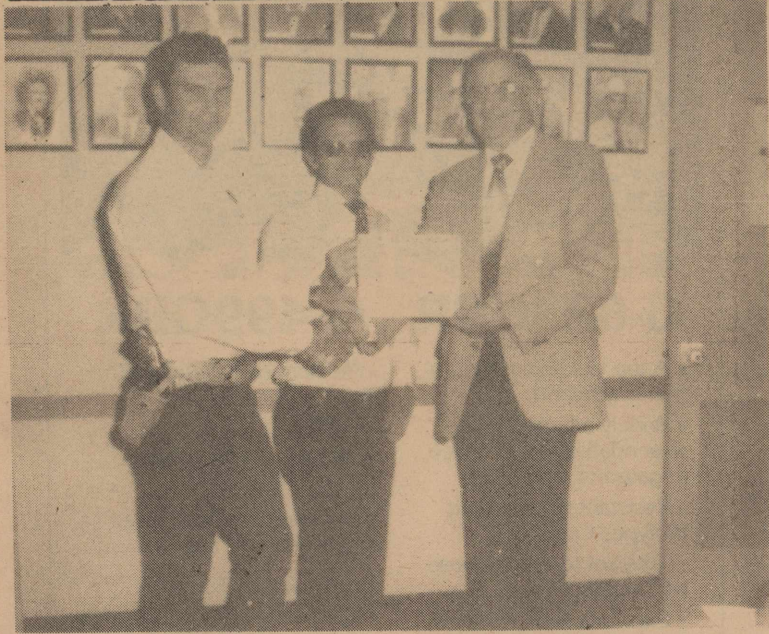


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JAIL'S OKAY--Sheriff Marshall Millican and County Judge D.W. Sims display the certificate of compliance presented by Joe Slater, right, supervising inspect-

or of the Texas Commission of Jail Standards. Slater approved Monday the two cell jail at Bronte as meeting state requirements as a holding facility for the county.

Bronte Jail Given O.K. By Texas Commission On Jail Standards

The little two cell jail in the city hall at Bronte may save Coke County taxpayers a sizeable sum of money during the next few years, since it has been approved as a holding facility by the Texas Commission on Jail Standards.

The approval came Monday when Joe Slater, supervising inspector with the commission, was in Coke County and presented a certificate to county officials. The jail now qualifies as a holding facility for up to 12 hours for prisoners who need to be held.

Sheriff Marshall Millican was pleased with the approval by the state agency, since it will allow him some leeway in disposing of charges against persons without having to take them to San Angelo for holding in the Tom Green County jail.

Some of the improvements which were made to the jail included replacement of some doors and the replacements of a wall between the jail and the city council room. A panel ray heater was eliminated and storage and shelf space were built into the jail. Lighting improvements were made and the county had to adopt eight life safety rules before the jail was approved included the handling of female and juvenile prisoners.

"One of the big factors in getting the jail approved," Millican said, "was the recent hiring

Ray Aldridge Elected Pastor

Norman Ray Aldridge was elected pastor of the Emmauel Pentecostal Church of Robert Lee Tuesday night in a church election conducted by Sectional Presbyter Rev. Lloyd Leverton of Abilene.

Aldridge has been conducting services at the church since the resignation of James Sanders Dec. 27, 1981.

The new pastor and his family have been living in Robert Lee since Aug. 16, 1976. He is shop foreman for Ivey Motor Company. His wife, Leta, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J.B. Robertson. They have two daughters, Kristi, 12, and Karla, 9.

Citizens Meet To Discuss Plans In Case Of Disaster

Wreck Kills Angelo Woman, Injures RL Man

A San Angelo woman was killed and a Robert Lee man seriously injured in a three-car accident about 12:45 a.m. Thursday of last week. The accident occurred two miles north of San Angelo on Highway 208.

Kathleen Leota White, 45, was pronounced dead at the scene by Justice of the Peace Jerry Jennison after her car was in collision with car driven by Otho Kyle Long, 50, of Robert Lee.

Long was reported to remain in critical condition at Shannon Hospital in San Angelo at press time Wednesday.

Nancy Dean Hickey, driver of the third car involved, was not injured.

Highway Patrolman Ed Dixon said the cars driven by the two women were part of a four-car convoy conducting tire tests. The four cars were headed south on Highway 208, and Long was headed north. Dixon said Ms. White's death occurred when wooden cross ties in the back of the car shifted forward upon impact and killed her. San Angelo firefighters worked nearly an hour with a hydraulic cutting device to free Ms. White's body from the wreckage.

