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### Jerry Marshall Announces For Position Of Rotan Mayor

Rotan City Councilman Dr. Jerry Marshall has executed the necessary paperwork to have his name placed on the April 6th Rotan City election ballot for the position of Rotan Mayor. As of last Tuesday, he was the only applicant for the position of mayor.

Retired Rotan National Gypsum employee Jim McCright has made application to have his name on the ballot for the position of Rotan City Councilman.

Dr. Jerry Marshall is finishing his second term (4 years) as a member of the Rotan City Council. Prior to his city involvement he served on the Rotan School Board for 11 years. He resigned his school board post in order to clear the way for the board to hire his wife, Mary Ann Marshall, as a teacher.

Dr. Jerry Marshall mov-

ed to Rotan in 1966 after serving a three year tour in the United States Navy. He attended Texas Tech for a year, Tarleton for two years and was in the University of Texas Dental Branch in Houston for 4 years prior to his military service.

Born in Brady, Dr. Marshall and his wife Mary Ann were united in 1959. She is originally from San Saba County. They have two children, Jerrilyn age 19, a student at Southwestern Texas State in San Marcos and Mark, age 8, a Rotan 3rd grade student.

He is a member of the Rotan Lions' Club where he serves as secretary and is District Deputy District Governor for the Lions Club. He is a member of the Texas and American Dental Association.

When asked his reason for seeking the post of Rotan Mayor he said "I

feel a strong attraction to Rotan and want to continue to see this community prosper. My primary reason for seeking the position is to retain some continuity with the present city administration and see the several projects currently underway brought a

to successful finish." Jim McCright is a candidate for the Rotan City Council. He has been a resident of Rotan since 1940. He came to Rotan from Royston. He was born in Wise County (Dacatur) and recently retired (1983) from 34 1/2 years of

service with National Gypsum Company. He was the cost accountant at the time of his retirement. He and his wife Jimmie, originally from Rotan, have one child, Lorna of Saginaw.

management.

This crowd pleasing event allows the general public to see one of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo's youth programs "in action."

McCaulley Observes School Week

The McCaulley Independent School District would like to inform the public that we will be observing "Texas Public School Week" March 4-8. We urge any parent or member of our community to come by, pay us a visit, and eat lunch if you wish.

Fire Fund Started For McDonald's

A fire fund has been started at First National Bank for Crickett and Roxy McDonald. Their house and household goods were heavily damaged in a recent fire.

Little League Organizational Meeting Feb. 21

There will be an organizational meeting for the Rotan-Roby Little League Thursday, February 21. The meeting will be held at Homestate Savings at 7:00 p.m. All those who are interested in the 1985 little league season are urged to attend. Officers will be elected and plans be made to begin the year.

Roby Board Extends 85-86 Contracts

Roby School Board members extended a contract to Principals George Price and Mickey Early, during the monthly meeting of the board conducted last Monday night.

In other action the board passed a motion to continue taxing automobiles and approved the placement of Melody Gordon on the list of substitute teachers.

Board members approved the career ladder committee policy, approved the 1985-86 school calendar and had a general discussion presented by Superintendent Jimmie Laurie on House Bill 72 and the UIL status.

Two From Rotan In Houston Scramble

Glen Overby, 14, and William Bradley Long, 17, both members of the Rotan FFA, will participate in the 1985 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo calf scramble on Feb. 23 in the Astrodome. The calf scramble is an exciting part of the rodeo action starring Charley Pride as part of that evening's performance.

Glen, is the son of Donald and Sharon Overby and Brad is the son of Williams and Relna Long, will compete for one of the 264 calf purchase certificates to be awarded at the 1985 rodeo. Additionally, as many as two youngsters from each rodeo performance are awarded a "hard luck" certificate for their strong efforts in attempting to catch a calf, resulting in an additional 32 certificates given.

The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo is Houston's largest entertainment extravaganza. But is also the city's largest charity event, will all net proceeds directly benefiting youth and education.

The board called the trustee election for Saturday, April 6th and appointed Irma Berry as election judge and Helen Heathington as absentee judge.

weren't Pete Garcia of Rotan, George Hicks and Ray Douglass of Sylvester.

The board members voted to accept the low bid of builder Ed Cole of Hamlin for \$13,192.65 for the construction of a new bus barn complex. Other bidders

Fisher County Gins Slow Production To Crawl

Fisher County's area gins reported a slow down in work this past week and one of them has announced it is finished for the season, joining ranks with Longworth Gin which completed its season last week.

The only gin to report a change in count from a week ago was Rotan Gin. It had ginned an additional 94 bales to put its total count at 9995 bales.

The Farmers Union Coop Gin ginned 852 bales this season and reports it has finished for the year. Farmers Gin is still at 3902 bales (the same as last week) but personnel in the office indicated that there are a few more loads on the dock to be finished.

Terry Gin also remained unchanged from one week ago with a count of 2186 bales.

County May Be Forced To Hire Full Time Jailers

Fisher County Commissioners got a dose of medicine that was hard to swallow last Monday morning-coming from Joe Slater, inspector for the Texas Jail Standards commission. Slater appeared before the commissioners on an unofficial visit and informed the court that he would be making an inspection of the Fisher County Jail on March 4th.

"The big item is going to be the fact that we in Fisher County don't have an adequate staff of full time jailers," said Fisher County Sheriff Mickey Counts.

Commissioners are expected to study the entire jail problem in depth within the next few months in an effort to come up with

solutions to what they know is going to be a big item on Slater's inspection of the facility on March 4th.

Counts has begun a cost study on feeding prisoners, cost of utilities, supplies, transportation, etc. and will be making these figures available to commissioners to assist them in their decision making.

In other action at last Monday's commissioner meeting, commissioners named both the First National Bank of Rotan and Citizen's State Bank of Roby as joint county depositories and authorized Veteran Service Officer Austin McKinney to attend a 2 day orientation school.

### Cotton Production Meet In Roby Feb. 18

A Cotton Production Meeting will be held Monday, February 18 at 7:30 p.m. at the Courthouse Annex in Roby, according to Richard Spencer, County Agent.

