

# Roby Star-Record ROTAN ADVANCE

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## ROBY HOMECOMING 1977 UNDERWAY THIS WEEKEND

Homecoming activities for 1977 will get underway at Roby High School Friday, October 14, with a downtown parade beginning at 5 p.m. Classes from the beginning of the time of the first school until the present will be participating.

Following the parade, a pep rally will be held on the Courthouse Square at 5:30.

The highlight of Friday will be a football game between the Roby Lions and the Jayton Jaybirds, beginning at 7:30. During the halftime activities, Home-

coming King and Queen will be announced. Candidates will be women and men from graduation classes ending in the years 6 and 7. Following the ballgame, coffee and refreshments will be served in the Pink Building.

Saturday's Homecoming activities will begin at 9:00 a.m. with registration in the High School Homemaking Room. Coffee, tea and

cookies will be served throughout the morning.

The Roby Band Boosters will begin serving lunch at 11:00 a.m. in the school cafeteria.

The Homecoming program will begin at 2:00 p.m. in the high school auditorium with a concert presented by the Roby High School Band. Tommie Jack Stuart, president of the Roby Homecoming Association, will serve as master of ceremonies.

The invocation will be given by Keifer Cauble, class of 1950. Superintendent of Roby Schools, Caffey Welch, will give the welcome, and Jerry Upshaw, class of 1959, will give the response.

Anne Graham, a 1977 graduate of Roby High School, will be the guest speaker. Anne is currently serving as Miss Texas National Teenager and making guest appearances throughout Texas. Introduc-

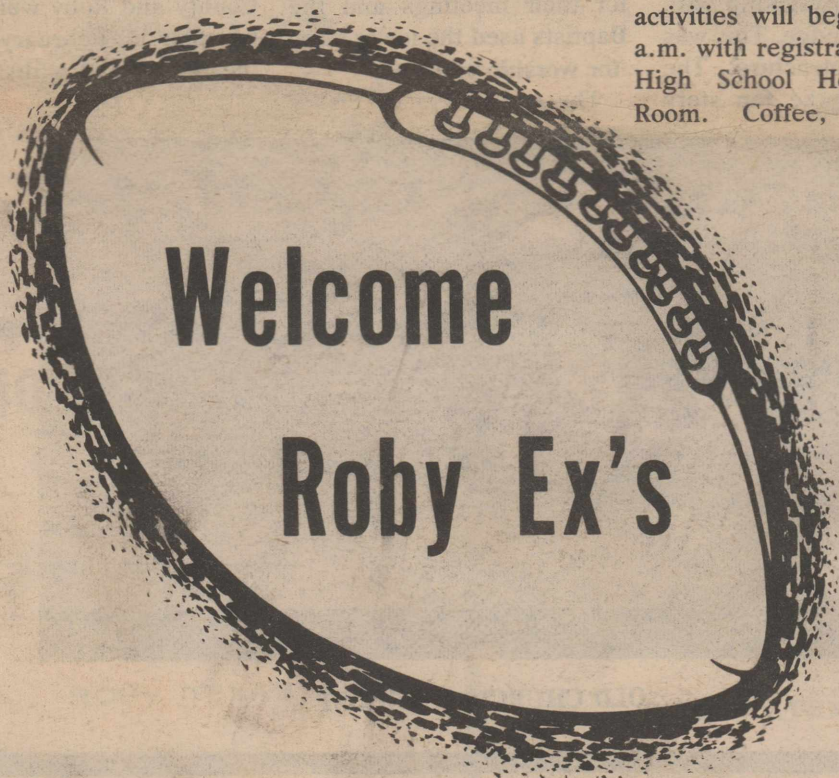
ing Miss Graham will be a fellow classmate, Ricky Morton, also of the 1977 class.

Mrs. Lena Mead Hughey, class of 1928, will present the citizen's award to an outstanding person who has helped the Roby schools and town. The Homecoming King and Queen candidates and the 1975 Homecoming King and Queen will be announced by Pauline Webb, class of 1933.

A memorial service for the former students who have passed on since the last homecoming will be held by Parker Wetsel, class of 1942. Mrs. Barbara Palmer Rasco, class of 1957, will report on the special people and teachers in attendance and reminisce a bit.

Also being honored will be the class with the greatest attendance, the person traveling the greatest distance, and the oldest ex-student to

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### HOMECOMING ROBY HIGH SCHOOL

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14, 1977



5:00 P. M. - Parade & Pep Rally  
7:30 P. M. - Ball Game with Jayton  
Coffee and Cookies, and registration  
after the game

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15th

9:00 - Registration and visitation throughout the morning  
11:30 A. M. - Lunch in School Cafeteria  
2:00 P. M. - Band Concert  
2:30 P. M. - Program and Business Meeting  
8:30 P. M. - Annual get together at the Sweetwater  
County Club.







WHEN THE ROBY NORTHERN RR CAME TO ROBY

# A LOOK AT ROBY'S HISTORY

Perhaps nothing is more annoyingly disgusting to a true "Robyite" than to hear the name "Roby" pronounced with the short o or ah sound. Most will hasten to correct the speaker by pronouncing the word with the correct long o sound.

In 1880 there was no Roby to bear any name, only a ranch house on Cottonwood Creek just southwest of what is known as Roby today. That site was known as Cottonwood Spring and was headquarters for the KXOX Ranch. In the early 1880's this was a place to stop for cowboys and the daring "nesters" that were entering this section of West Texas, at that time hoping to find a place to establish a home.

Among those owning smaller plots or acreage besides the KXOX ranch were two Mississippi brothers, D.C. and M.L. Roby. They owned about 2,000

acres near the center of what had become Fisher County.

When finally the County was organized, the Roby brothers donated building sites to the Methodists, and Baptists and Cumberland Presbyterians, but it was about two years before the first church was built and then by the Methodists. Following soon after was the Baptists who erected a

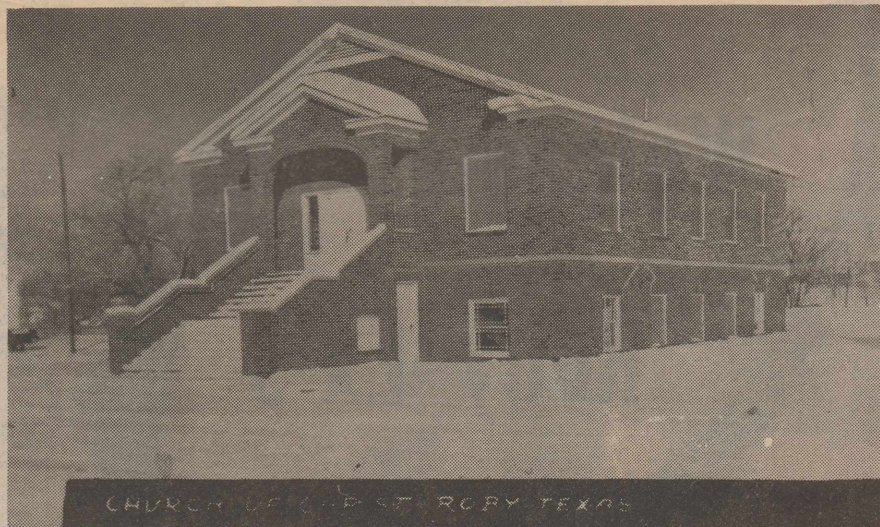
building in partnership with the Masonic Lodge. This was a two-story structure. The Masons used the top story

for their meetings and the Baptists used the lower story for worship services.

