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SHELBI GRIM, daughter of Kay and Bob Taylor and Brande

Burrows, daughter of Elanie and Tom Lee.

40 Youngsters Taking Gymnastic Lessons In Old RL Gymnasium

Every Monday afternoon at 5:00 p.m. the Old Robert Lee gym is filled with the antics of 40 kids learning gymnastics. It is a fun-filled atmosphere of somersaults, cartwheels and handstands. From the tiniest 2½ year old to the tallest 12½ year old, they are learning balance and coordination. Along with all the fun, they are earning a little self-esteem because they can do it.

Gymnastics is a sport where you compete with yourself. You

50 YEARS AGO

Mrs. J.K. Loftin Sr. has sent the Observer to her son, Glynn, of Blythe, California and her daughter, Mrs. W.H. Hambrick of Chowchela, California for a Christmas present. Thanks, Miz Loftin. It's not only a nice Christmas present for them but you fixed it so all the little "Bumbles" could see Santa Claus.

Weldon Johnson, Earl Childress and Wesley Fields tripped to San Angelo Friday.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Walker last Sunday night, a wee four pound baby boy.

Mr. and Mrs. Plez Millican entertained a large number of guests Friday evening at a Christmas supper. Everyone reported plenty of eats and a good time.

Mr. and Mrs. Hadley Richards returned Sunday from a visit to Stanton where they plan to locate.

The seniors of Green Mountain School will give the play, "The Whole Town's Broke", on Dec. 22 at the School Auditorium. Then there will be a Community Christmas tree at the Tabernacle on Dec. 23rd.

Mary May Craddock of Robert Lee is a member of the West Texas Club, a social club in John Tarleton College this year.

Mrs. Lois Calvert spent the weekend in Odessa with her daughter and grandchildren, Mrs. Margie Allison, Loy Don, Marcus and Bubba.

can't carry the team or the team can't cover for you. Only you can improve on your skills and it feels good to learn how to jump and tumble. Instead of being all knees and elbows, you teach your body to take on grace and form.

Jeanne Dean's Dance Studio from San Angelo brings three instructors to teach the children. They bring with them a little discipline and a lot of caring and patience. The instructors welcome mothers, fathers and grandparents and you can bring your camera.

We, the mothers and fathers of the children taking gymnastics, want to thank Mr. Bickley and the Robert Lee school system for letting us use the gym and the equipment there. The instructors were impressed with how well equipped with mats and beams our small school is. We are proud of our school and grateful for a far-seeing school system.

It takes a lot of work on the part of kids, parents, instructors and the Robert Lee School, but the pride of accomplishment in our children is well worth it.

Community Tuppereware Party Dec. 4

The Robert Lee Cadette Girl Scout Troop will host its first fund raiser for the '83-'84 year. The time and date will be December 4 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the Recreation Center.

Everyone is invited, so grab up your unfinished Christmas list and help these young ladies have a successful party. Refreshments will be served and a special Christmas display will be set up. A Tupperware Representative will be on hand to help you with all your needs. For further information, call Hazel Abbott 454-2325 or Gloria Hubbard at 453-2328

Janie and John L. Bruton of Midland were guests over the holidays with their parents, Mrs. Ellen Higgins and Mr. and Mrs.

Basketballers Open Season With All Wins

RL Elementary Honor Roll

The Robert Lee elementary school has released the second six weeks honor roll list.

3rd Grade - Rhoda Anderson, Debra Drennan, John Fluhmann, Shelbi Grim, Joellen King, Lori Wink.

4th Grade - Eli Arellano, Carrie Davis, Brandy Hayes, Christie Payne.

5th Grade - Emily King, Brent McPeek, Janet Pentecost.

6th Grade - Karla Aldridge, Warren Brasher, Tiffany Jameson.

Students Elect Best Looking

In an election held Wednesday, Nov. 23, by the RLHS Student Body, Missy Grim and Larry Palmer were voted Most Beautiful and Most Handsome for 1983/84.

A bird can focus its eyes more quickly than any other living creature.

The Robert Lee High School teams played host to Water Valley November 22. Looking at it from Water Valley's viewpoint not very polite host either since they sent them home with a 2 out of 3 games loss.

SpecialProgram Sunday Night

Youth and adult singers from the Robert Lee Baptist Church will be presenting the Christmas Cantata, **Child of Promise**, on December 4, at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. The public is invited and urged to attend this annual celebration.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hatley and Billy of Goltry, Oklahoma and Mr. and Mrs. Steve Hatley, Tamara and Tanya of Conroe were guests with Mrs. Zola Hatley over the Thanksgiving holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Johnson and Joy of Eagle Lake and Mrs. Bobby Mahon of Weimer visited Mrs. Evah Mahon, as well as other Robert Lee relatives, for Thanksgiving.

Justice In America Examined In Series Of Three Articles

The following article is a public service by the Bronte Enterprise and Robert Lee Observer through the cooperation of Bill J. 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. This is the first in a series of three articles examining the justice system in America.

AMERICAN JUSTICE [Part I] CRIME & IMPRISONMENT

The system of justice in America is complex, often confusing, and even contradictory. No doubt misconceptions about it flourish among the public. Here is the first part of a short quiz to test your knowledge of its operation and effect.

The entire quiz (three parts) is based largely on research gathered by U.S. News & World Report. It is offered here as general information, not specific to this county, nor is it a substitute for legal advice on any issue. Rather, it should serve to heighten your interest and awareness of concerns of the justice system.

1. In the last two decades the rate of reported violent crime has: (A) doubled. (B) nearly tripled. (C) more than quadrupled.

(C). This has put an everincreasing strain on police, prosecutors, courts, and prisonswhose facilities and staff have not quadrupled.

2. On the average, for every 100 felony crimes committed, how many result in a person

going to jail? (A) 1. (B) 5. (C) 18. (B). Eighty of the 100 cases will go unsolved; the others (save the one imprisonment) will result in probation for the defendant, bailjumping by the defendant, dis-

missal by the judge, or rejection by the prosecutor.