Three Extension Specialists will speak at the program, Al Alexander, Area Agronomist will speak on Cultural practices. Mike Hickey, Extension Soil Chemist will speak on fertilizer practices for this area and Emory Boring, Area Entomologist will speak on cotton pest management. Alexander and Boring are headquartered at Vernon. Hickey is from Lubbock.

Although most cotton farmers have completed one of the worst crops in history, it's time to look to 1985 and make plans for a bumper crop, according to Spencer.

The program is being

4-Hers Senior Citizen Banquet

All Senior Citizens of Fisher County are invited to attend the Fisher County Annual 4-H Valentine Banquet honoring them, February 14 at 6:00 p.m. in the Senior Citizen's Center. Come and share the evening with the 4-H members as they provide the delicious food and entertainment for your enjoyment.

Roby Band Parents To Hold Meeting

The Roby Band Parents will have a meeting Thursday, Feb. 21st at 7:30 p.m. at the band hall.

All parents are urged to attend.

sponsored by the Fisher County Crops Committee and the Fisher County Extension Service.

Agricultural Extension Service serve people of all ages regardless of socio-economic levels, race, color, sex, religion, national origin or handicapped.



ROTAN SCOUTS: (l to r) Jason Moffett, Brandon Sheehan, David Nowlin, Scott Nowlin and Dwayne Whittaker, will advance to District competition in Sweetwater Saturday, February 16.



PINEWOOD DERBY WINNERS: The above 4 Rotan Cub Scouts will advance to District competition in Sweetwater Saturday, February 16. From l to r: Lee Yanez, Joe Gonzalez, Paul Hester and Dee Dycus.



DONATION MADE: Vivian Ryan, right, VFW Auxiliary President, presents Annie Weems, left, County Senior Citizens Coordinator with a check for \$108.00 for the purpose of bingo cards for the center.



PRESENTED AWARD: Olan Fryar, left, received a 5 year Advisor Tenure Award from the Texas Young Farmers. The award was presented to Fryar by Lee Scott Smith, right, President of the Rotan Young Farmers.

Commissioners Grant 7% Pay Hike

Fisher County commissioners, during a special session of the Fisher County Commissioners court on Tuesday, January 29th, approved a motion made by Billy Henderson and seconded by Jay Hendon to give a 7% raise and \$20.00 per month on travel to commissioners to all Fisher County officials and employees effective on February 1st, 1985. The vote on the motion was 4 in favor and none against.

At the same special meeting, Jimmy Wright made a motion seconded by Tommie Jack Stuart to accept the low bid for liability insurance of \$16,372.00 presented by Roby Insurance Agency.

Roby Hosts Playoffs

Monday Feb. 18th at Roby, Highland will play Weinert at 6:30 p.m. followed by Aspermont vs. Roscoe at 8:00. Admission will be \$2 for adults and \$1 for students.

Kim's Korner  
By Kim Pease

Things To Consider

I have an early case of "spring fever" and I don't feel like writin' nothin'. Sorry. Just so you won't be weaned off "Kim's Korner", cold turkey and go into deep withdrawals, I'm giving you some things to consider. It comes from a famous man-her goes "you cannot strengthen the weak by weakening the strong."

"You cannot help small men by tearing down big men."

"You cannot help the poor by destroying the rich."

"You cannot lift the wage earner by pulling down the wage payer."

"You cannot keep out of trouble by spending more than your income."

"You cannot further the brotherhood of man by class hatreds."

"You cannot establish security on borrowed money."

"You cannot build character and courage by taking away a man's initiative and independence."

"You cannot help men permanently by doing for them what they could and should do for themselves."

-The 16th President of the United States, Abraham Lincoln





McCAULEY JR. HIGH TEAM: Top row (l to r) Renee Austin, Carol Kirby, Dena Lafler, Autumn Shelley, and Marcia Stevenson. Bottom row (l to r) Rachel Coleman, Tricia Hogan, Michelle Martinez, Betty Perez, and Terri Scott.

### McCaulley Jr. High Girls Capture District Championship

The McCaulley Junior High girls captured the District Championship after defeating Paint Creek here Friday night. The girls record for the 1984-85 season stands 16-3. The girls were also District

Champs for 1983-84. After losing their first game in the Highland Tournament to the excellent team from Roscoe they won consolation. The girls won their first two games in the Roscoe tournament which brought them back to face

the team from Roscoe again. The girls lost only by 4 points and won 2nd place in the tournament. Carol Kirby and Marci Stevenson were named to the "All Tournament Team." The district record was 9-1.

### Roby Students Attend UIL Journalism Practice Meet In San Angelo Feb. 9th

The second Angelo State University UIL Journalism practice meet was held

Saturday, February 9. Among the 70-80 students attending, Roby High

School was represented by Kim Hunt, Melodie Way, Debbie Everett, Michelle Burk and Kathy Hunt.

Other schools represented from this area included Abilene High, San Angelo Central, Junction, Coperas Cove, Crane, Lake View, Ft. Stockton, Lamesa, Lohn, and Wall High Schools.

The meet was sponsored by the Journalism Department and the campus Chapter of Society of Professional Journalist, Sig-

ma Delta Chi of ASU.

The five events for competition were Newswriting, Feature Writing, Editorial Writing, Healdine Writing and Sportswriting.

Kim Hunt won 2nd in Newswriting, Melodie Way placed 5th in Editorial, and Kim Hunt also placed 6th in Editorial Writing.

## Roby Varsity Girls Close Out Season

The varsity girls from Roby closed out the season on a sour note with two losses suffered at the

hands of Rule and Aspermont. Against Rule the Lions fell by a score of 55 to 60. Three girls made double

figures. Susan Gaona led the team with 17 while 12 points were earned by both Cindy Gonzalez and Sabrina Herron.

Stacy Terry and Kerrie Upshaw had 4 points each while Charla Wiley scored 3, Cherie Feagan had 2 and Tammy Mauldin had 1.

