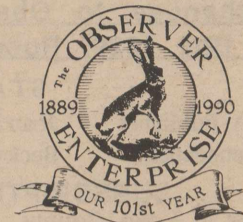


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Accidents claim lives on Oak Creek Lake

Two men, Jaime Ochoa, 28, of Midland and Renee Garcia, 18, of Levelland died in a drowning accident late Saturday afternoon at Oak Creek Reservoir near Blackwell. The deaths occurred when a sudden thunderstorm brought golfball size hail and winds up to 70 miles per hour to the area. The victims were fishing off an abandoned bridge with 3 companions when the storm hit. The five jumped into the water and attempted to take shelter beneath the structure. The drowning victims were swept under by turbulent water and disappeared. The survivors, one a 12 year old boy, went for help when they were able to get out of the rough water.

A number of volunteers, Sheriff Marshall Millican, Deputy Jeff Barnes, Runnels County Game Warden Robert Woods, Coke County Game Warden Sparks Burdett, the Sweetwater Fire Department and the Blackwell Fire Department all assisted in the search for the missing men. Dragging and diving operations located Garcia's body about 10:30 pm Saturday night approximately 30 yards from the bridge.

The search for Ochoa was abandoned after midnight and resumed at daylight on Sun-

day. His body was discovered under the bridge in 20 feet of water at 2:30 pm.

The deaths raise the summer's fatalities to three at the lake. An 11 year old Lubbock boy died Memorial Day weekend in a boating accident.

Another 11 year old, Josh Cox, of Big Spring was injured at Oak Creek about 2:30 pm Monday afternoon, Labor Day. The boy was a passenger in a boat pulling a skier when it collided with another boat pulling a tuber. The boy

was sitting on the side of the boat when the other boat came over the top.

Game Warden Sparks Burdett investigated the accident. Apparently, both the drivers and their passengers were looking back and did not see the other.

The victim was taken by Blackwell EMS to Rolling Plains Memorial Hospital in Sweetwater with head injuries, then airlifted to Lubbock. He is reported to be in stable condition.

Airport funds approved

The Texas Department of Aviation has approved \$68,670 in state revenue to improve the Robert Lee Airport of Coke County. The allocations were approved at a Texas Board of Aviation meeting held on August 21st in order that Coke County may install medium intensity runway lights (MIRL) and other equipment for night landings. The Robert Lee airport is the only airport in Texas without night equipment.

Employees of the Texas Department of Aviation told Robert Junell that they were glad to provide the money and were very pleased the community was continuing to

upgrade it's facility.

Other than the MIRL's, funding has been provided for lighted wind cones, segmented circles, and a rotating

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DHT plaque honors Reyes for service

Robert H. Reyes, Maintenance Technician III with the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation, retired the last of August after more than 33 years of service with the department.

Family, friends, and co-workers gathered Thursday afternoon to wish Robert and his wife, Mary, health and happiness in the years to come. Robert's co-workers presented him with a Texas-shaped clock painted with a field of bluebonnets. Also on the clock was a plaque which chronicled Robert's years with the department.

Robert was first employed in the Ballinger Maintenance Section under the supervision of H. P. Largent (dec.). In September 1974, he was transferred to the Robert Lee Maintenance to work with the forces of Maintenance Supervisor John E. Stephens. Residents and motorists of Coke County have seen Robert out mowing the right of way for many years.

Robert and his wife have six daughters and one son. They are members of the Catholic Church in Bronte. When asked what he planned to do after this month, Robert said he just plans to relax, fish a little, and take it easy.



John Wayne McDermott, formerly of Haskell, assumed the position of administrator of the West Coke County Nursing Home September 1.

New administrator named

West Coke County Nursing Home is pleased to announce John Wayne McDermott as their new administrator. Mr. McDermott began his new duties September 1, 1990.

Mr. McDermott comes from Haskell, Texas where he served as Haskell County Treasurer from 1975 through 1979 and also, served as Haskell County Judge from 1979 to 1984. John resigned as County Judge in July of 1984 and became a nursing home administrator. Mr. McDermott has run nursing homes in Haskell, Eastland,

and Bridgeport, Texas. Mr. McDermott's wife, Betty Sue, is now Assistant Vice-President of Haskell National Bank. The McDermotts have two daughters, Betsy Lynn, 12, and Lori Marie, 6.

John McDermott is a Ruling Elder of the First Presbyterian Church in Haskell, and has served as President of the Haskell Chamber of Commerce, President of the Haskell Lions Club, President of Haskell EMS Board, President of the American Heart Association chapter in Haskell.



Hollis Harsch (I), as a representative of the Texas Highway Department district office in San Angelo, presents Robert Reyes a retirement plaque honoring his 33 years of service.

Upcoming

Tax Assistance

Personnel from the Coke County tax office will be at First National Bank in Bronte doing vehicle registration and titles Tuesday, September 11, 9-1 pm.

SW Tournament

Saturday, September 8, a 2 Person, 27 Hole Select Shot Tournament will be held at the Singing Winds Golf Course in Bronte, beginning at 9 am.

This tournament is for Club Members only.

Public Van To SA

Coke County Public Transportation Van from Bronte will go to the San Angelo Convention Center for a meeting of RSVP "Senior Volunteer Program" at 10 am on Friday, September 14.

Reservations must be made - first come, first served. The meal is free to all registered volunteers. If not registered, you must pay.

Call Bronte Senior Center at 473-6471 for reservations or information.

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beacon. The equipment will make night landing more accessible for regular users of the airport and more appealing to others.

"I believe the key to attracting business to West Texas, is

the availability of transportation. Continuing to upgrade the Robert Lee Airport is of benefit to the entire area." Rep. Robert Junell said. "I commend Coke County for its commitment."

OBITUARIES

Montgomery

Troy Montgomery, 65, of Robert Lee died Tuesday in West Coke County Nursing Home after a lengthy illness.

Services were Thursday, September 6, 1990 at 2 pm in the First United Methodist Church of Robert Lee under direction of Shaffer Funeral home of Robert Lee. Burial followed in the Robert Lee Cemetery.

Mr. Montgomery was born November 12, 1924, near Miles, Texas. He was a graduate of Lake View High School and had served in the U. S. Army Engineer Battalion during WWII including 33 months in the South Pacific. He married Norma Wojtek on August 10, 1947, in San Angelo. He had lived in Lubbock for 25 years where he owned the Surplus Center until he retired to pursue ranching interests in Robert Lee in 1980. Mr. Montgomery was an active member of the First United Methodist Church of Robert Lee.

