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County to Allow 40 Per Cent Tax Exemption on Homesteads

Coke County Commissioners' Court voted Monday to allow a 40% per cent tax exemption on homesteads in the county. The commissioners chose to put the exemption into effect for one year only, even though they could have made it effective for three

Sr. Citizens To Have Program

Robert Lee Senior Citizens will meet on Thursday, April 15 for their regular pot-luck luncheon and game party.

After lunch, included on the agenda is "Candidates Day" when candidates for local offices will have an opportunity to speak to the group.

Margaret Martin, county senior citizens coordinator, urges all seniors past the age of 60 years in West Coke County to bring a covered dish and participate at the luncheon "Candidates Day".

The van will run for those who need transportation.

Pastor From Brazil Will Preach Sunday

Bro. Fernando dos Anjos, pastor of the Monte Castelo Baptist Church in Fortaleza, Brazil, will preach in Robert Lee Baptist Church at 11 a.m. Sunday, April 11.

He is head of the "Mission to Brazil" program for the city of Fortaleza.

"Mission to Brazil" is a joint missions venture between Texas Baptists and Brazilian Baptists. Texas Baptists have been invited by the Brazilian Baptist Convention to help in evangelistic campaigns in Brazil. Thousands of Texas Baptists have already participated in many of these campaigns.

Everyone is invited to hear this special program, said the local pastor, the Rev. Roy Epperson.

Wallace Heads School Board

The Robert Lee School board of trustees lost little time in meeting and canvassing the votes Monday night after Saturday's school trustee election. The board also organized for the coming year, electing J.C. Wallace Jr. to serve as president.

A veteran board member who has served several terms on the board, Wallace also has served as president several years. He succeeds Philip C. Ray, who was elected vice president. Jeffie Roberts was reelected secretary of the board. All of the officers are holdover members, as is member, W.L. Metcalf. Newly-elected members are Gaylon Pitcock, Mary Herring and Donald S. Robertson.

With Mrs. Roberts as a hold-over member, and Mrs. Herring as a new member, the school board now has two women and five men who will decide school policies.

years. The homestead question will have to be considered again next year.

Much discussion has been heard about the so-called 40-30-20 exemption formula but the commissioners did not choose to approve it. This formula allows a taxing entity to give a 40 per cent exemption the first three years after its adoption, a 30 per cent exemption the next three years, and a 20 per cent exemption thereafter. The minimum exemption under any of these percentages would be \$5,000.

In other business the commissioners:

- * Approved a request from General Telephone Co. for permission to buy a telephone cable on county right-of-way in Precinct 4.

- * Reviewed an amended bid from Glenn Insurance for liability insurance on county owned equipment and vehicles. The bid was \$3,730 for 25 vehicles. The matter will come up for further discussion at Monday's meeting.

- * Voted to increase the county attorney's office expense allowance from \$90 to \$150 per month.

- * Accepted a bid from the City of Robert Lee for \$1551 to purchase a used dump truck from Precinct 1.

- * Voted to pay a storage fee of 71 cents per month per case on cheese allocated to the county and distributed to elderly and needy citizens.

- * Authorized the transfer of certain old county records to a depository in San Angelo.

Sanco Area Gets Rain

A fast moving band of thunderstorms skirted Robert Lee last Thursday night with high winds and a brilliant lightning display. Hopes of much needed showers were dashed as the clouds moved to the north and west of town. The general area around Sanco was luckier, however, as those residents received greatly varying amounts.

Teddy Pitcock measured 1.9 inches, despite heavy winds, perhaps keeping some from gauges. Slightly north of Pitcock's place 2.2 inches was tallied near a group of tank batteries. On to the east, Douglas Gartman had 1.2 and Elton Millican received 1.1 inches.

High winds have really dried top-soil and plowed ground but residents are hoping for a good soaker soon, without the hail and bad weather being experienced across the state.

Mr. and Mrs. J.M. Prine Jr. of Sanco had their daughters and children home for the weekend. Visiting were Mrs. James T. Maddux, Tracy and Shannon of Abilene and Mrs. Wanda Ford and 2½ year old twins, Sandy and Cindy of Big Spring.

Mrs. Martha Selzer, Farrell and Brent of Munday spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Kinsey and other Robert Lee relatives.

Voters Elect Three New School Trustees Saturday

Robert Lee School has three new trustees on its board as a

Bad Weather Hurts Turnout At Tourney

Cool temperatures, wind and dust hurt the turnout for the annual benefit golf tournament held by Alpha Omicron Nu last Saturday. Only about half as many players entered the ABC tourney as usual. Despite this, members of AON reported that they would still be able to donate a nice sum to the EMS Ambulance Fund, the recipients of this year's proceeds.

Winning teams this year included: John Heck, Charlie Bryan, and Willie Voyles in first place; Buckles Sparks, Ron Barbour, and Bubba Kennedy in second place; and the team of Jerold Epperson, Gaylon Hall, and Hector Martinez placed third. The putting contest was won by Bill Burns.

Sanco Assn. To Meet Apr. 16

The Sanco Community Association will meet in the roadside chapel formerly the Methodist Church at 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 16.

The meeting is to prepare for the annual Sanco Homecoming and will be open to those interested in continuing the Homecoming, which meets annually the second Sunday in June.

