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MR. AND MRS. BRYAN GARTMAN

Mr. And Mrs. Bryan Gartman To Observe 60th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Gartman will be honored with a reception Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. in observance of their 60th wedding anniversary.

The couple was married in the bride's home on Dec. 4, 1921 by the late H.C. Draper, Baptist minister.

Mr. Gartman was born Dec.

Gregstons Have Car Crash

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Gregston and their five children of Houston were injured in a one-car rollover about six miles south of Robert Lee on Highway 208 on Sunday morning. The Gregstons were returning home after spending Thanksgiving with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jammie Paden and Mr. and Mrs. John Gregston, both of Robert Lee.

The family was taken to Shannon Hospital in San Angelo by the Robert Lee EMS. All were treated and released except for Mrs. Gregston who suffered a back injury. She was reported Tuesday to be much improved.

DAVIS CROWD BIG

Home for the Thanksgiving holidays were Waid Davis of Waco and Sherrell Davis of Abilene. Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Vaughan Davis for dinner were a number of other relatives including their brothers and families, Mr. and Mrs. Garland Davis, Gary and Copie, of Austin and Mr. and Mrs. Butch Davis, Donna Kay, Kyle and Dosie of San Angelo. Other guests were their aunt, Mrs. Alice Benton, Mr. and Mrs. Buzz Sawyer, both of Robert Lee and Glenn Davis and Pam of San Angelo. Visting after lunch were Mrs. Marie Allen of Denver, Colo., Mrs. Mildred Reese and Mrs. Edna Havins of Robert Lee, all cousins of Davis.

Ralph Garvin Hurt In Wreck

Ralph Garvin, 80, of Robert Lee was injured in a two-car collision Saturday north of San Angelo on Highway 87.

Garvin was admitted to the intensive care unit of Shannon West Texas Memorial Hospital where a hospital spokesman said he had been requested to issue no condition report. However, a friend of Garvin's told the Observer Monday that his condition was slightly improved.

John Lloyd Griffin, 20, and Tommy Watkins, 23, both of Sterling City, were taken to Shannon Hospital. No report was available on them.

Garvin was driving a 1979 Chevrolet pickup and Griffin was driving a 1977 Ford.

Mike Davis' Team Going To Quarterfinals

Mr. and Mrs. Add Davis and Nadine Davis spent last weekend in Blanco in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Davis. On Friday night, they attended the regional football game in San Antonio between Blanco and Poth, won by Blanco 21-17.

Davis, defensive coach for the Blanco Panthers, will travel to Giddings with his team next Friday to meet Tidehaven in the quarterfinals there at 8 p.m. Winners of District 29AA, they are one of only eight teams left in 2-AA and are now 12-0 for the season. He stated that Tidehaven will be very tough competition, having a winning streak of 27 games, and are very large boys overall. However, Blanco has had great success this year as the defense has held their opponents to 59 points in 12 games, while scoring 476 points.

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The papers also are on sale at the Observer office.

LION OF MONTH

That cute little fellow in the spiffy snow suit last week was Cumbie Ivey Jr. He was the Lion of the Month for November.

Walker Critical After Hunting Accident Saturday Near Sanco

Douglas Walker, 21, of San Angelo remained in critical condition at Angelo Community Hospital late Tuesday, according to reports from family numbers. He was shot Saturday afternoon in an accident which occurred while he and his brother were hunting on the ranch of their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Gartman of Sanco.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Wayne Walker of San Angelo and is a grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Walker of Robert Lee as well as the Gartmans.

It was reported that 19-year-

Boys Win, Girls Lose To Forsan Buffs

Both A and B boys teams of Robert Lee High School won their games Tuesday night at Forsan. However the Robert Lee girls lost to their host team.

The boys A game was a squeaker, but the Steers came out on top 39-37. Quint Anthony led the scoring with 13 points,

BAPTIST CHOIR TO PRESENT CHRISTMAS CANTATA DEC. 6

Robert Lee Baptist Church adult and youth choirs will present a Christmas cantata, "Sing Noel," on Dec. 6 at 7 p.m. at the church. The public is urged to attend this special Christmas program.

Lions Name Queen Entrants

The Robert Lee-Silver Lions Club has announced the names of six young ladies as entrants in the Lions 1981 Queen Contest. Jay Leath, contest chairman, said that judging will be on Tuesday evening, Dec. 15, at the annual Lions-Ladies Christmas banquet. The contestants' poise, beauty and personality will all be considered in judging the Teen Queen, and she must be free to attend the district contest on April 23-24 and the state convention on June 4-5.

Contestants are Kenda Rasco, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Rasco; Frankie Walker, daughter of Mrs. Jackie Walker and the late Mr. Walker; Dee Anna Key, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Key; Brenda Gray, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Les Guy; Lori Allen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Allen; and Kim Caston, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Caston. All of them are RLHS students.

Girls Winning, Boys Losing Dogie Basketball Games

The Robert Lee Dogie basketball teams, both boys and girls, have been winning a few and losing a few the past week.