3. About how many persons are inmates in America's pri-

sons? (A) 65,000. (B) 400,000. (C) 1.2 million.

(B). This is double the number of a decade ago.

4. The average time served in prison by a convicted felon is: (A) 26 months. (B) 6 months. (C) 5 to 6 years.

(A). That average might be longer if more cells were available. As it is, parole boards must release some inmates in time to make room for new ones.

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(B). Given the legal battles, however, few are likely to be executed soon.

6. About how many probationers and parolees are arrested for new crimes? (A) 12 percent. (B) 25 percent. (C) 4 percent.

(B). Defenders of this figure see it as proof that rehabilitation works; critics see it as proof that the system is too lenient.

The second part of this quiz will deal with the people involved in the justice system and will be in next week's paper.

This article was provided by The Prosecutor Council in cooperation with your local prosecutor. For Further Information Call: Bill J. Helwig, 453-2712.

The Varsity girls won their game 44-29 with Jana Gartman and Missy Grim being high point hitters with 10 points each. Carol Longoria sank 9, Carrath Metcalf hit for 8, Lin Long hit for 4 and Lee Ann Molinar got 3.

The Varsity boys also had a win with a 43-30 score. Bobby Boone was high point hitter with 14 points. Jimmy Skinner made 12, Eddie Hood hit for 9, Greg Grim made 4, Kirby Rasco and Douglas Roberts each sank 2.

The Jr. Varsity boys' luck wasn't as good as the other teams, they lost 39-42. Jim Bob Jacobs was high point hitter with 12 points. Randy Stephens hit for 10, Scott Robertson sank 8, Tim Garringer made 7 and Kevin Johnson hit for 2 points.

The R.L. Varsity teams traveled to Blackwell Tuesday, Nov. 29, and both teams came home with wins.

The varsity girls won 55-39 with Carrath Metcalf being high point hitter with 21 points. Carol Longoria hit for 13, Jana Gartman sank 8, Missy Grim made 6, Lee Ann Molinar, Dana Anthony and Tansy Bell each hit for 2 and Patty Bloodworth made 1.

The Varsity boys beat Black-well 56-30 with Kirby Rasco and Eddie Hood being high point hitters with 10 each. Jimmy Skinner sank 7, Bobby Boone and Larry Palmer each sank 6, Greg Grim, Douglas Roberts and Darryl Mulkey each hit for 4, Trampas Cox sank 3 and Garry Palmer made 2.

The Varsity teams will play in the Bronte tournament December 1, 2, 3. The Varsity and JV teams will travel to Miles December 6 with jump-off starting at 4:00

The Jr. High boys, girls and B girls will host Garden City December 5 with game time starting at 5:00 p.m.

Trimble Gets Service Award

The Western Division of Texas Electric Service Company recentally honored its twenty-five year employees with an awards dinner at the Petroleum Club in Odessa.

Among those receiving a gold service watch was Monty Trimble of Crane. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. M.E. Trimble of Robert Lee.

Trimble began his career with TESCo in Odessa as a meter reader shortly after graduating from Robert Lee High School.

During his twenty-five years with Texas Electric, Trimble has worked in Odessa, Midland and Monahans. He is presently the manager for TESCo in Crane.

He is married to the former Vicki Wojtek, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Wojtek of Robert Lee and has two sons, Monty and Charles

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Mrs. Burney Dies In SA

Mrs. Della McDonald Burney, age 99 years and 10 months, passed away November 14, 1983 in St. John's Hospital in San Angelo following surgery to repair a broken hip a few days earlier. Services were held Wednesday, November 16, 1983 at the Church of Christ in Mertzon with burial in Sherwood Cemete-

Adella McDonald was born in Delta County, Texas January 13, 1884 to William Rushing and Ida (Bradberry) McDonald. At the age of 7, she moved to Robert Lee with her parents in 1891 and here she grew up and attended the Robert Lee Schools. In 1903, she married J.J. Burney, also an early Coke County resident, a widower with four children. Mr. Burney was the son of Mrs.

Melinda Burney and a brother-inlaw of Dr. W.J. Adams, early Coke County physician. Mr. and Mrs. Burney moved to Irion County as pioneers in 1903 and took up lands there; they lived in Irion County the rest of their lives. They were frequent visitors to Coke County during their earlier married life. Mr. Burney died in 1938.

Mrs. Burney was survived by three of their nine children, the ones surviving being: A.J. Burney and Lorena Burney Shelton of Mertzon and Mrs. Helen Stateham of Fort Worth and a number of grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Also, a number of cousins in the Robert Lee area, including those of the Higgins, Clawson, Payne and Rabb families.

Leather-bound books will benefit from periodic applications of saddlesoap, neatsfoot oil or petroleum jelly.



The Extension Way

AGRICULTURE by Tommy Antilley

County Extension Agent

Fall is the season for trees to lose leaves, but it's also the time to set out new trees.

Fall is the best time to plant trees because their root systems have time to develop and become well established before top growth begins in the spring.

Plant only container-grown or balled and burlapped trees during the fall as bare-root trees do not transplant readily until January and February.

Choose trees that will adapt to the area and that will provide the desired landscape.

After selecting the trees and site, the following planting guidelines are suggested.

First, dig a pit large enough to allow six inches clearance on all sides of the root ball. The pit should be as deep as the root ball so that it will rest on undisturbed soil. Plant the tree at the same depth it was in the nursery. This should be indicated by a discolored ring on the trunk.

Place the tree in the pit carefully by handling the ball, not the trunk. Handling the tree by the trunk could cause a broken ball and excessive root damage.

Next, fill the pit around the ball with top soil or a prepared mixture of soil, sand and peat fertilize the tree until after spring Silver.