Susan Gaona was high scorer against Aspermont as well with 13 points but it wasn't enough to keep the Lions from a deficit of

15 points in a game that ended at 52 to 67. Other scores came from: Sabrina Herron (8), Jennifer Wright (8), Cindy Gonzalez (6), Deena Williamson (4), Tammy Mauldin (3), Charla Wiley (3), Cherie Feagan (3), Marcy Mauldin (2), and Kerrie Upshaw (2).

### Hospital News

Patients admitted to the Fisher County Hospital from Feb. 5 thru Feb. 11 were: Leo Castillo; JoAnn Cleveland; Wilburn O. Melton; Maebell Ogden; Annie Paske; Winnie Donham; Melissa Matthes; Jacob Yanez; Frank N. Price; Stephanie Yanez; Bessie Hale; Hubert Jones and Mary Jane Sparks, all of Rotan; Mild-

red Brown; Jacqueline A. Nazworth; and Christy Castill, all of Roby; Virginia Williams; Dorothy Smith; Norma Fitzgerald; all of Spur; Dena Sharp; and San Etheredge, both of Hermleigh; A.C. Middleton, Anson; Bertha Moreland; Eunice Daniels; and Homer G. Hodges, all of Jayton.

### Rotan Students Attend Meeting At Texas Tech

Attending the Texas Tech University Tournament on February 8 were Tony Gruben, David Stevens, Raymond Baker, Lyle Hale, Meg Field, Todd Gruben, Barbara McCain and Patsy Hamric. Lyle Hale broke semis and Meg broke finals. Tony and David debated Friona, Lubbock Monterey, Lubbock High, Mt. Carmel High, Wichita, Kansas.

### Books Purchased By Homemakers Of America

The purchase of the following books was made possible through a donations made by the Future Homemakers of America of Rotan High School 1978-1979: Children's books: Beginning to learn about numbers by Allington; Let's read a Story by Gruenberg; Lonely Veronica by Duvoisin; Read It Yourself Storybook by Jacobs; What Do People Do All Day? by Scarry; What Do You Do, Dear? by Joslin; What Do You Say, Dear? by Joslin; See and Say by Frascioni.

Adults books: Juggling by Baldrige; Raising God's Children by Bryant; How To Be Single Creatively by Fracchia; A Child Is Born by Nilsson; Growing Up Free by Pograd; Pioneer Women by Stratton; Family Circle Diet and Exercise Book; McCall's Crochet Treasury; Underground houses by Roy; Modern Patchwork by Martens; Let's Make a Patchwork Quilt by MacDonald; Afghans-Trad-

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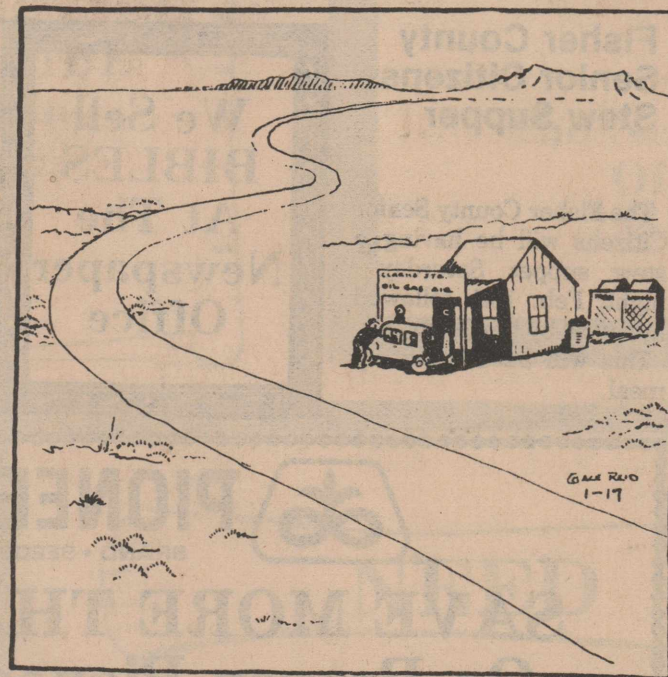
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One acre tract of land out of the Southeast corner of Section No. 116, Block No. 2, H & T.C. Ry. Co. Surv Fisher County, Texas, more particularly described in a deed, dated July 24, 1899, recorded in Volume 9, Page 258, Deed Records of Fisher County, Texas, reference to which is hereby made for all legal purposes.

Priority of sale to be given to the adjoining landowners.

Marshal Bennett  
County Judge  
51:3tc

### Legal Notice

Fisher County Commissioners Court will meet Friday, February 15 at 9 A.M. at the Courthouse in Roby, Texas to accept bids for a 1966 Huber 1400 Maintainer. For more information, contact Billy Henderson, Commissioner Precinct #2, 915-735-2524. Court reserves the right to accept or reject all bids.

52:2tc



6 LB. TURNIP: Mrs. Floyd Garcia, Sr., displays a 6 lbs. turnip at their home west of Rotan.

### Visitors

Hill G. Smith of Lewisville, Texas, returned from a skiing trip in Taos, N.M. by way of Rotan and had lunch with Mrs. Laurie Smith and Jill Darden Thursday.

Prescribed burning is rapidly becoming an important range improvement technique. It is being used

effectively as a single practice or in conjunction with other techniques to control unwanted vegetation such as pricklypear

and cedar, as well as to suppress mesquite, oaks and other hardwood seedlings.

Improving forage quality

and quantity by reducing mature vegetative cover on pastureland, such as kleingrass and weeping lovegrass, is another use. In addition, properly planned burns can improve wildlife habitat, facilitate handling of livestock, improve grazing distribution and reduce wildfire hazards.

Before you can expect a successful burn, though, several factors must be analyzed. These include the amount and continuity of the fuel, primarily grass, on the land; and weather conditions (humidity, air temperature, soil moisture, wind velocity and direction, etc.)

Also, proper management must be considered far in advance of the actual burn to insure that the forage is in good vigor to protect it from fire damage and to provide enough fuel to carry the fire. Afterward, good grazing man-

agement is equally important to allow the desirable plants to benefit from the burn. Safety, of course, should always be of the utmost importance.

