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Record high numbers cast county ballots

The predicted heavy voter response to the 1988 General Election was a reality nationwide, statewide, and in Coke County on Election Day, Tuesday. Eligible registered voters in the county numbered 2,248. A total of 1,547 cast their ballots for a high percentage of 69%.

In most races, the locals followed national and state trends. Bush/Quayle were endorsed 864-674 over opponents Dukakis/Bentsen. In the U. S. Senatorial contest Bentsen overpowered Boulter 971-523. Railroad Commissioner races went Nugent 1,067; Emmett 351 and the unexpired term Hance got 765 with Hackney going 667. Chief Justice was Robertson 734, Phillips 687. County votes for Justice Supreme Court were: Place 1, Doggett

894, Murphy 519; Place 2, Kilgarlin 801, Hecht 568; Place 3, Gonzalez 825, Howell 537; Place 4, Hightower 894, Culver 525; Place 5, Bayer 831, Cook 519. Other races included Judge of Criminal Appeals, McCormick 952, Berchermann 393.

One of the races drawing the most local interest was the State Representative, District 66. Terrill and Junell had both been frequent visitors to Coke County, but the county placed Junell first with 888 and Terrill gained 599. Voters showed support to the U. S. Representative Charles Stenholm, who was unopposed, with 1,134.

County officials who won their respective positions on the ballot in the Democratic Primary also garnered full support of voters.

Amendment #1 got 1,107 for, with 150 against; #2 had 613 for and 567 against; and Amendment #3 had 731 against and 485 for.

Fisher, Graves benefit slated

There will be a Community Benefit for Jeremy Fisher and Dalton Graves on Friday, Nov. 11th from 5:30 to 7:30. A dinner will be served in the Bronte School Cafeteria.

This benefit is to help cover hospital and family expenses.

Jeremy underwent spinal surgery on Wed., Nov. 2nd and is still a patient at Children's Hospital in Dallas. Jeremy is the son of Ray and Vicki Fisher.

Dalton underwent eye surgery on Tuesday, Nov. 8th and is still a patient at Methodist Hospital in San Antonio, Texas. Dalton is the son of Roger and Janet Graves.

Both families will have several return check-ups with their surgeons.

BBQ and all the trimmings, will be served at the meal. Anyone who would care to donate a salad or a dessert would be greatly appreciated.

The fee for the dinner will be \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children 12 & under.

A Fisher-Graves fund established at the First National Bank of Bronte is available for anyone who would care to donate.

Come and enjoy and help a worthy cause!

Fashion Show set for Br. Seniors

A Fashion Show will be presented by women from Paint Rock Senior Center on Thursday Nov. 17 at 11 am at Bronte Senior Center.

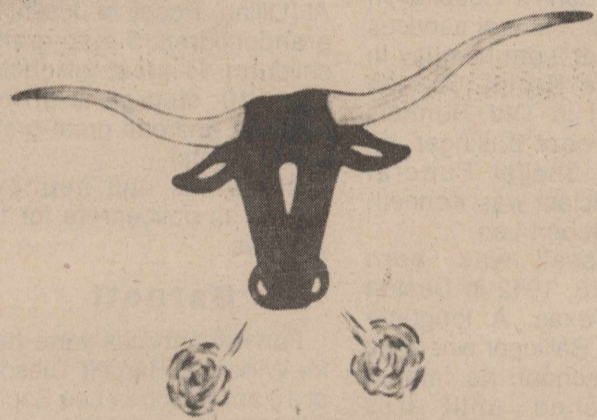
The Paint Rock ladies will present instructions how to attach silk flowers for motifs on sweatshirts. Also information on tying scarves will be presented.

At 10 am, Ballinger Home Health Care will give free blood pressure checks.

At 12 noon, pot luck lunch will be served.

Everyone, regardless of age, is urged to attend.

Bring your covered dish and have fun.



Coach Connie Bryan and her 1988 Longhorn Volleyball players (front row l to r) Jennifer Robinson, Tina Hines, Coach Connie Bryan, Susan Culp, Maria Puentez, Christy Bivins, mgr., (second row l to r) Ree Baldwin, Alisa Richards, Tina Smith, Misti Taylor, Brandi Thomas, Kristie Cooper, Elaine Moore, Sharla McGuire, Darla Scott, Amie Parker, Dorinda Scott, Rochelle Jones, (third row l to r) Eboni Taylor, Teresa Vaughn, Stephanie Tuttle, Melinda Gentry, Donya Cooper, Melissa Bivins, Melissa Arrott, Kelly Webb, Angela Reyes, Kim Sims, and Michele Parker.

4-H cookers take awards

Sixteen 4-Hers exhibited their food projects in the County Food Show Barn November 5th.

Best of Show in the Senior Division went to Janet Pentecost; Intermediate - Michael Woolley; and Junior - Tracy Millican.

Those advancing to the District Food Show, November 19th will be;

Juniors - Shalon Waldrop, Tracy Millican, Jeremy Burns, Korey Pitcock; Intermediates - Michael Woolley, Danielle Glenn, Laura Thomas; and Seniors - Blake Pitcock, Scott Antilley, Janet Pentecost and Stephanie Tuttle.

First place ribbons went to Jeff Wilkes, Stacy Hendry, Jessica Key, Kannan Millican, and Bree Bolding.

Upcoming

Open House

An Open House will be held for the Public at the Tennyson Baptist Church on Sunday, November 13th from 2 - 5 pm.

Cookbook Sale

The Bronte Future Homemakers have kicked off a Cookbook Sale. These are published by Home Economics Teacher's Favorite Press and offer the cook a variety of books to choose from. These make great Christmas gifts! Contact any FHA member or Melissa Howard at 473-2511.

