

**Editorial
Comment**

By Kim Pease

Hospital Honeymoon Over

The honeymoon is over at the Fisher County Hospital. Board members met last Monday night for the fourth time in a month and all but put the hospital employees on official written notice that beginning next month things may change. The board seemed nervous as they pondered their financial future and from this vantage point, their nervousness was justified.

The board is asking head nurse, Alta Hinson, and Administrator, James McCallay, to be prepared to present a full employee review at the December meeting. The board apparently seems to feel the job of running a hospital can be accomplished with fewer people and they seem ready to cut the fat, first in the area of unnecessary personnel. The hospital is in trouble financially. The projected figures have not become a reality since the move to the new facility.

If the financial trend continues on the current course, the county is headed toward a collision with bankruptcy in the next few years.

We have sat in on enough board meetings in the past couple of years to recognize a problem area. We have also heard people criticize the board without offering any solutions. In an effort to make a small move toward seeing Fisher County assured of continued medical services, we will attempt to shed light on a few problems and also offer a few grass roots solutions.

First, the conflicts between the Fisher County doctors and the Fisher County Hospital Board members must be resolved. We suggest that a fact finding committee be named to put in writing some of the problem areas between the board and doctors and that this same committee offer some solutions. If the doctors and the board can't come together we're in deep trouble.

We think the fact finding committee should be composed of Fisher County leaders that are willing to sacrifice several hours of hard work without pay for a lot of criticism and a few words of thanks.

This fact finding committee should be appointed by the Fisher County Hospital Board with the approval of the doctors. We think the sooner the committee is named the better off we will be.

We hope the fact finding committee will not limit themselves to just pinpointing problems between the board and doctors. We hope the committee will offer solutions to any problems with respect to the medical future of Fisher County.

The sole purpose of the committee should be to make a one-time report (in two copies) to be given to the doctors and the board. After their report is given the committee should be disbanded in order to let the doctors and board decide how much, if any, of the information submitted is worthy of consideration.

The board began taking action on what we consider the second problem area. At what point do you begin cutting the excess fat? Do you hire all the people to run a hospital at 75 percent occupancy then wait for the patients; or do you get the patients then gradually increase the personnel?

There are far too many hospital employees sitting around complaining about how hard they work and how under-paid they are to suit a lot of people. Many residents, tax paying residents, resent walking through the hospital and see employees sitting on their posteriors with one eye on the time clock. The solution is apparent. The hospital needs a general shakeup from top to bottom. They need to be told that times are tough and that if attitudes and habits don't change—there won't be a hospital in a few years.

The honeymoon is over. We hope a few open their eyes before it's too late and a divorce becomes a necessity.

**Four Rotan Twirlers
Receive One Ratings**

In addition to the first place division rating received by the Rotan Band, four Rotan twirlers received first place awards at the marching contest earlier this month.

Terri Mullins, Donna Smith and Linda Hinson each received a 1 rating for solo performances in twirling at the fall marching contest.

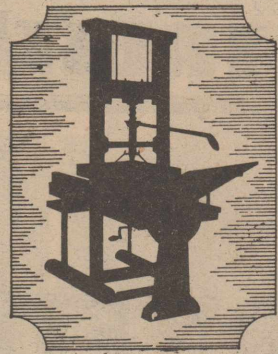
In the twirler trio section the team of Donna Smith, Linda Hinson and Sonya

Leverton received a first place rating.

The Rotan High School Marching Band was one of 8 of the 29 bands performing that took home a first division rating. The recent award makes it possible for the band to take the coveted sweepstakes award in March. If a first division rating can be captured in both concert and sight reading the sweepstakes award will be won.



ADVANCES IN COMPETITION: These girls will advance in the Senior Division 4-H Food Competition to be held Jan. 22 in Wichita Falls. Senior winners in the 4-H Food Show are, left to right, sitting, Patricia Posey, Vanessa Hardwick. Standing, Julie Posey, Cindy Posey.



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**Eight Advance In 4-H
County Food Show**

The Annual Fisher County 4-H Food Show was Monday in the Community Center in Rotan, according to Mrs. Alice Ballenger, County Extension Agent.

4-H members enrolled in Foods and Nutrition Projects were eligible to enter the four exhibit groups. 4-H members ages 9-13 were in the junior division and those 4-H members ages 14-19 were in the senior division.

Senior 4-H members winning blue ribbons were: Bread and Dessert, Vanessa Hardwick; Side Dish, Patricia Posey; Snacks and Beverages, Julie Posey; Main Dish, Cindy Posey.

Juniors winning first in their groups were: Breads and Dessert, Joyce Harkey; Side Dish, LaRhea Smith; Snacks and Beverages, Beverly McKinney; Main Dish, Julie Posey.

These eight 4-H'ers will compete in District 3 4-H Food Show in Wichita Falls January 22. Other 4-H members winning blue rib-

bons were Laura Gruben, Jerilyn Marshall, Sharon Stuart, Annette Overby, Meg Field, Mwyla McCright, Sherri Wall, Sharon Shipp, Sabrina Herron, Jennifer Wright, Jodie Lawlis, Andrea Callan, Nerissa Hardwick, Karen Mize, Desiree Gray, Susan Gaona, Terri Whitefield, Naomi Counts, Kathy Martin, and Jenny Swafford.

NOTICE

We will move our normal news deadline of noon on Tuesday up to noon on Monday for next week only. We ask your cooperation in doing this so as to allow the Newspaper Office personnel a day with their families on Thanksgiving. The paper will arrive at homes one day early next week.

**Roby Baptist
Church Plans
Special Service**

The First Baptist Church of Roby will hold a regular community Thanksgiving Service Wednesday, Nov. 24, at 7:30 p.m. in the church.

The church will provide the music. Rev. Luther Baker of First United Methodist Church, Roby, will deliver the Thanksgiving message.

Everyone in the community is invited to attend the service.

**Farmers Union Annual
Meeting In Roby Sat.**

The Fisher County Farmers Union will hold their annual meeting Saturday, Nov. 20, at the Roby Firemen's Hall.

The farmers of Fisher County don't seem to be setting the woods on fire to get their names on the diapause agreement sheets. There have only been 65 Fisher County farmers sign up for the program during the first 4 or 5 days the forms were left at the 7 county gins.

One gin manager said he was sure the program would go, but he thought the farmers were just being

Fisher County Farmers Union members and their families will be served an evening meal beginning at 6 p.m. Continued on Page 4



JUNIOR DIVISION FOOD SHOW WINNERS: These girls will participate in 4-H Competition at Wichita Falls on Jan. 22. Left to right, sitting, LaRhea Smith, Beverly McKinney. Standing, Jill Posey, Joyce Harkey.

Board Balks On \$6,000 Audit Estimate

**HOSPITAL HIRES NEW
RESPIRATORY MAN**

The members of the Fisher County Hospital Board met in regular session last Monday night and hired Bruce Garrison, former associate of Respiratory Care in Lubbock, as the new head of the respiratory care department.

Garrison, former employee of Respiratory Care Associates, worked in the Fisher County Hospital until September of this year. He was hired by the board, not only as head of respiratory care, but to assist with the operation of the ambulance, and work on the hospital floor. He is a certified registered therapist and licensed vocational nurse. His starting salary was set at \$1,000 per month.

The board voted to purchase its own respiratory equipment after Respiratory Care Associates of Lubbock

pulled out of the local hospital because of an apparent lack of sufficient revenue to justify their organization staying in Fisher County.

James McCallay, Fisher County Hospital Administrator, reported to the board that Respiratory Care Associates of Lubbock has received an approximate revenue of \$23,000 from the time they began through September 30 for their services.

In other action the board discussed in great detail possible money saving cuts. They quizzed the administrator on everything from excessive personnel on the payroll, a high light bill of over \$5,000 for the month of Sept.-Oct., low average daily occupancy, to a report that someone was turned away from the hospital lab after

being sent out by local doctors. The person turned away was seeking a blood test for marriage. The Hospital Administrator informed the board that he would check into the situation concerning the person being turned away.

The board tabled a discussion concerning construction of a new sign for the hospital because of an obvious money shortage.

The board heard McCallay report on landscaping, the status of the leaking roof and reports on faulty electrical testing machinery for the hospital.

One discussion by the board centered around the apparent existing lack of communication between the board and local doctors. The board was briefed on an incident involving a person being transported to the

hospital for medical care then allegedly being informed by personnel that the doctor would see the patient at the clinic, not the hospital. The board recognized that cooperation between the Fisher County Hospital Board and the local doctors was the key to the future medical care in Fisher County.

A motion by Kismet Terry to approve charge order #7 that spells out that the board accepts \$4,400 as a settlement for liquidated damages in not furnishing the hospital on time was approved.

Another discussion centered around Roy Roberson doing general carpentry work at the new hospital. The board discussed purchasing tools for Roberson and also talked about Roberson doing some of the minor repair work left by the general contractor at the hospital.