On Monday night, Nov. 23, Veribest met the Dogies on the local court for games. The Robert Lee girls took a 24-20 win. Jana Gartman was high pointmaker with 11; Missy Grim dropped in

Darren Williams hit 11; Scot Long 8; Bob Flowers 4; Lupe Torres 2; Kyle Gibbs 1.

The boys B team won their game by a wide margin of 48-20. Making scores were Jimmy Skinner with 13; Kirby Rasco 11; Bobby Boone 6; Darryl Mulkey 4; Caesar De La Pena 3; Eddy Hood 3; John Hinnard 2; Douglas Roberts 2; David Rodriguez 2; Greg Grim 2.

The Robert Lee girls ran into a tough outfit at Forsan and lost 50-37. Scoring for the local team were Leigh Ann Runion with 17; Amy Percifull 6; Sara De La Pena 4; Frankie Walker 4; Martha Bickley 3; Debbie Cummins 3.

The Robert Lee varsity teams traveled to Talpa Nov. 24 and gave their opponents a thorough thrashing. The girls won their game 70-30 and the boys won 62-41.

Leigh Ann Runion topped the scoring for the girls with a big 26; Frankie Walker had 10; Sara De La Pena 9; Martha Bickley; Debbie Cummins 4; Amy Percifull 4; Mary Galvan 4; Tracie Tomlinson 4; Lupe Munoz 2.

Scot Long was high pointer for the boys with 18; Quint Anthony had 16; Darren Williams 13; Lupe Torres 7; Bob Flowers 4; Kirby Rasco 2; Bobby Boone 2.

The teams will be involved in the annual tournament at Bronte High School this weekend. Robert Lee girls were scheduled to play at 10 a.m. Thursday, followed by the boys game at 11:30. Robert Lee teams will be paired with Winters in their first games.

Both A and B boys and girls teams will play Miles here Tuesday, Dec. 8, and the varsity teams will enter the Roby tournament Dec. 10, 11 and 12.

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8; Lee Ann Molinar had 3 and Dana Anthony 2.

In the boys match Veribest bested the Dogies with a final score 38-21. Randy Stephens hit 6 to be the high scorer followed by Dale Hodnett and Kevin Johnson with 4 each; Mike Sanchez had 3; Jim Bob Jacobs and Jeff Meyers had 2 each.

The Dogies visited in Sterling City Monday, Nov. 30, and the girls had an exciting game that was tied 28-28 at the end of regular play. Going into overtime the RL lassies put it together and came out on top 35-29. Gartman was top pointmaker again with 11; Grim had 8; Anthony 7; Lin Long 4; Molinar 3 and Patti Bloodworth 2.

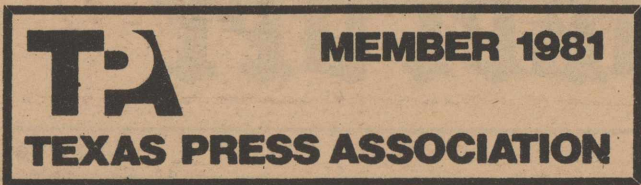
The boys A team lost to their host by 25-21 score. Sanchez made 9 points; Johnson 4; Stephens and Jacobs 3 each and Hodnett 2.

The B team lost a squeaker by 30-29. Scott Robertson shot 13 points; Isaias Rodriguez 9; Luther Lara 4; Pammy Millican 2 and Ricky Drennen 1.

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In compliance with Sec. 43(a) of Art. 1446c, V.A.C.S., West Texas Utilities Company hereby publishes NOTICE that it has filed, on November 25, 1981, its statement of intent to make changes in its rates charged for electricity and services sold and rendered inside and outside municipal jurisdictions, such proposed changes to be effective January 1, 1982. Such Statement of Intent includes the proposed revisions, tariffs and schedules, and a statement specifying in detail each proposed change, the effect the proposed change is expected to have on the revenues of the Company, and the classes and numbers of utility customers affected. Gross revenues are expected to be increased 15.4 per cent over adjusted test year revenues by the new rates. Statements of intent were filed with the Public Utility Commission of Texas and with the following municipalities:

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Christmas Food Supplies Big Front Brings Fog And Rain

Christmas food supplies are bulging with plenty of red meats and poultry, milk and dairy products, fresh grapefruit and winter pears, raisins and prunes, nuts, and rice, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

In its monthly food supply forecast, Food Marketing Alert, USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service says beef supplies are expected to be plentiful due to sluggish demand and large supplies of competing meats. Pork and broiler-fryer output is expected to climb. You should have no problems finding turkey for the holiday meal. Supply of turkeys promises to hold strong, up 10 to 15 percent over last year.

Fresh grapefruit production looks plentiful with the Texas crop up 57 percent and the Florida crop up nine percent. Fresh apples and winter pears also are plentiful, and fresh oranges and tangerines, adequate.

Fresh cranberry supply is adequate but you should find more than enough processed cranberry products to meet your holiday cooking needs.

Record large crops of California almonds and walnuts are being harvested and pecan production is expected to increase 84 percent above last year's drought-stricken crop. A record large peanut crop and plentiful filbert crop are expected.