BAND BOOSTERS TO MEET

A meeting of the Robert Lee Band Boosters Club has been called for 7:30 p.m. Monday, March 22, in the Band Hall. All club members and others interested in the school band program urged to be present.

Buy and Sell with Want Ads

A group of Coke County citizens gathered at Robert Lee City Hall Monday night to make a beginning on implementing plans for action in case of national or local disasters.

Robert Lee Mayor Robert Vaughan welcomed visitors and introduced County Judge D.W. Sims and Robert Lee Councilwoman Alice Beaty, who presented the plan to the participants who were present.

Judge Sims presented the plan which has been set up by the federal government to be used in case of a national disaster, such as a nuclear attack and possible crisis relocation planning con-

nected with such a disaster. For example, the relocation plan calls for moving approximately 8,000 persons out of Tom Green County into Coke County.

Plans call for making coordinated efforts in case of local disasters, such as tornadoes, floods, etc. Judge Sims said all facilities in the county will have to be identified, surveyed and upgraded before they will be acceptable for this program.

Sims' explanation presented a broad overall view of the plan, and noted that many details will have to be worked out by local citizens in cooperation with the Department of Public Safety.

Following Judge Sims' presentation questions were asked by other participants in the meeting.

Present for the Monday night meeting were Judge Sims, Mayor Robert Vaughan, Councilwoman Alice Beaty, Commissioners Fin-

Gun Stolen In Burglary

A .32 caliber pistol was taken from the home of Mrs. Jerry Thomason Tuesday of last week by burglars who broke into the house. The break-in occurred some time between 8 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. while Mrs. Thomason was at work at the courthouse.

The house was locked, but the intruders entered through a kitchen window. Mrs. Thomason said closets, drawers, etc., had been gone through, but apparently nothing but the gun was missing.

The gun had great sentimental value, as it was given to her by her late husband, and the hand-made wooden grip was made by a late nephew.

Sheriff Marshall Millican said an investigation yielded few clues and he has no suspects.

WALKER HAS EYE SURGERY

Roy Walker was a recent patient in St. John's Hospital in San Angelo. He is recuperating from eye surgery.



WELDED ART--Noel Gregston stands beside the antique wheel which he recently presented to the City of Robert Lee for the Wilson Bryan Mini Park. The wheel has 38 Indian designs which were cut from sheet steel and welded to it. The delicate artistry of the designs make it look like an almost impossible accomplishment with a welding torch.

Gregston Gives Unique Trellis To Mini Park

Noel Gregston, owner and operator of Gregston Welding in Robert Lee, has made and donated a unique rose trellis for use in Wilson Bryan Mini Park. The metal structure, made from a salvaged antique wheel, is one of many of his creations which prompt his friends to label him "an artist in his field."

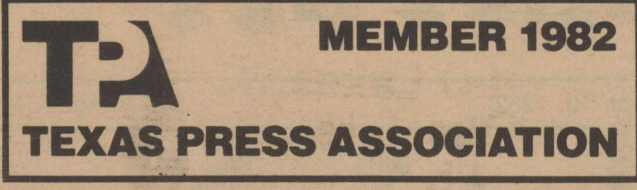
Being interested in Indian lore, Gregston decorated the wheel by welding on 38 authentic Indian characters and designs cut from steel plate. Each is accurate in every detail, and some are unbelievably delicate. The trellis, like everything created at Gregston Welding, bears the mark of excellence which can be found in any work of art evidence that the creator loves his work.

The City of Robert Lee, and all who may see this unusual artistic creation, appreciate Noel and Quincy, his wife and assistant, for their generous addition to the Mini Park, admirers said.

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LOOK WHO'S NEW

Mr. and Mrs. Donnie Devoll of Norman, Okla. are the proud parents of a new red-haired daughter. Lacey Dawn was born Tuesday, March 9, at 6:37 p.m. in Presbyterian Hospital of Oklahoma City. She weighed 8 pounds, 9 ounces and was 20 1/2 inches long.

The couple has another daughter, Amy, three years old.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. J.E. Long of Littlefield and Mr. and Mrs. Lendy Devoll of Robert Lee.

The baby's great grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. I.H. Devoll of Kerrville.

Mrs. Hinnard Club Hostess

The '64 Study Club met March 9 in the home of Thelma Jo Hinnard. Roll call was answered by 19 members.

President Nancy Allen reminded members that new and used articles were still needed for patients at M.D. Anderson Hospital. In other business club members were urged to enter the Arts and Crafts Show at the Heart of Texas District spring convention to be held in San Angelo on April 1 and 2.

