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COMMISSIONER'S COURT HOLDS MEETING DEC. 12

The Coke County Commissioners Court met in a regular session Monday, December 12. The meeting was called to order by County Judge Aubrey Denman and was opened with a prayer led by Ettie Hubbard. The minutes of the last meeting were approved as read on a motion made by Commissioner Tidwell and seconded by Comissioner Luckett.

Item one on the agenda- The Coke County Appraisal Board came before the court to discuss the possibility of the Appraisal Board collecting taxes for all taxing agencies in the county. No action was taken on this discussion.

Item II- The County Treasurer met with the court asking for extra office personnel two weeks

New DWI Laws To Go Into Effect Jan. 1

Effective January 1, 1984 new stiffer DWI laws will go into effect. These laws passed in 1983 are the result of highly publicized debates in the legislature.

Deferred adjudication, which allows a defendant to plead guilty and accept a fine and probation without being convicted, will be eliminated under this new statute. Even if probation is given, a conviction record will be established for the offender and this record can be used in future prosecution of any additional drunk driving charges.

The new law provides increased penalties for DWI convictions. Conviction on first offensive DWI carries a fine of \$100.00 to \$2,000.00 with a jail term ranging from 72 hours to two years. A second offense conviction is punishable by jail time ranging from 15 days up to two years with a fine of \$300.00 to \$2,000.00. Conviction for third and subsequent DWI offenses carry a fine of \$500.00 to \$2,000.00 and confinement in jail for a minimum of 30 days to two years or in the state penitentiary for 60 days to five years.

Minimum terms of confineent are increased by 60 days

out of each month. The employee would have enough hours to qualify for social security benefits and retirement benefits. The money for the extra salary would come from the Treasurer's budget. The motion was made by Commissioner Newby and seconded by Commissioner Luckett.

Item III- The new recording system of county records in the county and District Clerk's office was approved by a motion from Commissioner Tidwell and seconded by Commissioner Millican.

Item IV- The new lights for the vault were approved on a motion from Commissioner Luckett and seconded by Commissioner Tidwell.

Item V- Holidays for 1984 were set by a motion from Commissioner Tidwell and seconded by Commissioner Millican.

January 2, Monday, New Year February 20, Monday, Washington's Birthday

April 20, Friday, Easter May 28, Monday, Memorial Day

July 4, Wednesday, Independence Day

September 3, Monday, Labor Day

November 6, Tuesday, Election Day

November 12, Monday, Veterans Day

November 22-23, Thursday and Friday, Thanksgiving Day December 24-25, Monday and Tuesday, Christmas

Item VI- The Emergency Food Program was taken from the table and the contract with the Texas Department of Human Resources was on a motion by Commissioner Luckett and seconded by Commissioner Newby.

Item VII- Increased retirement benefits for county retirees was approved and plan two as approved. The commissioner felt this plan was the most beneficial to county employees. The motion was made by Commissioner Millican and seconded by Commissioner Luckett.

Item VIII- The release of securities held by the Texas American Bank in Ft. Worth to the First National Bank in Bronte was approved on a motion made by Commissioner Tidwell and onded by Comm issioner

Tourney In Progress Anyone looking for lots of Jr. Hi Teams basketball action can find it in the

Annual Basketball

Lose To S-City

The Jr. High "A" girls, "B" girls and boys teams traveled to Sterling City Monday night.

The "B" girls lost to Sterling City 10-20. Shashey Smith was high point scorer with 4, Callie McCutchen and Christi Cryer each scored 2.

The "A" girls also lost to Sterling City 19-25. Rachel Metcalf hit for 10, Kim Hood sank 5, Kristi Wrinkle and Sandy Dominquez each scored 2.

The boys lost 30-34. Wes Hood sank 12, Randy Gartman sank 8, Jason Herring hit for 6, Robert Runnion and Stevie Ebenstein each scored 2.

NEXT WEEKS SCHEDULE

The Jr. High "A" boys and girls will host Miles in the local gym Monday, Dec. 19, with the first game starting at 6:00 p.m.

Robert Lee gym Thursday, (yesterday), Friday and Saturday, December 15, 16 and 17.

The Robert Lee Varsity Tournament consists of eight girls teams and eight boys teams from the area, all vying for the top spot and the big trophy for their case.

The Eden varsity girls and the R.L. Jr. Varsity tipped off at 10:00 a.m. Thursday (yesterday) to open the tourney play followed by Miles and Iraan Co. boys at

See Us Now For Your Christmas **Greeting Ad**

Christmas is almost here and some of us are still behind in our greetings and Christmas wishes to our friends and neighbors. If you fall into this category, The Bronte Enterprise and The Robert Lee Observer can help you. We have a wide selection of Greeting ads available for individuals and businesses to extend their Holiday wishes to their friends and neighbors through the local papers.

These greeting ads will be published in the December 23 issues. We need to have your ads by Tuesday, Dec. 20.

If anyone has anything they need published before Jan. 1, it will need to go in next week's issue, (Dec. 23). The Bronte Enterprise and The Robert Lee Observer will be closed Dec. 23 and reopen Jan. 2, 1984.

Boys Capture Irion Co. Tourney, Girls Are Consolation Winners

The Robert Lee Varsity teams Skinner, each scored 6, Bobby played in the Irion Co. Tourney December 8, 9 and 10.

