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BOYS VARSITY--Back row: Coach Poehls, Scot Long, Darren Williams, Bob Flowers, Scott Stephens, Quint Anthony and

Coach Cyldes Dukes; front row: Kyle Gibbs, David Hubbard, Lupe Torres, Terry Joe Millican, Kirby Rasco and Edwin Smith.



GIRLS VARSITY--Back row: Mary Galvan, Sara De La Pena, Frankie Walker, Tracie Tomlinson, Leigh Ann Runnion, Coach Clyde Dukes, Cindy Gartman, Martha Bickley, Amy Percifull,

Lupe Munoz and Debbie Cummins; front row: Lesa Nichols, Sherri Walker, Sheri Ebenstein, Kim Caston, Mary Lara, Rhonda Prentice and Sissy Smith. (Photos by Winnie McPeck)

RL Girls Win Two, Boys Split Games During the Past Week

Robert Lee High School girls basketball team has been tending to business this past week and have taken two district victories. The boys team has broken even, winning one and losing one.

STERLING CITY GAMES

Sterling City came to Robert Lee last Friday night for a couple of games. The local girls had no problem as they took a 51-24

victory, but the boys bowed to their visitors and came out with a 55-48 loss.

Leigh Ann Runnion was high pointer for the girls with 21 points; Martha Bickley had 11; Frankie Walker 9; Debbie Cummins 6; Amy Percifull 4. Scot Long had 22 points to lead the Steers; Quint Anthony sank 10; Darren Williams 8; Kirby Rasco 4; Lupe Torres 4.

GARDEN CITY GAMES

Garden City visited Robert Lee Tuesday night but had to go home with no victories. Robert Lee girls won 54-35; the boys A team took a 64-44 win; and the boys B team downed their opponents 62-20.

Scoring for the girls were Runnion with 12; Walker 8; Bickley 8; Cummins 6; Percifull 6; Tracie Tomlinson 4; Sara De La Pena 4; Mary Galvan 3; Carrath Metcalf 2; Lupe Munoz 1.

Anthony and Williams tied for boys scoring honors with 13 each; Long had 10; Rasco 8; Bob Flowers 6; Kyle Gibbs 5; Jimmy Skinner 4; Scott Stephens 3; Torres 2.

Taking scoring honors for the boys B team was Bobby Boone with 19; Greg Grim had 9; Caesar De La Pena 9; John Hinnard 6; Douglas Roberts 3; Phil Stephens 2; Larry Palmer 2; Darryl Mulkey 4; David Rodriguez 8.

Robert Lee has only two more regular season games. The teams will go to Water Valley tonight (Friday) and to Bronte Tuesday night. Girls A and boys A and B teams will play, beginning at 5 p.m.

Groundhog Hits Sack For 6 Weeks

Put those gardening tools back in the shed and delay the spring housecleaning, winter's not over yet. The traditional groundhog weather-watcher came up for a look Tuesday, Feb. 2, was frightened by his shadow and went back into his hole for six more weeks of hibernation.

Even though we keep an eye on him every year, every West Texan knows even a groundhog can't predict Texas weather.

Weekend Rains Help Pastures

Robert Lee received about 1/2 inch of much needed moisture over the weekend. Although the showers didn't help stock tanks with run-off rains, it will benefit small grains and pasture weeds. Marked improvement in greening-up was brought about by the six-inch snow two weeks ago, and the weekend rain will hold on till other showers develop.

Nelson Holeman Named Coke County Deputy

Coke County has a new deputy sheriff, effective Tuesday of this week. Nelson Holeman, who has been living in San Angelo, was approved by Coke County Commissioners' Court and took over his new duties.

Sheriff Marshall Millican said he is highly pleased with the employment of Holeman and felt he would be a big asset to law enforcement in the county.

The new deputy will live in Robert Lee and will work primarily on the west side of the county, leaving most of the work on the east side for Deputy John Paul McGuire, who lives at Bronte.

Holeman is retired from the military after 22 years of service. He is a certified jailer and peace officer and has worked with the sheriff's departments in Tom Green, Upton and Reagan Counties and with Ballinger Police Department. He is married and has seven children, with one daughter still living at home.

ONE INDICTMENT

Sheriff Millican said the 51st District Court grand jury returned an indictment Monday against Claude Chadwick of San Angelo

for destruction of property. The charge grew out of an incident involving destruction of a telephone repeater unit.

In a non-jury trial, Joseph Lloyd Stiles of Sweetwater was sentenced to four years in the Texas Department of Corrections on charges filed in Tom Green County. He had been charged with two counts of burglary in Coke County, which were considered in a plea bargain on the Tom Green County charges.

The sheriff said he was called out at 3:10 a.m. Sunday to a spot about 10 miles from Robert Lee on the Water Valley highway. He said Leroy Hampton Ferguson of San Angelo had accidentally shot himself in the upper left arm with a .22 caliber rifle. The man was taken to West Coke County Hospital and later carried to San Angelo by West Coke County Ambulance Service.

Pancake Supper Tickets on Sale

Tickets are now on sale for the annual pancake supper scheduled for Feb. 12 at the Robert Lee School lunchroom. The 4-H Club members are selling the tickets for the supper; tickets also will be available at the door. The price of the tickets are \$2.00 for children 12 years and under; \$3.00 for over 12 and adults. Preschoolers will be charged \$2.00 if they have a plate of their own. The supper will begin at 6 p.m. and continue until 8 p.m.