Survivors include his wife, Norma, of Robert Lee, a daughter and son-in-law, Linda and Greg Williams, of Lubbock; a son and daughter-in-law, Troy Eugene and Shirley Montgomery, of Robert Lee; two sisters, Wanda Helweg of San Angelo, and Vada Adams of Lubbock; three brothers, David Montgomery of Wisner, Louisiana, Howard Montgomery of Atlanta, Georgia, and Eldon Montgomery of Fallon, Nevada; and four grandchildren, Shelly and Matthew Williams of Lubbock, Whitney and Zebe Montgomery of Robert Lee.

Pallbearers were David Key,

Joe David Key, Walter Tinkler, Robert Reese, Franklin Dunn, Bill Blair, Jim Skinner, and Hadley Richards.

Billingsley

Merle Ash Billingsley, age 66, of Bronte died August 29, 1990, at her residence following a short illness.

Service was held at 11 am Friday, August 31, at the First Baptist Church in Bronte officiated by the Rev. R. W. Blackmon and assisted by Ed Cumbie. Shaffer Funeral Home directed the arrangements. Burial followed in Fairview Cemetery in Bronte.

Mrs. Billingsley was born November 7, 1923, to R. R. and Nancy Ash in Abilene. She was raised and attended school in Bronte and also graduated from Hardin-Simmons University in 1943.

She and W. C. "Skinnie" Billingsley were married April 7, 1946, at her parents' home in Bronte. Spending most of their married life in the Abilene area, they were involved in the farming and ranching businesses. The Billingsleys retired and returned to Bronte in 1974.

Mrs. Billingsley was a member of the First Baptist Church of Bronte.

Survivors include her husband, W. C. "Skinnie" Billingsley of Bronte; one son and daughter-in-law, Larry and Rita Billingsley, of Boerne; one daughter and son-in-law, Pat and Robert Wickson of

Odessa; one sister, Gladys Mae Sims of San Angelo; and three grandchildren, Rebecca, Reagan and Lori Billingsley, all of Boerne.

Pallbearers for the services included Marty Boyd, Tim Sims, Jim Cook, Joe Ash, Leslie Rolls, Dennis Poe, and Wendell Howard.

The family requests that memorials be sent to the West Texas Rehabilitation Center or East Coke County Emergency Ambulance Service.

Mullis

Mrs. Perry (Velma) Mullis, 81, of Robert Lee died Saturday in West Coke County Nursing Home.

Graveside service was conducted at 2 pm Monday, September 3, in Trickham Cemetery in Coleman County, directed by Shaffer Funeral Home.

She was born April 9, 1909, in Montgomery County. She was married to Perry Martin Mullis September 16, 1929 in Winchell, Texas. The couple resided in Brown County for many years where Mr. Mullis farmed and was an oil field pumper. They moved to Coke County in 1965.

Mrs. Mullis was a housewife and a member of the Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband in September, 1975. Her survivors include three sons, Perry Mullis of Abilene, Charles Mullis of Snyder and Jimmy Mullis of Odessa; one daughter, Evelyn Flanagan of Robert Lee; two brothers, Wayne Guthrie of Houston and Homer Guthrie of Early; ten grandchildren and their spouses, Margaret and Richard Lehr, Randy and Ann Flanagan, Jimmy and Kelly Mullis, Jay and Debbie Mullis, Joy and Tommy Miller, all of Odessa, Renea and Wade Maxcey of Iraan, Jana and Rodney Glass of Snyder, Wade and Laura Mullis of Grapevine, Dale Mullis of Lubbock, and Alicia and Kenny Evans of Abilene, 10 great-grandchildren, and one sister-in-law, Coleta Fenley of Robert Lee.

The family has requested that memorials be given to the West Coke County EMS.

Cravey

Maudie Cavness Cravey passed away August 23, 1990 at her home. Services were held in Mason, Texas August 27, 1990.

Obituaries

She was born in Mason County March 15, 1907, and had lived there most of her life. She was a homemaker and a member of First Baptist Church. Mrs. Cravey had taught Sunday School in various churches for almost 40 years.

She was married to John Cravey on June 1, 1921. He and one grandson preceded her in death.

She is survived by a daughter, Alpha Smith, of Robert Lee; two sons, Hermon Cravey of Hobbs, New Mexico and Thermon Cravey of Pecos; three brothers, Ervin Cavness of Kingsland, Sam and Arthur Cavness of Marathon; three sisters, Lela Gamel and Ruth Wilson, both of Mason, and Polly Givens, Newberry, California; eight grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and 4 great-great-grandchildren. She leaves behind a host of friends and relatives.

Chandler

C. P. Chandler, 68, of Garden City, died Sunday at a

Lubbock hospital.

Service was conducted at 10 am Tuesday at Nalley-Pickle and Welch Rosewood Chapel in Big Spring. Graveside service was at 4 pm Wednesday, September 5, in Cana Cemetery in Canton.

Chandler was born in Van Zandt County. He moved to the Big Spring area in 1961 from Tulia. He had farmed in the Garden City community and was a member of Garden City Church of Christ.

Survivors include his wife, Nora Evans Chandler of Garden City; one daughter, Glenda Glover of Dallas; two sons, Riley Chandler of Andrews and Tony Chandler of Palm Bay, Florida; two brothers, Charles Chandler of Garden City and Dellis Chandler of Robert Lee; three sisters, Jewel Busby of Floydada, Reba Waters of Dumas and Guada Lightfoot of Kaufman; 14 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Boys Ranch auction dates

Plans are underway for the West Texas Boys Ranch 30th Anniversary Roundup Auction. The dates are set to sell sheep and goats, Tuesday, September 18 and cattle September 20, at Producers Livestock Auction where the first Roundup sale was held in 1960. Sale time will be 11 am each day in conjunction with the regular sale.

As we celebrate a 30 year tradition of ranchers helping raise good Texas boys, we need your assistance in securing livestock donations in Coke County. Not everyone can afford to donate one of their best animals for the sale. That's okay, any old, dry, crippled or cancer-eyed animal is acceptable. Some folks may want to donate a percentage of an animal to the cause. We'll take whatever anyone is

willing to give.

The goal is to raise an average of \$5,000 per county. At today's market prices, that's only about 10 head of cattle.

If you are unable to give an animal, perhaps you would like to volunteer to handle the transportation to Producers.

To donate an animal or cash, arrange for transportation of or just needing more information, contact Wagon Boss: Waldon Millican at 453-2387 in Robert Lee.