The girls lost to Forsan in Thursday's game, 33-44. Carol the trophy with a 33-29 win over Longoria scored 12, Missy Grim made 9, Lee Ann Molinar and Jana Gartman, each scored 4, and Carrath Metcalf and Lin Long, each scored 2. In Friday's game Robert Lee beat Water Valley, 38-22. Missy Grim was high scorer with 13. Other scorers were: Jana Gartman. 8: Carol Longoria, 6; Carrath Metcalf and Lin Long, 4. Tracy Pearson scored 3. In Saturday's consolation game, Robert Lee beat Miles 54-48. Jana Gartman hit for 15. Missy Grim made 14, Carrath Metcalf sank 12, Lee Ann Molinar hit for 7, Carol Longoria, Lin Long and Tracy Pearson each

Boone and Kirby Rasco, each made 4. In Saturday's championship game R.L. brought home Irion Co. Bobby Boone sank 12, Kirby Rasco hit for 8, Greg Grim made 6, Eddie Hood made 4, and

11:00 a.m.

R.L. Varsity teams were to go up against Christoval at 7:00 p.m. with the R.L. girls playing at 7:00 p.m. and the R.L. boys following at 8:30 p.m.

The second round of play will start Friday at 10:00 a.m. and continue every 11/2 hours throughout the day. The last game Friday is scheduled to start at 8:30 p.m.

Saturday's action will start at 12:00 noon when girls consolation play starts. Boy's consolation follows at 1:30 p.m. The girls game for third place will be at 3:00 p.m. with the boys third place game starting at 4:30 p.m.

The big games of the tournament are scheduled for Saturday night when the four top teams will meet to decide who gets the championship trophies. Girls championship game will begin at 6:00 p.m. with the boys championship game following at 7:30 p.m.

A cordial invitation is issued to all fans and anyone wishing to see some good basketball action.

The concession stand will be sponsored by the Senior Class. The Seniors have worked hard all year in these concession stands trying to earn money for their trip to Colorado. Be sure and bring your appetite with you and help these kids with their project.

Co. Attorney **Gives Info On Check Cashing**

Out of county constable and sheriffs' departments have begun to refuse to serve arrest warrants on criminal defendants in hot check cases where there was no date of birth, driver's license number and current address on check.

Therefore, I recommend and advise all merchants and citizens taking payment by check from out of county persons to record on the check their date of birth,



and fine limits are raised by \$500.00 if the DWI offense results in serious bodily injury to another person. If a drunk driver is found to be responsible for a traffic fatality, the law prescribes a mandatory term for the violator.

The new law establishes that a driver is definitely too drunk to drive if test reveal a blood alcohol concentration of .10 per cent or more

The revised statute allows for a 90 day suspension of driver's license for refusing to submit to an alcohol chemical test. The refusal will also be admissible evidence in court. Upon the fourth DWI conviction, a drunk driver's vehicle may be confiscated and sold.

These revisions in the DWI laws will aid in the prosecution of drunk drivers and hopefully this will help discourage drunk driving.

by.

Item IX- The Extension Agents' reports were approved on a motion by Commissioner Newby and seconded by Commissioner Luckett.

Item X- A previous order transferring permanent school funds to individual schools was amended to read that the funds were now transferred to the Robert Lee State Bank on a motion made by Commissioner Millican and seconded by Commissioner Tidwell.

November bids were approved for payment and the meeting was adjourned on a motion made by Commissioner Newby and seconded by Commissioner Tidwell.



sank 2. The Robert Lee boys varsity team won over Forsan 59-29 in Thursday's game. Kirby Rasco hit for 18, Bobby Boone sank 17, Greg Grim made 8, Jimmy Skinner sank 7, Eddie Hood made 5, Trampas Cox and Larry Palmer, each sank 2. In Friday's game Robert Lee downed Water Valley 38-25. Greg Grim talleyed 18, Eddie Hood and Jimmy

Jimmy Skinner sank 3.

The Robert Lee Varsity teams sent Blackwell home with the disappointment of losses in both games.

The varsity girls won their game 57-24 with Carol Longoria scoring 19 points. Others scoring were: Missy Grim, 12; Carrath Metcalf, 8; Jana Gartman and Lin Long, each made 5; Tancie Bell, 3; Dana Anthony and Tracey Pearson, each made 2; and Patty Bloodworth, 1.

The Varsity boys won 63-45. Kirby Rasco was high scorer with 22. Bobby Boone hit for 13, Greg Grim sank 9, Eddie Hood made 8, Darryl Mulkey made 4, Jimmy Skinner, Douglas Roberts and Trampas Cox each made 2, Garry Palmer made 1.

UPCOMING GAMES

The Robert Lee Varsity Tourney started Thursday (yesterday) and will continue Friday and Saturday.

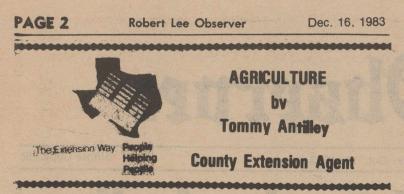
driver's license number and current address. Without this information it is of no use to attempt prosecution for the check as our arrest warrant will not be served.