Scout Food Bags

Robert Lee's local Cub Scout Pack 461 will participate in the 1988 Scouting for Food National Good Turn.

Food bags will be distributed to Robert Lee homes on Saturday, November 12. Cub Scouts will return to pick up the food filled bags from those who wish to contribute on Saturday, Nov. 19. Anyone needing additional bags, or for those who did not get one, please call Nada Sparks, 453-2345 or 453-2330.

Cub Scout Pack 461 is being sponsored by the Robert Lee - Silver Lions Club.

Rodeo Banquet

Coke County Rodeo Association will have its awards banquet at 7:30 p. m. on Saturday, November 12, at the Sr. Citizens Building at the County Park in Robert Lee. Each family should bring a covered dish to contribute to the meal.

Buck Contest

A Big Buck Contest is currently being sponsored by the West Coke County Community Development as an effort to project hunting as an industry locally. Registration will continue through the last day of the season, Jan. 1, 1989, and the buck must be killed in Coke County.

Top prize for the buck with the widest antler spread is a Smith and Wesson Model 1500-.270 bolt action rifle. The turkey gobbler with the longest beard will win a hunting knife for some lucky hunter. The entry fee of \$5 includes both.

Hunters may register at a number of locations in Robert Lee including J & B Lumber, Ace Hardware, Mt. Creek Lodge, Key Feed Store, Super H, Gingham Diner and Skinner's Grocery. Skinner's Grocery is the official station for measuring the bucks and gobblers.

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Obituaries

Russell

Leon Russell, 76, of Robert Lee died Saturday at 11:35 pm in St. John's Hospital in San Angelo. Funeral services were held at 2 pm Monday in Robert Lee Baptist Church with burial in Old Runnels Cemetery near Ballinger, directed by Shaffer Funeral Home. Officiant was Kenneth Green of Robert Lee.

Mr. Russell was born February 28, 1912 in Denton County, Texas. A longtime resident of Ballinger where he attended school, he farmed and ranched until his retirement. He was a member of the Baptist Church and past treasurer of the Robert Lee-Silver Lions Club.

He was married to Jessie Faye Brock in Robert Lee January 17, 1970. The couple have made their home in Robert Lee since that time.

Survivors include his wife, Jessie Faye Russell of Robert Lee; two sons, Larry Carl Brock and Jon Bill Brock, both of Robert Lee; one brother, Ralph Russell of Ballinger; three granddaughters; one niece and one nephew.

Pallbearers for the funeral services were Richard Johnson, Wilburn Pullin, Glen Pullin, Ernest Clendennen, Eph Cummins, and Kenneth Rasco.

Millican

Christopher C. Millican, 88, member of a Coke County pioneer ranching family, died in West Coke County Nursing Home Sunday evening.

Funeral services were held at Pecan Baptist Church, west of Robert Lee, at 2 pm Tuesday with burial in Paint Creek Cemetery, officiated by the Rev. Jimmy Rogers. Shaffer Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Millican was born to Dave and Mary Millican May 10, 1900 in their home near the Paint Creek School house in the community where he spent his entire life. He attended old Pecan School, then in a nearby pasture.

He and Gladys Watkins were married at Shipp, Texas Dec. 15, 1927. They ranched near Pecan where their children were raised. Mr. Millican donated land for the Pecan Baptist Church at its present location.

Survivors include his wife, Gladys, of Robert Lee; two

sons, Elton Millican of Robert Lee and Nathaniel (Buddy) Millican of Denton; two daughters, Mrs. Pete (Olean) Poor of San Angelo and Mrs. Al (Lillian) Posey of Justin; 12 grandchildren; 5 step-grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; 10 step-great-grandchildren; and one great-great-granddaughter.

Grandsons and nephews served as pallbearers for the services.

Barnett

Funeral services were held for William L. Barnett Tuesday at 10 am in Robert Lee Baptist Church. Burial followed in Robert Lee Cemetery, officiated by the Rev. Roy Epperson, directed by Shaffer Funeral Home. Serving as pallbearers for the services were Bill Allen, Joe Ash, David Key, Willis Smith and Add Davis.

Mr. Barnett, 87, died at 12:30 pm on Sunday in West Coke County Nursing Home where he had been a resident for ten years.

He was born Feb. 8, 1901 in Robert Lee to John W. and Exer Murray Barnett. His grandfather, L. B. Murray, was Coke County sheriff from 1895-1902, while his father, J. W. Barnett served as county and district clerk for Coke County, 1897-1906.

Mr. Barnett was a life-long resident of Robert Lee except for his service years as a Navy Seabee during World War II. He was a carpenter and a member of the Methodist Church. He was married to Edna Hawkins Nov. 10, 1952 and she preceded him in death Jan. 6, 1958.

He is survived by one sister, Lois Loretta Calvert of Robert Lee; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Holiday Bazaar

St. John's Hospital Auxiliary will be hosting "Holiday Treasures". The Christmas Bazaar will feature unique gift items and culinary delites.

The bazaar will be held Friday, November 18, 1988 starting at 8:00 A.M. in St. John's Hospital Auditorium located at 2018 Pulliam in San Angelo.

Proceeds from the bazaar will benefit St. John's Hospital Auxiliary Special Projects.

For more information contact Bobbie Gosnell, 655-3181, ext 5113.

