

The Weather

From records of Fred Byerly, Weather Observer.

	Prec	Hi	Lo
Wed. 20th		63	36
Thurs. 21	.16	50	40
Fri. 22nd		67	42
Sat. 23rd		62	38
Sun. 24th		72	29
Mon. 25th		68	46
Tues. 26th		59	29

Precipitation to date 1964 ---- .00
Precipitation to date 1965 ---- .46

Poll Tax Deadline Drawing Near

Information was not available on number of poll taxes paid in Fisher County, Wednesday. 101 had been paid at City Hall in Rotan, and the Tax Collector's office in Roby reported 573 to January 1st, no count had been made for January. 2169 polls were paid last year with 78 exemptions, and payment was expected to be lighter this year since it is an "off" year for election. Poll taxes may be paid in Rotan at City Hall up to noon Saturday, which is their closing time. The Roby office is closed all day Saturday. Payment may be made by mail if letter is postmarked prior to midnight, Jan. 31.

REA Directors At National Meeting

Directors and officials of Midwest Electric Cooperative, Inc., Roby, are in Miami, Florida this week. They are attending the annual meeting of rural electric cooperatives from all across the nation. The National Rural Electric Cooperative Association with headquarters in Washington, D. C. is hosting the annual membership meeting in Miami. A record attendance of 8,000 is expected to attend the general sessions, panel discussions and numerous other activities that began Monday, January 25, and ending Thursday afternoon. Midwest Electric directors attending are Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Nowlin, Rotan; Mr. and Mrs. J. A. (Bud) Murff, Roby; Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Tate, Hermleigh; Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Bley, Fluvanna; Mr. and Mrs. Ted Marchant, Sweetwater; and Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Cary, Ira; and Mr. and Mrs. Robert R. Patterson, Cooperative Attorney. Cooperative manager, Johnnie Ammons and wife and Director Ted Marchant and wife left Thursday of last week to participate in Committee meetings held in Miami prior to the general sessions starting Monday morning. Others attending the meeting are Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Knox and Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Upshaw all of Roby. They are officers in the local "Minimum Organization," an information committee composed of members of the service area of Midwest Electric Cooperative.

Cecil Lotief returned Friday night from a trip to Washington for the Inauguration. He made the round trip from Dallas and reports a most enjoyable occasion.

Hospital News

Local patients admitted to Callan Hospital January 20 to 27 were: Mrs. Doyle Lawlis, Mrs. Jim McCright, Billy Gladson, Mrs. Gregorio Guzman, Mrs. J. H. Thompson, Mrs. Joe Darden, Pamela Cleveland, Ricky Stanford, R. L. Tidmore, Mrs. Jess Green, Willie Fleming, Mrs. E. G. Baker, Debbie Smith, Mrs. R. L. Harrison, C. E. Ashbrook, Mrs. Fannie Reeves, Irene Mathis, Rebecca Martinez, Debbie Rains, and Gerald Mrs. L. Y. Moore, Mrs. John Price. Out of town patients were: R. L. Bingham, Girard; O. R. Lee, Hamlin; Jack Kiker, Roby; John Anderson, Aspermont; Elisabeth Carter, Longworth; Mrs. Louise Bailey, McCaulley; Mrs. E. W. Gade, Sr., Jayton; Mrs. Bettie Burkett, Jayton; Mrs. James Davidson, Sweetwater; W. B. Upshaw, Roby; C. J. Cross, Sylvester; David Lujan, Roby; Mrs. Grady Salazar. Births: A 6 lb., 8 oz. girl born to Mr. and Mrs. Gregorio Guzman, 6:35 p. m., January 20. She was named Yolanda Marine. A 7 lb., 2 oz. girl born to Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Lawlis, 11:50 a. m., Jan. 21. She was named Harla Jo. A 7 lb., 8 oz. boy born to Mr. and Mrs. James Davidson, 1:10 p. m., Jan. 25. He was named James Roy. A 9 lb., 6 oz. boy born to Mr. and Mrs. John Price, 4:22 p. m., Jan. 26. He was named Johnny Mack. A 7 lb., 14 oz. girl born to Mr. and Mrs. Grady Salazar, 3:55 a. m., Jan. 1.

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MOD Drive Held In Adverse Weather

The March of Dime Drive was conducted Monday despite the severe weather, bringing in an incomplete total of \$527.11. All three phases of the drive were greatly hampered by the sandstorm. Traffic was light, but the Firemen braved adverse conditions and netted \$151.13. The residence campaign brought in \$302.98 and Lions Club business drive is \$73 to date, this being incomplete. In the house-to-house canvass the following list is street, worker and amount collected: Sherman, Mrs. Homer Hines, \$2.84. Garfield, Mrs. H. R. Puryear, Mrs. W. B. Hardin, \$5.24. Roby Ave., Mrs. W. C. Matthias, Mrs. Billy Henderson, \$10.34. Fifth street, Mrs. Ray Brown, \$8.10. Burnside, Mrs. Barry Allen and Susan, Mrs. Willie Martin and Diane, Mike Thornton, \$33.30. Snyder Ave., Mrs. Wess Kersh, Mrs. Eugene Cleveland, \$6.00. Mead street, Mrs. Tye Harrison, \$9.61. Lee street, Mrs. A. E. Simmons, Mrs. Perry Thomson, \$13.80. McKinley, Mrs. J. C. Alls, Mrs. Joe Aaron, \$14.75. McArthur, Mrs. Willie D. Hariman, Mrs. Robert Eysnogle, Linda Jones, \$15.88. Sixth street, Mrs. Lee Decker and Vera, Mrs. Art Carver and Janet, \$17.00. Forrest, Mrs. Kenneth Hardin, Mrs. Alvin Seaton, \$7.04. Johnson, Mrs. John Gray, Mrs. Wayne Harris, Mrs. Eugene Allen, Mrs. Neil Wright, \$27.58. Seventh street, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Hayes, Mrs. Jack Jones, \$14.24. Third and Fourth streets, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Graham, \$1.46. Wheeler and Sheridan, Mrs. Oscar Head, \$5.23. Cleveland, Mrs. Charles Masters, Mrs. C. A. Daniel, Mrs. W. D. Earley, \$20.40. Colored and Mexican section, Mrs. Eugene Powell Jr., Lynda Powell, Viola Austin, \$9.00. Eighth street, Mrs. Archie Neeley and Barbara, Mrs. N. G. Underwood, Mrs. Jimmy Driver, \$5.72. Beauregard, Mrs. Jerry Bailey, Mrs. Arthur White, \$69.41.

Farmers Union To Hear Farm Programs Explained February 4

Fisher County Farmers Union, in its first regular meeting of 1965 will hear ASCS office manager, Frank Mitchell, explain the new Cotton and Feed Grains programs and how they affect Fisher County farmers. Sign-up for these programs begins on February 8. Max Carriker of Roby, Farmers Union president, said that members have some critical matters to discuss, and indicated that results of these discussions may set local organization policy in some areas for the entire year. "Everybody except producers has had something to say about cotton," he said, and "it looks like it is time we said something too." The meeting has been set for Thursday night, February 4, at 7:30 p. m. in the Agriculture Building in Roby. In addition to business, the agenda calls for some lively music, rounded up by Rudolph Martinez of Rotan and refreshments.

Firemen Taking Special Training

Rotan Volunteer Fire Department is having a series of training periods conducted at the Hall. The first was held Tuesday night, a 3 hour session conducted by Tom W. Roberson of Texas A&M. Next course will be held February 23, and three sessions during March. Roberson is conducting like sessions at Roby, Hamlin and Anson, also. Attendance by local firemen was exceptionally good Tuesday night, 22 out of 24 members being present.

Dr. Anthony Hunt At First Methodist Sunday

First Methodist Church will be privileged to hear a former Rotan citizen speak for Gideons Sunday morning at 10:30. Dr. Anthony Hunt, president of Howard County Junior College, Big Spring and a friend of many Rotan citizens will be guest speaker for the occasion. Visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Nowlin last weekend were their son, Jim, his roommate, Jim Duncan of Weatherford, Bill Roberts of Sherman and Tom Holden of Milan. All are Texas Tech students and were here between semesters.

ROPING CLUB MEETING

Movement has been started to form a Roping Club in Rotan. A meeting in this interest will be held Saturday night, 7:30 at police station. All persons interested in such movement are invited to attend. Ladies Auxiliary of the VFW met Tuesday and set the time of the meetings at 8 p. m., so the working ladies could attend. All ladies are asked to be at the next meeting Feb. 2.

Testimony Started In Murder Trial

Jury selection was completed late Tuesday in 32nd District court in Roby, for trial of Mrs. Phyllis Aaron on charge of murdering her husband, John Aaron last October. Judge Austin O. McCloud is presiding. District Attorney Weldon Kirk is assisted by County Attorney Rudy Hamric and defense attorney is Clay Coggins. Six jurors were selected Monday, A. W. Jeffrey of Sylvester, Neal Soules of Roscoe Route, Mrs. Richard C. Green of Sylvester, J. P. Boyd of McCaulley, Mrs. Odis Burnett of Sweetwater Route, and Homer Pursley. Jurors selected Tuesday were, James Nettleton and Barton C. Willingham of the Hobbs community, Calvin Faught of McCaulley, Cecil T. Alexander of Roby, Mrs. Jerry Crowley of McCaulley and N. O. Johnson of Rotan. Testimony opened at 10 a. m. Wednesday with nurses and doctors on witness stand. Both state and defense indicate a number of witnesses will be used.

Former Resident On State Realtor Board

Mrs. Iris Stinson, immediate past president of the Women's Council of the Lubbock Board of Realtors, was in Austin January 16 to 19, attending the Mid-Winter meetings and installation of 1965 officers of Texas Real Estate Association. Mrs. Stinson, an owner of Stinsons, Inc., Realtors, was installed as Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer of Texas State Chapter Women's Council of the National Association of Real Estate Boards Sunday, Jan. 17, at a noon luncheon by Texas President of TREA Alton Miller. President Miller has appointed Mrs. Stinson secretary of the State Membership Committee for a term ending in 1967. The State of Texas is second in the nation with 4,191 Realtor members. The committee states it plans to retain this place for 1965, not letting New York regain the position as in the past. Total membership in TREA, Realtors and Associates, is over 9,000. Mrs. Stinson is also serving as secretary of the largest class in the history of the Texas Real Estate Association Institute, with an enrollment of over 200 class members in Class III. Mrs. Stinson said she regretted not being able to accept the invitation to the Inauguration in Washington, since she and her husband Jess, a Director of the Lubbock Board of Realtors, are both active workers in the Democratic party. Time would not permit her to attend the Realtors activities in Austin and the Inauguration of President Johnson. January 28 through February 2, Mrs. Stinson will be in Houston attending the National Mid-Winter Meetings and Installation of the National Real Estate Association. Officers and committee members from every state will meet to outline plans for the 1965 in NAREB.

New Machines Can 'Read' Zip Code

According to Postmaster Robert Phillips, word has been received from Postmaster General Gronauski that a big breakthrough has been made on electronic machines to "read" Zip-Coded addresses on mail. The Postmaster General says he expects to begin installing these new machines in major post offices in about a year, and that these machines will sort Zip-Coded mail at the rate of 35,000 letters an hour. Offices to receive the machines have not been announced but their use in major offices, such as in sectional centers, will have a significant effect on speeding mails in and out of each community. This "seeing eye" machine is just one more step in conjunction with mechanical aids already developed and in use to help keep pace with the growing volume of mail with a minimum man power expansion to prevent skyrocketing costs in tax dollars for mail handling.

