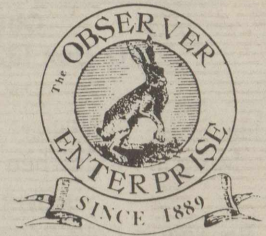


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Blair, Snapp win outright primary election victories

Roy Blair and George Snapp were the outright winners of the locally contested races in the March 12th primary elections. Blair, a retired DPS officer and local businessman, defeated incumbent county judge Jackie Walker by a margin of 498 to 406 votes. In precincts 1 & 3 (Robert Lee precincts), Walker held her own, receiving 21 more votes than the challenger. However, the Bronte votes in precincts 2 & 4 made the difference, with Blair receiving 107 more votes than did Walker in these two precincts. George Brickley received 85 votes in the judge's race, not enough to force a runoff between the top two vote-getters.

George Snapp, a retired businessman at Bronte, defeated incumbent county commissioner David Rawlings 151 to 74 votes, with William J. Thomas receiving 21 votes in the precinct 4 election.

Incumbent peace justices Joan Davis and Jack Moore were returned to office by voters, as well as county/district clerk Mary Grim, county treasurer Phelan Wrinkle, county commissioner precinct 2 Bill Wheat, and county Democratic chair Patti Ivey. Tax assessor/collector Gayle Sisemore, unopposed, garnered 812 votes her first time on the ballot after having been appointed to fulfill Kristy Roe's unexpired term.

In the district races, county voters agreed with the rest of district 72 in voting for Jeri Slone over Betsy Johnson, 353 to 237. Tony Sanchez won a narrow victory in Coke County over Dan Morales for the Democratic nomination for governor, 320 to 315 votes. Charles Stenholm was unopposed in his bid for re-election as U.S. Representative for this district. He will face Republican Rob Beckham in November's general election.

Coke County had a total of 78 Republicans "come out of the closet" to vote, according to county Republican leaders. County Republicans agreed with others in district 72 in nominating Scott Campbell to replace Rob Junell as state representative. Campbell received 39 votes locally to opponent Drew Darby's 24 votes. At presstime,

Campbell was believed to have enough votes to avoid a runoff with Darby.

County Republicans also agreed with others across the state in nominating John Cornyn for the U.S. Senate seat left vacant due to the retirement of Phil Gramm. Cornyn received 44 votes, with the next highest vote-getter receiving 7 votes from county Republicans. Kathy Pentecost was also returned to office as county Republican chair.

County voter turnout was, by current standards, extremely good, with a total of 1075 votes being cast. Coke County has approximately 2,500 registered voters, yielding a 43 percent voter turnout for this primary.

For a complete breakdown of county Democratic results by precinct, please refer to the accompanying table of election results in this issue.

Coke County 4-H'er has Grand Champion Barrow at San Angelo

For the ninth straight year, Coke County 4-H members placed livestock at every major stock show in Texas with a major win at the recently completed San Angelo Stock Show. Katie Bessent exhibited the Champion Hampshire barrow that went on to win the coveted Grand Champion Barrow of the 2002 show. Katie also placed her heavyweight Duroc 3rd. Kayla Medrano placed her heavyweight Spot barrow 8th, Clay Antilley placed his heavyweight Hereford steer 7th, Cody Denton and Sarah Phillely placed their meat goats 15th and 22nd.

A week earlier, at the Houston Stock Show, Cody Bridges placed his lightweight Finewool lamb 9th, Morgan Hill placed her lightweight Duroc 17th and Katie Bessent placed her lightweight Cross barrow 24th. In the Market goat show, Cody McCabe placed 15th and Jake McCabe placed 28th.

During the San Antonio Stock Show, Allison Millican placed her lightweight Cross lamb 1st, Kyla Millican placed her lightweight Cross lamb 8th, and Ashlee Millican placed her medium weight



Katie Bessent and her Champion Hampshire took Grand Champion Barrow honors at the 2002 San Angelo Stock Show. Katie, a 7th grader, is the daughter of Randy and Cindy Bessent of Robert Lee.

Cross lamb 7th. In the steer show, Julie Riley placed her lightweight Simmental 6th and in the barrow show, Katie Bessent placed her York barrow 7th.

All of the Coke County 4-H members who exhibited livestock at this year's shows should be commended for a job well done as they represented our county very well.

Local 4-H members also won at the San Angelo Stock Show and Rodeo Creative Arts Department. Kacey Roberts won 1st place in the youth Cake division with her Un-iced Pear Cake. Briley Bannert won 2nd place in the youth Bread division with Yeast Homemade Biscuits, Brit-ni Bannert won 2nd place in the youth Kids Cooking division with Stuffed Jalapeno Peppers and Emilee Yanez won 1st place youth Clothing division with sports wear. Coke County 4-H is very proud of these 4-H members that took part in the San Angelo Stock Show.

Roping Club meeting scheduled

The Coke County Roping Club will have their 2002 organizational meeting Sunday, March 17, at the arena in Bronte at 2 pm. Cattle are already at the arena, so just bring your horse and rope and your checkbook to pay this year's dues. For more information, call Hal Spain at 453-2433 or 453-4635.

Bronte Health and Rehab schedules blood drive

United Blood Services of San Angelo will be in Bronte for a scheduled blood drive at the Bronte Health and Rehab Friday, March 22nd from 2:00 until 6:00 pm. Please call Mary Beth Drennan at 473-3621 for an appointment.

CC retired teachers to meet

The Coke County Retired Teachers Association will meet Monday, March 18, 2002. The noon luncheon meeting will be held at the First Baptist Church in Bronte.

Bronte city leaders discuss pool project

Fran Crumpler met with the Bronte City Council at the regularly scheduled council meeting on Thursday, March 7th. Crumpler explained her concern about the condition of the local swimming pool and asked for ideas from council members. She told council members that the tile was falling off the sides of the pool, the drains are stopped up, the roof on the concessions stand is in poor condition and the pumps and filters are 47 years old.

The city council was very receptive to Crumpler's concerns about the pool and encouraged her to continue with a project to solicit a grant from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission. The pool is ac-

tually the property of Coke County, but council members are willing to work with the community on a plan for renovation.