Program leader Opal Jacoby gave a program on "Texas Heritage--Famous Texas Women." Members read aloud clues about famous Texas women, while other club members guessed their identities.

Hostesses for the meeting were Jessie Faye Russell, Ruby Jones, and Thelma Jo Hinnard.

FOOD NOT SO HIGH

Outrageous food bills? Look again -- and keep track of one month's actual expenses for food ONLY, says Dr. Cass Ryan-Crowe, a food and nutrition specialist. Grocery stores and supermarkets sell a lot more than food, she adds.

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"Men do not suspect faults which they do not commit."
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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE ELECTION¹
(AVISO DE ELECCION DE REGENTES¹)

The Robert Lee Independent School District Board of Trustees hereby gives notice of an election to be held on April 3, 1982, for the purpose of² Electing three (3) trustees for a full three (3) year term.

(Por la presente la junta de regentes del distrito escolar independiente da aviso que se llevara a cabo una eleccion el dia 3 de Abril de 19 82 con el proposito de² elegir el numero tres de regentes indicado a un termino completo tres.

ABSENTEE VOTING by personal appearance will begin on 15th (day) March (date), 19 82, and continue through 30th (day) March (date), 19 82, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on each day which is not a Saturday, Sunday, or an official state holiday.³ (VOTACION POR AUSENCIA en persona comencera el 15 (dia) de Marzo (fecha) de 19 82 y continuara hasta el 30 (dia) de Marzo (fecha) de 19 82 desde las 8 a.m. hasta las 4 p.m. en todos los dias que no sean sabado, domingo, o dia oficial de vacaciones estatales.)

Absentee voting in person shall be conducted at tax office at the public school building.

Applications for absentee ballots by mail should be mailed to Kay Grim, Tax Collector, Robert Lee Ind. School Dist., Sanco Route, Robert Lee, Texas 76945

(Votando por ausencia personal va ser conducido acerca de la oficina de recaudador de contribucion a la escuela publica.

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The POLLING PLACE(S)⁴ designated below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on the day of the election. (Los sitios de votacion indicados abajo se abriran desde las 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. el dia de la eleccion.)

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Funeral Held Sunday for Mrs. Robertson

Funeral services for Mrs. Waymon Robertson were held at 3 p.m. Sunday, March 14, at Robert Lee Baptist Church.

The Rev. James Robertson, a nephew of North Platt, Neb., officiated. He was assisted by the Rev. Roy Epperson of Robert Lee.

Burial was in Robert Lee Cemetery under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.

Nephews serving as pallbearers were Clay Bloodworth, Jack Wallace, Buddy Wallace, Charles Bloodworth, Carl Bloodworth, Harold Robertson, Douglas Robertson and Doyle Robertson. All other nephews were honorary pallbearers.

Mrs. Robertson died at 3 a.m. Saturday, March 13, in St. John's Hospital of San Angelo.

Ruby Eliza Bloodworth was born Aug. 19, 1916, at Silver, a daughter of Horace Lee and Mary (Walker) Bloodworth. She was married to Waymon H. Robertson Oct. 7, 1939 at Robert Lee.

Mrs. Robertson was employed several years at West Coke County Nursing Home as a nurse's aide and medication aide. She was a housewife and was a member of The Emmanuel Pentecostal Church.

Survivors include her husband of Robert Lee; her mother, Mrs. H.L. Bloodworth of Silver; four brothers, Allen Bloodworth, Raymond Bloodworth, Clayton Bloodworth, all of Silver and Ernest Bloodworth of San Angelo; two sisters, Mrs. Willie (Daisy) Price of Silver and Mrs. J.C. (Jewell) Wallace Jr. of Robert Lee; and a large number of nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her father, the Rev. Horace L. Bloodworth, and a brother, L.C. Bloodworth.

Reed Family Is Subject Of Meeting

Mrs. Pauline Coalson Barron, nee Reed, will tell the story of the Reeds, a pioneer family of the Edith Country in Coke County. This program will be at the Coke County Historical Seminar meeting which is held the fourth Tuesday afternoon in each month.

Ulmer S. Bird, president of the Coke County Historical Commission, said the meeting will begin at 2:45 p.m. March 23. The entire afternoon from 1:30 to 4 p.m. will be devoted to history related activity, beginning at 1:30 at the museum, and closing with the monthly business meeting of the Coke County Historical Commission, 3:30 to 4:00 p.m. Both the seminar and the commission meeting will be in the conference room of the court house.