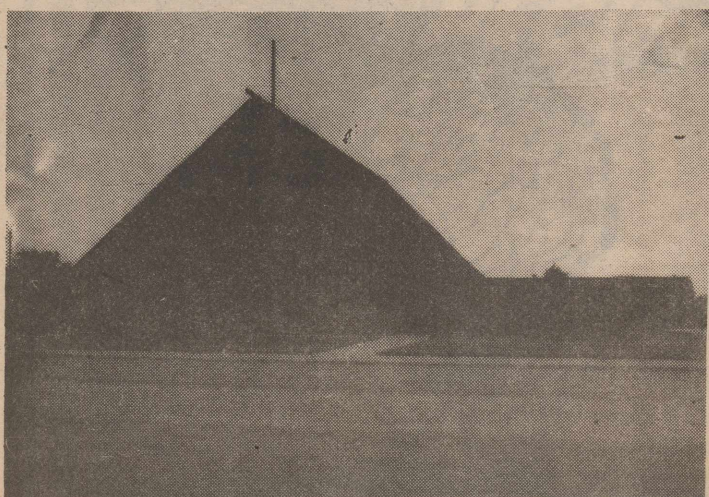
The early days of Fisher

County and Roby were slow because in February 1884, the region had a disastrous

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**HOMECOMING 1977**

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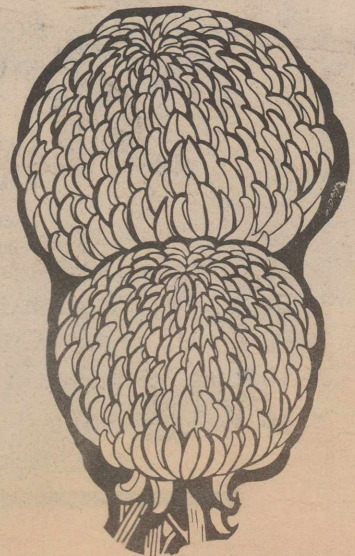
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OLD FISHER COUNTY COURTHOUSE

blizzard which all but wiped out the livestock interests. Ninety percent of the sheep were killed and between 70 and 75 percent of the cattle were frozen to death or had drifted south as far away as the mouth of Pecos River. It took many months for conditions to improve.

Early in 1886 the Roby Post Office was established by Capt. V.H. Anderson, who came to this area in 1885. He was given the choice lot on the southwest corner across from the courthouse square. He erected a wooden building about 25x540 feet. The Post Office

was the front half and the back half was used as the home of the Anderson family.

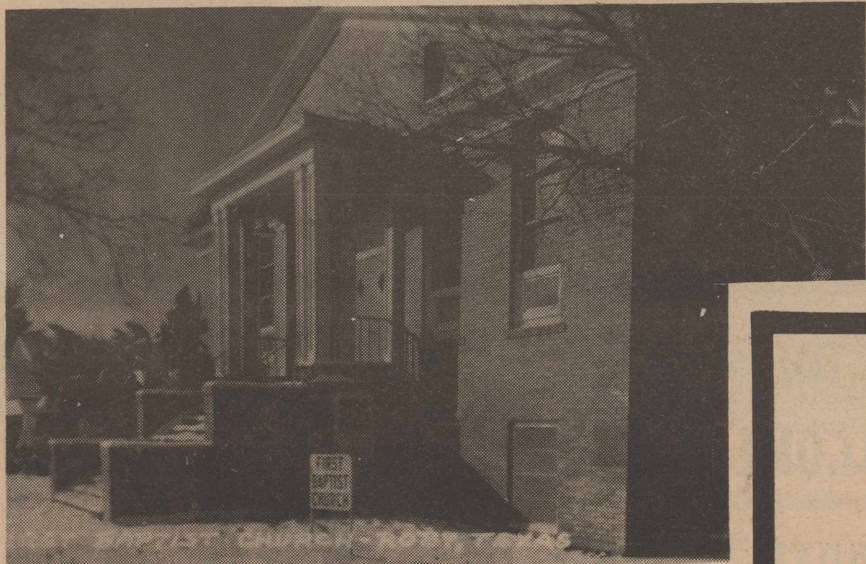
The Postmastership remained in the Anderson family for many years.

The site of the Roby Post Office has been moved three times. The first move was to

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OLD FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH



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To  
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**COME BY AND VISIT WITH US**

