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#### West Texas Utilities Rates To Increase 4.7% Early Next Year

West Texas Utilities Co. rates will increase early next year by an average of 4.7 per cent as result of a settlement agreement reached this past week.

WTU and all parties involved, including the Public Utility Commission staff and the Texas Municipal League, agreed on a retail revenue increase of \$10.2 million annually. WTU had proposed an increase of \$20.4 mil-

WTU officials said the Company agreed to the settlement because it was in line with recommendations of the PUC staff, and that the Commission usually does not deviate far from the staff's recommendations. The main difference between WTU's request and the amount allowed is the rate of return on common equity. WTU had sought 18 per cent and received 16.25 per cent, which is about the same percentage granted in WTU's last rate settlement last February.

"It is obvious that as result of this settlement we'll have to ask for another increase sooner than we had hoped," said Bob Boone, WTU local manager.

#### Sr. Citizens To Receive Butter, Cheese Again

Another Free Cheese and Butter Giveaway will be distributed by Coke County Outreach Program for the Aged next week. The cheese and butter is provided by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Distribution will start Monday, Dec. 13 at Bronte City Hall for persons on the east side of the county, and will continue Tuesday, Dec. 14 at Robert Lee Old Rec Hall for persons on the west side of the county.

The distribution points will be open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Persons must be 60 years old or above to qualify for the free cheese give-away.

#### SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM DEC. 14

On December 14 at 10:30 a.m., there will be a Christmas program in the Robert Lee School auditorium. The program will include musical numbers by the high school band, a style show by the homemaking classes, skits and readings, and songs by the kindergarten. Everyone come and see the surprise guest! The public is cordially invited to

He said WTU management has indicated that a new rate case may be filed as early as April of 1983. The new rates are scheduled to go into effect Jan. 7 unless the PUC changes the date.

Effect on monthly residential bills, including both the base rate and estimated fuel cost charges, would be as follows:

For 600 kilowatthours---\$45.76 at 7.63 cents per kilowatthour, compared to \$43.39 at 7.23 cents per KWH under the present

For 1,000 kilowatthours---\$71.98 at 7.20 cents per kilowatthour, compared to \$68.30 at 6.83 cents per KWH under the present rates.

Residential rates vary, depending on whether the home has electric water heating, electric heating, or a combination of both, but the average increase for the residential customer classes will be 4.96 per cent. The increase for commercial customers will average 5.55 per cent and the increase for large power customers would average 2.95

# Girls Champs, Boys 2nd

Runnion was top pointmaker with

18; Amy Percifull and Carol

Longoria each had 10; Cummins

and Bickley had 4 each, and

Gartman and DeLa Pena, 2 each.

o'clock Saturday night the girls

from RL beat the Hawley team

44-35. Percifull and Runnion tied

for top scores with 15 each;

Cummins made 7; DeLa Pena, 4

and Bickley, 3.

In the Championship game at 7

The Robert Lee basketball teams placed well at the Bronte Invitational Tournament last weekend with the girls taking the championship trophy and the Steers second place after losing to Hawley.

GIRLS GAMES

In the first round of the tourney Thursday at 1 p.m. the girls from RL downed the Highland lassies 42-38. Scoring points were: Leigh Ann Runnion, 16; Martha Bickley, 11; Debbie Cummins, 6; Sara DeLa Pena, 5; and Jana Gartman, 4.

Friday the RL squad took on the Christoval girls and gave them a shellacking, 50-27. Again



#### **Shopping Days** Til Christmas **Running Out**

Robert Lee's downtown businesses' "Christmasy" look, along with street and water tower decorations tell of the shopping days that are dwindling away. Several local stores have had holiday open houses including The Flower Sak and Western Auto Store. Others have reduced selected items for your Christmas selections. Some are having drawings for free gifts to those who register, such as Thrif-tee Furniture & Gifts.

This week Roach's Dry Goods will offer special prices on a wide range of items. Saturday, Dec. 11, from 9:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. they will host an Open House. Roach's offer a lovely variety of gift items, pottery, glassware, household goods, and clothing. Free gift wrapping is available on items not on sale. Register for their door prizes to be drawn on Christmas Eve, Dec. 24.

Let's patronize our local businesses who help pay our taxes, support our causes, work our youths, and are interested in

winning form Tuesday night, Dec. 7, when the lady bulldogs from Miles were in town. The local girls won 68-30. Scoring were: Runnion, 21; DeLa Pena, 13; Bickley, 12; Cummins, 10; Percifull, 4; Gartman, 4; and Longoria, 4.

