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Family Shelter Rep Attends RL Meeting

County liaison Irene Page from the San Angelo Family Shelter was in Robert Lee Tuesday for a public meeting in the Coke County Courthouse.

Ms. Page, who only recently accepted her position as a representative of the Shelter, stated she has set certain goals in her undertaking. One of these will be to increase public awareness to widespread abuse as well as the role the Family Shelter can play in the lives of women and children. She will also seek volunteers in each county who could take an active part in the Shelter program by serving as a contact between those seeking help and the Family Shelter itself in San Angelo.

Emphasis should be placed

on the fact that the San Angelo Shelter serves 13 counties including Coke County. It is supported and funded by the Texas Department of Human Resources, the United Way and the City of San Angelo as well as private donations.

In emergencies, those needing help may call 655-5774, collect. This is a 24 hour hotline number; trained personnel are on duty 7 days a week. You DO have a choice! Funding is even available for transportation to the Family Shelter for those in need.

Ms. Page will be back in Coke County to discuss any problem or give information on the San Angelo Family Shelter the last Tuesday of each month.

Coke Comment:

by Hal Spain, Publisher

Well, I really thought we were gonna get wet last week-end, and it did come a pretty good 'un Friday evening depending on where you were. Reports ranged from nothing up to 8-tenths, which used to not seem like too much, but anymore, that much moisture will cause you to check watergaps and add some weight to the back of the pick-up where you won't get stuck.

The rain has kinda cooled things off some, anyway, and every little bit will help.

Heard a report today that this is the driest month on record for San Antonio, as they recorded only a trace of rain for the month of July. I've always liked to go to San Antonio, with the river, Alamo, zoo, etc., but as dry and hot as it is there now, I'll just wait till things perk up a little bit.

Heard Cliffie Reed had a good benefit roping this past week-end for Dusty Arrott. Cliffie used his steers and the Coke County Roping Club donated some more to the cause, and the result was a

good turn-out for a good cause. A big THANKS goes to Cliffie and the roping club for their hard work, and good luck and a speedy recovery goes out to Dusty Arrott.

Any of you readers who are roping fans will not want to miss the beginning of a team roping series which starts this Saturday night at 8:00 p.m. at the Marshall Millican Arena located three miles west of Robert Lee on Hwy 158.

Robert Lee has a new business in town, and we want to be one of the first in welcoming the T-Stop Convenience Store to Coke County. Good Luck to owner Charles Tompkins and manager Iris Blackmon.

Finally got a chance to do a little river fishing last week-end, and all I caught was two channels that were about as big as your index finger, and an alligator gar, which was big enough to bite your finger plumb off. Oh yeah, I also caught plenty of sunburn and some insect bites that look like some kind of weird infection. Boy, did we have fun!

Coulter Sends Letter To Robert Lee Athletes

Robert Lee High School athletes saw the end of their summer approaching when they received a letter from Athletic Director Nelson Coulter.

He announced the schedule for physicals has been posted for August 8 at 1:00 p.m. for boys and 3:00 p.m. for girls at Dr. Zeon's office.

A change in rules this year states that some athletes will be excused from physicals. Only first year junior high and high school players, new stu-

dents in Robert Lee schools, or athletes with medical problems will be required to take the physicals. Otherwise students need a medical history form from the coach's office to be filled out by the parents. These will be available on August 7 or August 8 at Coulter's office.

Equipment issue will be at 6:00 p.m. on August 8 and two-a-day workouts will start on August 13.

School will start on Thursday, August 23.



A mid-summer pool opening, kids working hard to catch up on summer fun before school starts. caused by repairs, finds the

'Ole Coke County' Performances Termed Interesting As Well As Entertaining

"Those Rabbit Twisters put on a good show"--the critics said. Every member of the choir and cast gave an excellent performance in their presentation of "OLE COKE COUNTY"--the history of Coke County was interesting as well as entertaining. From the impressive Flag Ceremony conducted by Tancie Bell, Tracy Hubbard, and Debra Bell, Senior Cadets of the Girl Scouts of America, Troop 366 and the Old Timer's "Howdy" to the Grand Finale!