Next Friday's meeting will be opened with a brief piano-violin session of old songs played by Josephine Bird at the piano and Jim Clendennen with his violin.

The business meeting will consider adopting a plan of union between the three associations which in the course of time have developed to own the cemetery, the tabernacle and the former school grounds.

Anyone Sanco related or interested is invited.

result of the election held last Saturday. Gaylon Pitcock, Mary Herring and Donnie Robertson were elected to succeed Joe B. Flowers, Ray Aldridge and John E. Stevens, who did not seek reelection. Three other candidates also sought the trustee positions.

In the election for city officials, three incumbents were reelected without opposition. Robert D. Vaughan was chosen to serve another two years as mayor and Alice Beaty and Wilson Bryan were reelected as members of the council.

A contest developed in the race for directors of West Coke County Hospital District, but the three

Easter Service To Be Held In Amphitheatre

The Robert Lee Community Easter Sunrise Service will be held Sunday, April 11, at 6 a.m. at Mountain Creek Amphitheatre. The entire community is invited to participate in the celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

The service will open with a trumpet solo by Stan Ray. Carolyn Long will lead the singing, and special music will be provided by the Bethel Baptist Mission Choir and the combined choirs of the churches of the community. Lucile Bryan will be pianist for the service.

The Rev. Larry Anderson will offer the invocation, the Rev. John Reyholds will preach the Easter sermon, and the Rev. Roy Epperson will close the service with a benediction.

Coffee and doughnuts will be served free of charge in the New Rec Hall following the service.

Everyone is invited to be a part of this service and help make it a community-wide Christian event.

incumbents, Steve Oleksiuk, Wayne McCabe and T.M. Wylie Jr. won easily, so there will be no change of faces on the hospital board.

Votes received by various candidates look like this:

SCHOOL ELECTION	
Six candidates were running for three openings and the top three were declared winners.	
Gaylon Pitcock	275
Mary Herring	262
Donnie Robertson	253
Ben Bessent	173
Joe Ash	169
Les Gray	88

Eight write-in votes were divided among five persons, and the total vote was tabulated at 421. Unusual interest in the school board election was indicated before the April 3 balloting, as 56 absentee ballots were cast.

HOSPITAL ELECTION	
Three vacancies were coming up on the hospital district board of directors and all three incumbents plus one challenger had their names printed on the ballots. Results:	
Steve Oleksiuk	324
Wayne McCabe	313
T.M. Wylie Jr.	283
Rheba Taylor	95

No write-in votes were reported in the hospital election. Citizens were concerned with it, however, as 37 took time to vote absentee.

CITY ELECTION
Citizens of Robert Lee apparently were well pleased with the operation of their city government, as they voted as follows:

FOR MAYOR	
Robert D. Vaughan	155
FOR COUNCIL MEMBER	
Wilson Bryan	156
Alice Beaty	145

Three other local citizens ran very poor seconds in the city race when they received one write-in each.

Buy and Sell with Want Ads

FFA Judging Team 3rd At SA

The Robert Lee FFA Livestock Judging Team, composed of Scot

Long, Terry Millican, Douglas Roberts and Pat Percifull placed third at the San Angelo Stock Show Livestock Judging Contest, held March 13. Scot Long was third high individual in the contest. The team also competed in the Sweetwater Livestock Judging Contest on March 27, placing eighth in that contest. Last week, the team judged at the Angelo State University contest, placing fifth overall, and fifth in sheep and cattle and sixth in swine. Douglas Roberts was sixth high individual in that contest. Robert Lee FFA also has had a second team in many of the contests. Those team members are the following: Stan Ray, Jim Herring, Kirby Rasco, and Brantly Robertson. The team will compete in the Texas Tech contests on April 17, in Area II competition, along with a meats team, grass team, wool team and dairy cattle team.



RLHS TEAM HIGH--The Robert Lee FFA Livestock Judging Team placed third at San Angelo. Pictured left to right, Scot Long,

Terry Millican, Douglas Roberts and Pat Percifull, members of the team.

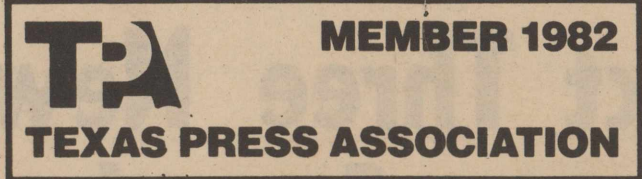
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'64 Study Club Members Attend Dist. Convention In San Angelo

The Heart of Texas District TFWC Spring Convention was held in San Angelo, April 1 with 150 members in attendance. Those in attendance from The '64 Study Club of Robert Lee were: Mrs. Gerald Allen, president of The '64 Study Club; Mrs. Wilson Bryan, state and district choir director; Mrs. Robert Vaughan, district chairman of the Arts and

Crafts Department; Mrs. Cumbie Ivey, treasurer of The '64 Study Club; Mrs. Irene Newell, Education Department and Mrs. Jake Jacoby, Texas Heritage Department.

The seven awards for The '64 Study Club received for the year were: Top Ten for the year book cover: Programs: Community Education, first place, Conservation-Energy, first place, Family Living, second place.