You can enjoy adequate supplies of fresh market vegetables, potatoes and onions in your fare, and plentiful supplies of sweetpotatoes.

Most processed vegetables will be adequate, although less than a year ago. But supplies of canned tomato and tomato products will be light.

Dry beans will be harvested in record amounts and production of dry split peas will be adequate.

You should find supplies of eggs adequate and milk and dairy products plentiful enough to meet your baking needs.

"Plentiful" describes supplies that are more than enough to meet needs; "adequate," enough to meet needs; and "light," less than adequate.

Alcohol, Drug Program Given For Students

A three-hour presentation on the effects of alcohol and drugs on auto drivers was held for Robert Lee High School students in the freshman-senior age group. The classes were held once weekly for three weeks and were conducted by Tom Watson, drug counselor for Nolan, Coke and Runnels Counties.

Myths about driving and drinking were discussed, along with the effects of alcohol and drugs on vision, reflexes and judgment. Films were shown each week and questions and answer sessions were held. Certificates of completion were given to students at the last session on Nov. 25.

Principal Jerry Gibbs, whose help made the school possible, and his efforts are greatly appreciated, Watson said.

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A blustery front over the week-end resulted in a few showers for area residents. The two day total measured an official .35 of an inch. Unusual weather conditions caused fog to shroud the entire state, making driving hazardous for holiday motorists returning home.

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ROACH'S

Last Rites Tuesday For Mrs. Preslar

Funeral services were held Tuesday at 3 p.m. for Buna Alice Preslar, 90, in the First United Methodist Church, with the Rev. John Reynolds officiating, assisted by the Rev. Ulmer Bird. Burial rites followed in the Sanco Cemetery under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.

Mrs. Preslar died on Sunday at 9:25 p.m. in the West Coke County Hospital.

She was born Feb. 22, 1891, in San Saba County, the daughter of Mary Jane Randall and Joe Gartman. The family moved to Coke County in 1905. She was married to Green Preslar in Robert Lee in 1907. Mr. and Mrs. Preslar ranched most of their lives in the Sanco community. She was preceded in death by her husband in 1970, and had been a resident of West Coke County Nursing Home for about 10 years.

Mrs. Preslar was a homemaker and a life long member of the Methodist Church.

Survivors include two daughters, Mary Louise Whiteside of Robert Lee and Velma Florine Evans of Mason; one son, Howard Dennis Preslar of Borger; one sister, Velma Denman of Robert Lee; two brothers, Dewey Gartman of Colorado City and Bryan Gartman of Sanco; seven grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers for the services were Bennie K. Whiteside of Sacramento, Calif.; Howard C. Preslar of Birmingham, Ala.; Dennis Barton Preslar, Dallas; Jackie Preslar, Knoxville, Ten.; Maxie Evans, Cross Plains; and Jody Richardson of Borger.

RICHARD LONG HONORED AT ANNUAL TECH PIG ROAST

More than 125 scholarship recipients from Texas Tech University's College of Agricultural Sciences were honored at the 54th Annual Pig Roast, Nov. 19, on campus.

The 128 scholarship recipients included Richard Long, a senior majoring in agriculture education. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney J. Long of Robert Lee.

The pig roast, a long-standing Texas Tech tradition, is sponsored annually by the College of Agricultural Sciences Student Council. The roast serves as a gathering of the college's students to show appreciation to community members for their support of Texas Tech's agricultural programs.

Joe Harrison was dismissed Tuesday from a San Angelo hospital after being admitted Wednesday of last week. He was suffering complications from a heart attack Oct. 4, but is reported to be recovering.



David Miller

Miller To Get Doctorate At SW Seminary

David W. Miller will be among a record 300 graduates during winter commencement Dec. 19 at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth.

Seminary president Russell H. Dilday Jr. will confer degrees and diplomas during the 7 p.m. ceremony at Travis Avenue Baptist Church.

Miller, the son of Dr. and Mrs. Paul E. Miller of Fort Worth, will receive a Doctor of Philosophy Degree. He also holds a B.A. Degree from Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene. He is currently serving as pastor of Gibtown Baptist Church at Poolville.

Miller is married to the former Elaine Fikes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Fikes of Robert Lee.

Southwestern Seminary is an agency of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Fambro Rites Held Monday

Mrs. Ruby Fambro, 89, of Breckenridge died at 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 28, in Stephens Memorial Hospital there.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. on Monday in the First Christian Church of Breckenridge. The Rev. Dick Russell was the officiant. Burial followed in the Wayland Cemetery, under the direction of Adkins-Satterwhite Funeral Home.

Mrs. Fambro was born in McGregor, May 11, 1892, and came to Stephens County as a small child. Her family settled between the Necessity and Wayland communities. Her grandfather, J.M. Nelms was a pioneer Stephens County doctor, practicing in Wayland. She was married to Alex Price Fambro on July 12, 1920, and the couple remained in and around Wayland for the remainder of their lives. Mr. Fambro preceded her in death on Nov. 14, 1966. She was a homemaker and a Baptist.

Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Eloise Fambro Guerrant of Robert Lee; three sons, Billy Sam Fambro of Breckenridge, Raymond Lee Fambro, and Joe Price Fambro, both of Stephenville; five grandchildren; and six great grandchildren.

The family has requested memorials be made to the West Texas Rehab Center of Abilene or the Stephens Memorial Hospital of Breckenridge.

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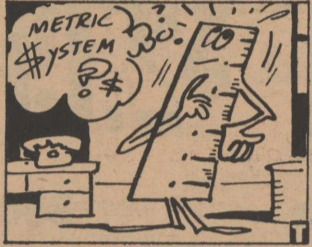
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METRIC MEASURES

Helpful Information From The U.S. Metric Board

Q. How much will conversion to the metric system cost?



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Costs will vary in different sectors of the economy. By converting gradually as new products are developed and equipment wears out, some companies are finding that the actual changeover costs are less than expected. Since metric usage is voluntary, businesses will convert if it's profitable to do so; if not, they won't.

The U.S. Metric Board is a government agency which does planning, research and coordination in connection with voluntary usage of the metric system.

RIFLE SCORES

The number of members of the Coke County 4-H Rifle Club who participated in Saturday's practice was limited, due to the Thanksgiving holidays, but four kids showed up, and the results are listed below.

1. Phil Stephens 61; 2. Kerry Bilbrey 60; 3. Scott Henson 52; 4. Jennifer Robinson 25.

Jim Herford, who is adult leader of the club, said the shooters "were enthusiastic, even though there were only a few."

West Coke Hospital News

The following admissions and dismissals have been announced by the West Coke County Hospital:

Nov. 24: No admissions. Manuel Reyes and Gilbert Davis dismissed.

Nov. 25: No admissions or dismissals.

Nov. 26: Leola Skelton admitted and no dismissals.

Nov. 27: No admissions or dismissals.

Nov. 28: Dean Capps admitted. No dismissals.

Nov. 29: No admissions. Buna Preslar and T.M. Wylie dismissed.

Nov. 30: Geraldine Kinsey and Edwin Wright admitted. No dismissals.

Coke-Sterling Farm Bureau Is Honored For Steady Growth

Awards for the annual county Farm Bureau public relations, safety, and membership-contests were presented during the Texas Farm Bureau state convention in Corpus Christi this week. Coke County was recognized for having a continuous growth for the past 10 years.

A record high membership of 276,247 member families has been achieved by the state's largest farm organization. This was a gain of 13,029 member families during the past fiscal year which ended Oct. 31. This was the 28th consecutive year for Texas Farm Bureau to gain in membership.

Ten counties were presented with plaques for outstanding achievements in public relations activities. Winners included Colorado, Fayette, Tom Green, Ellis, Johnson, Gillespie, DeWitt, Karnes, Bexar, and Hardeman counties.

Kimble County Farm Bureau won the 1981 Texas Farm Bureau Safety Award for its safety education work throughout the year. Colorado, DeWitt, and Fayette counties received honorable mention awards.

Special membership awards were given in four categories for the largest gain in membership, the highest renewal percentage, the most new members, and the longest continuous gain.

Winners in the largest gain in a county were Orange, Rusk, Jefferson, and Harris counties. Re-

ceiving awards for the most new members were Orange, Rusk, Jasper, and Harris counties. LaSalle, Archer, Llano, Nacogdoches, and Lampasas counties were presented with awards for the longest continuous gain, and highest renewal percentage winners were Briscoe, Burnet, DeWitt, and Jackson counties.

The honor district award went to District 10 in South Texas for the largest membership gain and having every county gain for a Farm Bureau district. J.R. "Bubba" Day of Uvalde is state director for District 10. The counties include Atascosa, Bander, Bexar, Blanco, Comal, Dimmit, Frio, Gillespie, Hays, Kendall, Kerr, Kinney, LaSalle, Live Oak, Maverick, Medina, Uvalde, Webb, and Zavala.

Counties recognized for continuous gain in membership were: 30 years -- Nacogdoches, 25 years -- Wise and Harris, 20

years -- Van Zandt, Houston, Liberty, Austin, Fayette, Fort Bend, Wharton, and Jackson, 15 years -- Wood, McCulloch, Burnet, Falls, and Panola, and ten years -- Carson, Potter, Knox, Coke, Reeves, Tom Green, Jones, Runnels, Williamson, Tyler, Live Oak, Goliad, and Hidalgo.

COKE COUNTY BOND SALES NEARING GOAL

Sales of Series EE & HH United States Savings Bonds in Coke County during September were reported today by County Bond Chairman Gerald C. Allen to be \$1416. Sales for the first nine month period totaled \$28,359 for 81% of the 1981 goal.

Texas sales during the month amounted to \$19,229,563, while sales for the first nine months of 1981 totaled \$194,037,119 with 77% of the yearly sales goal of \$252.3 million achieved.