With all of the factors to consider, it is understandable why some people are hesitant to consider pre-

scribed burning. The Soil Conservation Service has trained personnel who can help you develop these factors into a sound management plan and assist you in following through with that plan. Contact us at the Rotan Field Office for more information.

## Prescribed Burning Important Technique

### Funeral Held For George M. Peoples

George M. Peoples, 83, of Roby, died at his home at 9 p.m. Wednesday.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Saturday at First Baptist Church in Roby with the pastor Rev. Jim Ritter, officiating. Burial was in the Longworth Ce-

metery under the direction of Weathersbee Funeral Home.

Mr. Peoples was born March 19, 1901, in Runnels County. He was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. George C. Peoples. He has lived in Fisher County since moving here in 1916 from Arkadelphia,

Arkansas. He married Sabra Hanna, August 14, 1926, at Snyder. The couple farmed in the Longworth Community until retiring in 1969 and moving to Roby. He was a member of the First Baptist Church.

He is preceded in death by a daughter, Ramona, in 1977; and 3 brothers and 1 sister.

He is survived by his wife of the home; 3 sons, Milton of Roby; Weldon of Big Spring; and Edwin of Kansas City, Missouri; 1 daughter, Mrs. Waylon (Gracie) Williams of Long worth and 5 grandchildren.

### Golden Haven Nursing Home

Residents at Golden Haven Home wish everyone a Happy Valentine Day.

Visiting Addie Seibert-Marie Matthies, Sonya May, Waymon and Darrin Leverton, all of Rotan. Visiting Johnnie Mulanex-Gail Lobdell of Sweetwater. Visiting Bill Allen-Norma Maberry of Sylvester. Visiting Ezell Whitte-Ivy May Early of

Abilene. Visiting Letha Meek-Judy Justiss and Misty Peoples of Sweetwater. Visiting Elizabeth Hale-Tommy Ed Hale of Sweetwater. Visiting Eva Chapman-Jack and Irene Chapman of Roscoe, Bill and Bertha Carlile of Sweetwater.

Our bingo winner was Octavaneous Harrell. Tempie West

### Rotan Extension Club Holds Regular Meeting

The Rotan Extension Homemakers Club met in the home of Mary and Louada Posey. Mrs. Alice Ballenger, our County Agent, met with us. Also we had two guests. Jeanne Fowler and Wilma Posey. We enjoyed having them.

Eda Bickerstaff presided, Ardell Floyd called the roll, we were to answer, if we read labels and how much do you read? Ardell also brought the recreation and fun time and read the minutes. Wanda Floyd read the report on the

council meeting of Feb. 5. Alice brought the program on understanding generic labels. We always enjoy her programs.

Those present were Eda Bickerstaff, Ardell Floyd, Beatrice Hargrove, Bobbie McKinney, Wanda Floyd, Dollie Curry, Oma Long, Effie Murphree, Hazel Aldridge, Hilda Rollins, our guests, Jeanne Fowler, and Wilma Posey, our hostesses Mary and Louada Posey. The next meeting will be with Hilda Rollins. Bobbie McKinney will present the program Feb. 21.

### Palette & Brush Club Conducts Meeting

The Palette and Brush Club met Feb. 11th at the Senior Citizens building in Rotan. It was an all day workshop with Myrtle Joiner.

Members present were Fay Anderson, June Anderson, Nan Arnett, Neoma Cauble, Billie Coffman, Jonnie Hoodenpyle, Nell Hughes, Sis Killingsworth, Edna McArthur, Bobbie McKinney, Sue

Medrano, Glenna Gene Moore, Luella Waddell and Bertha Warren.

The next meeting will be Feb. 18th at the annex in Roby. It will be an all day workshop with Myrtle Joiner.

### Fisher County Senior Citizens Stew Supper

The Fisher County Senior Citizens will be having a stew supper Saturday night, Feb. 16th followed by music by the Weaver's. This will be a make up meal.

### Pink Ladies Hold Meeting

The Pink Ladies Auxiliary met on Wednesday, February 6th, at the Fisher County Hospital. Mrs. Alta B. Hinson presented Mrs. Opal Burch with her 700 hour pin. Blood pressure day will be the 10th of April from 9-4 at the Lions Club building, and we will also have a Bake Sale that day. This is a good time for the ladies who cannot work for the organization at the hospi-

tal to help out by baking cakes, pies, cookies, etc. The meeting was followed by a luncheon. Our next meeting will be March 6th. Everyone be sure to come.

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Corn  
Salad  
Garlic Bread  
Cookies  
Milk

Wednesday  
Steakettes  
Potatoes  
Green Beans  
Hot Rolls  
Peach Cobbler  
Milk

Thursday  
Baked Chicken  
Potatoes  
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Hot Rolls  
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## Hustling Around Hobbs

By Joy Walker

Well, we have had some more cold weather, but not as bad as we have had, and the ground is beginning to get dry enough for the farmers to get in the fields.

Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Etheredge went to Snyder Tuesday night to watch the Sweetwater girls play Snyder; Shannon Wilburn plays on the Sweetwater team. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Wilburn and is Mrs. J.W. Etheredge's niece. Mr. and Mrs. Randy Etheredge also went to the basketball game. Mr. and Mrs. David Etheredge from San Angelo visited with the J.W. Etheredges over the weekend. Mr. and Mrs. Todd Etheredge and Mr. and Mrs. Randy Etheredge all spent the day with the J.W. Etheredges and David and Debra on Sunday.

Sam Etheredge is in the Fisher County hospital; he went in Sunday night, and we hope to hear that he will soon be feeling much better. Mr. and Mrs. C.J. Thornton took Mrs. Opal Phillips out to lunch on Sunday in Snyder, and then they went on to the Art Show at Western Texas College. They also visited the Museum at the College and admired their Valentine display.

Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Martinez and family from Rotan ate Sunday dinner and spent the day with the Rudolph Martinez's.