First Baptists To Observe Layman Day

This coming Sunday the First Baptist Church will observe Layman's Day. Special recognition will be given to the Laymen throughout both services. The schedule of activities for Layman's Day will begin at 7:45 Sunday morning at a breakfast given for the men at the church. At the 11:00 worship services, the speaker will be Dr. P. W. Malone, M. D. from Big Springs. Malone is with the Malone and Hogan Clinic in Big Springs. Dr. Malone is a Layman who has had extensive experience in Christian service. His missionary endeavors have taken him to the Holy Land, to a crusade in Alaska, and to Japan in 1964 on the New Life Crusade. At the 7 P. M. worship services, Mac Weathersbee, a member of the First Baptist Church, will bring the evening message.

Group Inspects Nursing Home

A group of citizens including members of the Fisher County Commissioners Court and their families, and members of the county nursing homes board and their families were guests of the Fisher County Nursing Home in Rotan at a supper, hosted in the dining room of the home. Hosting the event was Mrs. Garvis Hinson, R. N. operator of the nursing home, and members of her nursing staff.

Robt. Witherspoon To Attend Austin Affair

Robert Witherspoon Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert G. Witherspoon has been selected from among 15 Western District Chisholm Trail Council, Boy Scout by the area board of review to attend a luncheon February in Austin with Gov. John Connally. He is a member of Troop 133 in Rotan. Joe Birmingham, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Birmingham of Sweetwater, was named alternate.

Methodist Chili Supper Saturday Night

A 'Chili Supper' is planned for Saturday evening, 5 to 7 p. m. by WSCS of First Methodist Church, to be held in school cafeteria. In addition to this a Bake Sale will be conducted. This is a Visual Aid project for the entire church and members and friends are urged to support the movement. Tickets may be purchased from members of Joy Circle or at the door Saturday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Cunningham of Haskell visited their niece, Mrs. H. T. Fillingim Tuesday afternoon.

Old Time Sandstorm Here Monday

One of the heaviest sandstorms in several years covered this entire section of Texas Monday. Saturday brought one on a lesser scale, but set the stage for Monday's bluster. Small property damage was reported, consisting of some roof damage, a number of window panes blown out. Cotton trailers were overturned at various farms and on local gin yards, but little damage occurred to these. Much soil erosion occurred as much farm land had recently been plowed and much top soil moved to parts unknown to the south and east. Tuesday and Wednesday brought nice, calm weather, but the ole timers say much winter is yet to come.

Pioneer Resident Dies At Abilene Saturday

Mrs. W. M. Burnett, 86, of 1810 Sycamore, Abilene, died in Hendrick Memorial Hospital at 6:15 a. m. Saturday. Funeral was held at Hobbs community at 3 p. m. Monday. Officiating was pastor of Hobbs Baptist Church, Rev. Royce Shoemate. Burial was in Camp Springs Cemetery beside the grave of her husband who died in 1925. She was born Alice O. Carroway Dec. 1, 1878 in Burnett County and moved to Tom Green County with her family when she was five years old. She married Mr. Burnett in Coke County in 1897 and the couple moved to Fisher County in 1903. She had lived with a daughter, Mrs. Ike W. Jay, in Abilene for the past 39 years. She is survived by Mrs. Jay and Mrs. L. D. Bartlett of Amarillo; one son, P. M. Burnett of Hobbs community; three sisters, Mrs. Hawley C. Allen of Robert Lee, Mrs. T. J. Percifull of San Angelo, Mrs. Frank C. Burge of Dallas; 10 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

SS Worker Assists Many Applicants

During 1964, Mrs. Fay Ford, field representative from the Abilene district office, who visits Rotan regularly, assisted 174 of the 839 persons calling on her at the City Hall, in filing applications for some type of social security benefit, District Manager R. R. Tuley, Jr., reported recently. Applying for retirement or disability benefit were 35 wage employees; 34 self-employed persons, including farmers; 58 dependents of living, deceased or disabled workers; plus 47 persons having their retirement benefit amount refigured because of good earnings after original claim filing. "Our office also issued 9713 social security cards, answered 46,525 inquiries on social security, and distributed free of charge some 35,000 copies of social security literature and pamphlets," Tuley added. "If you have a question or want assistance on social security matters," he said, "simply get in touch with Mrs. Ford on one of her regularly scheduled visits to Rotan. She will be in Rotan at the City Hall at 10:00 A. M., on February 3 and 17. Or, since there may be quite a few persons to see her at this time of the year, you may prefer to come to the district office at room 2321 Federal Building, Abilene. That office is open Monday through Friday, 9 A. M. to 5 P. M."

Important Elections Coming This Year

Poll taxes may be paid up to noon at City Hall in Rotan or may be mailed to Tax Collector, bearing stamp cancellation before midnight Sunday. These may also be paid at Tax Collector's office in Roby up to Friday afternoon. This is an "off year" as far as regular elections are concerned, but city and school elections are important and there is always a chance of special elections that most voters would want to have a voice on. Two bills are expected to come before the Legislature this year which stand good chance of causing special election are, Horse racing (pari-mutuel race track gambling), and liquor by the drink. If you would like to express your wishes on these and other issues that may come up - remember the deadline.

THDA Training Me. t Held In Benjamin

Four Fisher County women attended the District III THDA training meeting which was held in Benjamin, Friday, January 22. Mrs. Walter Byrd of Rotan who is serving her first term as district III director presided over the meeting. Also attending were Mrs. James Cave, county THDA chairman, Mrs. Bill Lee, council chairman, and county HD agent Mrs. Alice Ballenger. Mrs. Byrd explained duties of THDA chairmen and told some of the things the THDA Contribution is used for including the three 4-H scholarships given each year, and District 4-H fund. District agent Fern Hodge spoke to the women about the THDA organization and activities that should be carried out in 1965. She urged that club women in all the counties work hard to increase enrollment of H. D. Clubs so that more people can benefit from the educational programs carried on by the county agents. "Your agent is an advisor. Do not hesitate to go to her for advise on problems that you may have," Miss Hodge told the women. She also stressed the importance of having more result demonstrations in every county. Mrs. W. E. Andrews of Childress County announced that the district meeting will be held in Childress in the City Auditorium on April 15. Mrs. Sam Spier, State Treasurer, will attend this meeting. Committee reports from the various counties will be given in the form of panel discussions. The noon meal was served by the Knox County HD Club women.

Methodist Youth To Hold Evening Service

The Senior MYF will be in charge of Sunday evening worship of First Methodist Church according to Rev. Marvin Fisher, pastor. This service is to be on the function of the Methodist Youth Fellowship and a program that mother and father should hear. Rev. Fisher states that he hopes the people will back the youth by being present for the service.

Hogsett Service Dept. Offering Special Service

Hogsett Chevrolet Co., has an ad in this issue on their modern service department. W. N. Currie, service manager recently attended Chevrolet Product School for 1965 model Chevrolets and Buicks at General Motors Center in Garland. They have also recently employed Larry Graham who has had varied mechanical experience and was sponsored by Hogsetts to an 8 week General Motors School. See their ad in this issue. Mrs. O. R. Clark visited Sunday and Monday in Brownfield and Mr. Clark spent Sunday in Anson with Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Clark and family. The public is cordially invited to attend.

OPEN HOUSE

Open House will be held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Doug Weathersbee, 802 E. 7th street, Sunday, January 31 from 2 to 5 p. m. The public is cordially invited to attend.



Piggly Wiggly!

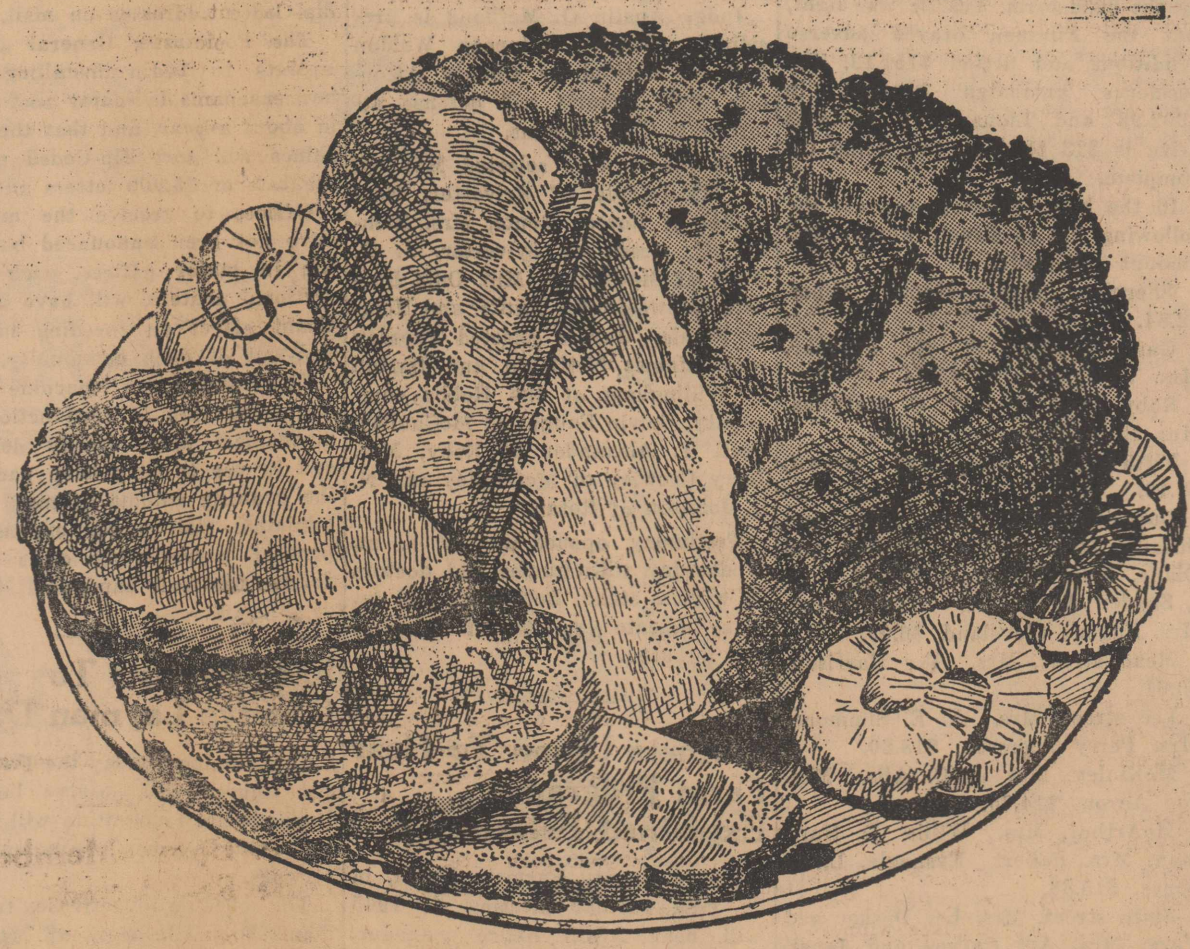
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Bargains



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Shank Portion	Lb.	29¢
Butt Portion	Lb.	39c
Half or whole	Lb.	45c
Center Cuts		
Center Slices	Lb.	69c



Ground Beef	3 Lb. Pkg.	\$1.00	USDA GOOD T-BONE	LB. USDA GOOD CLUB	73c	STEAK	LB.	69c
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COFFEE	Shurfine	59c
	Lb. Can	



CAMPBELL TOMATO SOUP	10c	LIBBY PINK SALMON	LB. CAN	49c
SUPREME CRACKERS	29c	KOUNTY KIST CORN	2 12 oz. Cans	29c
OSCAR MAYER LUNCH MEAT	12 OZ. CAN	39c	DEL MONTE CATSUP	20 OZ.
				23c

SHURFINE ORANGE JUICE	6 OZ.	19c
SHURFINE Broccoli Spears	10 OZ.	19c
SHURFINE CUT GREEN BEANS	9 OZ.	19c
BOOTH OCEAN PERCH	Lb. Pkg.	49c
BANQUET DINNERS	Each	39c

