

Jacksboro Courts Teams For Playoff Game

Have you ever wondered how much money is made by the schools taking part in a bi-district, regional or quarterfinal football game? Or why one town is chosen over another as the site of a playoff game.

Superintendent Tom Harkey shed some light on the matter last Monday night as he gave a report to School Board members concerning answers to those very questions.

First, according to Harkey, there are three possibilities for playoff sites: (a) the teams could agree to flip a coin for home and home sites, (b) teams could agree to flip for a neutral home site and home site as was the case at the regional game. Our neutral home site was Snyder. Plains named

Seminole as their neutral home site. We lost the flip, we played at Seminole, (c) teams could agree to play on a neutral site, as was the case with Vernon last weekend. It was an agreed upon neutral site.

Normally, towns, through their Chamber of Commerce, booster clubs or other civic organizations issue invitations to teams taking part in playoff games. So the two schools must first agree on accepting a neutral site then wait for an invitation from that town to play.

Harkey indicated that the Jacksboro site this week was a good example of factors to be considered in selecting a playoff town. Jacksboro was very interested in hosting the semi-final game. They had

Chamber of Commerce representatives at the Rotan-Panhandle game in Vernon pushing Jacksboro. The other towns in contention for the game were Graham and Breckenridge.

Jacksboro agreed to furnish everything necessary for hosting the game. They agreed to print the tickets, print the program, pay for ticket takers, concession stand personnel, clock officials, announcers, they agreed to buy the game balls and provide two trophies at an approximate cost of \$140.00 each. The only expense to the schools will be the officials. UIL requires that their fee be deducted from the total gate receipts. What is left will be equally divided between Pilot Point and Rotan.

In the case of the bi-district game between Rotan and Quanah, each school received \$1,469.00. At the regional game played in Seminole, Plains and Rotan each received \$1,239.00. The Vernon game between Rotan and Panhandle should net each school approximately

\$1,500.00 to \$2,000.00.

The Jacksboro stadium is relative new and has a seating capacity of 5,000 fans. Both Rotan administrative people and coach G.A. Moore at Pilot Point think between 4,500 and 5,00 could see the game if the weather is good. Jacksboro was selected over Graham because of Jacksboro's better offer. They agreed to furnish more. Graham wanted a chain crew furnished, they didn't want to print tickets or programs.

Jacksboro is approximately 27 miles further east than Graham, but the

field is better, more was offered.

Tickets for the Rotan-

Pilot Point game will be sold in Rotan at the high school principal's office.

Tickets go on sale at noon on Wednesday, December 10. Tickets (all general

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Bro. Loran Gardner gave the service Sunday from the First Methodist Church, the choir sang while Naomi Cauble played the piano.

The Share the Fun group led by Cathy Spencer and Diane Tomlinson sang songs for us Monday.

Sunday, the 21st, at 2:00 we will have our annual Christmas Party at Golden Haven. Family and friends are invited.

Out of town visitors this week were Martha Williams of Sylvester visited Lewis Kiser, Bessie Scott, Ezell Whitten, Carol Floyd of Roscoe visited Lora Stephens. Mattie Lou Davis of Sweetwater visited Eula Williamson. Mr. and Mrs. Tommie hale and children visited Elizabeth Hale. Mr. and Mrs. John Leach of Rotan visited Maebell Ogden.

Martha Hood of Sylvester

visited Carlie Butler and Lois Henry, Judy Justin, Misty Peoples and Kim Justin of Sweetwater visited Letha Meek. Vera Mann of Rotan, Bob Levens and Mr. and Mrs. J. Paul Levens of Abilene visited Dana McReynolds. Jim, Ann and Karen Hunter visited Willard Tillotson.



Capt. Bob and Gayleta Little Pugh of the rural area, Sanger, wish to announce the birth of a son, Robert Gray Pugh, born at Presbyterian Hospital in Dallas on October 31. After a 21 day stay in the intensive care unit, Robert is able to be at home. Capt. Bob's parents are Jesse and Noreen Pugh of Jackson, Ala. He is a Capt. with Delta Airlines of Dallas. Gayleta's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Joe Little, Rotan. After 12 years with General Motors office company in Dallas she is now bookkeeper for their Registered Simmental cattle ranch. Their address is Rt. 1, Box 608 Sanger, Texas 76266.

Card Of Thanks

We wish to take this opportunity to thank all our dear friends for the prayers, cards, flowers, food, memorials and acts of kindness and love shown to us during the loss of our loved one.

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We wish to express our appreciation for all the care and concern shown our family during our time of grief. We will always remember all of the acts of kindness from our many friends and neighbors.

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To the members of Rebekah Lodge 214, Rotan, I thank you for allowing me to be a part of your fund raising drive for the Senior Citizens Center. I can assure you I did enjoy contacting people to sell chances on the quilt. That meant I got to talk with 122 wonderful folks.

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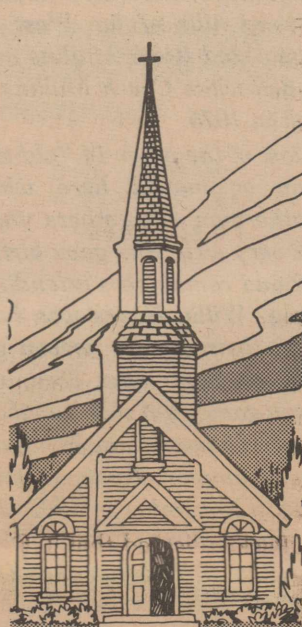
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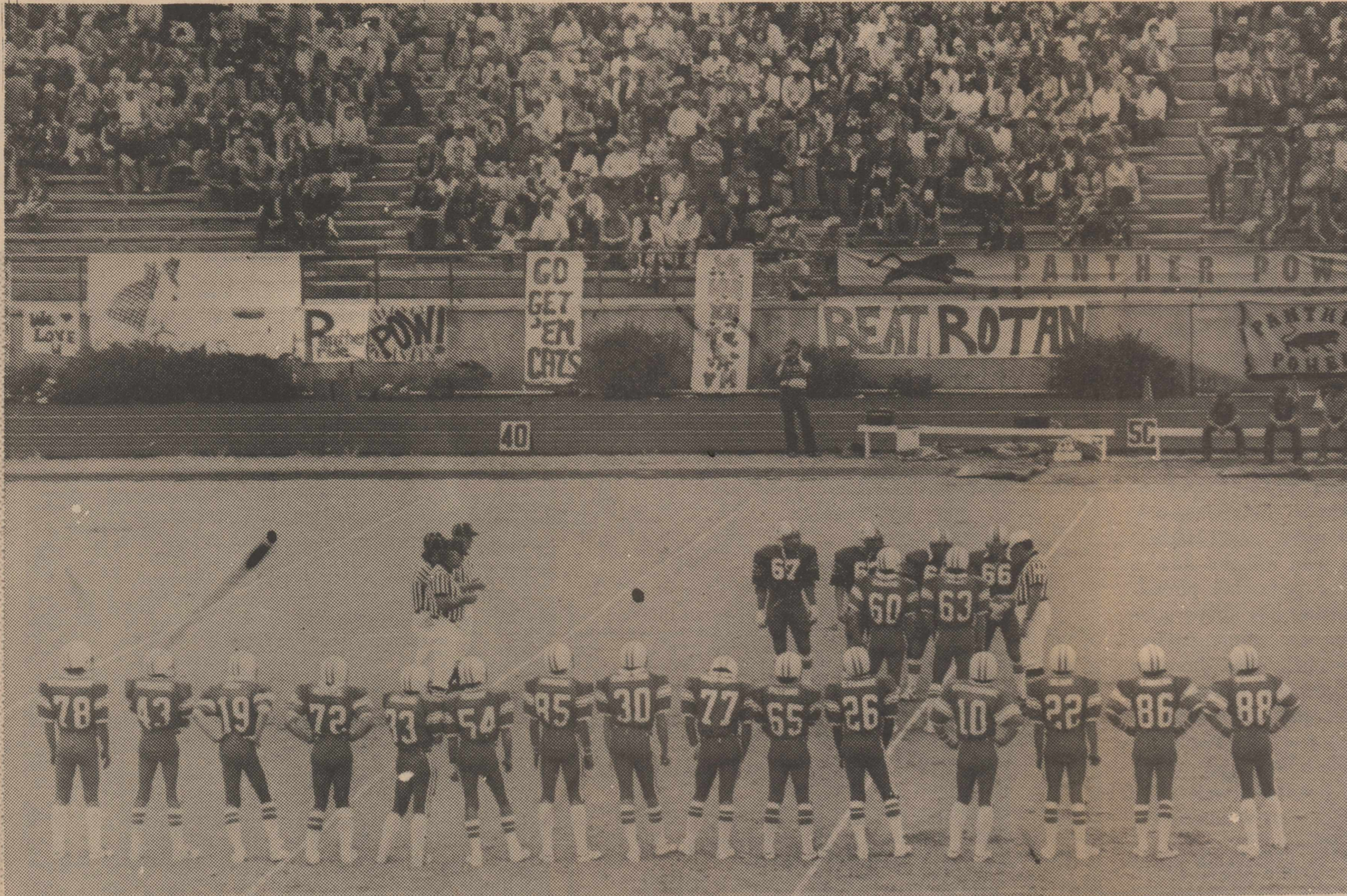
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SENIOR GAME CAPTAINS: The seventeen Rotan High School seniors named game captains last Saturday, marched to mid-field as Wes Counts, No. 60, and Alva West, No. 63, called the coin flip. Other seniors, left to right, No. 78 Jimmy Weatherman, No. 43 Rey Mendoza, No. 19 Dale Cox, No. 72