Water meeting set for Bronte

Bronte citizens are invited to a community meeting on Thursday, March 14, 7:00 pm at the Bronte ISD Cafeteria. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss with the public the possibility of applying for grant funds to obtain an additional water source for the city.

Funds are available through the STEP Program which provide assistance to small towns in solving their water and sewer problems. One of the most publicized of these projects involved the city of Throckmorton and their grant for a water transmission line to another water supply, when their small lake could no longer supply enough water for the community.

The public is urged to attend this meeting. For additional information, please contact the city office at 473-3501.

Bronte Project Graduation meeting slated

Bronte Project Graduation will have a meeting Monday, March 18, at 6:30 pm at the Senior Citizens Building in Bronte. All parents of this year's seniors are encouraged to attend.

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Obituaries

Summers

Sara LaVerne Summers passed away March 6, 2002 at the Robert Lee Care Center. She was born August 19, 1923 in Bronte to James Frank and Vela King Davis. She married Aaron Summers October 1940. He preceded her in death in 1977.

She is survived by a daughter, Adrienne Fortune of College Station; step-daughter, Jessie P. Royse of Medford, OR; 2 granddaughters, Marcia Hester and Melanie Neal of Joshua, TX; 3 grandsons, Marty Baker of San Angelo, Scott Summers, Denver, CO, and Shawn Summers of Rancho Cucomonga, CA; and 8 great grandchildren. Sisters, Eugenia Smith, Carlsbad, NM, Trudi Green, Sun Lakes, AZ, Bessie Brice, Robert Lee; 2 brothers, Derwood (Bud) Davis, Corbett, OR, and Sam Plumlee, Carlsbad, NM.

She was preceded in death by mother Vela Plumlee; daughter, Barbara Baker; and son A.J. Summers; sister, Ganiece Joyner and brother Frank Davis.

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Smith

Flora E. Smith was born June 10, 1912, to Lem and Lillie Cowley, at Robert Lee, Texas and died March 11, 2002 at her home in Bronte. She was a dedicated Christian, longtime member of First Baptist Church in Bronte and was positive she had the smartest and most beautiful grandchildren and great grandchildren in the country. She was married to Otis Smith January 4, 1930 and had been in failing health since his death in 1999. They had lived in Bronte throughout their 69 year marriage. She was looking forward to attending the wedding of her great granddaughter March 23 and a 90th birthday party being planned for June.

Funeral services were held at 10:00 am Thursday, March 14 at First Baptist Church in Bronte followed by interment in Fairview Cemetery. Her family received friends at Shaffer Funeral Home Wednesday from 4 to 6 pm.

Mrs. Smith was a long-time member of the Diversity Club. She also held the position of Sunday School Secretary for

approximately 45 years at First Baptist Church in Bronte.

She is survived by her daughter and husband, Jean and E.S. (Snooky) Herring of Maryneal; three grandchildren and their spouses, Donna and Mike Gosney of Muscle Shoals, Alabama, Randy and Jan Sheppard of Del Rio and Rick and Cindy Sheppard of Uvalde. Also surviving are eight great grandchildren, Kimberlee and Matt Gosney of Auburn, Alabama, Dr. Alyssa Gosney and her fiancée, Danny Rieber of Houston, Jodi Sheppard of Lubbock, Jamie Sheppard and Nash Sheppard of San Angelo, Zachary Sheppard of Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colorado and Martin Keller of Stonewall. She also leaves three sisters, Cova Sparks and Dale Fields of Robert Lee and Clema Rampy and husband, Pete of Grape Creek, one sister-in-law, Mozelle Smith of Bronte and several nieces and nephews.

Services were under direction of Shaffer Funeral Home in Bronte. Grandsons and great grandsons served as pall bearers.

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Treadaway

Gabriel Timothy Treadaway, infant son of Jayson and Lindsay Treadaway, born March 9, 2002.

Survivors include his parents, Jayson and Lindsay Treadaway of Robert Lee; his brother, Payte of Robert Lee; paternal grandparents, Stephen and Rhonda Tread-

away; Linda Farrington of Bronte; maternal grandparents Pat Trojcek and Vickie Vogler; paternal great grandparents, Stanley and Ruth Treadaway of Miles, Floyd and Shirley Farrington of Bronte, maternal great grandparents, Dorothy Irwin of Tucson, AZ, and Adolph Trojcek.

Although we never heard your first cry or saw your first smile, we love you, Gabriel and you will always have a place in our hearts and in our family. You would have brought joy to us on Earth, but instead God chose for you to live joyfully in Heaven.

Thank you to the nursing staff at Shannon Women's and Children's Hospital for making our family as comfortable as possible during this difficult time.

Graveside services were held at 2:00 pm Monday, March 11, 2002, at the Miles Cemetery. Arrangements were by Shaffer Funeral Home of Robert Lee.

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Environmental Quality Incentive Program signup

EQIP provides technical, educational and financial assistance to eligible farmers and ranchers to address soil, water and related natural resource concerns on their lands in an environmentally beneficial and cost-effective manner.

Although applications can be made at any time, the deadline for farmers to have an EQIP offer considered during the current ranking pe-

riod is March 29, 2002.

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For more information concerning EQIP, contact the FSA Office or the NRCS Office by calling (915) 453-2751 or visiting the office at 214 E. 7th Street in Robert Lee, Texas.

Joey Belden benefit

A drive thru dinner, benefiting Joey Belden, son of Matt and Cindy Belden, will be held Sunday, March 17, 2002, at the old St. Mary's Hall, Ballinger, Texas from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm sponsored by First United Methodist Church and St. Mary's Catholic Church of Ballinger. A brisket dinner will be served for a donation. For more information on donations or to purchase tickets, please contact a member of either congregation or call (915) 365-2323.

Joey Belden is a freshman at TAMU and had a severe car wreck recently. This dinner is to defray medical costs.