Mrs. Robert Vaughan was awarded second place for her free verse poem. Mrs. Gerald Allen took first place in the Arts Department for a needlepoint picture and for a hand-painted skirt.

Mrs. B.M. Sims, state president, TFWC, brought a message emphasizing "Woman Power".

Mrs. Bryan and the members of the volunteer choir, referred to as "Lucile's Girls", furnished music and song during the two day convention. The original compositions written by Mrs. Bryan were well received.

Lake Spence Fishing News

PAINT CREEK MARINA

L.B. Pendleton, B.L. Woods, Amarillo, 17 black bass, total weight 44 lbs., 1 at 6 1/2 lbs., 1 at 5 1/2 lbs. and 1 at 4 1/4 lbs., using purple worms.

Richard Long, Robert Lee, 1-20 lb. striper from bank near dam. Dan Kelly, Clovis, N.M., 1-4 lb. striper on Hellbender.

Steve Christian, Odessa, 3 black bass, 3 lb. 8 oz., 3 lbs. 6 oz., 3 lb. 3 oz. on purple worms.

Reba and Billy Mearer, Leveland, 1-2 lb. striper, 2 small mouth bass, 1 1/2 lbs. and 2 lbs. 2 oz.

Sam Conlee, Clyde, 8 lbs. 13 oz. striper, near dam.

Lynn Streed, Odessa, 5 lbs. 6 oz. striper, trolling near dam.

TRIANGLE GRO. & BAIT

Frank, Lefty and Billy Wells, Monahans and Odessa, 25 black bass from 2 lbs. to 5 lbs. on spinners and plastic worms. 50 white bass, using hot spot.

Mike Lathrop, Merlin Enkers, Odessa, 16 white bass and 1 black bass.

RLHS Boys Fifth, Girls Sixth At Irion County Track Meet

Robert Lee High School boys and girls track teams traveled to Mertzton Saturday to participate in the Irion County Track Meet. The local teams, along with their competition, found the going difficult as they bucked a tough West Texas sandstorm which made the events difficult. The boys stacked up 45 1/2 points for fifth place, while the girls had 61 points for sixth place.

BOYS RESULTS

440 Yard Relay: 4. Garry Palmer, Greg Grim, Armando Sanchez and Scot Long, 46.1.

110 Yard Hurdles: 5. Kirby Rasco, 17.4.

400 Meter Dash: 2. Armando Sanchez, 51.97.

330 Yard Intermediate Hurdles: 5. Rasco, 43.88.

3200 Meter Run: 3. Garry Palmer, 10:52.

Discus: 2. Long, 141' 7".

High Jump: 3. Bobby Boone, 5' 10"; 5. Rasco, 5' 6".

Pole Vault: 4. Long, 11'.

GIRLS RESULTS

Shot Put: 1. Martha Bickley, 34' 9 3/4"; 4. Sara De La Pena, 31' 3".

Discus: 6. Bickley, 90' 3".

High Jump: 2. Leigh Ann Rynnion, 5' 2".

3200 Meter Run: 1. Lupe Munoz, 13:27.7.

400 Meter Relay: De La Pena, Rynnion, Amy Percifull and Tracie Fulkerson, 54.6.

100 Meter Dash: 2. Tracie Fulkerson.

200 Meter Dash: 4. De La Pena, 29.2.

1600 Meter Run: 1. Munoz, 6:12.74.

1699 Meter Relay: 5. Debbie Cummins, Rynnion, De La Pena and Fulkerson, 4:26.15.

GIRLS TO DISTRICT

The Robert Lee girls team was scheduled to take part in district competition Wednesday at Garden City. Results were not available in time to get them in this week's Observer.



The principality of Monaco consists of only 370 acres.

Hambright-Swening Plans Told

Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Hambright of Sweetwater have announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Tammy Kathleen, to Mark Allen Swening. She is the granddaughter of Mrs. Annie B. Mitchell of Robert Lee. The couple will exchange vows in the home of Miss Hambright's sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Dwayne Davis of Blackwell, on May 15.

Parents of the prospective groom are Mr. and Mrs. Al Swening of Abilene.

The bride-elect is a 1978 graduate of Robert Lee High School and attended Western Texas College of Snyder and Angelo State University.

Swening is a 1979 graduate of Lake View High School in San Angelo and is attending A.S.U.

CLOUDED COTTON PICTURE

Cotton farmers face a tough year ahead as high cotton supplies will likely keep the lid on market prices. Last year's bumper crop in the U.S. and abroad coupled with a sharp drop in American consumption has led to huge stockpiles, notes an economist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M University System. Domestic carryover on July 31 is expected to double at some 6 million bales. Farmers will likely have few opportunities to contract their crop at prices above production costs during the first half of 1982. Any type of price recovery in the second half will depend on the weather, economic activity and size of the new crop.



The first game of golf in the US was played when John Reid and some friends laid out six holes on the Reid lawn in Yonkers, New York in 1888 and played there with golf balls and clubs brought over from Scotland by Robert Lockhart.

Easter: Factual Or Effectual?

Resurrection Day, is it factual or effectual?

We are fast approaching the day set aside by the Christian Community for observance of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Easter is upon us.