Willie Hayes, No. 33 Kieth Mullins, No. 54 Dale Wayne Eaton, No. 85 Mike Morrow, No. 30 David Thornton, No. 77 David Underhill, No. 65 John Pillans, No. 26 Cecil Turner, No. 10 Byron Weathersbee, No. 22 Keith Blair, No. 86 Ruben Cabrera, and No. 88 Greg Hayes.

College Names Three School Gifted Kids

Tammy Mauldin, Ward Hayes, and Joe Mike Sparks have been notified of being eligible to participate in the Duke University Talent Identification Program. This TIP Talent Search is designed to identify mathematically or verbally gifted seventh graders. California achievement test scores had to be a 97 percentile or better in verbal, mathematics and composite score. These students will take the SAT on January 24.

Tammy Mauldin, a Roby seventh grader, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Truman Mauldin of Sylvester, the granddaugh-

ghter of Mr. and Mrs. Dalton Sharp of Roby and Mr. and Mrs. Guy Mauldin of Sylvester. Ward Hayes is a Rotan seventh grader. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Louie Hayes and the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Otis E. Firestone

of Snyder, Joe Mike Sparks is a Rotan seventh grader. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Wayne Sparks and the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Sparks of Rotan and Lorraine Dorough of Clint, Texas.

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Charter Bus Open For Jacksboro Game

Rotan High School Principal David Hargrove announced last Monday that two charter buses have

been reserved for Rotan fans wishing to make the trip to Jacksboro for the Class AA Semi-

final game on Friday, December 19.

Cost of round trip tickets on the bus will be \$13.25. Departure time from the high school gymnasium has tentatively been set for 3:00 p.m. Those desiring to ride one of the two 43-passenger charter buses can reserve seats by picking up bus tickets at the Rotan High School principal's office. Bus reservations will be taken until 1:30 p.m. Friday

afternoon on a first come first-served basis.

Rotan schools will dismiss immediately after the 1:00 p.m. pep rally.

Football players and band members will depart Rotan on charter buses at 2:00 p.m. for the ride to Jacksboro.

Rotan Arrests Man

Rotan Police Chief Gene Pack arrested a Rotan man for burglary last Sunday morning after he was found in an automobile parked at a Rotan residence.

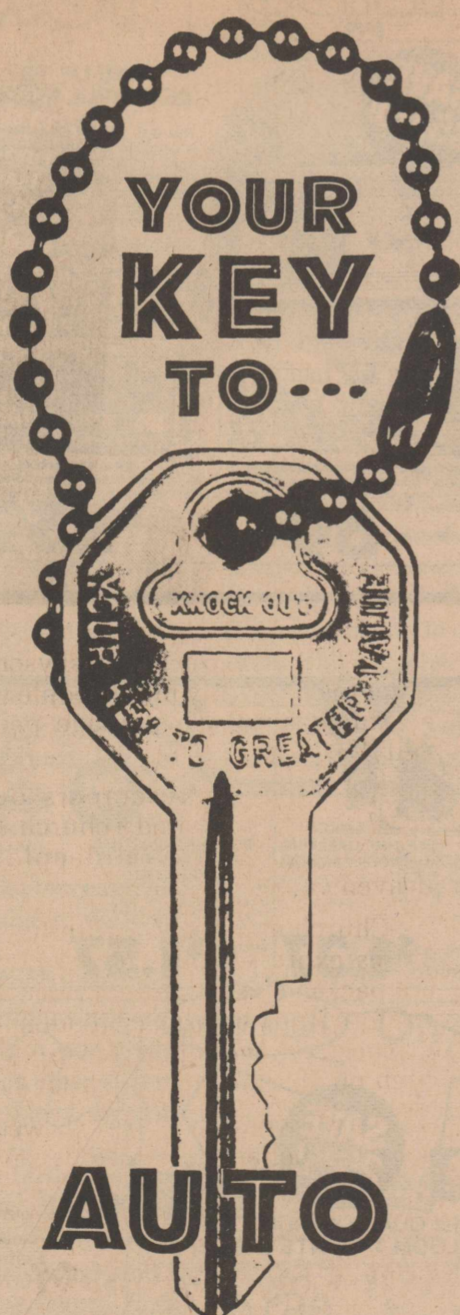
Pack indicated that T.F.

Williams of Rotan was arrested and confined to the Fisher County Jail after he was arrested for burglary of a habitation and burglary of an automobile at the home of Tom Harkey, east of Rotan.

Winns Stereo Won

Ernestine Acorn of Rotan was named the winner of the stereo given away by Winns last week during their December Moonlight Madness Sale, according to store manager Larry Robertson.

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Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Glenn of Brady announce the engagement of their daughter, Teresa Gwen, to Robert L. McArthur, son of Mr. and Mrs. I.T. McArthur of Rotan.

and Brady High Schools. Bob graduated in 1980 from Rotan High School. He is employed by Moran Bros. The wedding date is December 31 at the Church of Christ in Rotan.

Local Hesston Dealer Sponsoring Rodeo

L.V. Armstrong Impl., Roby, will join Hesston Corporation and over 1,000 other Hesston Farm Equipment dealers across North America in sponsoring a special telecast of the 1980 National Finals Rodeo from Oklahoma City. The program will appear locally on KTAB-TV (32), Abilene, December 17, at 8:00 p.m.