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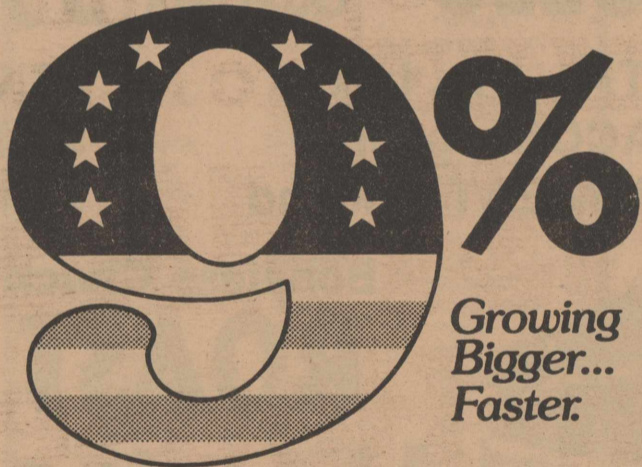
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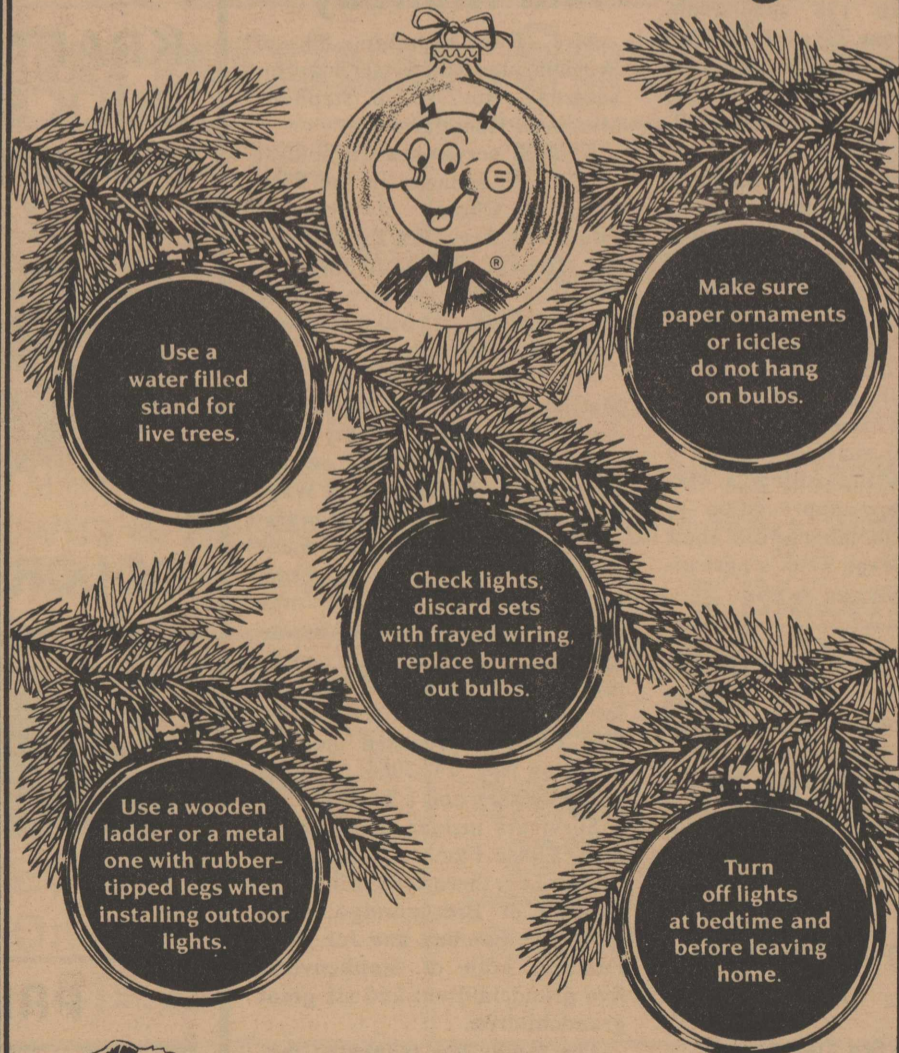
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Pioneer Martin Casey Moving To A New Home In Midland

by Joan Davis

Robert Lee's population will go down by one this week as long-time Coke County resident Martin Casey moves to Midland, to make his home with his daughter and her husband, Tommie Sue and Carl McDaniel.

Every senior citizen is a page from our history and the loss will be ours. Mr. Casey was born in Valley View, a community about five or six miles south of Robert Lee, in 1899, the son of early settlers, Marthy Irvin and J.J. Casey. He attended Valley View school, which no longer exists, but once housed quite a few students.

In 1921, he married Annie Bessent, also a Coke County native. The couple had five children, Elmer of Toledo Bend in Louisiana, the late Dorthy Caulder of Robert Lee, Tommie Sue McDaniel of Midland, Frankie of Robert Lee, and Brenda of Sterling City. Mr. and Mrs. Casey farmed in Valley View until 1938.

The Caseys wrote another piece of history when they bought their large, rambling house on Washington Street in 1941 from Mrs. Sam Russell. Mrs. Russell was the widow of former Coke County Sheriff Sam Russell.