Service Held Saturday For Jay F. Elkins

Jay F. Elkins died March 12 at 6:08 a.m. in St. John's Hospital in San Angelo. Services were held Saturday, March 13 at 3 p.m. in the Robert Lee Baptist Church. Burial followed in the Robert Lee Cemetery under the direction of the Shaffer Funeral Home. The Rev. George Magnor, pastor of the Lake View Baptist Church in San Angelo, officiated. He was assisted by the Rev. Don Williford of the First Baptist Church in Eldorado.

Mr. Elkins was born to Jessie and Emma Lee Elkins, June 9, 1926, in Robert Lee. He graduated from Robert Lee High School and married Lydia Mae Hobbs March 27, 1951, in Big Spring. Elkins had lived in San Angelo ten years before moving to Orient Star Route, San Angelo. He had been in the construction work 32 years.

Survivors include his wife; one son, Robert Dean Elkins of San Angelo; three daughters, Patricia Ann Lloyd of Eldorado, Ellen Ruth Smith of Florida, and Linda Jean Garbett of Germany; one brother, Johnny Clinton Elkins of Norton; his mother and stepfather, Emma Lee Elkins and Buford Elkins; and five grandchildren, Dena Jai Lloyd, Matthew Allen Lloyd, Lee Ann Lloyd, Dee Ann Lloyd, Cory Wade Lloyd.

Nephews served as pallbearers.

Fred Jameson Services Held Last Friday

Fred Jameson, 76, died at 10:05 a.m. Wednesday, March 10, at St. John's Hospital. Services were held in Johnson's Funeral home chapel in San Angelo, with Ron Exum, minister of the Church of Christ in Bronte, officiating. Burial was in McKenzieville Cemetery at Silver under the direction of Johnson's Funeral Home.

Mr. Jameson was born Dec. 7, 1905, in Silver. He married Cornie Pierce, July 3, 1940, in Midland. Jameson ranched in Coke and Tom Green Counties and was a son of pioneer settlers of Coke County. He moved from Silver to his San Angelo ranch in 1958.

He is survived by his wife; two sons, Larry Jameson of Silver and Glyn Jameson of San Angelo; four grandchildren, Jonathan Jameson of San Angelo, Tiffany Jameson of Silver, Jarod Jameson of San Angelo, and Brent Jameson of Silver.

Pallbearers were G.A. Jameson of Big Lake, J.P. Jameson and Ramey Jameson, both of Silver, Myrl Jameson of Colorado City, Delbert Humble of Post, Bill Humble of Portales, N.M., J.B. Walker Jr., of Hawaii, and Melvin Tubb of Blackwell.

Family requests memorials be sent to the American Cancer Society.

Robert Gaines of Hamilton and Bertie and Forrest Wanker of Fairview, Okla. were weekend guests in the home of their mother Mrs. Lillie Gaines and Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Eads.

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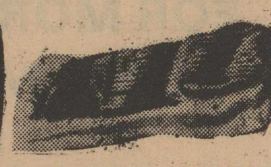
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Pammy Millican Makes Houston Sale As Cervanka Comes Close; 4-H's Place In Angelo Show

Several Coke County 4-H Club members participated in the Houston and San Angelo Stock Show during the past two weeks, facing tough competition in both shows.

Pammy Millican was the only 4-H member to make the coveted premium sale at Houston. His heavy weight fine wool lamb placed 13th in the Houston Show. Michael Cervanka came close, placing 12th in the light brahman steer class in which 10 steers were sold.

Other exhibitors and parents participating in the Houston Stock Show included Rick Drennan, Douglas Roberts, Lin Long, Tim Mackey, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Roberts and Wayland Drennan.

Several Coke County 4-H members placed animals in the San Angelo show, but again none were among those making the premium sale.

Rick Drennan placed 8th in the light weight steer class as did Janet Lee Pentecost in the spring hereford heifer class. Stephen Lee had the greatest success among the local entrants. His Rambouillet buck lamb entry placed fourth in a tough class of bucks. His pen of three entry placed third and also placed second in the breeder owned group of three competition.

Jason Herring had the only swine entry to be placed, placing 9th in the light weight duroc class. Two other club members participating in the calf entries placed in the San Angelo Show.

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Service Held Friday For Mrs. V.M. Box

Emma Lee Box died at 2:30 a.m. Thursday, March 11, in San Angelo Community Hospital after a long illness. Services were conducted at 3 p.m. Friday in the Robert Lee Baptist Church. Burial followed in the Robert Lee Cemetery under the direction of the Shaffer Funeral Home. The Rev. Roy Epperson, of the Robert Lee Baptist Church, officiated, assisted by John Reynolds of the First United Methodist Church and James Paden of the Southside Church of Christ.

