

Hayes To Participate In 1979 Beef Scramble

Weldon Hayes, 14-year old FFA member from Rotan, will participate in the beef scramble at the 1979 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.

Weldon, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Louie Hayes, will "scramble" during the February 24 evening performance in the Astrodome. Not only will he have the opportunity to catch a calf, he will be part of the Saturday evening entertainment package that includes the best rodeo contestants in the world and stars The Osmonds as the featured entertainment.

Each winner in the calf scramble receives a \$275 calf purchase certificate which enables him to purchase a purebred, registered heifer that he

agrees to feed, fit, groom and return to the Houston Livestock Show for special competition the following year.

The Livestock Show opened February 21 and runs through March 4, with rodeo performances in the Astrodome beginning February 23.

Rotan FFA members who have entered animals in the Livestock Show are: Weldon Hayes, Willie Hayes, Gary Don Harkey, Brian Greenway, Davis Colwell, Glen Overby, Keith Copeland, Jeff Posey, Dale Eaton, Keith Mullins, Alva West, Michael Cadenhead, Byron Weathersbee, Dale Cox, Robert Posey, David Posey, Mark Yates, Todd Goodwin, Bobby Swafford, Tommy Wright.

TSCS Issues Warning To Sheep-Goat Raisers

Livestock producers should be careful when they run sheep and goats on "selection 75" kleingrass, a U.S. Soil Conservation Service spokesman warned this week.

George C. Marks, state conservationist for SCS of Temple, said a recent study showed that 3.2 percent of the sheep and 0.5 percent of the goats that grazed kleingrass from 1973 to 1977 were affected by swellhead. Although there is no clinical proof yet that kleingrass itself caused the swellhead, there is enough evidence to indicate a link between the two.

"Our survey revealed that during the five-year period, 76,066 sheep in Texas grazed 116,000 acres of kleingrass," Marks said. "Of these,

2,440 contracted swellhead and 1.2 percent of the total, or 973 animals, died."

Marks said that weaned lambs and suckling lambs appeared to be most susceptible.

During the same five-year period, 28,031 goats grazed kleingrass; 142 were affected by swellhead, and 92 died. Again, weaned kids and suckling kids were most susceptible.

"According to our study, swellhead has occurred from March to November," Marks continued. "However, it has occurred most often in July and August during or after periods of plant stress. There is also some indication that it may occur more frequently following thundershowers

during dry periods. Additional site-specific data needs to be obtained to confirm this relationship."

Although the occurrence of swellhead and the resulting death losses have been low compared to total number of animals and acres of kleingrass grazed, death losses have been very significant on some ranches.

The study revealed that 384 livestock producers grazed kleingrass with sheep and/or goats from 1973 to 1977; 79 producers had one or more cases of swellhead. Eight producers had 57.6 percent of the death losses; these occurred in Coleman, Concho, McCulloch, Runnels, Tom Green and Val Verde counties.

Charles K. Black, district conservationist for SCS at Rotan said that of 3 local ranchers grazing sheep in Fisher County, none have had swellhead.

Swellhead is a term generally used to describe photosensitization. Photosensitization in sheep and goats is probably caused by some fungus, or toxin, that limits the ability of the liver to perform properly.

The liver normally breaks down chlorophyll pigments that are ingested when animals eat green plants. When this is not done in sheep and goats, the chlorophyll is deposited in the tissues of the animal.

When exposed to the sun, the light causes tissue damage; fluid then accumulates in the damaged tissue causing swelling, most around the eyes, nose, and ears. Thus the term "swellhead".

Marks said that some 620,000 acres of kleingrass were growing in Texas at the end of 1977 and produced about \$11 million in economic returns. The grass is planted mostly for cattle; 97 percent of kleingrass is grazed by cattle or mixed herds of cattle and other livestock.

"But ranchers who graze the grass with sheep and goats should watch them closely, especially during dry periods," Marks said. "Affected animals should be removed immediately, placed in the shade, and given food and water. Taken soon enough, these precautions

should hold death losses to a minimum."

At least two dozen other plants—including sudangrass, small grain, sacahuista, and clover—can also cause swellhead.