Brasuell speaks to WCCD

The West Coke County Community Development organization met in regular session Monday evening at 7 pm in the courtroom. Reports were made on several projects, including adopting 2 highway miles for cleanup on Hwy. 158 from the city limits toward Sterling City; the cleaning and painting of the four large signs on incoming highways; the Big Buck Contest; the sponsorship of the downtown Christmas Party Dec. 10; and an outdoor Christmas decoration contest.

Guest speaker for the meeting was Speedy Brasuell, member of the

Robert Lee City Council. He recently attended an 8-hour seminar in San Angelo given by Texas A&M Extension Service. The seminar was directed to community development boards, channeled toward motivation, organizational aids, grant information, and specific self-help for groups. Brasuell told of several area small towns similar to Robert Lee and their success stories in promoting their communities.

The WCCCD will meet again the first Monday of December, the 5th, with the Christmas committees conferring before that date.

Pageant slates drawing for handmade items

Christmas is right around the corner, and to help you with that special gift, the Coke County Pageant Association will be having a drawing on December 15, 1988 for four (4) beautiful items: two handmade afghans, one rope basket, and a cross-stitch picture.

Each item has been donated to the Pageant Association for a fund raising project. The Association will appreciate your support and help. Donations of \$1.00 per ticket will be accepted starting Tuesday, November 15, 1988. See any Pageant Association member for a ticket.

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BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS

Pups defeat Shorthorns in final outing

by Bob Blaylock

So much for the 1988 Shorthorn football season. The red jerseys came from Miles to defeat the Bronte Jr High 32 to 6, for the final game of this season.

I will say that this last game was not lost by Jacob Golson who seemed to pull all his effort into it. Kick-offs, punting and receiving kicks was just a little of what he did. If he could see the runner he would be in on the tackle.

Three team-mates saw their



Breakfast:

Monday, Nov. 14
Cereal
Fruit Cup
Biscuits, Butter, and Jelly

Tuesday, Nov. 15
Bacon Slices
Apple Juice
Biscuits, Butter, and Jelly

Wednesday, Nov. 16
Cereal
Orange Juice
Biscuits, Butter, and Jelly

Thursday, Nov. 17
Hashbrowns
Pineapple Juice
Biscuits, Butter, and Jelly

Friday, Nov. 18
Oatmeal
Apples
Biscuits, Butter, and Jelly

Milk served with all meals.

Lunch

Monday, Nov. 14
Chicken Patties w/Gravy
Buttered Corn
Sliced Carrots
Chocolate Pudding
Hot Rolls

Tuesday, Nov. 15
Chili & Beans
Cheese Nachos
Tossed Salad
Apple
Crackers & Cornbread

Wednesday, Nov. 16
Ham w/Brown Gravy
Cream Potatoes
English Peas
Hot Rolls

Thursday, Nov. 17
Turkey and Dressing w/Giblet Gravy
Sweet Potatoes
Green Beans
Hot Rolls
Pumpkin Pie
Cranberry Sauce

Friday, Nov. 18
Hamburger
French Fries
Lettuce, Tomato, and Pickle Slices
Peanut Clusters

Milk served with all meals.

last Jr. high game tonight, as Jason Blaylock, Ray Seals, and Chris Knight will move on next year into high school.

All the members of the team have done a good job this season and each one will have a particular game they will always remember. Jay Parker will probably reflect on this game due to a broke collarbone which he sustained during the 4th period.

I'm sure all the parents, grandparents, and fans are appreciative of the coaches, Rocky Ralls and David Tandy, for their patience and fine coaching. John Johnson,

Brandon Tinney, Devlin Pierce, James Hambright, Brent Taylor, Rudy Sanchez, Jamie Flores, Todd Harrell, Jason Harrell, Randy and Gary Bilbrey, Jacob Golson, Freddie Montez, Jason Flowers, David Cason, Chris Knight, Justin Lampier, Jason Cooper, Jason Blaylock, Jay Parker and Ray Seals deserve credit for a good season. Also we can't forget the Managers who take care of the equipment, Nathan Barnett and Dwain Swenson.

Football is over; let's go into basketball season with a bag full of Shorthorn spirit.

Lady Horns lose area heartbreaker to Plains

Playing some of their best volleyball of the season, the #2 Lady Longhorns took a heart breaking defeat in an area contest against #1 Plains.

Game 1 was a 1 hour marathon. The lead ex-

Strickland is tech school grad

Tod Strickland graduated as a distinguished graduate from Nuclear Weapons Tech School at Coronado Naval School in Coronado, California. Tod was home on leave for thirty days visiting family before reporting for duty at Newport News, VA.

He is the son of Sharon Kennedy of Winters, and Bob Strickland of Merkel, and grandson of Elmer and Janet Hurley, and Guy and Marie Strickland of Bronte.

Partner's tourney held at Bronte

A two-man partnership golf tourney was held Saturday, Nov. 5, in Bronte. Winners were:

Championship Flight
First Place - 64 - Lonnie Taylor and George Di Julin
Second Place - 64 - Herb Burrell and Bryan Burrell (a card play-off determined the winners).

Third Place - 66 - Basil Wyatt and Danny Wyatt

First Flight
First Place - 69 - Johnny Doan and Donnie Doan
Second Place 69 - Charles Woodard and Sue Caudle (a card play-off determined the winner).

Third Place - 70 - Joe Gonzales and Joe Garza

Third Flight
First Place - 72 - Larry Yarbrough and Mark Wilson
Second Place - 74 - Buckles Sparks and Jackie Walker
Third Place - 75 - Wade Stautzenberger and Richard Hembree

Closest to the hole for ladies - Gwen Baker
Closest to the hole for men - Basil Wyatt

changed hands numerous times as each team rallied for points. Melissa Arrott led the offensive attack and Teresa Vaughn took the defensive honors but the Horns couldn't hold on and lost 14 - 16.

