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Twelve Rotan Students Inducted To National Honor Society In Ceremony

Twelve students from Rotan High School were inducted into membership of the National Honor Society in a candlelight ceremony at Rotan High School auditorium Thursday afternoon.

Members were selected by a faculty council for meeting the NHS high standards of scholarship, service, leadership and character.

Students inducted were Reggie Stinson, Sherrie King, David Yanez, Penny Yanez, Evette Gruben, Julie McQueen, Lousinda Ramirez, Leticia Landes Reyes, Jenna Thornton, Joe Almanza, Rafe Hargrove, and George Reyes.

Officers leading the induction ceremony were David Stephens, president; Rocky Roberts, vice president; Jackie Martinez, secretary; John Pease, Treasurer; Tina Mendoza and Raymond Baker, historians; Ward Hayes, reporter.

The National Honor Society ranks as one of the oldest and most prestigious national organizations for high school students. Chapters exist in three-fourths of the nation's high schools and is sponsored by the National Association of Secondary School Principals.

Rotan High School chapter has been active since 1945 and formal induction ceremonies started in 1981. National Honor Society members are expected to continue their exemplary contribution to the school and community, said Mrs. Rudy V. Hamric, chapter adviser. NHS members are required to render service to the high school and community as a group and individually.

Reggie Stinson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Reggie Stinson; Sherrie King is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill King; David Yanez is the son of

Hortensia Yanez; Penny Yanez is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Yanez; Evette Gruben is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Gruben; Julie McQueen is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald McQueen; Lousinda Ramirez is the daughter of Clara

Ramirez and the late Willie Ramirez; Leticia Landes Reyes is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Landes; Jenna Thornton is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Thornton; Rafe Hargrove is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Raford Hargrove; Joe Almanza is the son of Mr.

and Mrs. Ysabel Almanza; George Reyes is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ruben Reyes.

Mr. David Hargrove, Rotan High School principal, spoke to the new inductees, their parents and relatives in attendance. Rotan School Board members and wives, RHS

faculty, RHS students, and other invited guests. Miss Kay Kennedy provided musical selections before the ceremony began.

Mrs. Virginia Forshee and her homemaking students prepared punch and cookies for the reception which followed the tapping-in ceremony. The reception was held in the high school library. Young ladies serving were Cynthia Daniels, Helen Reese, and Mary Williams.

County Ministerial Group Will Hear Abilene Speaker

The Fisher County Ministerial Alliance will meet Wednesday morning, March 5th at the First United Methodist Church in Roby. Robert Weber of the Pastoral Care and Counseling

Center in Abilene, Texas will be speaking to ministers about the counseling center and his work there. All ministers in Fisher County are invited to attend.

Hospital Board Candidates

Three candidates have filed for three open positions on the Fisher County Hospital Board, according to Fisher County Hospital Administrator Paul Harper.

Incumbents Frank Mitchell and Dave Williams have both re-filed for new elective terms.

Incumbent Raford

Hargrove has indicated that he will not re-file for another term.

Last week, McCaulley resident, Marion Reed, filed for a full term as a board member.

The deadline for filing for a position on the Fisher County Hospital board is Wednesday, March 5th.

Rev. Parks Accepts Call

Rev. L.D. (Dutch) Parks has accepted the call to become the pastor at the Calvary Baptist Church in Roby, according to a church official.

He received a

unanimous call on Sunday, February 9. He and his wife Norma and children Pache and Johnnie now reside in the Sardis Community.

Rotan Football Schedule

Rotan Athletic Director and Head Football Coach Richard Gorman released the 1986 Rotan Yellowhammer football schedule last week.

The Yellowhammers are in District 5-A, South Zone with Munday, Aspermont, Roscoe, Roby and Loraine. They have two pre-season scrimmages in 1986. The first, on a date to be announced, probably around August 22nd is a scrimmage with O'Donnell. The second scrimmage, around August 29th is a

scrimmage with Albany.

The Yellowhammers open regular season play with a home contest with Robert Lee on September 5th. They follow that contest with Abilene Christian High School on September 12th; Spur on Sept. 19, Anson on September 26 and Hawley on October 3rd.

District play open on October 10th with Munday. They move on to play Aspermont, Roscoe (Homecoming), Roby and Loraine.

Rotan School Board File Deadline Set For Mar. 5

Candidates for the Rotan School Board have until Wednesday, March 5th to have their name placed on the ballot for three open positions on the board.

Officially three candidates have filed as of

Tuesday, February 25th. Donald Ray McQueen, Ruple Weems, and Donna Kennedy have all executed paperwork to have their name placed on the ballot.

Incumbents Donald Gruben and Roger Blackwelder have not decided to seek another term while incumbent James Carter has indicated that he will not re-file.

Greg Rains New Lumber Yard Company Manager

Greg Rains, a native of Sweetwater has been named as the new manager of the Higginbotham-Bartlett Lumber Company in Rotan, announced company officials.

Rains will officially be taking over the lumber yard on Feb. 26th.

He and his wife Patricia (Self) Rains, a native of McCaulley, have two children-Brandon age 10 and Jennifer, age 8. They are both currently enrolled in the Trent School System.

Open House For Dr. Viehweg Set

Fisher County Hospital Administrator Paul Harper indicated that an Open House for new Fisher County Doctor Wayne Viehweg will be conducted Saturday, March 1st, between 10:00 A.M. and 2:00 P.M.

Dr. Wayne Viehweg officially begins his practice at the Fisher County Doctor's Clinic on Saturday.

Rains has been with Higginbotham-Bartlett since June of 1985. Prior to that he was with TCI Paint Center in Abilene and Abilene Lumber Company.

The new lumber company will be holding a grand opening in March. A change in the operating hours becomes effective immediately. New hours are 7:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Monday through Friday with a 7:30 to

noon schedule on Saturday.

Western Texas Homecoming Set For April

Western Texas College will hold its fourth Homecoming on April 19 during the annual intercollegiate rodeo, Mickey Baird, Student Activities Director, has announced.

Events will be planned from April 18-20, with most of the activities on April 19.

Immunizations At Roby Annex On March 5th

The Texas Department of Health will be providing immunizations at the Roby Annex on Wednesday, March 5, 1986 from 9:30 A.M. - 12:00 and 1:00-3:30 P.M.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us at 235-8368 or 776-2178 (Roby).



Greg Rains



NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY: The above 12 members of Rotan High School were inducted in the National Honor Society last week. Left to right: Julie McQueen, Reggie Stinson, Sherrie King, Rafe

Hargrove, Joe Almanza, Jenna Thornton, David Yanez, Penny Yanez, Lousinda Ramirez, Evette Gruben, Leticia Landes Reyes, and George Reyes.

Glenn And Belinda Cantu Will Speak At Service

Glenn and Belinda Cantu, Southern Baptist foreign missionaries in Columbia, and their daughter, Elizabeth, will

be arriving in Rotan Thursday evening. They will be on furlough for approximately seven months. During that time,

they will be residing in Rotan. Glenn is a former Minister of Music and Youth at First Baptist Church. The Cantu's will be speaking in the evening service, Sunday, March 2nd at First Baptist Church. There will be a reception in their honor immediately following the service in the fellowship hall. Everyone is cordially invited to be present for the worship service and the reception.

Seven Candidates Vie For Roby Board Spots

Seven residents of the Roby Independent School District have officially made application for having their names placed on the ballot on April 5th, according to Jimmie Laurie, Roby Superintendent.

The most recent to add his name to the list is Gayle Morgeson, incumbent, running for a full three year term.

Current board positions held by June Wright, Gayle Morgeson, Scott Feagan and Mike Terry will be filled by voters on April 5th.

June Wright and Gayle Morgeson have both filed for full terms.

Scott Feagan has filed for a two year term to fill the unexpired term of Richard Gaona. Jan Clark has also filed for that position.

Steve Terry has filed for a one year term remaining on the original term of Mike Terry who resigned earlier in February.

Thomas Dickson has filed for a three year term.

Andy Moore has filed for a spot, but has not decided which position to seek.

The deadline for filing for an elective office is March 5th.