The entertainment will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the school auditorium under the direction of Edna Havins and Addison Davis.

Those who attend will be treated to a meal of hot buttered pancakes and syrup and bacon, and coffee or milk. In addition, the entertainment by local and area talent will be presented for the pleasure of those who attend.

The pancake supper is sponsored by the Robert Lee-Silver Lions Club and the Coke County 4-H Clubs. The proceeds from this supper will be used for community projects by the Lions and 4-H'ers.

Pate Files for Commissioner Before Monday Deadline Passes

The deadline for candidates to file for places on the ballot in the May Democratic Primary passed Monday and only one more candidate had filed since last week's report.

I.B. (Ike) Pate, who operates the Sportsman's Lodge at Oak Creek Lake, filed as a candidate for commissioner of Precinct 2.

Pate's filing brought the total in the race to three. The incumbent, Bobby Vaughn, and Billy Joe Luckett are the other two

candidates for the Precinct 2 position.

Two other races are being contested by Democratic candidates. Three persons are running for county judge, including the incumbent, D.W. (Dub) Sims, Aubrey Denman and W.W. (Bud) Thetford. Precinct 4 incumbent commissioner, Jerry Parker, also has two opponents in his bid for reelection. He is opposed by James A. Tidwell and Willie Carper.

Lucky candidates who did not draw an opponent in the May Primary include: Mrs. Ettie Hubbard for county and district clerk; Mrs. Jerry Thomason for county treasurer; Mrs. Opal Jacoby for Precinct 1 justice of the peace; Cecil Kemp for Precinct 2 justice of the peace; Mrs. Cova Sparks for Precinct 3 justice of the peace; and Earl D. (Pete) Nutter for Precinct 4 justice of the peace.

The primary election will be held May 1.

Stock Show Is Set for Feb. 19-20

Plans are about complete for the annual Coke County Livestock Show which will be held Feb. 19 and 20 in County Show Barn in Robert Lee.

A large number of entries is expected in the show. As usual, there will be three divisions: Beef Cattle Division, Sheep Division and Swine Division. Each Division will have classes for market animals as well as breeding stock.

An auction sale will be held Saturday afternoon and some lively bidding is expected on the fine animals which are in the show.

Everyone is invited to make plans to attend the two-day show.

Robert Lee Junior High Girls Take Championship At Sterling

Robert Lee Junior High girls basketball team won first place honors at the annual tournament held last weekend at Sterling City. The Dogies didn't do so well as they won their first game, then lost the next two.

GIRLS GAMES

The Robert Lee girls slaughtered Water Valley in their Thursday opener by a score of 33-6. Missy Grim was high pointer with 14; Jana Gartman 8; Lee Ann Molinar 8; Dana Anthony 2; Lin Long 1.

In their second game played Friday the girls had a close call but managed a 23-21 win over Irion County. Gartman was high pointer with 9; Grim had 6; Patty Bloodworth 4; Anthony 2; Long 2.

The Robert Lee girls were matched against their Sterling City hosts in the Saturday championship game and they had a pretty easy time in taking a 31-18 win and the big trophy. Grim hit 14 to lead the scoring; Gartman had 8; Anthony 3; Bloodworth 3; Long 3.

BOYS GAMES

Like the girls, the Dogies had an easy time in their Thursday game as they defeated Water Valley 51-11. Just about everybody played. Randy Stephens was high pointmaker with 11;

Kevin Johnson and Scott Robertson were on his heels with 10 each; Dale Hodnett 4; Mike Sanchez 4; Larry Griffin 4; Mike Torres 3; Jim Bob Jacobs 2; James Paul Skipworth 2; Rick Drennan 1.

The Dogies ran into some competition Friday when they met up with the Bronte Short-horns and lost by a score of 36-28. Stephens was high for his team with 13; Hodnett had 9; Sanchez 4; Jacobs 2.

The Robert Lee lads played Forsan Saturday for third place, but came out on the short end of a 30-18 score. Again, Stephens was high pointer with 8; Johnson had 6; Sanchez 2; Jacobs 2.

GRAPE CREEK GAMES

Grape Creek came to Robert Lee Monday night for junior high games but had to go home with a couple of defeats. Robert Lee's girls won their game 25-20, while the boys took their victory 31-16.

Scoring for the girls were Grim with 12; Gartman 11; Bloodworth 2. Making points for the boys were Stephens 9; Sanchez 6; Johnson 6; Hodnett 4; Jacobs 2; Robertson 2; Skipworth 2.

The junior high teams have two games left on their schedule. They will travel to Water Valley Feb. 8 and Bronte will come to Robert Lee Feb. 15.

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CRUSADERS SPLIT PAIR

The Crusader Royal Ambassador basketball teams played in the local high school gym last Tuesday, splitting a pair of games with Wingate.

The sixth grade team was victorious with a 43-28 win. Leading the scoring was Stevie Ebenstein with 20; followed by Randy Gartman 8; West Hood 2; Cody Anthony 1; Jason Herring 2; Robert Runnion 8.

Wingate overcame the 3-5 grade Crusaders, 28-6. Scoring for the young group were Joel Herring with 2 and Cody Anthony totaling 4 points.

Roy Epperson, pastor of the Robert Lee Baptist Church is coaching the Crusaders.

