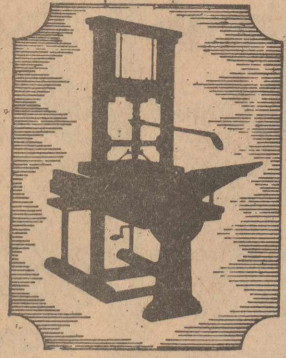


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# ROTAN ADVANCE

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Glory to God  
in the  
Highest...

## Officers Elected For December 28th Show

At a meeting Dec. 10, officers were elected for the 1985 show. Brian Greenway was elected President and Mark Nowlin, Vice-President. The show will begin Saturday.

### Roby Club Meets

The Roby Garden Club held its annual Christmas luncheon Thursday, Dec. 19 at the Mid-West Electric Coop in Roby. Mrs. Elmer Hawkins gave a very vivid description of her and Dr. Hawkins trip to China this summer. It was very much enjoyed by all. Later there was a gift exchange that created a lot of excitement. The room where the luncheon was held was filled with the true

Dec. 28 at 10:30 A.M. Show order will be gilts, lambs, barrows, and steers after dinner. Chili will be available for the public.

It is the exhibitors responsibility to have

Christmas spirit as it was decorated beautifully.

Mrs. Londa Stuart was called upon to say the blessing just before lunch was served buffet style from an appointed table.

Members present were Mrs. Jim Hawkins, Mrs. Londa Stuart, Mrs. Edd Carter, Mrs. W.W. Morton, Mrs. Earnest Hammer, Mrs. Dwalyn Parker, Mrs. Jesse Goforth.

their animals at the show at the appropriate weigh-in times if they wish to show. Weigh-in times are as follows: Swine 4:00-6:30 P.M. Friday, Dec. 27; Sheep 8:00-9:00 A.M. Saturday, Dec. 28; Steers 8:30 to 9:30 A.M. Dec.

### Irma Miranda Graduates From Academy

Irma Miranda graduated from International Aviation and Travel Academy, an affiliate of Frontier Airlines, located in Arlington, Texas on December 13, 1985.

Irma completed a comprehensive course of the travel industry specializing in airline reservation agent, airline ticket agent, and travel agency training.

Irma graduated from Rotan I.S.D. High School in 1981. Irma lives in Rotan, Texas and is seeking a career in the travel industry. Mr. and Mrs. Miranda have lived in Rotan, Tx. all their lives.

28. Exhibitors are reminded to bring meat for the chili. Proceeds from the chili go to the Rotan Jr. Livestock Show.

Lee Scott Smith and Russell Yates are cooking the chili.

Superintendents were elected as follows: Beef-Mark Nowlin with Koen McKimney assistant Swine. Cle Don Coffman with Bret Clements assistant sheep-Harold Roberts.

James Bevel, Vo-Ag teacher from Haskell, will judge. Cle Don Coffman is the an-

nouncer.

Showmanship trophies will be awarded for beef, sheep and swine. To be eligible to show exhibitors must be enrolled in the Rotan Schools and be a member of a 4-H or FFA.

Please load the hogs after the steer show.

Members of the committee to set up tables for the show at 1:00 P.M. Dec. 27 are: Steve McClain, Glen Overby, Steve Dickson, David Carreon, George Reyes, David Zambrano.

Lance Ragan, Robert Daniel, Robert Fryar and Randel Clawson.

Members of the committee to take tables back to the cafeteria are: Nathaniel Wynn, John Frank Soliz,

David Zambrano, Edward Martinez, Lonnie Foster, Ward Hayes, Robert Fryar, Brian

Sheehan, Lance Ragan, Philip Matthies, and Billy Wayne Speck.



### Card of Thanks

We want to thank all our friends who have been so helpful. Thank you for all the food, flowers, and prayers during our time of need. Have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Ike and Alice Rodriguez

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### Card of Thanks

We would like to thank everyone for the labor of love and kindnesses when we lost our mother and grandmother Rosie Morgan. Everything was so nice. The message, flowers, music, calls, cards, food, visits and donations in her name.