Crisco Oil	3 Lb. Jar	69c
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DRISTAN COUGH SYRUP	\$1.25 Size	89c
50 COUNT ANACIN		59c
BAYERS ASPIRIN	100 CT.	59c
GILLETTE SPECIAL FOAMY CREAM	79c	98c
49c STAINLESS BLADES	\$1.28 Value	
BABO Reg. Size		13c
COWLEY'S Rat Poison	10 OZ. LIQUID	39c

HEINZ BABY FOOD	6 For	59c
APPLE JUICE	Speas Quart	23c
ORANGE JUICE	Shurfine 46 oz.	47c

PRODUCE		
LETTUCE	Crispy Fresh Lb.	15¢
CELERY	Fresh Tender Stalk	15c
APPLES	4 Lb. Bag	39c
RADISHES	BAG YELLOW 9c	
SUNKIST NAVAL ONIONS	ib.	7c
ORANGES	Lb.	15c

DEL MONTE PINEAPPLE-GRAPEFRUIT Drink	3 46 oz. Cans	\$1
PRUNE JUICE	Sunsweet Quart	39c
TOMATO JUICE	Libby 46 oz.	27c

KRAFT'S SPAGHETTI; WITH MEAT SAUCE		DINNER	39c
NONE SUCH Mince Meat	18 OZ. REG. 12 COUNT	39c	
Sugar	10 Lbs. Limit One	89c	
KOTEX	3 FOR	\$1.00	

NEWS

County Agricultural Agent Texas A. & M. College Extension Service

The Texas Forest Service reports that they still have ample supplies of most of the windbreak planting stock available. However, they are out of Austrian and Ponderosa pines and sycamore, so these should be deleted from the application form. Application form for ordering the trees may be obtained from the county agricultural Extension office. The deadline for sending in applications is February 12. Some 12 tree species for windbreak purposes are still available to Texans. Trees planted during the winter months have the best survival and growth rates.

Recent surveys have shown the smaller European elm bark beetle to be widely distributed in North and West Texas. This beetle is the principle carrier of the fatal Dutch Elm Disease which attacks all species of native and European elms. This disease has almost completely destroyed all of the elm trees in some areas of the country.

Dr. Bob Berry, Extension Plant Pathologist at Lubbock and M. V. Meisch, Assistant Entomologist from College Station completed the survey this fall. The beetles were found in Potter, Hutchinson, Gray Wheeler, Collingsworth and Wilbarger counties. In addition to these counties the beetles had been found in El Paso county in 1958 and in Midland County in 1963.

Although the disease carrying beetles appear to be wide spread, Dr. Berry pointed out that the disease itself has not been found in Texas. However, the disease is known to be as near as Oklahoma City.

The beetles attack elm trees for both breeding and feeding. The feeding attacks are made only in living elm trees, while the beetles prefer dead or dying wood in which to establish broods of young. Living trees are infected by fungal spores carried on or in the body of the feeding beetles.

With the beetles established in the area and the disease present in Oklahoma the elms in this part of Texas are definitely in danger.

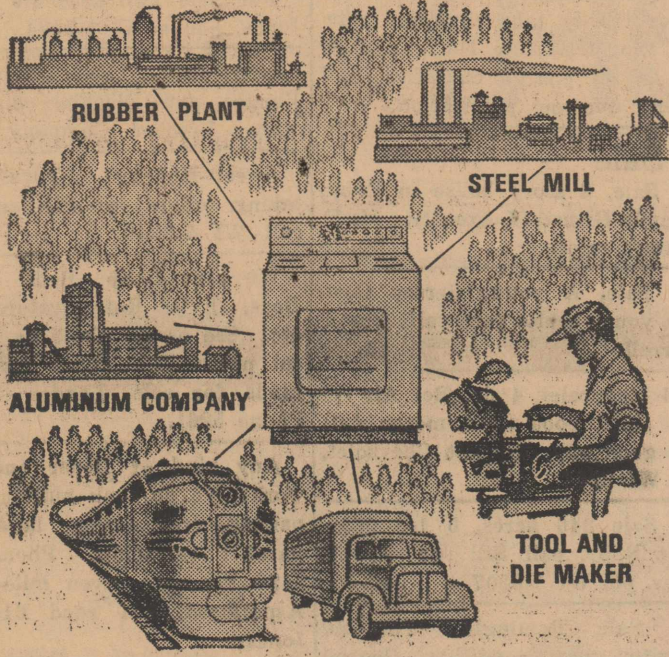
The only known way to combat Dutch Elm Disease is through control of its insect carrier. Regular applications of DDT or Sevin to healthy elm trees is effective in protecting them from feeding beetles which may carry the disease. All dead or dying elms which serve as breeding sites for the beetles should be destroyed. Susceptible elm trees should not be planted in areas threatened by Dutch Elm Disease. Resistant trees such as the Christine Bui-man Elm or other nut or shade tree species should be considered when choosing new plants.

Economist Outlines Outlook for Feed Grains in '65. --John G. McHaney Texas A&M Extension economist, says feed grain supplies for the present marketing year are down 6 percent from last year; that demand is expected to remain high and that prices probably will average a little higher during the 1964-65 marketing year than for the year just passed. Exports are expected to continue near the high level of the past two years. The sorghum grain supply is about 8 percent below that of a year ago. The result of a smaller harvested acreage and lower per acre yields.

Texas School Children Get Beef and Chicken -- Texas Schools participating in the national school lunch program have been allotted 8,022,000 lbs. of frozen beef and 2,490,000 lbs. of frozen chicken bought by the U. S. Department of Agriculture during 1964. This represents Texas' share of the national purchases.

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The money spent by Midwest Electric Cooperative members for electric appliances and equipment travels great distances and ends up in many paychecks. It starts with the hometown merchant who makes the sale and includes the freight carrier, packager and the legion of workers in every field who helped manufacture these items.

This year members of the Midwest Electric Cooperative will spend \$1,600,000 for appliances. And every penny will be spent to use the electricity the member-owners provided for themselves. The dependable, efficient electric system offered by the rural electric cooperative is helping Texas and the nation grow through rural electrification.

MIDWEST ELECTRIC Co-OPERATIVE

Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Freeman of Lubbock are announcing the birth of a 7 pound, 15 ounce son on January 12. He has been named James Elwood. The little fellow has three sisters, Leigh Ann, Kathy and Laurie. Mrs. Morris Watson spent two weeks in Lubbock with the family, returning home Friday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Newton and Mr. and Mrs. Ollie McCombs visited

Mr. and Mrs. Lehman Newton and children in Midland Sunday.

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MORROW STATEMENT-- (continued from page 7)

GROSS INCOME RECEIVED FROM CAR AND TRUCK REGISTRATIONS IN FISHER COUNTY FOR COUNTY USE

Per 1959 Audit Report, Page 6, \$65,221.67
Per 1960 Audit Report, Page 6, 67,399.82
Per 1961 Audit Report, Page 6, 70,588.81
Per 1962 Audit Report, Page 22, 73,841.72
Per 1963 Audit Report, Page 14, 72,034.16

TOTAL \$349,086.18

DISBURSEMENTS BY FISHER COUNTY PRECINCTS FOR THE LAST FIVE YEARS OF THE FISHER COUNTY ROAD AND BRIDGE FUNDS

Year	Precinct 1 Owens	Precinct 2 Crowley
1959	\$40,166.99	\$33,963.74
1960	43,649.44	35,851.53
1961	41,390.18	47,007.58
1962	38,452.54	44,683.12
1963	46,626.91	38,234.71
	\$210,286.06	\$199,740.68

Year	Precinct 3 Porter	Precinct 4 Terry
1959	\$34,168.18	\$43,671.55
1960	30,710.74	48,420.69
1961	44,077.89	42,254.40
1962	38,868.74	45,530.38
1963	41,937.53	48,882.88
	\$189,763.08	\$228,759.90

Year	County Totals
1959	\$151,970.46
1960	158,632.40
1961	174,730.05
1962	167,534.78
1963	175,682.03
	\$828,549.72

The percentage of the above total of \$828,549.72 available to each Commissioner for expenditures in his Precinct, 25% would be \$207,137.43. It is apparent from the figures shown that the Commissioner of our Precinct has been economical. Over the five year period quoted above, he has spent \$20,522.98 less than the Commissioner in Precinct 1, \$9,977.60 less than the Commissioner in Precinct 2, and \$38,996.82 less than the Commissioner in Precinct 4, and \$17,374.35 less than the 25% available to him which was \$207,137.43.

As a matter of interest, and perhaps information to some readers of this statement, copies of the Minutes of the City Council Meetings of the City Council of Rotan, copies of the Minutes of the Commissioners Court of Fisher County's

Meetings, and copies of the County Audits made of Fisher County are available to any interested citizen. These are public records and if any further investigation of the matters and facts discussed in this statement is indicated in your own mind, you are free to call on the officers where these records are kept and make a personal survey thereof.

I have served as the Mayor of Rotan for eight years, and Rotan has been my home for 49 1-2 years. I feel a responsibility, both as Mayor, and as a citizen and tax payer in Rotan and Fisher County, to investigate any controversy, major or minor, which may occur in Rotan or in Fisher County. The controversy which has developed regarding the fire-fighting equipment and its use in rural fire protection has been the subject of quite a lot of discussion, both informed and uninformed. You elected me as Mayor of the City of Rotan, and certainly I feel you voted for me feeling I would represent you to the best of my ability. I also recognize that some of you did not vote for me, but to you I say—at least, read this STATEMENT OF THE ACTUAL AND TRUE FACTS and if you have questions you cannot resolve, then go to the public record which will resolve your question, or discuss the matter with me.

I feel Rotan has not been unreasonable in its requests to Fisher County Commissioners Court on the contract regarding rural fire fighting protection. I have formed my opinion and have taken my stand from the information given herein to you in detail, and have based my judgment on these findings:

1. The TAX PAYERS IN PRECINCT 3 are not receiving their fair share of the dollars being disbursed by the four Commissioners' Precincts in Fisher County;
2. That ROTAN APPARENTLY IS BEING DISCRIMINATED AGAINST;
3. That the CITY COUNCIL OF ROTAN has not been unreasonable in compromising and requesting \$1,200.00 for maintenance for fire equipment, in turn for the City of Rotan furnishing fire-fighting equipment for rural areas;
4. In order to properly serve the needs of rural fire fighting, the City of Rotan must immediately purchase \$15,000.00 or \$16,000.00 of additional equipment in order to maintain low fire insurance rates for the citizens of Rotan.

As I have stated before herein, the citizens elected as Mayor and City Councilmen must consider all of the interests of all of the TAX PAY-

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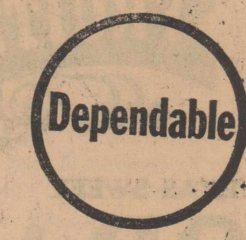
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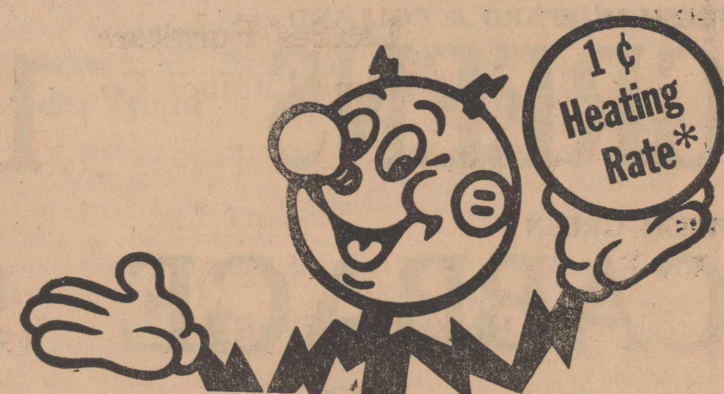
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For Sale Hereford Horned Bulls, ready for service, Herbert Kennedy. 48-tfc

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For Sale, Ford Tractor and equipment, 3 miles east of Rotan, Dallas Neal. 41-tfc

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FOR RENT

For Rent, 2 room furnished Apt., bills paid, G. D. Coan, 406 E. Beauregard, phone WI 7-3415. 52-tfc

House for rent, 4 rooms and bath 601 Wheeler, Mrs. Troy Rogers, WI 7-2480.