The board heard president Ralph Ammons read a letter from Conley & Co., of Brownwood outlining the approximate cost of the yearly audit. The estimated cost is not to exceed \$6,000 and will include the audit report, their opinion on the financial statement, an opinion on the district's weakness with regard to internal financial control and an unaudited hospital cost report. The board was staggered at the estimated cost and decided to check with area hospitals to determine if the audit estimate was in line.

Board president Ralph Ammons read a letter of resignation from Linda Stuart, medical records clerk, pointing out some conflicts and misunderstandings with hospital personnel.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

**Sixty Five Farmers Ink
1977 Dispause Contract**

cautious at the present time and waiting until they get this year's crop out.

Another manager said he felt the farmers were holding back because of finances. "On two and two that figures out to be about \$18.00", said the manager. "The farmer knows the diapause plan is needed but a lot of them need to make arrangements with the bank for the money", said the manager.

One of the larger farmers in Fisher County said the time is now for the big decision. Either we go along with the program, invest a few dollars for the future, or face losing approximately 3 to 4 million dollars a year in production.

Curtis Schaefer, Fisher County Entomologist, said that for a diapause program to be effective it must have two criteria, (1) one hundred per cent participation of producers in a given area. If one field is left out it can produce enough potential, overwintering boll weevils to infest neighboring fields the following year. (2) insecticide treatment needs to be started in mid-September and continued on a 10-14 day schedule until cotton growth is terminated by desiccant or frost. If a desiccant is used a recommended insecticide should be included to kill potential overwintering weevils.

Schaefer indicated that boll weevil in Fisher County has reduced yields, forcing land out of cotton production and because of the cost of in season control has cost county producers an estimated 2.2 million dollars in each of the years 1975 and 1976. Schaefer also said that his 2.2 million dollar estimate was extremely conservative. "The estimate was figured on .45 cent cotton."

The following pledge is the one that is left at the 7 county gins: "PLEDGE FOR DIA-

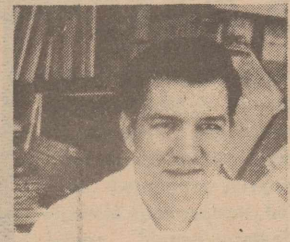
**PAUSE BOLL WEEVIL
CONTROL PROGRAM FOR
FISHER COUNTY AND
ADJOINING COUNTIES**

Each of the undersigned promises to participate in diapause boll weevil program for Fisher and adjoining counties. The projected approximate cost of the program is \$1.50 per ground acre with a maximum of six treatments. Each of the undersigned promises to pay the projected cost of nine dollars (\$9.00) per acre for each tract of land upon which cotton is planted. (Example: 80 acre tract cost will be \$720.00 regardless to whether land is skip row or

planted solid in cotton.) ASCS records will be used for determination of actual acreage in each tract of cotton land. Each of the undersigned promises to pay one-third of his or her total cost not later than May 1, 1977 with the balance to be due and payable not later than July 15, 1977. Payments to be made to the said program's account at either the First National Bank of Rotan, Texas or the Citizens State Bank of Roby, Texas. Any funds not used will be refunded to the producers. The estimated starting date for aerial spraying is September 15, 1977."



THE SEASON ENDS: The snow and freezing weather caused last Friday's final game to be called at halftime. Rotan Cheerleaders, Cindy Springer, left, Patti Williams, center, and Patti Weathersbee, right, try to keep warm while watching the game.



Kim's Korner
By Kim Pease

COTTON REPORT: Fisher County gins were in full swing when the show began falling last Friday night. Total bales ginned through Tuesday, November 9, amounted to 4785. One week later on November 16, the gins had baled 9520. One farmer made the comment last Monday morning that it may be March before they get back in the field. Speaking of cotton, I hope the farmers of Fisher County can get together on this diapause program. Looks like its going to take a unified effort from the entire county, every farmer. The cost is not that tremendous when you look at the potential in increased yields because the boll weevil has been arrested.

A SAD ENDING: Pity the poor player that said to himself, "Boy, just wait until the second half, I'm going to pull out all the stops and give it all I have... this is my senior year and the last time I'll have on a Yellowhammer uniform. That fellow didn't have the opportunity to make good on his promise to himself. The game was called at halftime because of snow. A most unusual ending to an 0-10 season. The prospects of better teams seem bright. The work by the coaching staff will begin showing in the next two years.

FIRST DAY DEER: Larry Cabault of Aspermont (Ridgerunner over the CB) shot a 9 point mule deer on opening day at the Ratliff place northwest of Rotan. The deer was weighed at Glenn Copeland's aid bottomed out at 160 pounds. The guys guesstimated that the deer weighed 187 1/2 pounds field dressed.

OPEN HOUSE: This is the first time that we have said a word about having moved to our new location on the south side of Snyder Avenue. Although the move took place over 7 months ago, we have just never felt ready to announce an open house or even give official notice to the public that we have moved. We wanted the new plant to be as perfect as possible before officially inviting the public in to view the operation. The decision to hold an open house on Saturday, December 4, from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. has been made and we certainly want everyone to stop by for a few minutes on that day. We have made numerous technical changes in the operation of the newspaper that must be seen to be appreciated. We have added extensively to the supply of office supplies. And, we have added a line of gifts and stationery as well as a color photography service. Our day in the limelight will not be anything fancy... we just want to give our friends an opportunity to see the new plant that we are so extremely proud of. Our subscribers and advertisers have given us the incentive to stick our neck out, go in debt and forge ahead. We're proud of our new home, so proud that we want to give each one of our readers and advertisers the cook's tour. We hope each one of you will find the time to drop by on Saturday, December 4th.

A BOUQUET: We're passing out a few bouquets along with a side portion of thorns this week. The bouquet goes to Stanley Nowlin for his acceptance of chairmanship of the Fisher County Diapause program. Everyone thinks Nowlin is the best man for the non-paying position. He failed to get enough votes for commissioner, a paying position, but never fails to get put on every board, commission or be saddled with every non-paying side job that comes along. Thank goodness guys like Nowlin don't get their feelings hurt and refuse to take part in anything. I don't always agree with Stanley Nowlin on all things, but I think he is a super guy for accepting any community service position that he is asked to take.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: If it is true that money talks, the only word we would ever hear it say is, "Good-bye".

Card of Thanks

Our sincere thanks to the many friends that visited Mama Pearl at the hospital. Our hearts are grateful for your kindness to her and now to us. We thank you for the flowers, visits, food and contributions that were made in her memory.

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- FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**
Rotan, Texas
Rev. Cecil M. Tune, pastor
Sunday School-9:30 a.m.
Worship-10:30 a.m.
- CHURCH OF NAZARENE**
Rotan, Texas
F.W. Rogers, Pastor
Bible Class-9:45 a.m.
Worship-10:50 a.m.
Evening Service-7:00 p.m.
- SYLVESTER BAPTIST CHURCH**
Harold Ely, Pastor
Sunday School-10:00 a.m.
Worship-11:00 a.m.
Sunday Night- 6:00 p.m.
- SARDIS BAPTIST CHURCH**
9 Miles SW of Rotan
Bro. Henry Dickson, Hawley
Sunday School-10:00 a.m.
Worship-11:00 a.m.
- FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD**
Rotan, Texas
Sunday School-10:00 a.m.
Church-11:00 a.m.
Night Services-7:30 p.m.
- CHURCH OF CHRIST**
Rotan Latin American
Bible Class-10:00 a.m.
Worship-11:00 a.m.
- FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**
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Buddy Payne, Minister
Morning Worship-9:30 a.m.
Sunday School-10:30 a.m.
Sunday Night-7:30 p.m.
- CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH**
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David N. Vickers, Pastor
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Worship-11:00 a.m.
- ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC**
Rotan, Texas
John Hoorman, Pastor
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Mass-Sunday-9:00 a.m.
- LITTLE ZION BAPTIST**
Rotan, Texas
James Carrington, Pastor
Sunday School-9:45 a.m.
Worship-11:00 a.m.
- CHURCH OF CHRIST**
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Wardell Halliburton, Minister
Bible Class-10:00 a.m.
Worship-11:00 a.m.
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Ultimately we have to make our own decisions about our principles and convictions. There is no substitute for early religious training in preparing for that day.

Sunday 1 Corinthians 2:6-16	Monday Ephesians 1:15-23	Tuesday Ephesians 3:14-21	Wednesday Luke 2:40-52
Thursday Matthew 5:38-48	Friday 1 Corinthians 3:1-15	Saturday Ephesians 4:1-16	



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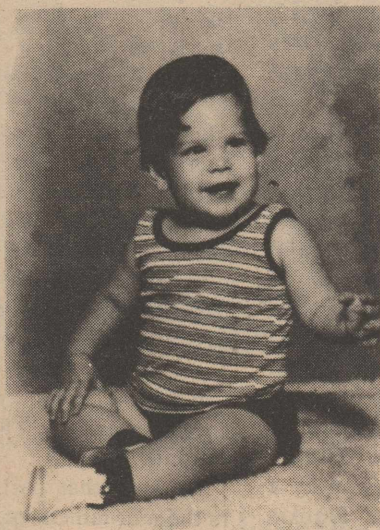
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Worship-11:00 a.m.
- FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**
Roby, Texas
Rev. Allen Cartrite, Pastor
Sunday School-10:00 a.m.
Worship-11:00 a.m.
- FOURSQUARE CHURCH**
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- EL PASO BAPTIST CHURCH**
South of Roby
F.E. Healer, Pastor
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- FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**
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Sunday School-9:45 a.m.
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- METHODIST CHURCH**
Longworth, Texas
Ivan Allen, Minister
Sunday School-10:00 a.m.
Worship-11:00 a.m.
- LONGWORTH BAPTIST**
Longworth, Texas
Rev. Billy Oliver, Pastor
Sunday School-10:00 a.m.
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- McCAULLEY BAPTIST**
McCaulley, Texas
Rev. George Caffey, Pastor
Sunday School-10:00 a.m.
Worship-11:00 a.m.
- PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH**
Roby, Texas
Elder J.R. Knight
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Worship-11 a.m.-4th Sunday

Grandparents' Corner



Jeremy Bailey, 18-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bailey of Midland, is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Horace Carter of Rotan and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Franklin of Odessa. Great-grandmother is Mrs. C.C. Carter of Rotan.



Leddy Lewis who will be 3 years old in December is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Lewis of Snyder. Leddy is the grandson of Mrs. Vivian Helms of Rotan and the late W.T. Helms, and Mrs. Richard Lewis of Snyder.

Jack Bible To Head SSA Mortgage Dept.

Jack Bible has joined Sweetwater Savings as vice president and mortgage loan department manager, according to Ed Aiken, Jr., president of Sweetwater Savings Association.

Bible will supervise and manage all mortgage, construction and commercial loan activities at Sweetwater Savings.

A 1965 graduate of Central High School in San Angelo, Bible comes to Sweetwater

Savings from Kingsville First Savings and Loan Association where he has served as Vice-President of Lending since June 1975. For 2½ years prior to Kingsville, Bible was Abilene area representative and Mobile Branch manager for First Savings of San Angelo.

Bible graduated from Angelo State University in 1969 with a BBA degree. In 1973 he completed courses at the Savings and Loan Institute and in 1974 com-

pleted studies at Houston's Appraising School.

From 1969 to 1971, Bible served in the Army at Ft. Sill, Okla. where he attained the rank of sergeant. He has been a member of the Abilene Jaycees and Kingsville Kiwanis Club. He and his wife, Ricci, and their sons, Scott (age 6) and Brandon (age 5) are members of the Christian Church. Bible's parents live in San Angelo and his hobbies include reading and hunting.



Jack Bible

P.T.L.

Praise the Lord Fellowship under direction of Rev. L.D. Mann meeting

Monday Nights 7:30 p.m.
8th & Genevieve

We express our gratitude to the foursquare members for their fellowship and the use of their building.

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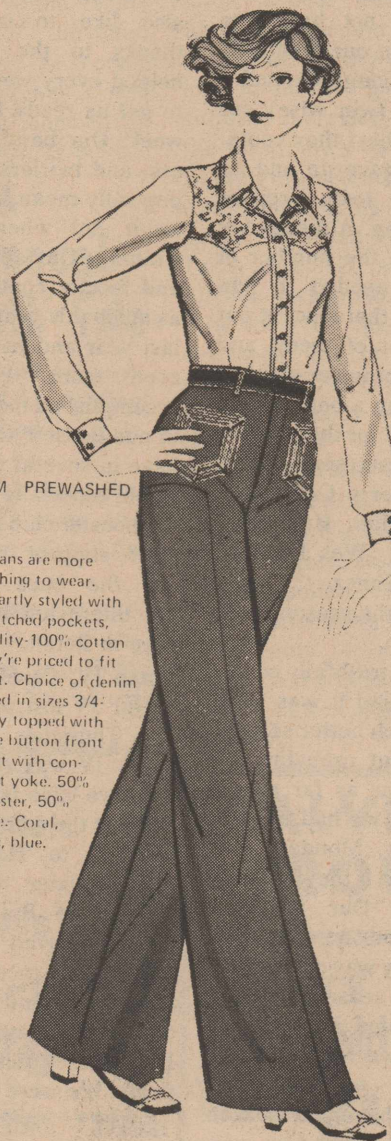


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ORANGE STREAKS

By Don Mullins

Hamlin only stayed a short time but it was enough to let everyone know what kind of a team they had. Some didn't understand why the game was called at the half-others did. It was virtually impossible to play under the conditions we were experiencing. At times our players couldn't even see the ball and due to the conditions we decided to call a halt to it at the half. It was a mutual agreement (coach-administrators) to end it when we did. The main reason was due to the safety factor to players and fans also. If it had been a close game, or a deciding game for the district championship, we would have probably played a second half as it was nothing could have been accomplished by playing the remainder of the game.

The only surprise of the game was the fact that we were able to move the ball and also score on Hamlin, which had one of the best defenses in the district. Several times we had Thompson stopped at the line of scrimmage and with his size he would break and go for a long gain. Offensively, Cox, Morales, and Mullins had a good night--Morales and Cox running while Donny Mullins caught 3 passes, one for our only score. Defensively we couldn't quite make the tackle to bring Delbert Thompson down and he had a good first half.

We lost 10 games this year but won on many other areas. Many of our young inexperienced players received a lot of good playing time that will help next year and the year to follow. We had 45 players out this year and expect to have 55-plus next year. With these numbers we expect to field 3 teams next year (freshman, junior varsity and varsity) We hope this trend will follow the next few years. To successfully compete year in and year out you must graduate 18-20 seniors every year. This year we lose 6 seniors, next year 10-plus and the following year 12-plus.

We are slowly breaking a habit that has hurt us the past 2 to 3 years, and this is that you must: first-come out your freshman year and compete throughout the 4 years it takes to make a winning team; 2nd, you don't win games on Friday night by not doing your best in workouts on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday; 3rd and probably the most important is the mental aspect it takes to play the game. Most coaches and myself included know you

must have something to work with to have a winning season. This does not mean that you must have superior athletes, the best equipment or the easiest schedule. This "something" includes several environments that a player must have mentally to be able to do his best at anything he tries to accomplish. I think the first and second environments go hand-in-hand and these are Religion and family. The third environment is an athletic school environment, the fourth is his team environment and the last is self.

If an athlete has support from home and believes his life is directed by God, then he will probably have pleasant experiences in his school work. If an athlete is a good student in his school work then he is more apt to be a better student in his athletic endeavors. If an athlete works toward team goals, more than likely he will accomplish self goals.

In our fast pace of life we as parents are overlooking a lot of the mental aspects it takes to play the game today. We expect our kids to win on Friday night without really being prepared. Now days it takes more than good athletes to win the district. This is very evident, especially this year. Many teams (who said this was their year) did not make it although they thought they had the material to do so. Some probably lost because of the "Environments" mentioned above. The one that gets us most is "Self". I've heard several coaches say that "individualism" lost them a winning season this year. This means that instead of an athlete striving to win by a team effort, he tried to place self ahead of team and if it were followed up the other environments were not there also. Many times we place our own kids way above everything else and forget it takes 10 other just like ours to win the district. With 11 "individuals" its hard to win at

anything.

I can say without a doubt that we did not have any individuals on our team this year. Even though we had a poor season (win wise) our kids did the best they could. They never gave up and no one quit the team because we were losing. Although we did not have the number of seniors we needed to win with, the six that stuck it out deserve a lot of credit and praise in helping our attitude toward having a better team next year and for the years to follow. Our six seniors this year were Jerry Carr, John Cox, Lyndon Heffernan, Paul Hinson, Wes Morrow, and Ysidro Yanez.

For some the season could

never end. I truthfully cannot say I was glad it was over. I've had much better seasons (win-loss) but probably had my best year as far as the kind of kids we had to work with. Every Monday they were there as if they had won on Friday. Our workouts were good, no one wanting to take the easy way out. Lots of times with a season like ours, you encounter all kinds of problems, we had probably our fewest problems this year after having a season like we had, than I've ever had as long as I've been coaching. We as coaches know what it is like to be on the other side of the fence for a change. We have learned from our defeats and hope it will make us better coaches in the years to come.

We have much to look forward to, our junior varsity, 8th grade and 7th grade had a better than average year. The JV had a 9 win-2 loss season, our 8th grade lost only one game while our 7th grade was undefeated. Coaches Lankford, McCown and Posey did an outstanding job in developing these teams this year. I am looking forward in working with them when these young athletes become of age to help us win the district in future years.

I would like to say thanks to the many parents that

prevailed through this season along with us. I would also like to express my thanks to the many who helped every week in trying to get us ready for the next week. Our band, cheerleaders, and twirlers made each pep rally mean just as much as it did when we were winning. Our administration and faculty contributed just as much this year as they did last year and in some cases even more. I think we accomplished more than year in our Booster Club than we have in several years past. I would especially like to thank the booster club members for their support because you are the ones who really are interested in our youth here in Rotan.

Rotan JV, Coach Posey

Our JV lost to Haskell JV last Thursday 22-13. Haskell's JV was the strongest team we have faced all year. We lost the coin toss, having to kick to Haskell. Four downs later they were punting to Rotan. Freddie Acorn received the punt on our 40 and raced down the side line behind top blocking 60 yds. for our first TD. David Posey kicked the extra point. We were able to hold Haskell until the final seconds of the 1st quarter, before the could score from 4 yds. out. They tried to run the two point conversion but failed. Rotan led 7-6 which stand sup for the halftime score.

We received the second half kickoff and moved the ball to good field position. Two plays later Acorn finds running room down the side line, bouncing off tackels, walking the out of bounds mark 60 yds. before stepping out on the 15 yd. line. A 5 yd. penalty and 4 yd. loss leaves Rotan facing 2nd down and 19. Posey runs keeper play 7 yds., then finds Mario Lopez in the end zone for a completion and a TD. A pass for the extra point is short

leaving Rotan ahead 13-6. Haskell begins a drive on the following kickoff. Several plays later Haskell has a receiver to get open and catches a 31 yd. TD pass. A run at the extra point is good putting Haskell in front for the first time 14-13. Haskell scores again during the 4th quarter and passes for the 2 pt. conversion, putting Haskell in front 22-13. Rotan JV had Haskell back deep in their territory as the final whistle blew.

Acorn led the rushing attack with 64 yds. on 9 tries plus the 60 yd. TD gallop of the punt. Posey had 26 yds on 7 attempts also completing 6 of 15 passes for 78 yds. but had 3 intercepted. Joe Medrano was held to 2 yds. rushing on 8 attempts plus a 25 yd. punt return. Except for Acorn's 60 yd. run, which was a great effort on his part, all of the yardage gained was tough, several times the JV were thrown for losses.

Much credit is due to the offensive and defensive line because of the size and weight disadvantage. McArthur, Sparks, Goodwin, Sharpsteen, Upshaw, Lopez all doing a top job. Rotan's JV won the ball game, because of their efforts, but came up on the short end of the score.

Weather

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Rotan Weather Observer

Nov. 76	Prec.	Hi	Lo
Tues. 9		79	45
Wed. 10	Fog	74	45
Thur. 11		62	36
Fri. 12	Sn. Sin	38	27
Sat. 13	Sn..45	35	22
Sun. 14			
Sun. 14	.10	35	15
Mon. 15	Fog	33	25
Total precipitation to date:			
Snow	6	Inches
1975	23.72	
1976	20.85	

Rivas, Helm Take Top Spots in Boxing Match

FARMERS UNION
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The Roby Boxing Team went to Levelland this weekend to a Golden Glove tournament.

Thursday night, Stevey Rivas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Rivas, won over Charles Baker of Levelland and came back strong Saturday night to defeat Richard Hook of Stinnett for the 65 lb. Pee Wee Championship.

Jay Lynn Helm, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Helm, won the 55 lb. championship by default. Ronnie Ybarra, Plainview, 75 lb., won by a split decision over Frankie

Gonzales of Roby. Rene Gonzales, Plainview, 75 lbs., won by a split decision over Albert Castillo of Roby. Allen Parker, Tulia-65 lbs., won the third round by TKO over Clifton Terry of Roby, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Terry.

Friday night Gilbert Guajardo, Levelland-90 lbs., won by split decision over James Terry of Roby. Robin Blake, Levelland-119 lbs., won the second round by TKO over Kenneth Terry.

All boys that participated in the tournament received a medal, compliments of the Levelland Boys Club.

Anyone interested in starting to box can contact Johnny Claxton at 776-2768 or go to the old Fiber Glass Shop in Roby at 7 p.m. Monday through Saturday. The boxing team is sponsored by Bob Terry Aero Spraying.

6:30 p.m., to be catered by Allen Catering of Sweetwater.

A meeting of the general membership will follow the meal where the general farm policy for the coming year will be discussed.

Officers for the coming year will be elected at the Saturday meeting.

Roby Flea Mkt. This Saturday

The Roby Flea Market will be held Saturday, Nov. 20, sponsored by the local Lions Club. Free space is available for those wishing to participate.

The Flea Market will be held downtown at the traffic light intersection. The date of the Flea Market has been changed to the third Saturday in November due to the Thanksgiving Holiday.

National Gyp. Dividend For Quarter Set

The Board of Directors of National Gypsum Company today declared a quarterly dividend of \$.26 1/4 per share on its common stock payable January 3, 1977 to holders of record on December 9, 1976.

This will be the 39th consecutive year in which National Gypsum Company has paid cash dividends to its common stockholders.

Rotan Band Members To Make District

On Saturday, November 20, five Rotan High School Band members will be trying out for the District Band. Competition starts early Saturday morning. Those participating are Terrie Mullins, flute; Dee Ann Weathersbee, bass clarinet; Tonni Sparks, bass clarinet; Mary Lynn Crawford, clarinet; and Patricia Posey, clarinet. The students will be accompanied by Mr. Kelly Glaze, Rotan Band director.

Those students making the District Band will practice as a band Saturday afternoon and will perform in concert Saturday night at the Sweetwater High School Auditorium.

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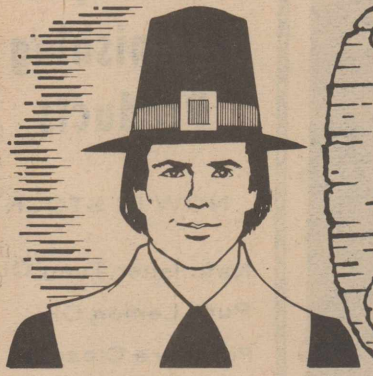
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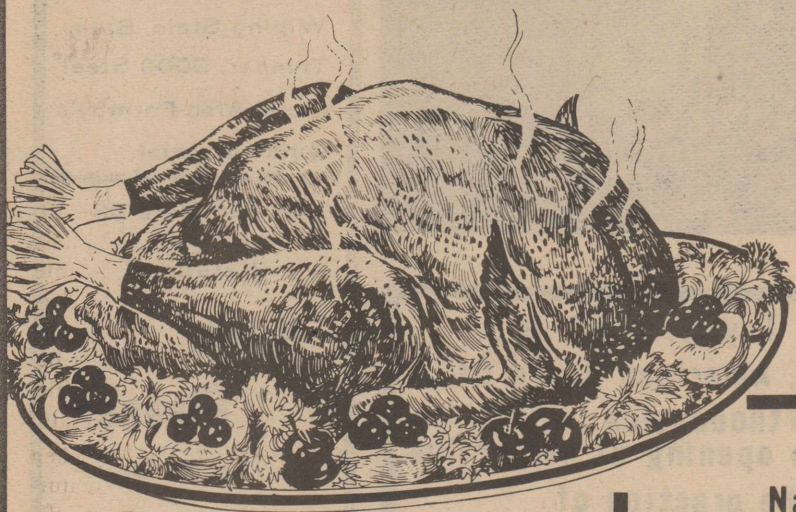
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We are glad to be able to report that Perry Henderson is home from the hospital in Abilene, following eye surgery last week, and at last report he is doing real well.

J.D. Kincaid is doing as well as can be expected and the doctors were very pleased with the result of his surgery. His room No. is 371 at Methodist Hospital in Lubbock, and he is going to be there for a long time, so know he would like to hear from everyone. Mr. and Mrs. Windle Kincaid from Rotan and Mrs. Neil Hyer from Andrews were all at Lubbock for the weekend visiting with J.D. and Lucy. We hope that he will continue to improve and will be up and about again.

Mrs. Jerry Stephenson and girls from Abilene spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Dale Cave. Mr. and Mrs. Howard Gordon and family ate Sunday dinner with the Caves and spent the day.

Jackie Cave from Farmington, New Mexico, also John Schofield and a friend spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Cave. They were on their way to Louisiana, in all that bad weather.

Mr. and Mrs. Josh Phillips attended a birthday dinner for Calvin Phillips in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Phillips on Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Phillips from Post spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Josh Phillips.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Williams have been in contact with Hap Wood who is still in the hospital at Dalhart, and when we last talked to them, Louise's brother was still very sick and hadn't improved any from last week. Their phone is out so haven't been able to check with them in the last few days. We hope to hear that Hap was beginning to show a little improvement.

Not too much news this week, but the bad weather kept lots of folks at home, and some telephones are out around here, so will catch you next week. See you Thursday.

Ministerial Alliance Names New Leader

The Ministerial Alliance of Rotan met in the study of the First United Methodist Church Saturday, Nov. 6, at 10:00 a.m. for an organizational meeting.

Officers were elected, they are: President, Rev. John Hoorman, the parish priest of the St. Joseph's Catholic Church; Vice President, Michael H. Hicks, pastor of Cross Roads Baptist Church; Secretary-Treasurer, Cecil M. Tune, pastor of the First United Methodist Church.

Plans were begun for a community wide observance of Thanksgiving to be held in the St. Joseph's Catholic Church Wednesday, Nov. 24, at 7:30 p.m.

Others that attended the meeting were Rev. Fred Thomas, pastor of Rotan First Baptist Church and Rev. David M. Vickers, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church.



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Tina McCombs Named Sheriff Posse Queen

Fisher County Sheriff Posse met November 8 at the Rotan arena bunkhouse. This was the regular monthly meeting and election of officers for the 1977 year. Looking back, the Posse had a good year participating in many parades and winning some first places—placing first at Stamford Cowboy Reunion and Snyder Rodeo. The Posse rode at Ft. Worth Livestock Rodeo parade and the San Angelo rodeo and the local Fisher County Fair and Rodeo parade. The Posse sponsored the rodeo at the Rotan arena with a good rodeo and helped set up the parade for the Bicentennial affair in Rotan and terms this as one of the best parades ever. The Posse members enjoy being together and doing the many activities. They have started doing drills, other than the regular patterns, for parades.

Officers elected for 1977 are: President, Dwight Lovett; Vice President, Don Ballenger; Secretary, Billie Jo McCombs; Reporter, Violet Upshaw; Parade Chairman, Glenn Upshaw;

VFW Ladies Turkey Supper Set Nov. 18th

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Fisher County VFW Post will have their annual Thanksgiving supper, Thursday, Nov. 18, at 7:30 at the Post Home. This will be for the husbands and children of the auxiliary members.

The ladies are asked to bring a salad or vegetable, the turkey and dressing will be furnished by the Auxiliary.

All members are asked to attend with their family.

Arena Director, Billie McCombs. New directors to serve two years are John Seaton and Don Ballenger.

Tina McCombs was named Posse Queen and Tisa Lovett was named Princess.

Plans were discussed for the coming year and the first thing on the agenda is the Ft. Worth parade to be held January 28. The Posse will be having a Christmas Party Banquet December 11 at the Rotan Community Center. This event is always enjoyed with a banquet meal and entertainment. Anyone interested in horses, good times with people, is invited to become a member of the Posse. All members and all ex-members, wives or husbands are urged to attend the Christmas banquet.

County Young Farmers Plan FFA Briefing

The Fisher County Young Farmers had their regular meeting recently. The Roby FFA presented the program and the group heard a report from Tommie Jack Stuart.

Fireflies In 4-H Food Show

Four girls from the Fireflies 4-H Club entered the Fisher County 4-H Food Show held November 15 in the Rotan Community Center. The girls who entered are Susan Gaona, Sabrina Herron, Kari Mize and Sharron Shipp.

Entered in "Side Dishes" were Sawbrina Herron's special Deviled Eggs and Sharron Shipp's favorite potato salad. Entered in the Snacks and Beverages were Susan Gaona's tasty Cool Strawberry Shake and Kari Mize's chewy Peanut Butter Cookies.

Each of the girls was awarded a blue ribbon for their outstanding cooking abilities and their knowledge of nutrition.

The next meeting of the Fireflies will be November 23.

Recent research on the effects of freezing on fruit and vegetable structure indicates that freezing provides an excellent preservation process for many fruits and vegetables with a minimal change and the need for few preservation compounds. Mrs. Mary Sweeten, foods and nutrition specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System, explains.

Roby Girls Win at Miles, Split Roscoe

The Roby girls came home from Miles with two more victories last Thursday night. In the "A" game Roby defeated Miles 85-40. Leading the attack was Cheryl Terry with 44 points, followed by Cindy King with 23 points and Rhonda Welch with 18 points. Defensive

standouts for Roby were Kim Faught, Tina Horton, Susan Matthies and Donna Hataway. In the "B" game Roby defeated Miles by the score of 37-27. Leading the scoring for Roby was Penny Coker with 19 points, followed by Shelley Boyd with 12 points,

Kathy King 4 points and Sue Hall with 2 points.

The Roby High School girls hosted Roscoe last Monday night and came out with one victory and one loss. In the "A" game, Roby suffered their first defeat of the season by a 48-36 score. Leading the scoring for Roby was Cindy King with 16 points, followed by Cheryl Terry with 12 points and Rhonda Welch with 8 points.

In the "B" game Roby destroyed Roscoe by the score of 62-29. Leading the scoring for Roby was Penny Coker with 26 points, followed by Kathy King with 14 points, Sue Hall 8 points, Shelly Boyd 6 points, Jackie Shipp 6 points, and Michele Cox 2 points. Defensive standouts for Roby were Lois Ann Cauble, Melinda McGinnis, Sylvia Gaona, Kathy Deaton, Vickey Shipp, Linda Hoodenpyle, Jan Wright.

Rotan HDC Has Monthly Meet

The November 4th meeting of the Rotan HDC was hosted by Mrs. W.P. Curry with 15 members and 3 visitors present. The visitors were Mrs. M.D. Ivey, Mrs. Cora Vineyard, and Mrs. Curry's sister Mrs. Harold from Roby.

Mrs. J.O. Hudnall called the meeting to order and read pie recipes for all to copy. Mrs. Barney Bigham gave the council report. She announced the Fisher County Food Show for November 15 at 2:30 p.m. at the Rotan Community Center.

The covered dish luncheon was a success and enjoyed by all along with an auction.

The date for the Christmas program will be December 7, tentatively to be held in the home of Mrs. Obed Hughes.

Roby FFA Holds Annual Light Bulb Sale

The Roby Future Farmers of America will be holding their annual lightbulb sale again this year.

A package of 60 bulbs (2-60 watt; 2-75 watt and 2-100 watt bulbs) will sell for \$2.25.

Anyone interested in purchasing a package of bulbs is asked to contact any Roby FFA member for more information.

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These girls have learned a lot from this experience and

it will always be a part of their memory throughout this season. These girls will use this experience to their advantage, because I know they are winners down inside. We are ready to challenge our next opponent and Roscoe had better be ready the next time they see the Lionesses.

The Roby "B" team has really come on strong in the last game. The B team scored 62 points against a Class A ball club and this is very outstanding. These girls are the future Roby A team and they are really working hard toward their future.

On Monday, Nov. 22, the Lionesses will host Bronte at Roby. Game time will be 7:00 p.m. On Tuesday, Nov. 23, Roby will play Roscoe at Roscoe.

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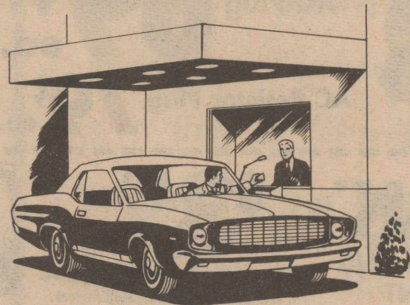
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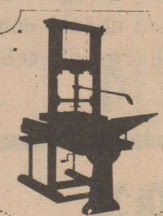


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Micheal D. Rushing Co-Authors Article

Micheal D. Rushing, formerly of Rotan, was the co-author of the article on the use of high pressure air injection to increase oil recovery recently published in the November issue of the magazine Petroleum Engineering.

COTTON REPORT

Local market cotton prices ranged from 35 to 37 cents over Government loan rates during the week ending November 11, according to B.B. Manly of the USDA Cotton Classing Office in Abilene. Prices were stable and were mostly 36 cents over loan rates for all available qualities. Grade 42, staple 31 cotton that miked within the 3.5 to 4.9 range brought from 68½ to 70½ cents per pound. Premium micronaire grade 41, staple 32 cotton brought from 70½ to 72½ cents per pound. Forward contracts were offered at 35 and 36 cents over loan rates, but very few acres were contracted. Producers received from 96 to 102 dollars per ton for cottonseed at the gin.

Cotton quality was high in comparison to that of the previous season with micronaire being the quality factor most involved. About 86 percent miked within the desirable 3.5 to 4.9 range. Ten percent was low mike and 4 percent was high mike. Grade 42 was the predominant grade at 24 percent. Grade 32 accounted for 21 percent and grade 41 accounted for 14 percent. Staple lengths were 44 percent staple 31, 27 percent staple 32, and 23 percent staple 30. Thirty-four percent of the samples classed were reduced in grade because of bark or grass content.

A total of 12,300 samples were classed at Abilene during the week ending November 11, which brought the seasonal total to 41,221.

Young County Holding Sale

The Young County Hereford Breeders Association will hold its Seventeenth Annual Sale at the Agricultural Building in Fireman's Park in Graham on Wednesday, December 1, at 1:00 p.m., according to W.F. Whittenburg, Association President.

Sixty-one head of top range bull prospects and three foundation females are to be offered.

Consignors include: Atkinson Ranches, Throckmorton; H.E. Bloodworth, Elbert; Luren Campbell, Olney; Sam Fambro & Sons, Breckenridge; Albert and Tommie Haase, (Bar M. Ranch), Rhame; Joe Jackson, Ranger; League Ranch, Benjamin; Musselman Ranch Co., Albany; Trammell-Swanson Muleshoe Ranch, Breckenridge; Mrs. Edgar Steele Jr., and Sons, Graham; and Whittenburg Ranch, Graham.

Auctioneer will be Walter Britten, Bryan, Texas. Lunch will be available at the barn served by members of the Lake Eddleman Home Demonstration Club.

Catalogues may be requested from Young County Hereford Breeders Association, Box 419, Graham, Texas 76046.

Animals will be in the barn and ready for inspection by 9:00 a.m., said Whittenburg.

First Baptist Church WMU Meeting

The WMU of the First Baptist Church of Roby met Tuesday, November 2, at the church at 1:30 p.m.

Bible was taught by Rev. Allan Cartrite. The message he brought was very inspirational and enjoyed by all.

near. The magazine is distributed in more than ninety countries in the world.

Mr. Rushing is a research technologist for the Texas Petroleum Research Committee at Texas A&M University, College Station. The paper was co-authored by Dr. Paul B. Crawford, Professor and Assistant Director of the Texas Petroleum Research Committee.

Rushing is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W.D. Rushing of Rotan. He is married to the former Theresa Emmert, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B.J. Emmert of Winters.

Rushing graduated from Rotan High School in 1967. He is presently attending Texas A&M University, majoring in Petroleum Engineering.

Ed Aiken Speaks To New York Money Group

Ed Aiken, Jr., President of Sweetwater Savings Association spoke to the 84th annual convention of the United States League of Savings Associations on November 16 at the New York Hilton Hotel in New York City.

Savings and loan association representatives from all 50 states attended the convention which began Sunday, November 14, and ends November 18. The USLSA's membership is made up of over 4500 Federally chartered mutual savings associations, State chartered mutual associations and State chartered stock associations.

Aiken spoke to his colleagues on the conversion of a savings association from a state mutual to a state stock association. Sweetwater Sav-

Parity Is Best Says State Farmers Union

Texas Farmers Union has reacted to the agricultural "price report" released on Friday, October 29, with a statement that it amounts to "bad news for farmers and consumers."

The statement released for publication on Friday at the Texas Farmers Union state office in Waco stated as follows:

"The 'agricultural prices' report reflecting prices received by farmers as of October 15, shows that the economic well-being of the nations farmers and ranchers has slipped again. The national parity ratio, an accurate measure of the agricultural economy, relative to other segments, has dropped to the lowest in many months since 1971. The report shows that it is now only 68% of parity.

This means that farmers are doing worse, relative to the rest of the economy, than they did even in the depression years, when they were receiving 81% of



OLD FAMILY PHOTO: Mrs. Sara Conlin Brown, mother of Mrs. Minnie Nolan of Rotan, left, with family group. Mrs. Nolan furnished the picture for our use.

Rep. Martin Favors New School Financing

Rep. Elmer Martin said he favored Governor Briscoe's recommendation to increase the state's share of the total foundation School Program from 75% to 90%.

Martin was in Austin last week for the meeting of the Governor's Office on Educational Resources which released its findings as to the taxable value within each school district in Texas.

"The most important merit of the Governor's proposal," Martin said, "is its goal to ease the financial burden on local school districts and local taxpayers. The amount of the local fund

assignment will require approximately 9 cents per \$100 valuation in local taxes, a substantial reduction compared to the current 35 cents per \$100 valuation," the Colorado City legislator continued.

Should the Governor's proposal be enacted by the 65th Texas Legislature, a total of \$850 million in state money would be used to finance public education and assist local school districts. "According to the proposal," Martin said, "the operating and maintenance cost allotment would be increased from \$95 for each student in average daily attendance to \$105 for each student in average daily attendance."

A partial breakdown of state funds is as follows: \$50 million to operations and maintenance costs; \$25 million to transportation costs; \$15 million to personnel units and adjustments; \$250 million to state equalization aid. The increase of \$15 million in the area of personnel units would benefit the smaller schools which have difficulty in maintaining adequate staffs, according to Governor Briscoe's office.

House Bill 1126, passed by the 64th Legislature, stipulated that personnel units would be adjusted for schools with an average daily attendance of fewer than 1,000 students and those schools which covered an area of at least 300 square miles. Under the Governor's proposed legislation, the requirement of 300 square miles has been deleted.

New Weed Invading Area Cotton Fields

A weed scientist with the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station says a tough, prolific new weed pest is invading West Texas cotton fields, and may be as tough to live with as any weed farmers have encountered.

Dr. John Abernathy says the weed, Rough Blackfoot, is a native of the Trans Pecos area of Texas, and has been steadily moving up the state over the last three years.

According to the Experiment Station scientist, there were several severe infestations of the weed in Hockley

county near the Whittharrel community, where it is sometimes called Duckweed.

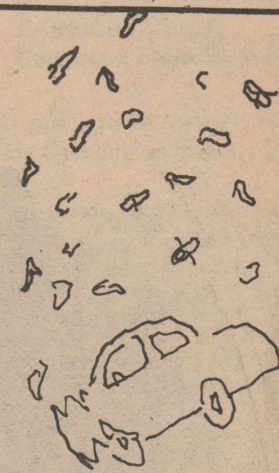
"During the past year the plant has spread eastward into Lubbock county where several plants were seen along roads north and northwest of the city," Abernathy said.

"Rough Blackfoot is a very prolific seed producer," he adds. "Equally important, the seeds are resistant to the preplant incorporated herbicides normally used in cotton."

"Rough Blackfoot can emerge either early or late in the growing season, depending on available soil moisture," he says. "The flowers on the plant are very distinctive in that they appear as yellow clusters at the junction of the branch and the stem. The plant can become four or five feet tall by harvest and turn very woody upon maturity. This can severely interfere with the stripper harvest of cotton."

In research tests conducted by Abernathy and his research assistant, Wayne Keeling, the only treatments giving acceptable results for controlling the weed pest were herbicides such as Caparol and Sancap when applied preemergence and in combination with the a preplant incorporated herbicide. However, the researcher cautioned that enough rainfall must occur to activate the preemergence herbicide treatments.

"Farmers should be aware of Rough Blackfoot and do everything possible to dispose of isolated plants," he says. The plant produces such a tremendous amount of seed that what might be one plant this year could become a sea of troublesome weeds next year.



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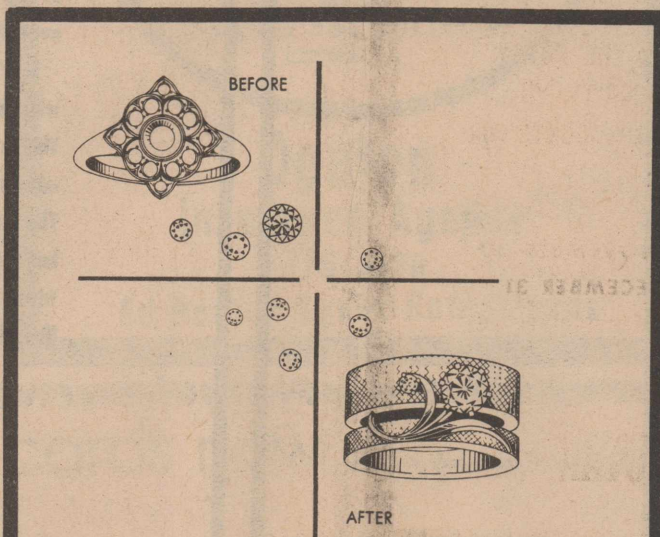
News

The Board of Directors of National Gypsum Company, elected John L. Genung Assistant Secretary.

Mr. Genung had been General Counsel-Assistant Secretary of Texas International Company located in Oklahoma City. Prior to that he was associated, for five years with the law firm of Baker & Botts, Houston.

A graduate of Stanford University School of Law, he hold a B.S. degree in business administration and finance from the University of Nebraska and a masters degree in finance from Michigan State University.

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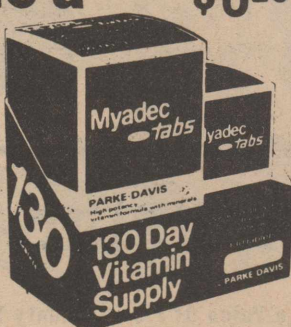
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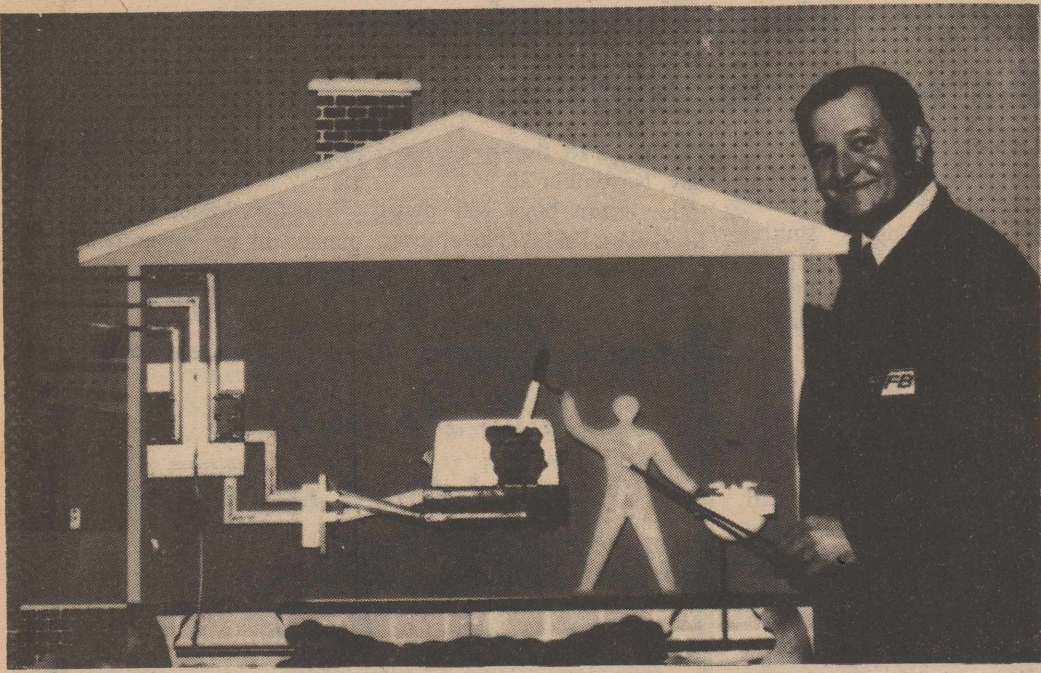
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SHOCK PREVENTION DEMONSTRATION: Joe L. Smetana, Waco Safety Director for the Texas Farm Bureau, presents demonstration to Rotan group.

Rotan Ag. Department Given Shock Program

Sudden-death hazards were animated by Joe L. Smetana, Waco Safety Director for The Texas Farm Bureau as part of a graphic electric shock prevention demonstration held recently at the Vo-Ag Department at Rotan High School.

The average modern home as 120-volt or 240-volt, 60-cycle alternating household electrical current with a capacity of over 100 amperes. Electricity is constantly seeking ground. Unfortunately, the human body can

complete the electrical circuit. Medical authorities agree that if the amount of current required to light a 12-watt bulb, which is only 1/10 of an ampere, should flow through your heart, death might result in just one second.

Smetana achieved the animated effect of electric shock to the human body, via arm-to-arm and arm-to-feet with the use of a special plastic figure representing man—the "misuser" of electricity. The plastic man,

several household appliances and portable power tools have special wiring and bulbs that actually light up—producing the animation.

With each sequence of accident producing events, both inside and outside the "danger house", Smetana offered prevention and protective methods such as: (1) make sure the entire electrical system is grounded; (2) ground all major appliances; (3) maintain and don't break off the 3-prong plug; (4) attach the grounding "pig tail" wire on adaptors; (5) use "double insulated" portable power tools; (6) use ground fault interrupters; (7) disconnect electric power before servicing or cleaning; (8) be extra cautious of electric service and power lines when moving equipment, aluminum or metal ladders and pipes; when children fly kits model airplanes etc; when vehicles collide with electric power poles.

Regarding first aid—Smetana warns—"With high voltage shock, primary first aid is mouth to mouth resuscitation to restore breathing; however, with low voltage (household current) shock, the victim usually requires heart-lung resuscitation to restore both heart beat and breathing.

Funeral Service

Mrs. G. H. Carter

Mrs. G.H. (Jo) Carter, 79, of Roby, an early day pioneer of Fisher County, died at 4:45 a.m. Sunday at Hendrick Memorial Hospital in Abilene after a six-week illness. Services were held at 10 a.m. Tuesday at First Baptist Church in Roby.

The Rev. Alan Cartrite, pastor, officiated, assisted by the Rev. V.D. Walters of Abernathy. Burial was in Roby Cemetery, directed by Weathersbee Funeral Home. Born Dec. 10, 1896, in Bell County, she was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. A.W. Hodges. She moved to Fisher County in the early

1900s with her family from Bell County. She married G.H. Carter June 15, 1918, near North Roby.

Mrs. Carter was a member of First Baptist Church. Survivors include her husband; four sons, George H. Jr. of Vermillion, S.D., Don of Roby, Forrest of Abilene and Gale of Abilene; a brother, Hubert W. Hodges of Fort Worth; a sister, Winnie Blake of Corpus Christi; seven grandchildren and a great-grandchild. Pallbearers were Robert Buck, Mickey Counts, T. C. Justiss, Richard Babb, Artie Martin, J.A. Murff, Wilson Burk and Glenn Upshaw.

C. R. Franklin

Charles Rutherford Franklin, 76 died Nov. 4 in Gerald Champion Memorial Hospital after a 25-year residency in Alamogordo, N. Mexico.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Nov. 6 at the First Baptist Church, with interment in Monte Vista Cemetery, Rev. Leland A. Warren officiated.

Pallbearers were Sammy Aubel, Alfonso Rey, Herman Rey, Tony Rey, Robert Mix and Harry Kinkle.

Franklin retired from Civil Service at Holloman Air

Force Base as a painting foreman. He was born in Brownwood, Dec. 9, 1901.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Rose Franklin of Alamogordo; two sons, J. L. Franklin of Midland, and Charles Ray Franklin of Ft. Worth; a daughter, Mrs. Oliva Mix of Alamogordo; four brothers, J.W. and Deward, both of Lubbock, Albert of Odabell, Okla. and Dick of O'Donnel; two sisters Mrs. Roberta Barnes of Rotan and Mrs. Ruby Issac of Post; and 13 grandchildren.

WTC Women's Hoop Clinic November 20th

Coaches planning to attend the second annual Women's Basketball Clinic scheduled Nov. 20 at Western Texas College are urged to send in their reservations now. Dr. Sid Simpson, WTC Athletic Director and Women's Coach, said.

Registration fee for coaches will be \$10 each which includes a steak dinner in the Student Center cafeteria at noon. Reservations must be made in advance to plans may be completed for the dinner. Students who accompany coaches may buy a student meal in the cafeteria. Student registration fee is \$1.50.

Students will be competing in a free throw contest at 1:45 p.m., and coaches are

asked to send in the names of their entries in advance if possible. Each school is allowed two shooters and a trophy will be awarded the winner.

An exhibition game between Eola and Sands high schools is scheduled at 4 p.m. Coaches and students are invited to take a free swim in the WTC indoor pool between 2:15-3:30 p.m.

Fisher County Nursing Home

The WMU of the First Baptist Church in Rotan came Wednesday, Nov. 10, to hold their monthly program.

Thursday morning, Nov. 11, Narcissa Clegg led Bible study. Those attending were Lulline Blount, Sadie Cross, Tishie Hayes, Beulah Mofett, Florence Hale, Rector Brown, H.G. Rogers, Homer Lawlis.

Friday afternoon, Nov. 19, the First Baptist Church will have our monthly birthday party. Honorees this month are Florence Hale, Nov. 9; Lizzie Owens, Nov. 10; Lillie Terrell, Nov. 16 and Phronia Taggart, Nov. 25.

The Cross Roads Baptist Church came last Sunday, Nov. 14, while the Methodist Church will be here Nov. 21 at 2:30 p.m.

The Fisher County Singing Group will come Tuesday, Nov. 23, at 7:00 p.m.

Out of town visitors this week are Mr. and Mrs. Jim Huckaby from Odessa visited

Golden Haven Home News

The First Methodist Church came last Sunday to hold their monthly church worship. This Sunday, Nov. 21, the Roby Church of Christ will come at 3:00 p.m.

Everyone is looking forward to the Fisher County Singing Group who will come Tuesday, Nov. 16, at 7:00 p.m.

The WMU from the First Baptist Church in Roby will come Tuesday, Nov. 23, to have our monthly birthday party. Honorees this month are Maebell Ogden, Nov. 11; Mae Kinsey, Nov. 15; Elba Bates, Nov. 16; Letha Meek, Nov. 16; Floy McCright, Nov. 19; Carrie Holcomb, Nov. 20; Opal Neeley, Nov. 29.

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The bride-elect is a 1976 graduate of McCaulley High

School. The prospective bridegroom is a graduate of Hobbs High School and is employed by National Gypsum, Rotan.

The couple will be married November 19.

Proof Of Age For Social Security

If you are reaching the age at which you plan to retire or file for Medicare, there are a few things concerning your proof of age that will help avoid long delays at the local social security office.