Jim and I went to Hawley on Monday night to watch the 7th and 8th grade girls

play. We went with Mr. and Mrs. Donnie Gruben and Mrs. John Carl Gruben. Tuesday we went to Abilene for the day, coming back by Hawley for 4 games, Junior Varsity boys and girls and the Varsity boys and girls. Wednesday we went to Snyder, and then Thursday night we went to Sweetwater and attended the Kodiak Smokeless Tobacco Evening Lions Club rodeo which was held at the Nolan County Coliseum. Thursday, Friday and Saturday. It was sure a good rodeo and the Coliseum was no nice and warm; we were expecting it to be cold but were pleasantly surprised, in fact, it might have been a little too warm. Friday we went back to the rodeo as Melody and Mark came in from Austin, and they both rode in the Slack after the show. Melody barrel raced and Mark calf roped. We didn't get home until after 2 the next morning as they had so many contestants. Saturday morning we were up bright and early and went to Abilene where Melody rode in the

WTBRA approved barrel race which was held at the New Horse Barn southwest of the Taylor County Coliseum. Sure had a good day and got to visit with lots of old friends, and Melody was lucky enough to win 1st place in one of the barrel races, and 3rd place in another. She is riding one of Jim's young mares, Dandy, and sure seems to be doing good on her. They both go to rodeos twice or three times a week, so she is putting lots of miles on the young mare. Sunday they left here around dinner; one the way back home they picked up another horse in Colorado City and visited with Mr. and Mrs. Pete Fincher from Sterling City. We really enjoyed our weekend and visiting with Mark and Melody.

Teressa Ratliff rode at Snyder at the Sundowners arena on Sunday and she was lucky enough to win their jackpot barrel race. Teressa is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Ratliff.

Well, have a Happy Valentines Day, and see you next week.

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Well, have a Happy Valentines Day, and see you next week.

## Roby Varsity Boys Squad Finish Season

The Roby Lions won two of their final three games for the season to conclude action for the year. Against Old Glory on February 8 the Lions had an easy time winning with a final score of 86 to 53.

Highest scorer for the Lions was Danny Carreon who led both teams with 33 points. Carreon managed thirteen field goals and seven free throws for the night. Also in two digits was Pache Parks who tallied 18 points, and

Bruce Williams with 15. The rest of Roby's scores came from Nyle Field (9), Mike Meek (5), and Benny Carreon, Todd Donham and Darry Thomson with 2 points each.

Against Rule on February 7 the Lions won with a score of 74 to 61. Bruce Williams led scoring with 21 points followed by Danny Carreon with 19 and Benny Carreon with 17.

Nyle Field had 8 points for the evening while Pache Parks followed close behind with 7 and Mike Meek completed the Roby scoring effort with two free throws for two points.

The Lion's only loss last week was against Aspermont in a close game that ended at 55 to 60. Nyle Field and Danny Carreon shared honors as highest scorers for Roby with 14

points each. Pache Parks had 9, Bruce Williams had

8, Benny Carreon had 7 and Mike Meek scored 3.

## Fisher County Nursing Home

We've all enjoyed the warm sunny days we've been having.

We have all been busy making and putting up Valentine decorations. Last Thursday LaNita Moore, Ella Singley, Edna Taggart, Katie Boales and Mabel King came to the dining room and cut out hearts from felt and decorated them for each patient's door. We also decorated the dining room and will have a Valentine's party this Thursday, Feb. 14th at 3:00 P.M.

Our bingo winners for this week are: Dove Blevis, Nellie McGuire, LaNita Moore, Mabel King. We also had a young visitor to play bingo with us. Her name is Selina Garcia.

Our domino winner was Ella Singley.

We want to thank Geraldine Parker, of Snyder, for the curling iron she brought us. It will sure come in handy! She is Jewel Cummings' daughter.

Our visitors for this week were Roy and Rita Carter from Snyder to see Clara Carter; Rick, Kellye, Leslye and Zack Starnes from Snyder to see Bill Starnes, and Janell Spalding from Hamlin.

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## Fisher County 4-H Members In Houston Livestock Show



The Murphy Family

Five FFA members from Rotan and 20 4-H members from Fisher County will be participating in the 1985 Houston Livestock Show, held Feb. 16-March 3. Animals exhibited by these competitors are a part of the 16,313 junior show entries expected for this year's show. Additionally, 8,960 open show entries and 3,011 horse show entries are expected for exhibition at the 1985 show.

The Houston Livestock Show, considered the world's largest, holds competition on two levels: for professional breeders and ranchers throughout the world and for FFA and 4-H members, represent-

ing 788 clubs and chapters, from throughout Texas.

"We take a tremendous amount of pride in knowing that the Houston Livestock Show attracts entries in the junior show that are more than just animals," noted Don Jobs, Jr., assistant general manager.

"They represent continuous, hard work by a Texas youngster who's committed himself or herself to a livestock project. These junior show exhibitors are a rare breed in themselves," he added.

Premium monies available for open and junior show exhibitors top more than half a million dollars in prize money and in

premium auction prices paid in excess of market value. Prior to the show, volunteer committee members contact auction buyers to guarantee that each market animal sold in the four junior auctions brings a price above the current market value of the animal.

Junior livestock competition includes beef heifers, dairy cattle, breeding sheep, goats, commercial steers, breeding rabbits, market lambs, poultry, swine and steers. For the second year, there will be carcass contests for the market lamb, swine and steer shows.

Beginning with the 1985 show, all junior market turkeys must be purchased from Texas A & M University as poults from the same hatch. Weight limits are then eliminated in the market turkey show due to the standardization and control this rule imposes on potential entries.

The show this year will be in the site of the Texas Beef-Cook-Off, a contest to determine the Texas representative to the National Beef Cook-Off. Sponsored by the Texas Cowbelles, it will be held in the Astrohall on Monday, Feb. 18 and Tuesday, Feb. 19. Five Texas finalists will prepare their beef recipes for judging.

Once again, in the market lamb, barrow and steer shows, the three-judge system will be used. This system helps insure selection of an animal based on production, feeding and carcass merit.

Junior market barrows will again be sifted at the Washington County Fairgrounds in Brenham on Feb. 23-24. Sifted barrows are then loaded directly for sale through normal livestock auction consignments. Non-sifted barrows proceed to Houston and the livestock show competition.