Bobby, Francis & Family  
Betty, Moody Copeland & Family

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## News From South Fisher County

by Bertha Warren

I made a long list today of things I need to do

To get prepared for Christmas you know

It will be here soon?

I'll need to sweep the walls down and wash everything that's glass

You know how Aunt Martha is, not a finger

print will pass

I'll need to stock my pantry with things

None of us need

But it just wouldn't be Christmas without

Food fit for a king

Now I'd better start another list of gifts

I'd like to buy

You know it will take me every day until

Christmas eve is nigh

I'll shuffle round the fireplace to make

Room for the Christmas Tree

String garland and lights and out for

All the world to see

When Christmas day arrives at last and

Kids and kin are home

We'll eat everything in sight, then fuss

And moan and groan

There'll be ribbons and pretty paper piled

To the ceiling high

And each of us will smile and think this

Christmas was no nice

At last when I retire at night so tired

I can't sleep

I wonder if it will dawn on me what the Day was meant to be?

It was on this day our savior came to show the world the way

I forgot to keep CHRIST in Christmas

After all it was HIS birthday

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## CHRISTMAS

Like the Magi... come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord. Let us present Him with treasures of the heart--gifts of love, faith and hope. And may we be joyful and triumphant in our search for peace. It's a discovery that should be made within ourselves... a personal accomplishment. After we have found this lasting peace, let us offer that, too, to our Lord.



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**Worship This Week At A Fisher County Church**

Read Matthew 21:17-22  
Whatever you ask in prayer, you will receive, if you have faith. —Matthew 21:22 (sv)

ONE of my childhood friends was playing "follow the leader" on a farm. The leader climbed to the top of the silo. From there he jumped to the barn roof and proceeded to fall into the haystack below. But as he was halfway down, he remembered that just the day before the haystack had been moved. The boy and his friends were sliding helplessly toward the roof's edge. Suddenly, the leader blurted out, "Dear Lord, save us." Just then his trousers were snagged by a nail protruding through the roof, and all of the boys came to a quick halt just in time. Too often we wait until we are in an emergency before we pray. We wait until the night before an exam and then pray for good grades. We wait until we are sliding on the ice to pray for safety on the highway. We wait until we are in the emergency room to pray for good health. Prayer, too often, is the last resort. It should be the first.

PRAYER: Dear Lord, forgive us when we pray only in emergencies. Keep us close to You in all situations of our lives. Amen.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY  
I can change my prayer habits now, starting this very minute.