JACKETS FOR SALE

RLHS cheerleaders have some extra jackets that they would like to sell. Anyone who is interested in buying one of the jackets should contact Susan Blassingame at the high school. These orange windbreakers (one is maroon) are in broken sizes, linings and prices.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Gartman visited their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Gartman, Brad and Ken in Snyder on Sunday. Dennis, a Sun Oil Company employee, moved his family from Rockport last Friday, after being transferred recently.

AREA WOMEN TO SAN ANTONIO

Mrs. Fred Beaty and Mrs. Billy Joe Lockett attended a United Methodist Church Women's Workshop at St. Stephen's Church in San Antonio Jan. 30 and 31.

A group of area women went to San Antonio on a van from First UMC in San Angelo. The workshop was for officers from the Southwest Texas Conference. There was 85% attendance which was better than average for this type meeting. The workshop taught the local officers more about their jobs and to encourage other women to get involved in social concerns in their community.

Mrs. Lockett called J. Lee Ensor. She reported that maybe he can be home by the end of the week.

ALPHA KAPPA PI TO HELP CHILD WELFARE BOARD

Alpha Kappa Pi Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met Jan. 27 in the home of Dwala Casey. President Beth Prather called the meeting to order. The discussion centered around supporting the Coke County Child Welfare Board. The members voted to support and donate to the board's needs.

Events for the month of February include the birthday party for residents of West Coke County Nursing Home and a chili supper which will be a social for members and their husbands.

Refreshments were served and a program on "Hobbies" was presented by Beverly Bell.



IVEY IS SELECTED--Cumbie Ivey Jr. of Ivey Motor Company, Robert Lee, left, is congratulated by Dallas District Manager Marv Ellsworth on being elected vice chairman of the Dallas District

Ford Dealers Advertising Fund for 1982. The fund manages the combined advertising and marketing for over 170 dealers throughout Northern Texas and the Texas Panhandle.

Conner Dies At Big Spring

George E. Conner, 84, father of two Robert Lee residents died in Hogan-Malone Hospital in Big Spring on Saturday, Jan. 23, after a long illness.

Memorial services were held in Nalley-Pickle Funeral Chapel in Big Spring on Sunday at 3:00 p.m. On Tuesday, funeral services were held in a Chandler, Okla. funeral chapel with burial following in Chandler.

Mr. Conner, a resident of Sand Springs for a number of years, was a retired Sun Oil Company employee.

Survivors include his wife of Sand Springs; two daughters, Mrs. Clyde (Oma) Lewis of Robert Lee and Mrs. P.K. (Wanda) McComb of Big Spring; two sons, Ivan Conner of Robert Lee and Aulden Conner of Beauvridge, La.; seven grandchildren; 11 great grandchildren; and two great, great grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Fikes had their three daughters and their families home over the weekend to help Weldon celebrate another birthday. Visiting were Mr. and Mrs. Jim Stewart (Marion) and children of Midland, Mr. and Mrs. Wes Washam (Farrell Jean) and children of Midland, and Mrs. David Miller (Elaine) from Fort Worth.

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ELECTION IS CALLED

At the last regular meeting, January 21, 1982, the Robert Lee Independent School District Board of Trustees called a trustee election for April 3, 1982. This meeting will be officially advertised at a later date.

Cookie, Sid and Jeremy Burns of Denver City were weekend guests in the homes of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Hinnard and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Burns. They also attended the J.V. basketball tourney at the local gym.

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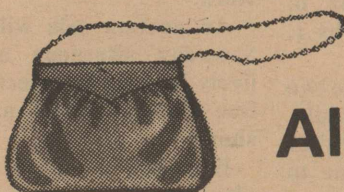
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Having grown up in the country and in a family of musicians to boot, I have always been fond of country music. As a youth, I went to sleep under Grandma's patchwork quilt in the back of a pickup to the music of my dad's music at some country dancehall more times than I could count.

Those Saturday nights we were at home, the evening was spent in front of the old battery radio tapping our toes to the Grand Ole Opry or the Louisiana Hayride.

Since my association with West Texas Rehab Center for five years now and the annual telethon, my love for country music has been renewed. Because of the many stars who come and help us each year, I have got to know them in person as well as their music and appreciate their talents even more.

Rex Allen and Rex Allen Jr. have been friends of ours for years, and during the WTRC telethon last month, I was privileged to visit backstage and made some new friends. Grandpa (Marshall) Jones and Merle Travis are home folks clear to the bone. Ray Price has been a favorite for years.

Last week, we braved a smoke-filled dancehall in San Angelo to catch the Ernest Tubb Show. Ernest Tubb lived in San Angelo for years, back in the late 1930s and early 1940s, even wrote a song about the Concho River town called: "Swell San Angelo".

At 68 years of age, Tubb has been a star of the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville for 39 years. As a boy, I can remember sitting on our front porch at the ranch and hear him on the jukebox from the little Buckhollow Store across the field on the highway. Remember "I'll Get Along Somehow," and "You Broke A Heart That Was Breaking For You," and "Walking The Floor Over You," and "I Wonder Why You Said 'Good-bye'?"

In recent years we have "Waltzed Across Texas" to Ernest Tubb and the Texas Troubadors. I am amazed at the following this man still has and how devoted he is to his fans. He patiently signs autographs and poses for pictures.

Ernest Tubb was born in Crisp, Texas. He spent his early years on the farm and ranch and the memories of his childhood and youth are still treasured deep within his heart. It was while attending the old time dances, so popular in the rural areas, that Ernest first began to entertain the public, singing the old time songs accompanied by the small

string bands that played for these gatherings.