I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN BETTER: While sitting at the breakfast table a few Saturday's ago, I was reading an article in the Reporter News concerning the appearance of Texas Senator Phil Gramm at a "Town Hall Meeting" in Abilene that afternoon. Part of our family had to be in Abilene that evening for an appointment, so I broached the idea to young son John of going on ahead to hear Senator Gramm. The day before his Abilene appearance a part of Gramm-Rudman had been ruled unconstitutional. This scheduled meeting had been set up long ago by the West Texas Chamber of Commerce. I felt it was a good opportunity to expose John to a Texas Senator, hear his comments on a timely subject, etc. I should have known better. The meeting was semi-packed. Approximately 250 guests, mostly dressed in 3 piece business suits, expensive furs—apparently representing the oil industry. When Senator Phil Gramm finished his opening remarks, he indicated there would be time for a question and answer session. I hurriedly penciled a question, after hearing several asked him about the oil industry. After all, this Republican United States Senator, was supposed to be interested in my situation just as much as the rich oil men from Abilene. For your information, below is my question and his answer.

SENATOR GRAMM, I OPERATE A WEEKLY NEWSPAPER IN A RURAL AREA WHERE THE LOCAL ECONOMY IS DEPENDANT OF THE AGRICULTURE. YOU'RE SPEAKING TODAY IN THE HEART OF THE "BIG COUNTRY". A 26 COUNTY AREA WITH 600 MILLION SPENDABLE AGRICULTURE INCOME. LOCAL FARMERS ARE TROUBLED, THE LOCAL AG ECONOMY IS TROUBLED, AND BUSINESSMEN ARE TROUBLED, GRAMM-RUDMAN THREATENS TO FURTHER REDUCE AGRICULTURE DOLLARS IN THE BUDGET. WHAT IS THE HOPE IN THE FUTURE FOR THE FAMILY FARMER.

"Let me first say that I had to admit that when this \$11.7 billion reduction went into effect, all the headlines read "Gramm-Rudman cuts funding for agriculture." It struck me as a paradox that after those adjustments, we're spending 31.7 percent more on federal programs this year than we did last year. We have spent more money in the last four years than in the previous 20. We will spend more in the next three years than we have ever spent in any three years in the history of the country. I think the sad lesson of all this is that money is not the solution to the farm problem. In fact there has been...

...practice has got to be changed. I think a perfect example was in January and February of last year we had a credit crisis. We had a credit crisis because given the depressed nature of food prices due to our overproduction policy, farmers couldn't pay debts, couldn't service their debts. So what did we do? We turned around and expanded that debt by \$2 billion. I think we've got to come up with a policy that deals with the problem, which is price, that brings production and demand into balance. I'm willing to support some form of supply management as a transition program. I think the ultimate solution is that we have got to move more toward reliance on the market and less on the government. We've got to stop the government from subsidizing and encouraging overproduction which hurts the good farmer and which is increasingly taking the country off the world market.

Now there's some good things in the farm bill. Now we've got an aggressive program to encourage exports. We are making progress even in Japan in opening up markets for U.S. agriculture products. And we have set into place a program to take on the European economic market head on their subsidy programs for exports. And that will help. But as I looked at all the money we were committing under this farm bill, I could not find it in my heart to believe that that farm program is in the interest of the farmers. So we do have a problem and I think one of the things we've got to do is to reverse the program that we've had in effect under both Carter and Reagan. That program does not work. And the problems have gotten worse as we've stopped the inflation in '81, which was a godsend to these people. Agriculture land in Texas has been growing 18 percent a year in value. And that had made it possible for farmers to borrow money to cover their cash flow and loss, but when we stopped inflation, that land appreciation stopped and in some cases went into reverse. It just had a devastating effect on the farmer. I believe that in a market where there's a balance between production and demand, the family farm with modern equipment can outproduce and undersell any farm system in the world. The problem is not with the family farm. It's with the government program that they are trying to operate under. And I think it is a sad but true fact that in many cases things that we have done to try to help the farmer and that may have helped some in the short run have not helped in the long run."

1986 ROTAN YELLOWHAMMERS FOOTBALL SCHEDULE			
VARSITY			
1. Scrimmage	O'Donnell	Varsity & J.V.	Here
2. Scrimmage	Albany	Varsity & J.V.	There
Sept. 5	Robert Lee	Here	8:00
Sept. 12	ACHS	There	8:00
Sept. 19	Spur	Here	8:00
Sept. 26	Anson	Here	8:00
Oct. 3	Hawley	There	7:30
Oct. 10	*Wunday	There	7:30
Oct. 17	*Aspermont	There	7:30
Oct. 24	**Roscoe	Here	7:30
Oct. 31	*Roby	Here	7:30
Nov. 7	*Loraine	There	7:30
*** District 5-A South Zone Cans			
*** Homecoming			
JUNIOR VARSITY			
Sept. 4	Roby	Here	5:00
Sept. 11	Hawley Freshman	There	7:00
Sept. 18	Spur	There	7:00
Sept. 25	Anson	There	7:00
Oct. 2	Hawley	Here	7:00
Oct. 9	Wunday	Here	7:00
Oct. 16	Hawley Freshman	Here	7:00
Oct. 23	Roscoe	There	7:00
Oct. 30	Roby	There	7:00
JUNIOR HIGH			
Sept. 18	Roby	Here	5:00
Sept. 25	Spur	There	5:30
Oct. 2	Anson	There	5:30
Oct. 9	Hawley	Here	5:30
Oct. 16	Wunday	Here	5:30
Oct. 23	Aspermont	Here	5:30
Oct. 30	Roscoe	There	5:30
Nov. 6	Roby	There	5:30
Nov. 13	Loraine	Here	5:30

Varsity, Junior Varsity, and Junior High will wear dark jerseys at home (orange) and light jerseys on the road (white).



state capital highlights

By Lyndell Williams

Texas Press Association

Governor Mark White last week unveiled the first step of his plan to solve the state's \$1.3 billion budget crisis, but speculation grows about a summer special session.

White says a special session isn't necessary at this time and issued his executive order urging the heads of each state agency and state university to cut 13 percent worth of cuts, and will they?

Agency heads responded in the spirit of cooperation, even though White's executive order is not legally binding.

Nevertheless, these agencies don't want to face wrathful House and Senate budget committees next session, and Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby and Speaker Gib Lewis praised White's move.

Nor do they want to risk crossing Comptroller Bob Bullock, who, if history repeats itself, will quietly come up with the answer the Legislature needs to solve the crisis.

Special Session
One group representing public employees has already called on White to bring lawmakers back into a special session, but neither White nor the lawmakers want that to happen anytime before Election Day.

White tried it the summer before election '84 and was weakened when voters defeated several of the legislators who voted for his tax hike.

It's no secret that many Democrats are disgruntled with White, to say the least, and are trying to distance themselves from him politically.

Still, a scenario that some are starting to pass around has White calling a special session this summer to cut spending without a tax hike. Some contend he might limit the call to include the prohibition of a personal state income tax.

This maneuver would allow Democrats to establish themselves as fiscal conservatives, which many of them are, in spite of White.

Where's the Fat?
One problem is there may not be \$1.3 billion worth of "fat" to trim from the state budget without serious limitations on services.

After all, lawmakers trimmed almost \$1 billion last session—a major achievement. They also planned for a partial oil price collapse and built that consideration into the state budget.

What really upsets the appercart for Texas are the recent federal cuts of \$600 million. Lawmakers hadn't foreseen that.

Still to come, perhaps, is another drop in the price of oil. When it does, Bullock will signal the leadership.

The Prince Visits
Prince Charles of Great Britain visited the Capitol last week to participate in sesquicentennial events, stopping to chat with students on The University of Texas campus and cutting a super large celebration cake.

Naturally, students taught him the "Hook 'em Horns" sign, which he quipped he could not use in Italy. The sign stands for something else in that country.

Onlookers described the prince as very friendly, but the model of decorum.

Temple Resigns
Railroad Commissioner Buddy Temple resigned last week, saying he owns an interest in a company which recently bought a railroad interest.

Temple, who had already said he would not seek reelection, voluntarily stepped down explaining state law forbids such a conflict of interest.

Political Heat
The governor's race heightened in both camps

last week after Republican candidates began exchanging swipes and White's Democratic campaign showed signs of leaking.

Republican-convert Kent Hance asked former GOP Gov. Bill Clements to apologize for calling him ignorant and attacked Clements' record on trimming state employees.

Clements buckled to neither tactic, but later urged that some experienced teachers should be exempt from the new state competency test.

Even though Clements treated teachers shabbily, by their standards, in his term, they are so angered with White that Clements

could make inroads.