But, is it factual? Can it be proven? Is it effectual?

There is probably no better-attested fact in history than the resurrection of Jesus Christ. By every accepted standard of evidence we must conclude that Jesus did rise from the grave. Even the agnostic merchants of today who deny the birth and resurrection of Christ would go bankrupt without the Christmas and Easter business.

Although no one actually witnessed the resurrection, there were many witnesses to the facts supporting the reality of that event. We have an abundance of natural phenomena and personal manifestations that Christ made after His supernatural resurrection. Consider the earthquake, the rolled stone, the empty tomb, the undisturbed but neatly placed grave clothes. We have to consider the testimony of the women, of Peter and John, of the Roman soldiers, of the disciples to Emmaus, of the ten disciples in the upper room, and the additional testimony of Thomas Didymus. Furthermore, we have the eye witness account of over 500 people who watched the ascension of Christ fifty days after the resurrection.

Now, the question. Is it effectual?

Fundamentally, then, it is not what we know, but who we know that makes the resurrection effectual to us and to others.

However, I must admit, like many others, it is at Eastertime that I go out and buy that new tie and those chocolate-covered marshmallows. Then, I spend the remainder of the year doing (or trying to do; aerobic exercises.

Yes, Resurrection Day is both factual and effectual to me. (I mean no pun.)--Bascom Chesney

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STATEMENT OF CONDITION

ROBERT LEE STATE BANK

ROBERT LEE, TEXAS

March 31, 1982

RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts	\$ 4,919,270.02
C. D.'s Purchased	3,536,932.98
U. S. Bond and Securities	49,881.00
Warrants and State Bonds	1,176,152.08
Other Bonds	3,260,595.86
Federal Funds Sold	1,290,000.00
Banking House	81,913.83
Furniture and Fixtures	44,864.68
Cash and Exchange	1,252,183.46
Other Assets	82,463.43

\$15,694,257.34

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$ 100,000.00
Surplus	300,000.00
Undivided Profits	841,364.58
Reserves for New Equipment	30,000.00
Reserves for Income Tax	20,000.00
Reserves for Bad Debt	69,103.23
Reserves for Dividends	15,000.00
Other Liabilities	139,614.77
Deposits	14,179,174.76

\$15,694,257.34

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Cody Bill Bessent on "White Lightning"

White Lightning Provides Good Transportation For Cody Bill

A mode of travel not seen in Robert Lee for some time has recently been noted around town. Cody Bill, 3½ year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Randy Bessent, is the proud owner of a spiffy red cart pulled by an old jenny, "White Lightning". The rig was pur-

chased by Cody Bill's grandfather, Ben Bessent, a few weeks ago from Bob Fields and is providing lots of fun for the pair.

50 YEARS AGO

The Rabbit Drive in Paint Creek and Wildcat communities last Friday was a big success. About 1500 jack rabbits were killed. We're glad to see some of these pesky critters being eliminated, they've eat everything in sight. Pal Roberts claimed high with 54 and Rolly Page a close second with 50. Had a big barbecue dinner with some left. The ladies of the community with Montie Trimble as general roust about (and you know Montie gets along fine with that) really put on a fine spread.

D.M. Prine of Sanco hiked off to San Angelo Saturday and married himself a good looking widow over there, Mrs. Lorean Heard. They will make their home in Sanco.

Model T top covers reduced to \$2.00 - Curtains 25c each - Coke Motor Company.

Word comes that Carroll Berryman, oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. J.G. Berryman, was riding a train between his home in New Mexico and his father's home in Littlefield when he got his foot mashed bad between two cars. The foot had to be taken off. Sorry, Carroll, we are thinking about you down here.

The 4-H Club and Vocational Agriculture Fat Stock Show was a bang-up success. The Bronte, Robert Lee, Sanco, Silver and Green Mountain schools turned out Friday for it. Robert Lee and Bronte businesses closed from 1-3 p.m., too. Lots of fine stock was shown; a complete list will appear at a later date, but here is a sample. Calves that placed were as follows: 1st Finnell Smith, Robert Lee, 2nd Myrph Havins, Robert Lee, 3rd J.B. Patterson, Fort Chadbourne, 4th Dean Morrow, Bronte, and B.G. Stephenson, Tennyson. W.M. Simpson, local groceryman bought the Smith boy's 600 pound calf for 6c a pound.

The rodeo held in connection with the show was enjoyed by large crowds and consisted of goat roping, horse racing and bronc riding. Only thing was the goats were too wild and fast for the horses, especially when they looked back and saw Jess McCutchen chasing 'em.



LOOK WHO'S NEW

Louis and Wanda Lara of Kermit are parents of a daughter born at 2:40 a.m. Feb. 23 in Kermit. Debra Frances weighed 7 pounds, 7 ounces and was 19½ inches long.

Her paternal grandmother is Sara Lara of Robert Lee and maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. J.I. Horseman of Clyde.

IMPROVING CHICKEN REPRODUCTION

The spring season means more daylight hours, and that influences the reproductive drive of chicken flocks, says a poultry specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M University System. He advises breeder flock owners to feed a good game bird breeder ration at least 30 days prior to saving hatching eggs. Eggs held longer than seven days should be stored at 55 degrees and 60 percent relative humidity and turned at least once a day. Those less than a week old can be kept at room temperature. Do not set dirty eggs for hatching and never place more eggs under a setting hen than she can cover adequately, normally 11 to 13.