In 1933, while still learning to play his first mail order guitar, Ernest secured a job singing with a small string band at that time appearing over radio station KONO in San Antonio. Before long he had his own program over the station, singing, and playing his own accompaniment on the guitar.

His rise to popularity was rapid. In 1935 he was chosen by Mrs. Jimmy Rodgers, widow of the late famous singing brakeman, as successor to "America's Blue Yodeler."

We start reminiscing about these longtime personal favorites and remember others like the late Hank Williams and Marty Robbins and Hank Thompson. When I worked for the Texas & Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association, we wouldn't think of the annual cowboy dance without Hank Thompson.

Of course there was the late Bob Wills and Tex Ritter and Faron Young and so many others we used to listen to every Saturday night.

Now with the annual Rehab telethon and the love for country music all over West Texas, we are carrying on a tradition. Besides the well-known stars like Grandpa Jones, Ernest Tubb & Johnny Gimble, the fiddle player, we are introducing some great new talents to the public. One which comes to mind is Clyde Creel, a mountain of a man with the most beautiful voice to ever touch ones ear drums. We say: Long live country music and the people who perform it!

LUNCHROOM MENU

Monday, Feb. 8: Fish krispies with tartar sauce, English peas, cream potatoes, hot rolls with butter, milk and applesauce.

Tuesday, Feb. 9: Pigs in the blanket with mustard, cheese stick, Ranch Style beans, milk and peach half.

Wednesday, Feb. 10: Beans chalupas with cheese, lettuce, tomato salad, corn, chopped onion, milk and fruit cobbler.

Thursday, Feb. 11: Hot dogs with chili and cheese, French fries with catsup, chopped onion, milk and 1/2 banana.

Friday, Feb. 12: Barbecue chicken, cream potatoes, green beans, hot rolls with butter, milk and peanut butter supreme.

Mr. and Mrs. Wes Kinsey enjoyed a visit from their daughter, Mrs. Joe Dee Blair and month-old granddaughter, Mandy of Nolan over the weekend. Mandy made the acquaintance for the first time with various friends and relatives at Northside Church of Christ on Sunday.



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Mrs. Stephen Benton Dean

LaNell Flowers, Stephen Dean Exchange Vows In RL Church

LaNell Flowers became the bride of Stephen Benton Dean on Friday evening, January 15, in the Robert Lee Baptist Church.

Parents of the bride are Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bob Flowers of Robert Lee. The groom's parents are Mrs. Bill Pike of Midland and H.A. Dean of Odessa.

The couple were married before an altar decorated with large mauve candles and pink satin bows. The Rev. Roy Epperson, pastor of the church, officiated the ceremony.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, chose a white traditional wedding gown. The dress of silk organza, was trimmed in satin and featured an off shoulder V-neck with a sheer lace insert to form a high lace neckline. The fitted bodice and long, sheer sleeves were trimmed with cut, re-embroidered lace. Three wide, sheer ruffles enhanced the full, flounce skirt and echoed the wide ruffle which trimmed the drop shoulder design. Accenting the ensemble was a wide brim white hat, edged in lace.

The silk bridal bouquet was made up of dusty rose and mauve roses, and lilies of the valley. In keeping with tradition, the bride carried her mother's Bible, which Mrs. Flowers had carried at her own wedding, as something old, and her wedding gown represented something new. A necklace borrowed from the bride's mother served as something borrowed, while she chose a blue garter as the traditional something blue.

Mrs. Walter Flowers registered wedding guests in the vestibule of the church. Providing wedding music for the ceremony was Steve Porterfield of Midland, pianist and Mrs. Rita Wade, vocalist, of Hobbs, N.M.

Serving the bride as attendants were her sisters, Debbie Flowers of Robert Lee, maid of honor and Karen Flowers of San Angelo and Betty Williams of Carlsbad, bridesmaids. They were attired in street length skirts of mauve wool and rose and mauve sweaters.

The groom chose a black western suit with a white western

shirt for the wedding. He was attended by Kenneth Machasek, as best man, and Mike Mitchell and Danny Dean, his brother, as groomsmen. They are all of Midland. They wore white western shirts and black trousers. Walter Flowers of Ira and Bob Flowers of Robert Lee, brothers of the bride, ushered guests.

A reception was held in the Fellowship Hall of the church following the ceremony. The bride's table was covered with a mauve cloth overlaid with lace. The centerpiece was made up of candles and crystal trees on a mirror. Wedding guests were served from a crystal punch bowl and a white three-tiered wedding cake, adorned with dusty pink and mauve roses. Serving at the reception were the groom's sister, Cindy Dean, Rita Wade and Sharon Pitcock.

After a two week wedding trip to Nashville, Tenn. which included the Grand Ole Opry, the couple are at home in Midland.

A pre-wedding supper was hosted by the groom's mother, Mrs. Bill Pike of Midland, Friday night at 6:00 p.m. for the wedding party at Larry's Little Freezer.

Lions Join In War On Drugs

Texas Lions Clubs joined forces with the Texans War on Drugs (DARE) when Lions Club representatives met Sept. 4, 1981, in Fort Worth.

Robert Lee-Silver Lions are joining with other clubs of Texas in making plans to create a drug-free environment for children of the state.