In addition to its position as the world's largest livestock show, the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo is also the largest donor of agricultural scholarships in the nation. A total charity benefiting youth and education, the show currently has 885 students on scholarships and annually commits \$1.9 million to its regular scholarship program.

Also, research project money and scholarship endowment funds are given by the show to colleges and universities throughout Texas.

Entertainers for the 1985 show are: Billy Ocean, Wednesday, Feb. 20; The

Judds, Thursday, Feb. 21; George Strait, Friday, Feb. 22; Ronnie Milsap, Saturday matinee, Feb. 23; Charley Pride, Saturday evening, Feb. 23; Exile, Sunday matinee, Feb. 24; Janie Fricke, Sunday evening, Feb. 24; Willie Nelson, Monday, Feb. 25; Ricky Skaggs, Tuesday, Feb. 26; Jose Luis Rodriguez, "El Puma", Wednesday, Feb. 27; Conway Twitty, Thursday, Feb. 28; David Frizzell and Shelly West, Friday, March 1; Lee Greenwood, Saturday matinee, March 2; Larry Gatlin and the Gatlin Brothers Band, Saturday evening, March 2 and the Oak Ridge Boys Sunday matinee and evening performances; March 3.

Saturday matinee performances begin at 11 a.m.; Sunday matinee performances begin at 1 p.m.

and all evening performances begin at 7:45 p.m. Ticket prices are \$4 and \$8.50 include admission to the livestock show.

The livestock show opens on Feb. 16, the first rodeo performance is scheduled for Feb. 20 and all events conclude on March 3.

The five Rotan FFA participants are Robert Fryar; Brad Long; Annette Overby; Glen Overby and Rocky Roberts.

The Fisher County 4-H members participating are Jerry Carreon; Kenlee Dennis; Evette Gruben; Sharron Haggard; Tanya Harvey; Ward Hayes; Stephen Henington; Lori Jeffrey; Ryan Jeffrey; Rodney Matthies; Todd Matthies; Blake Morrow; David Shipp; John Shipp; Reggy Spencer; Ricky Spencer; Gary Teague; Joey Teague; Jennifer Wright.

### Rotan Varsity Girls Ended Basketball Season

The Yellowhammer varsity girls ended basketball action with two wins and a loss. Despite a strong finish in the second half of the season a faltering start kept them out of play-off action this year.

Cathy Conner continued to dominate the boards and led in scoring at all of the final three games. Against Hawley Cathy managed 10 points while she earned 20 at Anson and 16 against Stamford.

The Hawley game ended in a score of 27 to 38 in favor of Anson. Other scores from the Hammer squad came from Shelly Hayes with 7, Evette Gruben with 6, followed by Terri Whitefield and Vikki Wright with 2 points each.

The Anson game was a victory for the Rotan team with a score of 47 to 29. Besides Conner with 20 points Shelly Hayes made double digits with 14 points. Terri Whitefield had 7 points on the evening while Vikki Wright had 4 and Evette Gruben had 2.

The score was 56 to 39 in favor of Rotan in the Stamford game. Conner's 16 points were followed by Shelly Hayes with 15, Terri Whitefield with 13 and Vikki Wright with 10. Annette Overby scored a single field goal for two points to complete the Rotan score.

This year's varsity squad was comprised of Shelly Hayes, Vikki Wright, Cathy Conner, Terri White-

field, Evette Gruben, La-Tonya Daniel, Annette Overby, Helen Reese, Georgette Ramirez and Sonya Carrillo.

### Book Review Club To Meet

The Book Review Club will meet at 3 P.M. February 19, at the First Baptist Church in Rotan. Speaker will be Bob Reily of Colorado City.

### Card Of Thanks

The family of J.C. Alls wishes to express our thanks to our friends, neighbors and relatives for prayers, food, flowers, cards and phone calls, all contributions to the cemetery Association, Rehabilitation Center, Library, also churches, to us, during the loss of our loved one.

We Thank You, We Love You, Mrs. J.C. Alls Freddie Alls & Boys Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Porter & Girls Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Wright & Son Mr. and Mrs. Oron Huff Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Alls 1:1tp

### Card Of Thanks

We wish to thank everyone for all the prayers, visits, calls, and cards during our stay at Lubbock, also for all the nice things since we've been home.

Shorty & Louise 1:1tp

### Women With A Purpose Meeting, Feb. 18th

Women With A Purpose, the Roby fellowship for Christian women will meet at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, February 18, at the Methodist Church.

Dessert and beverage will be served promptly at 7:00, followed by an exciting and very special program.

We are indeed blessed that our meeting date and the schedule of the Murphy family allowed them to be with us for the evening. This is a much sought-after family and we are privileged to have them provide our program and music.

The Murphy family are our neighbors. They come from Anson, where they

are members of First Baptist Church. Bill was Minister of Music and Youth for several years and now, Bill, Vickie and their 14 year old daughter, Christina, are in full time music evangelism.

Come meet this exciting and beautiful family and hear their wonderful music and testimonies. Invite a friend or two for a very special evening. They'll thank you for it!

Nursery service will be provided at the church at no cost. There will be a \$2.00 charge to cover expenses for the meeting. Transportation will be provided by calling Liz Schoenecker, 776-2308, or Janie Ritter, 776-2159.

### Howard Jones To Teach Study At Cross Roads

The Book of Psalms has a variety of heartfelt personal experiences like no other book of the Bible. It is the responses of Godly men to God by means of their deepest emotions.

Join us in our studies of this wonderful book and it's lessons of discouragement, pain, encouragement, strength and joy at Cross Roads Baptist Church February 17th through 20th.

Brother Howard J. Jones will begin teaching Sunday morning at 11:00 a.m. and again that evening at 7:00. Weekday services will be Monday through Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

Brother Jones is presently in evangelism and working as staff evangelist at the First Baptist Church in Hamlin. He pastored that church for 14 years having retired October 1, 1984. He has been in the ministry for 42 years with his first pastorate at Loraine, Texas. He has pastored a total of seven churches and preached more than 200 revival meetings. He is a graduate of Hardin-Simmons University and a wonderful Bible teacher.