Personal

Bill Tom Roach remains in a Lubbock hospital this week where he is beginning a 2-month rehabilitation therapy program. Roach was critically injured early in August in a car-truck accident in San Angelo. His family reports he is making steady progress.

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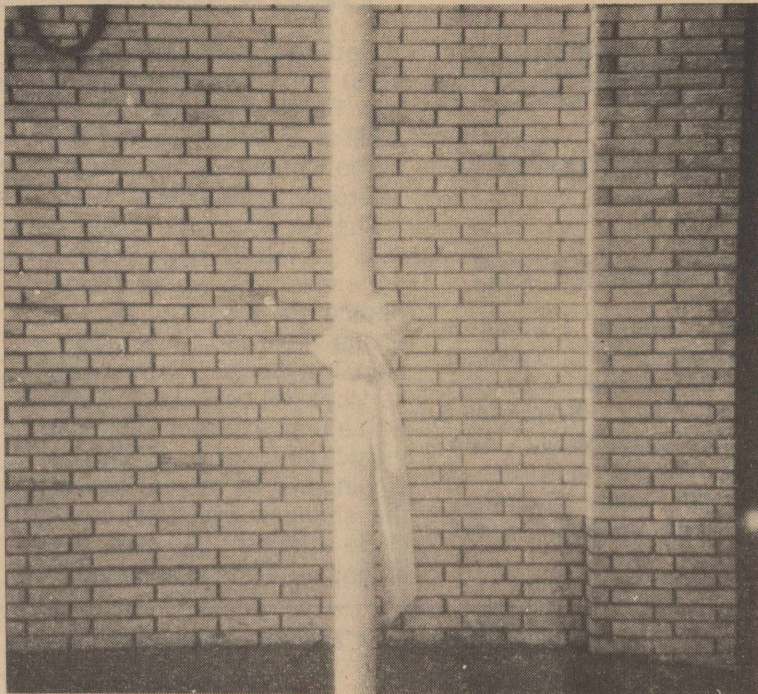
Letter to the editor

Dear Sir:
I have just received from the authors my copy of Coke County Cemeteries, Epitaphs, and Dates that I ordered. What a task these two ladies accomplished!

They have gathered and recorded information that is priceless to a student of Coke County history, and also priceless to those who gaze through the book and see names that make one recall memories of yesteryears. Tonight, as I read the names, I would see a name, and a tiny "memory jogger" would go to work and an incident from the past would cross my mind. I know for years to come, additional memories will join these.

Thank you Wanda Smith and Bonita Copeland for such a memory book, helping us recall those that have touched our lives.

Sincerely,
Hervey Latham



Yellow ribbons are seen around Bronte waving from trees and poles as residents and businesses are showing support of the U. S. Service men and women involved in the Middle East military deployment.

Drive safely. Don't wreck your life.

State Department of Highways and Public Transportation

Letter to the editor

Dear Editor:
This is "The Good Samaritan Story Retold." Some of you may remember a few evenings ago of passing an old red and white pickup on the side of the highway between Bronte and Robert Lee. The truck was driven by a lady, who with her three children, was traveling to south Texas. She had ruined a tire with no spare to replace it, and at a time when local businesses had closed for the day. There were no jack or tools with which to change the tire, if she had a spare.

It took several trips to both Bronte and Robert Lee to find the right size tire, wheel, and tools, but after almost two hours of hustling by some concerned citizens, the lady was on her way again!

Bob Wrinkle of Ace Hardware in Robert Lee donated a tire and his labor; Raymond Smith with the Texaco Station in Bronte provided a spare tire and wheel; Doug Snead of Bronte loaned his heavy duty lug wrench and Stover Taylor of Bronte drove back and forth from town to get what was needed.

These men and their efforts are just a few examples of what Coke County is all about. Our county may not be the largest in land mass, but when it comes to concern and willingness to help, I'll bet it is about the biggest anywhere in the state.

Kenneth Green

Personal

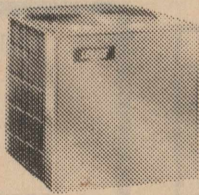
Leona "Grandma" Cupp of Robert Lee is a patient in St. John's Hospital in San Angelo this week following hip surgery last Friday. She entered the hospital on Thursday. Her husband, O. D. Cupp, who just celebrated his 95th birthday, is being cared for by his nephew, Wayne Cupp, a policeman from Weatherford, his daughters, Shirley Anderson, of Paint Rock and Neta Schnabel of Robert Lee.

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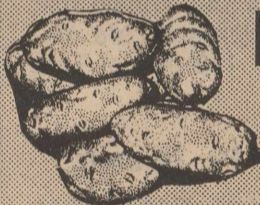
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BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS

Bronte elementary teachers announced

School was off to a good start last Monday, August 27, with 157 students enrolled in grades kindergarten thru sixth. This year the kindergarten and fourth grade classes have been split.

Elementary teachers for this year are as follows: Carol White and Renee Peel -

kindergarten, Jody Johnson - first, Lisa Dyess - second, Donna Poehls - third, Mary (Sug) Lawhon and Marty Blair - fourth, Pat Lee - fifth, Delma Ensor - sixth, Wanda Brewer - Gifted & Talented, Terri Rawls - Remedial Reading, Merle

Kelso - Special Education, Brenda Hines - Write To Read, Charlotte Tounget - Librarian, Margie Butler - Special Ed Aide, Stephanie White - Special Ed Aide, Kevin Burns - P. E., Shelley Corley - Secretary, and Robert Sanford - Principal.

LOOK WHO'S NEW! Russell J. Collett

Victor "Pete" and Pat Collett of San Angelo are proud to announce the birth of their fourth grandchild. Russell Jacob Collett arrived in Angelo Community Hospital at 4:33 am on September 3. He weighed 6 lb., 3 oz. and measured 18 inches long. His pleased parents are Ernest and Mar-Gay Collett of San Angelo. He has a brother, Victor Calob, who is 8 years old. Other new relatives include another grandmother, Jean Bradley of San Angelo, a grandfather, Bill Bradley, also of San Angelo. His great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Self of Midland and Mrs. Lydia Baird of San Angelo.

Casey M. Harris

Mike and Debrah Harris are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Casey Machelie.

Casey was born Wednesday, August 29, in Community Hospital. She tipped the scales at 7 lbs., 15 oz.

Miss Harris has one brother, Coty. Grandparent is Ola Sue Manning of San Angelo and great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. R. I. Brown of Tenyson.

Chris H. Brown

Christopher Haden was born Thursday, August 16, in the Midland Hospital. He weighed 7 lbs., 11 oz. and is the son of Cindy Lea Brown.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Russell Brown of Iowa. Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. R. I. Brown of Tenyson.