**BOYS GAMES** 

The Steers made a good showing in their first encounter Thursday afternoon as they raced pass the Baptist Temple boys 81-32. Alot of scoring by Lupe Torres, 14; Jimmy Skinner, 12; Quint Anthony, 12; Kirby Rasco, 11; Bobby Boones, 9; Kyle Gibbs, 8; Scott Stephens, 6; Terry Joe Millican, 4; Darryl Mulkey, 4; and Eddie Hood, 1; added up to the big score of 81.

In the Friday match the Steers froze out the Winters Blizzards team 46-34. Skinner had 14; Torres, 11; Gibbs, 10; Rasco, 7; Scott Stehpens, 2; and Bobby Boones, 2.

The Saturday night championship match didn't go down without a fight tho' the Steers lost 52-61. Rasco and Anthony each shot for 13 points; Boone, 8; Skinner, 7; Gibbs and Stephens, 4 each; Mulkey, 2; and Torres, 1.

In a hot game in double overtime the Steers came out on top in a 55-50 match with the Miles Bulldog Tuesday, night, Dec. 7, in the local gym.

Scoring were: Anthony, 18; Torres, 10; Rasco, 8; Skinner, 8; Gibbs, 5; Stephens, 2; Boone, 2; and Hood, 2.

The Steer teams will be competing in the Catclaw Tournament at Abilene Wylie, Dec. 9, 10, 11. Next Tuesday night Dec. 14, at 5 p.m. a game with Christoval will get underway in the local gym.

#### JR. HIGH TEAMS HAVE ALL PAST WEEK

The Robert Lee Dogie basketball teams of boys and girls are 'looking good", as they have had only wins in the past week of

The girl's varsity squad hosted the Miles girls Thursday evening, Dec. 2 and took a win with a 41-30 score. Missy Grim couldn't be stopped from hitting 31 big ones. Lee Ann Molinar made 6 and Rachel Metcalf had 4.

The lassies from RL served as hostesses again on Monday night, Dec. 6, to the Sterling City girls this time. The SC girls suffered a beating with the final 35-20 score. Grim shot for 16; Becky Clendennen, 7; Molinar, 7; Lin Long, 2; Metcalf, 2; and Teresa Harlin, 1.

**BOYS GAMES** 

The Dogies have A and B teams and each know how to win basketball games. In a game Monday night, Dec. 6, with the boys from Sterling City that A team took a good win, 36-21. Scoring were: James Paul Skipworth, 10; Tim Garringer, 9; Wes Hood, 8; Ricky Drennen, 4; Scott Robertson, 2; Isaias Rodriguez, 2; and Randy Gartman, 1.

The B team handled the SC B boys even rougher, taking a 30-9 win. Curt Gardner had 9; Brian Hester, 6; Mitchael Reese, 6;

Kelly Tomlinson, 4; Pammy Millican, 3; and Shane Smith, 2.

The Miles Bullpups gave the Dogie A team a hard time, but they pulled out a squeaker by 26-25. Scott Robertson hit for 10 points; Garringer and Rodriguez, 6 each; Drennen and Skipworth each had 2.

The Dogies B team tamed the Miles B Pups easily by a 26-10 score. Scoring were: Hester, 7; Smith, 6; Gardner, 4; Millican, 3; Reese, Noal Smith and Grady Silchrest, 2 each.

Next Monday night the boys and girls four teams travel to Garden City to face the Bearkittens starting at 5 p.m.

#### STEERS PLACE SIX MEN ON 7-A S. ZONE SUPER TEAM

Zone football team selections were made recently and the Robert Steers placed six players on the mythical teams.

Quint Anthony was the lone Steer on the first team offense as he was chosen as the outstanding punter. Two teammates were selected to the first team defense. Kyle Gibbs as a linebacker and Jimmy Skinner as a lineman.

The second team selections included Skinner as a back and

The All-District 7-A South Kerry Don Wrinkle as a lineman on the offense team. The second team defense selections included lineman Gilbert Abalos, and secondary Eddie Hood.

Zone champion and state regional finalist Eden landed 12 Bulldogs on the first team. Third place finisher Garden City had six first-team picks and zone runner-up Sterling City had three first-teamers. Bronte did not place a player on any team.



**Quint Anthony** 



Kyle Gibbs



Jimmy Skinner



Kerry Wrinkle



Gilbert Abalos



**Eddie Hood** 

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Douglas Roberts is again a patient at St. John's Hospital in San Angelo. He was admitted last week and will remain several days for tests.