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Commissioner Ford Is Given Plaque Thanks

Fisher County Commissioners and Fisher County Judge Marshal Bennett presented a plaque of appreciation to retiring commissioner A.J. (Blackie) Ford last Monday morning. Ford attended his last commissioners meeting before being officially replaced by new precinct commissioner W.A. Cross.

to run television cable on the right-of-way of some county roads in the city limits of Roby. The commissioners voted to amend the budget to include the purchase of \$2,835.00 in equipment for the Fisher County Senior Citizen's Center. The funds are to be returned to Fisher County through a grant from the West Central Texas Council of Governments.

The members of the Rotan School Board authorized Superintendent Tom Harkey to begin drawing several local teacher compensation (bonus) plans last Monday night at the board's regular meeting. The board is expected to approve some plan, recommended by Harkey, at the January meeting. "This local compensation plan is being implemented to keep and seek qualified teachers for classroom instruction", said Harkey. The plan will not involve school personnel already receiving pay above state scale, i.e. administrative personnel, band directors and coaches. Harkey indicated that he plans to present at least two plans to the board next month. The board will select the plan that most closely fits the budget.

In other action the board approved the purchase of liability insurance for board members and school employees from St. Paul Insurance Company through Joe Dale Burk at

the Rotan Insurance Agency. The purchase of a Canon plain paper copier was approved by the board. The new copy machine was purchased at a cost of \$3,995.00 from A.B. Dick in Abilene. Bruce Cox, president of the Rotan Booster Club, made a proposal to the board members concerning the possibility of re-naming the Rotan Football Field "H. Govan Field", as a tribute to the Rotan trainer. Board members are checking into the possibility of re-naming the field. The possibility exists that the field, constructed in 1949, and named Memorial Stadium was dedicated at that time to servicemen killed in action. The board members are to further discuss the proposal in January. The board also discussed the placement of a recently purchased "Yellowhammer Bird" made of fiberglass by the Rotan Booster Club. The figure will be approximately 6 ft.

tall and will be placed somewhere inside the stadium after all possibilities are studied. Board members Donnie Gruben and Roger Blackwelder were named to a two-man committee by President Alan Houston to study an overall outlay of the football stadium for future plans. The board is looking into the possibility of installing new fences and possibly constructing a fence on the north and south side of the playing

field. The committee is to report back to the board with recommendations in January.

Board members discussed a class action legal suit being brought by W.R. Davis of Odessa against the Permian Oil Company involving alleged underpayments to royalty owners by the oil company. The board is seeking legal advice to determine if they should enter into the suit

against Permian Oil Company with W.R. Davis. In final action the board discussed the renewal of Superintendent Tom Harkey's contract. The vote on the contract renewal comes up in January. Board members will discuss contracts on the three principals in January and vote in February. Teachers and coaches will be discussed in February and voted on in March.

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INTERCEPTS PASS: Rotan defensive halfback, Keith Blair, intercepted one of four Panhandle passes last Saturday afternoon as the Rotan Yellowhammers

defeated Panhandle to advance to the semi-finals against No. One ranked Pilot Point.

Roby FFA Team Is First

The Roby FFA participated in the District Leadership contests held on November 19. In the contest, the Jr. Chapter Conducting Team placed first in competition. Team members included Noel Field, president; Matt Martinez, vice president; Sharon Stuart, secretary; John Etheredge, treasurer; Chad Terry, reporter; Denis Owens, sentinel; and Todd Coker, advisor. After placing first, the team traveled to Big Spring to the Area II Leadership Contest held at Howard County College. Roby participated in competition with six other teams vying for first place and the chance to represent the area on the state level.

Even though the team did not place in the top four, these young men and women need to be congratulated on the very fine job they did in fall competition.

Other teams competing on the district level were the Jr. Skills team-Electric Fence, placed third; the members were Rachel Raspberry, Teresa Ratliff, and Bubba Doty; the Sr. Skills team of Joe Don Guelker, Dan Etheredge and Mark Pope placed second with the skill on Trouble Shooting Small Gas es; Sr. Chapter Conducting, Radio, FFA Quiz did not place in district competition but did a fine job representing Roby in the contest.

Hustlin' By Joy Walker Round Hobbs

We are sure having changeable weather, and it seems almost like our seasons are mixed up. We got over 2 inches of rain Sunday night along with a terrific thunderstorm and lots of wind, and then it rained almost continually all day Monday. Brownwood had a tornado (in December) with lots of property damage, but thank goodness no one was hurt.

Mrs. Opal Phillips celebrated a birthday on Saturday, and she ate Sunday dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Mike Porter. Then they celebrated her birthday Sunday afternoon at the Mike Porters. Mr. and Mrs. Gary Hyer and their family were there, so they had a big crowd. Happy birthday to Opal.

Lisa Hardin from Texas Tech was here visiting with her grandmother, Bea Hardin, over the weekend. Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Hardin ate dinner with Bea on Sunday. Bea has been talking to Bob and he seems to be doing fairly well, but may have to go back to the hospital for some more tests. We hope that his tests will come back O.K. and that he will soon begin to feel very much better.

Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Etheredge went to the Trent Tournament over the weekend to watch Roby play. Mr. and Mrs. Sam Etheredge and Mr. and Mrs. Windle Barrett and Taina also attended some of the tournament, as did LaNelle's folks, Mr. and Mrs. Lealon Wilburn from Roby.

Jim's birthday was Thursday and we got a call from his sister and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Caraway, who live in Downey, California. They said it was really raining there. Also got a call from one of his other sisters and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Sig. Lloyd in San Angelo.

Windle Kincaid and Jim have the same birthdays, not ages though, so we heard from Leola also. We went to Snyder on Wednesday and ate dinner with an old friend, Mrs. Wernette Lloyd. Thursday, Mrs. Dale Cave and I visited with Mrs. Addie Scott in the Fisher County Rest Home and we also visited with Mrs. Delia Hardin at the home of her mother, Mrs. Thomson. Delia really looks good and seems to be steadily improving, but Mrs. Scott doesn't look too well. Wish she could be a little better. Saturday we went to Vernon to watch the Rotan-Panhandle football game, and it was such a nice afternoon, and we all enjoyed the game as Rotan won again. They now go to Jacksboro, Friday night to play Pilot Point, so hope they can win that one. We went to Vernon with Mr. and Mrs. Donnie Gruben, Donnie Carl and Carye and really enjoyed the trip.

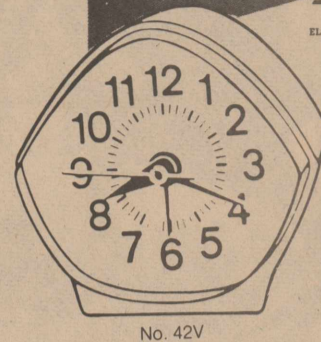
Not too much news this week as everyone is waiting for their Christmas company now. I am slowly but surely getting all my long letters to England typed, and have heard from several of my friends over there already. We just exchange yearly letters with all the news.

Have a good week, it's very cold today (Tuesday) but it is supposed to start warming up by Thursday. See you next week.