Meanwhile, West Texas teachers posted a list of grievances on the governor's door, but he never saw them down, there.

His staff tore them down, saying if teachers want to say something to White, they should have handed the list to someone in his reception room.

Yeah, that's the trouble, Democrats are saying. White won't communicate with anyone, nor will his campaign. Unmistakeably, the Democratic disenchantment with White is growing, but who would have believed it?



POLE VAULT: Billy Wayne Speck did some practice pole vaulting this week in preparation for the first track meet on Saturday at Stamford.

Funeral Held For Charlie Joe Helms

Charlie Joe Helms, 56, Rotan rancher, died at 3 A.M., Saturday, Feb. 22 at Humana Hospital in Abilene following heart surgery. Funeral services

Fisher County Playday Assoc. Holds Meeting

Fisher County Playday Association met Feb. 18. Officers were elected. President, Genia Kiser; Vice President, Danny Parr; Secretary and Reporter, Tempie West; Treasurer, Tommy Frier-

son. We will have concessions March 8 and 9 for WTBRA to be held at the Roby Rodeo Arena starting at 1 p.m.

Those present were Doug and Mary Valenkamp, Jan and David Clark, Tubby Moore, Danny and Pat Parr, Larry and Terri Gruben, Kay Moore, Alvin and Marsha Smith, Genia Kiser, Debbie Terry, Cynthia Gaona, Tommy and Becca Frier-

son, Jeff and Karan McClure, Jimmy Grisham, Gary and Tempie West.

Bob and Marlene Mooney would like to announce the birth of their son, James Ryan. He was born Feb. 11 at Fisher County Hospital. He weighed 7 lbs. 7 1/2 oz.

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He is survived by his wife, Betty, of the home; two sons: Dr. Larry Helms of Seguin and Clay Helms of Rotan; two daughters: Jodie Grisham of Rotan and Cindy Day of San Angelo; two brothers: Wayne Helms of Rotan and Owen Helms of Abilene; nine grandchildren: Jenny, Marty and Macky Helms of Seguin; Jamie and Julie Grisham of Rotan; Luke and Jake Day of San Angelo; Haley and Sunny Helms of Rotan.

He is preceded in death by a brother, J.R. in 1971 and a grandson, Casey Joe in 1976.

Pallbearers were Darrell Underhill, Glen Holt, Glenn Copeland, James Springer, Manuel Davis, Stanley Nowlin, Bill Burnes, Harold Roberts, and Joe Dale Burk.



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LOOKING FORWARD TO HEAVEN

As for me, I will see Your face in righteousness; I shall be satisfied when I awake in Your likeness. Psalm 17:15
JOYFUL anticipation of the glory of heaven is often more prevalent among persecuted and suffering Christians than it is among those who are prosperous and well. A pastor was reminded of this when he visited the home of a wealthy Christian couple. With a glance at the luxurious surroundings, he said, "Harry, you probably aren't in any hurry to get to heaven." With a trace of sadness in his voice, the man responded, "No, I'm not. I'm too deeply involved in this world. I keep wanting to earn more and more, and I wonder why." This successful businessman was so occupied with gaining wealth that he had lost sight of eternal values.

By contrast, trial-ridden David joyfully anticipated heaven (Psalm 17:15). So did the first-century Christians who praised God as they were persecuted for their faith and burned at the stake. Hundreds of years later in America, black slaves—often whipped and sold like beasts of burden—composed and sang spirituals that focused joyously on future glory. And today, believers in communist countries or in poverty-stricken areas of the world often possess a joyful and vibrant hope.

Does this mean that we who live in comfortable circumstances cannot anticipate heaven? Not at all! If we keep our eyes focused on God and are compassionate and generous toward those in need, we will not become too earthly minded. Like David, we will be able to say, "I shall be satisfied when I awake in Your likeness." —H.V.L.

To see His face, this is my goal,
The deepest longing of my soul;
Through storm and stress my path I'll trace
Till satisfied, I see His face! —Chisholm
Hold lightly to the things of earth
but tightly to the things of heaven.

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Sunday School 9:45 Worship 11:00
Wed. Night 7:00 James Carrington-Pastor

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Sunday Evening 5:00 Worship 6:00
Wed. Night 7:00 Jim Ritter-Pastor

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Sunday Eve.-Bible Study 6:00 Worship 7:00
Wed. Night 7:00

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Tax Planning

By James Rodgers
CPA



NEW INTEREST RULES

New legislation, recently signed by President Reagan eases the 1984 Tax Reform Act imputed interest rules for seller-financed sales of property.

Prior to imputed interest legislation, selling property on contract enabled buyer and seller to adjust the selling price and the interest rates charged in the contract to give what the IRS saw as unfair tax benefits to both parties. By increasing the selling price of the property beyond its actual fair market value, the buyer was able to treat more of the selling price as favorable capital gains. As a trade-off, the seller lowered the contract's interest rate below market levels so the buyer paid less in interest and had a higher basis in the property. Such deals in commercial real estate gave the buyer larger depreciation deductions.

The new law requires that in property sales where the seller carries the financing on amounts of 2.8 million dollars or less, an interest of the lesser of 97% or 100% of the "Applicable Federal Rate" (the rate which the federal government pays on money it borrows) must be charged. Where a lower rate is charged in the contract, the IRS will impute the interest rate at the higher level and treat the transaction accordingly for tax purposes. Transactions exceeding \$2.8 million have a test rate of 100% of the federal rate. The \$2.8 million figure will be indexed for inflation after 1989.

The new law is retroactive to June 30th, 1985. To compensate for the fact that some federal tax revenue will be lost because of the new rules, the law includes a provision that extends the depreciation period for 18 year real property to 19 years.

The law specifically excludes from its below-market loan rules those loans of \$90,000 or less made by taxpayers age 65 or more to "continuing care facilities" (retirement homes.)

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Roby Lions Lose Bi-District Title, End Season

Roby Lions ended their basketball season last weekend in Bi-District play-offs against Throckmorton. The Lions lost 56-61 to end the season with 19 wins and 6 losses.

Benny Carreon led the Lions in scoring against Throckmorton with 18

points. Also making it into double figures was Danny Carreon with 12 points.

Other scores for the Roby team came from Bruce Williams with 9 points; Jerry Carreon with 7; James Gantt with 4; Jeff Branson with 3 and Jason Terry with 2.

Local Girls Winners In Stamford Pageant

The Universal pageant System held their 2nd annual Our Little Miss Pageant in Stamford Saturday and several local girls were winners.

In the Miss LaPetite, ages 3-6, Katy Cade of Rotan won photogenic,

1st runner up Universal beauty and 1st runner up to Miss Lapetite. Becky Frierson of Roby was crowned universal beauty, personality plus and best portfolio. Suzanne Stephens of Knox City was crowned Miss

Lapetite, Kelly Powers was crowned Mini Queen and awarded best sportswear. Guadalupe Alvarado was 2nd runner up and best party dress. In the 7-12 age group, Our Little Miss was Stephane Frierson of Roby. She also was chosen miss congeniality and best portfolio. Janet

Lyn Martin of Rotan won best party dress, sportswear and talent. Christy Parr of Rotan was crowned universal beauty and photogenic. Rebecca Coleman of Hamlin was 1st runner up Our Little Miss and 1st alt. universal beauty, Alisha Fanin of Anson and Stephanie Golden of Stamford tied

for 2nd runner up universal beauty and Alisa Fanin was crowned mini queen.

In the Ideal Miss (13-17) Lisa Smith of Aspermont was crowned overall winner portfolio, photogenic, and universal beauty. Shannon Boone of Rotan won best party dress and

talent, Jerri Lynn Boone was 1st alt. universal beauty, congeniality and best sportswear.

All crown title winners, are required to advance to State carrying the Big Country title. The State pageant will be June 22-27 in San Antonio, Texas.

Janet Lyn Martin In "Little Miss Pageant"

Janet Lyn Martin, daughter of Ronnie and Susie Martin, competed in the Big Country Our Little Miss Pageant held in Stamford on Saturday, Feb. 22. She entered the divisions for Our Little Miss Universal Beauty, Best Party Dress, Best Sportswear, Talent, Photogenic, and Port-

folio. Janet was the winner in Talent for her age division and also won Best Party Dress and Best Sportswear. She is now eligible for and will compete at the State Our Little Miss Finals to be held June 23-28, at the new Ramada Renaissance Hotel in San Antonio.