Buy and Sell with Want Ads



LIONS CLUB MEETING

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

LIONS CLUB COMMUNITY CENTER

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WORSHIP.....11:00 a.m. WED. BIBLE STUDY. 7 p.m.

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Agriculture Economy Is Paying More Than Fair Share Of Cost

People working in agriculture are paying more than their fair share into the economy and for high-cost programs which are running out of control, insists Frank Naylor Jr., under secretary for Small Communities and Rural Development with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, speaking to some 700 persons at the 37th annual stockholders meeting of the Federal Land Bank recently in Houston.

Representing the Federal Land Bank of San Angelo at the meeting were Brian F. Meeks, assistant manager; and Alvin Sefcik, Arnold Fuchs, Clinton

Hodges, Paul Pruitt and Milton Heinze, members of the board of directors. The San Angelo facility serves the counties of Tom Green, Irion, Reagan, Sterling, Coke and Runnels.

"There's a severe problem in agriculture today," Naylor emphasized. "And many farmers are facing their second or third year of negative cash flow.

"We can't continue to face high interest rates that are two to three points higher than we can afford," he added.

Thomas H. Benson, Land Bank president, in his report to stockholders said that the demand for loans made 1981 the largest year in the association's history, with 3,638 loans closed for a total of \$408.2 million. This compares to 1980 figures of 3,774 loans closed for a total of \$322.3 million.

"While we see some real problems in extending credit, we do not see the demand lessening, and anticipate that our growth will continue," Benson said.

"In many sections of the state we are the only action long-term lender," he continued. "This we view as an opportunity as well as an awesome responsibility."

The Federal Land Bank of Texas makes long-term loans on farms, ranches and rural residences and currently has 39,059 loans for approximately \$2.1 billion outstanding. There are 56 Federal Land Banks in Texas.

Bike-A-Thon To Help Kids

Preliminary plans have been made for the annual Bike-A-Thon to benefit St. Jude's Children's Research Center, announced Mrs. Dennis Counts, chairman for the campaign.

Mrs. Counts, who was also the fund-raiser's 1981 chairman, has set Saturday, April 24, as the date for the benefit ride. Although plans are incomplete, bike riders who are interested may contact school principals at either Bronte or Robert Lee or call Mrs. Counts at 453-2564 in Robert Lee for more information.

One Attempt, One Success In Burglaries

Sheriff Marshall Millican reported this week that there has been one unsuccessful attempted burglary and one successful burglary in the county in the last week or so.

An attempt was made about 1:30 a.m. March 28 to break into Coke County Pharmacy in Robert Lee. The intruders entered the building through an air conditioner duct and knocked out some ceiling tile. A burglar alarm was activated and evidently scared off the burglars. Millican said apparently the burglars never gained entry into the store and that nothing was missing. He said he has a suspect whom he and other officers are trying to locate.

A theft-burglary case occurred some time between March 24 and 27 at Central Baptist Church in Bronte. The sheriff said a microphone and public address system were taken. He said he has no leads on the case.

County Offices Close Monday

All offices in the Coke County Courthouse will be closed on Monday, April 12, in observance of the Easter holiday. The Coke County Appraisal District office will also be closed. All other Robert Lee offices and businesses will operate on their regular schedules except the Robert Lee Schools, who will be dismissed on Thursday, April 8, and resume on Monday, April 12.

DECORATE STORAGE BOXES

Don't hide your storage boxes -- decorate them instead.

Use burlap, felt or velour, staple fabric to each box so it can be drawn tight, then glue fabric to the boxes and glue on appliques, says Alma Fonseca, a clothing specialist.

TEE-OFF TIME POSTPONED

Tee-off time for the ABC golf tournament Sunday at Mountain Creek Golf Course has been postponed from 1 p.m. to 1:30.

Officials of the golf club said they failed to consider that April 11 is Easter Sunday and that members may wish to spend

more time attending church services.

Therefore, the time to begin the ABC Tourney has been moved up 30 minutes to 1:30 p.m.

The Sunday tourney will be sponsored by Big State Roustabout Service.

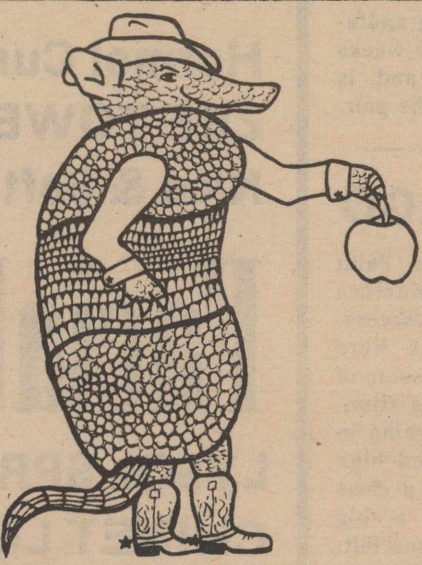
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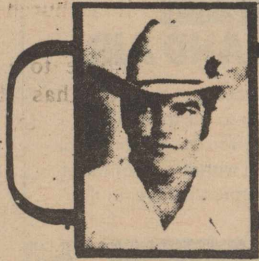
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It was a typical spring morning at the coffee shop. Thunder and lightning lit up the skies to the northwest of San Angelo on the watershed above the north lake the night before. Storms danced across the Big Country plains.