Kelingrass, a plant native to South Africa, was first grown in the United States in 1942 at Texas A&M University. In 1955, SCS and Texas Agricultural Experiment Station (TAES) began making

extensive field trials across Texas. Trial plantings were eventually made at 50 locations and were grazed by all kinds of livestock, including sheep and goats. A superior strain known as "selection 75" was released as named variety by SCS and TAES in 1968. It was not until 1974, however, that the plant was suspected to be related to swellhead sheep and goats.



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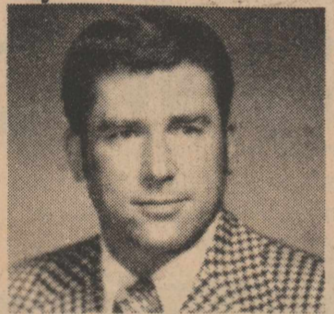
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Dr. David Ray To Hold Revival Services

The First Baptist Church of Rotan extends a cordial invitation to the residents of Fisher County to attend their revival meeting. Services for the meeting will be February 28 through March 2, at 7:00 p.m. nightly. Dr. David Ray, a well known Southern Baptist Evangelist will be the guest speaker.

Dr. Ray has a unique way of presenting the truth of God's word. He is in constant demand as a speaker for churches, high school assemblies, camp

meetings, revivals, civic clubs and schools. It brings pleasure to the First Baptist Church to offer to the people of this area an opportunity to hear such a man as Dr. Ray.



Dr. David Ray

Deadline Set For Disaster Loan Program

Congressman Charles W. Stenholm advises of the March 6, 1979, deadline for submitting applications for the Physical Disaster Loan Program through the Small Business Administration. This program is available to farmers and ranchers who suffered financial hardship due to drought losses on 1978 crops.

The disaster loans may be used to pay outstanding obligations and operating expenses and for production costs in the new crop year. However, they may

not be used to refinance a Farmers Home Administration or other USDA loan.

Interest rates on SBA physical disaster loans are 3 percent on the first \$250,000 and 6.58 percent on remaining amounts. Further information may be obtained from the Abilene SBA office located in the U.S. Post Office Building, 300 Pine Street, Suite 2211, telephone 915-677-8537, or at the Lubbock SBA office, 720 Texas Avenue, telephone 806-762-7459.



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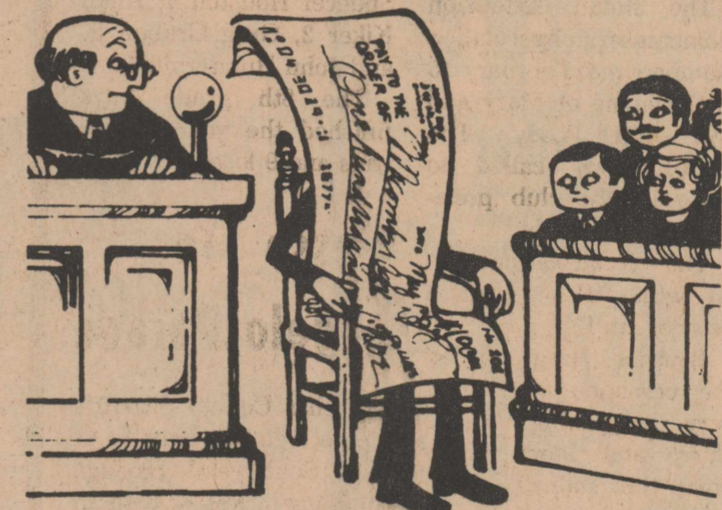
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Rotan Girls Basketball Statistics Released

By Coach Barnes

First, I would like to say thanks for all the support and enthusiasm that players, parents, and fans have shown throughout this last season. The final game with Hawley was a big game for Rotan girls. The largest crowd ever filled the gym with much hope for a win over Hawley, a team that has dominated girls basketball in this area for years. Our players were certainly trying to win and did beat them every way but the score. I believe the large crowd for both Rotan and Hawley at this game proved that Rotan girls are finally becoming a team of respect by others in this area.