Some 25 years later Mr. Casey found a 1924 class ring in the yard of his home. On it were the

school's initials S.C.H.S. and inside was engraved A.R. Thinking it might be a Sterling City ring, he showed it to several people there; no one could think of a Sterling graduate with those initials. By chance, he showed it to Leora McCabe and she remembered that Azilete Russell (Sam Russell's daughter), Ione Cumbe, Lois Bell and Pearl McCabe had roomed in Sterling City to finish high school. At that time, they had more high school grades than Robert Lee had. The ring was, in fact, hers and was sent to her; she was delighted to get it back.

Mr. Casey became a carpenter after leaving the farm and helped construct a lot of buildings in the area over a period of 30 years. Mrs. Casey died in 1966 and he retired in 1971. Since then, he has operated a saw sharpening shop at his home.

One of his main interests is gardening and he is good at it. Last year the Observer carried a picture of him and one of his giant turnips.

This week he will leave "the old Sam Russell place" and begin other interests. He says "a lot of moons have changed" since he was born here. He has decided not to dispose of his property at this time; he might want to set out some green onions next spring.

Watchdog

The Texas Consumer Association Education Fund's Report from Austin

By Rebecca Lightsey, Director

With Thanksgiving just behind us, it's a good time to say "thanks" to those responsible for our food — Texas farmers.

The row farmers have to hoe is not an easy one, and it's getting rockier every day. This breed of strong Texans who have been sweating with their backs to the plow to put food on our tables are an endangered species. With the financial difficulties they face, they may soon become extinct.

In an average year — when the weather holds up and the crops don't fail, or the bottom doesn't drop out of the market — farmers barely cover 50% of their production costs from the average prices they get for their crops. The per-capita income of farmers stands at a paltry 62% compared to non-farmers. Their return on equity, approximately 3%, pales beside the average industrial return of 15%.

Yet it's hard for some of us to figure how, with the chokingly high food prices, the growers of that food could be in such economic peril. A quick look at where our food dollars goes, though, explains it. For each dollar we count out at the grocery store, those who till the soil get only 32¢; 68¢ is pocketed by the processors, transporters, and distributors.

That meager share of our food bills that our family farmers get has to be stretched pretty thin to make ends meet. These independent farmers are dependent on four of the most costly and inflationary commodities of our times — petrochemical fertilizers, fossil fuels, land and loans — to grow food. Money farmers need for seed and tractors have to be siphoned off to buy expensive fuel and make interest payments. In fact, a full one-fifth of a farm's production expenses doesn't go to producing a single ounce of

food — it goes to cover interest rate expenses. All in all, if the current economic trend doesn't turn soon, the forecast looks bleak for our farmers.

What would happen with the demise of the family farmer? Who would take over food production? Large corporations, both foreign and national, are about the only ones around with enough money in their pockets to buy large hunks of land. Which may be just what we need, some people think. Can't large corporate farms do the job more efficiently and cheaper than family farms?

Surprisingly enough, the answer is no. Contrary to the notion that bigger is better and more efficient, the Department of Agriculture and independent agricultural economists have found that the optimum farm size is the same size as the average family farm today. And they've discovered that family-sized farms are tremendously efficient — these farms have increased their productivity per man hour at rates three times those of manufacturing industries. The folks who are currently farming in the U.S. are doing the best job in the world — our farmers produce more food per labor hour than any other country.

And these farmers are fighting for survival. As Nita Gibson, head of W.I.F.E. (Women Involved in Farm Economics) says, "We're fighting for survival not only because we're personally involved, but also because we know that the soil needs to be cared for and because the family farmer has a conscience as a conservator of the soil. . . ."

If you want to help our farmers in their struggle, find out what you can do, write the Texas Farmers Union, P.O. Box 7276, Waco, Tx. 76710.

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at the New Recreation Center

in Robert Lee, Texas

Health permitting, he and his daughters and their families will be there to greet their friends and loved ones who are able to join them on this glad occasion. The pleasure of your presence and your love and friendship are the best and only gifts he desires.

At two o'clock he would like to share some of his memories of the early days in Coke County with those present. The rest of the afternoon will be spent visiting.

Some invitations were mailed to older people and those more closely associated with our father. We fear that we unintentionally missed some. We hope that his friends who wish to attend will consider this as a special invitation whether or not they received one by mail.