Visitors from across the State of Texas and several other states, also one foreign

country made an impressive audience. During the two-weekend showings there were over 120 cities of Texas; 11 states, a country of South America. States other than Texas represented were Murfreesboro, Tennessee; Hobbs, New Mexico; Mohave Valley, Arizona; Lawton, Oklahoma; Dumfries, Virginia; Grove, Oklahoma; Wilton, Connecticut; Vallejo, California; New York, New York; Roswell, New Mexico; and Buenos Aires, Argentina.

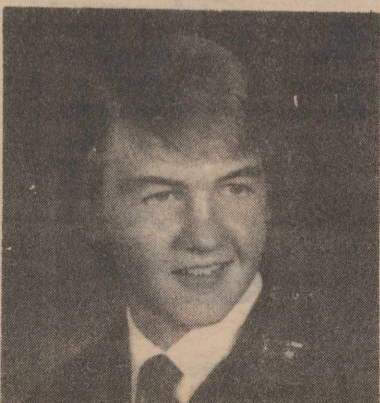
Rabbit Twister Souvenirs presented to persons traveling

the farthest to see "Ole Coke County" the last weekend were Jo Ann Littlefield; Robin Marcoto; Mark and Jeff Bassett; Frankie Beth Nelson; and Vic Dodson.

Coke County has a great heritage and "Ole Coke County" expresses that heritage in a beautiful way by telling the history in drama and song. A lot of pride and dedication by the Coke County Pageant Association, the entire cast, 'backstage' crews, and director makes "Ole Coke County" a success!

Ray Ends Term As State FFA Vice-President

Stan Ray, son of Dr. and Mrs. Phil Ray, retired as Area II Future Farmers of America



Stan Ray

State Vice President at the State Convention in Lubbock, July 11-13. Stan had a busy year representing the FFA throughout the State of Texas at Livestock Shows and Fairs, held leadership training conferences, and traveled some 35,000 miles speaking at school assemblies and banquets. A 1983 graduate of Robert Lee High School, Stan is an Ag. Education and Mass Communication major at Texas Tech.

Also attending the State Convention besides his parents and brother, Scott, were his grandparents, Mr. and

Mrs. Marion Ray from Newton, Kansas and Mrs. Elma Hamilton from Marquette, Kansas, Douglas Roberts, Pammy Millican, and Richard Jacobs representing the Robert Lee FFA Chapter. Stan's brother Steven gave a report to the nearly 5,000 in attendance on the FFA Work Experience Abroad program based on his recent around the world tour in that program.

Stan presented his parents with the Distinguished Service Award and presented and honored his Robert Lee Advisor and Vocational Agriculture teacher, Mr. Sid Long.

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W.M. Simpson and son, John, are visiting Mr. Simpson's birthplace in Mississippi and points east. Mrs. Simpson returned from a trip to the Big Bend country Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Millican of Green Mountain had as their weekend guests Mr. and Mrs. Rankin Russell, Maryneal, Mr. and Mrs. Owen Smith and son Danny, Brownwood, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Millican and Miss Naomi Brown, San Angelo.

The School Library will be open from 1:00 -5:00 in the afternoon until school opens, it was announced by Librarian, Mrs. Walter McDorman.

L.A. Woods, state superintendent of public instruction, will make the commencement address to 72 summer seniors who will receive degrees at the graduation exercises at Daniel Baker College on August 28.

Students from Robert Lee who will receive degrees are Juanita Barger, Mary Russell, Lois Vowell, and Mrs. Nellie Ruth McCaleb.

The annual Edith Homecoming Sunday was attended

Ray To Be Honored With Party Saturday

Mary Grace Ray will be honored with a Going Away Party at the Robert Lee Baptist Church on Sunday evening, August 12. It will be held in the Fellowship Hall at 8:00 p.m.

Mary Grace is taking a teaching position in Hobbs, New Mexico. She has served as band director in Robert Lee Schools for several years.

All students, parents and everyone who loves Mary Grace are cordially invited to attend the get-together. Refreshments will be served.

"The Star Spangled Banner" bore another name when it was first published in 1814—it was called "The Defense of Fort McHenry."

by a record breaking crowd. A barbecue and basket lunch was spread, with a grand time had by all at the tabernacle.

