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Stan Ray, Amy Percifull, Bill Clark

Amy Percifull Named Concho District FFA Sweetheart Dec. 9

Miss Amy Percifull, Robert Lee FFA Sweetheart, was selected at Concho District FFA Sweetheart at the Concho District FFA Banquet in Sterling City, Thursday evening, December 9, 1982. Amy is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Percifull of Robert Lee.

Miss Percifull was selected by voting delegates from the ten schools in the Concho District. Nine of FFA Chapters had sweetheart contestants in the contest.

Everything About Set For Christmas

As usual our last paper published for the year is the Christmas Edition which will contain the "Letters to Santa" and the Christmas greeting ads from businesses and anyone who wishes to send season greetings.

The offices of The Robert Lee Observer and The Bronte Enterprises will close December 23 when the papers are in the post office and will re-open for business January 3, 1983. There will be no papers published Dec. 31 and the next papers to be printed will be dated January 7, 1983.

The Enterprise and the Observer for the last several years have closed the week after Christmas and the week of July 4, in order for staff members to have vacation time.

Schools and Businesses Holidays

The Robert Lee schools will be dismissed for the Christmas holidays Wednesday, Dec. 22 at 2:30 p.m. and classes will resume Tuesday, Jan. 4, 1983. Monday, Jan. 3, is an in-service work day for school personnel, so, classes will not meet.

The county offices in the courthouse, the tax appraisal office, and the county library will be closed Dec. 24 and 27 for the Christmas holidays, also, Jan. 3 will be a county holiday.

The U.S. Post Office will be closed all day Dec. 25 and Jan. 1.

The Robert Lee State Bank will be closed for business Friday, Dec. 24.

Most businesses will be closed Dec. 25 and Jan. 1, but some service stations and convenient stores along the highways will remain open for the convenience of travelers and local customers.

Miss Percifull will represent the Robert Lee FFA Chapter and the Concho District FFA in the Area II Sweetheart Contest to be held during the Area II FFA Convention in San Angelo in May. She will compete with six other District winners, with the winner representing Area II in the State FFA Sweetheart Contest at the State FFA Convention this summer in San Antonio.

The sweetheart contest was conducted by Stan Ray, Area II FFA President from Robert Lee. Stan, also, brought greetings from the Area II FFA Association to the members and guest attending the banquet. Serving in leadership roles at the banquet program were Quint Anthony and Eddie Hood, Concho District FFA Vice-President and Treasurer, respectively.

During the banquet, the Robert Lee FFA Chapter received the following awards: 1st in District Extemporaneous Speaking, 1st in District Jr. Farm Skill, 2nd in District Jr. Chapter Conducting, 2nd in District Sr. Chapter Conducting, 2nd in District Farm Radio, and 3rd in District FFA Quiz. Also, the Robert Lee FFA Chapter received an award for being selected as a Superior Chapter for last year. Voting delegates for the chapter were Michael Wilson, Trampus Cox, and Kevin Johnson.

Also attending were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Percifull, Mr. Carl Igo, student teacher from Texas Tech, and Mr. Sid Long, Chapter advisor.

Band Calendars Being Delivered

The Band Booster Community calendars are being delivered now. If you do not receive yours in a few days please contact Mary Herring or Jeffie Roberts.

The Robert Lee Band Booster Club expressed their appreciation for the unfailing support of the community for the school and the Stompin' Steer Band.

Thanksgiving visitors in the home of Mrs. Joyce Dodson were her children Mary Beth Dodson of Abilene and Vic Dodson and sons, Kye and Lee, all of Roswell, N.M.

High School Tournament In Progress In Local Gym

Dogie Teams Down G-City

The Robert Lee Dogies A and B boys teams were in Garden City Monday night, Dec. 13 to give the Bearkittens a skinning. The A team won easily 50-20 with Tim Garringer hitting for 17 points; Scott Robertson, 13; Wes Hood, 6; Rick Drennen and Isaias Rodriguez, 4 each; James Paul Skipworth, Randy Gartman and Jason Herring, 2 each.

The B-Boys won their game pretty easy, too, 28-14. Brian Hester hit 10; Curt Gardner, 6; Michael Reese and Kelly Tomlinson, 4 each; Shane Smith and Pammy Millican, each had 2.

GIRLS GAMES

The RL lassies made the winning unanimous by defeating the GC girls 31-17. Top scorer was Lee Ann Molinar with 12; Missy Grim, 10; Lin Long, 6; Rachel Metcalf, 2; and Gayla Sanders, 1.

The Dogies next games will be against the Bronte Shorthorns Monday, Dec. 20 at 5 p.m. in the Robert Lee gym.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Counts have returned home after a five week trip to the Mission-Brownsville areas of South Texas. Before coming home the couple went to Houston where Counts had his regular check-up at M.D. Anderson. He was pronounced fit and in good shape and he will not go back for a year.

ROBERT LEE GIRLS CAPTURE CHAMPIONSHIP AT WYLIE

The Robert Lee Steer basketball squads of boys and girls won a first place and lost a third place at the Abilene Wylie Varsity Tourney held last weekend, Dec. 9, 10 and 11. The RL girls won the championship trophy which made the second time this year they have won first place at tournaments.

The RL boys lost a third place game against Haskell, 42-49.

GIRLS GAMES

The championship match-up Saturday night between the Coke County girls and the team from Wylie had a real cliff-hanger ending. RL had trailed in scoring until the final three seconds before pulling it out, 52-51.

In the first round of tourney play the RL team faced Eula, who had narrowly defeated them earlier in the season, and soundly beat them 56-36. Leigh Ann Runnion had a high score of 34 points followed by Martha Bickley with 14; Debbie Cummins, 4; Amy Percifull and Sara DeLa Pena, 2 each.

The girls from Olney were next to be downed by the RL girls, in the second round of the tournament Friday, 59-37. Runnion, 22; Percifull, 13; Bickley and Cum-

The annual Robert Lee High School Invitational Tournament got underway Thursday (yesterday) with eight girls teams and eight boys teams participating.

Allen Repairs Star On Local Water Tower

Jim Allen of Abilene, formerly of Robert Lee, was in town Saturday afternoon and repaired a portion of the seven foot star on the city water tower. The lights, which have enhanced our holiday spirit for three years now, have been burned out at several intervals. He was unable to replace lights in the red strand which circles the tower due to high winds.