Losing that hard fought game took its toll and the Horns were never able to get into the 2nd game.

The stats from the match follow: Misti Taylor - 2 pts, 1 ace, 2 kills, 6 attempts, 1 error and 1 block; Angela Reyes - 3 pts, 2 missed serves, 4 kills, 13 attacks, 2 errors; Melissa Arrott - 7 pts, 1 ace, 2 missed serves, 8 kills, 12 attacks, 2 errors, 4 blocks; Kim Sims - 2 pts, 1 kill, 4 attacks, 2 errors, 4 blocks, Tina Hines - 2 pts, 1 missed serve, 6 kills, 17 attacks, 3 errors, 1 block; Teresa Vaughn - 1 missed serve, 4 kills, 8 attacks, 3 errors, 1 block; Dorinda Scott - 3 pts; Eboni Taylor - 1 kill, 4 attacks, 1 error; Michele Parker - 3 assists.

"These girls worked very hard throughout the season and overcame many obstacles to get to this match. I'm proud of them. It's a shame when the #1 and #2 teams in the state have to meet so early in the playoffs," Coach Connie Bryan said.

Personal

Bobby Baker of Robert Lee was taken to St. John's Hospital Monday morning by his wife, Janet. He had been experiencing some chest pain and was put in ICU upon his arrival. He is improved at presstime but his past history of heart problems prompted doctors to admit him to the hospital.

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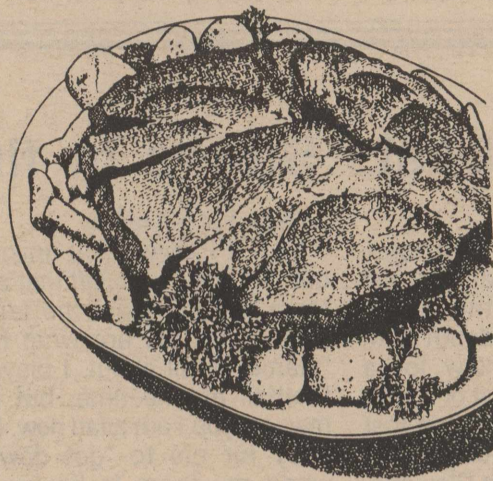
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ROBERT LEE SCHOOL NEWS

Rankin bests Steers in final grid match

by Bill Burns

The Steers lost to a team last Friday night that may just be the best in the state. Rankin has more depth than the law should allow for a Class A ball club. I for one wish Rankin well and I do hope that they will represent our district well and go far in the Play-offs. They played good, hard, clean, football and showed a lot of character at the end of the game in complimenting our team on their efforts in the game.

Now when I say "Our Team" that gets right to the heart of this article. "Our Team", 28 young men that want to be a part of the Fighting Steers so bad that they give up many hours of their time starting with the grueling 2 - a - days in the heat of August and ending with a last game in November. It's four managers that give up their free time to assist the team anyway they can and five coaches that work hours upon hours to condition the team, teach them to block and tackle as safely as possible, teach plays, and scout other teams, and make decisions (that are almost never popular). It's five cheerleaders that work many, many hours for the sake of Team Spirit.

It's a cheerleader sponsor, a Band Director and a Band, all of whom make many sacrifices

as a part of the team.

Now if I haven't left anyone out, the only ones left that are team members are the fans. Fans, after all, are what the "Game" is all about. I played football at one time, but as many of you I am a fan now. It's easy for me to "get down" when my team is having a rough year, but then if I can focus on the fact that all of the

work, the many hours of discipline, "The thrill of victory, and the agony of defeat", are all the things that are going to help make these young people more successful in life, then maybe I won't be "Down" so often. So, "Team" keep reaching for those "Stars", and never sell yourselves short.

You're #1 with this fan!

Cody Anthony injured

Cody Anthony, high school quarterback for the Robert Lee Steers, was injured by a hit Friday night in Rankin. He was taken to Shannon Medical Center in San Angelo on Saturday where he underwent emergency exploratory surgery. A large cut was found

on his liver and after the repair, he was given 4 units of blood. He later required more blood and at presstime Wednesday he was in improved condition.

Cody is the son of Coach and Mrs. Max Anthony.

Sanco store purchased

Vernon Payne of San Angelo and Sanco has recently bought the old Sanco store building property from Mrs. Ulmer Bird. He proposes to keep it part of the authentic turn-of-the-century village of Sanco.

His wife, Ila Mae Scarborough Payne, is a great granddaughter of William Scarborough, or Grandpa Scarborough, as he was known to everyone in that end of the county. He established the first general store in the community of Sanco in 1888, one mile east of Sanco.

The present store building was built in 1916 by R. C. Cosby, uncle of Ulmer Bird, for a garage. The drought of 1916-17-18 clouded financial outlook too severely to start an automobile business. He had procured the Dodge agency. He sold to Ike Gartman, he to his brother, H. J. Gartman, in 1924. He and Mrs.

Gartman moved into the building, put in a store, and reopened the post office after it had been closed for lack of a postmaster. He held the post office 24 years - longer than anyone else ever did. Ulmer Bird leased the building in 1953, bought it in 1960. He was postmaster 1952-1955, Josephine Bird, postmaster 1955-1971, until discontinuance of the post office, second in length of service - slightly more than 16 1/2 years.

The Sanco post office, established July 10, 1888, was the second post office in the area now Coke County, Fort Chadbourne having been the first - 1857-1942.