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(915) 453-2417

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Sun. 10 am Sunday School
11 am Worship
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(915) 453-2619 or 453-2270
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Pecan Baptist
PO Box 542 • 12 W. Sterling City Hwy
(915) 453-4645

Rev. Dale Patterson, Pastor
Sun. 10 am, Sunday School
11 am & 6 pm, Worship

Southside Church of Christ
PO Box 698 • 8th & Houston
(915) 453-2176

Frank J. Daniels, Preacher
Sun. 10 am, Sunday School
11 am & 6 pm, Worship
Wed. 7 pm, Worship

Robert Lee Baptist Church
PO Box 493 • 22 W. 11th
(915) 453-2724

Bro. Waide Messer, Pastor
Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
11 am & 7 pm, Worship

Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting
Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church

601 W. 10th
(915) 365-2687

Rev. Hubert Wade, Jr., Pastor
Sat. 6 pm
Victory Assembly of God

PO Box 638 • Robert Lee
(915) 453-2208

Rev. Erma Johnson, Pastor
Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
10:45 am & 6 pm, Worship
Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting

I would like to thank the citizens of Precinct 2 for their continued support.

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March 20 is last day to file in May 4 local elections

Wednesday, March 20, is the last day candidates can file to be on the ballot for the May 4 elections.

West Coke County Hospital District will have three 2 year terms on the ballot. The terms of Winton Milliff, Linda Burns and Patty Byrne are expiring. Candidates may pick up an application at Robert Lee Care Center. Incumbents have stated that they will not seek re-election and no new candidates have stepped forward to place their names on the ballot. It is imperative for citizens in the West Coke County Hospital District to have a full board determining how tax dollars will be used. If you wish to assist your community by serving on this very important Board of Trustees, contact Roger Alexander at the Robert Lee Care Center.

East Coke County Hospital District will have three 2 year terms on the ballot. The terms of Larry Robinson, Leon Brooks and Ed Cumbie are expiring. Candidates may pick up an application at Bronte Health and Rehab Center. As of presstime, no one has filed for a place on the ballot.

The city of Robert Lee will have to fill two council seats and the mayor's office. Currently, Garland Davis is mayor and the council seats are held by Beth Prather and Bonita Copeland. Candidates may pick up an application at Robert Lee City Hall. All incumbents have filed for re-election.

The 2 year terms of Mayor Martin Lee and Aldermen Frances Williams, Leslie Rolls and George Snapp will be expiring. Candidates may pick up an application at Bronte City Hall. Leslie Rolls has filed for re-election. He will be joined on the ballot by Charles Sonnenberg for the council positions. As of presstime, no one has filed to be placed on the ballot for the office of mayor.

Two 3 year terms will be on the ballot for the Bronte Independent School District Board of Trustees. These offices are currently held by Jolene Henderson and David Scott. Candidates may pick up an application at the BISD Superintendent's office. Due

to spring break, filing information is unavailable.

The Robert Lee ISD board of trustees election will be Saturday, May 4 and the deadline for filing for candidacy is Wednesday, March 20 at 5 pm. Voting will be held in the Coke County Courthouse. Three positions will be up for election. Two of the positions are full three-year terms and are currently held by Jim Gray and Mark Riley. One position is for a one-year unexpired term which is currently held by Jess Williamson.

As of Friday, March 8, Jim Gray was the only person who had filed. Jess Williamson has filed but has informed the school administration office of his intention to withdraw his name from candidacy. Persons who wish to file for candidacy should contact the Robert Lee ISD superintendent's office at 1323 Hamilton Street or call 453-4555.

Coke County Easter Egg Hunt

The Coke County Easter Egg Hunt will be held March 26th, 10:00 am at the Coke County Courthouse.

Once again Coke County is inviting all children through 1st grade to come to the biggest Easter Egg Hunt around. It is being sponsored again this year by all Coke County businesses.

Your help is needed to be able to make this year's hunt a success. If you or your business would like to make a donation to go toward the purchase of the Easter eggs, prizes, and refreshments, please send it to Coke County, Attn: Lorrie Martin, PO Box 52, Robert Lee, or bring it to the judge's office.

The donations are needed by March 15th in order to have time to purchase everything. Last year there were approximately 200 children and 3000 eggs. If you have any questions, please call Lorrie Martin at 453-2641.

Superintendent finalist named

On March 8, 2002 at 6:30 pm the Robert Lee ISD Board of Trustees met in a called meeting. The meeting was called to review applications for the position of superintendent from current district personnel. Only one application was received. At the conclusion of the meeting,

the board unanimously voted to name High School Principal Lindsey Wallace as the lone finalist for the superintendent's position.

State law requires that the name or names of finalists being considered for the superintendent's position must be publicly posted for at least 21 days before the date of a meeting at which final action or vote is to be taken on the employment of the person. The board scheduled a called meeting on April 1 at 6:30 pm to take such a vote.

This notice posted March 8, 2002 at 9:00 pm on the bulletin board where all board meetings are posted outside the RLISD Superintendent's office.

Weldon Koepf
Superintendent

Death Notices

McClure

Dorthe James McClure, 69, of Bronte, died Thursday, March 7, 2002 at her residence. Graveside services were held at 11:00 am Saturday, March 9, 2002, at Mule Creek Cemetery. Arrangements were by Shaffer Funeral Home.

Survivors include her husband, J.P. "Jake" McClure of Bronte; four children, Danny Parker of Oklahoma, Paula Schmidt of Colorado, Denise Porter and Cody McClure both of Bronte; two brothers, Melvin James and Buck James both of San Angelo; one sister, Hazel Magness of Blackwell; cousin, Darlene Pointer of Big Lake; eight grandchildren; and two great grandchildren.

A flounder, which has both eyes on one side of its body, lies on the ocean bottom with both eyes facing up.

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Letter to Editor

Editor,
In reference to the letter written by Bill Cox in the February 22nd issue of "The Observer/Enterprise" in which he asked questions about how Silver received its name, I believe I can give him a satisfactory answer. I recently stumbled upon the answer by sheer accident.

When I was younger, I spent long hours walking up and down the banks of Silver Creek when part of it belonged to my Great Uncle Will Tubb. I had noticed during my walks that a peculiar shaped rock I had never seen before was always found along the banks of the creek. This rock had the color of gray cement and was unusual due to the fact that it had a trunk and portions of it branched out like a tree. Every rock I found had similar characteristics.