Evelyn Flanagan is in Odessa caring for her new granddaughter, Ellen Kathleen Lehr. She hopes to be there for several more days.

#### Services Held For Mrs. Reese

Rom S. Epperson, 92, of Coleman, a retired stockfarmer, died at 9:30 a.m. Monday, Dec. 6, 1982 at St. John's Hospital in San Angelo. Services were held in Coleman at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Henderson Funeral Home in Coleman.

The Rev. Gary Boyd of First

Baptist Church officiated. Burial was in Coleman Cemetery.

Born Oct. 30, 1890, in Coleman County, he was the son of Romulus and Nannie Woods Epperson, pioneer residents of Coleman County. He attended school in the Camp Colorado community in Coleman County. He married Era Jewell Preas Sept. 22, 1922, in Coleman. She preceded him in death. A lifelong Coleman County resident, he was

member of First Baptist Church.

Survivors include five daughters, Mrs. Doyal (Evalyn) Wilkinson of San Antonio, Mrs. Zeddie (Ruth) Beal of Robert Lee, Mrs. Robert (Fae) Kostka of Channelview, Ms. Norman (Mae) Johnson of Pine Bluff, Ark., and Mrs. Raymond (Doris Jean) Bruce of Valera; two sons, Ray S. of Brownwood and Bob H. of Baytown; 26 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

#### - THANKS -

A special THANKS to everyone who helped make our Christmas Open House a **BOOMING** success.

Our special, special thanks to all our friends who helped with all the final preparations. We appreciate you!

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#### Coke County 4-H Rifle Club

Twelve junior shooters from the Coke County r-H Rifle Club were at the rifle range Sunday afternoon, Dec. 5 and did some real good shooting the instructor reported. He was assited by Doug McPeek, John Walker, and James Skipworth.

Kerri Bilbrey and Claudette Walker were awarded their first bar which is earned with a score of 30 on each target.

Scores in prone position were: Claudette Walker, 90; Justin Phillips, 78; Brent McPeek, 77; Jeff Cole, 75; Sheree Burns, 67; Luke Robbins, 65; Becky Padgett, 59; Shannon Skipworth, 56; Angela Reyes, 54; and Adam Minjarez, 41.

Scoring in kneeling position was Kerri Bilbrey, 74.

Three seniors shooters shot Sunday for their expert rifleman's badge and earned it. James Paul Skipworth, Phil Stephens and John Walker. This is the 14th badge earned on the NRA Qualification shooting. The next and final step is the distinguished expert badge which requires hundreds of targets that must meet a demanding score in the three position shooting. This badge is a great honor to obtain and with it one is recognized on a national level.

Rifle Coach Richard Johnson has coached eight boys and girls in the past six years who have earned the distinguished rifleman's badge and is hoping to have several shooters in our club to earn this badge in the next several years. Coach Johnson says, "It's not easy to earn, in fact, it's very difficult and demanding, but the personal satisfaction of knowing that you are one of a very select few nationwide, it's worth all the work it takes to earn it. I get as much of a thrill coaching a boy or girl to this honor as the shooter themselves. It motivates me to be a better coach and 4-H leader. I am very impressed with the attitude and desire that the boys and girls have here in Coke County, and for the support the people give us here in our county. It's just great! With these combinations we will be winners."

#### LUNCHROOM MENUS

Monday, Dec. 13: Fish krispies with tartar sauce, carrots, English peas, hot rolls with butter, milk and pineapple.

Tuesday, Dec. 14: Bolognacheese sandwiches, corn, lettuce wedge, pickle slices, milk and banana.

Wednesday, Dec. 15: Pinto beans with meat, tator tots with catsup, turnip greens cornbread squares, milk and applecrisp.

Thursday, Dec. 16: Salisbury steak with brown gravy, cream potatoes, green beans, hot rolls with butter and applesauce.

Friday, Dec. 17: Hamburgers, lettuce, tomato, pickles, onion, corn, milk and cookies.



The first cable message was sent across the Atlantic Ocean on Aug. 16, 1859.



#### LOOK WHO'S NEW

Ellen Kathleen is a new arrival in the home of her parents, Margaret and Richard Lehr of Odessa. She joins her brother, John, 10 years old.

Born on Dec. 3, at 11:34 a.m. in Odessa's Women and Children's Hospital, she weighed 7 lb. 1 oz.