<b>FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH-ROTAN</b> 735-2334 Terry Lowe-Pastor Sunday School 9:15 Worship Service 10:30 Sunday Evening 6:00	<b>FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH-ROBY</b> 776-2308 Warren K. Schoenecker-Pastor Sunday School 9:45 Worship 10:50 Sunday Evening 5:00 UMYF Worship 6:00 Wed. Night 7:00 Choir Practice	<b>FIRST UNITED METHODIST-McCAULLEY</b> 695-1350-Abilene Barbara Gammeter-Pastor Sunday School 10:00 Worship 11:00 Wed. (second Wed. in each month family nite 7:00)	<b>FIRST UNITED METHODIST-SYLVESTER</b> 695-1350-Abilene Barbara Gammeter-Pastor Sunday School 10:30 Worship 9:30 Every third Tues. Evening Community Dinner 6:30
<b>CROSS ROADS BAPTIST CHURCH</b> 735-2178 Rotan, Texas Sunday School 10:00 Worship 11:00 Sunday Evening-Training Union 6:00 Worship 7:00 Wed. Night 7:00 Rev. Howard Jones-Int. Pastor	<b>LITTLE ZION BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Sunday School 9:45 Worship 11:00 Wed. Night 7:00 Rev. James Carrington-Pastor	<b>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH</b> 776-2159 Roby, Texas Sunday School 10:00 Worship 11:00 Sunday Evening 6:00 Worship 7:00 Wednesday Night 7:00 Rev. Jim Ritter-Pastor.	<b>CHURCH OF CHRIST-ROTAN</b> 735-2344 Donald Dawes-Minister Sunday School 9:45 Sunday Evening 6:00 Wed. Morn. Ladies Bible Class 9:30 Wed. Evening 7:30 Bible Study
<b>CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH</b> 735-3464 Rotan, Texas Sunday School 10:00 Worship Service 11:00 Sunday Evening 6:00-Bible Study Worship 7:00 Wed. Night 7:00 Rev. Daniel W. Whitaker-Pastor	<b>EMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH</b> 735-2478 B.o. Andres Rodriguez-Pastor Rotan, Tx. Sunday School 10:00 Worship 11:00 Sunday Evening 5:30 Wed. Night 7:30	<b>SYLVESTER BAPTIST CHURCH</b> 993-4479 Sylvester Sunday School 10:00 Worship 11:00 Sunday Evening 6:00 Wed. Night 7:00 Rev. Pat Hatfield-Pastor.	<b>CHURCH OF CHRIST-ROBY</b> 776-2496 Wardell Halliburton-Minister Sunday School 10:00 Sunday Evening 6:00 Wed. Night 7:00-Nov.-April-8:00 May-Oct.
<b>HOBBES BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Hobbs Community Sunday School 10:00 Worship 11:00 Sunday Evening 6:00	<b>MCCAULLEY BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Sunday School 10:00 Worship 11:00 Sunday Evening 6:00 Rick McMinn-Pastor	<b>MISSION BAUTISTA CALVARIO</b> Art Flores-Pastor Roby, Texas Sunday School 9:45 Worship 11:00 Sunday Evening 5:30 Worship 6:00 Wed. Night 7:30	<b>CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE</b> Lyndell McDaniel-Pastor Sunday School 9:45 Wed. Night Worship Worship 11:00
		<b>FOURSQUARE CHURCH</b> 735-2553 Claud Fry-Pastor Sunday School 10:00 Worship 11:00 Sunday Evening 6:00 Wed. Night 7:00	<b>ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH</b> 735-3285 Father Austin Kittredge Sunday Morning 9:00 a.m. Mass Saturday Evening 7:30 p.m. Mass
			<b>MARANATHA CHURCH</b> Bill Dickson-Pastor Roby, Texas Sunday School 10:00 Worship 11:00 Sunday Evening 6:00 Wednesday 7:00 a.m. 8:45 a.m. 8:00 a.m.

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### Funeral Conducted For Jesse O. "Bill" Hudnall

Jesse O "Bill" Hudnall, 80, of Rotan, died 2:30 P.M., Sunday, at Hendricks Medical Center in Abilene. Funeral services were held at 10 A.M., Tuesday at First Baptist Church in Rotan with Rev. Fred Thomas, former pastor officiating. Burial was in the Belvieu Cemetery under the direction of Weathersbee Funeral Home.

Mr. Hudnall was born February 17, 1905 in Scurry County and has lived all of his life in Scurry and Fisher counties. He was the son of J.B. and Ida Guinn Hudnall. He married Laura Lee Helms October 4, 1923, in Plains, Texas. She died November 23, 1982. He later married Hazel Aldridge August 10, 1985.

He was a retired farmer and rancher and was a member of the First Baptist Church

where he served as a deacon. For over 20 years he was a member of the board of the Hobbs Independent School District. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge and a past president of the Fisher County Farm Bureau.

He is survived by: his wife, Hazel of Rotan; 2 sons: E.L. of Ft. Worth and Jesse of Liberal, Kansas; 2 daughters, Nona Williams of Snyder and Glenda Allen of Denver City; 3 step-daughters: Barbara Chamness of Atlanta, Georgia; Janice Redford of Houston and Jeanne Fowler of Rotan; 2 brothers: A.H. "Bige" Hudnall and J.D. "Buddy" Hudnall, both of Rotan; 3 sisters: Jane Devers of Snyder, Audie Murphree of Florence, Arizona and Martha Pike of Abilene; 11 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren.