About a year and a half ago, I was thumbing through a mineral and gem book and came across this same rock. I discovered that this particular rock or mineral was named silver chloride and that it is mostly found in desert regions of the Southwest. This particular rock also contains small amounts of silver at times.

After reading this, I spoke to a co-worker of mine, who had been in the jewelry business over twenty years, about the possibilities of extracting silver from silver chloride. He explained to me that the process would be far too costly due to the hardness of the mineral surrounding it and the fact that silver chloride usually has too small of amounts of silver to be worthwhile.

Considering the knowledge of there being silver chloride on the banks of Silver Creek, I concluded that an explorer traveling through the area who was knowledgeable of geology and different minerals would have named the creek Silver Creek after seeing the numerous examples of silver chloride on its banks.

The earliest mention of the name Silver Creek I have come across was from a story written by a man who had walked as a boy from Fort Stockton to Silver Creek in the 1870s. So it is a possibility that the creek was named before the 1870s.

As far as naming Silver Peak goes, it was originally named Padgett Peak after the family that owned it. Then after it was sold to the Tubb family and the town of Silver came into being it was changed to Silver Peak.

On the subject of the jack loads of silver being buried around Silver, it is an exciting tale but I believe that's all it is. There have been rocks found around the Colorado River by Silver that have cryptic markings and writing in Spanish and Latin.

When I was young, I sat down and copied all the markings from a large rock that had Justice and Peace in Latin written on one side and the date 1832 and the word El Mexican engraved on it. A dove was also engraved on one side. I believe that these rocks were not forgeries, but I will not attempt to guess at what they mean. At that point

in history this area was part of Mexico and Lancers would go far out into the Texas prairies in search of buffalo.

The letter mentioned the Indian face carved on a mountain at Silver. The face was not carved by the hand of man but by God. As you come in from Robert Lee at the Silver turnoff look to your right and at the end of Step Mountain is a protruding rock. The Indian's face is best seen toward sunset. It takes a little imagination, but you will see the face of an Indian with a head band on. I first noticed this in the seventies and wrote about it in a scene in the "Rabbit Twisters".

I hope I have answered some questions about Silver. I have spent most of my life trying to find out more about its history and all I can say is no one will ever know the whole story.

John Millican

Foreign Language Festival results

The Robert Lee High School recently attended the Foreign Language Festival at Angelo State University. There were 2046 students that competed in Spanish, French, German and Latin. The students competed in prose, poetry, sight-reading, written tests and skits. The results are as follows:

Hansel and Gretel - Superior
- Adam Cates, Tim Messer, Amanda Kuhl, Melissa Landeros, Krystal Soliz, Amie Kendall, Jessica Fluhmann
Cenicienta - Excellent
- Michele Sanchez, Kayli Dickey, Omar Saucedo, Ashley Womack, Julie Riley, Lindsey Roe, Veronica Cerritos, Brian Abalos, Jennifer Nesbit
Phillip Rangel - Good - sight-reading, excellent - poetry
Monica Barrera - Superior - prose
Yolanda Olguin - excellent - prose, superior - sight-reading, excellent - written
Brian Abalos - superior - prose

Nicole Sanchez - superior - poetry
Stewart Millican - superior - poetry
Michele Sanchez - excellent - poetry
Lindsey Roe - superior - poetry
Phillip Arellano - superior - prose, superior - sight-reading
Melissa Landeros - excellent - prose, excellent - written
Adam Cates - good - sight-reading
Veronica Cerritos - superior - sight-reading
Charles Abalos - superior - prose, excellent - written
Rachel Wallace - superior - poetry

RL varsity boys post Irion County track results

Varsity results from Irion County Hornet Relays held March 8th, 2002.
High jump - Colby Eubanks - 2nd - 6'
Shot put - Cooper Riley - 1st - 44' 10 3/4", Charles Abalos - 3rd - 43' 2 1/2", Adam Cates - 4th - 42' 7 1/2"
Discus - Charles Abalos - 1st - 134' 10", Cooper Riley - 5th - 120' 6", Adam Cates - 6th - 119' 9"
Pole vault - Stewart Millican - 2nd - 13'
400 M relay - Taylor Clendennen, Omar Saucedo, Bret Ballew, Anson Lott - 4th - 45.28
110 M hurdles - Anson Lott - 5th - 16.33, Brian Abalos - 6th - 18.49
800 M run - J.J. Reyes - 5th - 2:12.34
100 M dash - Bret Ballew - 1st - 11.48
400 M dash - Colby Eubanks - 4th - 55.94
300 M hurdles - Anson Lott - 3rd - 43.31, Brian Abalos - 6th - 44.72
200 M dash - Taylor Clendennen - 4th - 24.80
1600 M relay - Omar Saucedo, Colby Eubanks, Travis Pitcock, Bret Ballew - 5th - 3:45.94

Runnels Baptist Association meeting slated

Runnels Baptist Association will meet Wednesday, March 20, 2002 at First Baptist Church in Bronte for an Evangelism Rally.

The Evangelism Rally will begin at 7:15 pm. The public is invited to attend.