Every opportunity to study God's Word is an opportunity to enrich your

own life and soul. This study of Psalms will be your special blessing.

### Clover 4-H Club Meets

The Clover 4-H Club met at the Pink Building on February 4th to discuss method demonstrations. Pete Flores discussed with members how to give demonstrations. There was also a discussion on the Senior Citizens Valentine Banquet to be held on Thursday, February 14th at the Senior Citizens Building. The District Adult Leaders meeting will be on Wednesday, March 20th.

Members present were Monica Pullig, Anita Floyd, Stephanie Frierson, Jessica Moore, Jason Gruben, Linda Castor, Joanna Chevera, Audra Lewis, Jennifer Kincaid, Zachary Clark, Mike Counts, Ralph Amador, Ben Singletary, Doug Koch and Bo Henry. Adult leaders present were Cindy Lewis, Jan Clark, Karen Counts, Gloria Floyd, and Sharla Moore.

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## Tejas Chapter Of The Colonial Daughters Conducts Meeting



Attend Colonial Daughters Meeting

Tejas Chapter of the National Society of the Colonial Daughters of the Seventeenth Century met for a luncheon in the home of Mrs. Ruple Morrow in Rotan on January 26, 1985, for the purpose of hearing reports and choosing delegates to the National Assembly. The following officers were elected for the next triennium: President-Mrs. Whit Clark of Rotan; First Vice President-Mrs. Ernest Thomas of Odessa; Recording Secretary-Mrs. Robert Truitt of Fort Worth; Treasurer-Mrs. Ruple Morrow of Rotan; Chaplain-Mrs. Alfred P. Harris of Kermit; Librarian-Miss Frances Edwards of Longview.

Following the business meeting Mrs. Whit Clark presented a history of lawyers in early America. She told the group that in the first years after settlement there were no lawyers in New England because the colonists did not want to admit that there were evil people among them. The Puritan ministers were the first social and political leaders, so they were the first judges and legal counselors.

Lawyers, who had a tendency to challenge and question rather than affirm and obey, had no place in Puritan theocracy and were systematically excluded from its affairs. In Virginia, too, the first code of conduct was called "Laws Divine, Moral and Martial." And in Pennsylvania, where the peace-loving Quakers considered lawyers as "malevolent men of strife", members of the legal profession were alternately condemned or shunned. It was not until after 1700 that lawyers were generally accepted in the American colonies, and not until more than two generations later that they were recognized as leaders in the growing fight for colonial self-government, loyal patriots to whom the growing population could look for guidance and inspiration in the impending struggle for American independence.

History shows that the attempt to administer justice without lawyers is characteristic of Utopias and revolutions. In the effort to create a society in which all men can live in peace, where strife is held to a minimum, lawyers, as forerunners of dissention, are excluded. In the colonies when a few lawyers began to arrive from England, they were at first forbidden to charge fees

for their services, and later were forbidden to plead any case but their own. The people feared that if lawyers were ever allowed to participate in governmental affairs, they would gain prestige and influence, and finally take over. But as idealism gave way to reality, lawyers became tolerable and finally desirable. In the seventeenth century, economic life was relatively simple, and most colonists could function quite well without lawyers, but in the eighteenth century, business and commerce were much more complex, and trained legal advisers were looked on as a necessity. By the time of the Revolution, lawyers occupied positions of influence and responsibility in all of the colonies. Of the fifty-six signers of the Declaration of Independence, twenty-seven were lawyers. Seventeen of the first Senators were lawyers, as were twenty-five of the sixty-five Representatives.

As their need of legal advice gradually outweighed the colonists' fear of courts and the jargon spoken by attorneys, trained lawyers found their way to America. By 1675 there were so many lawyers in Maryland that the legislature passed an act limiting their number and prescribing fees they could charge; 200 lbs. of tobacco for arguing a case in county court, four hundred lbs. for arguing before the provincial court, and 800 lbs. of tobacco for arguing a case before the High Court of Chancery.

Despite the efforts of most of the colonies to suppress lawyers, the people demonstrated an irrefutable wish for their services. A man who spent every day on a farm, plowing rocky fields, had little time for legal study. A merchant usually had

neither time nor inclination to read law books; but even more importantly, the man who was accused of serious crime, especially one for which the penalty might be death, was not willing to trust his fate to a judge who, as often as not, had no legal training and no lawyers to guide him toward a reasonably predictable decision.

Where there were no trained lawyers people made do with what they had. In every community there were "lay lawyers", usually people who had no legal training, but had had some experience with courts. They proved to be mixed blessing, often leading their clients into unnecessary suits or giving advice that proved to be detrimental to their cause.

But despite the abundance of lay lawyers, there were the beginnings of a professional bar in all of the colonies by 1700. The first trained lawyers, usually graduates of one of the English Inns of Court, were brought to America to help large landowners (often the colonial proprietors) protect title to their American estates. Even William Penn, unfriendly though he was to legal profession, was wise enough to secure one of the best lawyers in England, a Scotsman named David Lloyd, as his legal representative. Lloyd came to Pennsylvania in 1786 as attorney general and stayed on to establish a large private practice. Nicholas Trott came to South Carolina in 1699 as its attorney general and was soon promoted to Chief Justice and entrusted with the duty of creating a comprehensive system of courts for the colony.

After 1700 many native-born Americans began to prepare for a legal career, either by attending one of

the Inns of Court in England or by serving as a clerk in the office of a judge or a lawyer.

Attitudes toward lawyers were clearly changing, though most colonies did not go so far as Maryland, where both judges and lawyers were required to wear robes to symbolize the grandeur of their courts. By the early 1740's Pennsylvania began to consider their lawyers as one of the colony's greatest treasures, and the phrase "Philadelphia lawyer" was already being used to designate one of exceptional skill and learning.