Mr. and Mrs. R.L. Flanagan of Robert Lee, Sally Lehr of Wall, and Michael Lehr of Austin are Ellen's grandparents. Greatgrandmothers are Mrs. Velma Mullis, Robert Lee and Mrs. Fay Grimes of Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Teddy Millican are happy to announce the birth of their first child, a daughter, named Erin Elizabeth. She was born Friday, Nov. 26 at 6:52 a.m. in the Angelo Community Hospital in San Angelo, weighing 7 pounds and 19 ¾ inches long.

Proud grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Wilbern Millican of Edith and Mr. and Mrs. W.H. Hinds of San Angelo.

Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Harley Long of Robert

### Local Woman's Father Dies

Funeral services for Willard Reese, 61, were held at 2 p.m. on Monday, November 29, at Easterling-Wilson Funeral Home in Odessa. Burial followed in Sunset Memorial Gardens. The Rev. Bill Cook was the officiant.

Mr. Reese died on Wednesday, Nov. 24, in Veterans Hospital in Temple after a lengthy

He was born in Texas on Nov. 30, 1920 and resided in Lubbock for 28 years.

Mr. Reese moved to Odessa from Lubbock in 1956, and operated the Reese Coffee Service there until his retirement. He had been a Robert Lee resident since 1980. He was a member of the Odessa V.F.S. and Immanuel Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Louise Myrtle Reese, Robert Lee; two sons, Ronald Ray Reese, Odessa and Larry Wayne Reese of Robert Lee; one brother, Bill Reese of Kerrville; one sister, Margie Davis of Odessa; and three grandchildren, Mylinda and Lori Reese of Odessa, and Mitchael Reese of Robert Lee.

#### COMMISSIONER'S COURT HOLDS REGULAR SESSION

The commissioners court of Coke County met in a regular meeting Monday, Dec. 6, in the courthouse. A short session was held with the commissioners approving the reading of the last session's minutes. They passed a resolution to accept oil, gas, and mineral lease as presented by Erde Exploration Co. of Midland.

The commissioners also approved bond of Patsy Dunn, county chief appraiser of the tax district.

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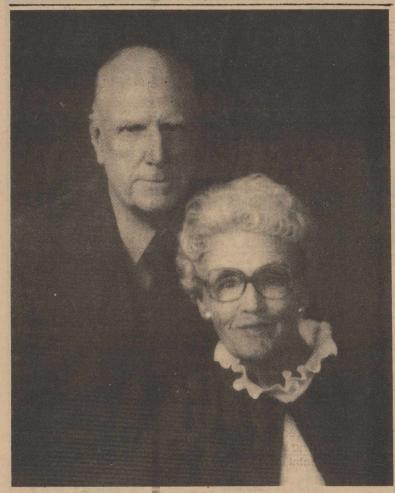
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#### Mr. And Mrs. S.E. Adams To Be Honored On 50th Anniversary

(Editor's note-- In lieu of our 50 Years Ago column, we are printing an event that happened 50 Years ago-- almost to the day.)

On October, 1932, a young schoolteacher, Miss Elsie Pruitt of San Angelo, moved to Robert Lee.

Born on a farm between Miles and Lowake, she was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Will Pruitt. Mr. Pruitt, a farmer and avid hunter, later bought a farm and built a house east of San Angelo.

Miss Pruitt attended Miles schools and graduated from Howard Payne University in Brownwood. She returned to Tom Green County and taught school there two years before moving to Robert Lee.

Miss Pruitt took a room with Miss Mettie Russell and Mrs. A.J. Russell.

Soon after her arrival in Coke County, she met a young tall, thin, up and coming businessman, who was a Robert Lee native.

S.E. "Skinny" Adams was born in Coke County to Mr. and Mrs. J.N.K. Adams and reared on a farm a few miles south of Robert Lee. His mother, in an early introduction to West Texas. came to Coke County via Ballinger to teach music. She rode the mail hack on her way to Hayrick in 1899 and the horses ran away with the hack near Valley Creek and dumped all its passengers. She later married J.N.K. Adams, a merchant who was the president of the McCallum Reed Company.

"Skinny" Adams attended Robert Lee schools and went to San Angelo in 1926 to seek work. He landed a job with the Tom Green County Abstract Co. and worked for them two years. He began as an errand boy and there learned all phases of abstract and title work.

In 1928, around Christmas, he moved home to Robert Lee and established his own business, Security Abstract and Title. During these lean times, he also served as deputy sheriff and tax collector for the county.

The two young people hit it off splendidly and after six weeks decided to get married. The couple pooled their resources and came up with \$15.00. Miss Pruitt had earlied borrowed \$30.00 at the bank, and unable to pay the

required \$1.00 interest, it had been added to her loan.