After filling in, stake the tree to secure it against the wind so roots can become well established. It's also a good practice to wrap the trunk of the newly transplanted tree to protect it from sunscald, drying winds, sand storms and borer attacks.

Finally, water the tree as needed during the dry winter periods.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Ross of Marshall, Oklahoma spent Thanksgiving week with Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Watson. The ladies are sisters and had a nice long

Mr. and Mrs. Zeddie Beal were in Wichita Falls last Tuesday to attend the funeral of Mrs. Lois Perkins.

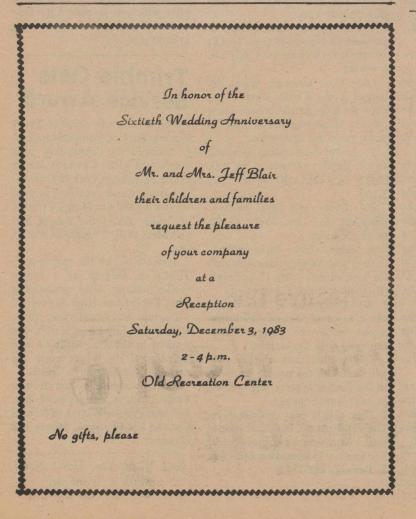
Mrs. Perkins was co-owner of moss or pine bark. Do not Perkins-Prothro Oil Company at



MR. AND MRS. Jeff Blair will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary Saturday, December

3, from 2-4 p.m. at the Old Recreation Center in Robert Lee.

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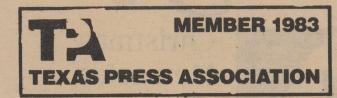


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Mr. and Mrs. George Weir

Mr., Mrs. George Weir Honored On Twenty-fifth Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. George Weir recently celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary with a reception in their honor in the home of their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Tenut.

The Rev. Ray Aldridge, pastor of the Emmanuel Pentecostal Church, conducted the ceremony

Special Days At Fort Concno

Christmas at Old Fort Concho will be celebrated December 2, 3 and 4 with a festive atmosphere.

There will be all kinds of things to see and do and an extensive Christmas market and gift bazaar to catch up on your Christmas shopping. The event will include a celebration of past Christmases complete with a tree lighting ceremony and a yule log camp-

Fort Concho will be open for the seasonal event from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. on December 2 and 3 and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on December 4.

in which the couple renewed their wedding vows.

Special music was presented by Mrs. Leta Aldridge.

Ida Clark and George Weir were married in Jacksboro on November 5, 1958.

An arrangement of carnations graced a lace-covered serving table. Punch and a tiered wedding cake were served to about thirty guests by Carla and Christi Aldridge.

Guests in the A.J. Bilbo home over Thanksgiving were: Mr. and Mrs. O.L. Kay, Alpine, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Boren, Robert Lee, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Rathmell Mertzon, Peggy and Rebecca Gilmore, San Angelo, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Kay and Nicklass, Odessa, Tom Boren, Odessa, John Boren, Tresa Deck and son, Zack, Snyder, Jan and Kara Edwards, Waco, Bill Havins, Pleasanton, Sandy and Samantha Evans, Dallas, Bonnie and Tamra Collins, Waco, Mrs. Marcus Turner, San Angelo, Mr. and Mrs. R.L. McGuire, Robert

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Expression of Faith Is Spirit of Season

Christmas is a time of unbounded faith, hope and love. It's a season that rejuvenates our spirit of good will and compassion.

Indeed, some of our most cherished memories of Christmases past evolve from a particularly poignant expression of faith and trust.

Consider the wellknown story of little Virginia's letter to the editor of the New York Sun, back in 1897

Her question of Santa Claus' existence is one eventually asked by all children who begin to doubt the innocence and trust of youth.

Yet, the editor's enchanting response to Virginia's concern exemplifies the real meaning of the season, and no doubt, restored Virginia's faith:

"Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except what they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their minds.

All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours, man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! How dreary would be the world if there there were no Virginias. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance, to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in Fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch in chimneys on Christmas evening to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see.

Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world. You may tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond.

Is it real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding. No Santa Claus?

Thank God, he lives and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay, ten times ten thousand years from now, were no Santa Claus! It he will continue to make would be as dreary as if glad the heart of childhood."





The time draws near the birth of Christ: The moon is hid; the night is still; The Christmas bells from hill to hill Answer each other in the mist.

Four voices of four hamlets round, From far and near, on mead and moor, Swell out and fail, as if a door Were shut between men and the sound:

Each voice four changes on the wind, That now dilate, and now decrease, Peace and goodwill, goodwill and peace, Peace and goodwill, to all mankind.

This year I slept and woke with pain, I almost wish'd no more to wake, And that my hold on life would break Before I heard those bells again:

But they the troubled spirit rule, For they controll'd me when a boy; They bring me sorrow touch'd with joy, The merry, merry bells of Yule.

Ring out, wild bells, to the wild sky, The flying cloud, the frosty light: The year is dying in the night; Ring out, wild bells, and let him die.

Ring out the old, ring in the new, Ring, happy bells, across the snow: The year is going, let him go; Ring out the false, ring in the true.

Ring out the grief that saps the mind, For those that here we see no more; Ring out the feud of rich and poor, King in redress to all mankind.

Ring out a slowly dying cause, And ancient forms of party strife; Ring in the nobler modes of life. With sweeter manners, purer laws.

Ring out the want, the care, the sin, The faithless coldness of the times; Ring out, ring out my mournful rhymes, But ring the fuller minstrel in.

Ring out false pride in place and blood, The civic slander and the spite; Ring in the love of truth and right, Ring in the common love of good.

Ring out old shapes of foul disease, Ring out the narrowing lust of gold; Ring out the thousand wars of old Ring in the thousand years of peace.

Ring in the valiant man and free, The larger heart, the kinder hand; Ring out the darkness of the land, Ring in the Christ that is to be.