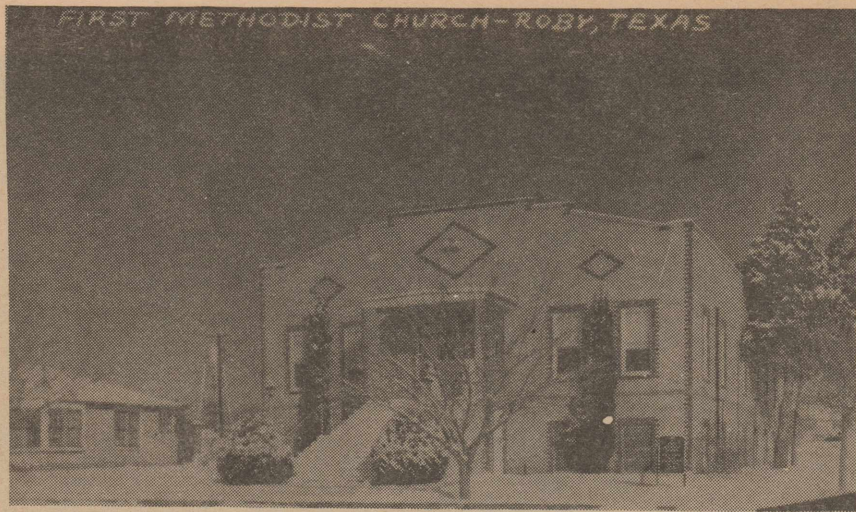
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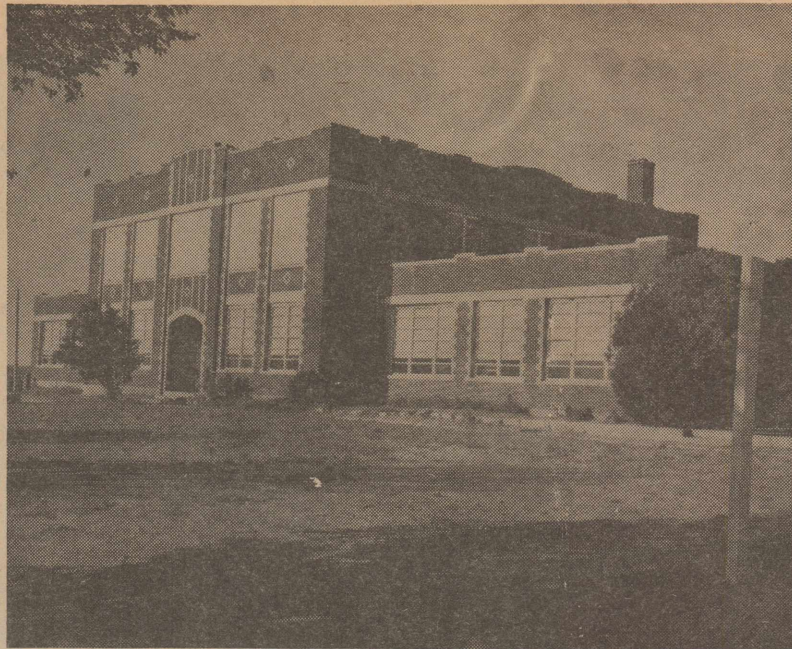
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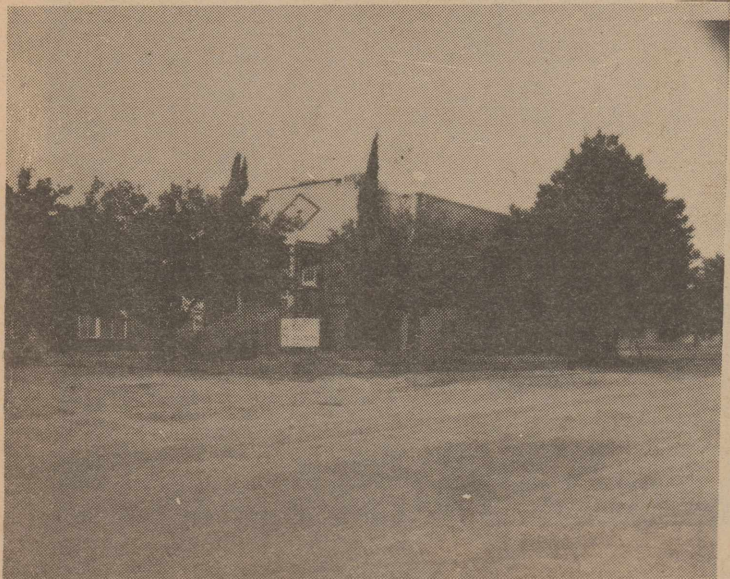




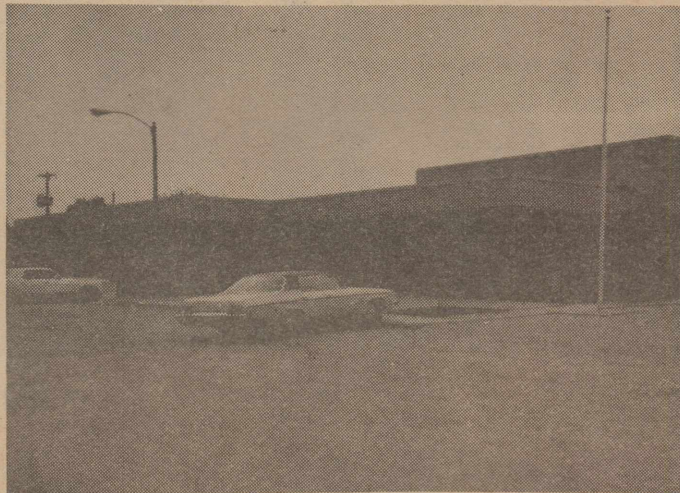
OLD METHODIST CHURCH



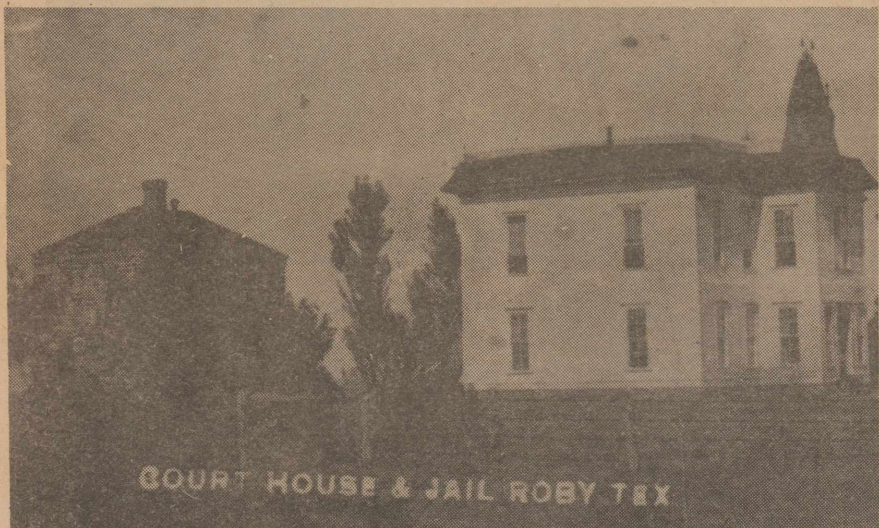
OLD HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING



PRESENT METHODIST CHURCH



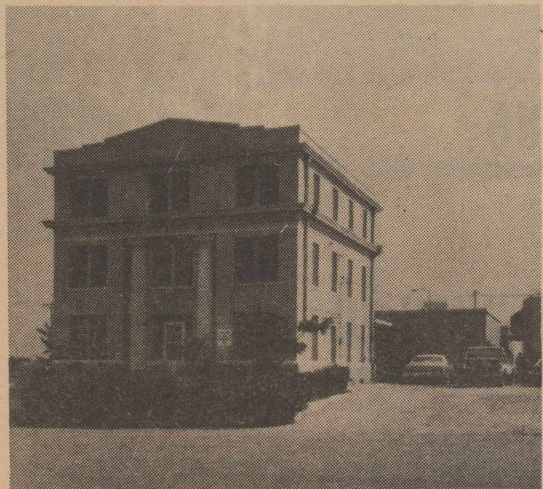
PRESENT ROBY HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING



OLD JAIL HOUSE



VIEWS AROUND ROBY'S SQUARE IN 1977



PRESENT JAIL HOUSE

**THE MESSAGE IS CLEAR**

**WE WELCOME  
ALL  
ROBY EX STUDENTS  
TO  
HOMECOMING  
1977**



**CITIZENS STATE BANK**

ROBY, TEXAS



a wooden building where the Cut and Curl Beauty Shop now stands, later was moved to a brick building which stands on the site the back of the first post office; still later it was moved to its present location.