In 1932, times were exceedingly hard. Coke County was paying its teachers with scrip or warrants, (paper currency or tokens issued for emergency use) to be redeemed later as money.

Miss Pruitt's cash had dwindled and the scrip wasn't being accepted around town. They said they would rather have one's credit then the scrip.

All of these things didn't daunt the young couple. On Saturday night, Dec. 10, 1932, they began a long trip to Colorado City to get married

Miss Pruitt borrowed a black coat for luck from a new friend and fellow teacher, Mildred Rawlings, later to become Mrs. Marvin Simpson. It was lucky, too, in that the night was bitterly cold.

After their wedding, Elsie and Skinny Adams spent the night in a Colorado City hotel and returned home. They kept their marriage a secret for three days because due to the depression, it was a school policy to let any teacher go who had married and hire one who had no other support. Schools opened about October back then to allow the children to help in the fall harvest of grains and cotton; teachers taught six days a week and Sunday School on Sundays.

Mrs. Adams approached Bruce Clift, president of the school board, and asked him if he would fire a teacher who married. Clift replied that "he'd fire one if she had a chance to marry and didn't." Then asked "Miss Pruitt, why are you asking me this?" The new bride then related her story and was allowed to continue her job.

Miss Mildred Rawlings told of their wedding the next week at a banquet at the Methodist Chur-

The couple went into the sheep business in 1932. They bought 30 head of ewes for \$24.00 at one time. Good young ewes were bringing \$1.25 a head anywhere in the area.

They were engaged in ranching, stock-farming and abstracting in Robert Lee until 1949, when they moved to San Angelo.

came up with \$15.00. Miss Pruitt

In San Angelo, they had an had earlied borrowed \$30.00 at abstract office there and in the bank, and unable to pay the Ballinger and were both very

active in civic affairs. Mrs. Adams is a member of the Eastern Star, Daughter of the Nile, Baptist Church, and remains an active member of the Lady's Golf Association in the San Angelo Country Club, as well as a charter member of the Mountain Creek Golf Club in Robert Lee.

Mr. Adams is a member of the Shrine, Eastern Star, Rotary, Masonic Lodge, Presbyterian Church, Lions Club, and the Businessmen's Bible Class.

The Adams' returned to Robert Lee years ago and are still in business here. They are actively engaged in ranching, oil investments, abstracting and real estate.

They will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary on Sunday, Dec. 12, with a reception at the new Recreation Hall in the county park.

Their only son, Stanley, his wife Christie and their grand-children, Naomi Lee, Stan, and Hazel Adams, all of Austin, will host the gathering from 2:00 until 4:00 on Sunday afternoon. They invite everyone to come and celebrate with them.

## Program Set At Baptist Church

"A Certain Small Shepherd" will be presented at the Robert Lee Baptist Church on Sunday evening, Dec. 12, at 7:00. The Children's Choir and a team of puppeteers will combine for the Christmas story in song and motion. The community is invited to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Bell of Lubbock have been in Robert Lee for several days visiting his sister, Mrs. Louise Reese and his mother, Mrs. Martha Bell, a West Coke County Nursing Home resident. Jack Wayland Bryant, ten year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Bryant of Edith, is a patient in Runnels County Memorial Hospital in Ballinger undergoing a battery of medical tests.

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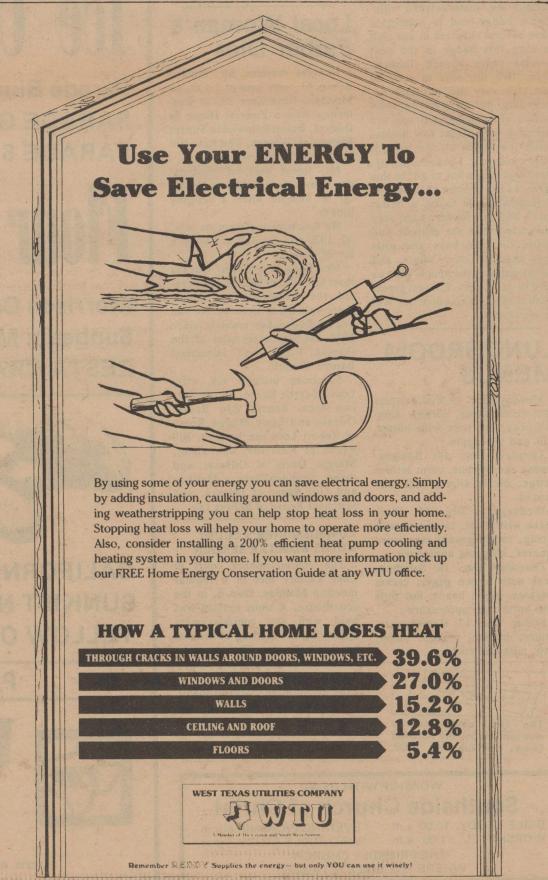
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# Deregulation of your telephone ...how will it affect you

Deregulation. What does it mean to the nation's telephone industry — and the customers it serves? All of the hows, whys and maybes are not determined, but here are answers to some often-asked questions.