Robert Lee School Menu

Breakfast
Monday, March 18
Orange juice/apple juice, donut, cereal, milk
Tuesday, March 19
Orange juice/apple juice, pop tart, cereal, milk
Wednesday, March 20
Orange juice/apple juice, pancake on stick, cereal, milk
Thursday, March 21
Orange juice/apple juice, cinnamon roll, cereal, milk
Friday, March 22
Orange juice/apple juice, biscuit, sausage, cereal, milk
Lunch
Monday, March 18
Salisbury steak, macaroni & cheese, green beans, fruit, milk
Tuesday, March 19
Chicken nuggets, potato patty, black eyed peas, roll, peaches, milk
Wednesday, March 20
Frito pie, corn, crackers, fresh fruit, milk
Thursday, March 21
Chicken spaghetti, salad, carrots, sliced bread, pineapple, milk
Friday, March 22
Barbecue on bun, pickles, chili beans, tator tots, fruit, milk

Junior varsity results
3200 M run - Andy Mulkey - 1st, Cisco Moreno - 5th
Discus - Sean Edging - 1st - 118' 6", Robert Sailer - 6th - 94' 8"
Shot put - Sean Edging - 2nd - 42' 10"
800 M run - Shelby Sailer - 4th - 2:36
1600 M run - Andy Mulkey - 1st - 5:26, Cisco Moreno - 6th - 5:54

Lady Steers track results

Pole vault - 1st - Veronica Cerritos - 7' 0" (new school record), 4th - Shanna Wojtek - 6' 0", 5th - Jessica Fluhmann - 6' 0"
High jump - 2nd - Krystal Soliz - 4' 10"
Discus - 2nd - Bobbie Sparks - 108' 2", 5th - Julie Riley - 72' 10"
Shot put - 2nd - Bobbie Sparks - 33' 6"
Triple jump - 2nd - Shanna Wojtek - 33' 4 1/2", 5th - Krystal Soliz - 29' 10 1/2"
3200 M run - 3rd - Nicole Sanchez, 4th - Monica Rodriguez, 6th - Michele Sanchez
400 M relay - 4th - Kizre Mathews, Rachel Wallace, Shanna Wojtek, Krystal Soliz
800 M run - 5th - Nicole Sanchez
800 M relay - 5th - Brittany Soliz, Rachel Wallace, Shanna Wojtek, Krystal Soliz
200 M dash - 1st - Shanna Wojtek
1600 M relay - 5th - Alana Parker, Nicole Sanchez, Brittany Soliz, Rachel Wallace

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George Snapp

Democratic Nominee for
Coke County Commissioner, Pct. 4

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by Jan Yanez
Coke County
Ext. Agent

Car seat safety

A baby should not be turned around to face forward in the car until he is at least one year old and 20 pounds; it is preferable to leave babies rear-facing longer. In a crash, an infant's spinal cord may stretch if he is riding facing forward and the baby could die or be paralyzed for life. This is true even for babies who have strong neck muscles and good head control.

Why is facing rearward so important? Babies have heavy heads and fragile necks. The neck bones are soft, and the ligaments are stretchy. If the baby is facing forward in a frontal crash—which is the most common and most severe type—the body is held back by the straps, but the head is not. The head is thrust forward, wrenching the neck. Older children and adults wearing safety belts may end up with temporary neck injuries. But a baby's neck bones actually separate during a crash, and the spinal cord can rip. It's like yanking an electrical plug out of a socket by the cord and breaking the wires.

In a frontal crash, when a baby rides facing backwards, the whole body—head, neck and torso—is cradled by the back of the child safety seat. Facing rearward also protects the baby better in other types of crashes, particularly side impacts.

It has been the practice in Sweden, for many years, that children ride rear-facing until three to five years of age in

child safety seats made to fit larger children.

There are several convertible safety seats which can be used rear-facing up to 30-35 pounds, so there is no reason to turn a baby forward before age one and 20 pounds and risk spinal injury. However **DO NOT** use an infant only seat—the type that usually has a carrying handle—if a baby's weight is over the maximum (20-22 lbs.), or if his/her head is approaching the top edge of the seat. For more information go to <http://www.umtri.umich.edu/library/pdf/weber.pdf>.

RL boys golf results

The boys golf team traveled to San Saba on March 5th and played in the San Saba Invitational Tournament and finished 11th of 26 teams. On a cold and windy day, the Steers shot a 377 team score. Abilene Wylie won the tournament with a 335, followed by Brady at 345 and Rising Star at 349. Salomon Saucedo paced the Steers with an 89. Stewart Millican finished with a 91, Omar Saucedo 97, Josh Alexander 101 and Evan Braswell 103. The boys will host the Robert Lee Boys Tournament on March 20th.

RL girls golf results

The Lady Steers golf team started the 2002 season with a second place finish Wednesday (March 6) at the Merkel Invitational Tournament. The girls team shot a 380 to finish behind Abilene Wylie's 350. Sweetwater was third at 386 in the twelve team field. Shanna Wojtek led the Lady Steers with an 86, good enough for 4th medalist. Whitney Millican had a 91 to finish in a tie for 7th medalist. Other scores were: Amber Brosh 98, Lindsey Roe 105 and Julie Riley 112. The girls will host the Robert Lee Girls Tournament on March 19th.

WCC Emergency ambulance runs for February 2002

- 2-06-02 - 3 pm - Patient refused service
- 2-08-02 - 5:13 am - Medi vac
- 2-09-02 - 5:32 am - Medical transport
- 2-09-02 - 7:02 am - Medical transport
- 2-10-02 - 11:15 am - Medical transport
- 2-15-02 - 10:55 am - Medical transport

- 2-19-02 - 10:50 pm - Medical transport
- 2-20-02 - 5:47 am - Medical transport
- 2-21-02 - 7:35 pm - Medical transport
- 2-21-02 - 9:35 pm - Medical transport
- 2-23-02 - 10:40 am - Medical transport
- 2-24-02 - 2:04 am - Medical transport
- 2-24-02 - 6:50 am - Medical transport
- 2-26-02 - 7:58 am - Medical transport
- 2-27-02 - 9:22 am - Medical transport
- 2-27-02 - 6:50 pm - Medical transport
- 2-28-02 - 7:45 pm - Medical transport

County employees receive safety award

Rodney Sikes, Director of Safety/Loss Control of West Texas Rural Counties Association recently presented Coke County Judge Jackie Walker an Occupational Safety Award for 2001. The County employees achieved this award for maintaining an exceptionally low number of work related injuries for the year 2001.

Coke County is committed to providing a safe workplace for their employees and protecting the interests of the County's constituents. Coke County remains in the top 10% of the counties participating in this program.