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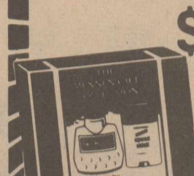
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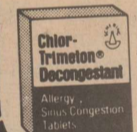
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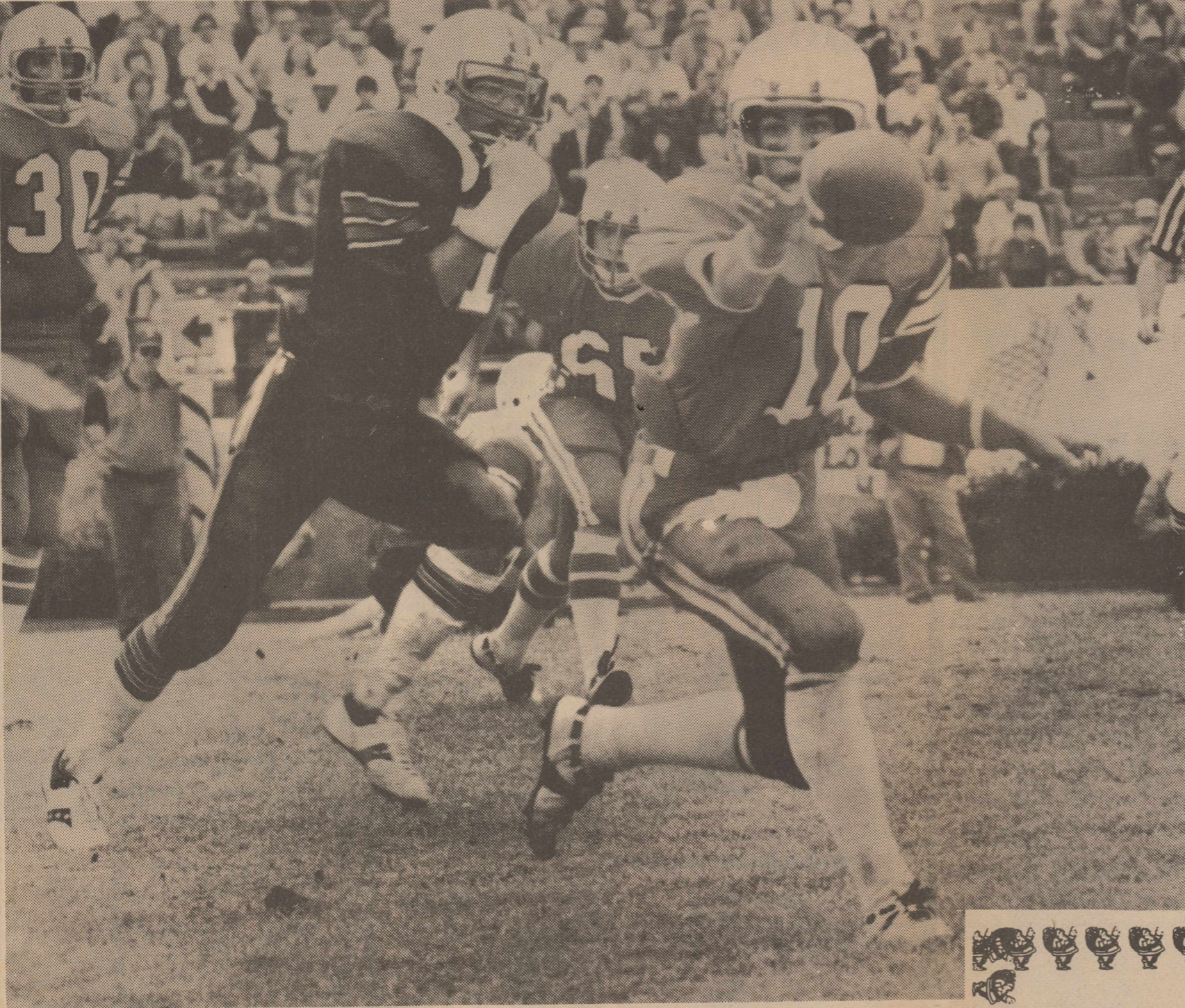
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PITCH OUT: Rotan quarterback, Byron Weathersbee, tosses the pigskin on a pitch out play to one of the halfbacks during last Saturday's 31-5 quarterfinal victory over Panhandle. Other Rotan players in the background, No. 30 David Thornton and No. 65 John Pillars.

Roby Hosting Seven Teams In Tournament

Roby will host seven other teams in the annual Roby Boys and Girls Basketball Tournament, beginning with the first game on Thursday, December 11, and continuing through the finals at 9:00 p.m. Saturday, December 13, according to Coach Hahn and Coach McCarty at Roby.

The seven teams participating in the tournament with Roby include Roscoe, Trent, Hermleigh, Rotan Girls, Hawley, McCaulley, Robert Lee and Roby Boys JV.

The first game begins at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday.

Roscoe will play Trent in the opening round; Hermleigh girls will play Rotan girls and Hermleigh boys will play the Roby JV; Hawley will play McCaulley and Robert Lee will square off against Roby. Roby boys coach Mickey

McCarty feels the boys division will be a fight between Roscoe, Hawley, Robert Lee and defending champion Roby for the championship this year.

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Defense Snags Four Panther Passes, Rotan Climbs Ladder

The Rotan Yellowhammer defense shut down the Panhandle Panther machine and beat them at what they do best—pass, to put them in a elite group of 4 teams still alive and seeking the coveted Texas Class AA football championship.

The defense limited Panhandle quarterback Todd Mayfield to 106 yards passing. They intercepted 4 of Mayfield's passes allowing him to hit on 11 of 25 tosses for the day.

Rotan's 31-6 win last Saturday against Panhandle at Vernon's Lion Stadium sets up the semi-final game on Friday, December 12, in Jacksboro when Rotan squares off against top ranked Pilot Point. Rotan's next opponent defeated Moody last week by a score of 12-19.

Rotan quarterback Byron Weathersbee tossed passes of 5 yards and 29 yards to end David Thornton with running back Kip Pease scoring three short touchdowns on the ground allowing the Yellowhammers to win the Class AA quarterfinal victory.

The first Rotan score covered 66 yards and was set up when punter Greg Hayes drew a "roughing the kicker" penalty setting Rotan up with an automatic first down at the Panhandle 40 yard line. Weathersbee tossed an 8 yard pass to Mike Morrow, Kieth Mullins scampered to the 12 yard line on an off tackle run, and Pease snagged a Weathersbee screen pass to the 1 yard line. The first score came with 3:01 left on the first quarter clock with Pease plowing over from 1 yard out. The extra point kick was blocked by Todd Mayfield.

Defensive linemen Jeff Posey, Alva West, Mike Morrow and Wes Counts shut down the Panhandle offense after the touchdown forcing a punt.

Rotan's second score

was set up when defensive back Keith Blair picked off a Mayfield pass at the 33 yard line and darted to the 24 before being tackled. Kieth Mullins sprinted for 9 yards and Pease broke over center for 15 yards and the score, giving the Yellowhammers a 12-0 lead with 6:13 remaining in the 2nd period of play.

Panhandle took over at the 24 yard line after Rotan's second score and began attempting to regroup. Mayfield tossed an incomplete pass to Cordell on first down, threw a screen pass over center that was smelled-out by Willie Hayes for only 4 yards and on 3rd down passes incomplete to Kevin Brown with Weathersbee defending. Facing 4th down and 6, Mullins fielded the punt and returned it to the 49 yard line.

On 3rd down, needing 8 yards, Weathersbee spotted Thornton in the middle of the Panhandle secondary, threw a strike-pass that resulted in Rotan's third score. Thornton's 29 yard scoring strike gave

Rotan an 18-0 halftime lead.