I would like to comment on my seniors this year, Blanche Gentry, Cheryl Jones, Ginger Duke, Charree Smith, and Tina McCombs have been the most faithful and unselfish players a coach could ask to have. I appreciate them very much for their dedication these last 3 years. I started with 5 sophomores 3 years ago and ended with 5 dedicat-

ed seniors who never gave up hope that we could reach a district championship. They did not reach that goal, but as I told them in the dressing room after the Hawley game, to not accept defeat at all, but somewhere out there is a higher goal to reach and I hope each one of them would strive to reach that goal. Maybe that is what we were supposed to do.

I appreciate the support parents have shown. I believe more than anything else that this is the key to a strong program of any kind. Kids will see the importance of playing basketball only as much as their parents do. It is quite a shame that a kid play a whole season and their parents never make an effort to come watch them play.

As far as next year's team is concerned, I believe there are 25 to 30 high school girls that could make up a strong JV and varsity team. It will be a rebuilding year ahead in girls basketball. How hard they work the rest of this year and before season starts next year will

determine what kind of season they have. Somebody is going to have to spend some time in the gym through the summer working on their own.

We hope you will support our track program. We have 15 girls running in High School with a strong group coming back from last year. Our first track meet is at Breckenridge, March 3; open date March 10; March 17, Forsan; March 24, Coahoma; March 31, Snyder; District track meet at Abilene Christian April 5th. Thank you.

Rotan High School girls basketball statistics for season:

Blanche Gentry, 286 points, 112 rebounds, 176 steals, 61 assists.
Ginger Duke, 241 points, 109 rebounds, 86 steals, 31 assists.
Charree Smith, 243 points, 69 rebounds, 43 steals, 17 assists.
Tina McCombs, 66 points, 85 rebounds, 73 steals, 12 assists.
Ann Gentry, 135 points, 124 rebounds, 67 steals, 28 assists.
Cheryl Jones, 115 points 58 rebounds, 79 steals, 23

assists.

Ramona Pearson, 80 points, 114 rebounds, 38 steals, 22 assists.

Regina Pearson, 116 points, 30 rebounds, 28 steals, 4 assists.

Cindy Weathersbee, 20 points, 4 rebounds, 11 steals, 4 assists.

Final Team Records

Varsity: 22-4, District runnerup team. District record 10-2. Won 2 tournaments at Abilene Christian and Colorado City; 3rd place at Trent.

Jr. Varsity: 11-6.

8th grade: 14-2, district runner up team. Lost only

to Baird in district tournament.

7th GRADE: 7-3.

Overall, girls record for last 3 years for 4 teams: 1977-51-32; 1978, 59-23; 1979, 54-15. Varsity girls record: 1977, 17-12; 1978, 22-11; 1979, 22-4.

Homemakers Club To Hold County Wide Meet

Mrs. Z.H. Anderson was hostess Tuesday afternoon when Center Extension Homemakers Club met in the Courthouse Annex in Roby. Mrs. James Cave presided with Mrs. Lynn Randolph directing recreation in the absence of the recreation leader.

Mrs. J.T. Mahaffey called the roll and read the minutes. During the short

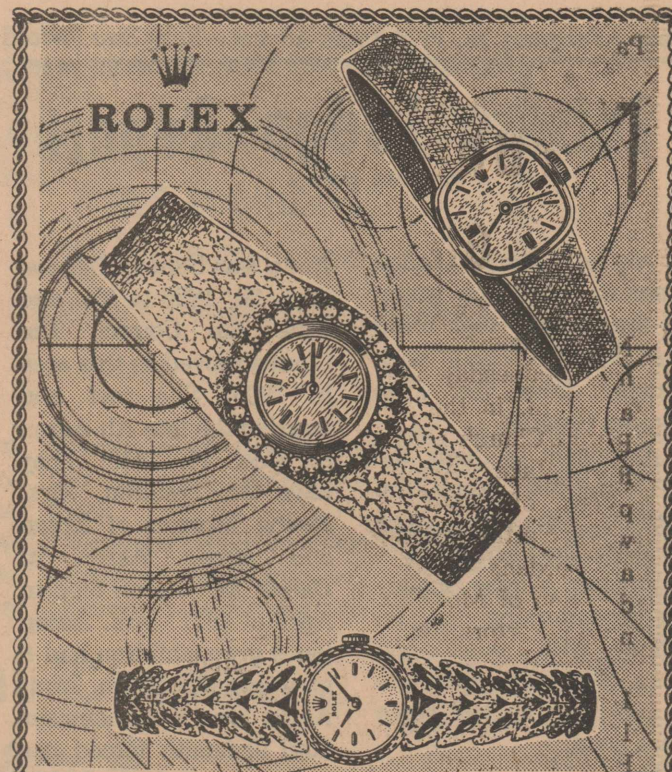
business meeting, the members voted to make a donation to the baseball field project that is under the supervision of the Roby Lions Club.