### Letters To Santa

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a cowboy hat and a pair of spurs. I also want a pair of chaps and a lariat rope. I want a saddle blanket.

Your Friend,  
Jason Gruben

Dear Santa Claus,

I am fine. How are you at the north pole? There are three things I want. Jetfire, killer-whale, and a 177 caliber b.b. gun. Bye.

Your Friend  
Bradley Hodgson

Dear Santa,

I would like to have some mask cars, a car-tridge for my computer, telescope, and a new football, and a baseball glove.

Your Friend  
Eliot Mize

brothers would like a stereo.

Love,  
Mayra

Dear Santa,

I've been good. I want a radio, earphones and a new rope.

Love,  
Johnny

Dear Santa,

I want an upsy baby, barbie doll, stereo, and a bike.

Love,  
Missy

Dear Santa Claus,

How have you been? I've been good too. I really don't want much. But here's what I want. Gymnastic mats, telescope, and head phone tape player. There will be some of my grandmother's fudge and some milk.

Your Friend,  
Zachary Clark

Dear Santa,

I want a Cabbage Patch, skates, bike and a microwave. My sister wants a doll that swims, books and a peaches and creme barbie doll.

Love,  
Kennett

Dear Santa,

I would like to have a bicycle and a real baby, an upsy baby and a little Christmas tree. I've been good. Merry Christmas.

Love,  
Abby

Dear Santa,

I want a tape recorder, upsy baby, microwave, stapler, ropers and high tops. Also, I've been good.

Love,  
Jamie

Dear Santa,

I wish I could have a Cabbage Patch and a bike. One of my

## Fisher County GRANDPARENTS CORNER

This column will be featured in our paper each week that space allows. Please bring or send in your grandchildren pictures with the information you wish to put in the paper. We will mail them back to you or you can pick them up at The Newspaper Office.



Sunni Jay Shipp, age 5 months is the daughter of Damon and Shelby Shipp of Rotan, Texas. Grandparents are Sonny and Loraino Edgar of Albany, Tx., Gene and Buelene Shipp Shipp, Roby, Tx., and Sue Dulin, Maryneal, Tx. Great grandparents are Kate Fancher, Rotan, Tx., Callie Shipp, Rotan, Tx., Jewell Ratliff, Sweetwater, Tx., John and Valene Kiker, Roby., Tx., and Ben and Irene Ellison, De Leon, Tx.



**Merry Christmas...**  
In the spirit of this Holy Day, may joy and peace surround us all. In Bethlehem, a Child is born and the angels sing.

**J, Rosemary  
Todd &  
Shawn  
Donham**



**Holy Night**  
To give, to share is the Christmas tradition. Let there be joy and peace within every heart.

**Obie Gene &  
Pat Kelley**



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Cheer**  
Mrs. Jack Allen



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**Silent Night**  
Let us welcome the spirit of Christmas into our hearts.  
**Jimmy,  
June, &  
Jennifer  
Wright**



**Happy Holiday**  
Peace, joy, and all the blessings of Christmas be yours this holy season.  
**Raymond &  
Mable Alls**



May the true meaning of Christmas be made known to all mankind.  
**From Daniel,  
Becky, Dwayne  
& Marie Whitaker**



May the blessings of the Holy Family be yours each day and at Christmas.  
To all my Customers, I appreciate your business and wish you & yours a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.  
**Nancy Boren**

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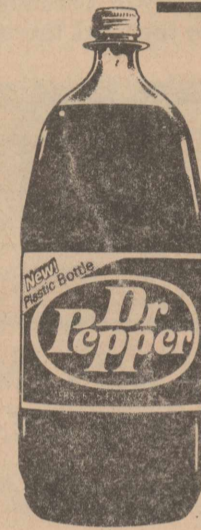
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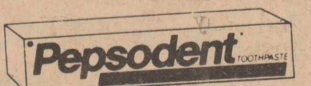
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# THRIFTWAY



### Funeral Held For Thurmond E. Dennis

Thurmond E. Dennis, 83, of Aspermont, died Sunday Dec. 8, 1985, at Fisher County Hospital.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 10, at First United Methodist Church. The Rev. Leonard

Holt, pastor, officiated. Burial was at Aspermont Cemetery, directed by McCoy Funeral Home in Aspermont.