#### Q. What is deregulation?

A. Simply, it's the process of removing state and federal controls from many services provided by the telecommunications industry. It means customers can select equipment and services in a competitive market without regulation by a regulatory commission.

#### Q. When does it happen?

A. Deregulation isn't new. Federal Communications Commission rulings over the past three decades have allowed some competition in terminal equipment (telephones, multi-line systems, etc.) and in long-distance services. But deregulation surfaced as a major public issue when the FCC mandated total deregulation of new terminal equipment, effective January 1, 1983.

#### Q. Why does the FCC want the telephone industry to be deregulated?

A. The FCC believes competitive markets are most efficient. Deregulation — and competition — will encourage new services and open more options to customers.

Actually, the FCC is but one of the driving forces behind deregulation. Congress, the Justice Department and the Reagan Administration (like others before it) all are eager to deregulate the American telephone business.

#### Q. What is GTE's position regarding deregulation?

A. GTE feels that deregulation ultimately will benefit all concerned. Competition is the American way and GTE expects to compete aggressively.

#### Q. Just what services will continue under regulation?

A. After January 1, the basic local and long-distance switching networks will continue to be regulated. So will all in-place equipment on customer premises. New equipment will be excluded from regulation, as will "enhanced" services, which combine basic service with computer processing to provide additional, different or restructured information.

#### Q. How does this affect customers?

A. The big change is in lease and purchase arrangements for telephones, multi-line systems and other equipment in a customer's home or business.

After January 1, existing customers may continue to lease their phones from General Telephone. In addition, they have the option of purchasing phones — either from General Telephone or another supplier.

New customers also will be able to buy phones anywhere they choose (including General Telephone). Cost of equipment purchased by customers will be determined by the marketplace — not regulatory commissions. Lease options also will be available to new customers, but again will be determined by the marketplace — not the regulators.

There's another important point. By definition, anyone who alters existing service will be classified as a new customer. People who move from one residence to another — even though both are served by General Telephone — would be considered new customers under deregulation guidelines.

#### Q. Will all customers be affected by deregulation?

A. No. The FCC's order applies only to single-line service. Customers on multi-party lines may continue to lease phones from General Telephone with all the traditional services. For a period after deregulation begins, party line customers may have some options that will not be available after January 1, 1983 to single-line customers.

#### Q. Will it affect the cost of telephone service?

A. Deregulation will have an impact on virtually every aspect of the telephone industry — including cost. It should result in lower prices for some services and higher prices for others. The net effect of deregulation — and the competition it creates — is that each product or service provided by General Telephone must pay its own way, without subsidies from other segments of the business.

For example, revenues from various optional services have traditionally subsidized the cost of providing basic local service. That ensured basic telephone service was affordable to nearly everyone. But competition will force prices to more closely reflect the true cost of any service. Local rates probably will rise; others may decrease. Either way, customers will be asked to pay for the cost of the services they use.

#### Q. So what are the benefits to the consumer?

A. With deregulation comes competition. With competition comes the suppliers' desire to provide customers with what they want, when they want it, resulting in many options, introduction of new technology and keeping costs at the lowest possible level.

#### Q. Won't there be a lot of people who will be unable to afford a telephone?

A. GTE expects to help customers meet increases in telephone rates by phasing in certain options for flat rate pricing, including Usage Sensitive Service (USS) which is a measured service.

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BP21-2tc

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#### CARD OF THANKS

Our heartfelt thanks to all who extended comforting sympathy and help in our recent sorrow. For the floral offerings, memorials, cards, and other kindnesses we are deeply grateful.

The Kenneth Rasco Family

23-1tp

#### IN APPRECIATION

We would like to thank our faithful friends who did so much in our time of grief. Special thanks to Dr. Zeon and the nursing staff for the care they gave to our Beloved father. We are especially grateful for the food, flowers and cards which were sent to us.