Reunion honors Robert Reyes

Robert Reyes of Bronte, Texas retired from the Texas Highway Department on August 31, 1990 after 33 years of service. In honor of his retirement, the family hosted a reunion of sorts with about eighty relatives, friends and co-workers attending. Robert was appreciative for the gifts and for family and friends coming over and making it a very enjoyable day.

Dedication services set

Dedication services have been set for dedicating the new Fellowship Hall and the addition of educational space at the Central Baptist Church in Bronte September 9, 1990.

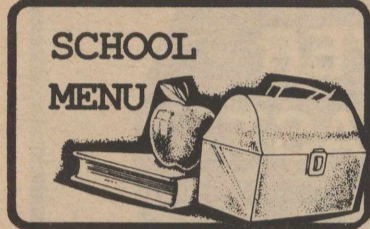
The services will begin at 9:45 am with Sunday School, 11 am for the worship and dedicatory message by the pastor, followed by a fellowship luncheon. Afternoon services will begin at 1:15 pm with a praise service. Special music and congregational singing will fill out the rest of the services which will conclude at about 2:30 pm. Everyone is invited to join them.

The new facilities, with a few exceptions, were built by the membership and all funds were provided as we proceeded so that they were built debt free.

The Sunday Night Service will be dismissed.



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- SCHOOL MENU**
- BREAKFAST**
- Monday, Sept. 10**
Cereal
Grape Juice
Biscuits, Butter, Jelly
Milk
- Tuesday, Sept. 11**
Rice
Pineapple Bits
Biscuits, Butter, Jelly
Milk
- Wednesday, Sept. 12**
Breakfast Pizza
Pears
Bun
Milk
- Thursday, Sept. 13**
Waffles
Fruit Cup
Syrup, Butter
Milk
- Friday, Sept. 14**
Oatmeal
Applesauce
Cinnamon Toast
Milk
- LUNCH**
- Monday, Sept. 10**
Chicken Patties
New Potatoes w/White Sauce
English Peas
Hot Rolls
Milk
Chocolate Pudding
- Tuesday, Sept. 11**
Lasagna
Buttered Corn
Carrots
Tossed Salad
Hot Rolls
Milk
- Wednesday, Sept. 12**
Fish
Macaroni & Cheese
Blackeyed Peas
Fruit Cup
Hot Rolls
Milk
- Thursday, Sept. 13**
Tacos
Pinto Beans
Lettuce & Tomato Salad
Hot Rolls
Milk
Toppings: Cheese, Chopped Onions, Jalapeno Peppers, Ripe Olives, Picante Sauce
- Friday, Sept. 14**
Hogie Sandwich
French Fries
Lettuce & Tomato Salad
Milk
Slush

BRONTE HIGH SCHOOL 1990 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
August 24	Menard-Scrimmage	Menard	6:00
August 31	Wall-Scrimmage	TBA	TBA
September 7	Jim Ned	Here	8:00
September 14	Miles	There	8:00
September 21	Water Valley	There	8:00
September 28	Irion County	Here	8:00
*October 5	Sterling City	There	7:30
**October 12	Roscoe	Here	7:30
*October 19	Garden City	There	7:30
October 26	Open		
*November 2	Rotan	Here	7:30
*November 9	Robert Lee	There	7:30
*November 16	Roby	Here	7:30
*District Games			
**Homecoming			

BRONTE JUNIOR HIGH			
September 20	Water Valley	Here	6:00
September 27	Irion County	There	6:00
October 4	Sterling City	Here	6:00
October 11	Roscoe	There	6:00
October 18	Garden City	Here	6:00
October 25	Open		
November 1	Rotan	There	6:00
November 8	Robert Lee	Here	6:00
November 15	Roby	There	6:00

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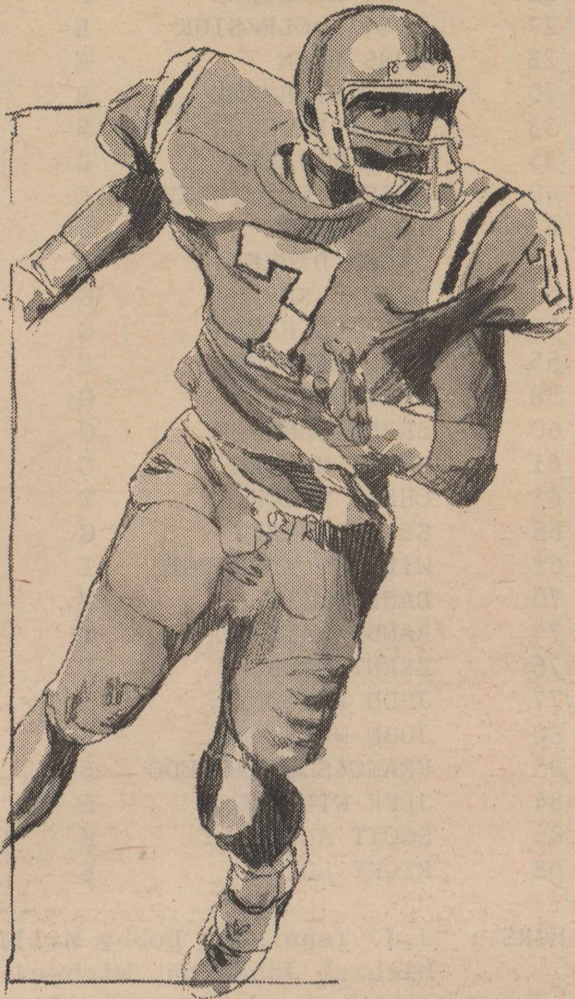
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**BRONTE HIGH SCHOOL
1990 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE**

Sept. 7	Jim Ned	H	8:00
Sept. 14	Miles	T	8:00
Sept. 21	Water Valley	T	8:00
Sept. 28	Irion County	H	8:00
Oct. 5	*Sterling City	T	7:30
Oct. 12	**Roscoe	H	7:30
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Oct. 26	Open		
Nov. 2	*Rotan	H	7:30
Nov. 9	*Robert Lee	T	7:30
Nov. 16	*Roby	H	7:30

*District

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& Cynthia Turner

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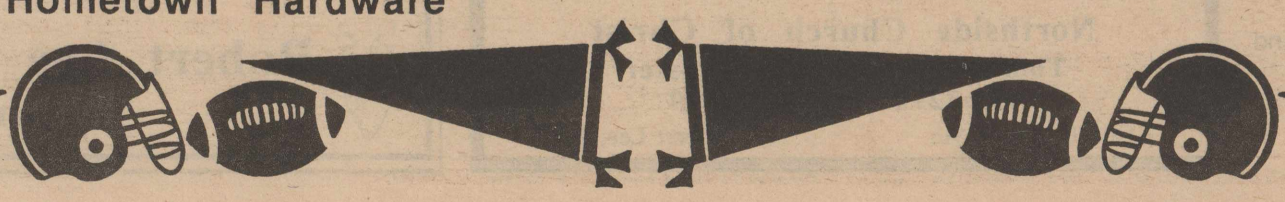
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ROBERT LEE SCHOOL NEWS

Steers to host Miles in season opener

Anyone who loves football considers summer officially over when the regular season begins so even though the next several Friday nights will probably be shirt sleeve weather - it's over! The Steers will play host for the opening game when the Miles Bulldogs take the field at Griffith Stadium Friday night, September 7, at 8 pm.