Mrs. James Cave gave the program on "Caring for Indoor Plants". She stated that to have pretty indoor plants one should first of all begin with a healthy plant, then use good sterilized potting soil, give it the proper light, regular watering, good liquid plant food and watch for insects and diseases such as mites and root rot. Also keep the leaves free of dust so that the plant may breathe.

Mrs. Anderson served

delicious refreshments to Mmes. J.T. Mahaffey, B.K. Newhouse, Will Moore, Joe Ballenger, James Cave, Fred Waddell, Howard Noles, Farrest Tefteler, Rex Kemp, Lynn Randolph and Nina Cave.

A county wide meeting will be held on Thursday, March 1, at 2 p.m. in the Courthouse Annex. A film will be shown on "Tornadoes". Anyone interested is welcome to view this informative film.



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are accepted on that basis. Names can be withheld upon request, however, initials will be used on all letters. Signed original letters will remain in the possession of this newspaper.

Pay Raise

What a shock we received in last weeks paper when we read of all the advance or commissioners had raised all our county officials and county

employees. I am sorry that they ignored President Carter's recommendation to not raise wages. If our commissioners would just look around the county and see where this tax has got

to come from. Look at Roby, with all the empty delapidated business, very little left. Look at Rotan with all the empty business houses or empty

stores. Look at our hospital losing money. The new court house is paid for, new school building to be paid for. Now where is all the tax come from.

The farmers made a sorry crop last year, and so far this year don't look too good or a good crop.

Used to be when our officials were elected to some office it was for honor of serving the people. Now they just try to see how much money they can make out of the office they serve in. I looked at a one dollar bill, it says in God We Trust. Well we have changed that to In Money we Trust.

I hope we wake up and use some sound economy and some judgement.

Yours truly,
W.F. Arp
Roby, Texas

McCaulley Letter

Everyone knows something of the nightmare of the McCaulley School Bus wreck and a little of good. May James, Kenny and I share all of the beauty with you too?

What should have been a chaotic situation never was.

When we arrived at Fisher County Hospital we knew how serious the school bus-truck accident was. The waiting areas and corridors were filled with parents looking for their children, friends, local people came to offer help, staff members and doctors. A special thanks to Dr. C.M. Callan and staff members who were so caring and helpful to us. They immediately started calling the other hospitals to help us find Kenny, as well as some of our friends' children who were not there.

We are grateful to all the ambulance drivers and doctors who went to the scene of the accident. Also the farmers, the men who worked at the gin nearby and others who helped.

When we arrived at Snyder, such a short time after the accident, we were taken to the lunch room where parents were to wait for their child to be located or placed in a room. There was already food and coffee prepared for any who might need it. The corridors and waiting areas here were also filled with parents, friends, staff members and local people who wanted to help. Again there was no sign of chaos. Everything was well organized like the precision movements of a clock. We didn't have time to be seated before a nurse came and took us to Kenny's room. They had him ready to be moved to Lubbock. We will be eternally grateful to Dr. O'Banion and every member of the staff at Cogdell Memorial Hospital for efficient and quick action in the care of us as parents.

The ambulance driver that took Kenny to Lubbock was another wonderful person. He kept conversation going so I relaxed as much as possible. His greatest deed was in a note sent later expressing his concern for Kenny and the other students involved. Such a beautiful gesture.

When we arrived at Highland Hospital the staff in emergency was ready and we were allowed to stay with Kenny and receive phone calls from inquiring relatives and friends. They were so understanding and patient with us and our older children until he was taken to surgery. The I.C.U. waiting room was kept supplied with coffee, hospital blankets and pillows for our comfort and food for James and me. We were kept informed of his

condition and progress being made during the long hours he was in the operating room.

The staff in recovery and I.C.U. were equally efficient and understanding.