For Rent 3 bedroom house at 712 N Florence, carpeted throughout, vented heat and plumbed for a washer, see C. A. Ragan or call WI 7-3274. 52-4tp

For Rent front bedroom, private bath, 308 E Johnson, WI 7-3214, Bernice Stockton. 51-tfc

For Rent, house close in, all redecorated, in good neighborhood, call WI 7-3096. 45-tfc

For Rent, 2 bedroom house, McKinley Ave., M. D. Ivey. 50-tfc

For Rent, 4 room house and bath, car port, wired for washer and dryer, call or see Vernon Frazier at Frazier Drug Store, NE 7-2272. 44-tfc

For Rent, furnished Bedroom for man only, kitchen privileges, phone WI 7-2480, or inquire at 8 Ttl Late Grocery. 51-4tp

For rent, sale or trade, commercial building in Rotan, presently occupied by Nunley Plumbing Co. contact H. L. Dycus at Dycus Cleaners. 38-tfc

For Rent Large apartment, call 7-2323 or 7-2211. 46-tfc

For Rent, Large Apartment, call 7-2323 or 7-2211. 51-tfc

For Rent, 2 bedroom furnished house \$45.00, plus utilities, 603 Sherman St., contact Rip Robinson. 49-6tp

For Rent nice 3 bedroom house, 2 baths, carpeting, central heat and cooling, built-in range, automatic washer, phone 7-2526. 49-tfc

Strayed, a black steer has been in my pasture since May. Anyone giving positive identification and paying pasturage may recover. see L. D. Singley, phone WI 7-2928. 45-tfc

Strayed dark red yearling bull, about 700 lbs., no marks. Please notify Bill House, phone WI 7-3334. 52-2tp

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P. E. Girls Take Physical Fitness Test

This week the high school PE girls took a physical fitness test in accordance with the President's Physical Fitness Program. This test, given three times a year—at the beginning of the first semester, at mid-term, and at the end of the second semester, is supposed to measure the improvement or any change in the physical fitness of the girls after taking a program of strenuous calisthenics during PE designed to improve the weaknesses shown on the tests.

This test consists of the 600-yard run, 50-yard dash, soft ball throw, standing broad jump, shuttle run, pull-ups, and sit-ups.

--Linda Brown

Failure Percentages Studied In Schools

The administration, teachers, and school board have been looking over the failures and discovering where weaknesses in subjects lie. At the end of the second six weeks, the percentage of failure in each subject was based on an over all basis; however, it has been broken down into parts for the first semester. It will be based on the percentage of Latins, Negroes, and Whites.

--Diane Phillips

Linda Brown Named Homemaker For Tomorrow - Rotan High School

Linda Brown has been named Rotan High School 1965 Betty Crocker Homemaker of Tomorrow. She scored highest in a written homemaker examination taken by senior girls December 1, and is now eligible for state and national honors. Test papers of all school Homemakers of Tomorrow in the state are currently being judged. The state's highest-ranking girl will receive a \$1,500 scholarship from General Mills, Inc., sponsor of the annual Betty Crocker Search for the American Homemaker of Tomorrow, with the state runner-up to be awarded a \$500 educational grant. In addition, the school of the State Homemaker of Tomorrow will receive a complete set of the Encyclopaedia Britannica from Encyclopaedia Britannica, Inc.

Later this spring, the State Homemaker of Tomorrow, together with a school advisor, will join first-place winners and advisors from each of the 50 other states and the District of Columbia in a tour of Colonial Williamsburg, Va., Washington, D. C. and New York City. Cimax of the week-long tour will be the naming of the Betty Crocker All-American Homemaker of Tomorrow. To be chosen on the basis of original test score and personal observation and interviews during the tour, she will receive an increase in her scholarship to \$5,000. Second, third and fourth place winners in the nation will have their grants raised to \$4,000, \$3,000 and \$2,000, respectively.

The Betty Crocker Search for the American Homemaker of Tomorrow was initiated by General Mills in 1954 to emphasize the importance of homemaking as a career. Including this year's record

Government In Action Contest For Students

A contest is being sponsored by the Rural Electric Cooperative of Texas. It is open to any boy or girl at least 16 years of age, but not 18 years of age prior to September 1, 1964. Entry forms are available at the school office and at the local electric cooperative.

Two finalists from each participating school will be selected. Then, the finalists and their parents will be the guests of Midwest Electric Cooperative at Roby on March 12.

The entrants will be required to give a five to eight minute talk on a selected subject and answer one or more of the 50 questions asked by the judges. (Questions and answers furnished.)

Reference material and questions and answer sheets are available at your local electric cooperative.

The judges will determine the winning boy and girl, and the Government in Action Youth Tour winners along with alternates will be announced.

Entry forms should be mailed to Jerry Robertson, Box 517, Roby, Texas. Entries should be mailed no later than February 12, 1965.

--David Canfil

Census Blanks Due February First

The census slips for this year are near completion.

There are some slips for the students who will start to school next year which have not been turned in to date. The slips should be turned in by February 1, so that an accurate number will be known. Slips are needed for everyone born after September 1, 1947 and before September 1, 1959.

--Ralph McArthur

enrollment of more than half a million senior girls in more than 14,000 high schools, the total number of participants during the program's 11-year history stands at four million. Scholarship grants exceed \$1 million.

Annual: Year Round Project For Staff

The Annual Staff is the only organization in high school which works the year round. It consists of two representatives from each class, plus several senior typists, and their sponsor Mr. Robert Witherspoon.

In the spring the staff selects the cover for the year book of the coming year. The cover for 1965 will be a metallic-copper with 1965 on the front in grotesque shapes. Before the old school year ends the workers are busy selling adds to merchants, and continue to do so all summer. During the summer they work on picture schemes and the annual layout. This year 120 pages of class pictures, organizations, "snapshots," and advertisements, have been planned. Forty-nine, consisting of basketball, sophomore and senior class, and the senior play, are still incomplete.

At the beginning of the school year the staff begins selling year-books from September to December raising the price each month. The annual sales usually run between 230-240 books a year. This year 229 were sold. As the sales close the staff begins working on snapshots and organization pictures. Class pictures are taken by out-of-town contractors and organization pictures are taken by Mr. George Watson. The "Life in RHS" snapshots are taken by members of the Annual Staff.

On February 15, 1965 the copy goes to the printers; Taylor Publishing Company; and the cycle begins again.

--Zana Thompsan

School Board Members To Be Re-Elected

The school board will meet on April 3, for election of members. The three members up for re-election are Mrs. Jack Patton, Dr. Benny LeBleu, and Mr. Walter Byrd. These members will be up for re-election for a three year term.

--Bobbie Kerns

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Honor Roll Students; Active Students

The third six weeks' honor roll consists of students who not only manage to make ninety or above in every subject, but find time for activities other than studying, too.

Sharron Dorman is learning to play the clarinet in the band. John and Bob Witherspoon are both playing basketball and Rafoed Hargrove and Robert Patton have just completed a long season of football. The Hammerettes have three "brains" on the team, Judy Byrd, Beverly Randolph, and Janet Kelley. Diane Phillips, Linda Murphree, and Rebecca Petty use "nonstudy" time to work on annual staff projects. Members of the stage band are also "apple-polishers" -- Carroll Ann Patton, Sharron Puryear, and Starmie Partin. Lana Cave and Zana Thompson have found time to do other things, too. They are both RHS cheerleaders. Argentina Velez says, "Study is the only key to good grades."

Many of these students are active in other extra-curricular activities, too. Is it true that "If you want a job done well, ask the busiest person you know"?

--Cheryl Hammit

Enrollment For Rotan Schools Announced

The total enrollment at the end of the first semester of the 1964-65 school year is 904.48. The average daily attendance is 864.75.

The total enrollment for each school is high school, 195.50; junior high, 330.71; and primary, 377.07.

The average daily attendance for each school is high school, 188.46; junior high, 318.01; and primary,

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Track Season Opens Monday, January 25

The boys not participating in basketball started running to get in shape for the track season. Rotan will be represented by Seniors: Ronnie Gladson, Billy Dycus, Byron Shelley, Steve Edwards, and Ralph McArthur; Juniors: Curtis McQueen and Freddie Ails; Sophomores: Glen Murphree, Earnest Kiker, and Perry Hunsaker; Freshman: Don Kelly, Donald Powell, and Tony Ortega.

Immediately following the basketball season the track team will increase by 13. Seniors Eddie Mac Lang and Joe Kelley; Juniors Eddie Edwards, Larry Kelley, and James Tompkins; Sophomores: Stephen Baugh, Charles McCall, Archie Overby, Frankie SoRelle, and Kenneth SoRelle; Freshmen Larry VanLoon, Donald Gruben, Larry Helms, and Jim Kelley.

Three of these boys were Regionalists last year and hold the school record in the same events. Eddie Mac Lang-mile, 4.46.5; Eddie Edwards-pole vault, 10 feet; and Joe Kelley-high jump, 5'8".

--Bob Burnes

358.28.

The total enrollment for White and Latin students in high school is 185.50; in junior high, 301.71; and in primary, 349.07. The total enrollment for Negro students in high school is 11; in junior high, 29; and in primary, 28.

--Buddy Day

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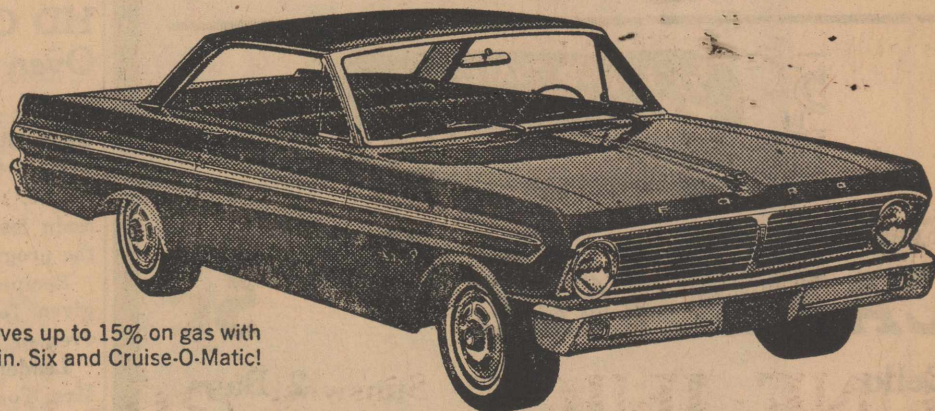
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Crean Pies		29c
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Oranges	5 Lbs.	49c
Quart Jar		
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TUNA	Flat Can	19c
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Steak 69

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Recent Bride Honored With Gift Tea

Complementing Mrs. Jerry Hale, the former Kathy Lynn Loving, was a gift tea Saturday at the home of Mrs. Martin Warren.

Mrs. Hale is daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Loving.

Mrs. Jim Hale, mother of the bridegroom received with the honoree, her mother and grandmothers, Mrs. James Hale of Abilene, Mrs. Don Loving and Mrs. W. A. Hancock.

The tea table with Ecra lace over orchid was centered with Tailsman hose in orchid and gold, tapered with orchid candles, the brides favorite color.