The Steers got in two good pre-season scrimmages - August 23 with Ft. Davis and August 30 against Irion County. However, those first aggressive contacts may have proven quite costly to the local club. Ron McCown, senior starting quarterback, is still nursing a gimpy knee and will not suit up Friday against Miles, and may miss 2 weeks. Jody Tavarez, senior offensive tight end and defensive linebacker sustained a dislocated elbow and will likely miss two regular season tilts.

Robert Lee has fielded the largest number of players out for football in several years at 32. If the team suffers no more injuries or drop-outs, at least two JV games are scheduled to be played along with Dogie games. These are on a hold week-to-week as the situations develop.

Coach Ed Poehls said Tuesday evening that players are working hard to overcome injuries, learning to play new positions, and just trying to get in rhythm. The freshmen are some of the biggest kids on the team; they're learning

fast and he hopes to really get some mileage out of them, he noted.

Asked about the upcoming game with Miles, Coach Poehls stated that the Bulldogs will be playing with their smallest number in some time, having lost a lot of lettermen. They have too few to play a JV

schedule, he said, but they will field some young, quality kids on Friday night.

Poehls will be assisted this season by coaches Bobby Bolding, receivers and ends; Lane Jackson, halfbacks and linebackers; Sid McCown, offensive and defensive lines; and John Trice who will have scouting responsibilities.

Officers, favorites noted

Class sponsors, officers, and favorites have been chosen for the 1990-91 school year at Robert Lee High School. These individuals include the following.

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Secretary - Christie Payne
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Sponsors

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President - John Fluhmann
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Secretary - Lori Wink
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Favorites

Lori Wink
Will Renfroe

9TH GRADE

Sponsors

Sid McCown

Officers

President - Elaine Gibbs
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Secretary - Rachel Pentecost
Treasurer - Sheila Minjarez

Favorites

Elaine Gibbs

John Williams
8TH GRADE

Sponsors

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7TH GRADE

Sponsors

Ed Poehls

Officers

President - Jason Key
Vice Pres. - Jeremy Burns
Secretary - Heather Millican
Treasurer - Aaron Hood
Reporter - Patricia Minjarez

Grim assigned to Saudi Arabia

Corporal Greg Grim, formerly of Robert Lee, left the United States for Saudi Arabia as part of the 197th Infantry, U. S. Army. He had just been assigned to Fort Benning, Georgia following the finish of a 3-year stint in Germany. His wife, Leslie, and baby daughter, Ashley, 2, now at Fort Benning, will return to West Texas to stay with her parents in Odessa. Greg, a graduate of RLHS, is the son of Mrs. Kay Taylor and George Grim, both of Robert Lee.

Dogies elect cheerleaders

Junior High Dogie Cheerleaders have been elected for the coming school year at Robert Lee. Tricia Ballew will serve as their sponsor. The cheerleaders are Laura Chesshir, head, Robbye Millican, Christy Hendry, eighth graders and Heather Millican and Krystal Carver, seventh graders.

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NO.	NAME	POS.	WT.	CLASS
10	RON McCOWN	B	165	12
11	LENNY JACKSON	B	150	12
12	DANNY JACKSON	B	130	10
14	JOE BLAIR	B	145	9
24	THAD METCALF	E	125	10
25	SCOT MILLICAN	B	160	9
27	STEVIE OLEKSIUK	E	135	12
28	RUSS HORN	E	135	11
30	JOHN FLUHMAN	B	135	10
33	BLAKE PITCOCK	B	140	10
35	JODY TAVAREZ	B	160	12
40	ROBERT RODRIQUEZ	E	135	12
42	TODD SCOTT	B	140	11
44	JASON DICKEY	B	140	10
50	DEAN BURNS	G	135	9
51	MICHAEL HAYES	G	160	11
55	WILL RENFROE	C	140	10
58	DANT HUGHES	G	150	10
60	BRENT JAMESON	G	125	10
61	BRENT McPEEK	C	155	12
65	CHRIS MARQUEZ	T	165	11
66	SEAN BARRETT	G	130	9
68	WILLIAM ALDRIDGE	T	135	10
70	DANE SMITH	T	170	10
74	RANDY WATKINS	T	180	12
76	BRENT GIBBS	T	145	12
77	JUDD PITCOCK	T	190	9
80	JOHN WILLIAMS	E	185	9
83	FRANCISCO SAUCEDO	E	160	12
84	JEFF WILKES	E	155	12
86	SCOTT ANTILLEY	E	120	11
88	RICKY LOTT	E	110	9

MGRS.: J.J. Tennison, Bobby Millican, Michael Johnston, Michael Woolley

Mt. Creek winners listed

Forty-four golfers entered the Mt. Creek ABC tournament last Saturday which was sponsored by Adams Realty and Shaffer Monument.

Winners of the event were Bill Rowoldt, Jackie Walker, Terry Wojtek, and Allan Rowoldt with a 62 count. Wojtek celebrated his birthday on the day by hitting a hole in one. The ace came on the

#10 hole. Taking second with 63 were Ronnie Devoll, Casey Devoll, Bubba Duncan, and Rama Jones. Third went to Mary Morrow, Robert Mathers, Mona Mathers, and George Rodriguez, also with a 63.

Next scheduled tourney will be a 2-person, 27 hole select shot event on September 15 with a 9 am tee-off.