Dr. Pal, Dr. Barber, Dr. Margon and Dr. Fisher all did a wonderful job as did Mrs. Matthes and her staff on third floor. During all of this time some of the other mothers and I discussed the not true fact that a thing like this doesn't happen to you. You only read about it in the paper. Well it does happen to you. Also, during all this time I kept thinking good must come of this terrible tragedy, what I couldn't see then was the fact that good was all around us in the above mentioned staff members of all these hospitals, all of the wonderful doctors, ambulance drivers, friends and total strangers who came to all the hospitals to offer help and say we were constantly in their prayers.

Even at home we were being cared for in another way. A fund was started for everyone involved, and the magnitude of the response still overwhelms us. F&M National Bank, the Hamlin Herald and the three committee members which dispersed these funds all did a wonderful job.

While the roads were too icy to travel, I called the Haskell Hospital to see if I might purchase some bandages from them until we could get to Abilene to get the things we needed. They very generously sent a large package free of charge with a message they would like to do their part.

Mr. Blakley of Haskell School system called to inquire if he might be of help concerning Kenny's lessons while he was home.

I have not mentioned all the young people attending school in Lubbock, from the Hamlin, Haskell, Snyder, Rotan, Aspermont areas who so thoughtfully visited numerous times to inquire about Kenneth or to visit with him, even when they had to don gowns and masks in isolation. I can tell you our future is secure. High school students from the above mentioned areas have visited regularly since we came home.

Each act of kindness, I have considered the most wonderful think to happen for us, but I challenge anyone to choose the most wonderful thing from all of these. They are all equal to us no matter how minor the donor might consider their own deed.

A very special thanks also to the teachers and board members of the McCaulley School system.

All of the Texas and out of state schools for their donations to the fund;

Lubbock Avalanche Journal; all of the booster clubs who offered to run errands all of the local and outlying area schools of Lubbock for their overwhelming response to donate blood or to the fund.

With God and so many wonderful for us, then who can be against us. Tomorrow may bring some pain, but we know it will also bring joy. We love you all and pray God's richest blessings for each and everyone all the days of your lives.

Mr. and Mrs. James Smart and Kenny
Mr. and Mrs. Rickey Jeffrey and Children
Mr. and Mrs. Clint Wheat
Mr. and Mrs. Larry Smart

Grubbs Bill Introduced To House

Rep. Walter Grubbs introduced in the House last week a bill that would prohibit auto insurance companies penalizing drivers who are found guilty of speeding when no property damage or bodily injury results from this speeding.

The proposal, House Bill 1003, has been referred to the Committee on Insurance, of which Rep. Bob Simpson of Amarillo is chairman.

According to Rep. Grubbs, auto insurance companies are enjoying what he refers to as a "rip off", because these drivers are required to pay additional insurance premiums, when the speeding violation has not cost the insurance company one dime in claims for bodily injuries.

In the bill introduced by Rep. Grubbs, any driver found guilty of speeding who does cause bodily injury or property damage may be penalized on his premiums for three years only, from the date of his last speeding violation which cause such damage or injury.

Grubbs said, "I know that auto insurance rates are set based on this penalizing of speeding drivers among many other considerations, but it is not justified where the speeder is already required to pay his fine and suffer possible suspension of his drivers license."

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In mid-January, the Hobbs Tax Office mailed a "Residential Homestead Exemption Affidavit" to each homeowner in the

Hobbs School District. If you failed to receive and affidavit, you may secure a copy from the School Tax Office where they are available now. These affidavits are to be completed and returned to the Tax Office on or before April

30, 1979.

To qualify for this exemption, you must have owned the property and it must have been your residential homestead on January 1, 1979. You may claim a residential homestead exemption for the

year on one property only. Agricultural Exemption forms are also available in the Tax Office and are to be filed before April 30, 1979. These exemptions can both be taken care of in one stop at the Tax Office.