Mr. Payne is a member of the Astronomy Club of San Angelo, and secretary-treasurer of it. He hosts "Star Partys" at his place near Sanco. It is easier to view the stars where there are no city lights.

Roberts' visitors noted

Weekend visitors in the home of Bobby and Jeffie Roberts of Robert Lee were their son, Douglas, also Tricia Davis, Denise Behrends, Rebel Royall and Brent McFarland, all students of Texas Tech in Lubbock.

Joining this group for the first day of Deer Season were Jeffie's brother and nephew, Jerry and Jason Harmon of Sand Springs along with their friends, Ian Heath of Sand Springs, Bob Addy and Tim Childers of Big Spring. Also visiting were Jessie Harmon, Lawana Millican, Kannan and Stewart Millican, all of Robert Lee.

The monthly "Ma and Pa" Day in honor of Floyd and Jessie Harmon by their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren was held in the Roberts' home Sunday with a total of 28 present for the day. Joining those listed above were Dorene Mash-

burn of Carlsbad; Rena, Jessica and Brady Johnson of San Angelo; Darwin Harmon, and Brad Madry of Big Spring; Jenie and Tammy Harmon of Sand Spring; Floyd Harmon, Marshall and Sheri Millican, Magan Hill, all of Robert Lee.

The group enjoyed horseback riding, roping, riding motorcycle and three wheeler, table pool, deer and quail hunting, and part of the group attended the annual Roping Fiesta in San Angelo. Meat for the weekend included deer, quail, beef and a big fish fry. The fish were caught in the summer by Floyd and Jessie Harmon and Bobby Roberts. They fried the fish for the group while the ladies were preparing the other food.

There were only 2 deer, both eight point bucks, killed on the Roberts' place over the weekend.

Sanco picnic honors Bird

For an annual gathering of friends, this time to honor our memory of Ulmer Bird, Josephine Bird hosted a picnic at her Echo Valley home near Sanco, Sunday afternoon, November 6. Ulmer passed away January 30th of this year. Their 60th wedding anniversary would have been October 18th, and his would-have-been 88th birthday,

November 11th.

Present were: Bill and Marguerite Helm of Colorado City, five sons and two daughters: Austin and Mary Helm, Francesca, Andrea and Matthew, of Colorado City; Marshall and Carol Helm, Julianna and April, of Abilene; Daniel and Debra Helm and Sarah of San Angelo; Daniel Helm and friends, Cindy and Shelley Sharp; Craig Helm; Frank and Jessica Helm Bassham, Rose, Morgan, Nan Hatty, Will, Ian, and Hannah; Priscilla Helm Martin and Georgia, all of Colorado City.

Also present were: Tom and Audrey Goss of Colorado City. He is a grandson of R. L. and Hannah Goss who settled near Sanco in 1890, a former postmaster at Colorado City, and former correspondent of the Abilene Reporter-News; Nancy Robinson-Masters of Abilene, writer of UPS AND DOWNS column for the Abilene Reporter-News, and a pilot. Among her flying credentials is a flight to the South Pole with a group of scientists just before Christmas 1984; Vernon Payne of San Angelo and Sanco who has recently bought the Sanco Store property; his wife, Ila Mae Scarborough Payne, a great granddaughter of William Scarborough, (or Grandpa Scarborough as he was known to everyone in that end of the county) he established the first general store in the community of Sanco in 1888, one mile east of Sanco; and Evelyn Bird McKinley of Robert Lee and Sanco.

Besides enjoying delectable food spread on tables under the pecan trees, the afternoon was spent visiting and singing. Frank Bassham played guitar and Nancy Masters led singing of hymns and old songs. Frank is a descendant of Issac Elwood who bought the Spade Ranch in 1889.

Personal

Essie and Melvin Childress and Bonita Copeland of Robert Lee went to Roanoke, Virginia last week to be with their daughter and sister through heart surgery. The balloon treatment left a collapsed artery and surgery was necessary. Juanice is recuperating nicely at this time. Juanice and husband, Leonard Herr, live at Christiansburg, some 40 miles south of Roanoke. The fall colors were at the height of their beauty. The trio report that the country side was so beautiful along the drive that it became down right distracting to the West Texans----after Juanice began to mend.

Roanoke is an interesting, historical city.

The word, Roanoke, was a kind of barter or money made of small pieces of shells - used by American Indians in Virginia and other early Colonies.

Letter to the Editor

Hall!

Here's my check for renewal as well as an item on my daughter Cathy's recent wedding.

Couldn't make it without my weekly news from Robert Lee. Keep up the good newspaper.

Coe Lewis
Postmaster
Retired
San Angelo, TX



Monday, Nov. 14

Fish Krispies w/ tarter sauce
Cole Slaw
French Fries w/ catsup
Hot Rolls - Butter
Peanut Butter Brownies
Milk

Tuesday, Nov. 15

Grill Cheese Sandwiches
Vegetable Beef Soup
Pickles
Sliced Peaches
Milk

Wednesday, Nov. 16

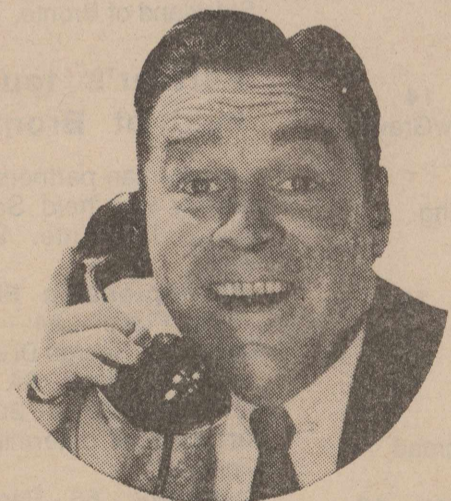
Sausage on a Stick
Pinto Beans
Spinach
Corn Bread - Butter
Peach Cobbler
Milk