He was born Oct. 21, 1902, in Divide community, south of Sweetwater and moved shortly thereafter to the Dennis Ranch at the Double Mountains in Stonewall County in Wright Community. He married Margaret Herring Nov. 27, 1934, in Sweetwater. He died Jan. 27, 1978. He later married Myrtle Bea Counts April 21, 1979, in Haskell. He was a retired rancher. His son, Herring Dennis of Abilene died June 14, 1981.

Pallbearers were Bob Cave, Kent Cave, N.L.

Winter, Jr., Ralph Riddel, Jeff Smith, and Bronc Hawkins. Honorary pallbearers were Boss Winter, Lee Smith, B.O. Hawkins, and Haldean Cave.

### Rites Held For Jarrett (Kike) Beauchamp

Jarrett Winevern (Kike) Beauchamp, 78, of Rotan, died Monday at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene. Funeral services were held at 11 A.M. Saturday, at Weathersbee Funeral Home in Rotan with Rev. Jim Ritter, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Roby officiating. Burial was in the Belvue Cemetery of Rotan.

Mr. Beauchamp was born March 11, 1907 at Bovina, Texas. He was the son of Japer V. and Lena Stokes Beauchamp. He moved to Roby in 1920 from Post and has lived most of the time since in Fisher County. He married Annie Lucinda Keener Weems, June 20, 1962 at Hobbs, New Mexico. He had operated blacksmith shops in Post, Roby, and Rotan. He was a member of the Baptist Church.

He is preceded in death by 6 brothers.

He is survived by his wife: a step-daughter, Marcelle Bynum of Lawton, Oklahoma; a step son, Elec Cecil Weems of Mineral Wells; a sister, Metta Eudy of Forney; 3 brothers: C.A. Ticer of Oklahoma City; Frank Beauchamp of Snyder; Garvin Beauchamp of Abilene; 7 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren: Dr. and Mrs. Donald K. Bynum, Jr. of Durham, North Carolina; Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Glen Bynum, Jeremy and Jennifer of Enid, Oklahoma; Mr. and Mrs. Michael Bynum, Amy and Allen of Ardmore, Oklahoma; Mr. and Mrs. Mark Henry and Justin of Lawton, Oklahoma;

Mr. and Mrs. Don King of Abilene, Texas; Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Rowan, Allison and Ansleigh of Abilene, Texas; Miss Lavonne Marlis Bynum of Lawton, Oklahoma.

### Funeral Held For John Seaton

John Seaton, 75, of Rotan, died Tuesday evening in the Fisher County Hospital after a lengthy illness. Services were held at 10 A.M. Friday in the Church of Christ with Donald Dawes, minister, officiating. Burial was in the Hobbs Cemetery.

Mr. Seaton was born Aug. 2, 1910 in Fisher County, and was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Charlie A. Seaton. He lived all his life in Fisher County. Before retirement, he operated a ditching machine and a water truck operation. He married Ann Warren Feb. 2, 1933, in Fisher County. Mr. Seaton was a member of the Fisher County Sheriff's Possee, the Odd Fellows, and a past member of the Rotan Volunteer Fire Department. He was also a member of the Rotan Church of Christ.

Survivors include his wife of Rotan; 3 sons: Alvin, Rotan; Joe of Jayton; and John, Jr. of Stratford, Texas; 1 daughter: Gay Martin, Sweetwater; 1 brother: Nora Ashton; Wilmoth Posey and Berthie Counts, all of Rotan; 10 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren. Grandsons served as pallbearers.