D.M. West, Bronte publisher, gave the welcome address. Response was given by Mrs. Luther Terry of Sweetwater after which Mrs. Bruce Yarbrough sang. An address "A Tribute to Pioneers" was given by Frank Dickey.

Flowers were presented to Mrs. D. Millican, who was the oldest woman present. Grandmother Stewart was the oldest resident present. The oldest man present was J.J.S. Smith. Bert Duncan of Denver, Colo. was recognized as the one traveling the farthest to attend the Homecoming.

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Mr. and Mrs. Mike Lomas of San Angelo were honored with a family dinner followed by a party attended by family and friends, July 21, 1984 on the anniversary of their wedding.

Mike Lomas and Fran Wylie were united in marriage, July 21, 1959 in the First Methodist Church in Robert Lee by Rev. Travis McNair. Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. George Lomas and Mr. and Mrs. T.M. Wylie, all of Robert Lee.

Hosts for the occasion were their daughter and son-in-law, Lisa and David Lewis of

Brownfield.

Following their marriage they resided in Robert Lee and Albuquerque, NM and in 1961 moved to Colorado City where he was employed by Craddock Witten Ford. In 1965 they moved to Midland where he worked for Rogers Ford to 1970 and for Joe White Lincoln-Mercury to 1972, and she was office manager for Electrical Engineering Inc. They moved to San Angelo in 1972 where he was employed by Jerry Frederick Lincoln-Mercury and in 1978 for Jim Bass Ford Inc. as service director. She was office manager for Shook Tire Company from 1974 to 1982.

He is currently a director and secretary of Highland Range Homeowners Association and a member of a technical advisory board of

San Angelo Independent School District. She is a member of Alpha Kappa Pi of Robert Lee, the San Angelo Genealogical Society and other societies throughout the United States; and past director of the Texas Genealogical Society. Both are Methodists.

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Personal

Mrs. Ruth Hood is slightly improved following colon surgery in Shannon Hospital in San Angelo last week. Her surgery, coupled with heart problems, has kept her in intensive care for several days but doctors hope to get her into a private room soon.

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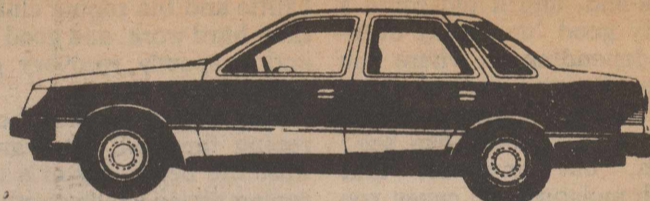
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Pearl Ditmore was chosen as Resident of the Month, and Lucy Gloria as Employee of the Month at West Coke Co. Nursing Home.

A party was held in July to announce the winners. Popcorn and lemonade were served by the employees.

ASU Hosts Band Camp

Angelo State University played host to 690 band students from Texas and Oklahoma last week during the 10th Annual Summer Band Camp. The camp is held each year for eighth through 12th graders to share ideas, learn new routines, attend music clinics, and improve their skills.

Students attended classes in the morning and participated in leisure activities in the evening. Out-of-town students lived in university housing during the session. About 55 area faculty members along with ASU band students assisted

with the program.

Some of the leisure activities enjoyed by campers were a Howdy Party at the ASU Lakehouse, movies, a talent show, jazz band concerts, and a camp dance.

Christine Waddill of Plano was among those who attended. She is an eighth grader in Haggard Middle School where she plays second chair french horn.

Christine is the daughter of Charlotte and John Waddill of Plano and the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Finnell Smith of Robert Lee.

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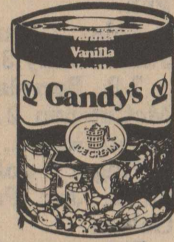
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Clifton Reed Arena Site For Benefit Roping For Dusty Arrott; Raises \$1500 For Expenses

The Clifton Reed Arena near Bronte was the scene of a benefit roping last Sunday for Dusty Arrott, who is recovering from severe burns suffered in a recent accident at his home.

The Bronte Rodeo and Roping Association and the Dos Amigos (Cliff Reed and Jeff Waldrop) were sponsors of the affair which raised some \$1500 to be used toward Dusty's medical expenses. The two sponsors contributed the stock as well as organizing and staging the roping. Many donors contributed food and supplies to the concession stand, which contributed about \$300 to the benefit.