God Bless You Always, The family of Julian Valenzuela 23-1tc

#### Alpha Kappa Pi Sorority Enjoys ChristmasParty

A festive setting was prepared by the members of the Alpha Kappa Pi sorority for their spouses on Saturday, December 4, at the old Rec Hall in Robert Lee.

The hall was decked with miniature figures of Santa Claus, Mrs. Santa, greetings of Merry Christmas and Noel. White cloths covered the tables, which were accented with red and green streamers, miniature Christmas trees, and red candles encircled with holly.

Social Chairman Dolores Mc-Cabe, prepared the menu and each member helped prepare the foods. Santa Claus would have enjoyed filling his plate with ham, turkey, fruit salad, potato salad, broccoli and rice casserole, green beans, cranberry sauce, hot rolls, butter and iced tea.

Lots of good food, fun, and fellowship were enjoyed as the Christmas season begins.

#### Mr. Taylor Are Wed Nov. 26

Kay Grim and Bob Taylor of San Angelo were married on Friday, November 26, at 10:00 a.m. in the home of the bride. The Rev. David Miner, pastor of the First Christian Church in San Angelo, performed the ceremony, attended by relatives and close friends.

A reception was held in the home following the ceremony.

Mrs. Taylor is employed by the Robert Lee Independent School District in the tax office.

The couple will make their home in Robert Lee and Taylor will commute to San Angelo where he is employed by General Telephone Company of the Southwest.

Thanksgiving holiday visitors with Mrs. Golda Smith included her daughter and husband, Martha and Carl Grubenman and her grandchildren, Carla and John, all of Dallas.

#### West Coke County EMS News

The EMS board met November 30 in a business meeting. Mrs. Fred Beaty was welcomed as a new EMS consumer board member to replace retiring member Fern Havins.

The November 13 free Blood Pressure Clinic was well attended with 24 persons having their pressure checked. Another clinic will be conducted Saturday, Dec. 11. The clinics are free and provide the service to have the blood pressure taken by a qualified nurse.

The EMS would like to take this opportunity to express their "Thanks" for the memorials given to the ambulance fund this past year. A spokesman said, "It shows how much the community cares for each other."

There have been 82 runs made this year compared to 81 for all of

last year

Merry Christmas To One and All from the Volunteer Ambulance crew.

## Nursing Home Folks Enjoy Western Music

Residents of the Coke County Nursing Home enjoyed a toetapping evening on Friday evening, Dec. 3, when a group of local "yokels" played some western tunes for them. Playing old favorites and requests from residents were Edna Havins on the piano, Troy Jordan, fiddle, Mike and Add Davis, guitars and Dubb Wallace of San Antonio, on the mandolin. Dec. 10, 1982

#### West Coke Hospital News

Nov. 30: Jack Waggoner admitted and Alley J. Bilbo dismissed.

Dec. 1: No admissions or dismissals.

Dec. 2: No admissions or

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Dec. 3: No admissions or dismissals.

Dec. 4: No admissions or dismissals.

Dec. 5: Martha Braswell ad-

Dec. 5: Martha Braswell admitted. Jack Waggoner dismissed.

# YMCA AEROBICS Gift Certificates Super Christmas Idea

Robert Lee Observer

Beginners Class Starts January 4.
Tuesday and Thursday - 7:30 to 8:30 - Old Gym

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#### TO OUR VALUED CUSTOMER:

#### IF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAS ITS WAY, 10% OF YOUR INTEREST AND DIVIDEND INCOME WILL BE WITHHELD FROM YOU NEXT YEAR!!

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#### — This rule is wrong for the following reasons: —

- 1) Withholding will cut the amount of cash you have available during the year from your interest income.
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- 3) Your total interest earnings will be reduced because of less income from reinvestment and compounding.
- 4) Elderly persons and low income individuals (including children) will have to file an exemption certificate for each and every account they have in order to avoid withholding. If the exemption is not filed in time, a tax return must be filed the next year or the withheld money will be forfeited to the government.

Unless Congress acts to stop the withholding rule, it will go into effect on July 1, 1983. This bank is working to do away with the rule, but we need your help. IT'S YOUR MONEY.

Please detach the message that follows, and mail it to your Congressman. Send a copy to your U.S. Senators. Give us a call if you have any questions or need information. Let's put a stop to withholding before it begins.

#### ROBERT LEE STATE BANK

Robert Lee, Texas

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Please support legislation to repeal withholding on interest and dividends!! It's **HARMFUL** because it takes away from the income that I count on during the year; it's **UNFAIR** to those of us who have always paid our share of taxes on interest; and, it's a **BURDEN** to the elderly and low income persons, including children. It will discourage savings in this country, and that's bad news for the economy.