LUNCH

Monday, Sept. 10

Pigs in the Blanket w/mustard
Tator Tots w/catsup
Baked Beans
Applesauce
Milk

Tuesday, Sept. 11

Fish Krispies w/Tartar Sauce
Macaroni & Cheese
English Peas
Carrots
Sliced Peaches
Hot Rolls - Butter
Milk

Wednesday, Sept. 12

Beef Tacos w/cheese
Lettuce and Tomato Salad
Chopped Onion
Ranch Style Beans
Peach Cobbler
Milk

Thursday, Sept. 13

Salisbury Steak w/brown
gravy
Cream Potatoes
Green Beans
Hot Rolls - Butter
Orange
Milk

Friday, Sept. 14

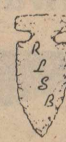
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1990 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE**

Sept. 7	Miles	H	8:00
Sept. 14	Water Valley	T	8:00
Sept. 21	Santa Anna	H	8:00
Sept. 28	Open		
Oct. 5	Menard	H	7:30
Oct. 12	**Roby	H	7:30
Oct. 19	*Sterling City	T	7:30
Oct. 26	*Roscoe	H	7:30
Nov. 2	*Garden City	T	7:30
Nov. 9	*Bronte	H	7:30
Nov. 16	*Rotan	T	7:30

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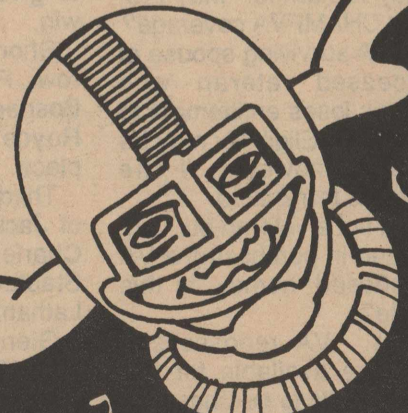
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Stenholm FUNDay slated for Saturday

Local friends of Congressman Charles Stenholm have the picnic grounds ready at Ericksdahl for the 12th Annual FUNDay, Saturday, September 8, 1990, beginning at 4:30 pm. Charlie and Cindy Stenholm look forward to returning each year to this community which has been home for three generations of Stenholms. You are invited to join friends from far and wide for an old-fashioned political picnic.

Each year, colleagues of Charlie are invited from Washington. This year guests will be Sonny Montgomery of Mississippi, Billy Tauzin of Louisiana, Jim Slattery of Kansas, Tim Valentine of North Carolina, and Texas Congressman Pete Geren of

Ft. Worth.

Montgomery has represented the third district of Mississippi since 1966. He is chairman of the Veterans' Affairs Committee. He is a veteran of World War II & Korea. He was largely responsible for passage of the GI Education Bill in 1985.

Pete Geren, a life-long resident of Fort Worth, fills the seat formerly held by Jim Wright. A Georgia Tech football player, attorney, and former aide to Senator Lloyd Bentsen, Congressman Geren also serves on the Veterans' Affairs Committee.

Billy Tauzin, with extensive oil and gas in his Louisiana district, serves on the Energy & Commerce Committee which has jurisdiction over

these natural resources.

Jim Slattery, also on Energy & Commerce, is from the farmlands west of Kansas City. With deep concern about the national deficit, he secured a seat on the Budget Committee and is a leader in guiding fiscal policy.

Tim Valentine from North Carolina is on the Public Works & Transportation Committee which includes oversight over science and space research.

More details may be obtained from the campaign office in Stamford, 915-773-5521.

Sales tax office opening

State Comptroller Bob Bullock said that taxpayers are now getting more personal service in San Angelo. On September 4, the agency opened an office in the Office Park Plaza at 3127 Executive Drive.

"We're glad to be able to offer face-to-face service to folks who don't get to Austin very often," Bullock said.

The office serves an estimated 12,700 taxpayers in Coke, Concho, Crockett, Edwards, Tom Green, Irion, Mason, Menard, Reagan, Schleicher, Sterling and Sutton counties.

Area residents are now able

to talk with tax experts, file a variety of state returns, and pick up pamphlets, brochures, and tax forms at the office.

The five-member staff includes four enforcement officers and an administrative technician.

The office is open from 8 am to 5 pm weekdays, under the administration of the Comptroller's field office in Odessa. The office telephone number is 915-942-8364.

Taxpayers also may call the Comptroller's toll-free tax assistance hotline at 1-800-252-5555.

Smith reunion attended

The descendants of E. W. and Nellie Bond Smith met for a reunion on August 11, 1990, at the home of Cecil L. and Verla Smith of Blackwell, Texas. Forty-five guests from many places in Texas and as far away as Bagdad, Arizona were registered.

Mrs. Spurgeon (Thelma) Smith was the oldest attending. Sean McWhorter from Houston and Jared McWhorter from San Angelo were the youngest.

The hosts cooked hamburgers outside on grills and furnished all the "fixings" for hamburgers. Guests brought pot luck dinner to go with the burgers and various desserts. Iced tea, coffee and gallons of soda pop rounded out a delicious meal that was thoroughly enjoyed by the crowd.

Everyone enjoyed the memories of the past and many pictures were taken to pass along to the future generations. A beautiful painting by George Kovach of the old country farmhouse three miles west of Blackwell was

displayed. Children of E. W. and Nellie grew up on this farm. They were Emma Pratt, Anna Lee McWhorter, Mamie Kellis, Edgar, Spurgeon, and Cecil Smith and Lucile Raney.

Guests were: Robert and Brenda Holmes, Matthew and Jennifer from Midland, Texas; Bert and Della Kellis and Jesse from Bagdad, Arizona; Mrs. Cecil (Esther) Smith from Blackwell; Duane Swofford and Jason, Randy and Andrew from Lubbock; John Stom from Lubbock; Nell Hanson from Abilene; Mike and Liz Hanson from Carrollton; Bill and Kathy LaGrange from Mansfield; John and Barbara Berry, James and Justin from Abilene; Charlie and Jimmie Sanders from San Angelo; Dan and Pat Key, Shannon, Sara and Doug from San Angelo; Jack and Gail McWhorter, Jason and Jared from San Angelo; Brian and Becky Green and Michael from Katy; Ron McWhorter, Kelly and Sean from Spring; Foncyne McWhorter from Houston; Jane McWhorter from San Angelo; Thelma Smith from Sweetwater; and Clarence and Edith Smith from Sweetwater.

VA Questions

Q. My mother receives a VA widow's pension and has recently lost her sight. Can the VA offer any additional assistance?

A. Widows who qualify for death pension may be granted a special allowance if they are helpless, blind or in a nursing home, or so nearly helpless as to require the regular aid and attendance of another person.

Q. As the widow of a veteran I was covered under the Civilian Health and Medical Program of the VA (CHAMPVA). I recently remarried. May I retain my CHAMPVA coverage?