Plans include speaker-coordinators from San Angelo and Odessa to inform and instruct concerned parents.

Further announcements will be forthcoming from the local Lions Club.

Linda Havins of Denton and a friend, Mike Palmertree of Stephenville were guests last weekend in the home of Linda's mother, Mrs. Edna Havins.

Couple Wed In Home Rites

Mary Kay Baker Menchaca and Mike Brasuel were married Jan. 22 at 8:00 p.m. in the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Baker. The Rev. John Reynolds, pastor of the First United Methodist Church, officiated. Attendants for the ceremony, were the couple's two children, Melissa Brasuel and Eddie Menchaca.

Family members of the couple, who attended the service, included the bride's sister, Mrs. Cheri Masburn, of Galveston.

The couple are at home in Robert Lee, where the groom is employed by Kwik Service and Supply Co.

Mrs. Jackie Smith and Jessica Lynn of Stephenville, Mr. and Mrs. Art Morton of San Angelo, Mr. and Mrs. Troy Millican of Sterling City, Buddy Wallace of Lubbock and Jacky Wallace of Abilene visited during the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Wallace Jr. Other visitors Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Waymon Robertson, Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Wallace and Clyde Dukes of Robert Lee, Mrs. Clayton Bloodworth and Patty of Silver, Mrs. Dale Burnett and Matthew of San Angelo and Clay Bloodworth of Lubbock.

IT'S A FACT

For the want of a will, the estate is lost? Not for those hundreds of Texans attending estate planning workshops and seminars conducted by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, a part of the Texas A&M University System. Besides learning about the value of a properly written will, participants learn how to plan their estates to reduce taxes and to make use of local professional assistance in this planning process. This is another example of "The Extension Way--People Helping People."



GIRLS JV--Back Row: Melanie Nichols, Sherri Walker, Sheri Epperson, Tracy Pearson, Diane Gilchrest, Coach Clyde Dukes, Tina Bower, Carrath Metcalf and Carol Longoria; front row: Lesa



BOYS JV--Back Row: Coach Ed front row: John Hinnard, Greg Poehls, Phil Stephens, Bobby Grim, Eddie Hood, David Rodriguez, Larry Palmer, Caesar De La Pena and Garry Palmer. [Photos by Winnie McPeck]

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Contractors Not Pleased with County Work on Private Property

Two contractors who specialize in dirt work were not happy with the reception they received at Tuesday's meeting of the Coke County Commissioners' Court.

J.D. Harmon of Robert Lee and Johnny Moore of Bronte met with the court to request that the county set up prices for doing work on private property, but they said they had no success in their appeal to the commissioners to comply with a law which went into effect Jan. 1, 1981, allowing the use of county equipment and personnel to do private work in small counties (under 5,000 population), but requiring the work be paid for at a competitive price.

The request of the two contractors to get the commissioners to act on the matter was tabled and they said it was the second trip they had made to a commissioners' meeting and the first one turned out the same way.

The law, which was introduced by Rep. Susan McBee of Del Rio, allows county equipment and personnel to be used for private work in counties where no private contractors are available to do the work needed. Harmon and Moore content that Coke County commissioners are doing this type of private work at no charge and are violating the law, since both of them are in the business of building roads and doing other types of dirt work in Coke County.

Harmon, who specializes in soil conservation work, said Tuesday that it was no big deal to his business, "but it's against the law." He said he "caught one commissioner doing private work for a constituent and I asked about it and he said he didn't have to charge for it." Harmon said he felt the tax money being used for private road and dirt work could be much better spent keeping up the public roads of the county. He noted that some of his equipment had blown out tires that cost \$250 each and it might not have happened if the road had been kept up properly.

"I've been talking to the commissioners for year," Harmon said about this matter, "and it seems like we're working for them instead of them working for the citizens of the county. I think it's clearly a misapplication of funds."

Harmon said when he and Moore went before the commissioners Tuesday he didn't think they were going to be able to get the matter discussed, but finally Commissioner George Newby made a motion to discuss the matter.

Harmon said he was sympathetic toward the commissioners' problems in doing private work for citizens, "but it's against the law." He added, "The new law is over a year old and it is the law, and I feel it should be enforced."

MOORE NOT SO HAPPY

Johnny Moore of Bronte is a smaller and younger contractor than J.D. Harmon, and he was not as sympathetic as Harmon toward the work Coke County

commissioners are giving to some citizens. "I really appreciate Mr. Harmon for going to bat with me on this matter," Moore said. "It's not near important to him as it is to me, but he's working just as hard as I am to get the county to enforce the law."

Moore was bitter about the effect county policy has had on his business. "They've hurt me," he said. "I've lost some jobs that they've done. You can't fight a business that's funded by the government—even the county government," he added.

Moore said the commissioners state they don't always know where county roads end and private roads begin, "but I can't buy that. They've lived with this thing for at least 25 years and I think they know exactly where the lines are."

Moore said the new law specifies that precinct roads have to be in good condition before county equipment can be used for work on private projects. "Anybody that has ridden over the roads of Coke County knows that they are not in good shape. Still they (the commissioners) go on doing work on private property and the people are not paying anything for this service," he said.

Moore said he didn't think the commissioners were going to talk to him Tuesday morning. "The judge insisted they untable the matter," he said. One commissioner, he said, stated, "We don't see any reason to discuss this, but Commissioner Newby finally said 'Let's discuss it.'"