The above information has come to the writer through the writings of Judge R.C.Crane who was the first County Attorney of Fisher County.

After the post office was built, the whole west side of the square was filled with the same style wooden buildings except for the two on the north west corner from the Courthouse. These were made of brick made in a kiln operated on the south side of Cottonwood Creek, a short distance from the center of Roby. The first bank of Roby and Fisher County built the corner structure and operat-

ed the First National Bank. The Elkins Brothers were builders and organizers of the bank. The other brick building was occupied by the Roby Mercantile Co., a firm composed of R.L. Lovett, Abe Hughs, Jess McWhiter and C.M. Pipkin.

Among others on the west side of the square was the "Central Office" where the privately owned telephone system was housed.

The north side of the square was filled with wooden store buildings and wooden sidewalks the length of the block. The main ones this writer remembers were L. Laposki Dry Goods and Grocery Store on the corner where now stands the Sweetwater Production Credit Co., Geo. Nitzel's Restaurant, a meat market, a bakery, and where the post office now stands was livery stable. The east side of the square included three small wooden office buildings and a livery stable. The offices were those of L.B. Allen, L.H. McCrea, and M.A. Hopson.

Roby's south side was brick buildings. They were T.H. Mayfield Furniture, Hardware, and Funeral Supplies; Carter Bros. General Merchandise; J.B. Green Dry Goods; J.N. Weakley Drug Store; Office of the Roby Banner.

The first school building in Roby was built by the Roby Brothers. It was about 30x40 feet in size and of wood. Mr. J.H. Gee taught the first school. It is not known the number of students Mr. Gee had but a record of Mr.A.P. Kelly's school, 1887-1888, shows to have had 30 students.

This first building was

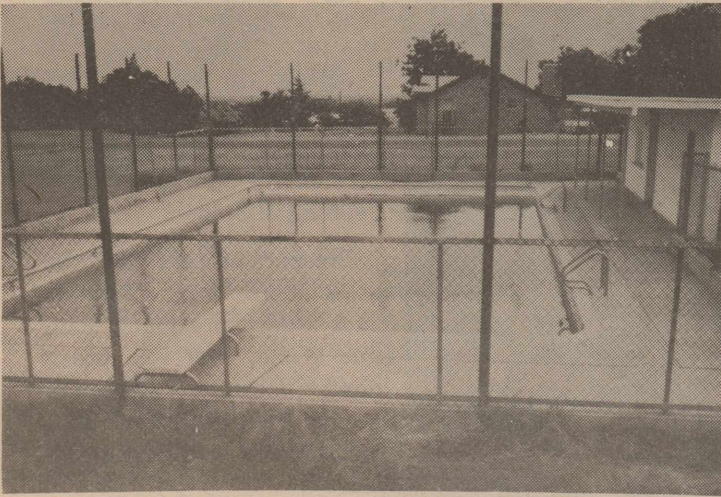
used for a social center for church, Sunday School, and parties until the courthouse was finished in Sept. 1886. Then the bulk of social functions, including dances were held in the second story of the courthouse. This first courthouse was finished at a cost of \$5,500.00.

Since that first one-room school house in Roby, five more have been constructed, one of which is the grade school. Each has shown the desire of the patrons to provide the best possible for

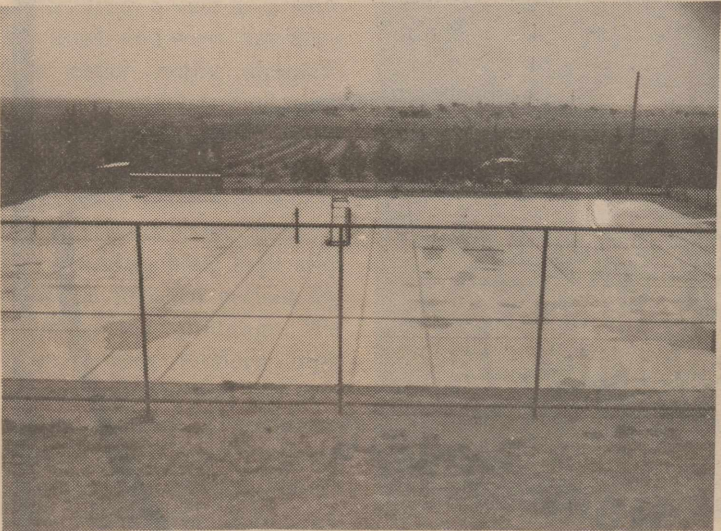
the young people of the area. School is the central interest of this community and it is a matter of much price that older people can make a long list of successful people coming out of the Roby School system; business, the arts, all professions are filled by former Roby students.

The picture of the early day Roby (given earlier) extends from about 1889 to about 1915-15, when the second courthouse was built.

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ROBY'S NEW DEVELOPMENT: SWIMMING POOL



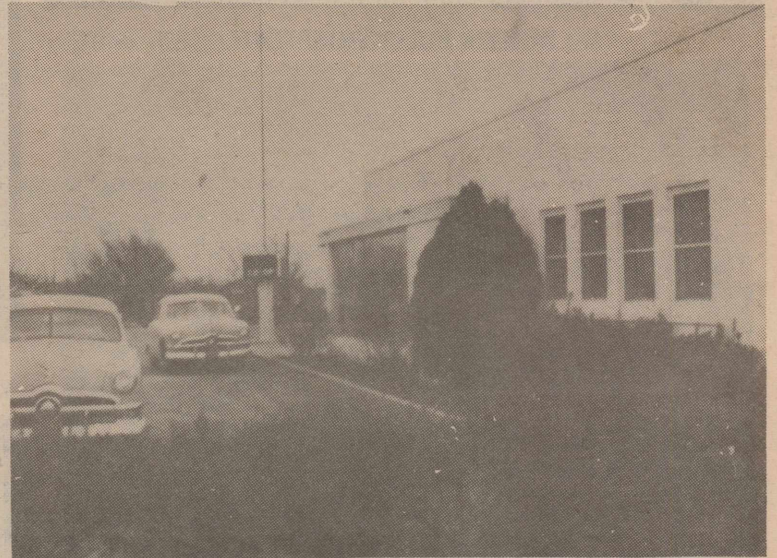
ROBY'S NEW DEVELOPMENT: TWO TENNIS COURTS