Allen, who originally rigged the lighting, had a cold climb on Saturday about 2:30 p.m. when the high for the day hovered around 34 degrees.

ROBERTS HOME AGAIN

Douglas Roberts, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Roberts, was released last week from St. John's Hospital in San Angelo and seems to be on the road to recovery.

Douglas has had two surgeries and numerous setbacks resulting from a ruptured appendix in October. He is gaining strength rapidly and was able to attend church services on Sunday. Hopefully his troubles have ended and he will soon be up to par.

The first round of games was played Thursday, determining which teams are going the championship route and which are going to play on the consolation side of the bracket.

The second round of games will start Friday at 10 a.m. The games will continue throughout the day, with the last one scheduled to begin at 8:30 p.m.

The Saturday schedule calls for the girls consolation finals to start at 12:00 noon, followed by boys consolation finals at 1:30 p.m. Third place games will see the girls play at 3 p.m., followed by the boys at 4:30 p.m. The battle for the big championship trophies will begin at 6 p.m. with the girls game, followed by the boys finals at 7:30.

Boys and girls teams are entered from Christoval, Miles, Eden, Robert Lee JV, Water Valley girls, Baptist Temple boys, Bronte, Irion Co. and Robert Lee.

Plenty of good basketball is in store for fans. School and tournament officials invite everyone to attend as many games as possible. The concession stand will be open and plenty of goodies to enjoy.

Everett Wilson On Champion Football Team

Everett Wilson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Wilson of Silver, was on the Highland Hornet football team that recently captured the 1982 six-man state championship.

The Hornets played for the State title last Thursday night in Ballinger against the Mullin Bulldogs. They overpowered the Bulldogs in a 60-13 romp which was finalized at the half as Highland scored twice in the last eight seconds to take a 47 point lead. In six-man competition, the game is called at the half if an opponent is ahead by 45 points.

Highland has been a power in six-man football for the last several years. They won the district title last year, but were beaten out in the playoffs by Whitharrel, the team who went on to win the state crown.

Everett Wilson and his brother, Edwin, both played on the 1980 squad which gained a state play-off berth and were beaten then by Milford. There are five seniors on the squad, including Everett, a 170 lb. defensive linebacker, who also plays offensive flanker and kicks the extra points.

Everett, whose father is school principal and high school and Jr. Hi girls' basketball and track coach at Highland, was named to the All-State six-man football squad at linebacker as a jr. last year. He is scheduled to play in the Texas State All-Star game in July and will undoubtedly garner other honors now that the 1982 season has been finalized and votes cast for play-off teams.

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LOOK WHO'S NEW

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Percifull of Sonora are the proud parents of twin sons born December 1, 1982 at Angelo Community Hospital in San Angelo. Jacob Cole was born at 11:12 a.m. and weighed 4 lbs., 4 ozs. Joseph Kyle was born at 11:29 a.m. and weighed 4 lbs., 6 ozs. They have one brother, Jared Scott, who is one-year-old.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Frank Percifull of Robert Lee and Mr. and Mrs. Dale Thompson of Bronte.

Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Hadley Richards of Robert Lee, Mrs. Lois Thompson of Temple, and Mr. and Mrs. Jakob Wenderoth of Witzenhausen, Germany.

Alpha Kappa Pi Meets Dec. 8 In Bell Home

Alpha Kappa Pi met December 8 in the home of Beverly Bell with fourteen members attended.

The chapter voted to send a donation to the 1982-83 Beta Sigma Phi State Service Project. The state project this year is "Children's Dialysis Equipment Usage" with Baylor College of Medicine. The money collected from Beta Sigma Phi chapters all over the state of Texas is sent to Texas Children's Hospital in Houston to help defray the cost of dialysis for children.

The next meeting will be Dec. 15 in the home of Mary Bessent. The Ritual of Jewels will be given to Frankie Walker, Fran Lomas, Joan Burns, and Diane Spivey. Following the meeting there will be a gift exchange and Christmas party for the members.

The program was given by Nell Hines titled, "Career".

AREA HI SCHOOL STUDENTS SELECTED FOR WHO'S WHO

A total of eight students from this area have been included in the 16th annual edition of *Who's Who Among American High School Students, 1981-82*.

Who's Who, published by Educational Communications, Inc., Lake Forest, Illinois, is the largest high school recognition publication in the country. Students are selected by high school principals and guidance counselors, national youth groups, churches, or by the publishing company based upon students' performance in scholarship award contests or extracurricular activities.

Final selection is determined on the basis of criteria which include high achievement in academics and leadership in school activities, athletics or community service. Traditionally, 99% of *Who's Who* students have a grade point average of "B" or better and 97% are college bound.

The 16th edition of *Who's Who*, published in nine regional volumes, features 363,000 students, or 5% of the nation's 6,500,000 high school juniors and seniors. They represent 20,000 of

the 22,000 public, private and parochial high schools in the country.

Who's Who students also compete for over \$50,000 in scholarship awards and participate in the publication's annual opinion poll of teen attitudes. The book is distributed on a complimentary basis to over 15,000 high schools, colleges, universities, and public libraries throughout the country.

Local students selected for this year's volumes are:

Linda K. Garvin and A Ajuan Rhoades from Blackwell; Monya Reed of Bronte, and Brenda Gray, Kenda Rasco, Michael D. Williams, Dee Anna Key and Frankie Walker, all of Robert Lee.

Mrs. Catherine Hall of Ballinger is in critical condition in St. John's Hospital in San Angelo suffering from an aneurysm. Doctors reportedly plan surgery this week to repair the artery. Mrs. Hall and her husband, now sheriff of Runnels County, are former Robert Lee residents.



Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Harmon

Mr. And Mrs. Floyd Harmon To Be Honored On 50th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd C. Harmon of Edith Route, Robert Lee will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary during the holiday season.

Jessie Creech and Floyd Harmon were married December 18, 1932 on her seventeenth birthday. They were married in the Green Mountain Community in Coke County.

They are stockfarmers and life long residents of Coke Co. Mr. Harmon served as Coke County Commissioner of Precinct 3 for 12 years (1960 through 1972).