Janet Lyn Martin

Fisher County Nursing Home

The J.O.Y. Class of First Baptist Church brought us our birthday party last week. Thanks to Mary Singley and Mayrene Morrow for doing this for us. Katie Boales, Mrs. Morrow's mom was 90 years old. She brought her a beautiful birthday cake, and Katie really enjoyed it. Also Lucille Wright was 83 years old on the 15th and Doris Branch brought her a lovely cake on Valentines Day. The residents all enjoyed it. Our other residents with February birthdays were Jewel Cummings, 85 years old on the 16th; Elsie Carter was 86 on the 23rd and Edna Taggart will be 94 on the 29th.

Our only employee with a birthday this month is Stella Sepeda.

LaNita Moore is back home from the hospital.

Bro. Burns and Judy were here Tuesday to sing and play the guitar for us.

We really enjoy them coming.

Our visitors were: Altha Pearce from Anson visiting Ray Morrow; S.P. Houghton visited Fred Houghton. John, Mickey, Kari and Johnna Ferris from Snyder visited Bill Starnes. Maebell Ogdens visitors were Wilda and Joh Leach, Rev. and Mrs. Terry Lowe, Sybil Gilrey from Littlefield. Willis

and Lora Ogden from Kossee. Cleo Simmons visitors were John and Onita Ashley and Elva Alaniz. Pearl Firestone, Joyce Stone's sister from Snyder visited her. Ruth Brown from Sylvester, Allen Guthrie from Sweetwater, and Elva Alaniz visited Mrs. George Conley. Dan and Jean Brazee from Hawley visited Elsie. Jim and Iva Lanham. Mrs. Whitten's visitors were Mary Hurst, Ruth Brown, Elva Alaniz and T.D. Whitten from Midland.

Reyna Garcia

Rural Wrens Hold Regular Meeting

The Rural Wrens met on Feb. 24th. They gave a shower for Marsha Smith. Members present were Tempie West, Kristi Williamson, Marsha Smith, Cindy Lewis, Danette Pope, Becca Frierson, Jan Clark, and Lisa Carey.

Lisa Carey gave a program on citizenship state laws.

The Rural Wrens will hold an Easter Coloring Contest. Pictures will be handed out on March 11th. Picked up on the 14th and judged on the 20th.

EXTENDED COVERAGE

By
JOE DALE BURK
Rotan Insurance
Agency



Starting this year, all new cars are required to have a third brake light, centered at eye level in the rear of the car. Federal regulations are quite specific about location and brightness of the light.

According to the Department of Transportation, this safety equipment is expected to prevent 50 percent of rear-end collisions and save as much as \$434 million in damages.

In-use tests showed that motorists notice the eye-level light more quickly and can see brake lights several cars ahead because they shine through the windows of other cars.

Though older cars are not required to have these brake lights, it's smart to install them for your own protection. Some kits with all necessary wires cost as little as \$10.

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Texas Employment Seminar Held In Abilene

Texas Employment Commissioner Mary Scott Nabers hosted a half day seminar for 240 employers including employers from Nolan, Fisher, and Scurry counties in Abilene, Feb. 21, 1986. This was one of a series of 36 seminars being held statewide to help employers cut their business costs.

In addition to area employers, guests included State Representative Steven A. Carriker of Roby, representatives from Sweetwater,

Abilene, and Brownwood Texas Employment Commission local offices and representatives from local Chamber of Commerce.

Employment Commission representatives discussed the Texas Unemployment Compensation Act and the pro-

cedures involved in administering that law. Topics included unemployment tax, benefit payments, the appeals process and fraud control. Commissioner Nabers, the Employer Representative at T.E.C., highlighted ideas for immediate cost reduction.

Nabers said, "We are gratified by the over-

whelming response to the seminar. I knew from my contract with Texas employers that they wanted assistance in cutting the cost of doing business. We are pleased to be able to offer them this service."

For more information, call the Sweetwater T.E.C. office, 235-4324 or (512) 463-2425.

Rotan Class Of 1946 To Hold Class Reunion

Hometown members of the Rotan High School graduating class of 1946 met at Homestate Savings and Loan Building, Feb. 20, to plan a reunion. The last reunion was five years ago with a wonderful turn out of thirty-two class members. We are also anticipating a large crowd for the coming reunion.

Class members who were present for the meeting were: Mary (Carter) Singley and her husband, Carl; Dwight Nowlin and his wife, Irene; Joe Dale Burk and his wife, Fran; Glen Gruben and his wife Billie; Mac Weathersbee and his wife Carolyn; Nancy (Roberts) Tandy; Janie (McSpadden) Rains and Norma (Dry) Cave. We appreciate the wives and husbands of the class members who came and thank them for the help in planning the reunion.

Hometown class members who were

unable to attend the meeting were: Jackie Teague; Byrle Martin; Robert Lee Martin; Judy (Shipp) Atkins; Louise (Medrano) Martinez; and Charlie Joe Helms, who was ill and later died from a heart attack.

The reunion is set for July 12, 1986 at the Rotan Community Center.

Hospital News

Patients admitted to the Fisher County Hospital from Feb. 17 thru Feb. 24 were: Edna McArthur; Leonard Laughlin; Pete Ozuna; Charlie Joe Helms; Bertha Hicks; Teresa Tankersley; Tracy Martinez; all of Rotan; Belinda Rameriz; Juanita Neves; and Wesley Pullig, all of Roby; Joe Favor, Jayton; Betty White; Oralea Romero, both of Hamlin; Lisa Easterling, Abilene; William Goodall, Girard.



Mary Nabers and Steve Carriker

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.



Scott Alan Eades, 18 months old, is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Bennie M. Eades of Houston. Grandparents are Mr. & Mrs. W.D. Eades of Rotan and Mrs. Maurine Hanson of Dallas.

Rotan Primary Room Parents Hold Meeting

The Rotan Primary Room Parents Association met Thursday, Feb. 6, at Homestate Savings. There were 12 members present. Secretary Leatrice Schooley read the minutes of the previous meeting and members approved them. Members voted to buy honor roll and field day ribbons. Valentine parties were discussed. Members voted to purchase 4 exercise mats for use by primary students only. The mats are 4'X8'X4" thick. The approximate cost of the mats will be \$645.64. The date for the next meeting will be announced at a later time. The Easter Egg Hunt will be planned.

Meeting On "Water Gell" To Be Held

A representative of "Water Gell", which is used in the first aid treatment of burn victims, will be at the Courthouse Annex at 7:30 p.m., on Monday, March 3rd.

Demonstrations of the use of the product will be given. This program is sponsored by the Roby Volunteer Fire Dept. The public is urged and cordially invited to attend this important first aid meeting on the treatment of burns.

Funeral Held For Herlinda Carrillo

Herlinda Carrillo, 60, of Waco and former Rotan resident, died Saturday, Feb. 22, at Providence Hospital in Waco. Funeral services were at 4 P.M., Monday, Feb. 24th at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Rotan. Officiating was Rev. Austin Kittridge, the pastor. Burial was in the Belvieu Cemetery of Rotan under the direction of Weathersbee Funeral Home.

Mrs. Carrillo was born May 14, 1925 in Charlotte, Texas. She was the daughter of Abarlado and Andrea Ybarra. She married Evaristo Carrillo March 27, 1945 in Rotan. They made their home here until moving to Waco in 1970. Mr. Carrillo died March 6, 1985.

She was a member of the Catholic Church.

She is survived by one son: Edward Carrillo, of Abilene; nine daughters: Rita Cardenas, Louisa

Torres, Maria A. Ruiez, Diana Valdez, all of Waco; Frances Carreon, Corsicana; Mrs. Robert (Sandy) Villnueva, Hamlin; Leticia Herrera, Lubbock; Pauline Lopez, Corpus Christi; and Rosalinda Lopez, Ricardo, Texas.

Three brothers:

Enemenico Ybarra - of Artesia, New Mexico; Jesse Ybarra of Joseph, California; Abarlado Alaniz, of San Antonio; three sisters: Louisa Ybarra of Sweetwater; Maria Garcia of Waco; and Tules Vasquez, of Santo, Texas and 41 grandchildren.

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Snyder Springers Attend Meet

The Snyder Springers attended their second novice and advance meet on Feb. 8th in Plains.

They placed 3rd overall with 80 team points, three more than the previous meet. The team brought home 21-1st; 17-2nd; 16-3rd; 12-4th; 3-5th; and 1-6th places.