Mrs. Box was born March 4, 1919, to Mr. and Mrs. Isaac N. Eubanks in Bronte. She attended Bronte Schools. Mrs. Box married V.M. Box, Sept. 18, 1937, in Bronte. After living and working in West Texas for many years, they returned to Robert Lee in 1970 and have made their home there since.

Survivors include her husband, V.M. Box of Robert Lee; one son, Frank Box of Odessa; five daughters, Jo Smith and Valerie Jacobs, both of Pasadena, Carolyn Casey of Robert Lee, Lavada Churchill of Nacogdoches, Debbie Kattner of Deer Park; one brother, Isaac Eubanks of Ballinger; four sisters, Lavada Smith, Ruby Hearn, Juanita Trimble, all of Robert Lee, Dutch Brown of Cross Plains; 15 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Son-in-laws served as pallbearers.

RUNNELS BAPTIST ASSN. TO MEET AT BALLINGER

The regular meeting of the Runnels Baptist Association will be held Monday, March 22 at the Seventh Street Baptist Church, Ballinger.

The meeting begins with WMU and executive board at 5:30 p.m. The evening meal will be served at 6:15.

The program begins at 7:00 p.m. It will be devoted to learning more about the Mission Service Corps which is a program enlisting volunteers to serve one or two years helping to meet mission needs. Since the beginning of the Mission Service Corps, almost 1,000 volunteers have and are serving around the world. Mrs. Christine Clark is in charge of this program.

The public is invited to attend.

4-H Rifle Scores

Scores for a 4-H Rifle Club shooting held March 14 were as follows: 1. Douglas Roberts 83; 2. Kerri Bilbrey 80; 3. John Walker 80; 4. Scott Henson 72; 5. Tina Hines 47; 6. Becky Padgett 46.

Three position scores were: 1. John Walker 182; 2. Douglas Roberts 172; 3. Scott Henson 133.

Next shooting session will be Sunday, March 21, at 2 p.m. when Postal League targets will be shot.

Medicare Cost Takes Jump

The medicare hospital insurance deductible, the amount a medicare patient is responsible for when he or she first receives hospital inpatient services in a benefit period, has increased to \$260 in 1982, Frank Upp, Social Security district manager in San Angelo, said recently. The 1981 deductible was \$204. Also scheduled to increase are the per-day amounts patients are responsible for after specified lengths of stay in a hospital or skilled nursing facility, Upp said.

After 60 days of inpatient hospital care in a benefit period in 1982, Medicare will pay for all covered costs except \$65 a day. The 1981 figure was \$51. For each reserve day of inpatient care, medicare will pay for all covered costs except \$130 per day. The 1981 figure was \$102.

After 20 days of care in a skilled nursing facility, medicare will pay all covered costs except \$32.50 a day. The 1981 figure was \$25.50.

The medicare medical insurance annual deductible has also increased in 1982, the first increase since 1973. The 1982 annual medical insurance deductible is \$75, up from \$60. Medical insurance generally pays 80 percent of the approved costs or charges for covered services and supplies after a person incurs covered charges equaling the annual deductible.

More information about medicare or about Social Security can be obtained at the San Angelo Social Security office, located at 2214 Sherwood Way. The telephone number is 949-4608.

USE PINKING SHEARS

For a more decorative touch with appliques, use pinking shears to create zigzag lines, suggests Alma Fonseca, a clothing specialist.

They're ideal for felt, velour, vinyl and leather.

AG WEATHER SERVICE MAY BE CUT

The Agricultural Weather Service, which has proved a valuable ally of farmers and ranchers in Texas as well as throughout the nation, is about to fall victim to proposed budget cuts. What's at stake is \$1.2 million in the budget of the Department of Commerce which oversees the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the parent organization of the AWS. Avoidable type weather losses generally amount to about 6 percent of total farm production costs, says a meteorologist with the AWS unit at Texas A&M University. The AWS advisory program which helps farmers and ranchers plan critical operations is worth some \$100 million a year to Texas alone, assuming a conservation 50 percent effectiveness.

'81 TAX LAW CHANGES ESTATE PLANNING

Changes due to the 1981 Economic Recovery Tax Act will drastically reduce federal estate taxes and the number of estate tax returns that will have to be filed, according to a speaker at the recent Estate Planning Seminar at Texas A&M University. A major change is that a unified credit has been set up for estate and gift taxes that totals \$225,000 for 1982 and increases each year until 1987 when it reaches its maximum of \$600,000. The tax act also established an unlimited marital deduction as far as estate transfers between spouses are concerned.