Softball Meet. Set

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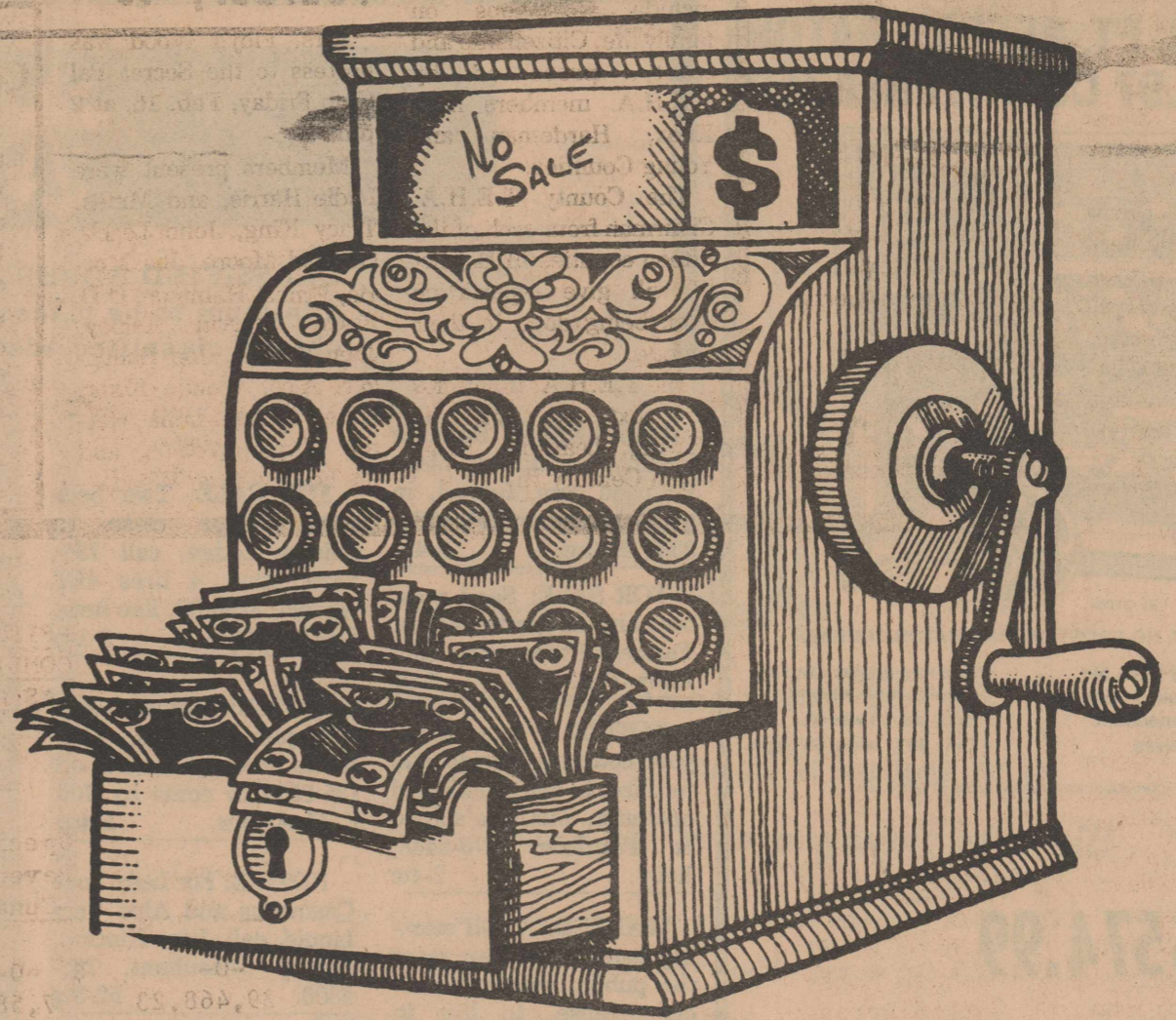
There will be a meeting of parents interested in the Girl's Softball Program at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, February 22, according to Donald Ray McQueen, association president.

The purpose of the meeting is to begin plans for the 1979 season and to elect officers for the coming year.



PERFORM AT ROBY: The Roby students performed at the McCaulley Benefit Talent Show at Roby Saturday night. Left to right, Charla Wiley, Krisi Martin, Kari Martin, Debbie Everett, and Terri Upshaw.