The next novice meet will be the district 2 meet for qualification to state to be held March 1st in Brownfield. The state qualifying meet for advanced will be in Amarillo on March 29th.

Mikya Dickson placed 2nd in the division 2A and Katrina Rains placed 4th in the division 1A in trampoline. Both girls will be traveling to Brownfield with the team on March 1st. Mikya will compete in the 2A division and Katrina will compete as a 1A trampoline and 1B tumbler.



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Mamie Crow Honored With 85th Birthday Party

Mamie Crow of Rotan was honored on her 85th birthday with a party at Sweetwater Country Club on Feb. 8, 1986 at 6:00 P.M. The party was hosted by her children and their families.

Those attending from Sweetwater were: Billy and Lora Crow, Lora Lee Jump, Chester Jump, Kenneth and Bonnie Crow, Stan and Jan Goff, Jerrod Goff, Lance Gardner, Debora, Wesley and Brian Moon, Terry, Kim, Ashley, Nathan and Amanda Lewis, Donleta and Randall Teel, Gerald and Pauline Byrd.

Those attending from Rotan were: Calvin and Glenna Crow, Melton and Lois Teague, Alva West, Czrena and Diedra West, Leon and Frances West, Margie Hale, Marshall and Joyce Hill, Rudy and Patsy Hamric.

Other out of town guests were: Jesse Crow of Amarillo, Garland and Crissi Crow of Corsicana, Laura Crow of San Antonio, Marge Crow of Euless, Jack Crow of Euless, Kathy and Crystal Renfro of Roscoe, Telula Lightfoot of Roscoe, David and Nan Crow of Dallas, Jim Crow of Arlington, Bob and Janette Fleming of

Odessa, Steven Savage of Odessa, Jack and Irene Watson of Hurst, Florence Lambert, Jerry Ann Sanderlin, Maurice and Janice Lambert, all of

Ft. Worth, R.C. and Pat Bigham of Tyler, Jill Hill of Abilene, Delinda Teel of Cleburne, Michael and Lorrie Jo Craig of Abilene.

Out of state guests were: Carolyn Keeling of Den- ville, N.J., Jerry and Angela Vest of Richmond, Va., Jim and Lynette Bigham of Denham Springs, La. Mrs. Crow was presented with a money tree and other gifts.

Jack Frost, Formerly Of Rotan, Given Honor

Jack Frost, graduate of Rotan High School and superintendent of the Georgetown Public Schools was given a special honor by the Board of Education of the Georgetown Independent School District.

Frost has been Superintendent of the Georgetown School District for 17 years and during this time the district has been in a constant growing situation. The new four million dollar elementary school to be completed in June 1986 for occupancy in September 1986, on Lakeway Drive was designated by the school board as the Jack Frost Elementary School. Frost has been a coach, elementary principal, junior high principal, and superintendent for the past 38 years in the public

schools of Texas and was Commanding Officer of the United States Naval Reserve Training Center in Abilene for 16 months during the 1968-69 school year.

Air Force Master Sgt. Danny L. Cary, son of Robert A. and Hassie M. Cary of 516 N.W. Ave. C, Hamlin, has been decorated with the second award of the Meritorious Service

Sgt. Danny L. Cary Receives Award

Medal at Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas. The Meritorious Service Medal is awarded specifically for outstanding non-combat meritorious achievement or service to the

United States. His wife, Brenda, is the daughter of Garland and Glenna G. Moore of Rural Route 1, Roby, Texas. He is a 1966 graduate of Hamlin High School.

Fisher County Sheriff's Dept. Investigate Burglary

The incident was reported to the Sheriff's Department on Monday, February 24th and is assumed to have happened sometime Sunday.

The barn is located by the T&P Oil Camp on F.M. 540 in Eastern Fisher County. The incident is under investigation by the Fisher County Sheriff's Department.

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Three Candidates File For Positions On Rotan Board

A total of three candidates have filed for three open positions on the Rotan City Council, according to Mayor Jerry Marshall.

Incumbents Hooper Shelton and Charles Atwell have both filed for re-election.

Council member Gary Dickson did not file for another term.

Earnest Armstrong officially filed to have his name placed on the ballot. Rotan voters will be electing three candidates for three positions on Saturday, April 5th.

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APARTMENTS FOR RENT: Now accepting applications for 2 and 3 bedroom apartments. We are an Equal Housing Opportunity Agency. Rotan Housing Authority. 915-735-2471. 10:tfc

FOR SALE: 3 bedroom house, about 1900 sq. ft., 2 bath. Call 735-3340 after 5:30 P.M. 2:2tc

FOR SALE: Jessie Lee Keener house, lot and mineral rights for sale. \$3,000 CASH. Minerals presently paying \$300 + per year. Jim K. Thomas, 1-817-485-6622 or June Clark, 1-214-270-1829. 47:tfc

FOR RENT: 1 to 3 bedroom apartments starting at \$170. Call 776-2579. 18:tfc

FOR SALE: W.E. Keener farm. S.W. of Rotan. 159 acres with or without minerals, seller wishes to retain 1 acre with house. Call Jim K. Thomas, 1-817-485-6622 or June Clark, 1-214-270-1829, early or late. 47:tfc

NOTICE: All White's tires in store 30% off regular trade-in price. White's True Value (formerly White Auto) Rotan, Texas. 2:4tc

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WE ARE HERE 3 DAYS A WEEK! Frank's TV in Hamlin is in the Rotan-Roby area on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays to service your television set, VCR or satellite system. So, if you're having problems, call Frank's TV 576-2122 days or 576-2167 nights... 51:tfc

NOTICE: For testholes or water well drilling, contact Ed Chapman at Anson. Air or water drilling pump service. 915-823-3534. 52:4tc

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Charges for announcements must be paid in advance, and the same policy applies to all political advertising carried in the columns of this newspaper.
Names of candidates for each office will be listed in the Political Column in the order that they are received at the newspaper office.
The Rotan Advance-Roby Star Record has been authorized to announce the following candidates for public office.
FISHER COUNTY JUDGE
Marshal Bennett-Re-election
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Billy Henderson-Re-election
COMMISSIONER PRECINCT #4
Jimmy Wright-Re-election
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Bob Terry
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FISHER COUNTY CLERK
Bettie Rivers-Re-election
DISTRICT CLERK
Bettie Hargrove-Re-election
FISHER COUNTY TREASURER
Ilene Hale-Re-election
Florence Wiley
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Geneva Chandler-Re-election
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NOTICE: I will assist elderly in area in filling out Medicare and insurance forms. Call Betty Strickland at 735-2209. 3:2tc

GARAGE SALE: Four families, Monday and Tuesday, March 3rd and 4th at 503 East Lee in Rotan. 3:1tc

NOTICE: We are now open daily and will have a yard sale Friday and Saturday. Also still items on consignment. 708 E. McArthur. 3:1tc

FREE: Four cow dog pups. Call 735-2916. 3:1tp

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GARAGE SALE: 612 E. Forrest, Sat., March 1st, starting at 9 A.M., until 4 P.M. 3:1tp

FOR SALE: 1969 Ford Mustang. Extra clean. C.J. Thornton. 3:4tp

LOST: From city limits of Rotan, Wed., Feb. 19th, one red w/f heifer with horns. 500-600 lbs. Tye Harrison, 735-2870. 3:2tc

FOR SALE: Harbin House, 6th and McKinley. New 2 bedroom brick. 1 bath, fully carpeted, ceiling fans, drapes, wood burning stove, screened porch, cellar, 3 lots with pecan trees, storage house, priced to sell. 735-3226. 3:tfc

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Family Film Series To Be Shown At Roby FUMC

Over 50 million parents have been inspired by Dr. James Dobson's Focus on the Family film series. Now, building on that nationwide groundswell of interest, Word Publishing and Focus on the Family, Inc., have released Turn Your Heart Toward Home. In this bold new film series, America's most trusted family life expert brings his vast experience to bear on one of society's most pressing challenges, the protecting and strengthening of family relationships.

The first discussion-provoking film of this six-part series, A Father Looks Back, will be shown at First United Methodist Church, 48 S.W. Ave. A, Hamlin, on March 16 at 5:45 P.M.

The remaining five films will be shown each Sunday evening through April 20.

Citing example after familiar example, Dr. Dobson portrays the pressures today's parents are susceptible to. He reminds them of society's slide toward humanism and the undermining influences of radio, television, films and the press, which can only be counterbalanced by a loving home where Christian values are instilled from an early age.