Christmas **Memories**

We all have our own particularly meaningful memories of Christmases past and it's those memories that remind us of the love and joy that is truly the spirit of the season.

For some, Christmas memories are of the entire family gathering together. This is always especially meaningful to parents whose children have scattered throughout the land and have "come home" for the holidays.

Perhaps helping others less fortunate provides outstanding memories for some. Inviting a lonely elderly person to join in your Christmas dinner or donating carefully-selected foods and gifts to your favorite charity organization makes one feel very much in tune with the holiday theme. Often, our most poignant memories come from such expressions of selflessness.

For others, special Christmas memories go farther back in time - to younger days when simple hopes and dreams prevailed. The memory of the first time you earned the money yourself for Mom's gift comes to mind. You might still recall the feeling of anticipation and pride as she opened 'your" gift. Of course, her response couldn't have been better — she was thrilled!

Music is always a special part of Christmas and the voices of carolers take on a more potent significance when heard through the halls of hospitals and convalescent homes. Spreading cheer to those who will not be able to go home for Christmas is indeed a heartwarming memory for those who've participated in this thoughtful act.

A child's excitement at Christmas is especially delightful and memorable. Who can resist getting caught up in Santa Claus, candy-filled stockings, midnight toy assemblings and the wide-eyed expectancy of kids being trotted off to bed on Christmas Eve.

Many of us claim our fondest memories when recalling Christmases spent with children and we all agree that nothing quite matches the pleasure of sharing Christmas with the youngsters.

In perfect harmony with the season, our most cherished memories are certainly those of love.

HOME ECONOMICS by **Debbie Stelter**

County Extension Agent

"C" Is For Cranberries

Cranberries are native to North America. Long before the first settlers arrived. The ruby-red berries grew wild on low vines in marshy areas. The Indians used the little berries to dye their colorful robes, to treat arrow wounds, and to make a "convenience food" combining venison, fat, and crushed cranberries. Cape Cod Indians named the red berries crane berries because their pink blossoms resembled the heads of cranes. Later, settlers shortened the name to

"C" is also for vitamin C; one-half cup fresh cranberries provides 10% U.S. RDA for vitamin C. New England sea captains were aware of the little berries' worth. They stored them in barrels of cold water on their clipper ships and ate them by the handful to prevent scurby, as the British used limes.

Cranberries are also low in sodium which make them popular for those on low-salt diets. An average serving (1/2 cup) of cranberries only has 25 calories! It's what you eat with them that adds calories!

There are many ways to serve cranberries. Try these:

Red Berry "Pizza" Pie

Pastry for 8 or 9" two crust pie 3 cups sliced pared tart apples 3/4 cup sugar

1 teaspoon cinnamon 1/4 teaspoon nutmeg

1 c. fresh or frozen cranberries Crumble Topping*

Preheat oven to 450 degrees. Prepare pastry; roll 1 inch larger than 12-13" pizza pan. Ease into pan, flute edge. Cover crust with apple slices beginning at outer edge and overlapping slices. Top with cranberries. Mix together sugar, cinnamon, and nutmeg; sprinkle over fruit. Top with Crumble Topping. Bake 30-35 minutes until golden brown. Cut into wedges. Serve warm. Makes

8-10 servings. *Crumble Topping: Mix together 1/3 cup all-purpose flour and 1/4 cup sugar. Cut in 1/4 cup butter until crumbly.

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Cranberry-Apple Mold

1 pkg. cherry or strawberry gelatin

1 can (1 lb.) whole cranberry sauce

1/2 teaspoon grated lemon rind 1 cup boiling water

1 cup applesauce

Dissolve gelatin in boiling water. Add cranberry sauce, applesauce, and lemon rind. Turn into mold which has been rinsed with cold water. Chill until firm. Serves 4-6.

SELECTING SAFE TOYS

Toys go with children. Toys are fun and can be educational. Unfortunately, toys can also be dangerous. Careful toy selection can help prevent some hazardous

When buying toys, keep in mind the child's age, interests and skill level. Toys that may be safe for older children can be extremely dangerous in the hands of little ones. Look for quality construction in all toys for all ages. Make sure you read the label! Look for age recommendations, such as "Not recommended for children under three". Also look for safety labels including "non-toxic", and "flame retardant"

Toys of brittle plastic or glass can easily be broken, exposing dangerous sharp cutting edges. Wooden, metal and plastic toys sometimes have sharp edges due to poor construction.

Tiny toys and toys with small removable parts can be swallowed or become lodged in a child's windpipe, ears or nose. The squeakers in some squeeze toys can be removed and possibly swallowed. The seams of poorly constructed stuffed dolls or animals can break open and release small pellets that can also be swallowed or inhaled.

Toy caps and some noisemaking guns and other toys can produce sounds at noise levels that can damage hearing. The law requires the following label on boxes of caps producing noise above a certain level: "WARN-ING-- do not fire closer than one foot to the ear. Do not use indoors."

Broken toys can expose dangerous prongs and knife-sharp points. Check all toys periodically for breakage and potential hazards. A dangerous toy should be thrown away or repaired imme-

Protecting children from unsafe toys is the responsibility of everyone. Careful toy selection for your child, as well as another child, and proper supervision of children at play is the best way to protect children from toy-related

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Group To Meet The Texas Section of the Society for Range Management will hold its 33rd Annual Meeting at the Holiday Inn Country Villa in Midland on Dec. 1-3, 1983. in all respects.

The theme for this meeting is "Ranching in the Southwest". Talks and slide presentations on subjects such as the Savory Grazing Method, brush management, poisonous plant control, wildlife management, predator control and oil and gas leasing will be made by numerous authorities in these fields. In addition, there will be ranch tours, a free barbecue, social hours and a wine tasting courtesy of a West Texas winery, during which participants may exchange ideas with others working in the range livestock industry in Texas.