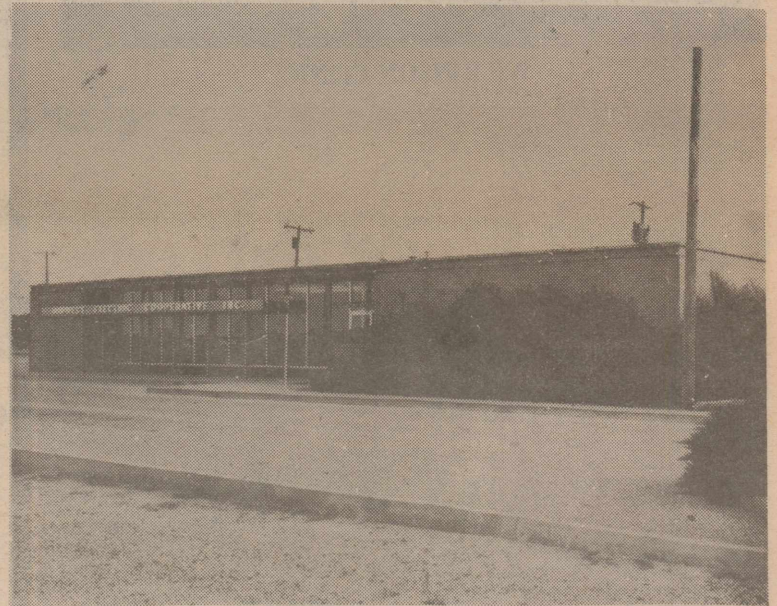
VIEW AROUND ROBY SQUARE IN 1977



ROBY'S NEW DEVELOPMENT: FISHER COUNTY AIRPORT



MIDWEST ELECTRICT BUILT IN 1944



MIDWEST ELECTRIC BUILT IN 1958

**WELCOME HOME TO ROBY  
EX STUDENTS  
HOMECOMING 1977**

**WE HOPE YOUR WEEKEND  
IS FILLED WITH FUN  
AND FOND MEMORIES**

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**PRODUCTION CREDIT  
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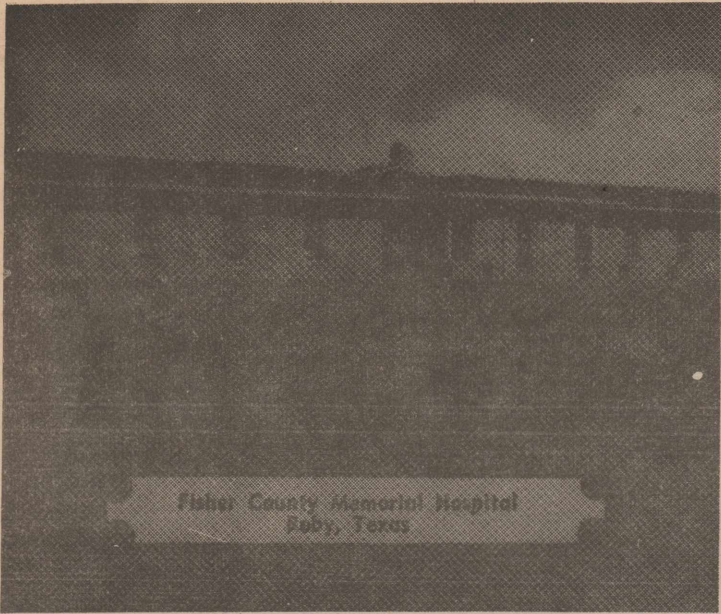
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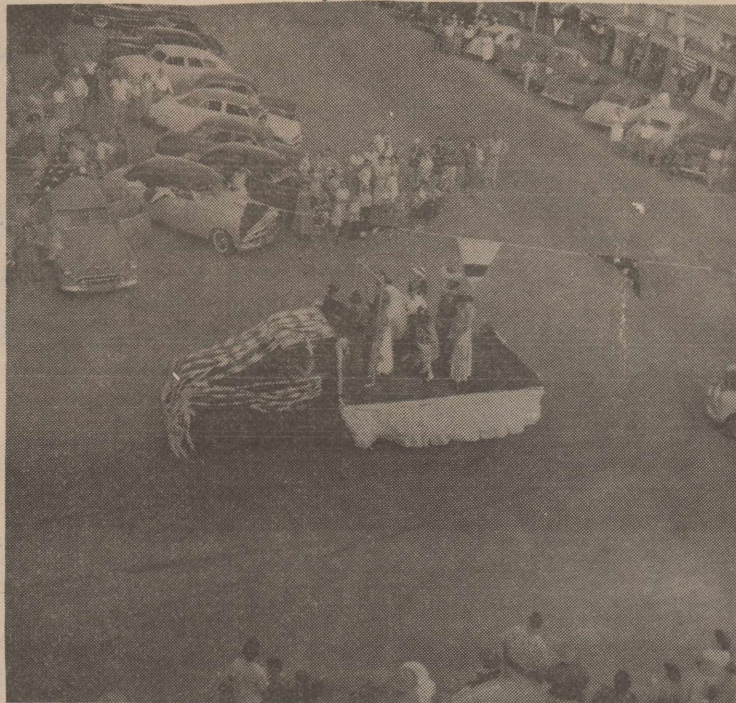
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Fisher County Memorial Hospital  
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**ROBY'S FIRST HOSPITAL**



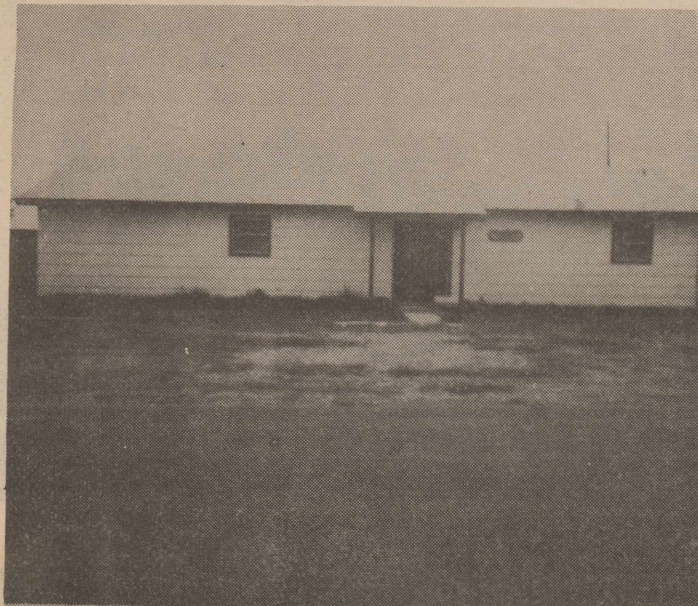
**VIEWS AROUND THE SQUARE IN ROBY, EARLY 1950's**

attend. At the 1975 Homecoming there was a 3-way tie for the class with the greatest attendance, each having seven attending. They were from the classes of 1941, 1949 and 1952.