They have three daughters, Mrs. Elton (Lawana) Millican, Mrs. Wayne (Dorene) Mashburn, and Mrs. Bobby (Jeffie) Roberts, all of Robert Lee and one son, Jerry Floyd Harmon of Sand

Springs, Texas. They have 11 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

Their children, grandchildren and families will host a dinner in their honor at a restaurant in San Angelo.

Mr. Harmon's parents, Thomas and Amanda Harmon, who reside in the West Coke County Nursing Home, celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary January 24 of this year.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Jeffries and their daughter, Jana Jeffries of San Angelo, recently traveled to Batesville, Arkansas to be with family during funeral services for his brother, H.S. Jeffries. Mr. Jeffries, 69, was buried in Batesville on Saturday, Dec. 4.



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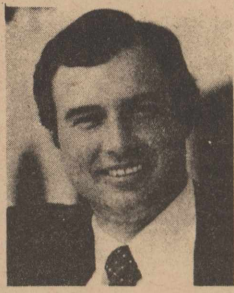


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Reports from Washington

THE MX

Last week we were revisited with the annual memories of Pearl Harbor, that horrible day of realization when our country's honor was challenged because we were unprepared and those attacking us knew it.

Following Pearl Harbor, our nation vowed that such a serious threat would never again occur. Thus, the policy of strategic deterrence was born. Simply stated, such a policy means that a nation wishing to do us harm will be compelled to hold back and be deterred because that nation knows such aggression and provocation will, in fact, be devastating to them.

Our strategic deterrence is composed of three parts — nuclear weaponry carried by bombers in the air, submarines in the sea, and missiles based on land. This triad of forces has stood the test of time. As a nation we are not aggressors and we will never deliver the first strike. That has been — and will always remain — our policy. Our national security is thus dependent upon deterrence. Detering a war, maintaining the peace, because we are strong militarily.

In recent years our country chose not to modernize and update weapons that made up the strategic triad. No new land-based missile has been introduced since 1970 and no new strategic bomber has been introduced in over 20 years. History shows that unilateral restraints by the United States unfortunately have not led to arms reductions by our adversaries. We had hoped that by setting a peaceful example, the Soviet Union would follow suit. Instead they increased armaments, and today while 77% of our strategic forces are 15 years and older, 77% of the Soviet strategic forces are only five years of age.

To correct this dangerously precarious situation, President Reagan announced a plan to modernize the strategic triad early in his term. An integral part of his plan includes the MX missile to upgrade our land-based defenses. When the House voted on the Defense Appropriations bill, however, a majority chose to delete a portion of the funds requested for the MX.

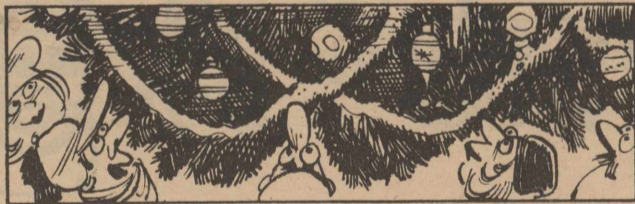
Many members seemed to feel that a final decision on the "dense pack" basing mode was being made. Nothing could be further from the truth. The President has, indeed, proposed to the Congress that the MX missiles be located or deployed in 100 closely based silos on Warren Air Force Base near Cheyenne, Wyoming. However, that was not the question. Rather the major issues before the House concerned funding for research, development, and the initial procurement of the weapon itself. Final Congressional approval of the basing mode will come later. Funding for research, development and procurement is designed to permit us to continue work on the MX and to protect an initial operating capability in 1986, while providing Congress with additional time to conduct a thorough review of the basing plan. In fact, numerous Congressional hearings are planned early next year in order that the feasibility of deploying the MX missile may be given the thorough hearing that it deserves.

The cost of the MX program was also cited in debate on the House Floor. There is no question that it is expensive. However, the defense of peace and freedom absolutely demand that we be strong.

In my opinion, failure to go forward with research, development, and procurement would seriously impede the prospect of achieving the significant arms reductions which we all seek. The history of arms control has shown that the Soviets are impressed by strength, not mere intentions. For example, the Soviets refused to negotiate any reductions in their intermediate range forces until the United States announced its own plans in the late 60s. It would be virtually impossible to convince the Soviet Union to engage in mutual reductions of nuclear weapons without the MX.

Fortunately, final decisions regarding the MX are not yet resolved. The House did approve money for research and development, and the necessary funding for procurement of the first five MX missiles could be restored during further congressional deliberation.

As a nation, we must never again awaken — as we did 41 years ago — to the news of an enemy attack due to the lack of military preparedness. We will maintain peace through strength. To defend our precious freedoms and preserve world peace, the MX is an essential ingredient.

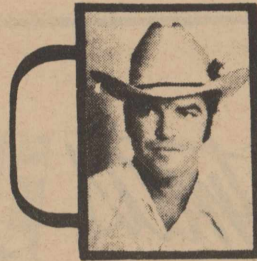


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Jerry Lackey's Country Folk

On a cold and rainy wintry day last week, a large gathering of West Texas assembled to memorialize the passing of a good friend.

Jim Franklin, owner of M.L. Leddy Boots of Texas, was a giant among the country folks and a leader in the West Texas community. He died at his home in San Angelo at the age of 56.

Franklin began his career with M.L. Leddy, one of the largest custom bootmakers in the country, more than 35 years ago. His wife, Joyce, is the daughter of M.L. Leddy, founder of the company.

In February 1981, Jim purchased Hollis and Dale Leddy's partnership in the store. The purchase made Franklin owner of retail stores in Midland and Fort Worth and, of course, the headquarters in San Angelo.

The firm was founded in 1921 when M.L. Leddy purchased a shoe repair shop for \$25.

Before buying the business, Franklin served as the company's buyer and sales manager. He began working the western retailing business when he was 21.

I first met Jim Franklin over 25 years ago. Following recovery of foot and leg injuries resulting from an auto accident, my doctor told me that I must wear high-topped shoes or boots the rest of my life. Well, certainly boots were my choice.

I came into Leddy's on crutches and with a brace on my left leg which came to my waist. Jim seated me and started measuring. "A left boot with a zipper on the inside, a 1 1/2 inch build up and a rocking heel (because of no ankle joint)," he said.