### Hustling Around Hobbs

By Joy Walker

Sure has been a cold week with so much frost in the mornings. The strippers are having to wait until almost dinner before its dry enough to start, but they are really busy every day now and a lot of cotton is being ginned. Hope that the weather will stay nice for the holidays, especially on Tuesday and Wednesday when so many folks will be traveling.

Mrs. Ann Hooker of Big Spring visited with Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Cave for the day on Wednesday. She is Alice's youngest and only living sister. Mr. and Mrs. Bill DeLange from Ft. Worth visited a day and night with the Dale Caves this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Martinez attended a Christmas piano recital on Sunday at Cross Roads Baptist Church. Kimberly Martinez, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Martinez of Rotan participated in the recital. She is the Rudolph Martinez's granddaughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Phillips of Post visited Friday of last week with Mrs. Opal Phillips. Mrs. Neva Phillips and Don Phillips from Grand Falls visited with Opal on Saturday. Mrs. Ron Buttis, Todd and Tiffany from Odessa also visited with Opal on Saturday.

Jim and I went to Weinert on Tuesday night to watch the varsity girls and boys play there. We went with Mrs. Donnie Gruben, Mrs. John Carl Gruben and Mrs. Wilber Gruben. Wednesday we went to Snyder. Thursday afternoon we all went to Aspermont

to their basketball tournament and watched the Rotan varsity boys and girls play; they both played Guthrie and won so we will be going back Friday night to watch them play again. We went to Aspermont with Mrs. Donnie Gruben.

I want to wish all of you a Very Merry Christmas. Have a safe and Happy Holiday.

Sorry this is so short this week, but had to get it in early as the paper is coming out early.

See you next week.

### Considerable Savings For Federal Budget

Congressman Charles Stenholm has introduced legislation which would lead to competitive bidding for government contract projects and result in considerable savings for the federal budget.

The Contract Savings Act, H.R. 3357, was recently introduced by Congressman Stenholm and Congressman Bob Smith (R-Oregon). The bill would subject the performance of many non-national security activities—

currently handled in-house by the federal government—to competitive bidding between government agencies and the private sector.

Under the act, the Office of Federal Procurement Policy would be required to use "fair and equal" cost comparisons between the government's performance of commercial activities and the private sector's cost for doing the same work.

### Tax Planning By James Rodgers CPA



#### EMPLOYEE VERSUS CONTRACTOR

Businesses engaging others to perform services should beware. It may be perfectly clear to you and to the individual performing the services that you have a "contractor" relationship. This means that you consider yourself to be exempt from withholding income taxes, paying social security, industrial accident, and unemployment taxes, or from being liable for any overtime hours worked.

The Internal Revenue Service, the Social Security Administration, the Wage and Hour Board, the Unemployment Agency, and the Industrial Accident Board may all take different view. Each of these government agencies has its definition of an employee versus an independent contractor.

For income tax withholding purposes, the Internal Revenue Service defines an employee as an individual who performs services subject to control by an employer both as to what services shall be performed and as to how they shall be performed.

Some states have made it almost impossible to have an independent contractor relationship where the services performed are in the normal line of work of the employer. For example, a farmer will have a difficult time classifying a tractor driver as an independent contractor.

A claim filed by someone you considered an independent contractor can be time-consuming and expensive. If you are in doubt, select the employee status and pay the appropriate withholding and payroll taxes.

The "employee" definition was established to protect the working people. Some government agencies felt that employees would agree to claim independent contractor status with its greater benefits for the employer in order to secure the employment. To prevent this, each agency has a determination based on facts and circumstances as to who is an independent contractor and who isn't. The fact that two knowledgeable individuals agreed that there was to be a contractor relationship may not hold up under examination.

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### Tisa Lovett Graduates From Angelo

Tisa Lynn Lovett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D.L. Lovett of Rotan, is a December graduate of Angelo State University. She received a Bachelor of Business Administration degree cum laude. A 1983 Roby High School graduate, she will pursue post graduate studies in the field of business.