May I count on your support to repeal this rule before it goes into effect on July 1, 1983?

TRINKO BARRARA	(Name)
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and American	(City)

Your constituent,

## R-LEE CATHOLIC MISSION IS DEDICATED NOVEMBER 28

Sunday, Nov. 28 was a very special day in the life of the Catholic community of Robert Lee. On that day, the Most Rev. Joseph A. Fiorenza, Bishop of San Angelo, offered the Mass of Dedication of the new church building of Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Mission here.

#### Scotts Buy Top Bull

Horace and Mary Scott recently purchased the high gaining bull in the Leo A. Jasik and Sons Bull Sale at Pleasanton, Texas. The bull, a son of the great Crimson Warrior is a half-brother to a famous bull named Robert E. Lee, this bull is owned by a syndicate made up of Texas and Florida Beefmaster breeders.

Scott's young bull, ID 437-1, (yet to be named) had a weaning weight of 680 lbs. in 180 days. While on feed (140 day gain test), this bull gained 780 lbs. for a weight per day gain of 5.58 lbs. This was the highest gain of the 180 bulls on the test.

The Jasik family has been a leader in the Beefmaster breed for years. The LJ brand is nationally known as this family has sold Beefmasters in Mexico and South America.

The Scotts also purchased a second Crimson Warrior son ID 394-1 who had a daily gain of 4.28 per day on 140 day gain test.

They plan on using these Crimson bulls on heifers here at Robert Lee and on their cows on the O.J. Estes Ranch in Irion County next year.

Horace is president of the Western States Beefmaster Breeders Assn. which holds its second annual bull sale in Midland, Texas on Feb. 18, 1983.

#### Bake Sale Is Big Success

The Holiday Bake Sale held by members of Alpha Omicron Nu November 24 has been reported as a huge success by the officers of that chapter. The proceeds will be used for community service projects and charitable contributions throughout the year. Members of AON expressed their thanks to those who patronized the sale and to the post office personnel for allowing the sale indoors, because of the inclement weather.

Other AON news includes a very enjoyable and instructive program presented at the last meeting held in the home of Ara Burns. Gaye Williams and Ara Burns showed several decorating and wrapping ideas for the upcoming Christmas season.

The next meeting of AON is set for Monday, December 13 in the home of Valerie Taylor. Rituals will be observed and members are reminded to dress accordingly and meet at 6:30 p.m. Christmas card exchange will also be observed at this meeting.

Bishop Fiorenza was assisted at the Mass of Dedication by Rev. Mark Woodruff, pastor, and Rev. Patrick Flood, associate pastor. A number of clergy from Winters and San Angelo attended.

The new church, a metal building, was filled to capacity by members and friends from Robert Lee and the surrounding

The Spanish choir of St. Joseph's Parish, San Angelo, provided the music for the Mass under the direction of Mr. Frank Santillano.

The dedication ritual included the ceremonial acceptance by Bishop Fiorenza of the key to the front door. It was presented to him by Jesse Torres representing members of the mission. Later in the Mass, the altar was anointed with chrism to consecrate it to sacred purposes, and incense was offered to designate the church as a place of sacred worship. Following the anointing, the altar was decorated with cloth and flowers, the candles were lit and the other lights were turned on for the first time.

Following the Mass of Dedication, a reception was held at the old rec hall in the county park.

#### Special Film To Be Shown At Local Church

God's Prison Gang', a newly released film featuring Al Capone's getaway driver, the last member of Bonnie and Clyde's game and two other notorious criminals who have become Christians will be shown at Victory Assembly of God at 7th and Houston in Robert Lee on Sunday, Dec. 12. The showing is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m.

The film, shot behind the walls of New York's Attica prison, is hosted by Art Linkletter. It tells the story of how the work of International Prison Ministry is accomplishing what more guards, higher prison walls and greater financial expenditures have failed to do-- keep released inmates from returning to lives of

Telling their stories in the 44-minute film are George Meyer, Al Capone's favorite driver; Floyd Hamilton, (Public Enemy No. 1) the last of the Bonnie and Clyde Gang; Jerry Graham, the "robber king" of California; and Ted Jefferson, convicted of crimes from drugs and robbery to murder.

Also featured is "Chaplain Ray," whose Dallas-based International Prison Ministry has changed the lives of thousands of inmates over the past 18 years.

The Reverend Larry Anderson, pastor of Victory Assembly church, said he hopes all citizens concerned about the problem of rising crime will attend the free screening of the film.

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