Some 20 pairs of boots later, and we are still ordering new boots from that first measurement.

We worked together on projects for the San Angelo Stock Show and the Riding Club through the years. About six years ago now when I started working with Shelley Smith and the West Texas Rehabilitation Center, I went to Jim Franklin seeking advice. He told me he would help me anyway he could.

Well, a short period later, I asked him to head up the Cattlemen's Round-Up for Crippled Children in the Southwest on behalf of WTRC. He thought about it a day or so and called me to come by his office. "I'll do it if you will help me with the leg work," he said.

Together, we put the wheels in motion to establish the annual CRCC Barbecue in August each year which serves as a kickoff for the annual fundraiser. Jim met with his close friends like Jerry Stokes at Handy Packing and others and put the whole show together. Shelley brought Rex Allen in from Hollywood to entertain.

A couple of years ago before the San Angelo Stock Show was over, Jim asked me to come by the boot shop. He wanted to get some businessmen to go in with him and purchase the champion steer. A month or so after that "we will put on a good feed with prime rib and a nice evening and raise some money for the Rehab," he suggested.

Our team work was the same assignment. He would make a few calls and I would do the leg work. Despite someone else taking the credit for the success of the events, Jim and I worked very

quietly behind the scenes. I was his photographer on a number of projects as well. But more, he was a good friend to me and thousands of others across the Southwest. To say he will be missed is an understatement.

West Coke Hospital News

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

Dec. 7: No admissions. Melvin Lasswell expired.

Dec. 8: Isidra Puentez admitted and no dismissals.

Dec. 9: L.D. Larkin and Geronima Zavala admitted and no dismissals.

Dec. 10: No admissions or dismissals.

Dec. 11: No admissions or dismissals.

Dec. 12: No admissions and Geronima Zavala dismissed.

Dec. 13: No admissions. Martha Braswell and L.D. Larkin dismissed.



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District Court Hearings Held

A 51st District Court pre-trial hearing with District Judge Royal Hart presiding was held Friday, Dec. 10 in Robert Lee.

Motions were heard in the Luther Lara Jr. pre-trial hearing and jury trial set for Tuesday, March 1, 1983, at 9 a.m.

The pre-trial hearing for the E.C. Bennett and others versus Coke County, county judge and county commissioners, known as the Friendship Road case, found no settlement, with probably trial March 1, 1983.

The divorce hearing of Chester W. Garringer and Antoinette D. Garringer was heard and divorce granted.

Commissioners Hold Meeting

The commissioners court was held Monday, Dec. 13 for a regular session.

The commissioners approved a sub-division plat submitted by Oak Creek Development owner Bob Denison.

Commissioners reviewed farm census proclamation and authorized for the signature of Judge D.W. Sims.

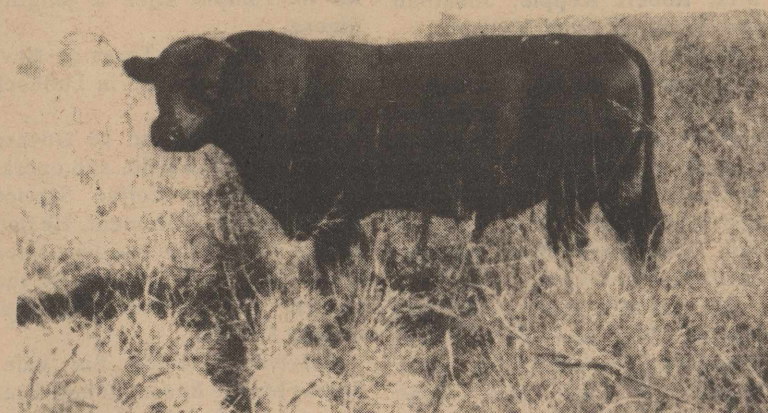
Approved proposed plat of Bayview Estates, third filing.

Set county holidays for 1983. The courthouse will be closed Jan. 3, 1983 for holiday and open for business Jan. 4.

Judge-elect and Mrs. Aubrey Denman will be in College Station to attend a seminar presented by Texas A&M University in cooperation with Texas Department of Highways and Public Transportation. The study is for training trial judges and prosecutors in alcohol awareness.



NO BRUSH CONTROL or Range Management.



THE RESULTS OF EFFECTIVE Brush Control, Reseeding and Good Range Management. The Joe Rawlings Ranch near Tennyson is in as good or better range condition now as it was in this

1972 picture due to a continuing brush management program, which combined with an excellent livestock herd, makes the ranch one of the higher producing operations in the area.

Brush Control Is A Continuing Battle For Coke County Ranchers

by Mike B. Mecke,
Range Conservationist,
Soil Conservation Service

Prior to 1970 it was commonplace to read articles and bulletins describing methods of "eradicating" various brush species such as mesquite, pricklypear and cedar. Woody plants were considered to have few, if any, values to the rancher. Since then, most Texans have come to realize that many of these shrubs have value as livestock forage, wildlife habitat and food, fuel for heating homes, ground cover for very steep and broken country, and that they play a part in the aesthetics of an area (important in land values), and they also add to recreational land qualities. It was also realized that eradication was neither feasible nor attainable in most situations. Brush control of management was found to be the most desirable and practical goal of most ranchers, utilizing a continuing system of retarding the reinvasion of undesirable brush species.

Brush control or "brush management", as most now call it, ideally consists of a combination of treatment methods, or a "system". Single treatment methods have many weaknesses including: (a) poor or inadequate control of the primary target species, especially seedlings and sprouts; (b) poor control of other undesirable species, resulting in their release and eventual dominance; (c) high treatment costs and/or the necessity of periodic reapplication oftentimes including grass reseeding; and (d) the control of desirable shrubs along with the undesirable.