BILL HELWIG SPEAKS

County Attorney Bill Helwig was contacted after the two men who appeared in Commissioners' Court Tuesday morning. He said he has had no formal complaints filed in regard to the new law.

Helwig said he was sympathetic toward both sides of this matter. However, he added that the new law has been passed and is going to have to be obeyed.

"I told them last December they should set rates (for work with county equipment and personnel) but they tabled it," Helwig said.

The county attorney said he would like to see a public meeting held where the law could be explained to everyone.

"I don't think anybody's out of line," Helwig said, "but I do think it's a matter for the commissioners and the people to understand."

Noting that private work has been going on for years, Helwig said, "I think the law is there and it is going to have to be abided by, but I think the citizens should understand the limitations of the commissioners. It is a law of the state and something our commissioners will have to deal with."



West Coke Hospital News

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

Jan. 26: W.J. Neighbors admitted and no dismissals.

Jan. 27: No admissions and W.J. Neighbors dismissed.

Jan. 28: Julia Gloria admitted and no dismissals.

Jan. 29: Lula Walker admitted. Sallie Gartman and Frank Robbins dismissed.

Jan. 30: No admissions or dismissals.

Jan. 31: Doris Shandley admitted and no dismissals.

Feb. 1: Neva J. McKee admitted and no dismissals.

Commissioners Have Meeting

Coke County Commissioners' Court met Tuesday and confirmed the hiring of Nelson Holeman as a new deputy sheriff for Coke County. More information is contained in a related story in this paper.

In other business the commissioners:

*Met with Mrs. Ben Oglesby of Bronte who represented the Soroosis Study Club. The club is interested in making some changes and improvements in Bronte Community Center. No action was taken on the matter, as the commissioners told Mrs. Oglesby that no money had been budgeted for this project. Also, they said, federal revenue sharing funds are being cut.

*Heard a report from Dick Childress who is with the Texas Department of Highways and Transportation. Childress reported that state allocation of funds had been changed to \$350 per mile. Judge D.W. Sims said Coke County pays about \$12,000 a year into the state fund and gets back about \$10,000.

*Met with J.D. Harmon and Johnny Moore, dirt work contractors, who wanted to discuss setting of fees for work done on private property with county equipment and personnel. The issue was tabled with no action taken. Another story in this week's paper deals with this matter.

*Went into executive session at the request of County Attorney Bill Helwig. Judge Sims said no action was taken in the session and there was nothing to report.

Statement Of Intent To Change Rates

General Telephone Company of the Southwest, in accordance with the Rules of the Public Utility Commission of Texas, hereby gives notice of the Company's intent to implement a new schedule of rates in Texas effective March 5, 1982.

The proposed changes in rates will affect all customer classes and are designed to increase the Company's intrastate revenue by 24 percent.

A complete set of revised rate schedules has been filed with the Public Utility Commission at Austin, Texas, and is available for public inspection in each of the Company's Business Offices in the State of Texas. A summary of the Company's rate filing has also been sent to the Mayor's Office of each affected Municipality.



Get Ready For Social Security

People who are planning to retire early next year should start thinking about filing for their Social Security benefits now, according to Frank Upp, district manager of the San Angelo Social Security office. Social Security rules allow an individual to file an application for retirement benefits up to four months before the month they will retire or reach retirement age. This will allow the people at Social Security ample time to process your application so that you will receive your first check shortly after your retirement.

Here are some important reminders for workers who will be filing for Social Security in the near future:

First, gather together the information or evidence you will need to support your claim. This includes your Social Security card or a record of the number; evidence of your birthdate recorded early in your life, preferably a birth or baptism certificate recorded before your fifth birthday; W-2 form (or if self-employed, your income tax return) for last year and an estimate of your earnings for this year if you file before the end of the year.

If you have a spouse or child who will qualify for benefits on your Social Security account similar evidence such as their Social Security number and evidence of date of birth must also be furnished.

Don't forget you can conduct most all of the Social Security business over the telephone. This includes the filing of your application for benefits. The phone number is listed in your telephone directory under Social

Security Administration. Remember by applying several months in advance you can assure that your retirement checks will start as soon as you stop working and you won't be without an income.

OLDER VOTERS LEAD

Attention, voters! In the 1980 presidential election, 62 percent of people age 65 and older voted, says Judith L. Warren, a family life education specialist - aging.

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Warren is on the home economics staff of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

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NOTICE

We are now taking bids on a 1971 Chevrolet Suburban, formerly used as an ambulance. May be seen at local hospital. Sealed bids will be opened Feb. 23, 1982. Bids may be sent to West Coke County Emergency Medical Service, Box 66, Robert Lee, Tx. 76945. 30-3TC

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Political Announcements

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CARD OF THANKS

We want to express our gratitude and appreciation to all our friends for every act of sympathy and kindness shown to us during the illness and death of our father.

Iris and Ivan Conner
 Oma and Clyde Lewis

32-1tc

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50 Years Ago

The Green Mountain P.T.A. met Oct. 8 with 21 members present. The following officers were installed by Mrs. John Gardner of Robert Lee: Mrs. Tom Peay, president; Mrs. Joe Schooler, first vice president; Mrs. Kim Collier, second vice president; Mrs. Sam Powell, historian; and D.K. Smith, secretary-treasurer. Mrs. F.S. Higginbotham, president of the Robert Lee P.T.A. and four other ladies were guests. Plans for the year were discussed and Finance, Membership, Program, and Publicity Committees were appointed. Next meeting will be held at the Green Mountain School house Oct. 30. Watch later notices for programs. Mrs. A.C. Johnson, reporter.