Goat Scramble Omitted From Story

In the story about the rodeo in last week's paper, a very popular event was omitted.

The goat scramble for children age 10 and under was held each night, with the youngsters trying to capture ribbons tied to the goat's tail and presenting them at the judge's stand. A red ribbon resulted in \$10.00 prize money, a green ribbon was second place for \$5.00 and a yellow ribbon meant \$2.00 prize money. Winners of this event on Friday night were 1. Angela White 2. Jay Parker 3. Marshall Newman. Saturday night winners were 1. Tommy Adams 2. Kristie Cooper 3. Preston Huett.

Another important service to the rodeo was the ambulance and crew who stood by at all performances. Fortunately their services were not needed, but the Rodeo Association appreciated their being there.

Sheriff Millican Attends Conference

Coke County Sheriff Marshall Millican attended the 106th Annual Sheriff's Conference held in Waco July 22-25. Over 150 county sheriffs were in attendance.

A number of special speakers were on the program dealing with informative subjects. An unexpected speaker was Vice President George Bush who spoke to the gathering for a few minutes. Grant Teaff, Baylor coach, was the guest speaker at the banquet on Tuesday evening.

Millican was honored by the conference when he was appointed as one of the directors. He was accompanied to the family-oriented conference by his wife, Sheri. A brunch and style show was provided as entertainment for the ladies at the meeting.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Millican will have planning responsibilities for next year's conference.



One of the most malleable of metals, gold can be hammered into sheets so thin they are almost transparent.

Roping teams numbered 102 teams in the first roping and the 46 teams in the second roping. Winners in the first go around of the first roping were the team of Kerry Bruton and Bing Crosby in first place; 2nd place was Kerry Bruton and Ron Bly, and 3rd place team was Mike Mauldin and Mark Saunders. Average was 1. Kerry Bruton and Flint Hillhouse 2. Kerry Bruton, Ron Bly

and 3. Kerry Bruton and Bing Crosby, 4. Travis Reinhart and Bing Crosby

The second roping results were: First go around 1. Travis Reinhart, Tuffy Waldrop 2. Gil Harris, Jeff Waldrop; average: 1. Travis Reinhart, Tuffy Waldrop, 2. Travis Reinhart, Mark Saunders, 3. Cliff Reed, Jeff Waldrop.

LAKE SPENCE FISHING NEWS

Paint Creek Marina

Gary Wlser, Cobool, Mo. 2 Stripers 6 lbs. 8 oz., 13 lbs. 13 oz.

Charlotte Swafford, Hobbs, N.M., 1 Stripper 13 lb 9 oz.

R.N. Whitley, Odessa, 1 Yellow Cat 16 lb 13 oz.

Wildcat Fish-A-Rama

Mr. and Mrs. W.J. Mashburn, Abilene, (3 weeks of fishing), 24 Stripers up to 16 lbs.

Dale Sorrels, Andrews, 3 Stripers to 7 lbs.

Esta Sorrels, Odessa, 1 Stripper 9 lbs.

Jime Brannon, Midland, 1 Stripper 16 lbs.

Michelle Crawford, Winters, 2 Stripers to 5 lbs.

Charles Taylor Jr., Abilene, 1 Stripper 12 1/4 lbs.

Rowe Wallace & Russell Smith, San Angelo (2 days fishing), 17 Stripers up to 20 lbs.

Jack Powers, Winters, 1 Stripper 14 1/2 lbs.

James Langford, San Angelo, 1 Stripper 9 lbs.

David Millican, Robert Lee, 1 Stripper 8 lbs.

Dr. O.J. Knoll, San Angelo, 1 Stripper 13 lbs.

Mr. and Mrs. Schoppa, Plainview, 38 Channel Cat to 3 1/2 lbs.

Joe Hean, Abilene, 1 Stripper 9 1/4 lbs.

Mary Haan, Abilene, 1 Stripper 12 lbs.

J.D. and Jo West, Abilene, 2 Stripers 10 3/4 lbs. and 9 1/4 lbs.

Ed Rutledge, Austin, 7 Stripers up to 23 lbs. (2days).

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Seals & family, Andrews, 50 White Bass to 2 1/2 lbs.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Wimberly, Abilene, 8 Stripers to 14 lbs.