These weaknesses have been recognized and a redefined effort towards more effective brush management has been promoted by several authorities on brush control, especially by Dr. Charles Scifres, a prominent brush management researcher at Texas A&M University. Dr. Scifres'

"Integrated Brush Management System" (IBMS) utilizes many basic ecological principles of natural resource management, combines them with proven brush control methods and blends in economic cost effectiveness to obtain a favorable result for the rancher. Many types of shrub control can be considered such as the use of various chemicals, biological control (goats, etc.), fire and several mechanical methods. The methods selected are coordinated with good range management and the installation of other range improvements in a planned sequence designed to maximize production from the range resources, which includes all types of livestock, wildlife, watershed management and recreation. Use of a long term plan of application and management is very desirable. The plan may be developed by the individual rancher or it may be one such as those developed with the ranch operator by the Soil Conservation Service (SCS). Federal cost-sharing on many of these practices is available through the SCS by participation in the Great Plains Conservation Program (GPCP). In the GPCP a contract is developed to carry out a three to ten year plan of ranch/farm improvements. This contract must be developed for the entire operation and is between the ranch operator or owner and the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and provides cost share payments ranging from 50 to 80% for approved practices.

The Agricultural Conservation & Stabilization Service (ASCS) of the USDA also cost shares up to 50% of many of the same practices, either on an individual practice basis through the Agricultural Conservation Program (ACP) or several practices may be applied on a long-term basis through the ASCS in the form of Long Term Agreements (LTA's).

LTA's are planned with the technical assistance of the SCS on a part of the operation for three to five years.

In any case, whether Federal cost-sharing is involved or not, it is important to plan the brush management and associated practices in an orderly, efficient manner (preferably written, so that the desired results are obtained. Free consultation and assistance in developing these plans is available to all Coke County operators and land owners through the SCS office in Robert Lee.

Safety Assn. Urges Motorist To Be Careful

With the Holiday Season fast approaching, the Texas Safety Association urges all motorists to drive defensively, buckle up and remember to protect children with crash-tested safety seats.

More children are killed every year in traffic accidents than from all childhood diseases combined. Those that are injured are often left victims of epilepsy or paraplegia.

The saddening fact of the statistics released by the National Safety Council is that the majority of these deaths and accidents could have been avoided. Of the 1500 children under the age of five killed last year in automobile accidents, as many as 90% could be alive today if they had been protected by a crash-tested child safety seat. Despite these figures it is estimated that less than 18% of the children in this age group ride restrained.

Many concerned parents who wouldn't think of letting their children play in a busy street or go swimming alone still harbor some very dangerous misconceptions about protecting their children in automobiles.

Perhaps the most common and naive of these beliefs is that children, as well as adults, do not need to "buckle up" because accidents always happen to somebody else. However, accidents don't always happen to somebody else no matter how carefully you drive, and many times it is the children who are seriously injured if they are not properly restrained.

An unrestrained child weighing 30 lbs. involved in a traffic accident at 30 m.p.h. can sustain injuries akin to a fall from a three-story building.

Another reason children are hurt in traffic accidents is that adults think they can protect children by holding them in their arms or laps. This is also a myth. In the event of an accident the child runs the risk of being thrown helplessly about the car or being crushed between the adult and the dash-board.

Crash-tested safety seats which have been manufactured after December 31, 1980 can protect children from such injuries. These seats, which are moderately priced, can be found in the children's section of most retail and discount stores and make excellent gifts for young ones who are still riding unprotected.

**DRINKING
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A message from this newspaper
and the Troopers of the Texas
Department of Public Safety.

Drunk Driving Is A Major Concern For Every Citizen

The following article is a public service by The Robert Lee Observer and The Bronte Enterprise through the cooperation of Bill Helwig, County Attorney and The Prosecutor Council. Its purpose is to make you aware of a prosecutor's role, of your responsibility as a resident of Coke County and how we can work together to alleviate some of society's problems.

DWI-EVERYONE'S PROBLEM

This coming January your Legislature will consider several bills to stiffen the penalties for drunk driving. A recent survey showed that 85% of all Americans believe drunk driving to be a very serious problem but many of us probably don't realize how serious.

* Drunk drivers kill 26,000 Americans every year - one every 23 minutes.

* More Americans have died at the hands of drunk drivers during the past two years than have died in the ten years in Viet Nam.

* Alcohol-related crashes are the number 1 cause of death in Americans 16-24 years of age.

* One of every two Americans will be involved in a DWI collision in his/her lifetime.

* On an average weekend night, one out of every ten drivers on the road is drunk.

* Drunk driving is the most common form of violent death in the nation.

Drunk driving is a crime that kills more people than homicides and injures more people than assaults with a deadly weapon. The property damage in dollar amount is more than that done by forgers, burglars and robbers all added together.

Last year was the fifth consecutive record year in Texas for motor vehicle deaths. 4,071 Texans died last year on the highways and over 200,000 were injured. DPS statisticians attribute 23% of the deaths to drunk driving, but believe that figure would be as high as 50% if Texas law required blood alcohol measurements from all drivers involved in fatal accidents. State Board of Insurance figures show property damage from collisions last year to be over \$22 million.

Twenty-seven states, during the past year, have enacted stiffer laws governing DWI. We are all beginning to realize it is a problem we can no longer ignore. States which have enacted stiffer laws have shown as high as a 47% decline in alcohol-related fatalities.

Many societies have substantially reduced their highway death tolls, and there's no reason Texans cannot do the same. It requires a concentrated effort at all levels, but most of all, it must begin with the individual citizen.

The first step, of course, is to make sure our own drinking and driving behavior falls within the limits of safety of common sense. But there is much more to curbing drunk driving than merely watching our own behavior. What can you do to help?

As an Individual

Besides being responsible for our own behavior, be responsible for others. Every drunk driver is a potential killer. Friends don't let friends drive drunk. It sometimes takes courage to be a good friend. Have the friend stay the night with you, take the keys away, call a taxi and pay for it. It's cheaper than a funeral. The friend may become angry, but when sober he will know you cared enough to draw the line.

As a parent

Drunk driving is the number

one killer of men and women in their teens. And regardless of all the other drugs, alcohol is still the number one choice of drugs of young Americans. Chances are very good that your teenager will one day have to decide whether to get into a car about to be driven by a drunk. He/She must be prepared to say no. Talk with your teenager about the problem and what he/she thinks about it. Make sure your child knows that his or her safety is more important than going to pick him or her up at 2:00 in the morning, or in getting the car home.

As a concerned citizen

Speak up whenever alcohol abuse is portrayed as an amusing or socially accepted form of behavior. Write letters of protest to television stations and other media who glamorize drinking.

Support local authorities who are making a determined effort to deal with the drinking driver. Support community groups who are working to alleviate the problem. Promote alcohol safety education. Education is by far the most potent weapon available in the struggle against drunk driving. You can't change the way people act until you change the way they think.

Write a letter. Save a life. This slogan has been adopted by MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Drivers) and it couldn't be truer, especially now when Texas will attempt to pass legislation this next January to stiffen DWI laws. The people are most powerful lobbyists in this State. If Texans demand passage of new laws, they will be passed.

The next article on DWI will give a summary of some of the proposed new laws which will be considered this January by your legislature.

Social Security News Items

People in the San Angelo area who receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI) payments must be alert to the need to promptly report any event that could have an effect on their eligibility or the amount of their payment, Frank Upp, Social Security district manager in San Angelo, said recently. Prompt reporting means that a person can avoid being overpaid and having to repay money. Additionally, Upp said, failure to make a required report can result in a severe penalty.

* Change of address.

* Any change in household, people moving in or out, any change in the way expenses are paid or shared, or a third party starts paying the bills.

* A person enters or leaves an institution.

* A person plans to leave the United States for 30 days or more.

* Marriage or divorce, separation, or annulment of marriage.

* Any change in income of any member of household: person begins working or wages increase or decrease.

* Any change in resources owned; opening a bank account in the recipient's name or jointly with another person getting SSI payments.

* Improvement in a blind or disabled person's condition.

* A drug addict or alcoholic stops treatment.

Someone should report if a person cannot manage his or her own funds or if a person getting SSI payments dies.

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Robertsons Gather Here For Reunion

The descendants of James
Brantley Robertson held their
reunion at the recreation hall in
the Robert Lee County Park,
Thanksgiving day. There was a
huge crowd in spite of the bad
weather. Many family members
came from out of state and from
other cities in Texas:

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Robert-
son, Lindsay, Okla.; Mr. and
Mrs. Herb Robertson, Dane and
Reid, Mr. and Mrs. Don Woods
and son, Mr. and Mrs. Charles
Bloodworth, Mr. and Mrs. John
Doggett and Renee, Mr. and
Mrs. Robert Kepple, Jonathan
and Jacob, all from Midland.

Coming from Odessa were
Mrs. Verna Belle Robertson, Mr.
and Mrs. Art Jarratt, Jonathan
and daughter and son from San
Angelo, Troy and Jody Bell. Also
Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Bell, Mr.
and Mrs. Danny Tyler. Mr. and
Mrs. P.M. Page, Brad, Angela,
Myna Kay and Casey.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Andersen,
Austin; Mr. and Mrs. W.T.
McAdams, Fredericksburg; Dixie
Boone, Mr. and Mrs. Gene
Robertson and Rebecca, Mr. and
Mrs. Dale Withers and Allen,
Arlington; Richard Boone, Cas-
per, Wy.; John Castleman, Snyder;
Doyle Robertson, Abilene;
Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Ray Robert-
son, Rockport.

Also, Mr. and Mrs. J.B. Gray-
son, Laura and Kristi, Houston;
Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Glasgow,
Travis, Bill and Deanna Glasgow,
Mr. and Mrs. Lester Cavitt,
Mike, and Becky, Sweetwater;
Mr. and Mrs. James Robertson
and Kathleen, Mr. and Mrs.
Jimmy Robertson, North Platte,
Nev.; Mr. and Mrs. Harold
Robertson and William, Baton
Rouge, La.; and Mr. and Mrs.
Danny Maxwell and Shelly, Cly-
de; and Lester King and son, El
Paso.

Those from Robert Lee were:
Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Robertson
and Brantley, Mr. and Mrs. J.B.
Robertson, Mr. and Mrs. Sloan
Boone, Mrs. Annie B. Mitchell,
Mr. and Mrs. Dave King, Mr.
and Mrs. Ray Aldridge, Kristi
and Karla.

LUNCHROOM MENUS

Monday, Dec. 20: Corndogs
with mustard, cheese stick,
Ranch Style Beans, lettuce wed-
ge, milk and peach slices.

Tuesday, Dec. 21: Burritos,
corn, tator tots with catsup, milk
and banana.

Wednesday, Dec. 22: Turkey
and dressing, giblet gravy, sweet
potatoes, green beans, cranberry
sauce, milk, hot rolls and fruit
salad.

Thursday and Friday, Dec. 23
and 24:

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Buy and Sell with Want Ads

CORRECTION

The Robert Lee Observer re-
grets the distress and embar-
rassment caused by the erro-
neous headings on the death
notices for Mr. Rom S. Epperson
and Mr. Willard Reese. We
apologize for the errors.

The corrected obituaries are
being printed below.

Services Held For Mr. Reese

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

Mr. Reese died on Wednes-
day, Nov. 24, in Veterans Hospi-
tal in Temple after a lengthy
illness.

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 oper-
ated 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.

Local Woman's Father Dies

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 Funer-
al 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 daugh-
ters, Mrs. Doyal (Evalyn) Wilkin-
son of San Antonio, Mrs. Zeddie
(Ruth) Beal of Robert Lee, Mrs.
Robert (Fae) Kostka of Channel-
view, Ms. Norman (Mae) John-
son of Pine Bluff, Ark., and Mrs.
Raymond (Doris Jean) Bruce of
Valera; two sons, Ray S. of
Brownwood and Bob H. of Bay-
town; 26 grandchildren; and
eight great-grandchildren.

Benefit Supper Set For Dec. 18

Friends and family of Lydia
Lara will sponsor a Mexican
dinner on Saturday, Dec. 18, at
the New Rec Hall as a fund
raising benefit. Homemade Mex-
ican food will be served from
11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

Everyone is invited to partici-
pate and all donations will be
welcome.

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largest lake with a total area
of more than 31,000 square
miles.

- NOTICE -

The Robert Lee and Bronte City Commissions have granted
us a \$2.00 monthly increase for our cable television services,
beginning January 1, 1983.

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Christmas Gifts Now Available At Post Office

Postmaster Coe Lewis of Robert Lee recently announced release of the U.S. Postal Service's 1982 Commemorative Mint Set and the latest edition of **The Postal Service Guide to U.S. Stamps**, a Postal Service book on stamp collecting for the new collector as well as the experienced philatelist.

The 1982 Commemorative Mint Set contains 20 issues -- 17 single stamps and three blocks of four stamps -- a total of 29 stamps and individual plastic mounts which help protect each issue. The set includes a random single stamp from the 50 State Birds and Flowers issue.

The 1982 Commemorative Mint Set is the most recent in a series of annual sets released by the Postal Service each year prior to the holiday season. The cover of the \$6.50 Mint Set features a montage of artwork related to the commemorative stamps issued during 1982.

The new full-color ninth edition of **The Postal Guide to U.S. Stamps** is on sale and is priced at \$3.50, the same as last year's book, which was titled **Stamps & Stories**. The 280-page book provides interesting philatelic information for the novice and experienced collector. It includes latest market values, information on price trends of selected stamp issues, catalogue numbers and current prices for souvenir pages and commemorative panels, an index listing of every U.S. Commemorative stamp ever issued and a listing of the locations of Postal Service Philatelic Centers.

Postmaster Lewis also noted that a number of popular topical stamp collecting kits priced from \$2-\$3 each are available. Of particular interest to beginning collectors, these kits feature topics ranging from "Outer Space" and the 1982 U.S. Collecting Kit, Sports and many others. Each kit includes a 20-page album, 25 to 30 stamps, mounting material, insert sheets for additional stamps and a booklet entitled, "Introduction to Stamp Collecting."

Also available are mailing boxes and padded envelopes.

CUB SCOUT NEWS ITEMS

West Coke County Nursing Home residents enjoyed a recent visit from local Cub Scouts, the Brownie Troop, their Den Mothers, and leaders.

Lucile Bryan played the piano while the large group sang Christmas carols. Punch and cookies were served all around and the youngsters visited those residents in their rooms who were unable to be about and more carols were sung.

Those attending the Christmas party were: Cub Scouts- Jason Bowers, John Fluhman, Blake Pitcock, Wayne Munday, Jonathan Garringer, Brent McPeek, Stephen Epperson, Matt Roe, Jeff Cole, Stevie Oleksiuk, Brent Jameson and Justin Hall.

Den Mothers- Barbara Jameson, Debbie Wilkes, Sharon Hall and Kaye Pitcock.

Brownie Scouts- Christie Arnold, Joni Waggoner, Lori Wink, Shelbi Grim, Carrie Sparks, Kim Carver, Jo Ellen King, Rhoda Anderson, Debbie Drennan, Wendy McPeek, Shaye Thompson, Kathy Doss, Samantha Doss, Shatan Rushing, Christie Payne and Angie Ibarra.

Scout Leaders- Sheila Carver, Frankie Arnold and Nada Sparks.

Local Couple Honored On Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. S.E. Adams were honored on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 12 with a reception to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. Hosted by their son, his wife, and their grandchildren, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Adams, Naomi, Hazel, and Stan, all of Austin, the event took place in the Recreation Hall.

The serving tables were highlighted by the bride's cake, a three-tiered confection decorated with yellow roses, and a chocolate groom's cake embellished (with large chocolate roses). Punch, coffee, and finger sandwiches were served to guests from silver services. Yellow carnations, yellow roses, and baby's breath centered each table. A large number of friends served in the house party.

Over two hundred guests from Robert Lee and several other cities gathered to pay tribute to Mr. and Mrs. Adams.

UPS Seeking To Ship In State

Raymond C. Windsor, owner of Paint Creek Marina in Robert Lee testified in Dallas before the Railroad Commission of Texas as to his business's need for having United Parcel Service available for shipments within the state.

UPS is applying to the Commission for authority to pick up and deliver packages between any point in Texas, otherwise known as "intrastate" operating rights. Currently, the nation's largest package delivery firm can only move packages on an interstate basis, or within the commercial free zones of Dallas-Fort Worth, Houston and San Antonio.

Texas is one of just two states that restrict UPS intrastate.

Windsor testified that the lack of UPS service within the state has seriously hampered the operation of his business. He cited lack of a delivery service, slow delivery time, prohibitive rates, lack of statewide coverage, and damages as the major problems being encountered with other delivery services Paint Creek Marina currently uses. And, parcel post also does not fill their needs, Windsor added.

UPS has been seeking intrastate authority from the Commission since 1966. These hearings are expected to continue well into 1983.

Sorority Holds Pledge Rituals

Alpha Omicron Nu held pledge rituals on Dec. 13 for Suzanne Johnson, Marsha Wink, Valerie Taylor, Tricia Ballew, and La Wonda Herford. The rituals and meeting that followed were held in the home of Valerie Taylor.

During the short business meeting, plans were made for the upcoming Christmas party. Tricia Ballew will host this meeting in her home Dec. 22. Kaye Pitcock will present the program. Two Christmas projects were discussed and plans made. Also, the guest speaker and the Jan. 18 meeting was planned. Gene Hinard from West Coke Co. EMS will be our guest speaker for the occasion.

The program was presented by Kathy Post on Christmas traditions. The tradition of sending Christmas cards was practiced. Kathy played postmaster by passing out cards from our mail box.

Franklin Rites Held Dec. 10

Funeral services were held on Friday, Dec. 10, at 10:00 a.m. for Jim Childers Franklin, 56, of San Angelo. The Rev. Paul Terry and the Rev. Tom Jones officiated at the rites held in Trinity United Methodist Church in San Angelo, with burial in Lawnhaven Memorial Gardens.

Mr. Franklin died at his home about 4:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 8.

He moved to San Angelo with his parents from Mesa, Ariz. where he was born March 25, 1926. He and Joyce Leddy were married in 1947 and were lifelong San Angelo residents.

Mr. Franklin was owner of M.L. Leggy and Sons in San Angelo and was well-known for his civic and charity work. An avid horseman, he was active in the San Angelo Fat Stock Show and Rodeo, West Texas Rehab Center, West Texas Boys Ranch, and several civic organizations.

He is survived by his wife, Joyce; his mother, Mrs. Pearl Franklin of San Angelo; two sons, Rusty Franklin of San Angelo and Wilson Franklin of Ft. Worth, two daughters, Mrs. Marie Stoll of Ventura, Ca. and Mrs. Beverly Allen of Houston; two sisters, Lillian Franklin of San Angelo and Mrs. Llewellyn Roller of San Antonio; and seven grandchildren, including Jim Herring, Jason Jerring and Joel Herring, all of Robert Lee.