Following the program a business meeting will be held to elect new officers for the 1979 Homecoming.

Climaxing the two-day event, there will be a get-together at the Sweetwater Country Club on Saturday evening at 8:30.

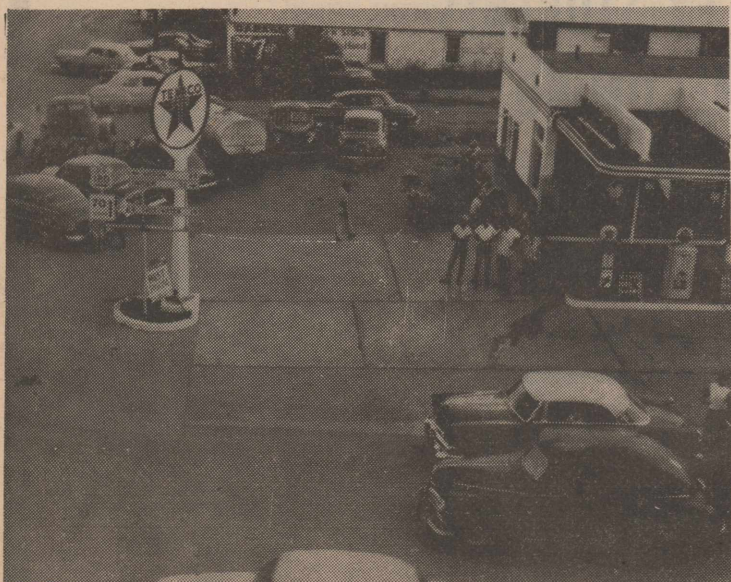
Present officers for the association are: Tommie Jack Stuart, president; Pauline Webb, first vice president; Harmon Holcomb, second vice president; Barbara Rasco, secretary-treasurer.



**WILKINSON CLINIC**



**NEW FISHER COUNTY HOSPITAL**



**DIFFERENT VIEWS AROUND THE SQUARE, ROBY EARLY 1950s.**

**Blast On  
With A  
Homecoming  
Victory**

**BEAT  
JAYTON**

Welcome Back Home  
To All Roby Ex Students

**WILEY INSURANCE**  
FLORENCE WILEY  
Roby, Texas





MRS. ODDIS BROWN'S 1964-65 SIXTH GRADE CLASS



MISS PURSLEY'S 2nd GRADE CLASS, 1947

Many changes began to be seen; deaths, retirements and change of ownership as well as forward outlook began, and as years have passed, Roby has drawn up. Today, vacant buildings attest to those past times when Roby was the trading center from a vast area from the north and west, yet Roby has never really stopped. Today we can boast of many more houses than those thirteen counted in 1886 (several of which still stand). As the years have passed, our churches have kept step with the forward outlook by building new buildings. We have a new modern high school building and the new Fisher County Courthouse graces the town square where once the \$5,000.00 white wooden building with the narrow spiral stairway stood.



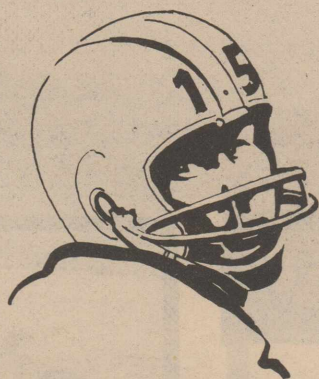
ROBY HIGH SCHOOL 1969 GRADUATING CLASS

Some of the latest improvements for Roby is the City Park with two well-designed tennis courts, a swimming pool and much play equipment in a well kept park.

A very special blessing that has been ours until recently when the health of Dr. R.T. Wilkinson forced his retirement, was the clinic operated by Dr. and Mrs. Wilkinson from 1955 to 1975. After closing and selling the hospital they opened the Wilkinson Clinic in 1975, a new model facility which they operated until Dr. Wilkinson's recent illness.

A new Fisher County Hospital and Fisher Co. Airport on Highway 70 near Rotan are facilities of which we are proud and appreciate.

As we count our blessings, lets not forget the hard work and struggles of those hard working pioneers who, had they not given their all, we of the present would have much, much less to claim as ours.




**HOMECOMING 1977**

**WELCOME HOME  
EX STUDENTS**

**ROBY  
INSURANCE**  
AGENCY

ROBY, TEXAS



**WE WELCOME ALL  
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**DURING HOMECOMING  
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**MID-WEST  
Electric  
Cooperative**

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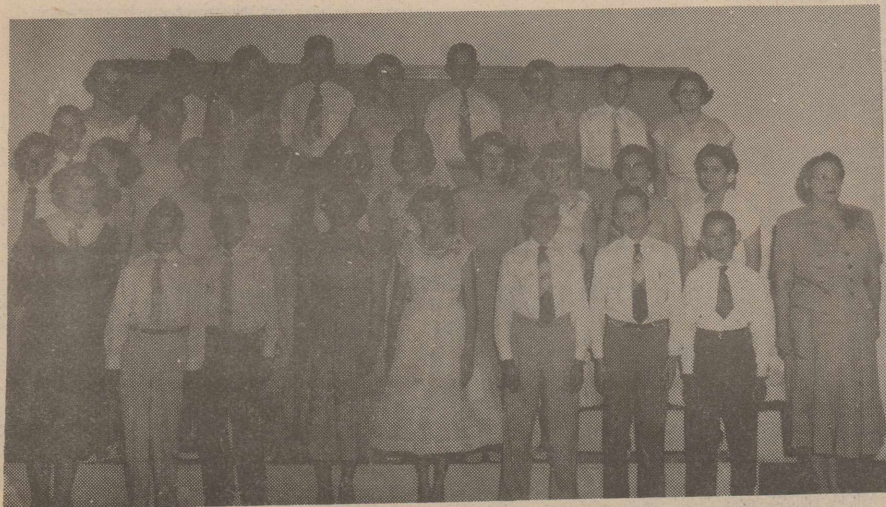