According to Mike Mecke, S.C.S. Range Conservationist, attendance is open to anyone interested in ranching or rangeland management. Tour buses will leave at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, Dec. 1 from the Midland Holidome. Registration at the door is \$25.00 and \$5.00 for spouses and membership in the Society for Range Management (SRM) is not required, but is heartily invited. Membership in the SRM is open to anyone interested in the proper management and use of rangelands. This vast natural resource makes up 59% of the total land area in

"Little minds are wounded by the smallest things. La Rochefoucauld

mittee suggests a perfect Christmas gift for those special loved ones on your list this year; a copy of the COKE COUNTY BOOK which is now in preparation. The book will be a quality production

In lieu of the book itself which won't be off the presses until sometime next year (hopefully July or August), the Committee has made available some attractive gift certificates which can be hung on the Christmas tree. Each certificate promises that a copy of the book will be delivered when the publication is released. The high quality book will be a gift that grows in value rather than one that is outgrown!

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SOCIETY TO MEET

The San Angelo Genealogical and Historical Society will hold their annual Christmas party 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 6 in the Western Hills Church of Christ fellowship hall, 1920 N. Childress in San Angelo.

Bring a guest and your favorite pastry or candy.

Various types of forms for recording family history will be on display for show and tell.

Services Held For Lela Rogers

Funeral services for Mrs. Lela May Rodgers, longtime Lea County resident, were held at 2 p.m. Monday in Griffin Funeral Home Chapel with Wayne Horton of Jefferson Street Church of Christ and the Rev. Bob Brown officiated. Burial was in Eunice Ceme-

Mrs. Rodgers, who lived at the Good Samaritan Village, died Friday. She was 93.

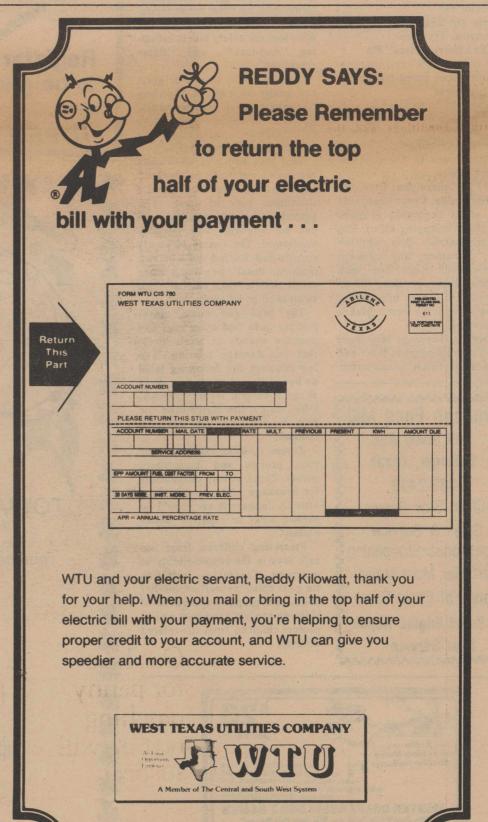
She married Alexander E. Rodgers Aug. 29, 1906, and they homesteaded near Eunice in 1914. The couple moved to Hobbs in 1945 and Alexander Rodgers died in 1975.

Mrs. Rodgers was a member of the Old Timers Association of Eunice and for the past two years was honored as the oldest living member of that organization.

She also was a member of Taylor Street Church of Christ.

Mrs. Rodgers is survived by one son, A.V. Rodgers of Eunice; five daughters, Mrs. Doyle Berryman of Hobbs; Mrs. Joyce Dennis of Lovington; Mrs. Earl Jones of Plainview; Mrs. Ola Morgan of Shafter, Calif., and Mrs. Merle Culbertson of Dallas; one brother, John Long of Eunice; two sisters, Mrs. Neomi Vaught, of Portales and Mrs. Ethel O'Dell of Sacramento, Calif.; 14 grandchildren; 35 great-grandchildren and 13 great-great-grandchildren.

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Weather Conditions Determine Color Leaves Turn In Fall

COLLEGE STATION-- It's a quiet revolution that happens each fall. Slowly but surely Mother Nature goes about painting leaves on trees and shrubs to produce a riot of red, purple, orange and yellow for spectacular fall displays.

Just what is taking place is enough to cause even the most avid skeptic to marvel. It's all tied to chemical processes in leaves as the summer season gives way to fall and the approaching winter.

"Leaves are actually little factories that manufacture food to support a tree's or other plant's growth," points out Alan D. Dreesen, a forestry specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M University System. "They are busy producing food during spring and summer, but as fall approaches, their work slows down as temperatures and daylight hours change. Chlorophyll -the green pigment in leaves-breaks down and other pigments, mainly yellows and oranges, become visible and gives leaves their fall splendor.'

At the same time other chemical changes are occurring to form additional pigments, varying from red to blue, notes the forester. These give rise to purplish leaves on such trees as dogwoods and sumacs and brilliant orange or firey red and yellow leaves on suga maples. Some trees, such as quaking aspen, birch and hickory, boast only yellow colors, while many oaks and others display predominant brown or bronze leaves.

"Leaf colors will vary greatly from year to year, depending on weather conditions and the amount of chlorophyll and other pigments in leaves," explains Dreesen.

Warm, sunny days in the fall followed by cool nights with temperatures below 45 degrees F. are ideal for the formation of brilliant red colors, he points out. These conditions enable leaves to produce a lot of sugar during the daytime but slow down the movement of these sugars from leaves at night. Consequently trapped sugars form the red pigment that is so vividly displayed in leaves of the red maple, flowering dogwood, sweetgum, black tupelo or blackgum and

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"A lot of warm, cloudy, rainy weather in the fall, on the other hand, will produce leaves with less red coloration because of the reduced sugar production in leaves," notes Dreesen.