RL elementary band contest results

In the Ballinger Music Festival Solo & Ensemble Contest, held on Saturday, March 2nd, the Robert Lee Elementary Band results are as follows:

5th grade

- Bells duet - Division I - Amy Barnett, Jodi Sheldon
- Mixed ensemble - Division I - Arrin Minjarez, Holly Austin, Jasmine Gloria, Norma Rojas
- Brass ensemble - Division I - Joshua Gallegos, Cory Fields, Garret Blair, Mason Ross
- Brass duet - Division II - Caleb Millican, Dustin Moreno

6th grade

- Woodwind ensemble - Division I - Kasie Skinner, Briana Longoria, Anna Rojas, Ashley Hopson, Melissa Martinez
- Flute solo - Division I - Kasie Skinner
- Clarinet solo - Division I - Ashley Hopson

Bronte School Menu Breakfast

- Monday, March 18**
Sausage rolls, orange juice, milk
- Tuesday, March 19**
Pancake & sausage on a stick, grape juice, milk
- Wednesday, March 20**
French toast sticks, apple juice, milk
- Thursday, March 21**
Cereal, sliced peaches, trail mix, milk
- Friday, March 22**
Breakfast pizza, mixed fruit, milk

Lunch

- Monday, March 18**
Pizza, tossed salad, sweet corn, brownies, milk
- Tuesday, March 19**
Soft tacos with cheese, re-fried beans, lettuce & tomato, Spanish rice, flour tortilla, jello, milk
- Wednesday, March 20**
Grilled cheese sandwich, beef & vegetable soup, carrot sticks, corn bread, pink panther cake, milk
- Thursday, March 21**
Steak fingers with gravy, creamed potatoes, green beans, rolls, rice krispie bars, milk
- Friday, March 22**
Chick Fil-Lay sandwich, French fries, lettuce, tomato, pickles, bun, peanut butter cookies, milk

Social Security news

Fredi Franki
Social Security Manager
San Angelo Office
"People who receive Social Security benefits and are under the age 65 can earn more in 2002 without losing any benefits," said Fredi Franki, Social Security manager in San Angelo.

The 2002 earnings limit for these workers is \$11,280, up from \$10,680 in 2001. The limit increases each year to reflect changes in average national wages. Social Security will deduct \$1 in benefits for every \$2 earned above \$11,280.

People who will turn 65 this year can earn \$30,000 before seeing any reduction in benefits. After \$30,000, benefits will be reduced \$1 for every \$3 earned. Once people celebrate their 65th birthday, they may keep all their benefits no matter how much they earn.

"The earnings limit that reduced monthly benefits for earnings after full retirement age was eliminated in 2000," Franki explained.

To find out the effect your earnings may have on your Social Security benefits, log onto Social Security's website at www.ssa.gov/retire2/retcalc.htm.

Different rules apply to people who are receiving disability benefits. These people must report all work to Social Security, because any work they do might affect their benefits.

Look Who's New Thomas Cole Petit

Joe Mac and Laura Petit are the proud parents of Thomas Cole Petit, born March 4, 2002, at Seymour, Texas. Cole weighed 7 lb. 10 oz. and was 21 inches long. Maternal grandparents are Danny and Roenna Thomas of Sylvester, Texas. Paternal grandparents are Wayne and Kay Petit of Seymour, Texas.

RLJH girls track results

In the Bronte Junior High track meet held on March 7th, the Robert Lee junior high girls placed 6th with 69 points.

Field events

- Triple jump - 5th - Kyla Millican - 26' 1 1/2"
- Shot put - 2nd - Tasha Aguirre - 25' 9 3/4"
- High jump - 1st - Cara Eaton 4' 8"; 6th - Kelsy Duncan - 4' 4"
- Discus - 6th - Tasha Aguirre - 69' 4"

Running events

- 400 M relay - 2nd - 57.06 - Jordan Brown, Cassidy Wink, Kelsy Duncan, Cara Eaton
- 100 M hurdles - 1st - 19.07 - Kelsy Duncan
- 100 M dash - 6th - 14.99 - Jordan Brown
- 800 M relay - 3rd - 2:06.26 - Jordan Brown, Kyla Millican, Cassidy Wink, Cara Eaton
- 400 M dash - 6th - 1:14.32 - Andra Braswell
- 300 M hurdles - 3rd - 58:65 - Kelsy Duncan
- 1600 M relay - 6th - 5:10.20 - Cassidy Wink, Kyla Millican, Sarah Philley, Andra Braswell

ECC ambulance runs for February 2002

- 2-10-02 - 7:15 pm - medical transport
 - 2-10-02 - 9:55 pm - medical transport
 - 2-18-02 - 9:45 am - trauma transport
 - 2-21-02 - 1:52 pm - medical transport
 - 2-23-02 - 10:30 am - transfer to WCC EMS
 - 2-24-02 - 7:20 am - medical transport
 - 2-27-02 - 4:45 pm - medical transport
- Bronte fire department had no runs for the month of February 2002.

ECC EMS donations for February 2002

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Political Calendar

The Observer/Enterprise

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George Snapp

GARAGE SALES

MOVING SALE
Big yard sale. Everything must go! Front yard at 805 W. 11th Street, Robert Lee. Household goods, furniture, girls clothing and lots of miscellaneous. 8:00 am til 5:00 pm.
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CARD OF THANKS

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We would like to express our heartfelt appreciation to all those who helped care for LaVerne Summers. Special thanks to the Robert Lee Care Center, Vista Care Hospice, and to Brother Jim Reeves for conducting the memorial service. Our thanks to those who brought food and otherwise assisted our family in this time of sorrow.
The family of Laverne Summers
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WE ARE GRATEFUL
to each of you that met some special need for Jerry Keith Brock, during his ten month battle with lung cancer. His family and medical teams can assure you that he fought hard to be cured of this dreadful disease. For those of you that were there for Jerry's family at his Memorial Service on March 5, 2002, at FBC, Bronte, it is our prayer that you were blessed. For the food, flowers, cards, and for every prayer expressed in Jerry's behalf, we are thankful.
Bob & Judith Brock, Nedra Kay, & Terry Newton
Debbie & David Cole, Corey and Christy, Michael Brock Pat & Bill Wrinkle, Brent, Phyllis, Kylie & Caleb Wrinkle Mary & Richard Sims, Melissa, Dennis and Emily Doane, and Lori Wysong, Vic, Karen, Daniel and Leslie Brock
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THANK YOU

I sincerely appreciate everyone for the calls, cards, food, visits, thoughts and prayers during my recent illness. I especially appreciate the loving care of West Coke County EMS volunteers.