Someone read the weather forecast in the morning paper. A comment from across the table suggested it was not likely any moisture would grace our territory by the weekend. "All we had last night was lightning and thunder," the commentary continued.

"But we could get some rain," came another remark. "Look at those flies gathering at the door."

"At the door, heck, there's a few already in the cafe," said Cotton as he left his chair for the swatter hanging on a nail near the trash can.

Then the war was on. Everyone in the place was directing Cotton's movements to the location of the next kill at their table.

Finally, back at the Roundtable with the same old groups for the last ten years, Cotton claimed his chair in front of cold coffee. "You know, I think we will declare this cafe the official location of the national finals fly swatting contest!"

"Might as well, there are

contests for everything else," said another. "We could serve chili and issue everybody a swatter when they entered the door."

"No, that would cost too much," someone else muttered as they sipped coffee. "Let everyone bring their own swatter and we'll charge them for the chili... and have a kitty and the one who gets the most flies wins and takes home the money in the kitty."

Cotton tapped his coffee cup with a spoon. "Now wait a minute boys," he said. Then he paused and reached for his swatter as he put the bead on a new squatter about midway on the Roundtable near the jelly bowl.

"Now, looky here, these flies have made the winter in good shape," laughed Cotton. "They are fat. We better change this event to the national semi-finals. These flies cannot qualify for the national finals."

About that time it started sprinkling outside and the flies seemed to disappear. With their departure came a new game along with a refill on the coffee. The guessing started as to how much rain would come to the north part of the county compared to the south. Would we

receive any run off in our lakes? Would there be enough moisture to get the crop up or the grass high enough to stop supplemental feeding?

So went another typical morning at the local coffee shop.

News From The County Agent

By Sterling Lindsey
County Extension Agent-Ag

John Begnaud, Tom Green County Extension Horticulturist, has sent us some information on three of the more common questions received during the year. We think his comments are appropriate at this time.

Q. Is there still time for me to prune my trees?

A. Yes and no. Pruning can be done anytime of the year, especially when there is dead or diseased wood to be removed. However, some of the heavy bleeders such as willow, maple and fruitless mulberry are already oozing large amounts of sap from their wounds. This can cause some problems since insects and diseases can be attracted to these areas. Major pruning or the removal of limbs six inches in diameter or more should be postponed on these trees until next winter.

Q. When do I spray peach trees to prevent having little worms in the fruit?

A. The first spray should be at the flower budding state prior to bloom. If this time has past, the next best time is at half-petal fall. When at least half of the bloom petals fall, spray with a mixture of Malathion plus either benomyl or captan. A commercially prepared spray for fruit and nut trees containing these chemicals is available. Spraying should continue at two week intervals until harvest.

Q. Last year my tomato vines were green and bushy, but I never got any fruit. What was wrong?

A. There are several reasons why tomatoes won't produce. Certain varieties such as Ponderosa or Beefsteak will not set fruit once night temperatures reach 80 F. If fertilizers higher in nitrogen than in phosphorus were used, then plants become vegetative or bull plants and grow leaves rather than fruit. Tomatoes also require at least six hours of direct sun each day to flower.

A tomato variety test conducted by Ms. Ann Howerton in 1980 concluded that Bonus and Floramerica performed best of the larger tomatoes and Small Fry, a cherry type, did very well also.

NOTICE OF TAX RELIEF AVAILABLE TO CERTAIN HOMEOWNERS OVER 65

Homeowners who were 65 years of age or older on January 1, 1979, and failed to receive their school district homestead exemptions in 1979 have until April 10 of this year to do so. Eligible over-65 homeowners in Coke County must make application to the Coke County Appraisal District at 710 Austin St. in Robert Lee.

No refunds may be given for 1979, 1980, or 1981; however, if the application is approved, the taxpayer's school taxes on his homestead may not exceed the amount of taxes the school district would have imposed on the homestead for 1979, had the taxpayer received his homestead exemptions. This frozen tax amount will remain the same as long as the homestead remains the same.

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West Coke Hospital News

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

March 30: No admissions or dismissals.

March 31: Hazel Lindsey admitted and no dismissals.

April 1: Johnny Service admitted and no dismissals.

April 2: No admissions and Rebecca Conner dismissed.

April 3: No admissions and Velma Denman dismissed.

April 4: Janie Munoz and Lena Russell admitted. Hazel Lindsey and Johnny Service dismissed.

April 5: Tammy Haines admitted and no dismissals.

FAMILY UNITY

During a family crisis, remember family unity, says Diane Welch, a family life education specialist.

It's normal for families to feel closer and desire a higher level of togetherness with other family members during a crisis, the specialist explains.

At such times, people work harder at getting along and value the support and sympathy that is shared, she adds.

Welch is with the home economics staff of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System.