You are required to furnish a birth certificate or a baptismal record if one of those records were made before age five. Either would be sufficient to establish your age.

If you do not have a birth record made before age five, a delayed birth certificate recorded before age 55 is generally acceptable.

Though most records are helpful in establishing the proper date of birth, the older the record, the more valid it would be. Some of the more common supportive records of birth you might have are: a school record, your children's birth certificate, a church record, insurance policies, a Bible or other family record, military

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Dear Mr. Pease:

I've never written a letter to a newspaper before, and this is the 3rd one I've written and torn up.

Hopefully, this will get to your office, at least. I enjoy the Rotan and Roby paper each week, have for years and have read some very good comments about one thing or another. Here's mine.

I believe churches, as small as ours are around Roby and Rotan, need, and should try to encourage people to attend church--"whatever" denomination.

We have a very nice, respectable God loving family in our town who were treated very rude in a certain church. Not in the church but possibly by the pastor. The pastor supposedly went to their house and told them they were welcome, but only if they kept their mouths shut. This family are mem-

bers of another church of which there is none in Roby. You will not find a nicer, quieter, more respectable family any where, I'd say in the State of Texas. They had no intention of causing trouble, or raising their voice to anything in the church; wouldn't dream of such a thing.

You only have to meet this family to see what I mean. Their reputation in Fisher County needs no explanation, just ask school authorities.

I am just so hurt (as so many here are) to think a pastor could be so thoughtless, and hurt such good honest people.

Could be things like this are driving people away from church.

You are welcome to print my letter--wish you would.

Mrs. Pete Driver
Roby, Texas

Summer Job Program Told By Burleson

Congressman Omar Burleson (D-Tex) said today that the Civil Service Commission is now receiving applications for the 1977 competitive examination for summer employment with the United States Government. The examination, which includes a written test, applies, to most Federal summer jobs in clerical and administrative positions, as well as in engineering and the physical and biological sciences, GS-1 through GS-4.

The Congressman urges applicants to file early to receive maximum consideration for employment because opportunities for summer employment are extremely limited.

Tests are scheduled locally by CSC area offices. Applicants who file with an area office by December 9 will be tested in January. Those who file by January 13 will be tested in February. Any applications postmarked after January 12 will not be accepted.

Notification of when and where to report for the written test will be given about two weeks in advance.

Those candidates who took the test and qualified for summer employment in 1976 may renew their eligibility without taking the written test again by submitting an updating form by January.

Complete instructions for filing for the written test and for renewing eligibility, along with all necessary forms, are included in the CSC announcement No. 414, Summer Jobs in Federal Agencies, which may be

obtained upon request through Congressman Burleson's Washington Office, 2369 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515, or from Federal Job Information Centers, most college placement offices, or from the Civil Service Commission, Washington, D.C. 20415. The nearest Job Information Center is listed in most local telephone directories under "U.S. Government", or the toll-free distance telephone number in Texas can be obtained by calling 800-555-1212.

The U.S. Postal Service is not participating in the 1977 summer employment program. Inquiries regarding summer employment in the Postal Service should be directed to the post office where employment is desired.

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delayed birth certificate, it is not necessary for social security purposes to obtain one. A delayed birth certificate is only as good as the supporting evidence you furnished to get the certificate. This supporting evidence would be as good for the Social Security decision as a delayed birth certificate based on that evidence.

If you have questions about any of our date of birth verification requirements, please feel free to telephone 698-1360 in Abilene on any weekday between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

West Texas Lung Meeting

The West Texas Area, American Lung Association, officially kicked off its 1976 Christmas Seal Campaign at its monthly Advisory Council meeting Nov. 10 at noon at the Lubbock Club. Bill McAlister, President and General Manager of KMCC-TV, was introduced as the Christmas Seal Chairman. McAlister will head the campaign in co-operation with Dick Cavett, noted TV personality, who is serving as 1976 National Christmas Seal Chairman.

"Christmas Seal Memories" is the theme of the 1976 seals--an American tradition for seventy years. Funds raised during the annual Christmas Seal Campaign are used to support the year-round work of the American Lung Association and to develop new health programs. A goal of \$32,000 from the 23 counties of the West Texas Area has been set for this year's campaign, according to Mrs. Ben Stribling, President of the Council.

Area Seal Chairman, Bill McAlister, was born in Lubbock, in 1940. He attended Monterey High School, Hardin Simmons University and Texas Tech University. He and his wife, Rebecca, have three children: Gregory, Melinda, and Marcus. Bill and his father purchased KSEL Radio in 1961, and operated it until 1974. They also established Lubbock's third television station: KMCC-TV Channel 28, in the fall of 1968. He has served on many boards and commissions, he is a past Vice-President of the Lubbock Chamber of Commerce, and is currently serving a term on the Lubbock City Council.

"I'm honored to share leadership with Dick Cavett in the drive to prevent and control lung diseases", McAlister said, "together we hope to alert the public to the seriousness of these crippling diseases that threaten the breathing of millions of our citizens. They include: Emphysema, chronic bronchitis, and asthma. Our fight also is against air pollution and cigarette smoking, major threats to the lungs. Cavett's efforts on a nation-wide scale will help us greatly in reaching our goals in this community" McAlister says. "It's a matter of life and breath."

To clean wooden salad bowls that have become dull, rub with a little mineral oil, suggests Mrs. Linda McCormack, family resource management specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System.

Communications are improved when individuals assume responsibility for their own feelings and ideas rather than blaming others, Mrs. Ilene Miller, family life education specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System, says.

Western Texas Opens Girls Hoop Season

The Western Texas College Dusters, champions in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference last season, opened the 1976-77 season with Baylor University in Waco on Nov. 16.

Coaches in the WJCAC have picked the Dusters to repeat championship honors this season, but Duster Coach Sid Simpson says he feels the choice was made on the basis of tradition and not because of the strength of this year's team.

"We've got quickness, improved shooting and a good team attitude," Simpson said, "but we lack depth. I think we can have a good season if we can avoid illness and injury."

The Dusters will have two starters and one part-time starter returning from last season. Temi Baker, 5-8 guard from Knox City, is probably the strongest player on the squad, and was a starter last year as was Rosemary Scott, 5-8 guard from Slaton. Brenda Jurecek, 6-1 post player from Eola, was a part-time starter.

Another sophomore who played last year is Barbara Denman, 5-9 forward from Hobbs, who is one of the better defensive players. Janice Verden, 6-1 post player from Wheeler, is a transfer from Wayland Baptist College and will be competing for the starting position.

Simpson said he plans to use a double post this season with a single guard offense. Defensively, he plans to use a full court press, both man to man and zone.

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American farmer is to produce an adequate amount of food and fiber. The present policies are sure to result in severe shortages in the very near future. Live-stock prices are below the cost of production and are destined to cause serious meat shortages in possibly one year or 18 months at the longest.

Parity is the best measure of the economic well-being of farmers, and is still an integral part of national farm laws. Farmers are entitled to 100% of parity to give them the incentive to take the risks that they must take to produce in abundance. The news that the parity ratio has dropped below the 70% mark is very bad for the nation.

Rotan Girls Tagged As Aggressive Players

Rotan head girl's basketball coach, Sonny Barnes, named his varsity team recently, but he wasn't overly pleased with their performance after the round-robin scrimmage with Anson and Snyder last Monday night.

Barnes said the purpose of the scrimmage was to "get a few of the bugs worked out". When asked how the team looked from an overall basis after the first scrimmage, Barnes said, "we made a lot of mistakes, a lot more mistakes than we can make and still win on a consistent basis".

One of the bright spots in the scrimmage was the girls' ability to function on defense. "We were real aggressive, but we need to learn how to position ourselves and how to be in the right place at the right time," said Barnes.

Twelve players were named to the Rotan Varsity team with all twelve expected to share playing time on an equal basis. Barnes will not name a starting six, he said his varsity team will all get playing time.

The team consists of three sophomores, four juniors and five seniors.

Named to the varsity squad at the forward positions are: Donna Smith, junior; Charee Smith, sophomore; Blanch Gentry, sophomore; Carol Byrd, junior; Susie McKinney, senior and Ginger Duke, sophomore.

Named to the varsity team as guards are: Cindy Springer, senior; Jill Hill, senior; Sonya Leverton, senior; Patti Williams, junior; Melody Walker, junior; and Kim Copeland, senior.

"They did about what I expected", said Barnes. "They were real nervous before the game, and up to now I am not satisfied with the way they are playing".

The Rotan varsity and junior varsity teams will take part in the Merkel Tournament beginning Thursday,

November 18, through Saturday, November 20.

The Rotan boys will play Merkel on Friday, November 19, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

The 8th grade girls will play Roby at Rotan begin-

ning at 6:00 p.m., November 18.

The first junior high boys game will be November 22 when the 7th and 8th grades will travel to Merkel for a 5:00 game.

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