"Fall leaf color can also vary from tree to tree," he adds. "For example, leaves directly exposed to sun may turn red while those on the shady side of the same tree or on other trees in the shade may be yellow. Some leaves simply turn dull brown from death and decay."

Where can one find an abundance of showy fall displays?

The eastern United States and southeastern Canada boast large areas of deciduous (trees that shed their leaves) forests with brown-leaved trees and favorable weather conditions for vivid fall colors, notes the forester. Some mountainous areas of the western U.S. also offer vistas of fall colors along with eastern Asia and southwestern Europe.

While arranging for all the fall leaf colors, Mother Nature is also preparing the twigs that hold leaves to gradually sever themselves from the branches, says Dreesen. When the leaves finally fall, due to their own weight or a sudden burst of wind, they enrich the forest floor, returning part of the nutrients that were used by the tree.

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How Cultural Practices Can Affect Insect Control

practices in your garden air, while tilling during winmay indirectly help you ter months control your garden's insect population. Practices like insects by frequently turning the soil exposing and controlling weeds may even reduce or eliminate the cold need for traditional insect control.

Good cultural practices will help keep your plants post, barnyard manure, or healthy so they can better withstand insect attack. The following practices should also help cut down your insect problems as a side

Good soil conditioning promotes seed germination and vigorous growth and helps prevent soil insect problems as well. Turning over the soil during the hot

Using certain cultural to predators and to drying It is much better to plant a damaging levels.

them to weather

helps kill

Before adding comother organic matter to the the material by spreading it thinly between two pieces of plastic. Seal the edges and leave it exposed to the sun

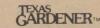
help with insect control. Some varieties of vegetables

variety adapted to your area a problem this year.

very important in insect insects like flea beetles. control. Seeds should not be planted in soils which are vest is over, help prevent too cold. Seeds germinate next year's problems by garden, kill the soil pests in and grow slowly in cold destroying crop residues. soils, which allows more Old plant residue should be time for insects to feed on plowed under for organic and damage plants while matter or removed and they are small. Once the properly composted. This for a few days. The high weather is good, however, eliminates a food source for temperatures should kill the get those seeds and plants pests. out. Crops planted as soon Variety selection may as soil temperatures are favorable often grow and produce fruit before insect summer exposes soil pests are tolerant to certain pests. populations build up to

Weed control can have which will produce a vigor- a marked effect on insect ous plant, however, than to control. Weeds often build select one solely because it up heavy insect populations is somewhat tolerant to a that eventually migrate to pest which may not even be nearby garden crops. Controlling weeds can delay and Planting dates can be even prevent infestations of

When the year's har-



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November 27-A one-car accident on Highway 158 between Robert Lee and Bronte. The driver of the car hit a deer, no injuries were reported.

Budget For Holiday Giving

COLLEGE STATION-- Many families do not recall ever making a conscious decision on how much money to spend for Christmas gifts and other holiday items, says home economist Nancy Granovsky, who is with the Texas A&M University Agricultural Extension Service.

Advertising, offers for easy credit or no finance charges until after the holidays and the emotions associated with Christmas gifts tempt us to overspend. 'Unfortunately, the thrill of purchase often escapes when the bills come due, and some families wind up in financial trouble after the first of the year," she explains.

According to Granovsky, a specialist in family resource management, consumers can take these steps to control their holiday spending.

* Make a budget and stick to it. Set spending limits before you get involved in shopping.

* Have a game plan for shopping. Prepare a gift list and try to avoid impulse purchases or budget a specific amount just for impulse buying.

* Use your imagination to save money. Some options include making a tax deductible charitable contribution in another's name; an IOU for services like babysitting or housecleaning; making gifts such as baked goods or plant cuttings yourself; giving a seldom used possession or "family heirloom" to a family member who has admired it; or shopping at garage sales.

* Shop early to take advantage of sales, better choices and faster

* Plan for next year. Advance planning allows you to shop at sales throughout the year. You can also set up a special savings account to save for the holidays. But avoid special "holiday accounts," cautions Granovsky, unless they pay the same rate of interest as other savings plans.

How much should you plan to save for holiday spending? Some financial counselors suggest allowing 11/2 percent of your gross income plus ten percent of that amount for last minute purchases, says the home economist.

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Boykins Have Australian Visitors

of Ben and Dawn Boykin were so happy to meet their American relations who were visiting for Thanksgiving. En route to Robert Lee, Texas, Norma J. Morgan and grandson, Andrew Lea, who is just 12 years of age visited New Zealand, Honolulu, Los Angeles, Disneyland and Universal Studios. From Los Angeles they traveled to Phoenix then to San Antonio. While there they visited the Alamo, the River Walk and the International Market Place. have traveled to Old Mexico, visited Lake Amistad reservoir which they found quite beautiful.

For their first Thanksgiving dinner guests included family Kevin and Rosanna Webb, children Keith and Chassa, Gainesville, Billy Bob and Dawnie

Australian visitors at the home Ben and Dawn Boykin were so appy to meet their American elations who were visiting for hanksgiving. En route to Robert Highsmith, children Madelin and Charlie, Boerne, Lynette J. Boykin, Grace Boykin, Robert Lee, Cecile Hay and Jo Williams, Bronte.

Many wonderful memories will be taken back to Australia by Norma J. (sister of Dawn Boykin) Norma J. has recently retired after being a Director of the families Transport Company for the past 23 years.

Antonio. While there they visited the Alamo, the River Walk and the International Market Place.

Since arriving at Robert Lee, they have traveled to Old Mexico, visited Lake Amistad reservoir

Norma J. and Andrew plan to return to Australia on December 11, after their first momentous trip to the United States of America.

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Mr. and Mrs. A.V. Hughes were pleased to have his daughters and families at home for the Thanksgiving holidays.

Present for the gathering were Pat, Rick, Mandy, and Becky Whitaker, Sonora, Mark and Mary Newman, Odessa, Susan and Bill Faircloth, Claudine and Lindsay, of Fayetteville, Georgia, Jane Hughes, and Jim Wilson of San Angelo.