Thursday, Nov. 17

Turkey and Dressing w/ giblet gravy
Mixed Vegetables
Cranberry Sauce
Hot Rolls - Butter
Rainbow Jello
Milk

Friday, Nov. 18

Corn Dogs w/ mustard
Tator Tots w/ catsup
Pork and Beans
Cake Squares
Milk
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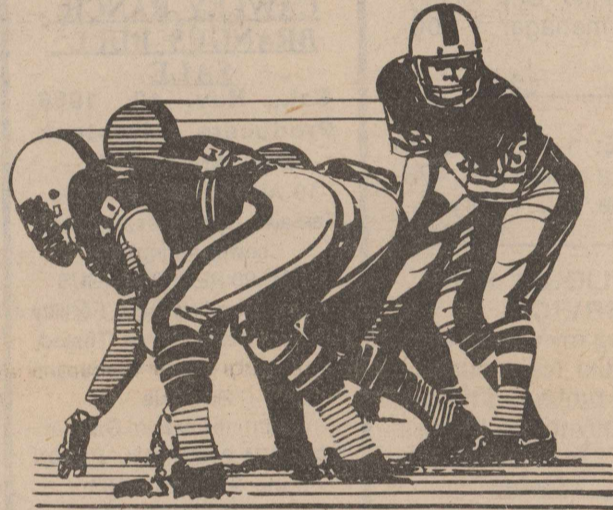
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1988 Football Schedule

ROBERT LEE STEERS		
Sept. 2	Miles	Home
Sept. 8	Lake View JV	Home
Set. 16	Bronte	There
Sept. 23	OPEN	
Sept. 30	Sterling City (H)	Home
Oct. 7	Abilene Christian High	There
Oct. 14	Sterling City (D)	There
Oct. 21	Water Valley (D)	Home
Oct. 28	Irion County (D)	Home
Nov. 4	Rankin (D)	There
Nov. 11	Garden City (D)	Home

(D) Denotes District Game
 (H) Denotes Homecoming
 Games Start at 8 p.m. except
 Oct. 7 -- 7:30 p.m.



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 Doug & Grace Ditmore

Ben Bessent Chevrolet

Water Outlet Store
 James & Nola Miller

Quail Park Mobile Home Spaces
 Tom & Irene Price

Wildcat Fish-A-Rama
 Tom, Elane, Justin, & Preston Francis

Baker's Grocery & Market

J&B Lumber & Hardware

Skinner's Grocery & Station

C&W One Stop #14

Coke County Pharmacy
 Steve & Wanda Oleksiuk

Wink Insurance

Shaffer Funeral Home

Martin Lee Associates, Inc.

Miller Liquid Feed
 James & Nola Miller

Key Feed Store

Robert Lee-Silver Lions Club

Hillside Grocery & Marine
 Charles & Ann Sherrill

The Flower Sak
 Rhonda Hood & Judy Blair

Davis Grocery and Gas
 Butch and Carolyn Davis

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Gingham Diner Cafe
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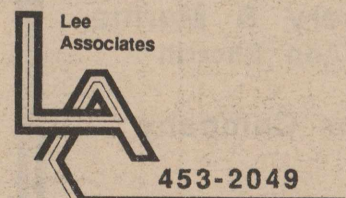
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GIDEON APARTMENTS, 453-2196, Robert Lee - Unfurnished apartments for rent, water & sewer paid. 3 BR, \$250; 2 BR, \$225; 1 BR, \$175. 2a-tnc

TRAILER SPACES for rent - south side of Hwy. 158, 5 miles west of Robert Lee near Lake Spence. 453-2914. 45a-tnc

MISC

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REWARD FOR RETURN of my 1987-88 Bronte Longhorn Yearbook to Tina Hines, 473-5331. 14b-1tc

LOST - 4-H mutton lamb. Not dehorned. Vicinity of Edith. Call 453-2140 14-1tp

WANTED PECANS picked up on the halves. M. D. Mackey, 786-2653 14b-4tc

GARAGE SALES

GARAGE SALE - This and that, lots of clothes. Ceramic Greenware, Exercise bike. All go very cheap. 113 E. Jackson - Fri. 11th, 8:00 am - 12:00, Bronte. 14b-1tp

GARAGE SALE: Saturday only, Cute kids' clothes, curtains, decorator items, misc. household goods. 805 West 11th, Robert Lee. 14-1tp

BAKE SALE - 9 am - til? Tuesday, Nov. 22. Robert Lee Post Office. Special orders, call any member. WCCNH Auxiliary. 14-2tc

LARGE GARAGE SALE: A little bit of everything. Fri. & Sat., 724 S. State St., Bronte. 14b-1tc

CARD OF THANKS

OUR RECENT LOSS leaves our family with grateful hearts toward neighbors and friends. Your comforting expressions of sympathy will always be remembered. Our appreciation also goes to the West Coke County Nursing Home Staff for their loving care. The Family of Fern Havins 14-1tc

OUR HEARTFELT THANKS to all who extended comforting sympathy and help in our recent sorrow. For the beautiful service, floral offering, the food, memorials and other kindnesses, we are deeply grateful. Monroe Cobb family Mary Belle & Karl Quinn Sharon & Ray Gardner, Stacey & Jason Marvin & Jetone Cobb, Tonya & Linda 14b-1tp

NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE: REAL ESTATE BROKERS

The Farmers Home Administration (FmHA) has from time to time various inventory Real properties for sale through brokers having executed a listing agreement with the agency. Licensed real estate brokers interested should meet with Wyatt B. Nesbit, County Supervisor, on Thursday, Nov. 17, 1988 at 10:30 am in the Courthouse in Robert Lee. 14A-1tc



CONTRACTOR'S NOTICE OF TEXAS HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE WORK

Sealed proposals for contract **MOWING HIGHWAY RIGHT-OF-WAY** in various counties will be received at the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation's District Office, Loop 306 & Knickerbocker Rd., in San Angelo, Texas 76906-1550, on the date and time indicated below; and then publicly opened and read.