Mrs. Eugene Hudnall and Miss Gail Thornburg presided at the table, serving punch and white cake squares. Mrs. Roy Stevens, cousin of the bride registered guests. Also in house party were Mrs. William Rogers of Odessa, Mrs. Elvin Dennis of Snyder and Mrs. Donnie Floyd of O'Donnell.

Hostesses were Mesdames. Martin Warren, Aubrey Chandler, Kenneth Martin, W. R. Noles, Carl Martin, Roy Eaton, Bobby Morgan, Clarence O'Briant, Eugene Hudnall, Lewis Hayes, Garland Moore, Bert Killingsworth, B. K. Newhouse, Pick Cherry, Louie Wilburn, Barnes, Lowell Thornburg.

The couple was married January 9th.

HD Women Attend District Meeting

Three Fisher County Home Demonstration Women attended the Association in Benjamin January 22.

Mrs. Walter Byrd of Hobbs and who is District III Director presided at the meeting. Purpose of the meeting was to train County THDA Chairman of their duties and to plan for the District meeting.

Also attending were Mrs. James Cave, of Center Club who is County THDA Chairman and who served as reporter for the meeting and Mrs. Bill Lee of Longworth, who is county Council Chairman. Mrs. Alice K. Ballenger, accompanied the women.

Plans were made for the District THDA meeting to be April 15, in Childress. Fisher County Club women will bring a panel discussion on the Health recommendations from the 1965 Program of Work at this meeting.

Pink & Blue Shower Honors Mrs. Bollinger

A baby shower honoring Mrs. D. L. Bollinger was held Thursday, January 21, in the home of Mrs. Gerald Davis.

Coffee, soft drinks, cupcakes and mints were served by hostesses Mmes. Gerald Davis, Bill Reeves and Jerry Bailey.

A large number of gifts were presented to Mrs. Bollinger. Mrs. Dale Huffman won the door prize of a glass candy dish. Games were enjoyed by all with baby gifts as prizes.

Attending were Mmes. Oma Long, Phil Malouf, Donald Ruark, Dale Huffman, Cecil Tankersley, George Scott and George W. Watson. Attending from Abilene were, Mmes. W. T. Davis, L. Mason, Charles Mann and H. M. McBeth Jr.

HD Clubs Study Oven Meals

Topic for demonstrations in Home Demonstration Clubs in February will be Oven Meals. Mrs. Alice Ballenger, County H. D. Agent, will train leaders from each club to give the program in their respective clubs.

Recipes and information will be given for preparing a meal in the oven or broiler.

Leaders from the clubs include Mrs. Tom Hargrove, Hobbs; Mrs. B. F. McGee and Mrs. Era Shedd, Longworth; Mrs. J. D. Burk and Mrs. W. L. Terrell, Rotan; and Mrs. Nina Cave and Mrs. Will Moore, Center.

Clubs will meet for this program on the following dates, Center, February 12; Hobbs, February 11; Rotan, February 5 and Longworth, February 1. Visitors and new members are always welcome at any H. D. Club meeting.



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The Flicker--
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Hammers In Second Place After First Round

The Rotan Yellowhammers boys are in second place in the 6-A district after the first of play. The boys have played everyone in their district one time, and they have come out with a 5-2 record. The boys have lost to Roscoe and Aspermont in their district games this year.

The boys are led this by Joe Kelley, who has 126 points in the seven district games for an average of 18 points per game. Larry Kelley is next with 76 points and an average of 10.6 points per game. Pete Garcia has 67 points for an average of 8.1 points per game. Eddie Mac Lang has 51 points for an average of 7.6 points per game, and Jimmy Heathington with 43 points for an average of 6.2.

The team would appreciate all the town peoples' support at every game possible.

--Eddie Mac Lang

5th and 6th Start Spelling In UIL

Several fifth and sixth graders are now studying for the Interscholastic League Spelling contest that will be held April 3. Four of the students will soon be selected to represent our school in this contest. Two students will actually take the test, and the other two will be alternates.

The contest covers over 700 words from a pamphlet prepared for the contest, plus all the words covered in the regular third- and fourth-grade spelling texts. The students are graded on writing, too.

--Eddie Mac Lang

Tops Club Plan To Attend Convention

Tops Club met Thursday night, January 21 for their regular weekly meeting in Parish Hall. Three new members joined the club.

Tops Club members are making plans to attend the state convention in Fort Worth in April. To help raise funds for this trip the Club will take orders for pies and cakes. If you would like a pie or cake, call Maude Simmons WI 7-3249 and pastry will be delivered.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Strickland visited briefly with their children, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Strayhorn and sons in Burkburnett Friday of last week.

Skippers and 1st Mates Begin Life on Sea

Jumping the Groomstick, Wedded Blitz and "Who Fooled Whom Department." Besides the rah, rah, rah's noise of Rotan High, there is another noise which is strange for many students, and very strange and new to the parents. It is the clang, clang of the "Chain gang," pardon me please, I meant to say Wedding bells. Some of the students have "gotten engaged, plan to get hitched and take a cruise on the 'Matrimonial' sea." The students who have been "spoken for" need best wishes from everyone. These wishes, in later years, will be warm, cherry, thoughts to hug to their hearts, on a cold wintery night, especially after a hard day at the mill, when the little family has gathered around the ole' salt barrel. The husband will sigh deeply as he looks into his wife's dreamy eyes. Then he'll utter the dear sweet words, "Fetch me the hammer, while I get the saw, I'm gonna cut the legs of me mother-in-law."

Now that the spoofin' has been done--Best wishes to the skippers and their chosen 1st mates:

- Bill Ashton and Diana Martin;
- Norman Matthies and Barbara Hendon;
- Ronald Landes and Mary Lou Neeley;
- Benny Lilvas and Lupe Montez;
- Leroy Rivers and Sandy McCombs;
- Mike Byerly and Linda Murphree;
- Wharren Reynolds and Diantha Tankersley.

--Diantha Tankersley

District Spring Meet Dates Incomplete

Principal Neil Wright attended U I L Meet at Roscoe, January 13. The purpose of the meeting was to organize and set up all the UIL spring events. Chairmen were chosen at the meeting. Superintendent Weeks of Jim Ned was general chairman; Leon Walker of Merkel, chairman of literary events; Mac Fisher of Merkel, chairman of one act play; Bill Teal of Aspermont, chairman of golf; Neil Wright of Rotan, chairman of volleyball; Fred Schkade of Rotan, chairman of track and field events; John McKay of Roscoe, chairman of tennis. The One Act Play is scheduled for March 30. Track and field events will be held on April 10. Dates for other coming events will be set later.

Also attending the meeting with Mr. Wright was Fred Schkade

--Lupe Montez

Birthday Greetings

Birthday greetings this week are extended to Beverly Brown, Mary Donham, Ralph McArthur, Mary Lou Sepeda, and America Velez.

--Buddy Day

McMurry Chanters To Appear At Hamlin

The McMurry College Chanters, regarded as being one of the finest choirs in the Southwest, will present a concert of sacred music in First Methodist Church, Hamlin, January 31, at 3:00 P. M. Appearing under the auspices of First Methodist Church the concert will be given in the church at 3 p. m. Director of the McMurry College Chanters is Prof. Paul Engelstad, who has earned an enviable reputation as one of the finest choral directors in the Southwest. His precise attention to detail is evident at each concert and his singers strive eagerly to meet his high standards for perfection. "Our aim," says Prof. Engelstad, "is not to sing a new song unto the Lord, but a better song!" To further this cause a clinic is held before each concert to which are invited the local choir directors and members of their choirs. For further information, contact the sponsoring organization. There is no admission charge for either the clinic or the concert.

Mrs. Joe Taggart has returned from visiting a grandson who had surgery in Dallas. From there she went to Ada Okla., to visit her sister Mrs. Blevins and was met there by another sister, Mrs. Coleman from Muskogee.

Joe Roberts went to the VA Hospital at Big Spring for a check up Tuesday. His report is satisfactory.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our many friends and neighbors for their aid and kindness and words of sympathy in the death of our loved Mother. The many beautiful flowers spoke of purity, peace and love. Yet it makes our hearts rejoice in that the spirit which took its flight was just as pure.

May God's choicest blessings abide with all.

Mrs. Ike W. Jay, Mrs. L. D. Bartlett, P. M. Burnett.

THANKS

Our thanks go to the Firemen for their kindness shown to us during the fire, and all hospital staff and many friends for the nice cards, gift, visits and prayers. Thanks again.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Henderson.

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C. D. Kemp Dies At McCaulley Home

C. D. Kemp, 64, McCaulley farmer and stockman, died at 2 a. m. Friday at his home.

Funeral was held at 2:30 p. m. Saturday at the McCaulley Baptist Church, with the pastor Rev. Gary Clark, and Rev. Tommy Ewing, pastor of Faith Methodist Church, officiating. Burial was in McCaulley Cemetery.

Mr. Kemp was born Sept. 4, 1900, at McCaulley, the son of the late B. F. Kemp and Bernice Kemp. Mr. Kemp died in 1958.

He married the former Pearl Mil-sap at McCaulley Nov. 27, 1921. Mr. Kemp was a member of the McCaulley Baptist Church. He belonged to the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Survivors are his mother; his wife; eight brothers, Ralph of Portales, N. M. and Guy, R. P. and Rex, all of Roby, W. J. of Hamlin, and F. E., Frank, and Fred, all of McCaulley; and two sisters, Mrs. Ruth Crance of Lubbock and Mrs. Scott (Nita) Lee of Ponder, Tex.

Pallbearers were Frank Houghton, Vernon Early, George Law, George Maberry, Virgil Steele, and Red Miers.

Mrs. Lillie Foote and two sons, Cecil and Jay spent a few days here this week with her sisters, Mrs. W. F. Wicker and Mrs. Tilford Lear.

Mr. and Mrs. George Moore went to Greenville Monday to visit relatives, and Mrs. Icie Hughes went with them to Arlington to visit a sister. She will also visit her brother and family in Fort Worth.

Hub Goolsby received word Wednesday January 20 of the death of his brother, C. C. Goolsby at Cooper, Texas. Funeral was held Friday, following at First Methodist Church in Cooper.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyndal Rodgers of Plainview and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Stephenson and Leanne of Abilene visited over the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Stephenson.

Mr. and Mrs. Normie Crowley and Tom Gregory of Hamlin visited Tuesday with Mrs. Bertie Burrow. Mr. and Mrs. Clyde McKinney of Royston visited Mrs. Burrow Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Lotief of Canton Mississippi, former Rotan residents are announcing the birth of a son, Cecil Joseph on January, 20th. They have two other sons, Anthony and Michael.

CORRECTION

In ad of Rotan Radio and TV Service last week a typographical error occurred. The ad should have read 'tubes checked free' instead of 'free service calls'.

Mrs. Reeves Patterson of Snyder visited Mrs. Lena Patterson Sunday.

NOTICE OF BANK DEPOSITORY

The Commissioners Court will accept bids for the County Depository at its regular meeting on February 8, 1965.

E. G. Perkins, County Judge.

The Rotan Advance

Thursday, Jan. 28, 1965 No. 52

Rev. and Mrs. Neil Shepherd and Betty of Sweetwater visited friends here Tuesday night.