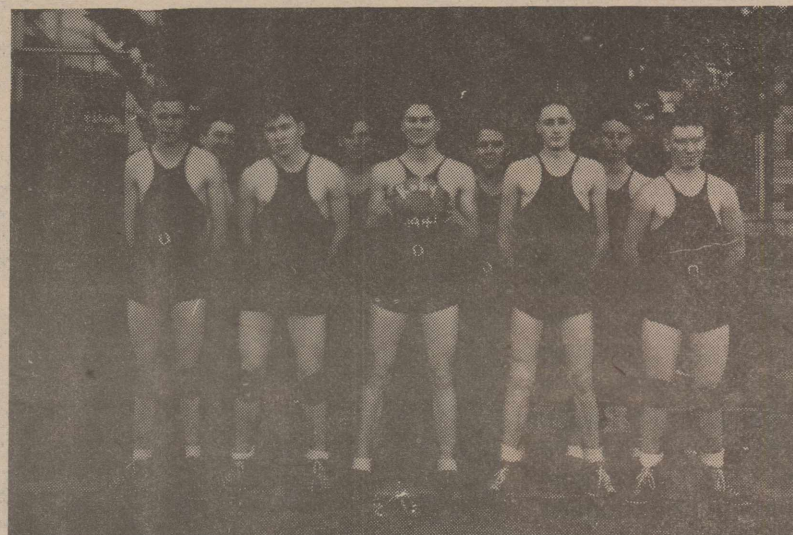
1962 ROBY HIGH SCHOOL MAJORETTES AND DRUM MAJOR: Standing, left to right, Linda Hale Rembert, Mickie Douglass Wright, Linda Moore Lanning, Janet Terry Price, Linda Young Griffin. Kneeling, Betty Neeves Martin, drum major.



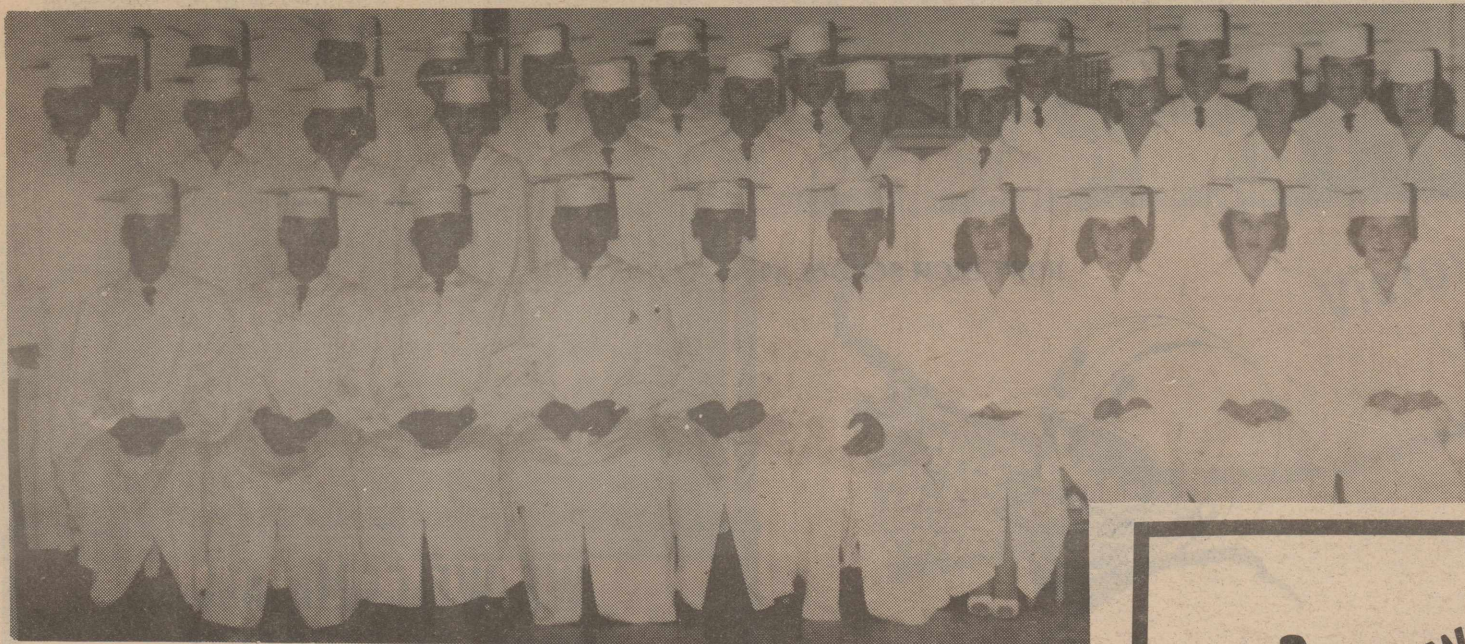
MISS LOUISE MOORE'S 1947 THIRD GRADE CLASS



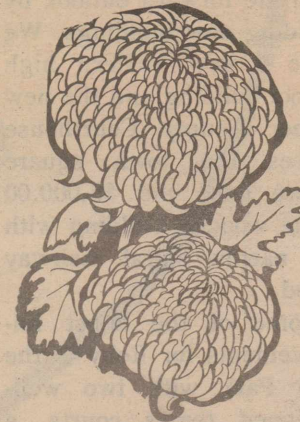
MRS. McCAIN'S 1955 8th GRADE GROUP



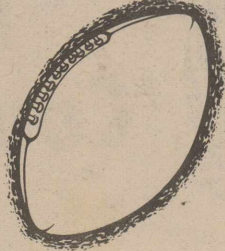
ROBY HIGH SCHOOL 1941 BASKETBALL TEAM: Priesley Cooper, Lewis Clark, Wallace Davis, Morris Owen, Edward Clay, Neal Cardwell, Don Terry, Preston S.