West Coke Hospital News

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

March 9: A.J. Hinton admitted and Fidela Mendez dismissed.

March 10: No admissions. Daisy Henderson and Emma Lee Box dismissed.

March 11: Lena Russell admitted and no dismissals.

March 12: No admissions or dismissals.

March 13: Theodosia Snead admitted and no dismissals.

March 14: Mary Wylie admitted and no dismissals.

March 15: No admissions or dismissals.

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If the Ground Hog saw his shadow or not on Feb. 2, it has never really affected the length of the West Texas winter season. There is an old saying out here: "If you don't like the weather, just hold comment a little while because it will change."

When the annual March dust storm winds started whipping along the Concho Rivers a few weeks back, someone criticized the occasion. An oldtimer leaned on his walking cane and said: "Son, don't talk about the March winds, they blow the winter away. If they didn't blow, we would have winter all year."

Overhearing the discussion, I said let them blow. This has been the coldest, longest winter I can remember. Besides that, it has been typical West Texas weather... up to 80 degrees one day and below zero and snow and ice the next day. The oldtimer corrected me: "The winter of '18 was worse."

Down in Mason County a weekend or so back, the Third Annual Smokey Kuykendall Memorial Roping at the Logan Stevens Ranch lasted all day and

into the night. The weather was spring-like. And the event was a most successful fundraising for West Texas Rehab Center with over \$4,000 added to the kitty to provide services for the handicapped at three Rehab campuses, San Angelo, Abilene and Snyder.

On the drive there and back, it was obvious that spring is fast approaching the Texas Hill Country. Moisture from good snows to several rains have brought wheat and oat patches back to life. The dark green fields are just a few weeks ahead of the brown pasture grass slowly turning green at ground level. Tallow weed, a weed that Big Lake rancher D.K. McMullan calls the best sheep feed in the pasture, is coming up in draws and valleys all across West Texas.

At the 50th annual San Angelo Stock Show & Rodeo last week, the weather was clear, sunny and around 80 degrees. It couldn't have been better. But probably as you read this column, the situation has changed several times.

There was a circle around the moon last Thursday before day-

light. Oldtimers say that means a change of weather and rain is most likely in the forecast. If the ring was small with high clouds, it means there will be rain in a few days.

An early morning runner added: "There was also a man in the moon chopping wood. That means there will be another cold spell coming."

There are several more cold spells coming before spring sets in for good in 1982. Mrs. Flora Brosig at Lowake commented: "It thundered in February and that means it will frost in April!"

Another bit of lore suggests there is always one last cold spell on Easter weekend. This year, Easter is not until April 11. I can remember many Easters when we would almost freeze to death at the annual pageant below Lover's Leap in my hometown of Junction. By the way, this annual event will be held again this year. I highly recommend it. Enacted in an amphitheater on the side of the hill, the Easter story from the Bible is told.

At the Mason roping, I had a good visit with T.A. Kincaid Jr., of San Antonio. He was going to Dallas to attend the annual Texas & Southwestern Cattle Raisers Convention. His main purpose was to present the original map of Texas showing where the money came from to eradicate the screwworm. The program started 20 years ago this year.

"Those cattlemen have thought all this time they financed the whole program," laughed Kincaid, "well, this map shows the sheepmen in West Texas had just as much to do with the success of the program. Victor I. Pierce of Ozone was ranching in five counties at that time and he put his money in place of his mouth!"

All of this talk about weather and screwworms used to be predicted by the moon lore. Of course, modern technology and so on has changed modern ranchmen's beliefs. Ed Meier and his sons went to the ranch near Sonora the other day to mark lambs. It was a sunny day and one in which they could not get a foursome golf game up at the country club.

I can remember when my grandfather would check the signs of the moon before marking lambs. Only when the moon was in the "feet" would we perform the operations. This was the Pisces zodiac sign during the decrease of the moon in the third and fourth quarters. Normally, the dates would be from Feb. 19 to March 21.

At any rate, perhaps it's raining in your area now and you won't be able to mark until next week in the last phase of the "feet". But, there will be green grass for them to eat when the lambs are turned back into the pasture.

Rodeo Workday

A workday for the Coke County Rodeo Association has been announced for Saturday, March 20, beginning at 1 p.m. in the rodeo arena on the west side of Bronte.

Association officials are interested in getting things ready for the 1982 season and urge all members and others who are interested in the program to be present.

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Reports from Washington

Battle of the Budget

As Congress ponders strategy for its assault this year on the budget deficit, it is faced with a dilemma that was not a factor in the winning equation of last year. We are in the midst of a recession.