This remarkable change indicated more than a growing realization that barristers were a necessity in public life; it showed that people in ever-increasing numbers were looking to lawyers as defenders of their freedoms and leaders of the resistance to British domination of American political life. One of the greatest leaders was Andrew Hamilton of Pennsylvania, one of the best known lawyers in America. His greatest claim to fame was his successful defense of John Peter Zenger who was charged with criminal libel because he criticized the royal governor in his newspaper. Though nearly seventy at the time, Hamilton's defense was brilliant. He advanced the then-unheard-of theory that truth is a complete defense in any case of criminal libel. Zenger was acquitted, Hamilton was acclaimed a hero, and for the first time free speech was recognized as one of the most precious freedoms in America. James Otis was just as effective in stirring up the people when he

successfully argued before Superior Court that the notorious Writ of Assistance were null and void in America. John Adams, who heard Otis' argument, called it a flame of fire, and said the seeds of American independence were then and there sown. But it would be a mistake to assume that all of the colonial lawyers were on the side of the Patriots. Large numbers of attorneys in all of the colonies looked on the activities of their colleagues like Otis, Adams, Jefferson, and Jay as treason. They bitterly opposed anyone who tried to sever the longstanding ties between the old world and the new. There is now no way of determining whether the majority of the lawyers were Patriot or Loyalist, but those who favored independence were more zealous and more articulate, and in the end more influential than the Loyalists.

It was no accident that of the five men chosen to draft the Declaration of Independence, four were lawyers. Thomas Jefferson, the principal author, was one of the best known lawyers in America, a

legal scholar and draftsman of note, and one of the busiest attorneys in the colony. The document that Jefferson presented to Congress was, more than anything else, a legal plea, a lawyer's closely-worded, carefully-reasoned defense of American independence. Another lawyer, John Adams, was its chief sponsor in Continental Congress, the man most responsible for persuading his colleagues to affix their signatures to the document.

After the Revolution, lawyers continued to widen their influence in America. Though the first President was not a lawyer, the next seven were. Nine of the twelve presidents before 1850 were lawyers, as were thirteen of the sixteen elected before the Civil War. By the middle of the nineteenth century the legal profession was firmly established in American life and tradition. There might not have been more bad people than there were in colonial America, but there were certainly more good lawyers. And for that most Americans were grateful.

## Extension Homemakers Report By Alice Ballenger

Extension Homemakers Clubs will have a program on "Coupons-Who Benefits?" the latter part of February. This program discusses advantages and disadvantages of using coupons to the consumer, retailer and the companies.

Leaders presenting these programs include Rotan-Mrs. Bobbie McKinney, Rural Wren's-Mrs. Danette Pope, Center-Mrs. Joyce Noles and Mrs. Audie Burk, Hobbs-Mrs. Sue Houghton. Anyone interested is invited to attend one of the club programs. For information on when and where each club meets call one of those named above or someone else you

know who attends the club. You are always welcome.

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## Rotan Nursing Center

We enjoyed some good music Saturday. Shorty Crawford, Walter Miers and Odell Crawford came, played music and sang some songs for us. Russell Ahrlert and his daughter, Margie Fowler did a little dancing. We enjoyed the music and hope they come back soon.

We have a new resident, her name is Velma Jewell Willingham. Mrs. Willingham is from the Hobbs community and we are glad to have her with us.

Several of the residents are enjoying the large print books, books on tape

and the book on disc that we are receiving from the library and handicapped. We have been using the tapes and disc for about 4 months and several of the residents are making use and enjoying them.

Visitors in the home last week were Austin and Empress Bagwell of San Antonio to visit Nancy Bagwell, Mr. and Mrs. Steven Sims of Sweetwater visited Vineta Goodman and June Hubbard visited Maurine Mitchell. June is from Odessa.

Lora Cleveland

## Fisher County Jr. Leaders Hold Meeting

The Fisher County Junior leaders met Monday night January 28th. Discussed at the meeting was the South Dakota and Kentucky exchange trips. Also discussed was the Senior Citizens Valentine Banquet. It was set for February 14 at the Senior Citizens Center. If you are a Junior Leader and you haven't been attending the meetings, please try to come, because 4-H is fun, 4-H is for everyone.

## Fisher County Clowns, Inc. New Program

Fisher County Clowns, Inc. is beginning a Dial-a-Clown Program. The Clowns will entertain free of charge for birthday parties and community activities. All you have to do is dial in Roby 776-2127 or Rotan 735-2630. To set up an appointment. The 4-H Clown program is open to any one in grade 5 or up.

## Card Of Thanks

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## Divestiture revisited: one year later

A little over three years ago — January 8, 1982, to be exact — we were stunned by the announcement that AT&T would divest itself of 22 operating companies, including Southwestern Bell, in exchange for the federal government dropping its 8-year-old antitrust suit.

Most of us remember that moment: where we were when we heard the news, the looks on the faces around us, the feeling in the pit of the stomach as it slowly dawned on us what it was going to take to dismember the world's largest corporation.

We did what we had to do — all the while wondering if it would work. Today, it works.

Although every one of us is still analyzing divestiture's effects on our responsibility areas and working out the glitches, we've come a long way.

## Service has remained at quality levels

A year ago, when divestiture took place, some thought the Bell System breakup would cause local telephone service to deteriorate drastically. But it hasn't.

And the many changes haven't always been easy — on you or on us. We still don't know where some of our longtime work friends in other departments wound up. And I can imagine the consternation of many customers who had been accustomed over the years to one call doing all, being told overnight they would have to get their own telephones.

To help you with your questions, we introduced a series of informational booklets in 1984 called "Tele-Help." And, as a result of your questions, more booklets are coming this year, including a series for small businesses.

## New revenues, new services and budget cutting

One of the principal axioms of our business has always been, "to serve well, we must earn well." Since divestiture, that's never been truer in Texas.

It's important to point out we've managed to get through the first year on our own as a stand-alone company without any significant increase in local residence rates. In fact, flat-rate residential service increased only 30 cents per month in 1984 — and that was the result of a rate filing a year earlier.

And despite all the havoc of divestiture, our internal measurements tell us service has never been better in Texas.

But more than ever, we understand that really satisfying customers requires a great deal more than looking good on a monthly service report. We know we have some weak spots, but we're working on them.

You see, the ultimate judge is not what our surveys tell us, but what you tell us.

And serving you is our only business. We appreciate the opportunity to do so.

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