ROBY HIGH SCHOOL 1958 GRADUATING CLASS



**WELCOME HOME  
HOMECOMING  
1977**



**CITY GROCERY**  
RONNIE TOMLINSON  
OWNER

ROBY TEXAS

**WELCOME  
HOME**



**TO  
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**FARMERS UNION  
CO-OP GIN**

FOY MITCHELL-MGR.  
ROBY, TEXAS





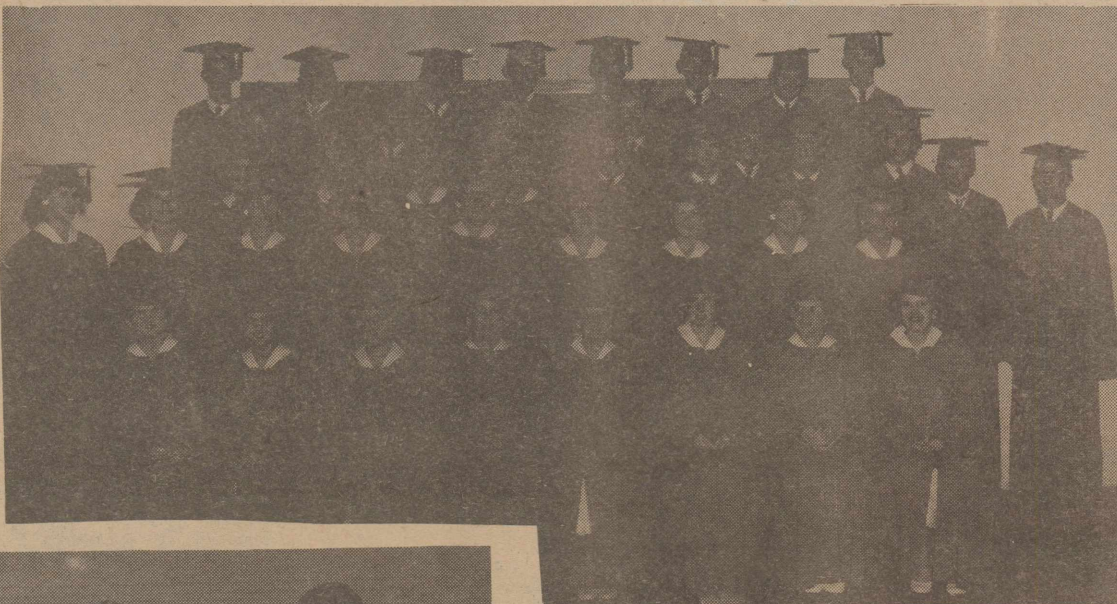
**ROBY HIGH SCHOOL MAJORETTES AND DRUM MAJOR:** Left to right, Helen Lovett, Susan McWhirter, Gay McGinnis.



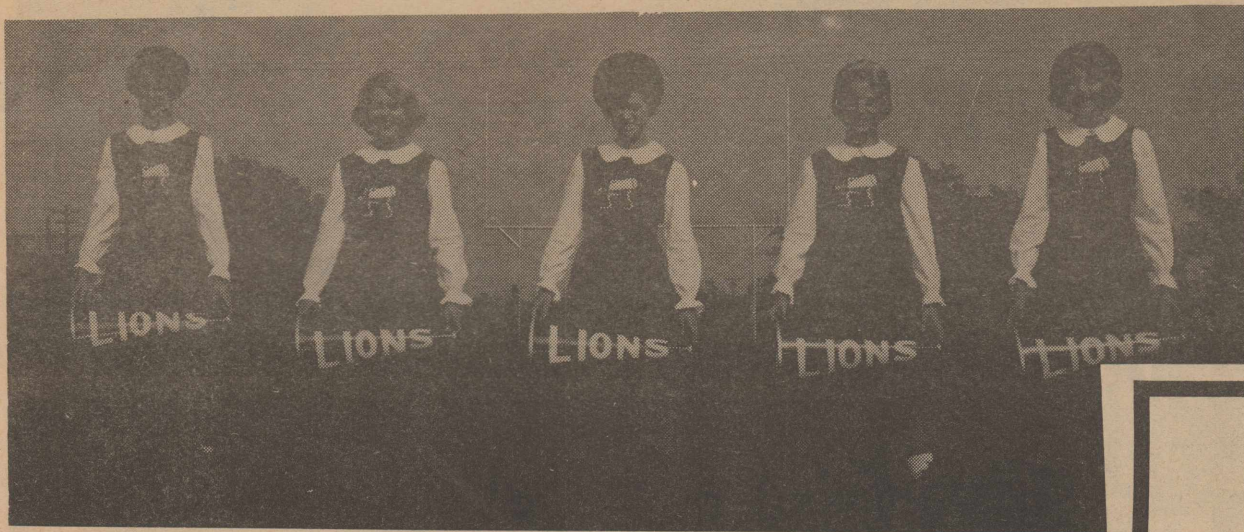
**ROBY HIGH SCHOOL 1961 BI-DISTRICT CHAMPS:** Left to right, fourth row, Larry Randolph, Dale Green, Ronnie Parsons, Jerry Reeves, Monty Neighbors, Jerry Neighbors, Jamie Beck. Third row, Ronald Henry, Bud Hodges, Herbert Young, Jerry Burkes, Lynn Gibson, Jimmy Murff. Second row, Don Stuart, Don Pullig, Butch Justiss, Barry Hughey, Horace Mallers. First row, George Price, Billy Simmons, Larry Williamson, Bobby Waddle.



**1975 HOMECOMING KING AND QUEEN:** Jerry Stuart and Marilyn Webb White.



**1955 ROBY HIGH SCHOOL CLASS**




**1965 ROBY HIGH SCHOOL CHEERLEADERS**

**CARD OF THANKS**

We wish to express our deepest thanks to Gayle Morgeson and Edwin Jackson for the help they have given us by taking pictures, making phone calls and donating their time so we could have a successful Homecoming paper. We would also like to thank each and everyone who have entrusted their precious pictures to us to make this paper complete. Again, thank you.

Susan McWhirter Terry  
Keith Matthies


**WELCOME EX STUDENTS  
TO  
HOMECOMING 1977**



**HATAHOE**

**ROBY, TEXAS**

**WELCOME HOME  
ROBY EX STUDENTS**



**NOLES DRUG**

**JACK PERKINS**  
776-2431  
NIGHT 776-2179

**ROBY TEXAS**



# Homecoming



1968 ROBY BASKETBALL TEAM: Missed going to State by one point.

**WE WELCOME ALL  
ROBY EX STUDENTS  
TO HOMECOMING 1977**

**RANDOLPH  
GROCERY**

LARRY & BAMBI  
RANDOLPH

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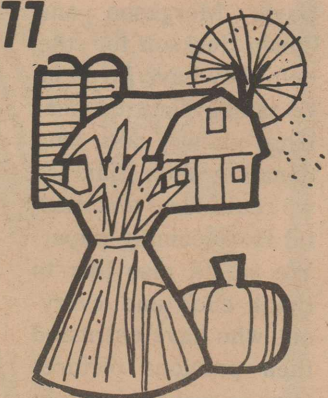


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TO  
ROBY EX STUDENTS  
HOMECOMING 1977**

**COME BY AND  
VISIT WITH US**

**TERRY GIN  
Inc.**

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ROBY, TEXAS



# 1977 ROBY



# HOME COMING

# FRIDAY

# OCTOBER 14



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ROBY ,TEXAS

WELCOME HOME EX'S

## LONGWORTH GIN

DONALD COKER- MGR

ROBY ,TEXAS

## ROBY HYDRO

ARCHIE & BETTY RIVERS

ROBY ,TEXAS

## STEWART SHAMROCK

JOHN F. STEWART OWNER

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ROBY ,TEXAS

## BEAUCHAMPS AUTO SHOP

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REX BEAUCHAMP-OWNER

STATE INSPECTION STATION

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ROBY ,TEXAS

## GOLDEN HAVEN

## NURSING HOME

AL & THEDA FINCH

ROBY ,TEXAS

## ROBY HARDWARE

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## UNITED FARM AGENCY

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## FARMERS GROUP INS.

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ROBY ,TEXAS

## BLUE HAVEN MOTEL

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