Dr. Jack Lewis
OPTOMETRIST

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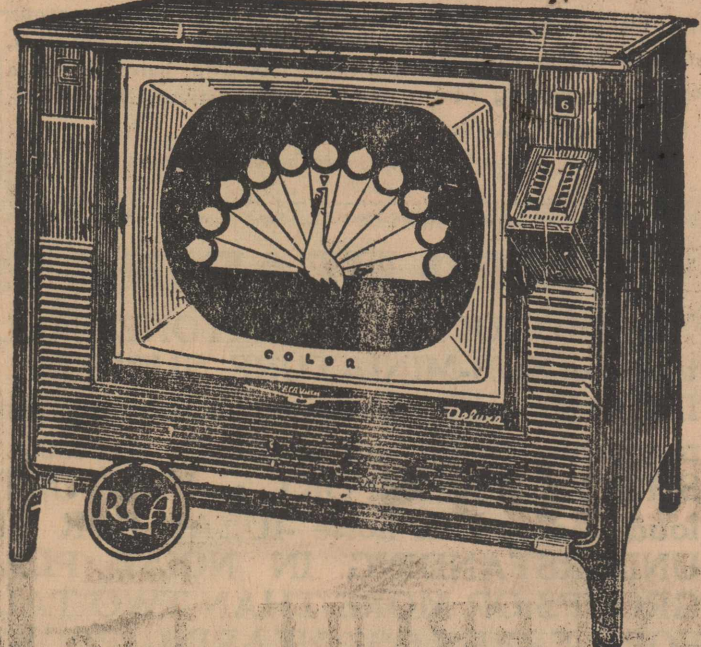
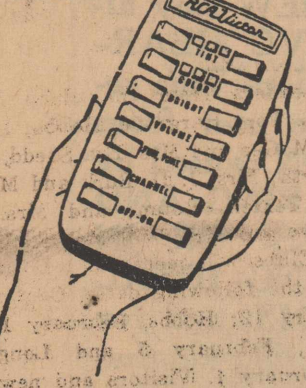
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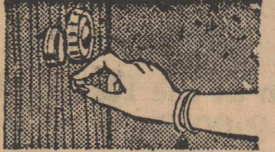
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CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS

To all persons and parties interested in the estate of Lewis Oliver Hall, deceased,

You and each of you are hereby cited, required and commanded to appear before the County Court of Fisher County, Texas, to be held in the County Court room in the courthouse of said county in the City of Roby, in said county, such appearance to be at or before ten o'clock A. M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of ten days from the date of service, exclusive of the day of such service, which day and date of service shall be the date of publication that this newspaper bears, and which day of appearance will be the 8th day of February, 1965, and contest, by filing written answer of contest, if they or any of them see proper so to do, a verified account, the nature of which is an account for final stelement of such estate, which has been filed by J. H. Davis and David L. Hall, the Co-

Administrators of the Estate of Lewis Oliver Hall, Deceased, and is now pending there, in a probate proceeding on the probate docket of said court styled Estate of Lewis Oliver Hall, Deceased, the file number of which account and the docket number of which proceeding is 1928, which account will at such 10 o'clock hours, on such day, and at such place be considered by such court.

If this citation is not served within 90 days after date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved. Witness, John W. Ashely, clerk of the County Court of Fisher County. Given under my hand and the seal of said court, at office in the City of Roby, this 21 days of January 1965.

(Seal) John W. Ashely, Clerk of the County Court of Fisher County, Texas.
By Geneva Hale, Deputy

Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Neal and Neal visited Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Norman Carlton at Hamlin.

ELECTION ORDER

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF FISHER
CITY OF ROTAN

Whereas, the terms of office of Mayor, Juston M. Morrow, and Councilmen W. F. Edwards, Jr., Willie Fleming, and J. D. Weathersbee expire on the first Tuesday in April, the same being April 6, 1965; and Article 978 of the revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas requires that an election shall be held on the first Tuesday in April of each year to elect members of the council for the ensuing two years, and requires that thirty (30) days' notice shall be given of such election;

Now Therefore, under the powers vested in me as Mayor under Article 2951 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Texas, I, Juston M. Morrow, Mayor of the City of Rotan, hereby Order and Direct that an election be held on the first Tuesday in April, same being the Sixth day of April, 1965, as aforesaid, for the election of Mayor and three (3) Councilmen to fill the places now filled by W. F. Edwards, Jr., Willie Fleming, and J. D. Weathersbee, respectively.

It is further directed that this official notice of such election be published in the Rotan Advance, and that a copy of this order be posted in the City Office at the City Hall in the City of Rotan, Texas.

Given under my hand this the 19th Day of January, 1965.

Juston M. Morrow, Mayor, City of Rotan

Attest: Frances Hariman, City Secretary

THE STATE OF TEXAS

To: Fred Gregory, or, if dead, the names and addresses of the heirs of Fred Gregory, deceased, and the names of their heirs and legal representatives Greetings:

You are commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the plaintiff's petition at or before 10 o'clock A. M. of the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance of this Citation, the same being Monday the 22nd day of February, A. D. 1965, at or before 10 o'clock A. M., before the Honorable 99th District Court of Lubbock County, at the Court House in Lubbock, Texas.

Said plaintiff's petition was filed on the 28th day of October, 1964. The file number of said suit being No. 46485. The names of the parties in said suit are: Municipal Investment Corporation as Plaintiff, and Bell Jones, a feme sole and Fred Gregory as Defendant.

The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to wit: This is a foreclosure of a paving lien on the following described property, Lot 3, Block 248, Inside Addition to the City of Rotan, Fisher County, Texas, in the amount of \$185.00 plus interest at 7% per annum from August 13, 1963, for reasonable attorney's fees and collection costs and court costs.

If this Citation is not served within 90 days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

Issued this the 9th day of January A. D., 1965. Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Lubbock, Texas, this the 9th day of January, A. D. 1965.

J. R. Dever, District Clerk, 99th District Court, Lubbock County, Texas. By Janice Siemmons, Deputy. 51-4tc

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Mr. and Mrs. Gene Day of Fort Stockton are announcing the birth of a 5 pound, 6 oz. son, on Jan. 15. The little fellow has been named John Preston. Mrs. Eva Day spent a week with them, returning home Saturday.

THE STATE OF TEXAS

To any sheriff or any Constable within the State of Texas - Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to cause to be published once each week for four consecutive weeks, the first publication to be at least twenty-eight days before the return day thereof, in a newspaper printed in Rotan, Fisher County, Texas, the accompanying citation, of which the herein below following is a true copy.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: Weldon Smith Lumber Company, the unknown stockholders of Weldon Smith Lumber Company, a Corporation, or if unincorporated (such fact being unknown to Comdemnor), then the unknown partners or owners of any interest in such Weldon Smith Lumber Company, together with the spouses of any of such persons, and all persons claiming any title or interest in the land under Deed heretofore given to Weldon Smith Lumber Company as Grantee, and if any of the persons hereinabove named are deceased, then their unknown heirs, devisees or legal representatives, Defendants, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to ap-

pear before the Honorable County Court of Fisher County at the County at the Courthouse thereof, in Roby, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A. M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 8th day of March A. D. 1965, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 20th day of January A. D. 1965, in this cause, numbered 961 on the docket of said court and styled Housing Authority of the City of Rotan, Plaintiff, vs. Weldon Smith Lumber Company, Et Al, Defendants.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit:

Proceedings to condemn the South-east Quarter (SE-4) of Block Number Twenty-Nine (29), Original Town of Rotan, in Fisher County, Texas as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance it shall be returned unserved. The officers executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand the seal of said court at Roby, Texas, this the 20th day of January, A. D. 1965.

Attest: John Ashley Clerk,
(Seal) County Court, Fisher County, Texas.

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 Evening Worship --- 7:00 p. m.
 Midweek Prayer Service
 Wednesday - 7:30 p. m.

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(6 Miles SW of Rotan)
 D. S. (Bud) Moore, Pastor
 Phone WI 7-2097 Rotan
 Sunday School --- 10:00 a. m.
 Morning Worship --- 11:00 a. m.
 Training Union --- 6:00 p. m.
 Evening Worship --- 7:00 p. m.
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 Wednesday --- 7:30 p. m.

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 Evening Worship --- 7:30 p. m.
 Prayer Meeting --- 7:00 p. m.
 Wednesday Night

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

201 N. McKinley Ph. WI 7-3471
 Rev. Billy Hudnall, Pastor
 Wade Burrough's - Music and Youth Director
 Sunday School --- 9:45 a. m.
 Morning Worship --- 11:00 a. m.
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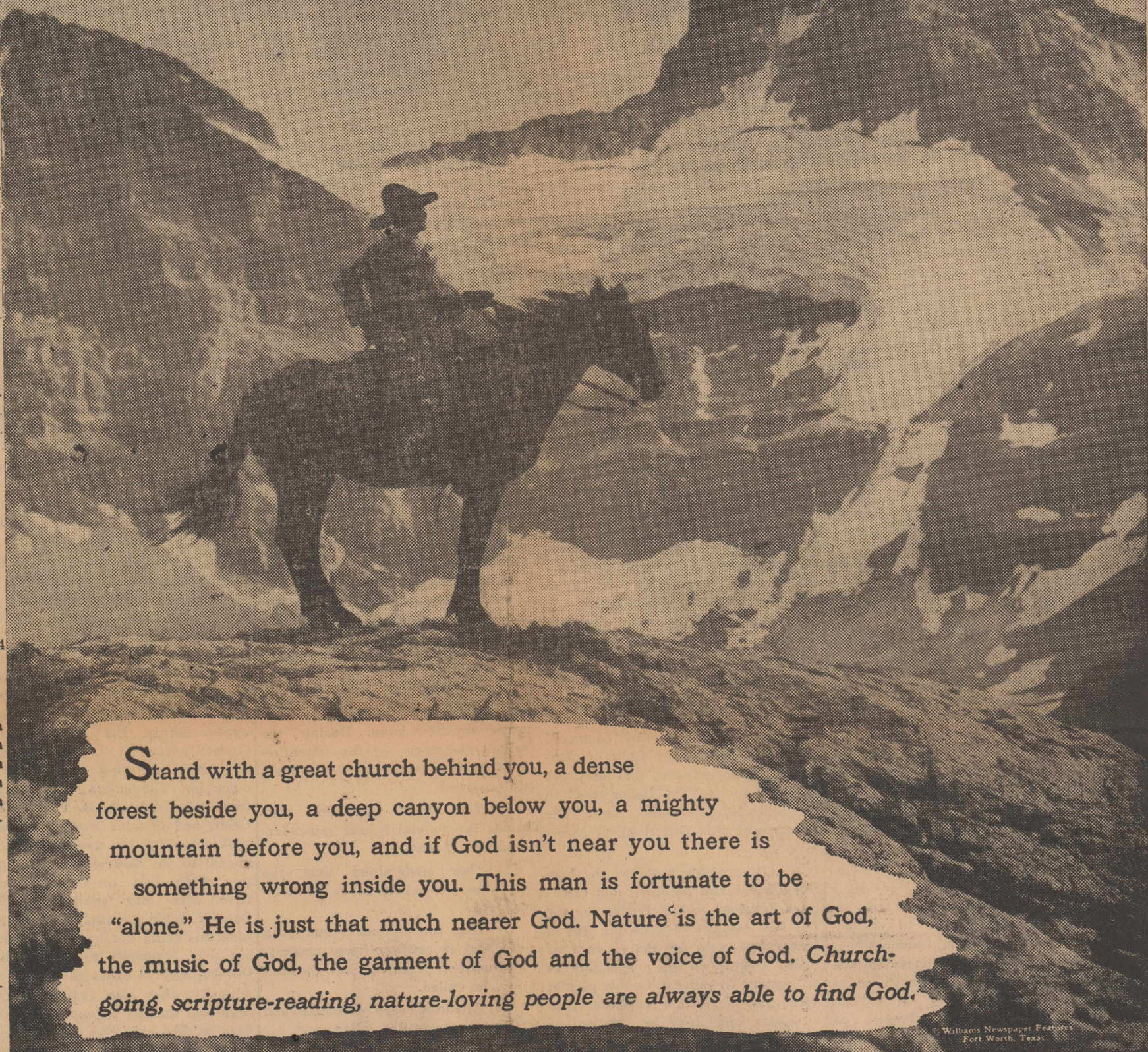
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209 N. McKinley Ph. WI 7-2334
 Parsonage 405 Jostston
 Phone WI 7-2352
 Marvin Fisher, Pastor
 Sunday School --- 9:30 a. m.
 Morning Worship --- 10:30 a. m.
 MYF --- 6:00 p. m.
 Evening Service --- 7:00 p. m.
 Monday Circle --- 3:00 p. m.
 Joy Circle 1st & 3rd Tuesday- 9:30 a. m.
 Wednesday Prayer Circle 9:30 a. m.
 Choir Practice --- 7:30 p. m. Wednesday
 Official Board Meeting 1st Wednesday of Month

HIGHLAND HOME BAPTIST CHURCH

Harold Churchill--Pastor
 Sunday School --- 10:00 a. m.
 Morning Worship --- 11:00 a. m.
 Training Union --- 6:00 p. m.
 Evening Worship --- 7:00 p. m.
 Wednesday Evening Prayer Service--8:00 p. m.
 Worship with us and you will feel at home--Welcome

ALONE



Stand with a great church behind you, a dense forest beside you, a deep canyon below you, a mighty mountain before you, and if God isn't near you there is something wrong inside you. This man is fortunate to be "alone." He is just that much nearer God. Nature is the art of God, the music of God, the garment of God and the voice of God. Church-going, scripture-reading, nature-loving people are always able to find God.