### Hospital Report

Patients admitted to the Fisher County Hospital from Dec. 18 thru Dec. 23 were: Denise Messick; Amber J. Messick, both of Rotan; Octavianous Harrell; Jerry Robinson; Hazel Smith, and Lori Stidham, all of Roby.

### Secret Pal Club Holds Meeting

Mrs. Emma Lloyd Morris was a recent hostess to the Christmas luncheon of the Secret Pal Club at her home in Roby.

Coffee was served to everyone on their arrival. Members present were Mrs. Clara Rogers, Mrs. Mary Allen, Mrs. Maggie Briggs, Mrs. Roxie Haggard, Mrs. Treasa Dycus, Mrs. Lorena Darden, Mrs. Bessie Eaton, Mrs. Bertha Allen, Mrs. Marcelle Mooney, Mrs. Lillie Herron, Mrs. Ruth Hammer, Mrs. Clyde Farrar, Mrs. Anna Knox, Mrs. Virgie Weems, Mrs. Sherry Hester, Mrs. Mary Armstrong, Mrs. Aurora Martinez, Mrs. Christine Rackley.

Guests were Mrs. Douglass Eaton, Mrs. Lum Weems, and Mrs. Opal Burch.

Thanks were returned by Mrs. Lorena Darden.

After the luncheon Mrs. Marcelle Mooney was given a surprise "pink and blue" shower.

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## County Agent News

By Richard Spencer

The Result Demonstration Handbook for 1985 is almost complete. Out of seven fertility demonstrations all but one made money over the cost of the fertilizer. One made 43 dollars over the cost of the fertilizer. Farmers should start now and not wait until spring to begin planning their crop fertilization programs for 1986. Testing soils early offers several advantages: Samples can be collected after harvest when seasonal work loads decrease and production problem areas in fields can be identified more easily for specific sampling. Farmers can avoid the typical spring rush in the Soil Testing Laboratory. Test results will be back in time to purchase needed fertilizer when costs are at a low point instead of waiting until spring when prices will likely be somewhat higher.

During these economically stressed times, it is a natural tendency to want to reduce production costs by reducing or eliminating fertilizer usage. However, it is not wise to make such a major decision without the benefit of a soil test. If a soil test indicates that fertilizer is needed to attain a desired yield goal, its use is strongly recommended.

To help the crop producer monitor carryover nitrogen levels in the soil, the Texas Agricultural Extension Service Soil Testing Laboratories at College Station and Lubbock are routinely analyzing soils for nitrate nitrogen. This analysis determines the amount of available nitrogen present in the soil which is then subtracted from the amount of nitrogen required to reach a desired yield goal. This reduced nitrogen recommendation results in a direct savings to the producer without sacrificing yield.

A soil also will determine which nutrients other than nitrogen are deficient in the soil for a particular crop so the producer can fertilize to supplement the soil supply. It is only profitable to supply nutrients required and in sufficient quantities for a specific crop.

There is no substitute for knowing what your soil bank nutrient balance is as you start planning next year's cropping program.

Soil testing can provide an economical means of determining your soil's nutrient status and can help you make those major economic decisions with greater confidence.

### Book Fair Conducted

The Rotan Primary Room Mothers Association conducted the third Sunshine Book Fair Tuesday, December 10, 1985. All children from pre-school through grade five had an opportunity to select books for their personal library. Building a child's vocabulary can be accomplished through reading. Parents are to be commended for encouraging their children to read and purchase books for that purpose. Many thanks to the Room Mothers Association for their time and effort to conduct the Book Fair.

### Rotan Church Of Christ To Hold Service

The members of the Rotan Church of Christ will be holding a special mid-week service on December 26th, according to Don Dawes, Minister. The service will begin at 7:30 p.m., Thursday night, December 26th and has been titled "a special devotional service." "We want to extend a warm welcome to everyone to be a part of this special Thursday devotional service at the Rotan Church of Christ," said Don Dawes.

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Locate the fire exits. Are they clearly marked? It's often a good idea to count the number of doors between your room and the exit; it's hard to read signs in a smoky hallway.

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