Arthur Runnion
33-1tp

NOTICES

THE CITY OF ROBERT LEE

will hold a public hearing on the budget for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2002, and ending March 31, 2003. This hearing is for input into the budget process. The hearing will be held at the Robert Lee City Hall at 6 E. 7th Street, Robert Lee, Texas, on Monday, March 18, 2002, at 7:00 pm.

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NOTICE OF FILING DEADLINES

The West Coke County Hospital District Board of Directors hereby gives notice of filing deadlines for the May 4, 2002 Election. Three (3) Directors will be elected for a term of two (2) years each. Candidates may file applications for inclusion on the ballot between February 18, 2002 and March 20, 2002. Applications and petitions may be obtained at Robert Lee Care Center during normal business hours, 9 AM - 5 PM, Monday through Friday. Any questions may be addressed to Roger Alexander, Administrator.

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INFORMACION DE EL DIA FINALE PARA LOS DATOS

El Consejo De Directores del Hospital Distrito Del Condado Oeste De Coke hacen saber que el dia 4 de Mayo, 2002 sera el dia final para hacer los datos para las elecciones. Cada tres (3) directores seran elejidos para un termino de dos (2) anos. El dia 18 de Febrero, 2002 hasta el 20 de Marzo, 2002 seran los dias para que los candidatos llenen las aplicaciones; favor de incluir su nombre en las balletas. Las aplicaciones seran obtenidas de las 9 AM - 5 PM en el Robert Lee Care Center. Si tienen preguntas llamen al Administrador Roger Alexander.

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What's Keeping Americans Awake? The Seven Sleep Busters

The vast majority of people need a bare minimum of eight hours of sleep a night, yet Americans average only 6.7 hours. Worse yet, a third of Americans sleep less than six hours. Why aren't people getting the sleep they need? The biggest problems are sleep busters - obstacles that interfere with and even prevent sleep.

"Outside factors are the primary inhibitors to sleep, and our goal is to help people identify their sleep busters and find ways to work around them," says Dr. James Maas, sleep expert, best-selling author and professor of psychology at Cornell University. "From caffeine and stress to cold and flu season, obstacles to good sleep can be considerable."

Dr. Maas has partnered with NyQuil to identify the seven most important sleeping habits people should develop to improve the quality of their sleep, as well as their lives. "A starting point to developing good sleep habits is to look at which sleep busters are keeping YOU awake," says Dr. Maas.

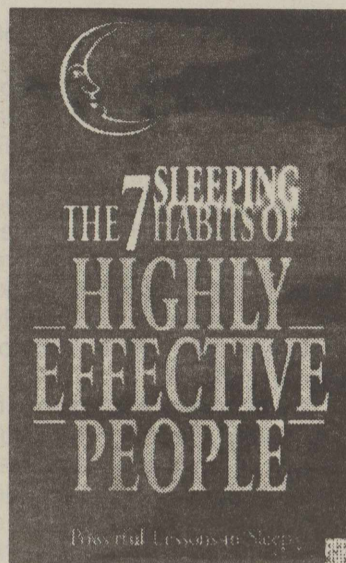
According to Dr. Maas, the most common sleep busters include:

1. Caffeine: Drinking a caffeinated beverage or eating lots of chocolate close to bedtime - or for some people even late in the afternoon -- can keep you tossing and turning and delay the onset of sleep. As a general rule, avoid caffeine and high-sugar foods within six hours of your bedtime.

2. Late, heavy dinners: While a full stomach often leads to drowsiness, eating a substantial dinner within four or five hours of bedtime will probably leave you restless after the initial onset of sleepiness wears off. Keep your dinner light and avoid foods that cause indigestion to have a more restful evening.

3. Erratic sleep schedule: Varying

your bedtime from night to night and sleeping late one morning while getting up early the next can throw your inner sleep-wake cycle into disarray. Find a bedtime and wake time that work for you, and follow them seven days a week.



4. Exercise schedule: Exercising too late at night can release adrenaline into your body and make it difficult to sleep. In general, avoid strenuous aerobic or physical activity within three hours of bedtime. If you choose to work out early in the morning, make sure you are still able to fulfill your sleep needs.

5. Stress: Stress is one of the most common reasons for insomnia. Counteract it by clearing your mind when you enter the bedroom. Make a men-

tal or even physical note of your concerns and tasks for the day ahead, and assign a time to deal with them the next day.

6. Family sleep traps: Nocturnal demands from children or a snoring bed partner can wreak havoc on an otherwise peaceful night. Condition your child to follow a schedule that allows both of you adequate sleep, investigate the cause of your spouse's snoring, and take other steps to eliminate sleep traps and get the rest you need.

7. Sickness: Coughing, sneezing, fever, headache, and other physical discomforts that come with a cold or flu make it extremely difficult to sleep when you're sick - a time when you need rest more than ever! An over-the-counter product such as NyQuil can relieve all your cold and flu symptoms so you can get the sleep you need to feel better.

"Sickness is one of the biggest sleep busters," says Dr. Maas. "When you're sick, it's especially important to get restorative sleep to help your body heal itself. That's why I've worked with NyQuil to develop 'The 7 Sleeping Habits of Highly Effective People' as a guide to help people maximize the quality and quantity of their sleep, and improve the overall quality of their awake hours - especially when they're sick."

"The 7 Sleeping Habits of Highly Effective People," a guide to better sleep, is available online by visiting www.NyQuil.com. The National Sleep Foundation also contributed content to the brochure. Consumers can obtain a free copy of the brochure by writing to: NyQuil/The 7 Sleeping Habits of Highly Effective People, 303 East Wacker, Suite 440, Chicago, IL 60601.