Circle R Kenneth Burns, Odessa, 1 Yellow Cat 24 lbs.

Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Nelson, Ft. Stockton, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Nelson, Eldorado, 53 channel cat from 1 1/2 lbs. to 3 lbs.

Gas & Grub #2 Karl Biggs and Gary Yeter Ft. Worth, 7 Stripers total weight 56 3/4 lbs.

Garry Ledford, Winters, 3 Striped Bass 18 lbs.

Dell Parker and D.W. Parker, 3 Stripers 5 lbs. to 12 lbs. & 15 lbs.

Glen Stracener, San Angelo, 2 Stripers 10 lb. 2 oz. and 12 lb. 1 oz.

Jimmy Laurie, Roby, 3 Stripers up to 15 lbs.

Jimmy Dokey, Hawley, H. P. Monts, Pittsburg, Tex, 3 Stripers up to 22 lbs.

Loighton Witt, 1 Stripper 11 3/4 lbs.

Gas & Grub # 2 Jody Mac Crowe-Abilene, 1 Stripper 11 lb 4 oz.

Wildcat Fish-A-Rama John Leach and John Ramey-Big Spring, 40 white Bass, 1 black bass 3 lb.

Dee Bridger-Sweetwater, 1 Stripper 16 1/2 lbs.

Circle R Otis Green-San Angelo, 1 Striped Bass 15 lb.

Gary Ledford-Winters, 1 Striped Bass 11 lbs.

Fast Growing Segment Likes To Eat Out

Households headed by persons from 35 to 44 years of age--the fastest-growing age segment of the U.S. population--spend 38 percent above the national urban average at food stores and at eating-out establishments, notes a food technologist with the Texas

Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M University System. This age segment now comprises 12 percent of

the national population, and is expected to increase to 15 percent of the U.S. population by 1990.

Yarbrough In Improved Condition After Fall

Mrs. Jessie Yarbrough, sustained injuries, including a broken leg, in a fall at her home on July 11. She was transferred from Shannon Hospital last Wednesday to Baptist Memorial's Geriatric Center. Plans call for her to be there for 20 days for therapy. A family member reported

she is in slightly improved condition and is anxious to come home.

Cards may be sent to: Jessie Yarbrough Room 235 Baptist Memorial Hospital P.O. Box 5661 San Angelo, Tx. 76902

Former Coke Attorney Sentenced Six Years

Roy Lee Ford, ex-Big Spring lawyer, has been sentenced to six years in the Texas Department of Corrections. The formal sentencing took place in Federal Court in Abilene on Thursday, July 26. Exact date for Ford to begin his prison stint has not been set by Federal Judge Halbert Woodward.

Warren Heagy of Odessa, Ford's legal counsel, and the defendant had asked the court for probation. Ford, 47, told the court, "I am as ashamed as a man can be who has violated the trust of family and friends, but I am not deser-

ving of anything."

Ford, who had entered a guilty plea on January 24 to a charge of distributing cocaine, could have been sentenced to 15 years in prison and fined \$25,000. He entered the plea after an investigation into drug trafficking in Howard County was completed. He was charged with delivering one-half ounce of cocaine to a man identified as Cooper Proctor on May 12, 1983.

A practicing attorney in Big Spring for number of years, Ford served as Coke County attorney from 1971 to 1975.



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T-Stop, a new convenience store, opened near downtown Robert Lee on July 25.

T-Stop Convenience Store Opens For Business In Robert Lee

Robert Lee is boasting another new business this week. Actually the T-Stop Convenience Store, located at 612 Commerce, opened for business on Wednesday, July 25.

According to store manager, Iris Blackmon, the shelves are about 3/4 full, as approximately 75% of the store's inventory is already in place, with the remaining goods to follow soon.

Some of the items already on hand are fishing tackle, ice, sandwiches, various snacks regular and unleaded gasoline, and diesel fuel.

Iris has just moved here

from Big Spring, which is the headquarters for owners Charles and Marie Tompkins, who own Tompkins Oil Company. The store in Robert Lee is one of the five convenience stores located throughout West Texas.

Store hours according to Ms. Blackmon are from 6:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m., seven days a week. She terms the new location "a friendly neighborhood convenience store serving the city of Robert Lee."