NOVEMBER 18, 1988, 10:00 A.M.

Contract No. 079XXM1001, Runnels County
 Contract No. 079XXM1002, Irion/Reagan County

NOVEMBER 18, 1988, 10:30 A.M.

Contract No. 079XXM1003, Concho/Menard County
 Contract No. 079XXM1004, Kimble County

NOVEMBER 18, 1988, 11:00 A.M.

Contract No. 079XXM1005, Crockett County
 Contract No. 079XXM1006, Tom Green County

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Contract No. 079XXM1007, Schleicher/Sutton County
 Contract No. 079XXM1008, Glasscock/Sterling County

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NOVEMBER 18, 1988, 1:00 P.M.

Contract No. 079XXM1009, Coke County
Contract No. 079XXM1010, Edwards/Real County

NOVEMBER 18, 1988, 1:30 P.M.

Contract No. 079XXM1011, Kinney/Val Verde County
Contract No. 079XXM1012, Interstate 10 (Kimble, Sutton and Crockett Co.)

Plans, specifications and proposals are available at the office of Daniel W. Gower, District Maintenance Engineer, San Angelo, Texas, at the above mentioned address.

A pre-bidder's conference on the above contracts will be held 10:00 A.M., Monday, November 14, 1988, in the Training Room of the District Office Complex located at Loop 306 and Knickerbocker Road. All interested bidders are urged to attend.

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13a-2tc

Davis guests

Enjoying an annual, first hunting weekend get-together in the home of Add and Joan Davis in Robert Lee were Dub and Billie Wallace of Odessa; Matt, Lora, and Mikell Wallace of Haskell; Larry, Debe, Lacy, Chase, and Dane Reed of Randlett, Oklahoma, and Mike and Craig Davis of Anson. Billie Wallace was the family "big buck" winner with a nice 9-pointer.

WTU to use lower rates

(November 7) Customers of West Texas Utilities Co. will see approximately 12.5 percent drop in their rates beginning this month (November). This reduction is the result of using the lower winter rates, which will be in effect six months. Using higher summer and lower winter rates is part of the State's plan to encourage energy conservation during the summer when air conditioning creates the peak demand on electricity use.

According to WTU managers Bob Boone and Paul Sublett, "a residential customer using 476 kilowatt hours of electricity a month, the average for November 1987, will see his bill go from \$43.53 to \$38.02." Other customer groups will see similar reduction they said. Since mild fall weather has reduced many customers' cooling and heating use, the actual decrease in the electric bill from September when average use was 906 KWH to November will probably be around 50 percent. That decrease includes the combined impact of lower winter rates and lower use resulting from mild weather. The actual size of customers' bill is determined by their use.

According to the local managers, the electric company is still waiting for final approval from the Public Utility Commission regarding a request to change the fuel portion of the bill. Fuel is used at power plants to make electricity.

Although the average cost of fuel on the company's many fuel contracts has not changed significantly, WTU faces a December expiration

of a very low cost 20-year gas contract at one of its nine power stations. That was for gas at pre-oil embargo prices of 22 cents per mmbtu and has saved customers \$350 million. It must be replaced with gas at today's prices which are almost \$2 per mmbtu.

Paying for this replacement gas will mean customers using 476 kilowatt hours of electricity will see an increase of approximately \$2.95 on the January bill if the PUC completes its review and approval process by then.

The managers added that since 1985 WTU has lowered the fuel portion of the bill -- called the fuel factor -- five times, and had six refunds totaling almost \$50 million as the result of other fuel contract changes.

**LOOK WHO'S NEW!
Brandi R. Banning**

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Banning of Carrollton, Texas proudly announce the arrival of a daughter. Brandi Ruth was born on October 29, at 2:57 pm at the Trinity Medical Center in Carrollton, and weighed 7 lbs 4 oz. and was 20 inches long.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Banning of Tampa, Florida, Mrs. Susie Banning of Boulder, Colorado, and Mrs. Virginia Garlington of Robert Lee.

Mrs. Louise List of St. Petersburg, Florida is Brandi's great-grandmother.

RL FFA taking orders for fruit

The Robert Lee FFA Chapter is now taking fruit orders for delivery in the second week in December. Fruit offered for sale includes the following: Texas Navel Oranges, Texas Ruby Red Grapefruit, Washington Delicious Red Apples, Hawaiian Pineapples, Pears, and various packages of mixed fruit. Fruit sales will end on November 18, 1988. Please contact any Robert Lee FFA member for additional information.

Buckle Up

'Tis the Season To Be Cautious

Texas Coalition for Safety Belts

were it not for the dedication and effort that these people put forth.

Another group of Volunteers that do such a good job for us are the guys that operate the Fire Department. They, like the others, give this time and effort to do their best to see that we are as safe as possible in the event that we should fall victim to a fire in our homes.

These people all deserve a pat on the back and a big thank you from all of us that live here because if it weren't for volunteers like them, places like this would be a lot less enjoyable to live in.