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NOTICE

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 BP41-2tc

GARAGE SALE - continued Friday & Saturday, rained out 27th. Jeans, girls clothes, cookware, dishes added. 305 11th, Evaline Wrinkle. 41-1tp

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Political Announcements

The Observer has been authorized to announce the candidacy of persons listed below for the offices and in the elections indicated:

DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY

MAY 1, 1982

For Congress, 17th District--
CHARLES STENHOLM

For County Judge--
D.W. (DUB) SIMS
AUBREY DENMAN
W.W. (BUD) THETFORD

For County and District Clerk--
MRS. ETTIE HUBBARD
For County Treasurer--
MRS. JERRY THOMASON

BIG GARAGE SALE - Little Rock Store, San Angelo Highway, Fri. & Sat. Joan Davis 41-1t(nc)

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NOTICE

West Coke County Hospital is taking applications for an office manager. Five years or more experience in hospital office management preferred. Applications may be obtained at Hospital office, 307 West 8th, Robert Lee, Tx. West Coke County Hospital District is an equal opportunity employer. 41-1tc

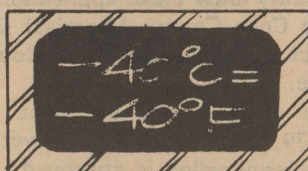
ATTEND ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. Dave King accompanied Madell and Jim Thomas of Arlington to El Paso recently. The occasion was the 50th Wedding Anniversary celebration for Anna and R.B. King, brother and sister-in-law of Mr. King.

The reception on Saturday, March 27 was given by the couple's four children, Lavelta, Elton, Clayton, and Lester. Other relatives attending the large gathering of about 80 guests were Mrs. David Key of Robert Lee and Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Walker of Odessa.

FEWER PLANTED ACRES

Texas farmers intend to plant at least half a million fewer acres to crops this year due to financial troubles and to be eligible for farm program benefits, says an economist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M University System. Cotton plantings will likely be down more than a million acres to about 6.3 million. Plantings of barley, oats and rice are expected to be down only slightly. However, grain sorghum plantings are expected to increase to 5 million acres, up from 4.8 million last year. Farmers also intend to plant a little more corn, soybeans, hay, peanuts, sugar beets and sunflowers. Texas' winter wheat crop is the largest ever at 8.2 million acres due to some shift from cotton.



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Texas gets fair share of tax dollars

COLLEGE STATION — A Texas A&M University political scientist says the state gets its share of return on the tax dollars Texans send to Washington.

"Texas is among the top states to receive revenue from the government," said Dr. Harvey Tucker, "and while we don't reap good returns from some federal programs, we fare well in a good many others that more than make up the difference."

Recent reports have indicated Texans only get back a dollar for every \$1.40 they pay into federal government programs falling under grants-in-aid such as Medicaid, highway construction, general revenue sharing, welfare maintenance assistance, employment training and assistance, and wastewater treatment.

Tucker pointed out that the amount of money Texas receives from grants-in-aid programs is but one source of revenue, representing a direct transaction from the federal government to the state. Other forms include payments to state and local governments for military property holdings and research and development grants made directly to individuals, he said pointing out that by law corporations are considered individuals.

LION news and notes

Still Doing Their Share

With cuts in social programs the order of the day in budget-conscious Washington, many Americans are wondering whether the private sector will be able to take up some of the slack created by big-government's belt-tightening.



Some people believe that private giving and volunteer effort declined as government at all levels assumed ever greater responsibility for providing social services. While this may be true for some groups, at least one of the "private sectors" has never slackened its efforts to help those in need: America's service clubs.

A recent survey by Lions Clubs International—the world's largest humanitarian service club organization—showed that its clubs expended nearly \$75 million last year to help the needy in their communities. With approximately half of its 1.3 million members located in the United States, it's clear that the Lions continue to do their share.

And because service clubs are run entirely by volunteers, each dollar spent goes much further than its government counterpart, since

even the most dedicated bureaucrat likes to be paid.

The millions of service-club members in the United States provide an incredible variety of services to their communities. Lions Clubs, for example, operate or support most of the country's eye banks and dog-guide training schools; they support eye research at hospitals and universities from coast to coast; purchase new eyeglasses and hearing aids for the needy; and recycle millions of used ones for use throughout the world. In fact, nearly four million people are helped in some way by a Lions Club each year.

When you add to this the efforts of the numerous other service club organizations active in the United States, it's plain to see that at least one branch of American volunteerism is alive, growing and still doing its share.



Kimberly Leann Caston and Michael Edward Stephens

Kim Caston And Mike Stephens To Marry In Church Ceremony

Kimberly Leann Caston and Michael Edward (Steamo) Stephens, along with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Caston and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Stephens announce their engagement and approaching marriage on June 12, 1982, at the Robert Lee Baptist Church.

Kim is a May 1982 candidate for graduation from Robert Lee High School. Mike is a 1976 Robert Lee High School graduate and a 1981 Texas Tech University graduate. He is presently employed by Acid Engineering in Sundown.

Nursing Home Artist Program Creates Interest For Everyone

Ambulance Service News

Your Ambulance Group met with a nice turnout Tuesday, March 30. It was announced that our old ambulance had been sold for \$425.00, to add to our funds for needed equipment and operating expenses.

You will soon see all volunteers wearing orange jackets with our names and ranks across the back in silver letters. They will be much easier to see in the dark than our dark blue ones.