Grand Opening ceremonies are set for the Labor Day Week-end.

Personal

Mrs. Georgia Higginbotham is home again after an 11-day stay in St. John's Hospital in San Angelo. Doctors were treating her for a bout with an ulcer and she is much improved.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred L. Beaty enjoyed having their children and grandchildren last weekend. Visiting were Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Kegans, Bax and Kacey, Leonard, Mrs. Jim Crowder and Brent of Midland, and Lane Beaty and Chris of Colorado City. The family group attended "Ole Coke County" during their stay.

Gwen Souter of Lubbock recently subscribed to the Robert Lee Observer for her mother, Glenna (Adkins) Humble of Portales, New Mexico. Mrs. Humble is a former Sanco resident.

Mrs. Hester Palmer of Cleburne has subscribed to the Observer. A long time resident of Silver, she and her late husband lived in the Sun Oil Company camp there for several years.

Weekend visitors with Mrs. Evah Mahon were her granddaughter and great-granddaughter, Mrs. Ralph Johnson and Joy of Eagle Lake and Mrs. Bobbie Mahon of Weimer. The families were in Robert Lee to attend the Taylor reunion.

Mrs. Lila Cope returned home Monday after spending several days with family and friends in Happy and Tulia, Texas. She attended funeral services for her brother, J.W. Byrd, in Happy last Tuesday, July 17.

Reunion Of Early Settler Smith Held Recently In San Angelo

The 43rd annual J.R. Smith Family Reunion was held July 20, 21, and 22 at the Inn of the West in San Angelo.

J.R. Smith was an early settler in Coke County. He came to Coke County in the 1880's from Macon, Mississippi. He and his wife, Fanny Sue, who preceded him in death in 1937, raised nine children in Coke County. They were Lake Eiland Smith, Margaret Smith Hicks, Susie Smith Thomas, Jamie Smith Davis John James Screven Smith, Rebecca Smith Sherrill, Clementine Smith Johnson, Mary Spann Smith Golden, and Duvergne Smith Campbell. The two surviving children are Clementine Smith Johnson of Waco and Susie Smith Thomas of Dallas.

Those attending were Judie, Jennifer, Chris, and Craig Rodgers of Sanger; Andy, Nancy, Micherlle, and Renee Anderson of Paris; Finnell and Ronda Smith of Robert Lee; Eula Smith of Robert Lee; Samuell, Mary and John Smith of Pecos; Vergnel Campbell Smith of Dalhart; John, Charlotte and Christine Waddill of Plano; Rodney and Gerilyn Merritt and Whitney and Kristine White of Leakey; L.E. and Ora Mae Smith of Carrizo Springs; Charles Sherrill of Sonora; and Jonimay and Travis Peterson of Round Rock.

There were five generations present. The next reunion will be in San Angelo on July 19, 20, and 21, 1985.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Please renew my Observer, can't do without it as it is like getting a letter from home to get it. I was born in Robert

Lee in 1907.

Mattie A. Furgurson
(or Azalea Walker) Furgurson

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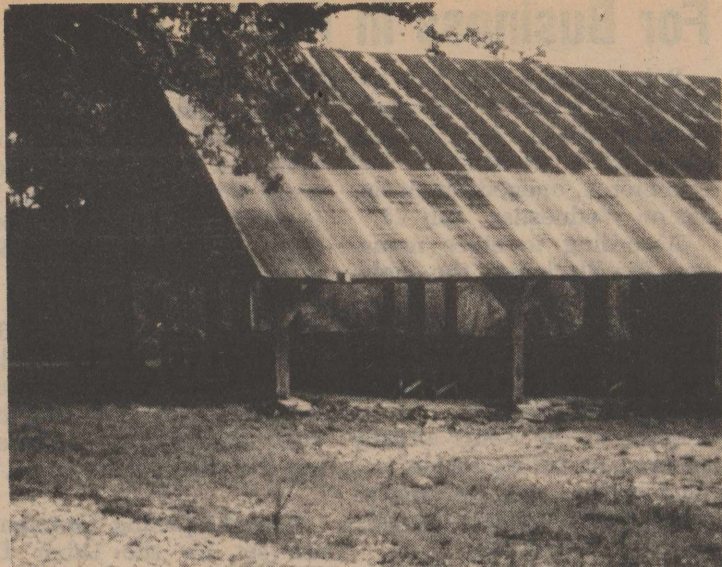
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Old Tabernacle, Cherokee attended Church in days gone by.