We all agree that the projected deficits are too high, but as yet there is no overall consensus on how to deal with them. In fact, there are probably nearly as many theories as there are members of Congress.

To give you some idea of the many proposals circulating in the corridors of Congress, let's take a moment and review some of the alternative budgets making news these days.

One group representing two widely divergent viewpoints wants basically to hold tight — or do nothing. One side believes the Administration proposals should be adopted as presented. This group feels the President should hold firm to his principles to convince the people and the fickle financial markets of his determination and commitment. The other side agrees nothing should be changed — but for entirely different reasons. They plan to run against the President's proposals in November.

Some go beyond the President's budget. This group, the supply-siders like Congressman Jack Kemp, support the Administration budget but want a monetary component — like a return to the gold standard. They also have some doubts about the size of welfare program cuts during a recession.

Yet another group is focused squarely on the deficits. This group includes Senator Ernest Hollings of South Carolina, who would freeze spending at the 1982 level. That means there would be no increase in defense spending, no cost of living adjustment in any Federal program, and no tax cut this July as scheduled.

Congressman Denny Smith of Oregon would also freeze Federal spending but would do nothing to change the forthcoming tax cut.

Others, primarily liberals of both parties, would increase spending on domestic social programs, increase taxes, and cut defense spending. They would allow the 10 percent July tax cut and leave the entitlement programs alone.

A large group in both houses has focused attention on revenues and the proponents range across the political spectrum.

• Congressman Henry Reuss of Wisconsin would make the July tax cut retroactive to January 1982 but would cancel the tax cut for July 1983.

• Senator Robert Dole of Kansas has suggested the 1983 tax cut be cancelled, but that tax indexing — where tax rates change to prevent inflation's bracket creep — be moved to 1983 from 1985.

• "Others" would reduce the forthcoming 10 percent tax cut to 5 percent, while yet another group wants to raise selected excise taxes. In addition to those proposals, some members would repeal those provisions of the Economic Recovery Tax Act which do not specifically affect personal tax rates and general corporate tax rates. Mixed in with all the proposals is an interest in closing so-called tax "loopholes."

This listing in no way covers all of the proposals floating around Congress these days but it does provide a little flavor to the challenge ahead in forging a responsible budget for the coming fiscal year.

It is essential that our nation's economic health be restored as quickly as possible. We must keep inflation under control, we must reduce Federal deficit spending, we must get our people back to work, and we must get interest rates down to a level where home ownership, or a new car, or a major appliance are within the affordable grasp of those who want them.

In Congress, our attention is riveted on the budget issues and I think it is healthy that many strong voices are being heard on the subject, even though they are not presently in agreement. The situation we face is somewhat like angling for catfish: pull the line out of the water too fast and you lose the fish and maybe dinner.

It is still too early to predict a specific blueprint for action and I suffer no illusions about the difficulties we face. This is, after all, an election year and partisanship will continue to surface. However, the dangers of inaction are obvious and I believe a bipartisan consensus is possible. To that goal, my best efforts are continually directed.

body's total energy needs. Lower levels of this enzyme may mean that overweight people use less energy or calories for this process, so they store the surplus as fat.

For those interested in reducing, a publication entitled "Weight Control Record" is available - free of charge - from the Extension Office.

EXTENSION EXTRAS

By Mary Anne Lackey

Have you ever wondered why some people can eat anything and not gain an ounce while other eat almost nothing and gain weight?

Some researchers now say that heavy individuals may actually have a predisposing factor that causes obesity. Lower levels of an enzyme, adenosine triphosphatase (ATPase) were found in obese subjects. ATPase is necessary for pumping sodium and potassium across cell membranes.

This exchange process accounts for 30 to 40 percent of the



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HEALTHY ADVICE

by Fred Lucas, M.D.

An Alternate to Jogging

Now that warmer weather is approaching, going outside to exercise will be more pleasant. But one physician has an alternate to jogging, particularly for those who have been living the sedentary life.

Dr. Thomas W. Patrick, Jr., of Fort Lee, N.J., doesn't believe that jogging is good for many people. "Jogging jars," he points out. "Joggers come down hard and put too much strain on their heart, lungs, joints and muscles."

Dr. Siegfried J. Kra, a cardiologist, agrees. "Jogging is not the universal prescription for staying youthful or prolonging life. It needs to be regarded as a serious undertaking that has to be individualized."

Patrick suggests that "wogging," or walking briskly, is a compromise between walking and jogging and is a better form of exercise.

"Normal walking doesn't tax the heart, lungs and muscles enough," he explained. "You have to extend yourself a little more."