Panhandle's only scoring threat came in the closing seconds of the first half. The Panthers were 33 yards away from scoring when Pease was penalized for a face-mask grab. That penalty gave Panhandle a 1-10 from the 17 with 2:04 left on the clock. Jeff Posey and Mike Morrow stopped Robert Broyles at the line on their first play from scrimmage. Alva West and Wes Counts nailed Mayfield on a quarterback sprint right and David Underhill met Mayfield head-on on 3rd down facing a 4th down pass from the 4 yard line.

Wes Counts, with support from Keith Blair, knocked down the pass in the end zone. As the Panthers treked to the dressing room, spirits broken, the Yellowhammer fans enjoyed an 18-0 halftime lead—their first in several weeks.

The Yellowhammers scored quick in the opening minutes of the 3rd period. David Thornton picked off a Panther pass

at the 26 and returned it 19 yards to the 7 yard line. Mullins carried to the 6. Weathersbee picked up a yard to the 5 and an incomplete pass to Mike Morrow set up a 4th and goal from the 5 yard line. A quick, 4th down pass from Weathersbee to Thornton put Rotan out in front 24-0 with 10:03 left in the third period.

An intercepted pass by Dale Cox late in the third period set up Rotan's final score of the day. Mullins, Mark Harris and Pease alternated running plays covering 38 yards to the Panhandle 2, before Pease dove over behind blocks by Dale Eaton and Wes Counts for the score. The final point of the day was scored by Greg Hayes on the extra point kick.

Hayes punted 5 times for an average of 36.0 per try and his towering kicks were responsible for keeping Panhandle deep in their end of the field all afternoon.

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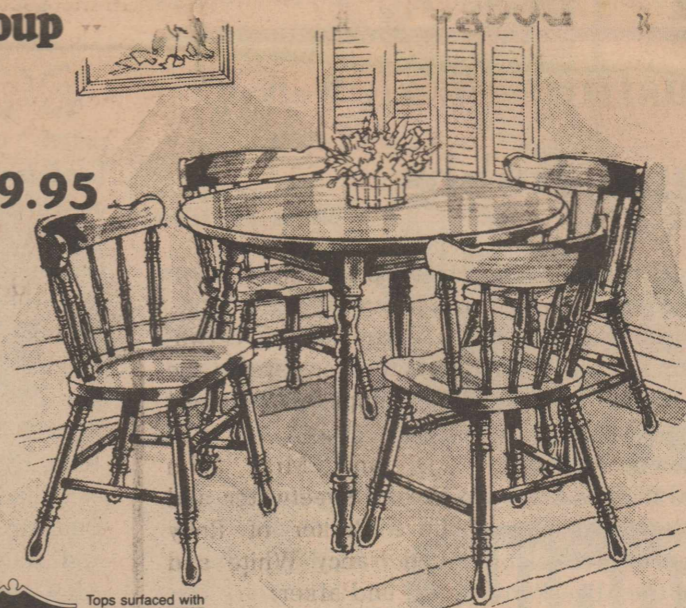
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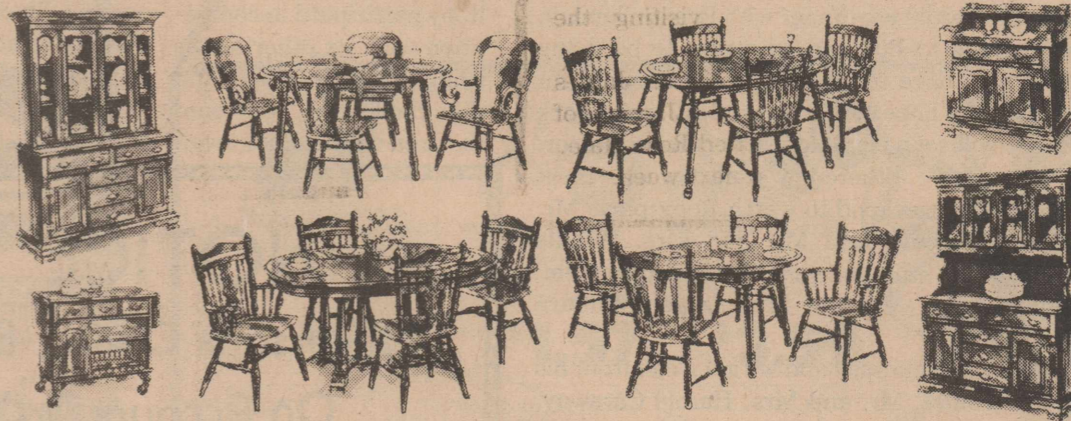
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Jacksboro with the band from Pilot Point. Band director is David Morgan, drum major is senior Dean Harbin.

Roby Expecting High Finish In Zone Race, Eight Senior Players Return

Roby boys basketball Coach Mickey McCarty, in his 4th year at the helm, carried his team to a 17-11 record in 1979, winning the zone championship and losing the district

game to Ira. Roby appears to be one of the front-runners in the district in 1980 with a 12-man varsity squad laced with 8 seniors. Of the eight senior

varsity players, four are regular starters, with the other two players, junior, Todd Etheredge, and sophomore, Robby King, splitting duty. The four senior starters include Dan Etheredge, Walter Cave, Mark Pope and Leonard Hernandez. Other senior members are John Morgeson, James Streety, David Stewart, and Scott Thomson.

Earlier in the tournament Roby defeated Paint Creek 58-44 then lost a one-point decision to Roscoe, 44-43.

Gary Gibbs New City Gro. Mgr.

Gary Gibbs has been hired by Ronnie Tomlinson, owner of City Grocery in Roby, as the new assistant store manager, it was announced last Monday.

Gibbs, a former employee of Midwest Electric Cooperative, and native of Cleburne, was a building contractor before moving to the Roby area.

His wife, Vicki, also a City Grocery employee, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Winfred Jones of Roby.

As assistant manager Gibbs will train in the grocery section then train in the market section of City Grocery.

The Roby junior varsity squad is made up of 4 juniors, 3 sophomores and 6 freshmen and recently defeated Roscoe JV by a score of 45-33. Joe Carreon, freshman, was high point man with 11 points in the Roscoe win. Others scoring were Kirk Williamson 9, Mark Mauldin 6, Mike Herrington 4, Rudy Carreon 2, Chad Terry 4, John Etheredge 4, and Jerry Wallace 5.

Other team members include Robert Allen, Keven Neves, Tom Duckworth, Noel Field, Todd Coker, and Frank Gonzales.

National Gypsum Will Expand Businesses

The signing of an agreement for the purchase of the assets of Clark Aluminum Company of Houston, by National Gypsum Company was recently announced. The transaction contemplates the combining of Clark's business with that of Binning's Building Products, a division of National Gypsum.

Upon completion of the transaction, scheduled for January, 1981, Clark Aluminum will become an operating unit of Binning's with some of Clark's products still marketed under its Spartan trade name.

Binning's, located in Lexington, North Carolina, is a manufacturer of a complete line of quality aluminum and glass building products including prime windows, patio doors and storm windows and doors. It merchandises its product line south to Atlanta, north of New Jersey and west to Tennessee. Acquisition of Clark Aluminum Company, which also manufactures aluminum doors and windows, will enable Binning's to extend its sales into the growing Southwest market.

R.E. Scifres, chairman and chief executive officer of National Gypsum Company, stated that the Binning's operation has more than doubled its sales in the last five years, and had made a significant contribution to National Gypsum.

"The potential growth of the Southwest and the continued escalating costs of energy create a strong demand for aluminum

energy efficient windows and doors. These factors should allow us to expect favorable performance from this segment of our business," Mr. Scifres said.