--and that's the way I see it.

The Way I See It
by Johnny Sevier

As with all things you do on a regular basis it is easy to get into a rut. I have fallen into somewhat of a rut myself in so far as limiting my commentary to the negative things that go on and not taking time to comment on some of the good things that we have right here at home.

There are a lot of people here that give a lot of their time for various causes and projects that benefit us all in one way or another. For instance, the Ladies' Auxiliary at the nursing home. Whether you know it or not these ladies put in a lot of time and effort making life a little better for the residents of our nursing home. They operate the gift shops, they do all sorts of things such as help with things like the Halloween Carnival, Christmas parties, and of course, taking time to just be company. All this they do out of the goodness of their hearts.

Another group of people that do a tremendous service to this community are the Emergency Medical Service people, who give unselfishly of their time and talents so that more of us here need not have to do without medical assistance when needed. There are some here now that might possibly not be here



Coke County 4-H Food Show winners (l to r) Michael Woolley, Tracy Millican, and Janet Pentecost display their "Best of Show" awards.

WC EMS Contributions

West Coke County E.M.S. Contributions for the month of October, 1988 include the following:

MEMORIALS

For: Norma Ruth
From: Ruth Brown- O. B. & Vivian Jacobs- Joe David, Teri, Jason, & Jessica Key, David, Alene & Deé Anna Key.- Mr. and Mrs Leslie Copeland- Mr. and Mrs. Eddy Braswell, College Station- Melvin and Essie Childress- West Coke County Senior Citizens- Mr. and Mrs. Crowley Harmon- Ivey and Lavelta Eubanks- Vera Jameson- Wayne and Sitter McCabe & family- Loma Preslar, San Angelo.

For: Effie Roe
From: J. F. and Doris McCabe
For: Jack W. Martin
From: Ivey and Lavelta Eubanks
For: Rachel Robinson
From: Ivey and Lavelta Eubanks
The Emergency Medical

Service expressed gratitude for the long-standing support of the entire community.

Hunters who harvest more venison than their families can use during the upcoming deer season may want to share excess amounts with the Salvation Army, says Dr. Don Steinbach, Extension wildlife and fisheries project supervisor. Salvation Army officials announce that venison donations can be accepted at 46 Texas centers to help feed indigent families.

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Mr. and Mrs. David Allen Jackson

Lewis, Jackson marry

Cathy Lynn Lewis of San Angelo and David Allen Jackson of Snyder were married on October 8 at the Lake Nasworthy Boat Club in San Angelo. The Rev. Bill Pierce of Trinity Baptist Church officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Cora E. Lewis, former Postmaster of Robert Lee, now of San Angelo and the late Leo D. Lewis. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Jackson of Snyder and the late Suzanne Jackson.

Matron of honor was Lorrie Daniels. Bridesmaids were Stephanie Binnion of Midland and Dana Racher.

Best man was Edwin Jackson of Snyder. Groomsmen were Kevin Jackson of Odessa and Darren Jackson of Snyder.

Ushers were Ron Petit of Schulenburg and Brent Daniels of San Angelo.

The bride was given in marriage by her brother, Clay T. Lewis of Brownwood and her mother.

Candle lighters were David Lewis of Brownwood and Joe MacCheyneof of Snyder.

Mrs. Jackson is a 1984 graduate of Robert Lee High School and is a Senior Accounting Major at Angelo State University. She is a secretary-bookeeper at Beltone Hearing Aid Service.

Her husband is a 1985 graduate of Snyder High School and is a Junior Computer Science Major at ASU.

Following a wedding trip to Ruidosa, NM, the couple is living in San Angelo.

Hunters boost economy on opening weekend

Fall gun season for turkey, deer, and quail got off to a mediocre start. Turkey and quail do not appear to be as plentiful as in past years but serious hunting for them may not begin until hunters bag their first buck. Deer seem to be more abundant than ever and are in excellent shape, although antler development may not be as good as in the last few years.

County businesses recorded a land-office business over the weekend which is a real plus for the depressed economy, while area ranchers are pretty well leased out to give them a boost to compensate for ag lows this year.

Despite a 36 degree season low on Sunday morning,

the weekend was quite hot for hunting, reaching almost 90 during the afternoons. The warm weather caused hunters to either get their game into freezers or hunt the closest commercial vault. Skinner's Grocery in Robert Lee reported a total of 74 deer in their storage over the weekend.

Lonnie Bloodworth, who operates Silver Peak Grocery at Silver, said hunting had been good, but no trophies had been seen. He stored 32 deer and 5 turkeys during the opening 2 days.

Out-of-town hunters have told locals they were pleased with the amount of game they had seen but are looking forward to some cooler weather.



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Lays Potato Chips \$1.49 size 99c

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Hershey's Chocolate Milk Mix 16 oz. \$1.79

Parade Blue Lake Green Beans 16 oz. 2 for 85c

Parade Cream Style Corn 16 oz. 2 for 89c

Better Valu Whole Kernel Corn 16 oz. 2 for 89c

Parade Powdered or

Brown Sugar 2 LB. \$1.09

Crisco Oil Reg. or Corn Flavored 32 oz. \$1.89

Duncan Hines Cake Mix 99c

Sunshine Krispy Crackers 1 LB. 85c

Better Valu Black Pepper 4 oz. \$1.19

Parade Dill Pickles 32 oz. 95c

Northern Bathroom Tissue 4 Roll Pkg. \$1.19

EGGS - Grade A Large Doz. **79c**

Parkay Oleo 1 LB. Quarters 65c

Gandy's Pure

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