A swelling majority of Americans sense the vulnerability of their own families and are willing to make all commitments necessary to preserve them. Dr. James and Shirley Dobson urge those individuals to get involved and return to the traditional values upon which families are best created and nurtured.



Mari Bradford

Mari Bradford Named Finalist In Contest

Mari Katherine Bradford, 17 year old Jr. at Coconino High School named finalist in the Miss American Coed Pageant. Mari was born in Abilene, Texas but has lived in Gray Mountain Arizona for the past 8 years with her mother, Peggy and sister, Margie. She will represent Coconino, one of the largest counties in the state. The State Pageant will be held in Phoenix in June. Mari is involved in numerous school activities but FHA is one of her favorites. She also is a participating member of the All Stars. She enjoys swimming, camping and riding horseback.

After graduating high school, Mari plans to become a Dental technician. In the summer both girls work full time at the Restaurant and Curio Shop at Gray Mountain. Both girls look forward to the vacation time each year. This usually means a trip to Texas to see friends and family. A high point will be a trip to Rotan to see Douglas and Bessie Eaton, adopted grandparents of the girls. They plan now on being in Rotan in March. Doyle and Mary Cobner, owners of the Gray Mountain Post are Mari's sponsors in the pageant. The winner of the state competition will travel to Hawaii to compete in the Nationals.

Turn Your Heart Toward Home is a personally challenging film series that every parent should see.

An all Community sandwich supper will be at 5:00 in the Fellowship Hall each Sunday evening from March 16-April 20.

Roby FUMC To Dedicate Sketches

The members of the First United Methodist Church in Roby will be dedicating a series of four sketches of the church buildings used over the past 100 years at the service on Sunday, March 2nd.

As part of an ongoing centennial celebration of the 100th year of the founding of the First Methodist Church in Roby, the church members plan to dedicate the drawings and permanently display them in the church complex.

The drawings were done by Carolyn Simmons, Wilma Teague, Joey Teague and Viola Killingsworth.

In January, an American flag and Methodist flag were dedicated to the church as a gift from Murray and Carolyn Simmons.

Hobbs School Menu Released

Monday: Fish; fries; col- eslaw; puffs; milk.

Tuesday: Roast beef; potatoes; green beans; hot rolls; chewy bars; milk.

Wednesday: Pizza; salad; corn; bread; cake; milk.

Thursday: Chicken and dumplings; potatoes; peas; hot rolls; cookies; milk.

Friday: Sloppy joes; tater tots; lettuce and tomatoes; cherry cobbler; milk.

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Funeral Services Held For Teddy Roe Cleveland

Teddy Roe Cleveland, 29, of Corpus Christi, Texas, died Feb. 20, in a Corpus Christi Hospital.

Funeral services were conducted by Clifford-Jackson Funeral Home of Corpus.

He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Cleveland of Corpus; three sisters: Sherry Workman, of Austin; Connie Hall of Ingleside and Jill McCurdy of Marble Falls; and his maternal grandmother, Mrs. Carl Oglesby of Corpus Christi.

He was the grandson of

the late Mr. and Mrs. S.D. Cleveland and the late Willie Roe.

McCaulley To Hold Open House

The McCaulley I.S.D. will have Open House and an ice cream supper, Tuesday, March 4 from 7 to 9 P.M.

The Open House will be in honor of Texas Public School Week. All parents, friends and people of the community are welcome to attend.

Sen. Phil Gramm Urges Implement Of Farm Bill

U.S. Sen. Phil Gramm has urged the U.S. Department of Agriculture to implement the 1985 farm bill as rapidly as possible to benefit Texas farmers.

"Time is of extreme importance to many farmers in Texas and I urge that the Department complete implementation as soon as possible," the senator told incoming Secretary of Agriculture Richard Lyng in a letter this week.

"Farmers need to know final details of the Farm Bill in order to make sound decisions in purchasing seed and fertilizer as well as in concluding

Ruffles And Spurs To Hold Monthly Dance

Ruffles and Spurs Square Dance Club will have their monthly dance Saturday night, March 1st at 7:30 P.M. at the Senior Citizens Building.

All dancers are invited to come dance with us. All visitors are welcome to come watch.

their financial arrangements," said Gramm.

The senator specifically asked for quick action in announcing loan rates for upland cotton and

Basketball Tourney To Be Held

A Region V NJCAA basketball tournament will be held March 4-8 at the Scurry County Coliseum, hosted by Western Texas College, the City of Snyder and the Chamber of Commerce.

Teams participating will be the top 8 women's teams and the top 8 men's teams, all hoping to earn a trip to the national tournament and a national NJCAA championship.

Tournament passes are \$25, individual session tickets \$5.

For more information, please contact WTC AD Dave Foster or Dr. Jim Tully at WTC, co-directors of the tournament.

marketing loan programs for cotton and rice growers, and for determining payment-in-kind (PIK) provisions.

"Such action will benefit the farmers in Texas who have been operating in the dark in preparing for their 1986 crop production," the senator noted.

"Many farmers have only estimated their planting intentions and have had to guess as to what levels they will utilize programs offered for the 1986 crop," Gramm told Lyng, who is slated to succeed Agriculture

Secretary John Block shortly.

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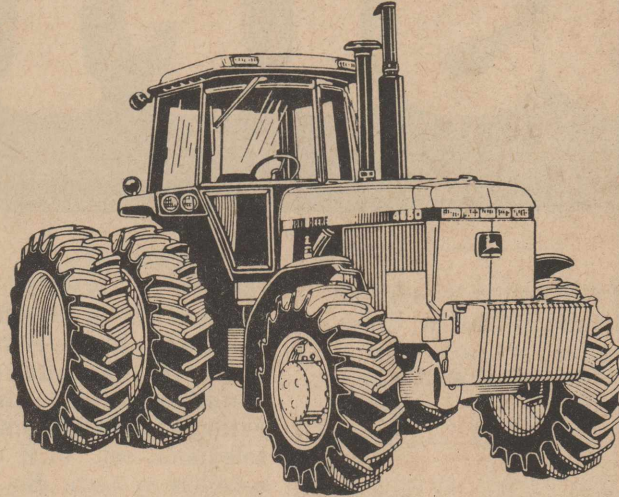
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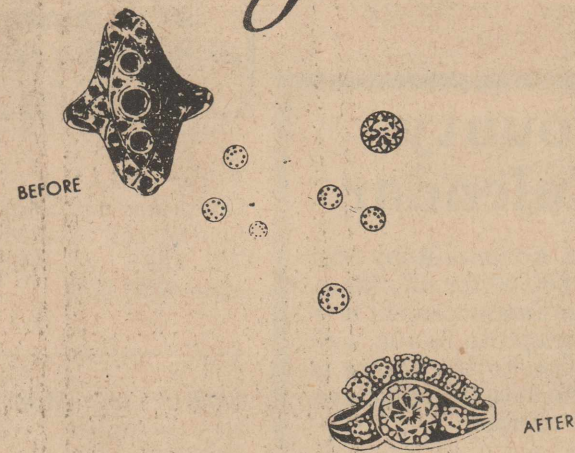
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AJRA Announces The Forming Of An Alumni And Booster Club

The American Junior Rodeo Association has announced that it has sanctioned the forming of an Alumni and Booster Club for its organization. Since the founding of the AJRA in 1953 by Alvin G. Davis, thousands of youngsters, parents, and friends have been actively involved in the AJRA organization. Many AJRA Champions have gone on to become Pro Rodeo Champions and parents of today's AJRA Champs. There are many families that have three generations of AJRA members.

The newly formed AJRA Alumni and Booster Club has been formed, according to its Charter, for the following purposes:

1. To provide an organized group of people who are sincerely interested in preserving the authentic records of the cowgirls/cowboys of the AJRA, past and present.

2. To promote the image and prestige of the AJRA.

3. To enroll past members, parents, and friends into a support group that will help raise funds to be used for the sole purpose of promotion, advertising and commercial filming of its National Finals Rodeo.

4. Funds will be raised by membership dues, special event fund raisers, private and corporate sponsorships, etc.

5. At such time extra funds become available, above the needs stated above, the Board of Directors will have the power to allocate such funds as they deem appropriate toward prize money or special funding, such as giving financial assistance to needy AJRA graduates on the Pro Rodeo Circuit, etc.