Mr. and Mrs. Hughes and the Faircloth family visited in Lubbock over the weekend with Mrs. Hughes' daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Sublett, of Lubbock before making a two-day trip to Big Bend National Park area. The group reported a good trip, as the fall is an ideal time to tour the park.

Texas A&M receives over \$2.7 million from former students

COLLEGE STATION - A record \$2.7 million was given to Texas A&M University by its Association of Former Students last year in annual fund gifts from more than 30,000 contributors, announced Jack G. Fritts, who headed the Texas A&M alumni association in

Fritts said unrestricted funds totaling \$2,620,000 represent a new all-time record for giving through the alumni organization. The remaining \$123,267 was restricted to specific Texas A&M programs and wishes of the donors, he explained.

Texas A&M is the envy of my colleagues throughout the nation and it is precisely for this reason," said University President Dr. Frank E. Vandiver. The substantial support of our former students enables us to become involved in projects that other institutions only dream about. It is this support that has always placed Texas A&M a cut above the rest.'

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BOB HASLER, right, and Game Warden Ken Lunsford count the

points on the trophy buck Hasler shot in Maverick November 12.

73 POINT BUCK SHOT RECENTLY

Editor's Note-- We heard about this deer through the

coffee shop talk and managed to track down Mr. Hasler. He was The unusual specimen had a total of 73 points and field dressed 151

kind enough to bring a picture and this story by the office and share his trophy with us. He was ing although he doubted he like this one again.

years of hunting he had given up this is when he loaded his trophy hope on getting a trophy buck. in his truck and headed to his The opening of deer season this home in Cedar Park and contactyear was no different, he was ed game warden Ken Lunsford. going out to bag a deer. But in

the next one will be a real wall hanger, something to look at for years and always remember the thrill of that particular hunt."

Dec. 2, 1983

As Mr. Hasler told it, it was an velvet. unusual hunt all the way around. He and his 14 year old son were sitting in the blind, they have been watching a herd of 15 does and were waiting for a buck. Mr. Hasler left his son to watch the deer and he turned to watch the turkey on the other side of the blind. He was getting ready to take aim on a turkey when his son noticed the buck coming up from behind and urging the herd of does on. His son refused to shoot it until he looked at it. Mr. Hasler said, "I couldn't believe it, it was so far away it looked like a miniature deer with huge antlers, but as it got closer it kept getting bigger and bigger until he stopped even with our blind and turned broad-side to us, as if he was waiting on us." As any normal red-blooded hunter would do, he squeezed the trigger of his 30.06 rifle to bring down this

Here is where the real story on his way back to his lease begins. Hasler told us when he around Maverick for more hunt- got to the deer and counted 20 points on one side, he started would ever come across a deer over because he knew he had made a mistake. Then he counted Bob Hasler said after all his 25 points on the same side and

Together the two men counted

is always the thought, "Maybe on the right side and 37 on the left. The unusual thing about this buck's antlers, other than the number of points, was they were completely covered with thick

The big white-tail weighed 151 lbs. field dressed. It took three men to lift him for dressing and he was over eight feet long when hung. Hasler said that before being dressed he pulled a 200-lb. scale all the way down. They estimated, after accounting for dehydration during the long trip back, the live weight was 230-250

Lunsford contacted biologist at the Texas Department of Parks and Wildlife to find out what could have caused the unusual development. Lunsford said he was told that research done several years ago indicated that such unusual antler growth was probably the result of the drought combined with an abundance of some mineral in the diet.

Now the speculation is on as to the record number of points. I've heard 72 and 74, Mr. Hasler was thinking 104. Whether its a record trophy or not, it's still a trophy to be proud of. Enjoy it Mr. Hasler!

So, take heart Coke County Hunters, Maverick is not that far away. If they can grow them that big over in Runnels County, so can we. If not maybe one of theirs will cross over into Coke County. Happy Hunting!!

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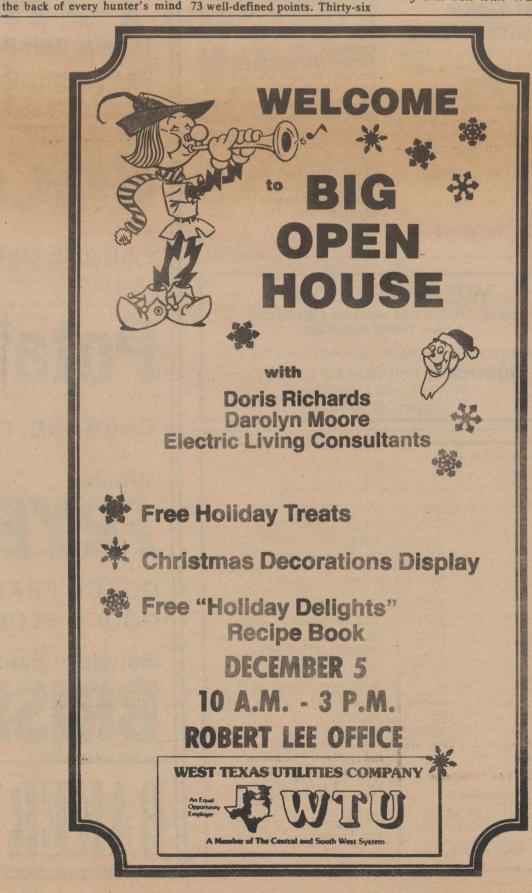
Perfect watchmates 'round the clock (I to r): the Rolex Lady-Date in stainless steel and gold with matching Jubilee bracelet; and the Lady Oyster Perpetual in stainless steel with matching Oyster bracelet. Both are self-winding and pressure-proof down to 165 feet with the seamless Oyster case.

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Monday, Dec. 5 **Barbecue Wieners** Cream Potatoes Green Beans Hot Rolls-Butter

Cookies Tuesday, Dec. 6 Burritos Combination Salad Corn Milk

Cake Squares Wednesday, Dec. 7 Pinto Beans Turnip and Greens Pickled Beets Cornbread-Butter Milk

Applecrisp Thursday, Dec. 8 Corn Dogs w/Mustard French Fries w/Catsup Ranch Style Beans Milk

Peach Half Friday, Dec. 9 Turkey-Dressing-Giblet Gravy Cranberry Sauce English Peas Corn Hot Rolls-Butter Milk

West Coke Hospital News

Rainbow Jello

The West Coke County Hospital reports the following admissions and dismissals.

Nov. 23: No admissions and Gladys Millican dismissed.

Nov. 24: No admissions or dismissals.

Nov. 25: No admissions or dismissals. Nov. 26: No admissions or dismissals.

Nov. 27: No admissions or dismissals.

Nov. 28: No admissions or dismissals.

AON Holds Pledge Rites

Pledge Rituals for Kei Antilley and Debbie Stelter were held in the home of Ara Burns on November 28. President Kaye Pitcock conducted the ceremony officially inducting the two as pledges of Alpha Omicron Nu chapter of Beta Sigma Phi. The ritual was held prior to the regular meeting of AON.

All fourteen members and special guests Donna Downen of Georgia and Master Joe W. Arledge IV of Sanco were present for the second meeting of November to hear of the tremendous success of the Benefit Bake Sale held November 22. Thanks to the generosity of the town of Robert Lee and the hard work of its members, Alpha Omicron Nu raised \$355.50 to donate to the Houston Ronald McDonald House. AON would like to express its sincere appreciation and thanks to everyone who helped with this project.

AON plans its next meeting December 12 in the home of Cindy Bessent. Co-hostesses will be Kaye Pitcock and Annette Arledge with Tricia Ballew giving the program. Members are reminded that this is the date of the Christmas Card Exchange.

A family gathering at the Turney Caseys' on Saturday were: Pearl Ditmore and Mary Hinton, W.C.C. Nursing Home; Mr. and Mrs. G.L. Coulter, Layne, Mr. and Mrs. Rocky Heffernan, Pat, Stacey, Daryl Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Pearson, Bronte; Mr. and Mrs. Larry Thomas, Ft. Worth, Mr. and Mrs. David Hoover, Southlake; Mr. and Mrs. Randall Jenkins, Dallas; Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Coulter, Summer and McKenzie, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Casey, Mr. and Mrs. Bascom Chesney, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Schooley, Robert Lee; Mrs. Wanda Allen, Mrs. Sherri Jackson and Casey, Burleson.

Miracle Whip

Salad Dressing **Parade Instant Potatoes**

KRAFT GRAPE JELLY WOLF BRAND CHILI

Qt. Jar

15 oz. box 89c 18 oz. jar 83c 19 oz. can \$1.35

Libby Vienna Sausage

5 Oz. Can

Nabisco Premium Crackers Best Maid Sweet Relish

lb. box 93c 12 oz. jar 89c

Shortening

Mrs. Tuckers '42 Oz. Can

GENERIC BLACK PEPPER 4 oz. can 53c **EATWELL JACK MACKERAL 15 oz. can 75c** Hersheys Hot Chocolate Mix 12 oz. pkg. \$1.39 **Parade Seedless Rasins** 15 oz. box \$1.15

Hi Dri

Nice & Soft Facial Tissues Zee Family Pack Napkins

Big Roll

200 ct. box 75c 360 count \$1.69

Texas Style

BAGUIS

12 Oz. Can

PARADE OLEO, Lb. Qtrs.

lb. 49c

10 Lb. Bag Potatoes \$1.59

CABBAGE, Colorado

lb. 19c

Whole

12 oz. pkg. 89c **GOOCH FRANKS GOOCH BLUE RIBBON BACON** lb. \$1.49

Boneless Beef

Lb.

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REAL ESTATE FORECLOSURE SALE

Property Owned by Ben A. Boykin

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Tract 1 - 54.58 acres of land, more or less, being a part of Block No.3 of a Subdivision of the CALDWELL COUNTY SCHOOL LAND SURVEY, which Survey was jestented for 2212 acres to Caldwell County by the State of Texas by Patent No. 565, Vol. 23, dated November 29, 1881, and bears State Abstract Number 46; said 54.58 acres being all that part of said Block No. 3, lying West of the State Highway No. 208, running from San Angelo to Robert Lee, Texas.

Tract 2 - Homestead - not being sold.

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Tract 3 - 100 acres of land, more or less, known and designated as Block No. 9 of a subdivision of the Caldwell County by the State of Texas, by Patent No. 565, Volume 23, dated November 29, 1881, for 2212 acres of land and bearing Stace Abstract Number 46; the said 100 acres of Block No. 9 being the same land conveyed in Deed from the Commissioners of Caldwell County, Texas, to M.E. Latham, dated December 14, 1915, and recorded in Volume 31, Page 419, Deed Records of Coke County, Texas LESS, SAVE AND EXCEPT 11.31 acres of homestead described by metes and bounds as follows:

BEGINNING at a stone mound set for the S.W. Corner of Caldwell County School Land Survey, mesquite N. 76-1/2 East 11-1/5 varas, mesquite 8 N. 1-1/4" E. 16-3/5 varas;

THENCE South 60 E. 92 varas;
THENCE North 30 E. 694 varas;
THENCE North 60 W. 92 varas;
THENCE South 30 W. 694 varas to the Flace of BEGINNING, containing 11.31 acres of land.

Tract 4 - 100 acres of land, more or less, being all of Block 10 of a subdivision of the CALLWELL COUNTY SCHOOL LAND SURVEY, which was patented for 2212 acres to said Caldwell County by Patent No. 565, Vol. 23, Abstract No. 46.

DATE: December 6, 1983 TIME: 1:30 F.M.