NELL FLOWERS HONORED AT SUNDAY BRIDAL SHOWER

Miss La Nell Flowers, bride-elect of Steve Dean, was honored with a bridal shower Sunday, Jan. 10, in the home of Emmalee Prentice. Other hostesses were Reba Roberts, Shelia Alexander, Ruth Beal, Juanell Brown, Emma Lee Bickley, Liz Bickley, Nelia Walker, Nancy Rasco, Trish Clay, Carolyn Long, Kay Lackey, Audrey Helwig, Margret Epperson, Dovie Cummins and Essie Childress.

The bride-elect's colors were carried out in a centerpiece of mauve and rose. Servers and candles, with silver accessories. An assortment of cookies with hot punch and coffee were served to the guests on the sub-freezing afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Turney Casey and Mrs. Pearl Ditmore spent Sunday in Bronte visiting Mr. and Mrs. G.L. Coulter and family and Mr. and Mrs. Rocky Hefferman and family.

"The only way to entertain some folks is to listen to them." Kin Hubbard

Notice Concerning Friendship Road

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We only have \$1,500.00 on hand; therefore I have decided to drop this suit for lack of support. The opening of this road is not worth \$3,500.00 more to me personally.

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appreciate it muchly.

Judge & Effie Campbell

1tp

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Nutrition may deter alcoholism

AUSTIN, Texas (Spl.) —
Eating right may keep you
from becoming an alcoholic,
says Dr. Roger J. Williams, a
noted University of Texas
biochemist.

In his new book, "The Pre-
vention of Alcoholism
Through Nutrition," he says
proper foods build a strong in-
ternal cellular environment
that helps prevent alcoholism.

"Because alcohol deranges
the appetite mechanism in the
brain, Dr. Williams says it is
"virtually impossible for a
person to be well nourished
while he or she drinks heav-
ily."

He also advocates taking
vitamin and mineral supple-
ments, glutamine (an amino
acid) as a food supplement
and regular exercise (to im-
prove circulation of nutrients
throughout the body).

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D.C. 20515.

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19th Texas District, 1039 Long-
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ton, D.C. 20515.

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gressman, 13th Texas District,
2348 Rayburn Office Building,
Washington, D.C. 20515.

TOM LOEFFLER, Congress-
man, 21st Texas District, 1212
Longworth Office Building,
Washington, D.C. 20510.

LLOYD BENTSEN, U.S. Sena-
tor, 240 Russell Office Building,
Washington, D.C. 20510.

JOHN TOWER, U.S. Senator,
142 Russell Office Building,
Washington, D.C. 20510.

In Austin:
WILLIAM P. CLEMENTS,
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Tx., 78701.

LARRY DON SHAW, Repre-
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Lake Spence Fishing News

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Kiker, 1 striper 5 lbs., 25 white
bass.

Gary Gander and Ed Anzaldua,
Tulia, 3 lb. 6 oz. black bass.

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Dr. Hampton and Tommy Wid-
eman, Sweetwater, 5 white bass
up to 3 lbs.



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Bascom Chesney traveled by
bus to San Antonio Wednesday of
last week to visit with his mother,
Louise Huddleston, who is recu-
perating after being discharged
from the State Respiratory Hospi-
tal. His wife, Barbara, joined
them for the weekend and they
returned home Sunday evening.

Ed Price of Littleton, Colo.,
spent Monday night with his
parents, Mr. and Mrs. Willie
Price. He flew to San Angelo to
attend a scheduled business
meeting on Tuesday night and
came a day early in order to visit
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O.W. Higginbotham remained in serious condition in ICU in St. John's Hospital Tuesday. He was transferred to San Angelo last Friday by private car accompanied by his daughters, Mrs. Beverly Bell and Mrs. Jeanette Jacobs, along with Mrs. Higginbotham.

Calvert Rites Held Saturday

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, Jan. 9, in Ballinger for Mrs. Verna E. Calvert, 77, member of a pioneer Coke County family. The 10 a.m. services were held at the Ninth Street Church of Christ with burial following in the Garden of Memories under the direction of Rains-Seale Funeral Home.

Mrs. Calvert died Wednesday, Jan. 6, in Park Plaza Nursing Center in San Angelo.

She was born in Robert Lee, July 26, 1905, the daughter of Exer and J.W. Barnett, one of Robert Lee's first families. Mr. Barnett served as county and district clerk of Coke County from 1896 through 1906; many of the county's old records bear his outstanding handwriting.

In November, 1923, she was married to Otis D. Calvert in Abilene. The couple spent most of their married life in Ballinger, moving there about 1939. He died in July, 1971.

Mrs. Calvert was a housewife and a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include two daughters, Mary Frances Whitley of Lubbock and Edna Laverne Patton of Kerrville; three sons, Delmond Calvert of Huntsville, Coy Calvert of San Angelo, and Howard Calvert of Odessa; a number of grandchildren and great-grandchildren; one sister, Mrs. Lois Calvert of Robert Lee; and one brother, Bill Barnett, also of Robert Lee.

During the Christmas and New Years holidays, visitors in the Turney Casey's home were: Mr. and Mrs. G.L. Coulter and Layne and Mr. and Mrs. Rocky Hefernan, Pat and Stacey of Bronte; Mrs. Thelma Mason of Midland; Pam Millican of Grapevine; Irish Denton and Mr. and Mrs. Larry Thomas, of Ft. Worth; Lela Shelton of Dallas; Mr. and Mrs. Mike Casey of Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Casey, Mr. and Mrs. Bascom Chesney, Mrs. Pearl Ditmore, Rheba Taylor, William Taylor and Tray and Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Ross of Robert Lee.

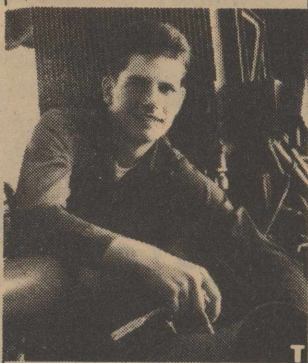
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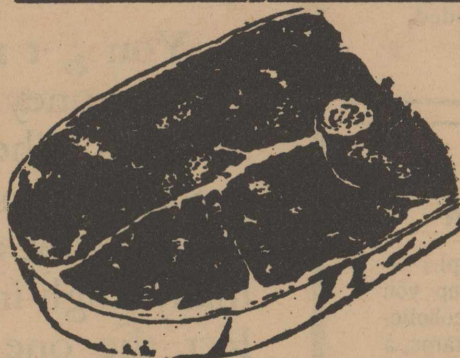
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