President of the Club will be the AJRA Founder, Alvin G. Davis of Lubbock, Texas. Mr. Davis is the Executive Vice-President and General Manager of Texas Tech's Ranching Heritage Association. The six Board of Directors will be Mrs. Rosemary Bland, of Trent, Texas; Mrs. Mary Guy of Abilene, Texas; Mr. John Oudt, of Snyder, Texas; Mr. Alvin Stegemoller of Cleburne, Texas; Kenny Smith of Carlsbad, New Mexico; and John Templer of Amarillo, Texas. They will be assisted by 26 District Representatives which include at the present time: Mr. and Mrs. Sid Johnson-Dermott, Tx.; Ms. Becky Hataway-Snyder; Jane Ridenour-Wichita Falls, Tx.; Mrs. Clifford Lambert-El Paso, Tx.; Mrs. J.J. Robbins-El Paso, Tx.; Mr. Jim Watkins-Odessa, Tx.; Mr. Bill Teague-Crane, Tx.; Mrs. Kathy Bowers-Colorado City, Tx.; Mrs. Claire Powers-Sonora, Tx.; Mike Yeater-San Antonio, Tx.; Mrs. Sally Bland-Lovington, New Mexico; Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Snodgrass-Stephenville, Tx.; Mr. Kenneth Thomas-Lamesa, Tx.; Mr. Don Workman-Lubbock, Tx.; Mr. Mack Altizer-Sonora, Tx.

The District Representatives will handle contacting potential Alumni and Booster members, special event fund raisers, promotions and will serve as directors of the AJRA Reunion that will be held during this year's NATIONAL FINALS

RODEO, hosted by the city of Snyder, Texas and produced by the Snyder Chamber of Commerce and its AJRA NFR Committee headed by Ralph Miller of Fluvanna, Texas.

In addition to the Board of Directors and its District Representatives, the Alumni and Booster Club will be assisted by an Honorary Advisory Council, to be made up of distinguished businessmen. AJRA past Champions, PRCA World Champions, civic and political members etc.

At the present time Advisory Council members will include: Mr. Harry Tomkins of Dublin, Tex. and many times PRCA World Champion, Ms. Jean Curtis of Oklahoma City, Okla. Secretary and General Manager of the Pro Rodeo Historical Society; Mr. Freckles Brown of Soper, Oklahoma, former PRCA World Champion; Mr. Casey Tubbs of Ramona, Ca., 6 times PRCA World Champion Barebrone Rider and two time All-Around World Champion, Mr. Marlin Spurgeon, of Dallas, Texas, the former President of the Lone Star Junior Rodeo Association and a Executive Officer of Taylor Publishing Company, and Mr. Jim Bob Altizer, former AJRA World Champion and PRCA World Calf Roping Champion; Mr. Bob Tallman, PRCA Rodeo Announcer and the voice of the Great American Rodeo Cowboy radio show.

Special events are now being planned that will hopefully bring hundreds of additional people into Snyder for this year's finals. There will be three types of memberships available for the Club, Benefactors, Lifetime Memberships, and Yearly Memberships. The first 100 Benefactor Donors will be the Charter Founding Members, and will receive a special laser engraved plaque and will be listed on a permanent plaque to be displayed at the Snyder Chamber of Commerce. At the present time efforts are being made to contact anyone who has ever been a member of the AJRA, parents or

family of past AJRA members and friends who are interested in the history of the AJRA and its future. Anyone having information on these past AJRA members and their families are requested to contact the Snyder Chamber of Commerce or please contact Jenice Miller, General Manager and Secretary at: 4860 Rhea Rd., Wichita Falls, Texas, 76308. Phone area code (817) 692-5300.

Scurry County To Hold Dedication Of Bandstand

The Scurry County Sesquicentennial Committee will dedicate the new bandstand on the courthouse square with ceremonies starting at 2 o'clock on Sunday, March 2, Texas Independence Day.

Dr. Franklin Pruitt, history and government professor at Western Texas College, will speak briefly during the dedication. A thousand red, white, and blue sesquicentennial balloons will be launched under the sponsorship of the Scurry

County Library. Sesquicentennial souvenirs will be available as a momento of the day and the year. Also available will be a new map for a self-guided walking tour of historical markers on and near the courthouse square.

Visitors attending the dedication are invited to tour the Scurry County Museum at Western Texas College and the Diamond M Museum of Fine Arts at 909 25th Street, both open from 1-4 P.M., without admission charge.

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Jennie Hatley Wins First In Essay Contest

Jennie Hatley, daughter of Dennis and Annette Hatley, of Merkel, won 1st place at Merkel Middle School in the annual Middle Clear Fork Soil and Water Conservation District's essay contest. She placed 2nd in the district competition and attended a banquet in Abilene Feb. 20th in honor of the winners with her parents.

Jennifer is the granddaughter of Louise Mahaffey of Roby and Dalton Cleveland of Brownwood. She is the great granddaughter of Viola Faught.

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We want to thank Dr. Maurice Callan and nurses at the Fisher County Hospital and thanks for the flowers, cards, visits and cards while I was in the Humana Hospital at Abilene. And a special thanks to the Cross Roads Baptist Church for their prayers and the ladies that brought food and thank you to the Morning Side Baptist Church of Snyder for their prayers.

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Carriker Comments On \$144 Billion Deficit

State Representative Steve Carriker (D-Roby) has been appointed to serve as Texas' sole debate to the National Democratic Policy Committee's Roundtable conference on Agriculture, Oil and the Rural Economy which meets February 14 and 15 in Kansas City, Missouri. The conference will probably focus on the potential damage to the rural economy Gramm-Rudman (\$660 million loss to Texas) and the proposed elimination of the Small Business Administration, Older Americans Act, and an 18% cut in agriculture stabilization programs for

farmers under the Reagan Budget. The precipitous decline in oil prices will also be a key topic, according to Carriker.

"Current economic policies are devastating not just the rural and small town economy, but are negatively impacting larger cities like Abilene, Lubbock, Wichita Falls, and Amarillo as well," Carriker said. "We must come up with viable alternatives and restore fairness and sanity to the Budget. An outlandish \$144 Billion deficit is nothing to be proud of, especially when rural people and the elderly are expected to absorb all the cuts."

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PRACTICE MEET: The above 6 Rotan High School students attended a Math and Science Meet Feb. 15, in San Angelo. Left to right, front row: Jan Posey, placing 4th in Number Sense; Lousinda Ramirez, placing 1st in Science and 2nd in Calculator; back row: Randall Clawson, participated in Science; Todd Gruben, placed 11th in Science; Melissa Matthies participated in Calculator and Science and Mark Hargrove participated in Number Sense.

Three Rotan Girls Honored On All District Team

Although the Lady Yellowhammers suffered through somewhat of a dismal basketball season with a record of 8-13, three of the girls were honored on the All-District Team for 6AA. Evette Gruben and Vikki Wright were both named to the second team, while LaTonya Daniel made it on the honorable mention squad.

Evette, a Junior, averaged 13.3 points and 5.5 rebounds a game in her second year on the varsity. Miss Gruben played point guard and some wing this year, making the transition from playing post last year.

Vikki, also a Junior, was plagued by leg injuries for

most of the season, but still managed to average 10 points and 5.4 rebounds a game. Miss Wright played mostly on the wing for her second year on the varsity.

Playing post, LaTonya was matched up in almost every game against girls 6 to 8 inches taller. The Senior still averaged 6 points and an astounding 10 rebounds per game. The rebound total is due to LaTonya's hard work and desire to play the game.

"The Lady Hammers played extremely hard this year and never gave up despite playing against much bigger teams in almost every

game. The underclassmen are really looking forward to next year, especially moving into a new district," said Coach Greg Gillis.

All of the Lady Hammers and Coach Greg Gillis expressed thanks to all of the community for supporting the teams this year.

Coach McCarty Comments On Season

Roby finished their season with a 19-6 record. The Lions lost their Bi-District game to Throckmorton by the score of 61-56. We do appreciate the huge following we had at the game and the support the community gave us. We are sorry we didn't win the ball game but we do feel we had a good season.

This team was picked to finish third in the district. Due to hard work and good Senior leadership, we were able to win district. Every team we lost to this year made the

play offs and some of them are still playing. I'm very proud of our Seniors, Benny Carreon, Danny Carreon, and Bruce Williams. In the four years they have played, we have won 3 district championships and 2 Bi-District championships.