National Gypsum's operating divisions produce a diversified line of building, construction and remodeling products, including gypsum wallboard, ceramic tile, wallcoverings and coordinated fabrics, glass for furniture, mirrors, aluminum storm doors and windows, cushioned vinyl flooring and siding.

Junior team members playing on the varsity include Mike Porter and Mark Mauldin. Roby currently has a season record of 4-2 and defeated their latest opponent McCaulley 66-35 last Saturday in the Trent Tournament.

Walter Cave and Dan Etheredge tied for high point individual in the game with 16 points each. Others scoring for Roby were Mark Pope 4, Leonard Hernandez 5, Robby King 2, Scott Thomson 2, John Morgeson 3, and Todd Etheredge 9.

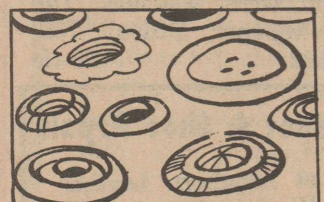
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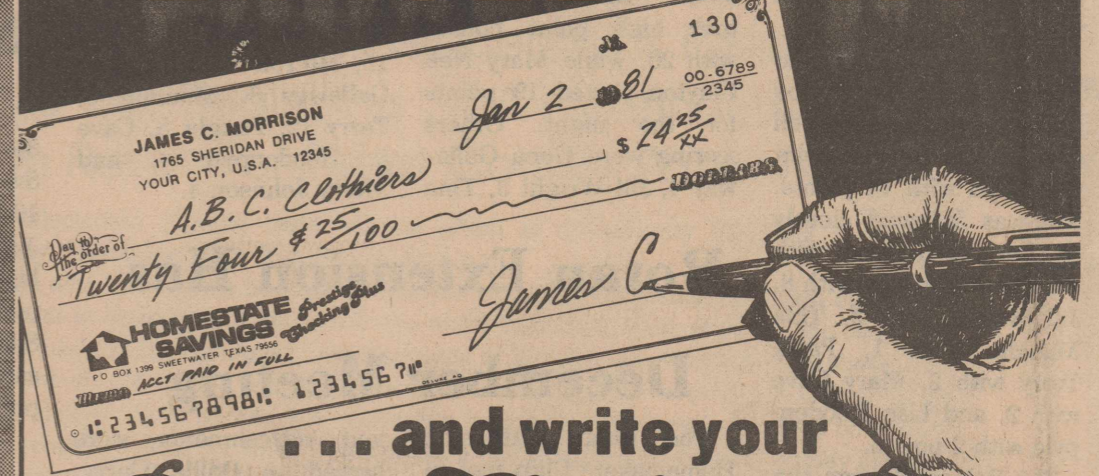
Mary Adams from First Baptist church sponsored our monthly birthday party. Cake and punch were served.

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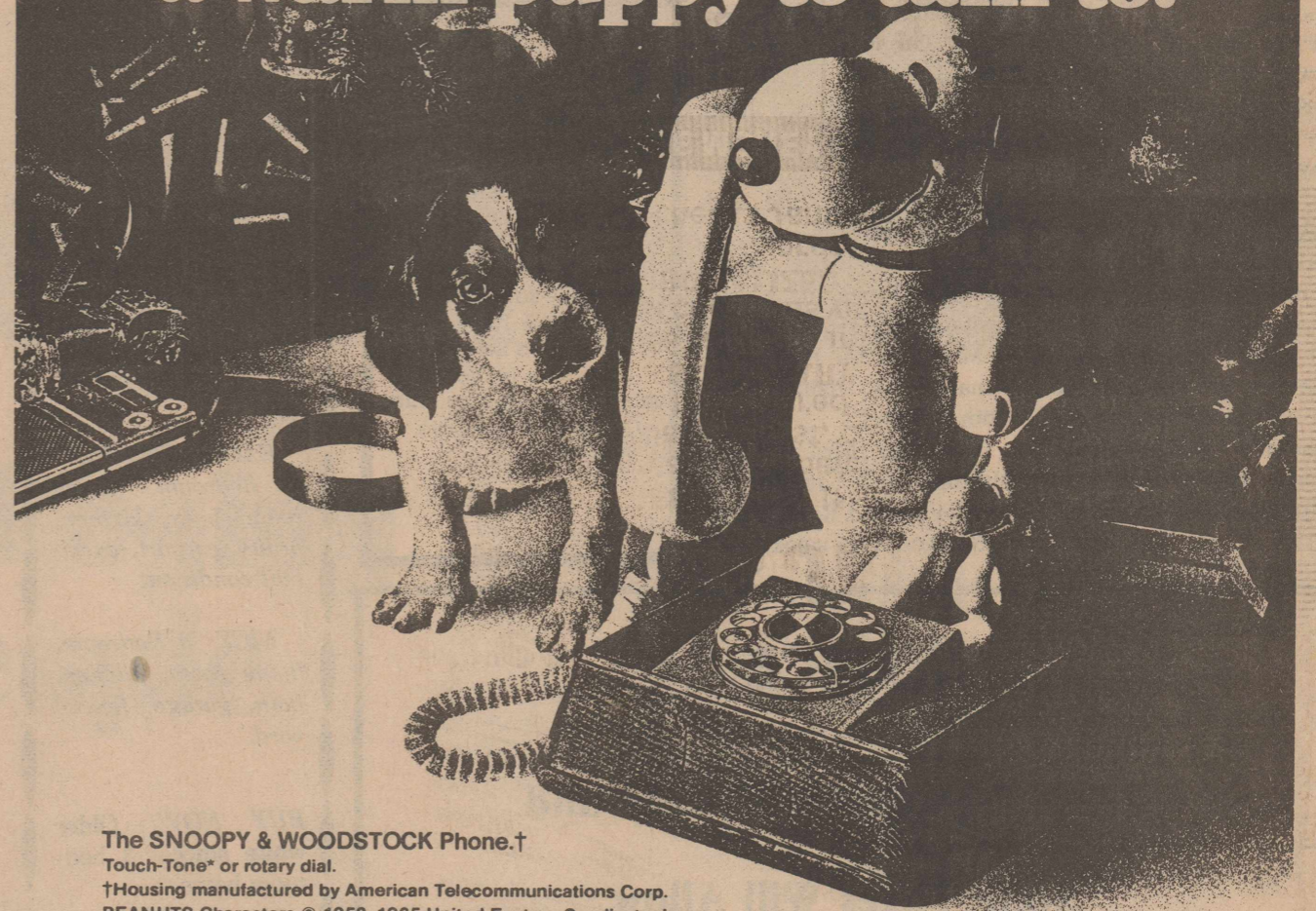
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Rotan Varsity Girls Defeat Hamlin For District Win

The Rotan girls overcame their first big obstacle last week by defeating Hamlin by two points, 53-51, after trailing by 8 points in the 3rd quarter, for their first district victory.

Rocky Garza was the

high point individual with 17 points; others scoring were Elisa Carrillo 4, Ann Gentry 14, Laura Gruben 12, and Kellie Pease 5. Other team members include Dena Tucker, Angie Sepeda, Nina Carrillo and Pat Martinez.

The Rotan girls met

Hamlin two days later in the Anson Tournament and this time were defeated by a score of 51-45. Ann Gentry had 11 points, Elisa Carrillo 7, Rocky Garza 8, Laura Gruben 4, Dena Tucker 2, Kellie Pease 6, and Pat Martinez 7.