This election break-down of the Democratic Primary is presented as a public service by

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CANDIDATE	PCT. 1	PCT. 2	PCT. 3	PCT. 4	TOTALS
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Ken Bentson	90	22	53	52	217
Ed Cunningham	16	13	27	12	68
Victor Morales	48	36	49	44	177
Ron Kirk	46	31	26	54	157
Gene Kelly	40	11	20	14	85
U. S.Representative, Dist. 17					
Charles Stenholm	234	111	156	170	671
Governor					
Bill Lyon	60	13	38	23	134
Tony Sanchez	92	59	74	95	320
Dan Morales	98	60	79	78	315
John Worldpeace	12	1	6	4	23
State Representative, Dist. 72					
Jeri Slone	120	55	85	93	353
Clara E. "Betsy" Johnson	77	39	68	53	237
County Judge					
Roy Blair	155	90	106	147	498
Jackie Walker	152	60	124	70	406
George Brickey	30	4	24	27	85
District & County Clerk					
Mary Grim	301	115	210	176	802
County Tax Accessor/Collector					
Gayle Sisemore	296	125	211	180	812
County Treasurer					
Phelan Wrinkle	297	114	207	189	807
County Commissioner, Pct. 2					
Bill Wheat		111			111
County Commissioner, Pct. 4					
George Snapp				151	151
William J. Thomas				21	21
David Rawlings				74	74
Justice of the Peace, Pct. 1					
Joan Davis	304		219		523
Justice of the Peace, Pct. 2					
Jack G. Moore		104		188	292
County Chairman					
Patti Ivey	246	97	177	153	673

(Editor's Note: The following are some little "gems" that Robert Lee resident Olive Enlow clipped from newspapers - from forty to sixty years ago.)

Tick Exterminator

I should like to pass a bit of information. If any of the sportsmen have their whiskey on outings I should like to advise them they also possess in that same flask the best tick and chigger exterminator I have ever tried. Simply sponge affected parts with whiskey. It will immediately kill the insects as well as the poison injected by them. E. E. DeJarnett, Essex, MO.

COMMENT: Another way is to put sand in a basin, pour whiskey over the sand and soak the infected parts. The little devils then get potted and stone each other to death.

The old-fashioned man who never thought anything of walking four miles to school has a grandson who doesn't think much of it either.

A sign at the edge of Hartford, KY., reads: "Welcome to Hartford, KY. - Home of 2,000 Happy People and A Few Soreheads."

A little 4-year-old girl and a little 3-year-old boy walked hand-in-hand up to the front door of a neighbor's house. Standing on her tip-toes, the little girl was just able to reach the doorbell. The lady of the house asked the little girl what it was she wanted, and the little girl said, "We're playing house. This is my husband and I am his wife. May we come in?" Thoroughly enchanted by the scene confronting her, the lady said, "By all means, do come in." Once inside, she offered the children lemonade and cookies which they graciously accepted. When a second tall glass of lemonade was offered, the little girl refused by saying, "No thank you. We

have to go now. My husband just wet his pants."

Two men were marooned on an island for '5 years. One day, a giant economy-sized cola bottle floated up to shore. "Good heavens," cried one of the men as he picked up the bottle. "We've shrunk!"

A lady from Rosie tells this tale.

A relative of hers at Judsonia was entertaining a group of women. One of the ladies brought the relative's two-year-old son a new cup. The lad was so proud of his present that he decided to give each of the women a drink. He made many trips and finally had given all of them, except one, a drink.

The lady who had been left out, asked the lad, "Why didn't you bring me some?" Instead of feeling slighted, the woman probably felt relieved when the boy replied, "I can't, the commode's empty."

How to harness a horse

Mark Twain's description of how to harness a horse so closely resembles the national political situation that we can't resist publishing it...Twain said he was not an expert on horses, didn't speak with assurance, but could always tell which was the front of a horse; beyond that, his art was not above the ordinary. And he went on and on as follows:

"The man stands up the horses on each side of the thing that projects from the front end of the wagon, and then, throws the tangled mess of gear on top of the horses, and passes the thing that goes forward, through a ring and hauls it aft, and passes the thing through the other ring and hauls it aft on the other side of the other horse, opposite to the first one, after crossing them and bringing the loose end back, and then buckles the other

thing underneath the horse, and takes another thing and wraps it around the thing I spoke of before, and puts another thing over each horse's head with broad flappers to it, (to keep the dust out of his eyes), and puts the iron thing in his mouth for him to grit his teeth on, uphill, and brings the ends of those things aft over his back, after buckling another one around his neck to hold his head up, and hitching another thing on a thing that goes over his shoulders, to keep his head up when he is climbing a hill and then takes the slack of the thing which I mentioned a while ago, and fetches it aft, and makes it fast to the thing that pulls the wagon, and hands the other thing up to the driver, to steer with."

"I have never buckled up a horse myself," said Twain, "but I do not think we do it that way."

The Good Old Days

This is a reprint of one of Cal Tinney's better efforts which appeared in the Arkansas Gazette many years ago. Herewith, is an abridged version of his description of

"the good old days."

You didn't have to have a television set to get people to visit you...You didn't need a refrigerator because your Mamma's cooking was so good that you ate everything at dinner and there was nothing left to keep cool until supper...You thought girls had knees, but you weren't sure of it...And if you were caught kissing a girl, you were expected to marry her.

"You ate breakfast, dinner and supper in those days; lunch was anything eaten out of a paper sack or tin bucket...Biscuits were served three times a day...When a housewife bought lightbread, we asked what had happened to her cookstove...It was generally believed in those days that Papa knew as much as the kids, and he kept a razor strap hanging on a nail in the kitchen to help the kids believe it, too..."

"Calendars had pictures of Moses, babies, dogs, cats and horses on them...If a man had brought home one with an unclad Marilyn Monroe on it, his wife would have left him and his preacher would have called a special prayer meet-

ing for his benefit...People in all walks of life hadn't forgotten HOW to walk...We had never heard of slacks for women, parking meters or hot rods...A popular song was one people sang the most; not the one listened to the most...

"Nobody had much, but it didn't take much...Fathers had time to be fathers and mothers had time to be something besides a telephone answering service...And at every level, our leaders were more interested in the flock than in the fleece."

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