McCraw Reunion Attended By Betty Clawson And Her Sister

Recently Miss Betty Clawson and her sister, Mrs. James (Christine) Stewart of Macomb, Okla. and her brother, Frank Clawson, Jr. of Oklahoma City attended the National Reunion of the McCraw Clan in the U.S., held in Richmond, Virginia June 29-30. Their mother, the late Odessie McCraw Clawson was honored at the reunion for her part in preserving the McCraw Heritage, and the family history book written by her in 1980 was placed in the Virginia Archives, together with a dedication and a memorial.

On the way East, the group stopped at courthouses in McNairy and Hardin Counties, Tennessee and did some research on their McDonald/Fields ancestors; drove on through the Smoky Mountains to Asheville, North Carolina where their Smith ancestors lived, then over to Iredell County, North Carolina where their paternal ancestors, the Sloans, Harrises, Morrisons and Logans lived in the late 18th century. At the courthouse there they picked up copies of the old deeds where their 4th great grandfather, Fergus Sloan, gave the land for the old Fourth Creek Presbyterian Church in 1759

and the land for townsite of Statesville, the county seat of Iredell County, in 1790.

Following the reunion they drove over to Washington, D.C. for a brief tour of the city, then came back through the Shenandoah Valley, visited the old Civil War battlefields of Manassas and Bull Run, then on to Franklin County, Virginia where their ancestor Benjamin McCraw lived in the 1780's; on down through North Carolina and South Carolina into Georgia. They spent a couple of days in Cherokee County and visited the old home place on the banks of the Etowah River where their McCraw ancestors settled in 1830 and lived for more than six decades, and several old cemeteries where they and their descendants now lie resting.

They then came home by way of Alabama, Mississippi and through the Ozarks in Arkansas. It rained 8 of the 10 days while they were gone and the weather was nice and cool.

Miss Clawson commented that the group saw lots of pretty country but nothing that would beat Coke County, and she was glad to get back home again.

Postal Pointers by Postmaster Coe Lewis

Here's a few pointers on stamp collecting as told to me by Dennis T. Parker who runs a stamp shop in Odessa and is an avid stamp collector. Will be giving us pointers from time to time: Anything with a stamp on it is valuable--be it an old picture post card, old letters, documents, revenue tax stamps and even old bedding tax stamps. There was a yellow stamp on bedding and chairs. Also stamps were put on butter, newspapers, bank checks and duck hunting stamps. Do not tear

stamps off old letters or cards. Reason: a 2c red stamp of 1903 is worth 5c retail soaked off. It is worth 15c still on the letter and if you have a first day cancellation--it is worth \$2,750.00. Condition of the stamps will be a major factor.

Save those stamps--get the kids interested in saving used stamps and we will try to get a junior or Ben Franklin Stamp Club organized in the near future.

by Coe Lewis
Postmaster



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SUMMERTIME
FOOD VALUES

COCA-COLA 2 liter bottle **99c**

Bama Grape Jelly or Jam 16 oz jar 79c

Del Monte Spinach 303 can 53c

Hunts Catsup 24 oz bottle \$1.09

Double Luck, cut
GREEN BEANS 303 can **59c**

Contadina Tomato Sauce 8 oz can 2/49c

Honey Boy Pink Salmon 16 oz can \$1.89

LIPTON
TEA bags 100 count box **\$2.79**

Crisco Oil 48 oz bottle \$2.89

SUNSHINE KRISPY
CRACKERS 1 lb box **85c**

Tide Giant Box \$1.99

HI DRI
TOWELS big roll **59c**

Ritz Crakers 12 oz box \$1.35

Generic Napkins 140 count pkg 69c

SHEDD'S SPREAD SOFT
OLEO 1 lb tub **69c**

Krafts Half Moon Cheese 10 oz pkg \$1.59

Parade Biscuits 2/43c

WHOLESUN frozen 12 oz can
ORANGE JUICE **\$1.09**

ROUND
STEAK lb **\$2.19**

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