In the second game of

the tournament Rotan defeated Stamford 82 to 18 with Laura Gruben getting high point honors with 13 points. Ann Gentry, Elisa Carrillo and Rocky Garza each had 12 points, Dena Tucker had 8, Kellie Pease 1, Angie Sepeda 8, Nina Carrillo 4, and Pat Martinez 12.

Rotan 8th Grade Is Winner Over Hamlin

The Rotan 8th grade girls team defeated Hamlin by a score of 49-19 with Kathy Conner scoring 13 points for high point individual honors. Others scoring were K. Warren 4, S. Carrillo 8, D. Gray 5, S. Hayes 2, A. Callan 3, T. Whitefield 6, L. Matinez 4, A. Overby 2, and L. Furlow 2.

The 7th grade girls defeated Hamlin by a score of 32-9 with Tina Mendoza getting 12 points. Others scoring were J. Martinez 2, L. Ortega 6, C. Daniel 8, and G. Ramirez 4. Other team members are P. Yanez, S. King, A. Soliz, D. Almanza, M. Sepeda and M. Field.

Rotan Junior Varsity Wins At Aspermont

The Rotan junior varsity girls defeated Aspermont last week by a score of 21-20 with Kristi Holt getting high point honors with 8 points in the win. Others scoring were Donna Martinez 6, Jana Smith 3, Dana Nowlin 2.

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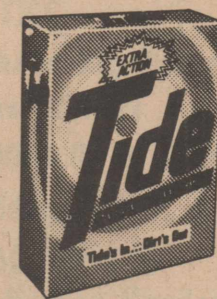
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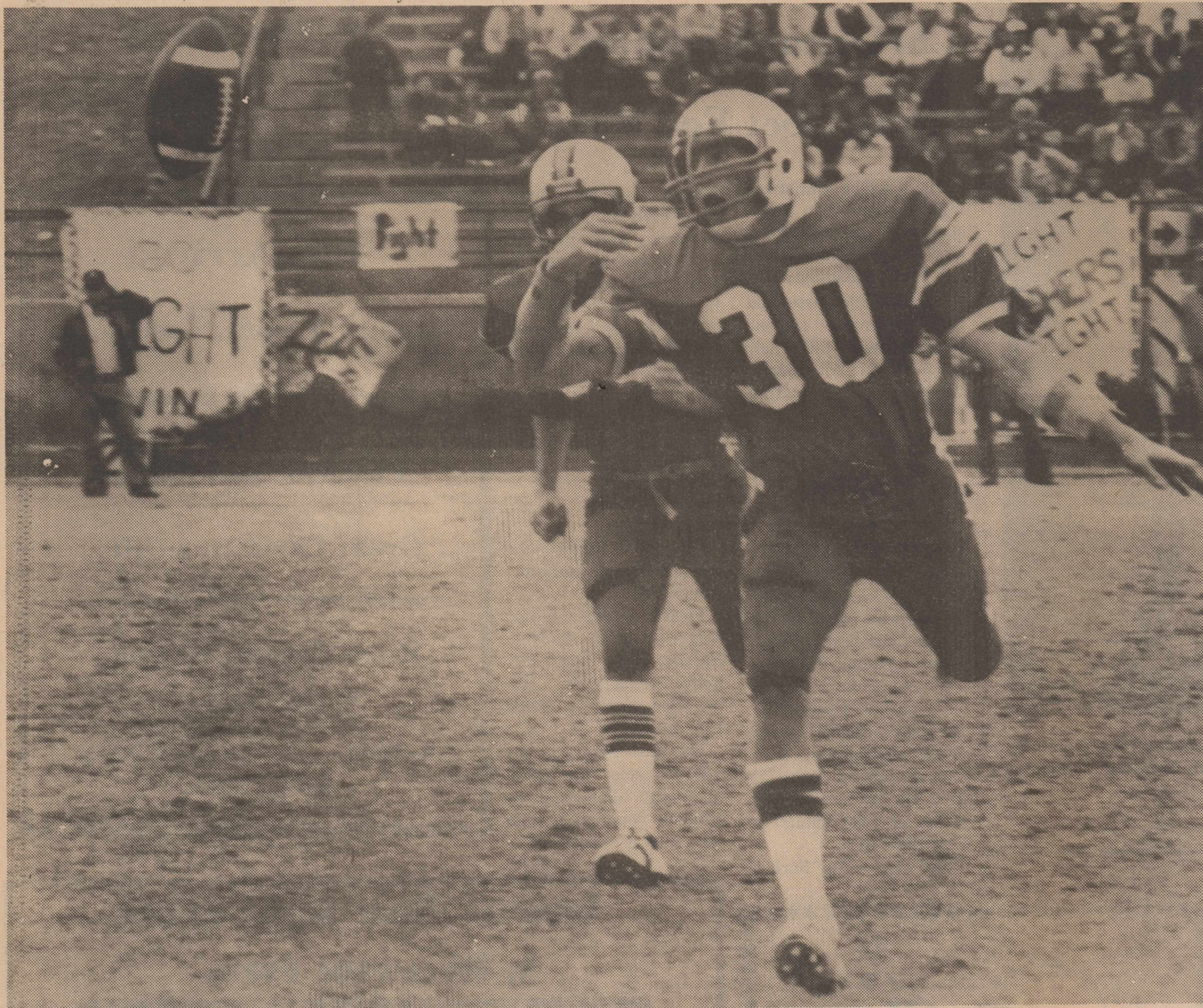
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TOUCHDOWN PASS: Rotan senior end, David Thornton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Thornton, scored two touchdowns last Saturday on passes from Byron Weathersbee. Thornton scored on passes of 5 yards and 29 yards as the Yellowhammers defeated Panhandle 31-6.

Rotan Plans "Orange Crush" Pep Rally

Rotan Cheerleaders, under the direction of sponsor Linda Dickson, are planning an "Orange Crush" pep rally this Friday afternoon at 1:00 p.m., at the Rotan High School Gymnasium. Cheerleaders will be selling Orange Crush can-

ned drinks at 12:45 and are encouraging students in all grades plus fans to purchase the drinks at a cost of 30 cents prior to the 1:00 pep rally. When the drinks are consumed, cheerleaders will fill the empty cans with rocks, tape tops and provide

those attending the pep rally and game with "instant" Orange Crush shakers. Mrs. Linda Dickson plans to recognize the mothers of varsity players at the pep rally and will provide special recognition to the mothers of Rotan

cheerleaders. Rotan cheerleaders are responsible for decorating the annual Christmas Tree in the main hall of the high school. This year the tree was decorated with lights and orange footballs embossed with players names. "The best Christ-

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Christmas Lighting Contest Set For Roby

There will be Christmas Lighting Contest in Roby, sponsored by the Roby Fire Department Auxiliary. The deadline for entries has been extended until December 18 and judging will be held December 21. All persons interested in entering

need to have their lights on as early as possible on December 21 for judging.

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Funeral Services Held For Former Rotan Lady

Arlene House, 53, of Hobbs, N.M., formerly of Rotan, died Thursday, Dec. 4, at her home of an apparent heart attack. Services were held at 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7, at First Baptist Church in Rotan, directed by Weathersbee Funeral Home.

The Rev. Jerry McFather, pastor of First Baptist Church, officiated. Burial was in Rotan Cemetery.

Born Nov. 6., 1927, in Rotan, she married Leon House April 17, 1948, in Sweetwater. The couple moved to Hobbs in 1951 from Rotan. She worked for 25 years in the insurance business, working for Reed B. Harmon Insurance Agency and Charlie Sparks Insurance Agency. She was a Baptist.