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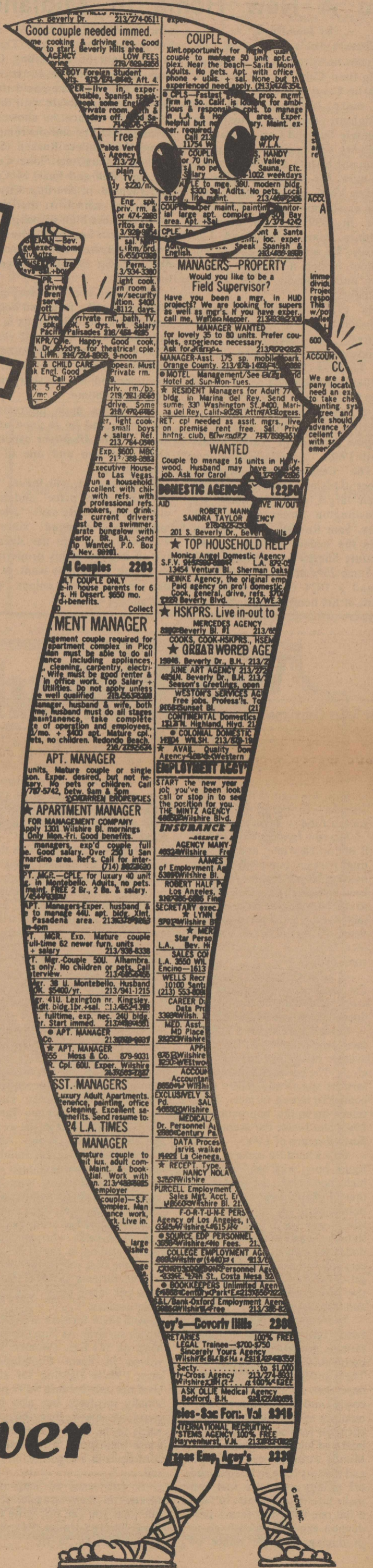
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No Sunday and Holiday Mail

Authorities of the U.S. Post Office Department have announced that Robert Lee no longer has mail service on Sunday and holidays.

The service was curtailed as of Sunday, Nov. 29.

JAN FRAZEE IS HONOREE AT BRIDAL SHOWER

A bridal tea honoring Miss Jan Frazee was held Sunday afternoon in the home of Mrs. Bill Allen.

Refreshments were served to a large number of guests. A silver punchbowl and crystal appointments held punch, coffee, and various holiday cookies. The striking centerpiece was made up of dark red roses and iris.

Special guests were the mother and grandmother of the bride-elect, Mrs. Virginia Frazee of San Angelo and Mrs. Edna Owens of Bronte, and the prospective groom's mother and grandmother, Mrs. W.T. Matlock and Mrs. Ruth Jenkins, both of Robert Lee.

Miss Frazee will become the bride of Billy Matlock on Saturday, Dec. 5, in the First Baptist Church in Bronte.

Hostesses for the tea were: Mrs. Bill Casey, Mrs. Bob Fields, Mrs. Bill Allen, Mrs. Frank Casey, Mrs. Frank Hearn, Mrs. Ben Bessent, Mrs. Gene Hinnard and Mrs. Vaughan Davis.

Recent guests in the home of A.V. Hughes were his daughters and families, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Varnadore, Clay and Clint of Nicholson, Ga., Pat Whitaker, Becky and Mandy of Odessa, Mary Newman of Odessa, and Jane Hughes of San Angelo.

ATTENTION HUNTERS & TRAPPERS

Fur buyer will be in Robert Lee at Skinner's Grocery each Friday from 7:00 a.m. till 7:30 a.m. beginning Dec. 4.

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LUNCHROOM MENUS

Monday, Dec. 7: Barbecue wieners, cream potatoes, green beans, hot rolls with butter, milk and applesauce.

Tuesday, Dec. 8: Chili mac, lettuce, tomato salad, corn, crackers, milk and peanut chocolate clusters.

Wednesday, Dec. 9: Pinto beans with meat, spinach, pickled beets, cornbread squares, milk and fruit cobbler.

Thursday, Dec. 10: Corndogs with mustard, cheese stick, French fries with catsup, corn, milk and banana.

Friday, Dec. 11: Steakfingers with cream gravy, English peas, cream potatoes, hot rolls with butter, milk and pear half.

Lake Spence Fishing News

PAINT CREEK MARINA

Sharon Cobb, Midland, 2 black bass, 1 lb. and 1 ¼ lb.; 1 small mouth bass 12 ½ inches long, 1 ¼ lb.

Several small mouth bass caught by different parties. Most from 10 to 12 inches long.

SKINNY'S HILLSIDE

Y.J. and Dair Sherrell, Robert Lee, 17 black bass to 3 lbs.; 1 small mouth bass, 12 inches long.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Chumley and Leslie of San Antonio came to Robert Lee last Thursday to take Merritt Smith, a West Coke County Nursing Home resident, home with them for the holiday. He remained there until Sunday. The Chumleys were long-time neighbors of Mr. Smith.

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So says the VA... KATZENJAMMER KIDS by Mike Senich



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Contact nearest VA office
(check your phone book) or
a local veterans group.

Mrs. Ell Hatley had her son and grandchildren together for a visit for the first time in several years. Bobby Ell Sr. and son, Billy of Goltry, Okla. arrived on Tuesday evening. Coming later for Thanksgiving were Bob Jr. of Enid Okla., a friend, Nelda Hogue of Dallas, and Mr. and Mrs. Steve Hatley, Tanya and Tamara of Conroe.

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NOTE A large quantity of tools have been consigned to me to dispose of, everything must go. There will be thousands of dollars worth of industrial tool hand tools and misc. items. There will be many job lots sold. So all dealers, wholesalers and salvage buyers be sure to attend.