Two Hunters Found Dead Near Bronte

Two hunters were found dead Monday morning at about 9:30 on the Arrott ranch located about nine miles south of Bronte.

Robert Douglas Bland, 40, of Irving and Donnie Wayne Dycus, 22, of Duncanville were pronounced dead by county Justice of Peace Earl D. Nutter about 10:30 a.m. at the cabin located on the Arrott ranch. Nutter ordered an autopsy although he believed the deaths were due to asphyxiation. Coke County Sheriff Marshal Millican said the pathologist performing the autopsy in Big Spring indicated there was no evidence of foul play and that the two men died of asphyxiation.

The first notice of something being wrong came when LeDrew Arrott received a phone call from one of the men's father-in-law asking if he would check on the hunters as they did not return home Sunday night as scheduled. After finding the bodies, Arrott called the sheriff who investigated.

The small metal cabin owned by the hunters was located on a hunting lease two miles west of Highway 22 on Farm Road 2662. The men had arrived at the ranch on Friday, Arrott said, for a weekend of hunting deer and quail.

Visiting recently with Vic Collett were Jo and John Balko of Burnet, and Mona Casey of Abilene. The group had a nice visit.



Fresno, California is the "raisin center" of the United States.

Steers Top Christoval

The Christoval Cougars were caught by the Steers Tuesday night when they prowled in Coke Co. The RL girls varsity gave the lady Cougars a 61-34 thrashing. Leigh Ann Runnion was shooting hot and had 31 points; Amy Percifull shot for 18; Debbie Cummins, 4; Sara DeLa Pena, 4; Martha Bickley, 2; and Carol Longoria, 2.

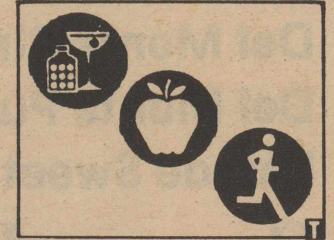
The Steers varsity had a rather close game, but won by a 42-39 margin. Quint Anthony made 11 points; Kirby Rasco, 10; Bobby Boone, 10; Scott Stephens, 4; Jimmy Skinner, 4; and Lupe Torres, 3.

The Steers B-squad had everyone in on the skinning when they took a 51-13 win over the Cougars. David Rodriguez, 9; Larry Palmer, 6; Greg Grim, 6; Jim Bob Jacobs, 6; Dale Hodnett, 5; Garry Palmer, 4; Trampas Cox, 4; Randy Stephens, 4; Phillip Stephens, 3; Caesar DeLa Pena, 3; and Mike Sanchez, 1.

The Steer teams will be hosting their annual tournament this weekend. They will take on class 2A Colorado City Tuesday, Dec. 21 in the local gym. The first game to be played after the holidays and the first of the new year, 1983, will be against Miles in Miles, Tuesday, Jan. 4 starting at 4 p.m. with A and B teams of boys and girls.



Good news on the health front is that there has been a 22 percent decline in heart disease in the United States since 1968 and a consistent decline in lung cancer among those who quit smoking more than ten years ago.



If more Americans took better care of themselves, more good news could be forthcoming in the future. The United States Department of Health and Human Services says not smoking, eating a balanced diet, avoiding drug and alcohol abuse, exercising regularly, learning to deal with stress, taking proper safety precautions, and using preventive health services, can help prolong your life. For more information, call the National Health Information Clearinghouse toll free at (800) 336-4797. In Virginia (703) 522-2590.

CANCER ANSWER LINE

American Cancer Society
M. D. Anderson Hospital
and Tumor Institute

Question: Do young people get bladder cancer?

ANSWERline: Cancer of the bladder may occur at any age, but it occurs most frequently in persons aged 50 to 70. Four out of five bladder patients are men. The incidence of bladder cancer for white males is twice that of black males.

Question: What are the symptoms of bladder cancer?

ANSWERline: Blood in the urine is the most important and often the first sign. It usually appears suddenly and without pain. Blood may be present in the stream throughout voiding, or may appear only at the end of a clean stream. Repeated appearance of blood in the urine is the single most characteristic symptom of bladder cancer. It is usually painless but at times may be accompanied by some discomfort and increased frequency of urination. Sometimes blood clots may form, causing painful muscle spasms in the bladder. Bloody urine however, does not always mean cancer. Other conditions, such as infection, benign tumors, or bladder stones, may be responsible. It is imperative that you consult your doctor in the event of bloody urine or any other unusual urinary condition.

Question: What are the symptoms of thyroid cancer?

ANSWERline: A lump or mass in the neck is usually discovered first. Any noticeable lump should be examined by a physician, particularly if it begins to increase in size. In most cases there are no

signs or symptoms of thyroid cancer. However, there may be a swelling of one side of the neck near the "Adam's Apple" and, if a malignancy has been present for some time, there may be a history of persistent hoarseness or difficulty in swallowing.

Question: Do men get thyroid cancer?

ANSWERline: Thyroid cancer occurs almost twice as frequently in women as in men, and more frequently in whites than in blacks. It also occurs more frequently in the older age groups.

Question: Does difficulty in swallowing indicate cancer?

ANSWERline: Difficulty in swallowing may be an early symptom of cancer of the gullet or esophagus. Weight loss is also a symptom of this cancer. There should be no delay in reporting such signs and symptoms to one's physician. This is very important since there is a period when extensive local spread takes place before metastasis or spread to other organs via the blood and lymph system.

Do you have further questions? Call your local unit of the American Cancer Society or call M. D. Anderson Hospital & Tumor Institute's Cancer Information Service, 1-800-392-2040 toll-free in Texas, 792-3245 in the Houston area.

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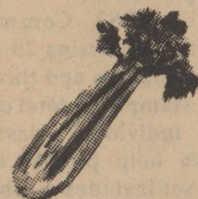
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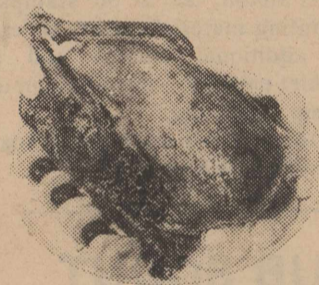
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