Up to Thursday noon the two Robert Lee gins had ginned 1145 bales of cotton this season.

Harlin Draper, now an "Old Gold" tobacco drummer, done business in Robert Lee Wednesday.

Mrs. A.J. Duncan and sons Jack and Ocie left last week for California where they will spend the winter.

Great Reduction Sale- Extra special 18x36 inch Turkish towels 10c each - Men's Radio Overalls and Jumpers, 79c each - Ladies' House dresses, fast colors, 49c up to 89c - Boys school shoes, \$1.78 - Extra Heavy outing for cold weather, 36 inches wide, 12 1/2 c yd. - Cumbie Brothers Dry Goods.

About one o'clock Wednesday morning a fire broke out in the rear of W.M. Simpson's Grocery Store. The alarm was given and

folks began to pile out of bed to get down there and help. They connected hoses and turned the water on, but had no nozzles. Phoned to Bronte for nozzles and in 15 minutes George Chisholm pulled his Buick up with 'em. In a few minutes had it under control; if they had had the nozzles, wouldn't have been much damage, because that new water works system did shoot the water to 'em. Backend of the store burned up and the back 1/2 of the roof caved in, but those staple groceries in the front end just got a good smoking. A big fire sale starts tomorrow. Come in and get a bargain.

Our water works paid for itself Wednesday morning - had we clung to that little outfit we used to have, there wouldn't be anything left on the main block but concrete walls and the Bank vault.

MRS. SMITH RESIGNS AS PRECINCT 1 CHAIRMAN

Mrs. Golda Smith resigned her position as Democratic precinct chairman of Precinct 1 last Friday when the County Democratic Committee met at the courthouse.

Mrs. Cumbie Ivey Jr. was appointed to replace Mrs. Smith on the committee.

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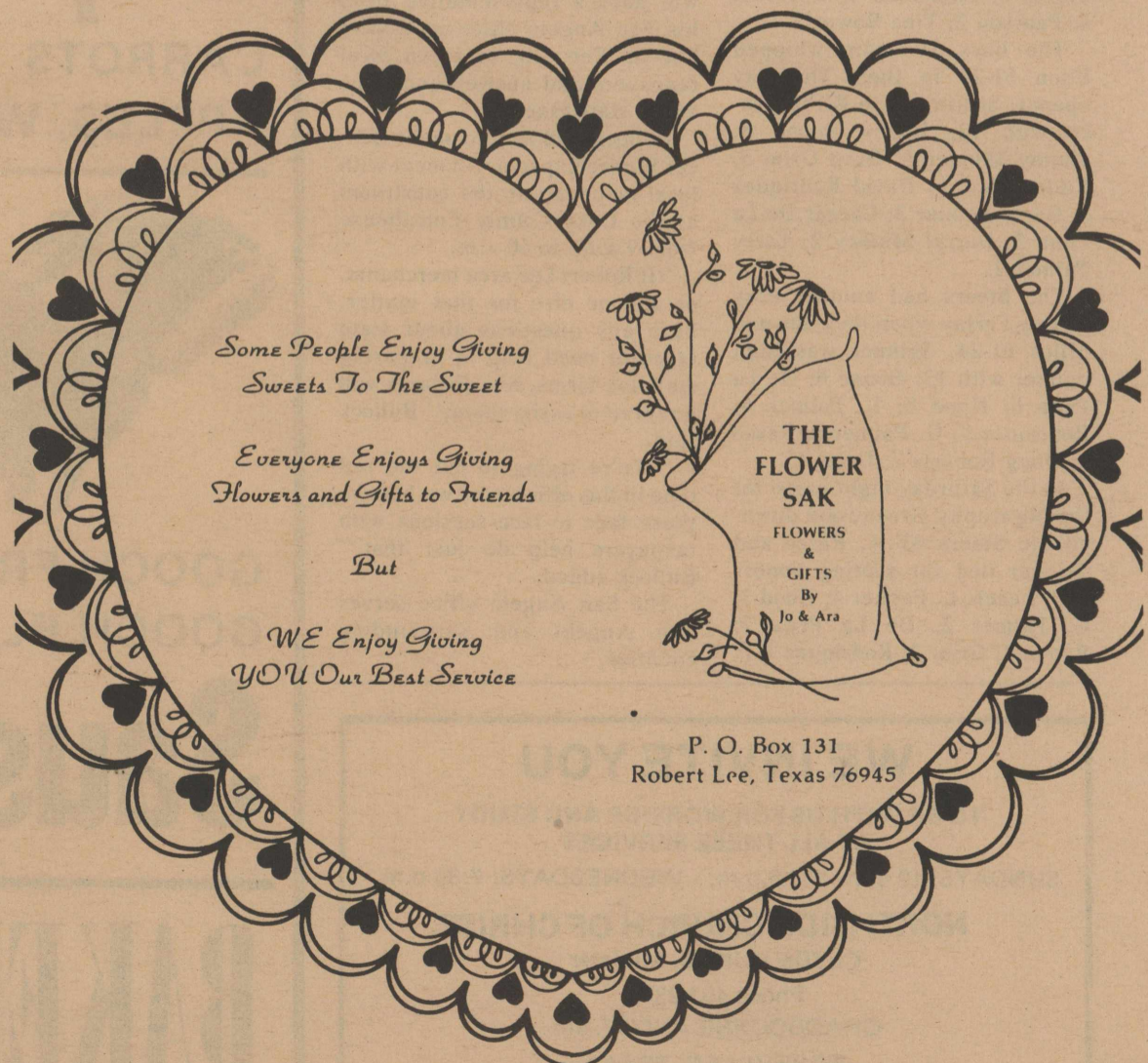
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Plans For National FFA Week

The Robert Lee FHA Chapter has been busy the past few weeks preparing to participate in National FHA Week. They have many plans and hope that everyone will take an interest in all of them.