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Tools for Everyone

107-Booster Cables
212-7pc Screwdriver Sets
308-Allen Wrenches
1000-s-Hacksaw Bldgs.
86-Hand Saws
92-40pc Tap & Die
118-4pc Pipe Wrenches
500-Bundles of Electrical Tape
82-Channel Locks
152-Paint Brushes
96-Flashlights
Electronic Tools
KAL and Car Check
71-Hex Bit Sets
82-100 Trouble Lites
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54-Garden Hoses
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2-Bandsaws
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2-Bandsaws
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23-Electric Drills
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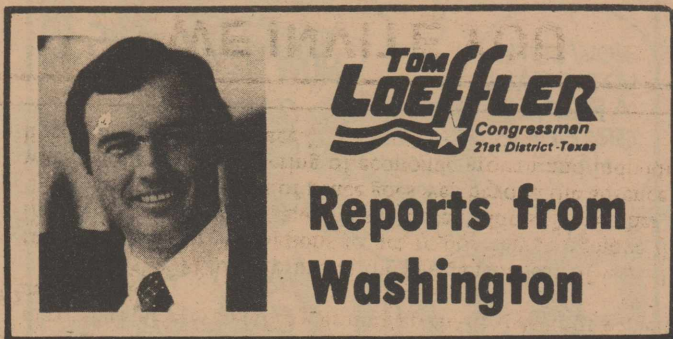
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AUCTIONEER'S NOTE: This will be one of the largest sales of big industrial hand tools, power tools and gift merchandise ever held in this area. Don't miss this one. Terms cash or accepted check.

THIS IS A PARTIAL LIST ALL SUBJECT TO PRIOR SALE

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Holiday guests with Mrs. Goldman, Carla and John of Dallas. Her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Gru-



Reports from Washington

Strategic Arms Reductions

President Reagan's impressive proposal for strategic arms reduction in Western Europe sets forth a bold agenda to achieve a lasting peace, security and freedom across the globe.

The President's proposal is simple and straightforward — and, in my judgment, long overdue.

In a message to Soviet President Brezhnev, Mr. Reagan proposed the mutual reduction of conventional, intermediate range nuclear and strategic forces.

Specifically, the President proposed a four-point agenda to achieve this objective.

The first, and most important, point concerns the Geneva negotiations. Our representatives to the Geneva negotiations set to begin November 30 are prepared to offer to cancel deployment of Pershing II and ground launch cruise missiles if the Soviets will dismantle their SS-20, SS-4, and SS-5 missiles. This historic step would substantially reduce the dread threat of nuclear war which hangs over the people of Europe.

The second proposal concerns strategic weapons. The United States proposes to open negotiations on strategic arms as soon as possible next year. Here the aim is to negotiate substantial reductions in nuclear arms that would result in levels that are equal and verifiable.

The third proposal is that we act to achieve equality at lower levels of conventional forces in Europe. The Soviet Union could make no more convincing contribution to peace in Europe — and the world — than by agreeing to reduce its conventional forces and constrain the potential for sudden aggression.

The fourth point made to President Brezhnev is that to maintain peace we must reduce the risks of surprise attack, and the chance of war arising out of uncertainty or miscalculation.

Our country intends to negotiate in good faith and go to Geneva willing to listen to and consider the proposals of our Soviet counterparts. The outcome is literally a matter of life and death for many in Europe who sit on a strategic bullseye in the scenario of world military politics.

The position of the United States is one that Moscow will have to deal with seriously. For too long we have negotiated from weakness or lack of direction. With the President's recent policy speech we go to these talks working from an established point of view.

Substance, however, is far more important than the timing of arms talks yet to come. The United States has been preparing carefully for resumption of strategic arms negotiations because we do not want a repetition of past disappointments. We do not want an arms control process that sends hopes soaring only to end in dashed expectations.

This applies particularly to any kind of equal and verifiable checking of final agreements. Our approach to verification will be to emphasize openness and creativity — rather than the secrecy and suspicion which have undermined confidences in arms control in the past.

While we can hope to benefit from work done over the past decade in strategic arms limitations, we should agree to do more than simply begin where these efforts previously left off. We can and should attempt major qualitative and quantitative progress. Only that kind of progress can fulfill the hopes of our own people and the rest of the world.

All of the proposals set forth by President Reagan are based on the same fair-minded principles: substantial, militarily-significant reductions in forces; equal ceilings for similar types of forces; and adequate provisions for verification.

One thing is for certain: we cannot reduce arms unilaterally. Success can only come if the Soviet Union will share our commitment, if it will demonstrate that its often-repeated professions of concern for peace will be matched by positive action.

If the Soviets refuse, the arms race, sadly, will continue.

The people of Europe want and deserve some resolution of this issue. Twice before in this century Europe has been the site of bloody battlefields — battlefields which have been soaked with the blood of American soldiers. The potential for a third time make the stakes even more alarming given the specter of a nuclear conflagration.

No one should have to live in the permanent fear of war. The time has come for all nations to act responsibly to remove that threat. As the President said in his televised address November 18, "The American concept of peace goes well beyond the absence of war. We foresee a flowering of economic growth and individual liberty in a world at peace."

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