Lou Wright has just finished her Multi-Media First Aid Course at San Angelo Center.

April 23 will be a night of fun for all the volunteers and their mates at the home of Kathy White. Ernie Abalos will be co-host.

A great big "Thank You" from all of us to the Alpha Omicron Nu for the ABC Golf Tournament proceeds donated to the Ambulance Fund.

We have extended an invitation to Medic 13 out of San Angelo to spend July 10 with us in a training session and lunch.

Remember the Blood Pressure Clinic from 10-1 April 10 at the Lions Club Building. Sausage still for sale, too!—Nita Schnabel

The Artist of the Month program at the West Coke County Nursing Home has created a great deal of interest for visitors and residents alike. The exhibits began on March 1, on a suggestion by Jay Leath, hospital administrator.

George Weir, a local artist from the Edith community, exhibited his works during March. Weir, who has sold a number of pictures since moving to Robert Lee, works in several media. Most of his pictures at the WCCNH were watercolors on varied subjects.

Linda Boone is the April Artist of the Month and her pictures are now hanging in the lobbies and halls for viewers to enjoy. Linda paints primarily in oils but does have one watercolor on display.

Both the staff and residents of the nursing home invite everyone to enjoy and appreciate the works of local artists.

BUY GENERIC PRODUCTS

Want to cut food costs? Consider purchasing generic products -- products without a trademark, says Linda McCormack, a family resource management specialist.

Generic foods usually cost 44 percent less than brand-name products and 15 percent less than store-label items, she adds.

Many consumers find little quality difference in best-selling generics including canned fruit, coffee creamers, chlorine bleach and paper towels, the specialist says.

McCormack is on the home economics staff of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System.

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Jana Kay Hood and Kerry Don [Dusty] Demere

Jana Kay Hood, Dusty Demere To Exchange Vows July 24th

Jana Kay Hood and Kerry Don (Dusty) Demere will be married

on July 24, 1982.

Parents of the engaged couple are Mr. and Mrs. Royce G. Hood of 602 Overland Trail, Robert Lee, and Romanda Demere of Sterling City and George Demere of Water Valley.

The bride-elect is a 1980 graduate of Robert Lee High School and is a student at Texas Tech University in Lubbock. Her fiance is a 1980 graduate of Sterling City High School and is also attending Texas Tech University.

Girl Scouts Sell Mountain Of Cookies

Robert Lee Girls Scouts two troops sold a lot of cookies during the 1982 Cookie Sale of the West Texas Girl Scout Council. A report from Hazel Abbott, cookie chairman for Service Unit No. 28, reports the two troops sold 50 cases of Girl Scout Cookies.

Jr. Troop 366 had 9 and Brownie Troop 365 had five girls who earned the 30th Anniversary Cookie patch by selling 30 boxes during the 30th sale of the West Texas Council.

Eight Junior Scouts and five Brownies earned a Bike Bag for selling five cases.

Three Brownies earned the Brownie/Dad Overnight at Camp Booth Oakes for selling seven cases.

Awards to members of Jr. Troop 366 went to the following numbers of girls:

Four girls earned a half-week campership for 9 cases.

Two girls earned one week campership for 16 cases.

One girl earned two weeks campership for 25 cases.

Outstanding Service Unit No. 28 Cookie salesgirls were: Brownie Troop 365, Mary Jo Naico, and Junior Troop No. 366, Tracy Hubbard, Debbie Bell and Becky Padgett.

All 20 girls selling cookies received a certificate of appreciation from the West Texas Girl Scout Council, a participating agency of the United Way.

Robert Lee Girl Scouts who recently were awarded five-year tenure pins were Tracy Hubbard, Debbie Bell, Callie McCutchen and Kristi Wrinkle.

LUNCHROOM MENUS

Monday, April 12: Macaroni and cheese, blackeye peas, carrots, cornbread squares with butter, milk and peanut butter brownies.

Tuesday, April 13: Tacos with cheese, lettuce and tomato salad, corn, chopped onion, milk and cookies.

Wednesday, April 14: Pinto beans with meat, turnip greens, pickled beets, cornbread with butter, milk and fruit cobbler.

Thursday, April 15: Burritos, French fries with catsup, Ranch Style Beans, milk and banana.

Friday, April 16: Barbecue chicken, cream potatoes, green beans, hot rolls with butter, milk and peanut butter supreme.

Mary Anne and Waddy Fowler of Alvarado spent three days last week with his mother, Mrs. Helen Fowler. Also visiting on Sunday was her daughter, Mrs. Pat Taft and children of San Angelo.

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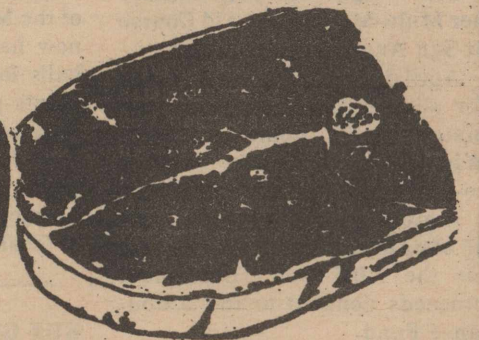
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