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 Rev. L. L. McKinney B. Th.
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 Sunday School --- 10:00 a. m.
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 Morning Worship --- 11:00 a. m.
 Training Union 6:00 p. m.
 Evening Worship 7:00 p. m.
 Wednesday 7:30 p. m.
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HOBBS BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Royce Shoemate, Pastor
 Sunday School --- 10:00 a. m.
 Morning Worship --- 11:00 a. m.
 Training Union --- 6:00 p. m.
 Evening Worship --- 7:00 p. m.
 Midweek Prayer Service
 Wednesday --- 7:00 p. m.

LITTLE ZION BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. R. M. Castle, Pastor
 Sunday School --- 9:45 a. m.
 Morning Service --- 11:00 a. m.
 B.T.U. --- 5:00 p. m.
 Evening Service --- 6:00 p. m.
 Mission Monday --- 4:00 p. m.
 Wednesday Night
 Prayer Meeting --- 7:00 p. m.
 Thursday
 Mission, 3:30 to 4:30 p. m.

NAZARENE CHURCH

Lee & McKinley St.
 Rev. Wm. A. Morris, Pastor
 Parsonage Phone WI 7-3256
 Church, Phone WI 7-3094
 Sunday School --- 9:45 a. m.
 Morning Worship --- 10:40 a. m.
 N. Y. P. S. --- 6:30 p. m.
 Evening Worship --- 7:00 p. m.
 Midweek Prayer Service
 Wednesday --- 7:30 p. m.

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 Wednesday --- 7:30 p. m.
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 Saturday --- 7:00 p. m.
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 Pat Anderson, Pastor
 Sunday School --- 10:00 a. m.
 Morning Worship --- 11:00 a. m.
 Training Union --- 6:00 p. m.
 Evening Worship --- 7:00 p. m.

IGLESIA BAUTISTA

First Mexican Baptist Church
 W. Johnston & N. Garfield
 Henry Medina, Pastor--Ph. 1611
 Sunday School --- 10:00 a. m.
 Morning Worship --- 11:00 a. m.
 Training Union --- 7:00 p. m.
 Evening Worship --- 7:45 p. m.
 Midweek Prayer Service
 Wednesday --- 7:30 p. m.

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'STATEMENT OF FACTS'

To the Editor of the Rotan Advance, Rotan Texas:

This letter is submitted to you with the request that it be printed in the Rotan Advance, so that as many interested persons as possible may be furnished with the facts presented herein.

For many years, the City of Rotan has furnished a limited amount of fire protection to property owners outside the City Limits of Rotan. For the past EIGHT YEARS, the responsibility of using the fire-fighting equipment owned and maintained by the TAX PAYERS OF THE CITY OF ROTAN to furnish fire protection to these property owners outside the City Limits of Rotan, has been discussed in meetings of the City Council of the City of Rotan. A review of the Minutes from these meetings reveals that it has been the general opinion of most citizens having served as City Council members during this eight year period that some of the financial responsibility for the cost and maintenance of this equipment should be assumed by the TAX PAYERS OF FISHER COUNTY.

The Mayor and the members of the City Council of the City of Rotan are elected by the qualified tax payers of the City of Rotan and are legally and morally bound to protect the interests of the citizens of the City of Rotan to the best of their ability. The duties and actions of the Mayor and the City Councilmen of the City of Rotan are limited to the confines of the City Limits of the City of Rotan, including the disbursement of City funds.

The County Judge and the members of the Commissioners Court of Fisher County are elected by the qualified tax payers of Fisher County and they are legally and morally bound to protect the interests of the citizens of Fisher County. The duties and actions of the County Judge and the member of the Commissioners Court of Fisher County are limited to the confines of Fisher County, which, of course, includes the City of Rotan, and includes the disbursement of County funds in the best interests of all of the TAX PAYERS OF FISHER COUNTY.

The equipment used by Rotan Volunteer Fire Department to furnish fire protection to property owners was purchased with City of Rotan funds, and is maintained with City of Rotan funds. During the past several years, as will be reflected by the facts presented later in this statement, efforts have been made by the Mayor and the City Council of the City of Rotan to work out a contract with Fisher County, acting through its County Judge and the Commissioners Court, regarding the use and maintenance of this equipment used by the Rotan Volunteer Fire Department, but these efforts have not resulted in a contract whereby the Mayor and City Council of the City of Rotan feel the best interests of the TAX PAYERS OF THE CITY OF ROTAN will be served.

As Mayor of the City of Rotan, I recognize that I was elected by you, the TAX PAYERS OF THE CITY OF ROTAN, to serve on the governing body of the City of Rotan and I feel a responsibility to present a statement of the facts which have resulted in our inability to accept any contract heretofore submitted to us by the governing body of Fisher County, the County Judge and Commissioners Court, AND THESE FACTS ARE DOCUMENTED FROM THE MINUTE RECORDS OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROTAN, TEXAS, AND ARE NOT HEARSAY.

FIRST, the fire-fighting equipment used by Rotan Volunteer Fire Department is purchased from City funds and the cost of the maintenance of this equipment is paid for out of City funds;

The approximate cost of the maintenance of the equipment and facilities used by Rotan Volunteer Fire Department has averaged \$4,000.00 per year for several years;

Rotan Volunteer Fire Department receives various contributions from persons of this area throughout each year, such as: \$50.00 per fire run made outside the City Limits of the City of Rotan, this payment being made from Fisher County funds; \$860.00 disbursed from City of Rotan funds, comprised of \$50.00 per month for their Social Fund and \$65.00 quarterly for convention expenses; and, in addition, \$10.00 per month disbursed from City Funds

to the Fire Chief for his services (this payment having been made for many years). NONE OF THIS MONEY has been, or is being, used for the purchase of fire-fighting equipment and its maintenance.

At least 40% of the fire runs in this area made by Rotan Volunteer Fire Department are made to property outside of the City Limits of the City of Rotan;

The City of Rotan furnishes Rotan Volunteer Fire Department all of the upstairs space of the former City Hall for their meetings and for their Club Room, without charge, and, in addition, the City of Rotan pays all of the telephone bills incurred by Rotan Volunteer Fire Department, and pays all utility costs for the space furnished such department.

SECOND, the problem of answering fire calls outside the City Limits of Rotan by Rotan Volunteer Fire Department was first called to the attention of the Mayor and City Council of Rotan at the regular City Council Meeting held on November 12, 1963, which resulted in the decision that Fisher County did have financial obligation to assume some of the financial responsibility of fire protection costs in the rural areas of Fisher County, and if the rural areas were to continue to have this protection available, another arrangement would have to be worked out whereby the County would meet this responsibility.

On December 2, 1963, the City Council of Rotan (then comprised of Charles Atwell, Rudy Lotief, Douglas Weathersbee, as well as the Mayor of Rotan, Juston M. Morrow, and the City Manager of Rotan, Herb Sitz, met with the Commissioners Court of Fisher County. Members of the Commissioners Court present at this meeting were Bill Owens (Commissioner, Precinct 1), Jerry Crowley (Commissioner, Precinct 2), Wayne Porter (Commissioner, Precinct 3), and Thurman Terry (Commissioner, Precinct 4), as well as the County Judge, Ed Perkins. We informed the Commissioners Court that we felt Fisher County had a financial obligation to assume some of the cost of fire protection in the rural areas; that we did not feel we could continue to use City funds to purchase and maintain fire-fighting equipment to furnish fire protection to property owners out of the City Limits of Rotan; and that, as taxpayers of Fisher County, we felt our problem was also their problem.

We did not have a proposal worked out at that time to submit to this group, but we did request them to study the situation and to advise us of their determinations as soon as possible. Some time passed following this meeting with Commissioners Court without receipt of any information as to the result of their study of the situation and the resulting determinations. In discussing this matter with Commissioner Wayne Porter, I determined that the request for action to be taken by the Commissioners Court of Fisher County on financial assistance to the City of Rotan for rural fire protection should again be made.

Pursuant to a May meeting of the City Council of the City of Rotan, the City Council, through contact made by its City Manager, Herb Sitz, made a request to the County Judge of Fisher County for Fisher County to pay \$1500.00 to the City of Rotan to be applied to the maintenance costs of the fire-fighting equipment, in exchange for a commitment from the City of Rotan to furnish fire protection outside the City Limits of the City of Rotan. As a matter of interest, at this same time, City Manager Herb Sitz informed the City Council that he had contacted the County Judge of Kent County, Texas, and had been advised that such County would be glad to enter into a contract with the City of Rotan on fire runs made with Rotan's fire-fighting equipment in Kent County.

On May 12, 1964, the rural fire protection matter was again placed on the agenda for a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Rotan, and at this meeting, it was determined by the City Council that copies of all correspondence between the City of Rotan and Fisher County Commissioners Court regarding the rural fire protection matter should be published in the Rotan Advance so that all interested citizens of Rotan, and this area, could be informed of the problem.

On June 9, 1964, at a regular meeting of the City Council of Rotan, A. B. Parker, Charlie Woods and Wendell Morrow, appeared as representatives of Rotan Volunteer

Fire Department, to meet with the City Council relative to the rural fire fighting problem. These Firemen raised the question of whether or not members of Rotan Volunteer Fire Department should circulate a Petition for the purpose of forcing Fisher County Commissioners Court to take action on the rural fire fighting problem. The City Council informed these representatives that Rotan Volunteer Fire Department should proceed with the circulation of this Petition, which Petition would request the Commissioners Court of Fisher County to hold an election for a referendum vote on the rural fire fighting problem, on separate ballots, but such vote to be held at the same time of the General Election to be held on November 3, 1964. A discussion was also held between these representatives of Rotan Volunteer Fire Department and the City Council regarding the attendance of a local Fireman and Fire Marshall at the training school for Firemen and Fire Marshalls to be held at A & M College. This training school requires one week's attendance, and is held annually for the purpose of training Firemen and Fire Marshalls in fire protection. Each City sending representatives to this school is given credit on premiums for all fire insurance policies in the City Limits of such City. The City Council advised Mr. Parker, Mr. Woods and Mr. Morrow that the City of Rotan would pay the expenses — of one Fireman and one Fire Marshall from Rotan to attend this school, and these Firemen suggested to the City Council that since Fireman Perry Thompson and Fire Marshall M. A. Hughes were both employees of the City of Rotan, they should be selected to attend this training school.