Without the above mentioned information I can offer no remedy to any hot checks filed since it is becoming impossible to arrest a defendant in another county. With information there is a possibility of having the defendant arrested and the case handled.

I recommend complete and accurante verification of the following information when taking checks: (1) Name; (2) Current address; (3) Telephone Number; (4) Texas Driver's License; and (5) Date of birth.

With your cooperation in obtaining this information will help for your local county officials to better serve you.

> **Bill Helwig Coke County Attorney**



by Tommy Antilley

YEAR-END TAX PLANNING Farmers and ranchers have only a few weeks left to make decisions that could affect their 1983 income tax situation. Yearend planning can help save tax dollars.

Such planning mainly involves decisions to adjust income or expenditures so as to come up with a more favorable tax situation. The primary purpose of year-end tax planning is to level out taxable income from year to year to avoid jumping through several tax brackets from one year to the next.

With lower tax rates expected during 1984, producers may be in a dilemna about their income tax situation this year. Many may feel inclined to shift some taxable income into next year to take advantage of the lower tax rates, particularly if this year's taxable income will be above average.

The main thing producers need to avoid is a net operating loss (NOL) because for many that could mean a loss of the tax benefits from personal deductions and exemptions. These add up to at least \$5,400 for a couple with no dependent children and \$7,400 for a family of four.

Social Security retirement benefits also will be affected by low net earnings in a preretirement years. And contributions to a Keogh or IRA retirement plan may be affected if taxable income falls too low.

The first step in year-end tax planning is to calculate your 1983 taxable income and to project 1984 taxable income. The IRS is presently mailing 1983 income tax tables and schedules along with forms and filing instructions. For a rough estimate of 1984 tax rates, figure taxes at 5 percent less for the same taxable income as in 1983. Remember

that the maximum capital gains tax on the sale of land, machinery or other investments is 20 percent

If it is determined advantageous for a cash basis taxpayer to shift taxable income from 1984 to this year, several steps can be taken. Certain cash purchases can be postponed until next year or payments can be delayed until after the first of the year. Certain soil and water conversation and land clearning expenses can be capitalized and depreciated rather than taking them all this year. Some tax and interest payments might also be deferred until after year-end. Shifting capital assets bought before 1981 from a rapid method of depreciation to straight line depreciation can postpone deductions.

1983 income may also be increased by receiving payment for grain and livestock sales before year-end, through assignment of PIK entitlements to someone else, and by receiving advance diversion and deficiency payments through participation in the 1984 farm program. Certain assets might also be sold this year that would eventually be sold anyway.

However, if the decision is to shift taxable income to 1984 to take advantage of the lower tax rate, a producer may avoid receiving income from any 1983 sales (especially crops) through a deferred payment agreement with the buyer. He may also delay counting PIK entitlements, crop insurance proceeds, and income from forced sales of livestock from federally designa-

ted drought areas. Stepping up deductions can also postpone 1983 income. This could include paying for and taking delivery of equipment and supplies before year-end as well as prepayment of such items as

leases. Year-end tax benefits associated with farm machinery purchases (such as ACRS deduction, investment credit or the \$5,000 expensing option) may enhance the payoff of such purchases. And contributions to a Keogh and an IRA retirement plan are deductible as long s they are made before the tax return is filed.

If a producer does all he can to reduce his 1983 taxable income and still finds his earnings much higher than in past years, income averaging is suggested. If this year's income will be 20 percent above the average taxable income for 1979 through 1982 plus \$3,000, then income averaging may save tax dollars.

Producers should check with their tax consultants for further information on year-end tax planning.

"Characters must be kept bright as well as clean. Lord Chesterfield



LOOK WHO'S NEW

Carla and Walter Kristinek of Lubbock are the proud parents of a son, Will Allen. He was born on Nov. 30 in a Lubbock hospital and weighed 5 lb. 13 oz. and measured 18 inches long.

Pleased grandparents are Sue Wolfe of San Angelo, Dale Wojtek of Robert Lee, and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Kristinek Jr. of Whitharral.

Mrs. Mildred Wojtek of Robert Lee, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Henson Sr. of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Kristinek Sr., Alice French and Frank French, all of Lubbock, are the new baby's great-grandparents.

Mrs. Grace Murtishaw of Bronte is Will Allen's greatgreat-grandmother.

QUISENBERRY'S HAVE AUSTRALIAN VISITORS

Mrs. J.E. Quisenberry has had the pleasure in the past two weeks of being re-aquainted with Norma J. Morgan and her grandson, young Andrew Lea, of the State of Victoria, Australia.

Mrs. Morgan and 12-year-old Andrew, who is on a leave of absence from school, are making their first visit to the United States. They are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Boykin. Mrs. Boykin and Mrs. Morgan are sisters.

Mr. and Mrs. Quisenberry have had the Australian visitors to tea and the group has dined out, as well as catching up on news.

Mrs. Quisenberry accompanied Mrs. Boykin to Australia for a month-long visit with her family in 1981.

Mrs. Morgan and her grandson will return to their homeland on December 11.

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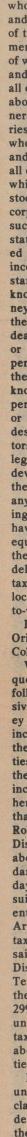
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how others view our town. Robert Lee--- Not "Robert E. Lee", just Robert Lee.

But that's plenty!

If you want to visit one of the nicest small towns you've ever been in, take a detour off 1982! Highway 87 (or come up from the South, I don't care!) and head for Robert Lee, TX 76945.

I had occasion to visit "Bob" Friday, the day after Thanksgiving. I was very impressed.

As is my custom on such sojurns, I wandered around the town (in my merry Oldsmobile) before going to the post office, sort of "casing the joint". What I saw in Robert Lee was neatness, cleanliness, spaciousness, and unmistakable signs of progress. This is a town on the move!

And... Robert Lee has just the right type of Postmaster, Coe Lewis--- an ebullient, effervescent, bubbly, gracious and TALKATIVE head of her post makes sense!

There is no doubt that she loves her town... and my subsequent "grilling" of some of the the love is reciprocal.

Coe is an active NAPUS memat Doubletree this past June. And, there in lies a nice story.

Coe's prize was a TI home computer. She lugged it home ("it was large, but not TOO large to carry"!, said Coe). Her daughter, Cathy was not planning to go to college. But, she started tinkering with the computer... then began "programming" it.

After fooling around with it a couple of weeks, Cathy decided to definitely attend Angelo State University after high school graduation!



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Dr. Zeon To Be Services For **On Vacation**

Dr. Carl C. Davis Jr. of Dallas, Texas will be at West Coke County Hospital December 21, 1983 through January 4, 1984 to replace Dr. Zae Y. Zeon who will be on vacation. Dr. Davis will hold regular office hours at the hospital and be on duty 24 hrs. a day for emergencies during this period of time. Dr. Davis is on the staff of two major hospitals in Dallas and comes to us with excellent credentials. He is looking forward to being of service to the people of Coke County and surrounding area. Dr. Davis will be available for drop-ins and appointments. Please call 453-2511 or 453-2512 for appointments.

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Mrs. Scott **Held Thursday**

Mrs. Leola Gertrude (Nonnie) Scott, 87, died at 9:10 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 13, in West Coke County Hospital. Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 15, in the Robert Lee Baptist Church. The Rev. Roy Epperson conducted the services. Burial followed in the **Robert Lee Cemetery.**

Mrs. Scott, daughter of the late Will and Ollie Cumbie, was born and reared in Bronte. She moved to Robert Lee in 1931 and married Mose Glenn Aug. 25, 1912. He died Jan. 9, 1921. She married Horace Lamont Scott June 19, 1922. Mr. Scott died Nov. 4, 1967.

Mrs. Scott was engaged in retail sales beginning in 1931 with the Cumbie Dry Goods and Groceries. She retired in 1969. She was a member of the Robert Lee Baptist Church.

Survivors include one son, Lt. Col. (retired) Horace L. Scott Jr. of Robert Lee, one daughter, Mrs. Christine Roach, five grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers for the services were: E.F. Glenn, T.F. Sims Jr., Clark Glenn, Edward Cumbie, J.B. Mackey, all of Bronte and Cumbie Ivey Sr. of Robert Lee.

The tablet held in the hand of the Statue of Liberty contains a lone inscription: July 4, 1776.

Lowrance **Family Meets** In Bronte More than 50 members of the

family and friends of the pioneer family of Harvey Curtis and Roxie Ellen Millican Lowrance gathered in the Community Center at Bronte recently for a day of food, fellowship and fun. The Lowrances were long time residents of Coke County, having moved to Sanco nearly 75 years ago, and from there to Robert Lee 70 years ago.

Twelve children were born to the family, and all eight of the surviving children and their respective spouses were present for this reunion, the first in four years for the family. Four of the children, Andrew, Walter, Harvey, and Hester preceded their parents in death.

Preliminary arrangements for the reunion were made by Mrs. Hazel Lowrance Eubanks of Bronte, and it was voted to make this an annual affair with Mrs. Eubanks in charge.

Surprise guests were Mrs. Roxie Lowrance's only surviving sister, Mrs. Laura Millican Capps and her husband, W.J. Capps, both of whom are residents of the Nursing Home in Robert Lee. Mrs. Capps has recently celebrated her 93rd birthday. They were brought to the reunion by their nephews and nieces, Mr. and Mrs. Bunyon Millican and Mr. and Mrs. F.C. Millican.

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Coming from Big Spring were Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Prevo and their two daughters and one granddaughter, Mrs. Ruby Bruns, Mrs. Doris Vieregge and Miss Tina Crance from Colorado City and Big Spring. Calvin is the nephew of Harvey Lowrance.

Direct descendants of the pioneer Lowrances present for the reunion included Mrs. Effie (Sis) Lowrance Hudman Ditmore from Bronte; Ervin Lowrance and his daughter and son-in-law, Nola Lowrance and L.N. Duckworth, and his son, daughter-in-law and two grandsons, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Lowrance and Glen and Rovce, all of San Angelo.

Others were Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Lowrance of Cisco and his daughters and their husbands. Lura Lowrance and Bob Harris and Freda Lowrance and Kenneth Pickett of Burkburnett; Mr. and Mrs. David Lowrance of San Angelo; and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lowrance from Abilene.

Also present were Mrs. Hazel Lowrance Eubanks of Bronte, and the following children and grandchildren: Mr and Mrs. George Eubanks, George Jr. and Sherri Ann of Bronte; Bill Eubanks of Dallas; and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Eubanks, Teresa and Bubba of Del Rio.

Other family members includ-

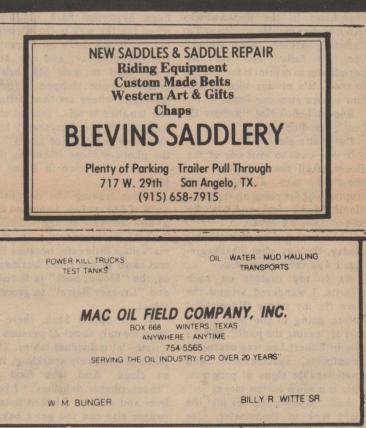




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ed Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Lowrance of Abilene and their children and grandchildren, Mrs. Lavelta Lowrance and Charlie Eubanks Jr., Lewis and Ruth of Wingate.

Also present were: Mrs. Alta Jewell Lowrance and Jim Stovall, and her children and grandchildren, Mr. and Mrs. James Fisher and Aneta Ruth and Mrs. Lineta Sullivan and Sherry Dawn, all of San Angelo.

Friends rounding out the group were Mrs. Eula Belle Henderson of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Wallace of Robert Lee, and Christopher Reyes of Bronte.

After a morning of visiting and exchanging memories and a delicious covered dish meal shared at noon, the group concluded the day with a period of Gospel Singing, which was arranged by Ervin Lowrance. It brought back many happy memories, for the family of Harvey and Roxie Lowrance were always known as a God-fearing and singing group.

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Debbie Reber County Extension Agent

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To increase safety:

*Use a freshly cut tree.

*Keep the tree in a container filled with water.

*Never use open flames such as lighted candles on or near a tree.

*Don't place your tree near a

Roberts Rites Held Dec. 14

Burl Stroud Roberts, 54, died at his home in San Angelo on Dec. 12, at 5 a.m.

Graveside funeral services were conducted by J.C. Wallace at 3 p.m. on Wednesday in the Robert Lee Cemetery under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.

Mr. Roberts was born in Robert Lee Oct. 22, 1929 and was a graduate of Robert Lee High School. He also attended San Angelo College and the University of Texas. He had traveled world-wide as an employee of several large oil companies, but had resided in San Angelo in. recent years.

Survivors include his mother, Mrs. Viva Roberts; a sister, Mrs. Joe Ed (Wilma) Scott, both of Bronte; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father, Eddie Roberts and one sister, Luda Clark.

Pallbearers for the service were Vaughan Davis, Kenneth Lackey, Add Davis, Javan Vosburg, Calvin Wallace, Royce Wallace, and Don Reichenav.



The umbrella, historians say, was first used in China in the 11th century B.C.



source of heat - fireplace, a radiator, or electric heater.

*Never leave Christmas lights on when no one is in the house. *Check electric cords for fray-

ed or worn spots which can easily lead to a fire.

*Do not overload electric circuits.

*Hang only unbreakable bulbs on lower branches where small children might reach them.

*If you are using a man-made tree, use only miniature lights, larger bulbs generate too much heat.

If this is the year to replace your Christmas tree lights, keep this fact in mind as you shop. The order of brightness in colored lights is white, orange, red, green and blue. In other words, if you plan to use all colors in lighting your tree, you'll need about twice as many blue and green lights as you do white, orange and red in order to have a good balance of color and brightness. This will also help to retain the true color of the tree.

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Well, for instance, let's look at a phone that will be used on a party-line. Since customers share a common line to the telephone company switching office, each phone has it's own special ringing-cycle setting which allows the phone to know when it should ring on the party-line.

Even if you have a 'Private Line', you still may have problems.

Single-line customers may also have special dialing or ringing requirements that are not apparent. So, they purchase a new phone and sadly discover that it won't work. This is especially true for customers who may be

considering a cordless telephone or even a universal dialing telephone, a clock radio that offers telephone access capability or any other special telephone service.

Trading in your dial phone could be asking for trouble.

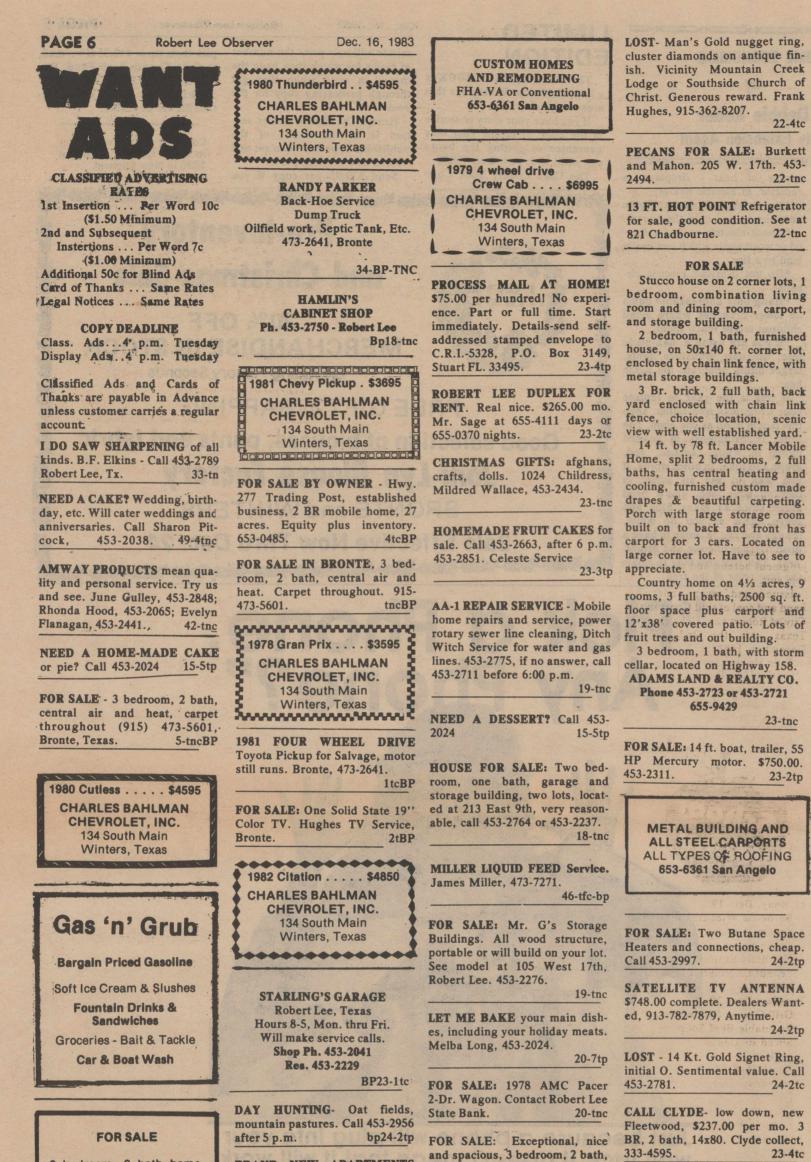
The joy of owning your very own 'Touch Tone' phone could turn into tragedy if your phone line is designated for a dial or pulse phone. A pushbutton 'pulse' phone will work on most lines, since it also duplicates the signal of a regular dial phone. However, a

'Touch Tone' phone emits a 'beeping' tone that requires special equipment to recognize the signal. Some dial phones, even if you have Touch Call Service, are not compatable under certain circumstances.

So, if you decide to buy a new telephone, take the time to stop by your neighborhood GTE Phone Mart and see if your particular line has any special limitations. It could possibly save you a lot of frustration and money.

General Telephone

A72-4181



50 YEARS AGO

Nuisea, Gladys, and Lylian Arledge of Abilene are visiting this week at the Joe Arledge ranch.

Lots of kin in grand 'Ole Coke for the holidays. Six or eight of Tom Adkin's boys were here for Christmas. There were 69 down at Granville Davis' for Christmas dinner. Sure is good to see all these folks back home.

Holiday weddings in town were: Mr. Walter Hester and Miss Marie Childress, Dec. 25, 1933. Mr. Avon Jones and Miss Dovie Hopper, Dec. 23, 1933, Mr. Garland Spencer and Miss Mary McCoy, Dec. 25, 1933, Mr. Marvin Simpson and Miss Mildred Rawlings, Dec. 25, 1933, and Mr. S.A. Wilson and Miss Helen Adams, Dec. 22, 1933.

Doggone, but we played 'Jiggs' and sneaked out Tuesday night to Johnny William's house five miles west of town for an old time country dance for old timers. I never had so much fun since old Tige was a pup. Boy-the house was so full you had to push your way in for old-time square dancin', the waltz, shottish, and "put your little foot", Old-timers tripped the light fantastic while the young'uns watched in amazement. Ole' Eddie Roberts was there makin' his fiddle talk-gosh, he can play 'Arkansas Traveler''. The Jones boys was all there too makin' that hoe-down music. See Marvin and Ray Stewart, Bonnie Mundell, and Henry Childress callin' those squares", ladies to the centersashay around," Bob Patterson swung his partner. My, everybody had a good time, first names to all, slap those backs, yarn some -- all of us living on spare ribs, hog jowls, and brown gravy, just the common folks, the salt of the earth. All we lacked was T.J. Holden to show up at the Christmas tree with his 3.2 beer supply, by doggies.

Honor Parents On Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Gartman honored their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Wink and Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Gartman, on Sunday, Dec. 4, with a dinner in celebration of their anniversaries.

Mr. and Mrs. Wink were celebrating their 57th anniversary. Leslie Wink and Erma Tinkler were married in Mereta on Dec. 4. 1926.

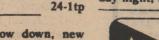
Bryan Gartman and Sally Clevenger exchanged wedding vows in her parents home at Sanco on Dec. 4, 1921. The dinner honored their 62nd anniversary.

Cathy Lewis

3 bedroom, 2 bath home, carport, 36X20 storage bui- lding. 3 bedroom, 1 ½ bath home, close to school, less than 1 year old.	BRAND NEW APARTMENTS for rent. Fully Carpeted, central heat and air, high efficiency, refrigerator, stove and water paid. 1 & 2 Bedrooms left. Contact, Susan or Jody at 453-	1800 sq. ft. mobile home. Custom drapes, double oven, and trash compactor. Call 378-4368, Sterling City. 5-tnc FIREWOOD FOR SALE - Mes-	WILL DO BABY SITTING in my home, Monday-Friday 7:45-5:30 p.m. Call 453-2822, Mrs. Gene Montgomery. 1tc
2 bedroom, 1 bath, remo- deled, total electric, central air & heat, on large lot. BRONTE Brick, 3 bedroom, 2 bath on two lots, some pecan & fruit trees. \$32,500.00	2318. bp4tc 1980 Olds 98 Regency \$8595 51,000 Miles-Loaded CHARLES BAHLMAN CHEVROLET, INC. 134 South Main Winters, Texas	quite, split, delivered, and stack- ed. \$65.00 per cord. 453-2467 or 944-7296. 20-tnc GIVE THE ROBERT LEE Obser- ver to someone on your gift list! 22-2tc	IN APPRECIATION We want to thank our children, grandchildren, and great-grand- children that were present for the Tea honoring our 60th Wedding Anniversary and to other rela- tives present. Thanks to all the friends who
Started home or income property, 3 bedroom, 1 bath, need some work. Only \$19,500.00. Lots. of potential. <u>Martin Lee Associates</u> <u>915-655-6969</u> Nights & Weekends Call	25% OFF on Frames, Fabric, Notions, Childrens Clothing, T- Shirts and Jarrett Jeans, Ultra- Suede, \$29.99. Butane Sales, Robert Lee. bp-1tc SAN SABA COUNTY PECANS	MY HOUSE FOR SALE, reason- ably priced. 403 West 18th St., Mildred Sparks, 453-2609. 22-tnc FIREWOOD, CUT TO ORDER, delivered and stacked, \$65.00 per cord, \$35.00 for ½ cord. Stan Ray, 453-2986. 22-4tc	came to wish us well. Thank you for the gifts, flowers, cards, food, calls, visits, and prayers. They all made our day one we will cherish always. May God richly bless each of you. Thelma and Jeff Blair 24-1tp
473-4161 Hezel Abbett 453-2325	for sale. Call 453-2272. 24-2tp Sell What You Don't Need With a Want Ad	1979 PONTIAC 4-DOOR, Extra clean, low mileage, reasonably priced by owner. 915/653-0395. bp-2tc	CALL CLYDE- low down, new Fleetwood, \$227.00 per mo., 2 BR, 2 bath, 14x70. Clyde collect, 333-4595. 23-4tc

Selected For **Region Band**

Saturday, December 10, Cathy Lewis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Lewis, participated in tryouts for the Region II All-Region Band in Haskell. Cathy made the Band as 4th Chair-Tenor Saxophone. Miss Ray, H.S. Band Director, was very pleased, as Cathy was trying out against students from Class A through Class 5-A, including the Abilene area and the Wichita Falls area. Cathy will return to practice and perform with the other members making the All-Region Band on Friday and Saturday, Jan. 13-14 in Abilene, with a concert on Saturday night, Jan. 14.





THE STATE OF TEXAS **COUNTY OF COKE**

In the name and by the authority of the State of Texas notice if hereby given to: V.H. Arnold; G.H. Arnold;

All of the stockholders, all of whom are unknown to Plaintiff and his attorney, of each and all of the corporate defendants enumerated above; all partners, all of whom are unknown to Plaintiff and to his attorney, of each and all of the defendants enumerated above, which are or were partnerships; all members, beneficiaries, and interest holders, all of whom are unknown to Plaintiff and to his attorney, of each and all of the defendants enumerated which are or were trusts, joint stock companies, or other unincorporated associations; all of such persons and their legal status, viz., whether incorporated or unincorporated, and if incorporated, whether in good standing or defunct, being unknown to Plaintiff and his attorney; if living, and if any or all of the above named defendants be dead, the unknown heirs of each or all of the said above named persons who may be dead, and the unknown heirs of the unknown heirs of said above named persons; and the unknown owner or owners of the hereinafter described land; and the executors, administrators, guardians, legal representatives, legatees, devisees, husbands, and wives of the above named persons, and any and all other persons including adverse claimants, owning or having or claiming any legal or equitable interest in or lien upon the following described property delinquent to Plaintiff herein, for taxes, all of said property being located in said County and State, to-wit;

Lots 13, 14 and 15, Block 2, Original Town of Robert Lee, Coke County, Texas.

Which said property is deliquent to Plaintiff for taxes in the following amount \$46.87, exclusive of interest, penalties, attorney fees and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes all said interest, penalties, attorney fees and costs thereon, allowed by law up to and including the day of judgement herein. You are hereby notified that suit has been brought by The **Robert Lee Independent School** District, Plaintiff, against the above named persons, as Defendants, by petition filed on the 7th day of October, 1983, in a certain suit styled Robert Lee Independent School District vs. V.H. Arnold, et al; for collection of the taxes on said property and that said suit is now pending in the District Court of Coke County, Texas 38th Judicial District, and the file number of said suit is 2994, that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect allowed by law thereon, may, upon request therefor, be recovered herein without further citation or notice to any parties herein, and all said parties shall take notice of and plead and answer to all claims and pleadings now on file and which may hereafter be filed in said cause by all other parties herein, and all of those taxing units above named who may intervene herein and set the hay. up their respective tax claims against said property.

You are hereby commanded to Day, appear and defend such suit on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from and after the date of issuance hereof, the same being the 16th day of January, A.D., 1984, you. (which is the return day of such citation), before the honorable District Court of Coke County, Texas, to be held at the Courthouse thereof, then and there to show cause why judgment shall not be rendered for such taxes, interests, penalties, attorney fees and costs, and condemning said property and ordering foreclosure of the constitutional and statutory tax liens thereon for taxes due the Plaintiff and the taxing units parties hereto and those who may intervene herein, together with all interest, penalties and attorney fees allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein, and all costs of this suit.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said Court in the City of Robert Lee. Coke County. Texas, this the 2nd day of December, 1983.

Ettie Hubbard **Clerk of the District Court** Coke County, Texas **51st Judicial District**



Vegetable Beef Soup Sliced Pickles Milk

Peach Half Wednesday, Dec. 21 Chili

Corn Lettuce Wedge Crackers

Jr. Hi Students Write Poems

THE CONVERSATION

One day when I was walking, I heard some animals in a barn talking.

I heard one donkey say, this is where the Little Lord Jesus lay. All snuggled, warm, asleep on

I heard another say; you know He's the reason for Christmas

Because, He's the one who came to wash our sins away.

Even for the sins we've done and do.

He and God still love me and

Angela Cox Grade 8

THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

The Christmas season is filled with joys happy children and lots of toys.

Cold, frosty winter nights, shimmering snow and snowball fights.

The ringing sound of the children's laughter, that lasts usually a whole month after.

But most of all this Christmas 'season, is filled with the joy of

giving and receiving. Kristi Wrinkle

Grade 8

CHRISTMAS NIGHT

He comes in the night. When all are in bed With a twitch of his nose, and a nod of his head. He quietly fills the stockings With all different kinds of toys, And gives big surprises For good little girls and boys. And after the presents are under the tree,

He climbs in his sleigh and off he flees.

> Lisa Bower 7th Grade

CHRISTMAS TIME

2tc

What Christmas really means to me, is toys and joys and Christmas trees.

For Christmas I want a trap drum set. I think I'll get it -- how much you wanna bet.

Kris Krinkle is coming so soon-- you better stay out and watch the moon.

Santa Claus is coming to town, and down the chimney he'll come

with a bound. He is always filled with joy, because he gives us toys, toys,

toys I like Santa Claus so much, I might give him a sleigh with a clutch.

I like looking at the tree so tall, sometimes it looks as tall as the wall.

Under the tree are alot of presents, some are for me, but some are for parents. Christmas time is here

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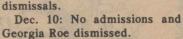
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The West Coke County Hospital District reports the following admissions and dismissals.

Dec. 6: Juanita Tijerina admitted and Margaret Roane dismiss-

Dec. 7: No admissions or dismissals.

Dec. 8: Georgia Roe admitted and no dismissals.



Dec. 9: No admissions or

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Dec. 11: Crowley Harmon admitted and no dismissals.

Dec. 12: Bertha King and Leola Scott admitted. No dismissals.





SUNDAYS: 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. - WEDNESDAYS: 7:30 p.m.

NORTHSIDE CHURCH OF CHRIST

CHADBOURNE AND W. 9th **ROBERT LEE, TEXAS**

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taxes on the property hereinabove described, not made parties to this suit are: None.

Plaintiff and all other taxing units who may set up their tax claims herein seek recovery of delinquent ad valorem taxes on the property hereinabove described, and in addition to the taxes all interest, penalties, attorney fees and costs allowed by law thereon up to and including the day of judgment herein, and the establishment and foreclosure of liens, if any, securing the payment of same, as provided by law.

All parties to this suit, including Plaintiff, Defendants, and Intervenors, shall take notice that claims not only for any taxes which were delirquent on said property at the time this suit was filed, but all taxes becoming delinquent thereon at any time thereafter up to the day of judgment, including all interest, penalties, attorney fees and costs

Peach Cobbler Merry Christmas and Happy New Year To All!!

AON Has Xmas Card Exchange

Alpha Omicron Nu held it's Annual Christmas Card exchange party in the home of Cindy Bessent last Monday evening, December 12. Twelve members were present for the business meeting, program presented by Trisha Ballew, and the opportunity to hand deliver their Christmas cards to each other.

The next meeting of AON will be in the home of Sheri Millican on Monday, Dec. 19 at 7:00 p.m. This will be the Christmas gathering and Secret Sister gift exchange for the sorority with all members acting as co-hostesses.

time to see all of the kin. All the stockings are hung high up, Maybe in it will be a pup. Joel Herring

Grade 7

Alpha Kappa Pi Has Meeting

Alpha Kappa Pi met in the home of Dianne Simpson on Dec. 7. The program was given by Dianne on "Leisure Time".

The next meeting will be on Dec. 14 in the home of Phelan Wrinkle. This will be the Christmas party and gifts will be exchanged with secret sisters. Alpha Kappa Pi would like to say thank you to everyone who bought beans from them for a service project. It was a big success and we still have beans for sale.

I do scalp treatments and all phases of beauty work. Gift certificates available for that last minute gift selection.

I WANT TO THANK ALL OF MY CUSTOMERS FOR THEIR PATRONAGE THIS PAST YEAR. NITA SCHNABEL HARPER METHOD HAIR & SCALP CLINIC

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