Patrick, according to reports, is in excellent physical condition at age 72. He began to promote wogging after discovering that many people needed an activity that would increase their physical fitness, yet be inexpensive, easy and appealing.

He suggests beginning slowly and working up to a pace of about a mile in 20 minutes. Never push yourself past your limits. Daily wogging is recommended, but four times a week is sufficient. Before beginning, however, check with your family physician, especially if you have a history of heart disease, diabetes, circulation or other health problems.

A participant should wog at a brisk pace, faster than a normal walk, but slower than a slow jog. Wogging also should be done steadily and continuously.

Wogging is recommended especially for most individuals over 60 years of age. The exercise can also help persons with cardiovascular or pulmonary conditions, postoperative patients, the obese and those with orthopedic conditions.

According to Patrick, wogging is an efficient form of exercise that can be followed throughout one's entire life because we never get too old to wog.

Dr. Lucas is medical director of National Heritage Insurance Co. of Austin. National Heritage is a subsidiary of Electronic Data Systems Corp. of Dallas. EDS underwrites and administers the Texas Medicaid Program.



Track Teams Take Fifth at GC

Robert Lee High School's boys and girls track teams took fifth place honors at the Garden City Bearcat Relays Saturday. The boys team stacked up 62½ points, while the girls made 69 points.

The boys team had two first places to its credit. Armando Sanchez was tops in the 400 meter dash with a time of 52.43. The mile relay team came in first with a 3:40.41 to set a new record for Bearcat meets. Team members are Greg Grim, Lupe Torres, Bob Flowers and Sanchez.

Lupe Munoz was the only Robert Lee girl to take first place honors. She was first in the 3200 meter run with 13:57.5 and in the 1600 meter run with 6:26.0.

Complete placings by RLHS team members follow:

BOYS

Shot Put: 5. Quint Anthony, 42' 3"; 6. Kyle Gibbs, 40' 6".

Discus: 6. Quint Anthony, 110' 6".

High Jump: 3. Bobby Boone, 5' 9"; 5. Kirby Rasco, 5' 6".

Long Jump: 6. Eddie Hood, 18' 1½".

Pole Vault: 5. David Rodriguez, 9' 6".

110 High Hurdles: 6. Kirby Rasco, 19.4.

400 Meter Dash: 1. Armando Sanchez, 52.43.

320 Intermediate Hurdles: 7. Darryl Mulkey, 47.4.

3200 Meter Run: 4. Garry Palmer, 11:23.78.

800 Meter Run: 2. Bob Flowers, 2:13.76.

1600 Meter Run: 6. Caesar De La Pena, 5:22.1.

Mile Relay: 1. Greg Grim, Lupe Torres, Bob Flowers and Armando Sanchez, 3:40.41 (new record).

GIRLS

Shot Put: 2. Martha Bickley, 32' 3".

High Jump: 2. Leigh Ann Runyan, 5' 1".

3200 Meter Run: 1. Lupe Munoz, 13:57.5.

200 Meter Dash: Fulkerson, 29.3.

1600 Meter Run: 1. Lupe Munoz, 6:26.0.

Robert Lee will host area schools at a track meet Friday.

Hempel Found Shot to Death

An investigation has been made and a ruling returned in the shooting death of a 23-year-old Robert Lee man. His body was found in his home Friday of last week by a friend.

Precinct 1 Justice of the Peace Opal Jacoby pronounced Nathan Lee Hempel dead at 3:15 a.m. Friday. After an investigation by Sheriff Marshall Millican and other officers, Mrs. Jacoby ruled that death was caused by self-inflicted gunshot wound. No autopsy was ordered.

Hempel had been shot once in the head, Sheriff Millican said, and a .22 caliber rifle was found at the scene. He said there was no evidence of foul play.

Hempel's body was transferred to Copperas Cove and funeral services were held Sunday. Survivors include his parents and a four-year-old son. Details of the funeral were not available to this newspaper.

A resident of Robert Lee several years, Hempel was employed by Ernest Clendennen, Inc.

Shaffer Funeral Home was in charge of local arrangements.

GOOD REPORT FOR DAVIS

Mr. and Mrs. Add Davis returned Monday from Houston where Davis had an appointment at M.D. Anderson Cancer Clinic for his yearly checkup. Doctors there found no sign of disease at this time and he was released for another year.

The couple spent the weekend in the home of his sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Raymond and Mitch. They also visited the Raymonds' married children, Mr. and Mrs. David Estep and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Pierce, both of Houston.

The Davises commented that "spring was evident in the South Texas area, with azaleas, red bud trees, and blue bonnets in bloom, making a beautiful drive."

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