A. No. A surviving spouse of a deceased veteran who remarries loses entitlement to CHAMPVA. Eligibility may be reinstated, however, if the marriage is terminated.

Q. I am not a veteran but I am interested in purchasing a VA repossessed home. Is this possible?

A. Yes. VA repossessed homes are available for the general public to purchase. A listing of these properties is available at your local VA regional office.

Lockett, Lee are SW golf sponsors

Billy Joe Lockett and Royce Lee were sponsors for the September 3, 18 Hole, ABC Tournament at the Singing Winds Golf Course with 49 players entered.

Sue Caudle, Don Hadge, Mike Gassiot, Ed Martindale, and Lottie Cummings shot a 62, which was good enough to give them the first place win.

Shooting a 62, Mary Morrow, Favin Minjarez, Jerry Bosheer, Marvin Landers, and Royce Clark took second place.

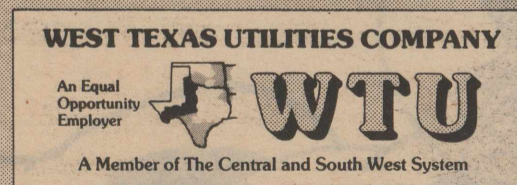
Third place went to the team of Jackie Corley, Art Olsen, Charles Sonnenberg, Wade Stautzenberger, and Hervey Latham.

Glen Jones, Peggy Jackson, Kenny White, Winston Modgling, and Jim Townzen finished the tournament in fourth place after shooting a 64.

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CARD OF THANKS

THANKS TO ALL our wonderful friends who were here for us during the death of our Mother and Grandmother, Velma Mullis. The food and visits were overwhelming. Thanks to the West Coke County Nursing Home staff for their loving care during the last several years of Mother's life. A special thanks to my Sorority sisters, customers, neighbors, and dear friends who stayed with us and served food. There are not enough words in my vocabulary to tell you how I feel about you all, but I love you all for being there.

Evelyn Flanagan & Family
05-1tc

I WANT TO thank everyone, including the EMS, who came to my aid when I became ill last Thursday. God bless you!

Elsie Adams
05a-1tc

WE APPRECIATE SO much the prayers, food, visits, cards, flowers, and memorials. At a time like this, good friends mean so much. May God richly bless each one of you.

The Family of
Violet Kirkpatrick
05-1tp

WE WISH TO express our appreciation and gratitude to everyone who took part in helping make our Labor Day Extravaganza 1990 a big success. It was a huge success and we are looking forward to this being a yearly event. Thank you, everyone, for supporting us.

Joann Runnion, Chairman
and West Coke County
Community Development
05-1tc

THANKS TO THE many friends and neighbors for all the help and kindness during my disability before and after surgery. Your care and thoughtfulness is deeply appreciated.

Mabel Williams
05-1tp

Wetlands policy could be harmful

The president of Texas' largest farm organization says the Bush Administration's "no net loss" wetlands policy could bring economic hardship to farmers and ranchers.

S. M. True, a Plainview grain, cotton and cattle producer, and president of the Texas Farm Bureau, explained in a letter to Bush, "Your 'no net loss' wetland policy has the potential to cause tremendous economic harm to the American agricultural industry and rural America."

True expressed concern that the federal Wetlands Task Force has scheduled only six public hearings during the period from August 17 through September 17, a time when many Texas farmers are in the fields. True also complained that the nearest hearing for Texans to attend is in New Orleans on August 27. New Orleans is 230 miles from the Texas-Louisiana border.

Six public hearings are too few, True said, given the latitude government employees have to decide what constitutes a wetland in various parts of the country. Farmers are worried that rigid guidelines will cost them the use of portions of their farms without compensation, he said.

True said, "We respectfully request that a hearing be held in Texas to give our producers a chance to be heard."

Personal

Visiting over the weekend in the home of Maude Collins and Royce Clark were her sister, Mildred Lacey, and Fred and Rose Marie Britt, all of San Antonio, Texas. This was the first time for the two sisters to see each other in 16 years and was a joy for them to be reunited.

Also visiting was Royce's daughter, Janice Brown, of Big Spring.

Personal

The family of Monroe and Mattie McCutchen gathered September 1st and 2nd at the Bronte Community Center for a family reunion. There were 7 children present, along with other members of the family and friends. There were 75 present during the two day gathering. All enjoyed the food, games, visiting, picture-taking, etc. The reunion is an annual affair.

A different brand of cow punchin'

by Pauline Coalson Thyfault
misplaced Rabbit Twister in
Ft. Collins, Colorado

While spending a weekend in and around Red Feather recently, this West Texan was introduced to a different brand of ranching and cow punchin'. In company with my husband, Felix Thyfault, we traveled northwest of Ft. Collins about 45 miles and arrived at this outstanding fishing and hunting resort, some 8,300 feet above sea level.

All along the paved highway, I noted neat ranch houses surrounded by huge green pastures, many irrigated by large ditches filled with water flowing from melted snow on high mountain ranges. Not noticing any cattle grazing on these pretty green grass fields, I learned that because of the annual seasonal cattle drive, the cattle had not yet come down from the hills where they were driven up by cow hands in the early spring, who at times hauled weary young calves or straggling cows because of the rough terrain.

One local person explained to me later that when ranchers arrived with their cattle at Dead Man Mountain, they drove them through a gate where they entered grass lands. There, at this same entrance in early fall, before the opening of deer season, cattle were identified by their owners' brand and driven back home. And there upon

the open range of the Roosevelt National Park, cattle are fattened free of charge throughout the summer months.

After arriving at Red Feather, I purchased a little booklet entitled Red Feather Lakes, the first hundred years. I read that the place was so named after an Indian who visited that area searching for the grave of her Cherokee grandfather, buried in that area. It was also interesting to learn that Princess Tisianina (meaning red feather) studied voice in Denver and became a concert singer in 1924, and that she toured France, entertaining soldiers in World War I.

I noticed that many beautiful lakes (some private and others open to the public) nestled there among the mountains bearing names such as Ramona, Hiawatha, and Apache. Traveling west along courts and drives named Shagwa, Choctaw, etc., I saw at various levels picturesque little houses dotting hillsides surrounding the quaint village.

Having some Osage blood in my own veins, I was already feeling a kindred atmosphere to that area, and since I love to hunt deer, I thought I spied one under a tall pine tree. It turned out, however, that it was a white face cow quietly grazing along.