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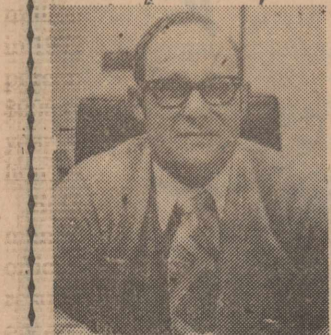
For the year, National Gypsum's net earnings climbed to \$58.3 million, or \$3.56 per share, a 59 percent rise from the \$36.7 million, or \$2.25 per share in 1977. Sales increased 21 percent to a new high of \$906.3 million from last year's record \$748.3 million.

Robert E. Scifres, chairman and chief executive officer, said, "The record results were heavily influenced by a demand for our products and services unparalleled in the history of the Company." He also stated that shipments thus far in 1979 are running well ahead of the same period last year and that 1979 could be another good year for the Company.

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LONG GREEN SLICERS **CUCUMBERS** 1 LB. **29¢**

TOTAL GROCERY SAVERS

SUPER CLEANING **FORMULA 409** 22 OZ. BTL. **89¢**

MAXWELL HOUSE INSTANT **COFFEE** 10 OZ. JAR **\$3.99**

SKINNER SHORT CUT ELBO **MACARONI** 12 OZ. PKG. **45¢**

SCHILLING PURE **VANILLA** 2 OZ. BTL. **79¢**

JELL-O INSTANT PUDDINGS & **PIE FILLINGS** 3 1/2 OZ. BOX **29¢**

LAST CHANCE TO COMPLETE YOUR SET!
STONEWARE DISHES
FINAL WEEK!

SHELF SPECIALS

KRAFT MINIATURE
MARSHMALLOWS 4 10 1/2 OZ. BAGS **\$1**

CARNATION RICH HOT
COCOA MIX 12-1 OZ. ENV. **\$1.09**

Van Camp **Pork-N-Beans** 3 300 Can **\$1.00**

\$9.99

\$1.39

49¢

CENTRAL AMERICAN
BANANAS

29¢ LB.

FROZEN FOODS

MINUTE MAID
ORANGE JUICE 6 OZ. CAN **43¢**

ORE-IDA SOUTHERN STYLE
HASH BROWNS 2 LB. PKG. **69¢**

BEEF ENCHILADA/CHEESE ENCHILADA/MEX./FIESTA/COMB.
PATIO DINNERS EA. **69¢**

CLASSIC-COMB./SAUSAGE-MUSHROOM/PEP. & MUSHROOM
TOTINO'S PIZZA 20 OZ. BOX **\$2.29**

Minute Maid 6 oz.
Limeade 3 / **\$1**

REGULAR OR SUPER KOTEX TUBE TYPE
TAMPONS

\$1.99 30 CT. BOX

Laundry Size
TIDE **\$4.98**

\$2.00 CASH REFUND ON THESE ITEMS

FROM YOUR PARTNERS IN SAVINGS

BUY 3 OF THESE 5 BRANDS FOR YOUR REFUND.

COTTON SWABS **Q-TIPS** 170 CT. BOX **89¢**

VASELINE INTENSIVE CARE **BATH BEADS** 15 OZ. BOX **\$1.09**

OILY OR LEMON CUTEX **POLISH REMOVER** 4 OZ. BTL. **59¢**

VASELINE INTENSIVE CARE-REG./HERBAL **LOTION** 10 OZ. BTL. **\$1.19**

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VASELINE BLUESEAL PETROLEUM **JELLY** 7.5 OZ. JAR **89¢**

SHURFINE BALSAM PROTEIN REG./JOLY **SHAMPOO** 16 OZ. BTL. **\$1.09**

Shurfresh Dozen Large
EGGS

69¢

Food King
Tomatoes 3 303 **\$1.00**

Texise
Glass Plus **89¢**

KRAFT SALAD DRESSING
MIRACLE WHIP

99¢ 32 OZ. JAR

Shurfresh 5qt. Bucket
ICE CREAM

\$2.69

Gebhardt's Refried
Beans 3 300 CANS **\$1.00**

Mama 20 oz
Cookies **79¢**

Gebhardt's 300 Can
TAMALES

2 / 79¢

Maryland Club All Grinds
COFFEE

\$2.29 LB.

WE ACCEPT FOOD STAMPS

THRIFTWAY

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