She was preceded in death by her father, and two brothers, Ray in 1963 and Durwood in 1920.

Survivors include her husband of Hobbs; her mother, Mrs. Clyde T. Green of Rotan; and a brother, Jackie Green of Colorado City.

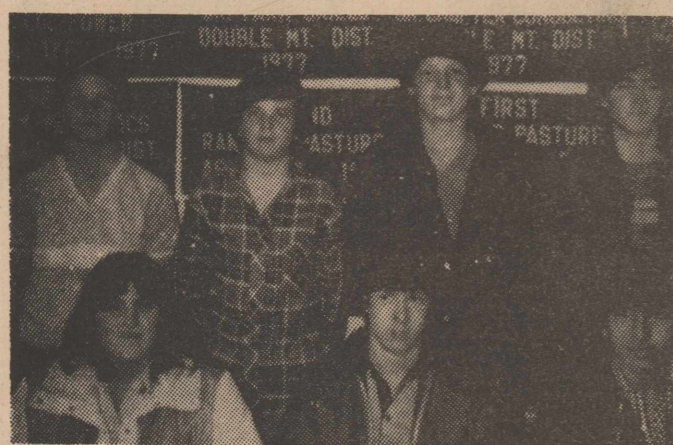
Pallbearers were Sam Burton, Wade Powell, Mike Garner, Charlie Sparks, Obie Gene Kelley, and Dan Park.



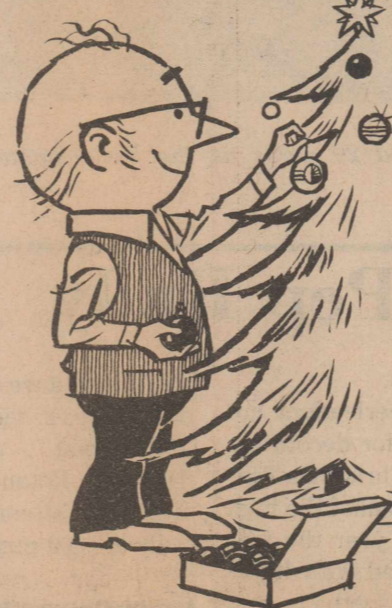
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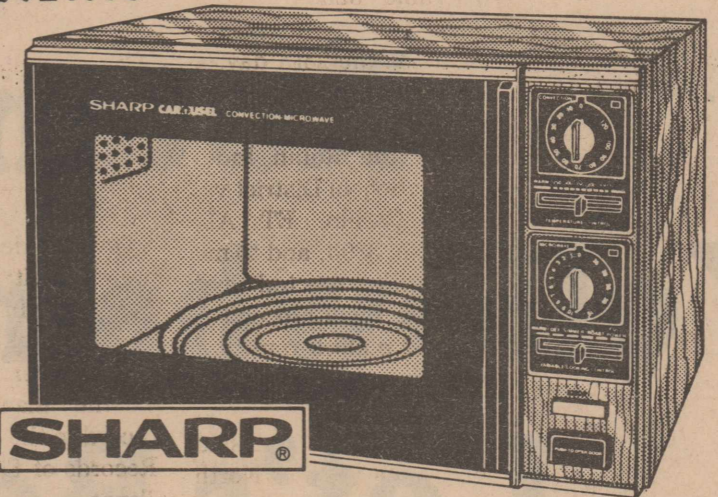
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New Insecticide Is Introduced

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reduce or eliminate fly breeding sites. Always follow label directions when using pesticides.

Paradichlorobenzene (PDB) crystals are for use as a fumigant for peach tree borers to be placed around fruit trees such as peach, apricot, cherry and plum. On a warm day (55 deg. or above) with dry soil conditions, place 1/2 oz. of crystals around a 2-3 year old tree, 3/4 oz. for a 4-5 year old tree, and 1 oz. for mature trees in a grove, 2 in. from the

trunk. Then cover with 6 in. of soil around the base of the tree and leave the mound until late March or early April after which you should level it out. PDB and ethylene dichloride can also be applied to peach trees infested with lesser peach tree borer. A mixture of 4 oz. PDB in 1 pint of miscible oil diluted in 2 pints of water is painted on the wounds made by the lesser peach tree borer where gum, frass and sawdust are extruded from the trunk

and branches. This should be done after the tree has lost its leaves and only on the damaged area, so as to not completely encircle the trunk or limb. Ethylene dichloride for borer control should be used according to label directions.

This winter when you bring in wood from the wood pile outside to burn in the fireplace or wood stove, you may be bringing in some unwanted pests. As the wood warms up in your home, ants,

termites, wood boring beetles, spiders, and scorpions may warm up too, and begin moving about. To avoid bites and stings while handling wood, wear gloves and long sleeves and bring in only a day's supply of carefully inspected wood. Plastic can be placed underneath firewood stored on the ground to reduce termite infestations and your woodpile should be placed well away from the house and certainly not in the house if you want to keep these

pests out. One word of caution: NEVER apply insecticides to firewood, as toxic fumes and unpleasant odors may occur.

I would like to acknowledge Marlin Rice, Extension Entomologist at Dickens, for information on peach tree borers and lesser peach tree borer control. Also, John L. Ferguson, area communications specialist and John W. Norman, Extension Entomologist for the information on the hazards of the woodpile.

Secret Pal Group Holds Luncheon

A luncheon for the Secret Pal Club members was recently held at the home of Mrs. Virgil Weems in Rotan.

Members present were Ludie Harris, Mary Ann Rodriguez, Mrs. Opal Burch, Mrs. Myrtle Kelton, Mrs. Clyde Farrar, Mrs. Wanda Kiker, Mrs. Hazel Smith, Mrs. L.R. Weems, Mrs. Marvin Ahsley, Mrs. Tracy King, Mrs. Lillie Herron, Mrs. John Palmer, Mrs. Joe Ballenger, Mrs. Earnest Hammer, Mrs. O.D. Knox and Mrs. Lowell Thornburg.

Guests were Ericka Ramirez, Mr. Virgil Weems, and Mr. L.R. Weems.

The Blessing was asked Mr. L.R. Weems.

Thornton Art Exhibit Set For Snyder

The annual Art Faculty Exhibition is scheduled Dec. 7-19 in the Fine Arts Gallery at Western Texas College.

Works to be shown in the art exhibition are water colors by John Gibson, instructor of art, and Mike Thornton, associate professor of art. A feature of the show will be a "West Texas Dinner Party" with stoneware service for eight, serving pieces and accessories designed by Thornton. The works in the show will be for sale.

Weathersbee Gets Honors At U. Texas

Burt Weathersbee of Rotan was among 43 engineering students elected to Tau Beta Pi, Texas Alpha Chapter, at the University of Texas at Austin, during Fall 1980 initiation ceremonies on December 7. This is a high honor for an engineering student, as election to Tau Beta Pi is based on both outstanding scholarship and character. Burt is the son of Mr. and Mrs. S.M. Weathersbee of Rotan.

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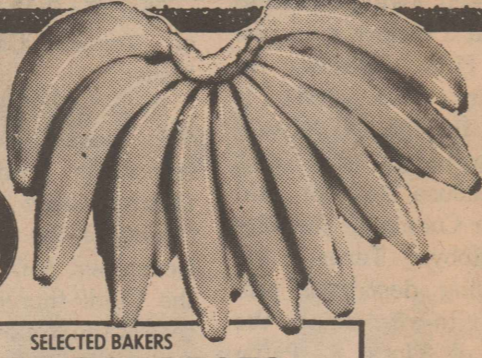
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