Hopefully, if we have good Senior leadership next year, and some of our young players improve, we will be competitive in district again next year. Hopefully we will surprise some teams in our district again next year. The rest of the

members on our varsity team were: Jeff Branson, Jr.; Jody Mauldin, Jr.; Darry Thomson, Jr.; Reggy Spencer, Soph.; Jason Terry, Soph.; James Gantt, Soph.; Jerry Carreon, Fr.; Edmondson, Fr.; Rick Onofre, Fr.; Larry Van Liew, Mgr. Fr.

Rotan Track Season To Begin On Sat., March 1st

Rotan high school track participants will be taking part in six meets beginning with Stamford on Saturday, March 1st prior to the District meet in Hamlin on April 18th. The season begins on Saturday with Stamford,

followed by back-to-back Saturday meets at Anson, Munday and Jayton. The teams are open on March 29th, the spring break weekend then travel to Post on April 12 and to Hamlin for the district meet on April 18th.

New Radio Station

Rotan and surrounding areas now have the opportunity to receive a new F.M. radio station, 75,000 watt KGNZ, 88.1 F.M. Abilene. KGNZ is a contemporary Christian radio station. Their programming will feature contemporary Christian music and such nationally recognized speakers as Chuck Swindoll and Dr. James Dobson. Dr. Dobson's 30 minute radio broadcast "Focus on the

Family" will be aired weekdays and 11:30 A.M. only on Saturday. This broadcast, like the "Focus on the Family" magazine in this week's paper, is an extension of "Focus on the Family" ministries. Check page 4 in the magazine for a schedule of the topics for upcoming broadcasts. The magazine is a gift to you from William and Gayle Duke and "Focus on the Family."

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2nd HIGH TEAM: The above 4 Roby FFA members attended the Hamp Conference in the Sweetwater Judging Contest recently. Left to right: Gary Teague, Joey Teague, Kenlee Dennis, and Matt Floyd. Joey placed 1st High Individual.

Reagan Proposes 18% Cut In Agriculture Budget

Texas farmers will have to tighten their belts another notch if Reagan's proposed 18 percent cut in the Agriculture Department's budget is approved in his national budget proposals for 1987.

"The administration is going to try to pay for their defense increase by taking funds from agriculture programs, which is at the bottom of the property list," Joe Rankin, president of the Texas Farmers Union said recently.

The budget calls for the 1986 food and farm program, estimated at \$54.1 billion to be reduced in fiscal year 1987 to \$44.6 billion.

The budget trimming includes commodity price and income supports, farm lending, crop insurance and agriculture extension funding.

"While many rural Texans are struggling to stay

above water, the budget proposes to eliminate federal involvement in rural areas by cutting most of the rural development programs," Rankin said. "The Extension Service, which provides education in agriculture, home economics, and community development, could lose about 60 employees."

The national deficit needs to be dealt with, but not to the point of pushing thousands of family farmers off their land," Rankin said.

The first battle concerning the 1985 farm program has not been successful. The program details which are being released, clearly indicate to farmers, bankers, businessmen and consumers that additional corrections desperately need to be made in this program to improve farm prices and income for the family farmer to survive.

Volleyball Organizational Meeting To Be Held

A meeting will be held on Monday, March 10th at 7:30 P.M. at Homestate Savings in Rotan to discuss the possibility of starting an adult volleyball league in Rotan. If you are 18 years old or older and would be interested in participating, you can call Reid Cave at (806) 237-9660 or Kent Cave at (806) 237-9185, or mail information to: Volleyball, Box 314, Rotan, Texas, 79546.

Depending upon the response received, leagues could be held in mens, womens, and mixed divisions. Churches, businesses, and organizations are encouraged to form teams, or if an individual wishes to play but has no team, they may send in their name and teams can be formed at a later date.

Area towns including Roby, Sweetwater, Roscoe, Snyder, Hermleigh, Hobbs, Jayton, Aspermont, Hamlin, McCaulley and others are also invited to participate.

Call or write by March 9th and let us know you are interested, then attend the March 10th meeting or have a

representative of your team attend. Since this is a new league, many of the participants will not be "old pros", so don't let inexperience keep you from participating.

If response is good and a league is formed, officers will be elected by those present at the March 10th meeting and play would begin as soon as possible.

Hustling Around Hobbs

By Joy Walker

How do you like this warm weather we have been having? Its been so hot we have been breaking records. What we really need though, is a good slow rain, as everything needs the moisture. We have been having some strong winds, and with the advent of March next week, sandstorms are sure to be in the forecast.

Bro. and Mrs. Bill Fee and family from Sylvester were at church on Sunday, and we were pleased to have them. Bro. Fee brought our messages Sunday morning and night. Next week we are

planning on having dinner at the church, so everyone be sure and make plans to attend. Thats next Sunday, March 2nd.

We were sorry to learn that Mrs. Sue Medrano has been in the Fisher County Hospital, and has now been transferred to Humana Hospital in Abilene. We hope to hear that she will soon begin to feel very much better.

We are pleased to hear that Bobby Wright is now home from the hospital in Sweetwater and seems to be feeling real good. We hope that he will continue to improve.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo

Hackney and Mrs. Frank Hackney all from Greenville spent the day with Mrs. Opal Phillips on Friday. Mrs. Frank Hackney, Opal's sister, plans on staying here for a few weeks, so they are really looking forward to visiting. Glenn Phillips from Post visited for a short while on Sunday before going to the funeral of Charlie Joe Helms.

We were saddened at the unexpected death of Charlie Joe Helms of Rotan; he passed away on Saturday at a hospital in Abilene. Funeral services were held on Sunday in Rotan with burial in the Cottonwood cemetery. Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to Betty and the remainder of his family.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Hardin from Strawn visited with Mrs. Bea Hardin over the weekend. Joe Hardin from Nolan visited with them all on Sunday. They all attended the funeral of Charlie Joe Helms on Sunday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. W.B. Hardin visited with Bea and all her company Sunday night.

Thurman Upshaw from Stamford visited with

J.D. and Lucy Kincaid on Thursday, and Neil Hyer from Andrews visited with them on Friday. We were so pleased to have J.D. and Lucy back in church on Sunday morning; we had really been missing them.

Jim and I went to Snyder on Tuesday and that night we went to two play off games at the Snyder Coliseum. We watched Vernon play Crane girls basketball, and then Canyon played Stephenville. Saturday night we went to Stamford to watch the Ideal Miss Pageant they had there; this was Evette's last time to wear the crown as they crowned a new Ideal Miss for 1986 that night. Rotan was well represented at the contest, and all of the girls were really pretty with so much talent. Mrs. Sheila Gruben went with us to the contest.

Well, this is about all the news for this week; everyone has been taking advantage of the lovely Spring weather, and the fruit trees out this way are almost out, some I have noticed are out and I hope they don't get killed. See you next week.

News From Down South

By Bertha Warren

Hello from down South. Burt and Ilene Hale went to San Angelo on Thursday to be with their daughter and family.

Skip and Linda Rembert, Linda underwent surgery last Thursday at Community Hospital. She is home now and doing fine. Skip also had minor surgery and is reported doing fine.

Jewel Ratliff, along with C.W. and Sue Dulin visited Damon and Shelby Shipp, of Jayton on Sunday. Jewel hasn't been feeling well for a couple of weeks. After a visit to the doctor this week she is feeling some better.

Andrew Pierce from Gran Saline visited Ed and Ollie Ogden over the weekend, then left to go to Odessa to visit his sons, Bill and Leon, then on to New Mexico to visit Lorean and Hoppy, two other sons. He will come back to the Ogdens on his way home.

Greg, Becky and Tyler Ogden from Midland visited Ed and Ollie on Saturday. Greg is the Ogdens grandson.

We were saddened by the death of Charlie Joe Helms and extend our sympathy to the Helms family.

We learned of the death of Tiny Ratliff's brother,

L.Z. Proctor of Colorado City. Funeral services were held on Tuesday afternoon at Colorado City.

I had a nice visit with Judy Cave and Kenny on Thursday. Judy has had so much illness the last few months it was good to see her looking so well.

Bob and Helen Ratliff of Hamlin visited his mom, Jewel in Sweetwater last week.

Edna Gordon has had a granddaughter, Brandi, visiting with her for a couple of weeks. She returned home Saturday.

That's about all for this week. Call and let us know what's going on in your world.

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