They will start off the week by holding "FHA Awareness Day" on Monday, Feb. 8. Plans for the day include a presentation for the eighth graders by FHA members and a drawing for a door prize for those who attend the meeting. On Tuesday, Feb. 9, the FHA's will have "Teacher Appreciation Day" and will provide small services and gifts for the teachers.

Wednesday, Feb. 10, will be a treat for the kids. The chapter will sponsor "Hat Day" for the junior high and high school students. On Thursday, Feb. 11, there will be a style show held during activity period. Friday, Feb. 12, will be the day to deliver the Flower-Grams which will be sold Wednesday and Thursday

Greenwood Wins B Team Tournament

Robert Lee High School boys and girls B teams won two straight games in the B team tournament held here last weekend, and then ran into powerhouses from Greenwood to lose in the finals. Greenwood boys and girls teams both took the championship, leaving second place honors for the Robert Lee teams.

GIRLS GAMES

In their first game Thursday, Robert Lee girls took an easy win from Eden, coming out ahead 48-29. Carol Longoria was top scorer with 17; Tracie Fulkerson had 10; Yolanda Torres 8; Diane Gilchrest 6; Tracy Pearson 3; Carrath Metcalf 2; Melanie Epperson 2.

Friday's game was nip and tuck but the Robert Lee girls took a 37-35 win from Bronte. Fulkerson was high pointer with 15; Longoria had 12; Torres 4; Metcalf 4; Gilchrest 2.

In the finals, it was Greenwood 38, Robert Lee 30. Scoring for the local team were Longoria with 12; Torres 6; Fulkerson 4; Gilchrest 4; Pearson 2; Tina Bower 2.

The boys JV team whipped Eden 51-24 in their Thursday opener. Scoring were Kirby Rasco with 12; Bobby Boone 8; Jimmy Skinner 6; Greg Grim 5; Eddie Hood 6; David Rodriguez 4; Garry Palmer 3; Caesar De La Pena 3; Darryl Mulkey 2; Larry Palmer 2.

The Steers had another easy victory Friday when they downed Miles 61-24. Skinner was high pointer with 13; Boone 8; De La Pena 8; Hood 8; L. Palmer 6; Rodriguez 5; G. Palmer 5; Rasco 4; Doug Roberts 2; Grim 2.

In the Saturday night game for the big trophy Greenwood downed the Steers 43-34. Rasco and Skinner tied for scoring honors with 9 each; L. Palmer 4; Hood 3; G. Palmer 2; De La Pena 2; Boone 2; Grim 2; Rodriguez 1.

during activity period. The Flower-Grams will be sold for \$1.00 each and will be delivered during school on Friday. Everyone is invited to stop by and buy a Flower-Gram, but delivery by FHA is only available at the school.

The FHA also has plans to attend the Area II meeting which will be held in Odessa on Feb. 20. Those members planning to attend are: Paula Autrey, Rudy Balderas, Sue Ann Bohannon, Sara De La Pena, Mary Galvan, Mary Lara, Carol Longoria, Jaime Sawyer, Betty Ybarra, and Lee Ybarra.

"Again, we invite everyone to participate in National FHA Week and ask you to please support your local FHA chapter," said a representative of the group.

Wink Lamb Buyer Winner

Leslie and Erma Wink traveled to Borger the last weekend in January to see their grandson, Jason Wink, show animals in the Hutchinson County Stock Show. The Winks were pleased that Jason's lamb placed first in the heavy weight Fine Wool Class, then went on to win Reserve Breed Champion. The Winks were doubly pleased since Les was the breeder. Four of the top placed lambs in the Fine Wool Class were out of L.E. Wink herd.

Jason also showed a heavy-weight Yorkshire hog which placed third in its class and a fourth place Hampshire lamb. Jason sold the fine wool lamb and the hog at auction at a premium.

Jason is the son of Robert and Marsha (Dodson) Wink of Stinnett, the grandson of Joyce Dodson, and the great-grandson of Mattie Tinkler, both of Robert Lee.

Mr. and Mrs. Wink encountered bad weather on their return trip and followed a snowplow from the Palo Duro Canyon area south for some time.

COMPTROLLER REP. TO VISIT ROBERT LEE

State Comptroller Bob Bullock will have a representative from his San Angelo office in Robert Lee on Feb. 18, to assist local taxpayers and answer questions about state taxes.

Bullock said Enforcement Officer Esther Esparza will meet with local taxpayers in the courtroom at the Coke County Courthouse from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.

"If Robert Lee area merchants, or anyone else for that matter, have any questions about state taxes or need help in preparing state tax forms, Ms. Esparza will be there to assist them," Bullock said.

"We're trying to cut the red tape in this office, and we believe these face to face sessions with taxpayers help do just that," Bullock added.

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