The next day, a resident informed me that the cow was already coming down from the

tall hills, 8,500 feet above sea level, and was heading for the valleys. This return, I was informed, happens when cold weather sets in, after the grass gets thin, and that these branded cattle seem to know that it is the time of the year to head home for winter grazing on ranches.

I learned, further, that cattle on this range are free to help themselves to private gardens and other plants, unless the owner, irritated by their presence, puts up fences to defend his property.

Also it was news to me that all cattle are free to ramble across roads, and if a motorist hits a cow, he pays the fine, and she goes free, since she has the right of way. This is "the law of the land!"

Upon return, we stopped in at Pot Belly to have a cup of coffee. Here, I asked an old timer if cattle rustling were possible under this open range system. He explained that at times it surely happened and that this year a carcass was found with the hind quarters missing.

I returned to Fort Collins that day having had a wonderful and interesting experience, full of ideas concerning a different brand of ranching on the open range. Come next summer, I know some West Texas ranchers who would relish the idea of trading a ton of dried mesquite beans for some of that green juicy grass on Colorado's open range.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON COKE COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT BUDGET

The Coke County Appraisal District will hold a public hearing on a proposed budget for the 1991 fiscal year.

The public hearing will be held on September 17, 1990 at 8:30 P. M. at the Appraisal District office, 710 Austin St., Robert Lee, Texas.

A summary of the Appraisal District budget follows:

Building	\$ 1,485.00
Furniture & Office Equipment	7,900.00
Office Operational Expense	17,145.00
Mineral & Industrial Appraisals	23,500.00
Appraisal Review Board	1,000.00
Salaries & Benefits	60,650.00

The total amount of the proposed budget is \$111,680.00.

The total amount of increase over the current year's budget is \$1,915.00, which is the first increase since 1985.

The number of employees compensated under the proposed budget will be three.

The number of employees compensated under the current budget is three.

The Appraisal District is supported solely by payments from the local taxing units served by the Appraisal District.

If approved by the Appraisal District Board of Directors at the public hearing, this proposed budget will take effect automatically unless disapproved by the governing bodies of the county, school districts, and cities served by the Appraisal District.

A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection in the office of each of those governing bodies. The proposed budget may also be viewed at the Appraisal District office.

The Family Of

Merle Billingsley would like to express their appreciation to the many friends and neighbors who provided continuing support, food and kindness during Mother's illness and death. We especially would like to thank the ladies of the First Baptist Church for the wonderful food served after the service.

Again, thank you for all the special expressions of kindness, thoughts & sympathy.

Skinnie, Larry & Pat

Grant aids rural health

State Offices of Rural Health took another step towards federal assistance when both the House and Senate passed bills that will expand the National Health Service Corps and set up matching grants in rural area.

In the House, H. R. 4487 was passed by a voice vote. It is designed to attract several hundred health professional to doctor-poor rural areas. Included in the bill was also a provision authored by Congressman Charles Stenholm, (D-TX), that will authorize a federal matching grant program encouraging states to establish and operate Offices of Rural Health in an effort to raise awareness around the country of the need to address rural health issues and to help integrate state, federal and private sector activities.

"Last year, Texas lost 13 rural hospitals out of the 65 that closed across the country," said Stenholm. "These figures are alarming when you discover that not only communities, but entire counties and often clusters of counties are without medical help. Under these Offices of Rural Health, we will have a way to encourage development and sharing of innovative solutions for improving access to quality care in rural communities while also helping states fulfill a need for medical information clearinghouses within their areas."

If fully appropriated, the State Offices of Rural Health program would cost \$10 million over three years. The federal "seed money" requires a match by recipient states who would ultimately be expected to assume full responsibility.

State Offices of Rural Health would provide leadership for rural residents with regard to

Oil patch booming

State Comptroller Bob Bullock said Friday that a boom in horizontal drilling production is bringing new vitality to the state's oil patch.

"Horizontal oil and gas wells are delivering some old-fashioned oil boom prosperity to several Texas counties and pumping hundreds of millions of dollars into the state economy," Bullock said.

"The current conflict in the Middle East has added even greater importance to horizontal drilling as one way to increase our domestic energy production to reduce our reliance on imported oil," Bullock said.

In the August 1990 *Fiscal Notes* publication, the Comptroller reports that the value of horizontal production between the beginning of 1989 and the end of April 1990 was about \$104 million. For every \$1 million in oil and gas produced, Texas gains an estimated 25 new jobs. That translates into about 2,600 new Texas jobs.

"It may not bring back the days of Spindletop, but horizontal drilling holds the promise of boosting Texas oil and gas production for years to come," Bullock said.

rural health, coordinate and cooperate with the efforts of the agriculture extension services now dealing with rural development, research cost effectiveness of quality rural health care delivery, report regularly to the federal Office of Rural Health Policy and meet annually with other Rural Health Offices to share information and coordinate strategies.

While the House and Senate approved similar versions of the State Offices program, major differences in the remainder of the two National Health Service Corps bills must be considered by a conference committee composed of House and Senate Members. A compromise bill is expected to be approved by the House and Senate, and will then be sent to the President for his signature later this fall.

Entries due for poetry contest

Poems are now being accepted for entry in Sparrowgrass Poetry Forum's new "Distinguished Poet Awards" poetry contest. Cash prizes totaling \$1,000 will be awarded, including a \$500 grand prize. The contest is free to enter.

Poets may enter one poem only, 20 lines or less, on any subject, in any style. Contest closes September 30, 1990, but poets are encouraged to send their work as soon as possible, since poems entered in the contest also will be considered for publication in the new edition of *Treasured Poems of America*, a hardcover anthology. Anthology purchase may be required to insure publication, but is not required to be eligible for the prizes. Prize winners will be notified by November 30, 1990.

"If you are a new or emerging poet, we especially want to see your work," says William H. Trent, editor. "We are looking for sincerity and originality in a wide variety of styles and themes."

Poem should be sent to Sparrowgrass Poetry Forum Inc., Dept. J, 203 Diamond St., Sistersville, West Virginia 26175.

ABC winners told at Singing Winds

Last Thursday evening, 19 players entered the 9 Hole ABC Tournament held at the Singing Winds Golf Course in Bronte.

Winning first place was the team of Wade Stautzenberger, Carol Daily, and Donald Bailey with a 31. They were followed by second place winners Mary Morrow, Mickey Pierce, and Kenny White with a 33.

Coming in third with a 34 was Leon McFerrin, Corky Collins, and Mel Kennedy.

The Singing Winds Golf Course has been rated and sloped by the U. S. G. A. If anyone is interested in getting their verified handicap, they will need to contact Richard Hembree.



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