On July 14, 1964, in a Regular Meeting of the City Council of Rotan, the Council voted unanimously to pay the expenses of Fireman Perry Thompson and Fire Marshall M. A. Hughes in connection with their attendance at the training school at A & M College, as discussed in greater detail in the June 9, 1964 City Council Meeting above mentioned. These two men did attend the training school and of the \$200.00 advanced them from City funds for payment of their expenses, approximately \$26.00 was returned to the City, as the balance of the advance not required.

On November 10, 1964, at a Regular Meeting of the City Council of Rotan, A. B. Parker, Perry Thompson and Wendell Morrow, appeared as representatives of Rotan Volunteer Fire Department, and they are referred to as "The Committee" in the following quotation from the Minutes of this City Council Meeting:

"The Committee reported the Fire Department had obtained and circulated petitions to the Fisher County Commissioners Court calling for a referendum vote by the citizens of Fisher County on the proposition as to whether or not the County should enter into a contract with the cities of Rotan and Roby by virtue of which such contract the cities would agree to fight rural fires. The committee reported their petitions had more than the required amount of signatures as set forth by legal standards; were presented to the proper officials in the prescribed time and as far as could be determined everything was in order. The election was petitioned to be held November 3, 1964, but was not called for by the Commissioners Court and no satisfactory explanation offered. These two facts have been presented to our local citizens that:

(1) At the present time the City fire trucks are solely the Rotan tax payers' burden and furthermore; (2) that the individual Council members can be held personally liable if a City owned fire truck is unable to fight a City fire because it is on a fire call outside the City Limits. In view of all the circumstances previously transpired, the following motion was made by Councilman Callan: 'On advice of legal counsel and because each City Councilman is liable when the City's fire equipment is out of the City and since the Commissioners Court of Fisher County refuses to enter into a contract with the City of Rotan for fighting rural fires; I regretably move that until such time as a suitable contract be made, the City of Rotan will fight fires only within the City of Rotan and will not go outside the City Limits to fight any fire. This action is to be effective on the 1st day of December, 1964.' The motion was seconded by Councilman Edwards. Voting Aye were Councilmen Flem-

ing, Edwards, Weathersbee, Callan, Field, and Mayor Morrow. Voting Nay, None. Mayor Morrow announced the motion passed unanimously. Following the approval of the motion, the Rotan City Council issued this statement:

The action we as Councilmen have taken in regard to sending of City Fire Equipment outside the City Limits of Rotan has been taken with some reluctance. We feel, however, that this action was necessary under the general laws of the State of Texas to protect us from possible liability. This liability can be prevented by the simple act of the Commissioners entering into a contract with the City for rural fire protection. Since there are a number of surrounding Counties with such contracts, we cannot understand why the Commissioners Court will not discuss this with us. We regret that this action has been taken but we feel that it is necessary under our obligation to the Citizens of Rotan as well as to ourselves. We would like to emphasize that we are anxious to work out an equitable agreement with the County Judge and Commissioners Court at any time.'

On November 16, 1964, a Special Meeting of the City Council of Rotan was held, at the request of County Judge Ed Perkins. Mayor Juston M. Morrow presided at this meeting, with Councilmen Willie Fleming, W. F. Edwards, Jr., C. M. Callan, and J. D. Weathersbee present. Councilman George Field was not present at this meeting. The following is quoted from the Minutes of this meeting relative to statements made by County Judge Ed Perkins at such meeting:

"Judge Perkins related to the Council that the Fisher County Commissioners Court had met in special session on Monday morning at 9:30 with the following present: Commissioners Porter, Terry and Crowley, County Attorney Rudy Hamric and County Auditor Wilson. Absent was one member, Commissioner Owens. The Court did take under consideration the actions taken by the Rotan City Council on Tuesday, November 10, whereby the Council voted that unless proper action was taken, the City fire equipment would no longer be available after December 1, 1964 to fight rural fires. The Judge reported the Court discussed this problem at length during the session; that one or two recommendations were made; that no voting was done; and the meeting was recessed until after the Judge, as spokesman for the Fisher County Commissioners Court, had met with the Rotan City Council in order to clarify the two governing bodies' stands on this issue. During the Judge's summary of the situation the following points were established:

- (1) The Court expressed they would like to clarify the misunderstandings, if any.
- (2) They understood that the City was not asking for a bond issue vote.
- (3) That the statement had been made that if petitions were presented in proper fashion an election would be called.
- (4) Petitions were presented and the election was not called.
- (5) It was the general feeling of the Court that after the Rotan City Council met with them at the December meeting some kind of contract would be executed probably in the near future.
- (6) That the City of Rotan did ask for some kind of action on this in December, 1963, that to this date the Court itself has taken no voting action on this and it is not officially recorded in any of the Minutes of the Court from that date until the present time.
- (7) The Commissioners had at various times expressed the feeling that by virtue of the contract as requested that perhaps they personally would be assuming this liability that is now the Council's. This was stressed as being of prime concern to the Commissioners. In other words, could they be sued instead of the Council? (At this point in the meeting, the legal opinions of various sources were discussed.)
- (8) The Commissioners had also asked that if a contract be properly executed would this release the Council from liability? (Legal advice to Council is affirmative.)
- (9) The Court can if they so desire execute the requested contract.
- (10) What is the County financially able to do and what is correct? (The Judge had a prepared statement that since the year 1952, Fisher Co. had paid to City of Roby \$3,850.00 and to Rotan Fire Department, \$4,675.00.)
- (11) That a question exists in the Court's mind as to the amount of expenditure that should be involved in this problem and where

the dividing point must be made as to how much could be allocated to this item as they stated 'Where the line should break.'

On November 30, 1964, in a Special Meeting of the City Council of Rotan, and with all members of the City Council present, as well as the Mayor of Rotan, a discussion was held regarding a contract submitted by the County Commissioners Court of Fisher County concerning the fighting of rural fires, and the following is a quotation from the Minutes of this meeting regarding this contract:

"All Council Members had previously received and studied the proposed contract. The report was given that despite the Council's efforts to avoid any connection whatsoever with the \$50.00 now being paid directly to the Fire Department, this has become an issue in some instances and the Council regrets that this is even being discussed as it is in no way involved in City funds. Objections were voiced to the actual wording of some sections of the proposed contract and the Council did not desire the amount of reimbursement to be made per fire call but rather a per month or per year basis. It was the feeling that a per fire call would not be in line as a maintenance contract. The Council felt that the large amount of the City tax payer's money involved in fire fighting equipment was still not being considered and that the Court still seems unwilling to assume an obligation toward the Rotan citizens as Fisher County tax payers.

Councilman Edwards moved that the Rotan City Council reject the contract as offered by the County because it is not adequate. Seconded by Councilman Callan. Voting Aye: Morrow, Fleming, Edwards and Callan. Voting Nay: Weathersbee, Councilman Field abstained from voting.

The Council felt that since they were elected by the people to administer the City's business in the best way possible, they should make every effort to do so. It is still the hope they will be able to negotiate a reasonable and equitable contract."

In a Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Rotan, held on December 8, 1964, with the Mayor and all members of the City Council present, a discussion was again held regarding the rural fire fighting problem, and the following is quoted from the Minutes of this meeting:

"Prior to the Council Meeting, some members of the Volunteer Fire Department asked if they could appear before the Council. The Council agreed to interview them at this time and they were asked to come in. The entire fire department appeared. A. B. Parker, Fire Chief, and Charles Woods, Fireman, spokesman for the group wanted to appeal to the Council for an extension of the ban on fighting rural fires with city equipment. The Council again pointed out the reasons this could not be done. In stating they (Council) could not abuse the majority in order to protect the minority; they also again said they regretted that an agreement had not been worked out. The Council pointed out, as evidenced by the Minutes of their previous meetings, that they had explored every avenue open to them to reach an agreement whereby the citizens of Rotan would not be imposed upon with this problem, but it be shared with the County. Since this could not be done, their first obligation was to the Town and they (Council) must to the best of their ability perform their jobs in this line.

The Fire Department stated they were not taking issue with any side but wanted permission to fight rural fires and at their meeting on the previous night, had voted to relinquish the \$50.00, now paid to them by the County for each rural fire, a maximum of \$600.00 a year, to the City to be added to the contract previously offering \$600.00 a year in order to make a total to be received of \$1,200.00 a year. The Council stated that under no circumstances would they accept money directly from the Fire Department.

It was pointed out at this time that in all contracts with the County their main argument had been that the money for a maintenance contract for rural fire fighting had not been allocated in the County Budget. The Fire Department then stated they would go as a body to the Commissioners Court session and ask that the \$600.00 the department would receive be combined with the \$600.00 contract in order to make a \$1,200.00 contract (per year) and then be offered to the City. After various members of the Fire Department stated their reasons for making this offer to the

Council, the Fire Department members left the meeting while the Council discussed the proposal.

The Council in their discussion reviewed their previous actions and heard reports from the Councilmen who had been contacted regarding new negotiations on another contract. It was the feeling of the group that for \$1,200.00 a year, with some rewording of the contract as requested by the Council, they could accept it and lift the ban. It was emphasized that this would only be for the one year in order to allow time for this item to be included in the County Budget and at the end of the year, the Contract would be subject to negotiation again. The Council was unanimous in this agreement. The Council requested that the Fire Department be called back to the meeting. They again appeared and the Mayor reported the Council had agreed they could accept the \$1,200.00 a year contract and would lift the ban until the Court had met and presented a new contract; providing the Fire Department did go before the Court and make the request themselves. The Council requested that the Fire Department spokesman contact a majority of the Court at this time in order to be certain that this Contract would be offered by the Court to the City. The spokesman contacted the County Judge and two Commissioners by telephone and reported all three committed themselves to the support of a \$1,200.00 a year contract.

No voting action was taken by the Council on these events; it being understood this was to be a 'gentlemen's agreement' on lifting the ban until the Commissioners Court could meet and approve a \$1,200.00 a year contract with the City of Rotan for one year or by the agreement the department will cease rural runs."

On January 12, 1965, a Regular Meeting of the City Council was held, with the Mayor and all members of the City Council present. The contract which had been presented at the November 30, 1964 meeting of the City Council, concerning the rural fire fighting problem, which contract was rejected by the City Council of Rotan for reasons previously stated herein, and which contract had been submitted by the Commissioners Court of Fisher County, was resubmitted. The contract was again studied and discussed by the City Council, and was changed and amended by the City Council to state the sum of \$1200.00 per year would be paid to the City of Rotan by Fisher County for maintenance of the fire-fighting equipment. Voting for this contract, as changed and amended, were Mayor Morrow, Councilmen Fleming, Edwards and Callan. Voting against this contract, as amended, were Councilmen Weathersbee and Field.

THIRD, as a TAX PAYER OF FISHER COUNTY, which, of course, includes being a TAX PAYER OF THE CITY OF ROTAN, I felt it was my duty to obtain some facts regarding the financial affairs of Fisher County, such as where the taxes come from and where they are spent. The portion of this statement deals with facts I have compiled from copies of Fisher County Audit Reports and from other public records available to anyone interested enough to investigate such facts.

Rotan, of course, is in Precinct 3 of Fisher County. All of the Northwest Part of Fisher County (including Rotan) and the Northwest Part of the City of Roby comprise Precinct 3. According to the 1960 Census, and other records, we have in Precinct 3 OVER 60% OF THE POPULATION OF THE COUNTY. I have also found to be a fact that a great portion of the INCOME OF FISHER COUNTY not only comes from Ad Valorem Taxes, but from Car and Truck Registrations. I have studied carefully the County Audit Reports for the years of 1959, 1960, 1961, 1962 and 1963. I find that over 70% of Fisher County's car and truck registration come from Precinct 3, and that Rotan has the majority of the car and truck registrations in Precinct 3, yet of the funds allocated to the four Precincts in this County from this money, Precinct 3 receives only 25%. Other figures disclosed by study of the County Audits for the five year period above mentioned are also shown in the tabulations below: