

# Roby Star-Record

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## ROTAN ADVANCE

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### Fisher County Commissioners Officially Set Tax Rate For 1987

Fisher County Commissioners officially set the tax rate for 1987 at .43 cents per \$100 valuation which is up from last year's valuation figure of .37 cents according to Fisher County Judge Marshal Bennett. The increase from .37 cents to .43 cents was needed in order to generate the same spendable dollars to meet the 1987 county budget. The tax rate as established by Fisher County officials last Monday will generate a

total of \$1,076,234.16. This figure is approximately \$3,000.00 more than the amount generated last year, according to Judge Bennett. The total budget for Fisher County for 1987 is \$1,793,497.08. The difference in what will be generated in tax dollars (\$1,076,234.16) and the total budget (\$1,793,497.08) is what the county anticipates collecting in fees. These fees include fines, vehicle registrations and

lateral road funds.

A home on the tax roll last year for \$100,000 would have been taxed at \$37.00. That same home this year will be taxed at .43 cents per \$100 valuation or \$43.00 as compared to \$37.00 last year.

Fisher County officials voted to grant discounts of 3% for taxes paid in October; 2% for taxes paid in November and 1% for taxes paid in December and to grant the same exceptions.

In other action last Monday, Commissioners approved the payment of \$250.00 as presented by Mike Terry for Bitter Creek Water Supply Corporation for damages to the water line. This included two claims for county employees cutting the water line.

County officials adopted the tax levy, establishing the payment of .27 cents to the general fund and .16 cents to the road and bridge fund of the .43 taxes.

Fisher County Commissioners authorized

the purchase of a maintenance contract on three copy machines purchased by Fisher County and authorized

Judge Marshal Bennett to sign a resolution supporting the National Energy Security and Conservation Policy.

### High Rollers B.B. Team To Be In Rotan, Sept. 13th

The Abilene High Rollers Wheelchair Basketball Team will be rolling into town Saturday, Sept. 13th to play the Rotan Lions Club in an exhibition game. This will be a return match as the High Rollers were in Rotan two years ago, to play the Lions Club Team.

The High Rollers were conference champs this past year, which involved other wheelchair teams from San Angelo, Midland-Odessa, Lubbock, and El Paso. Their basketball season will be starting up in

mid October.

The team has been together for 6 years, involving players from Abilene, and the surrounding area.

The exhibition game will be held at Rotan High School starting at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 13th in the old gymnasium. Hope to see ya'll there.

Former Rotan resident, Jim Ratliff, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Ratliff, is a member of the Abilene High Rollers and will be playing in the game.



HIGH ROLLERS: The Abilene High Rollers wheelchair basketball team will be in Rotan on Saturday, Sept. 13th. Pictured in the center, No. 4 is Jim Ratliff, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Ratliff of Rotan.

### Rotan School Elects Class Officers For 1986-87 Year

Class officers, room parents and class sponsors for the 1986-87 school year were recently elected at Rotan High School.

Senior officers are: President Jenna Thornton; Vice President Lousinda Ramirez and Secretary/Treasurer Julie McQueen. Room parents are Mr. and Mrs. Charles Thornton and Mr. and Mrs. Larry Landes. Class sponsors are Richard Gorman and Bobbidee Duck.

Junior Officers are: President Jan Posey; Vice President Steve McClain; Secretary/Treasurer Ceci Hernandez. Room parents are Mr. and Mrs. Donnie Gruben and Mr. and Mrs. Epifanio Gaspar. Class sponsors are Danny Diggs and Chris Cottle.

Sophomore Officers are: President Jenny Dickson; Vice President Jeff Cave; Secretary/Treasurer Shanna Bennett. Room parents are Mr. and Mrs. Pete Fowler and Mr. and Mrs. Haldean Cave. Class sponsors are Kay Kennedy and Ted Posey.

Freshmen Officers are: President Kevin Smith; Vice President

Mary Martinez; Secretary/Treasurer Candi Hayes and Reporter Lori Martinez. Room parents are Mr. and

Mrs. Alex Morales and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Hull. Class sponsors are T.P. Henderson and Evelyn Nowlin.

### Roby Band Parents Hold First Meeting

The Roby Band Parents held their first meeting of the new year on Sept. 8th, at the Roby Band Hall. New officers were elected and are as follows: Bobbie Beauchamp, President; Sandy Pullig, Vice President; Kathy Petty, Secretary; Irwin and Maxine Burk, Treasurer; and Rosemary Donham, Reporter.

The Band parents meet the first Monday of each month and all parents who have children in the band program are invited and encouraged to attend.

### Michelle Burk Wins State With 4-H Record Book In Recreation

Michelle Burk, Fisher County 4-H member, has won state with her 4-H record book in Recreation. As winner of this award, she receives a trip to National 4-H Congress in Chicago December 6-11, 1986.

Michelle is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Erwin Burk of Roby. She is eighteen, a senior at Roby High School and a member of the Fisher County Junior Leaders 4-H Club.

Her award is based on her outstanding record book in recreation. She was a member of the Share The Fun team that won first place at State 4-H Roundup in 1984.

Other projects Michelle has carried include poultry, clothing, food and nutrition and leadership. She has won Grand Champion in county show with her poultry, won first in county and participated in District Food Show and Fashion Show, won in District and participated in demonstrations at State 4-H Round-Up.

Michelle has served as a Junior Leader for

younger 4-H members in recreation and Food and Nutrition.

Her community service this past year included visiting the local rest home and doing things for residents there including manicuring the nails of some of the women.

In Roby High School she has participated in

U.I.L., is a member of the Roby High School Band and a members of National Honor Society. She is active in First Baptist Church, Roby, a member of the youth choir and has assisted with Vacation Bible School. Her plans for college are to attend Hardin Simmons University in Abilene.

### Free Adult Educations Classes Offered At Rotan

Free adult education classes will begin in Rotan Monday, Sept. 15 at 6 p.m. Mrs. Nita Smith will be the teacher again this year. America Yanez will be the aide. Patsy Hamric is the adult education supervisor. Classes will meet on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday evenings from 6 to 9 p.m. Anyone needing help to prepare for the GED should contact Mrs. Smith at 735-2993 after 4 p.m. or contact America Yanez at 735-2379 or contact Patsy Hamric at 735-3041.

Again this year books will be furnished free on loan to all students.

When a student is ready to take the G.E.D. he is to contact Mrs. Hamric for a testing time that is convenient for him. The G.E.D. is comprised of 5 tests ranging in length from 1 hour to 1½ hours duration. Test include English, Social Studies Reading, Natural Science Reading, Reading and Mathematics. Classes to prepare for all these subjects are taught in the Adult Ed Program.

If a person does not wish to work toward the GED, he or she may attend to improve his or her basic skills.

### WTU Customers Receiving Refunds

West Texas Utilities customers this month are receiving refunds and also paying less for the electricity they use.

The double-barreled relief comes from a continued decline in the Company's boiler fuel costs, which by law are passed on to the customers. The Company is refunding over \$5 million—an average of about \$11 per customer—in retail revenues collected in excess of actual fuel costs over the past several months. At the same time, the amount charged customers for fuel is being reduced.

The fuel cost refund is the third within about a year for WTU, thanks mainly to the decline in the price of natural gas, WTU's main boiler fuel. A further decline in fuel costs is expected when WTU's new coal-burning Oklaunion Power Station goes on line late this year.

"The cheaper coal should partially offset an anticipated increase in base rates necessary to pay the plant's construction costs," Don Welch of Abilene, vice president and director of customer services, said.

Welch said the new fuel cost factor, which was set by the Public Utility Commission at WTU's request, brings WTU's standard residential summer rate down below average for investor-owned utilities in Texas.

WTU customer now will pay \$72.59 for 1,000 kilowatt-hours, compared to \$80.01 under

the old fuel cost factor, and \$40.55 for 500 kilowatt-hours compared to \$44.26. The average reported by the PUC for eight investor-owned utilities in August was \$76.55 for 1,000 KWh and \$40.72 for 500 KWh.

WTU's average rates for an entire year now are even lower. Including both summer and winter rates, the 12-month average would be \$68.84 for 1,000 KWh and \$38.67 for 500 KWh. The summer rates run from May 1

through October and were established by the PUC to encourage energy conservation during hot weather.

Coal deliveries are now being made to the Oklaunion plant, which is nearing completion eight miles southeast of Vernon. WTU's share of the plant's generation will be equal to about one third of the Company's total existing generating capacity, which comes from eight major gas-fired power stations.

### ASCS Official Reminds Farmers On Cropland

ASCS Official Billy Don Atkinson, reminds farm program participants to protect and maintain their cropland removed from production by the 1986 Acreage Reduction Programs.

Provisions for maintenance and conservation management are part of the program contract.

Mr. Atkinson says controlling weeds, insects and rodents is a very important program requirement and

farmers who fail to do so could lose payments and other farm program benefits.

About 80,000 acres of cropland in the county have been diverted from crop production to the acreage conservation reserve. ASCS is checking farms to see that these acres are being properly maintained.

### CETA Program Wants One Rotan Student

CETA programs wants one student worker for Rotan High School for the 1986-87 school year. Applicant must be over 16 years of age. Those students eligible may obtain applications from the high school principal's office until Sept. 12, 1986.

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### Rotan Schools Will Dismiss Early, Sept. 16th

Rotan schools will dismiss early on Tuesday, Sept. 16th in order for teachers to participate in teacher-in-service training, according to Alton Fields, Superintendent.

School will dismiss and busses will run at 2:30 on Tuesday, Sept. 16th. The same early dismissal will be followed for Tuesday, Sept. 30th.

### Commodities To Be Given Sept. 20th

Commodities for Fisher County citizens will be given out Saturday, Sept. 20. The time has been changed from 8:30-10:00 a.m. The Rural Wrens Home Demonstration Club, with the assistance of the Young Farmers will be passing out the commodities at the Pink Building in Roby.

### Rotan Yellowhammers To Take On A.C.H.S. Panthers

The Rotan Yellowhammers varsity team will travel to Abilene Christian High School on Friday night, Sept. 12th for an 8:00 p.m. contest. Rotan is looking for the second season victory, coming off a 19-0 win against Robert Lee.

Roby's Lions will take to the road for the first season away contest on Friday when they travel south to Miles for game two of

the year. Roby was blanked by A.C.H.S. last Friday.

The Rotan Junior High football team will play the Roby Junior High team on Thursday, Sept. 11th beginning at 5:00 p.m. at Rotan.

On Saturday, Sept. 16th Roby's Junior Varsity will play Rotan's Junior Varsity squad at Rotan. The game is scheduled to begin at 10:00 a.m.



NEW BUSINESS: Carolyn Foster, owner of Body Shapers of Rotan, has installed a full line of exercise equipment for the public. Her business opens Monday, Sept. 15th. It is located in the building west of Dianne's Beauty Shop.

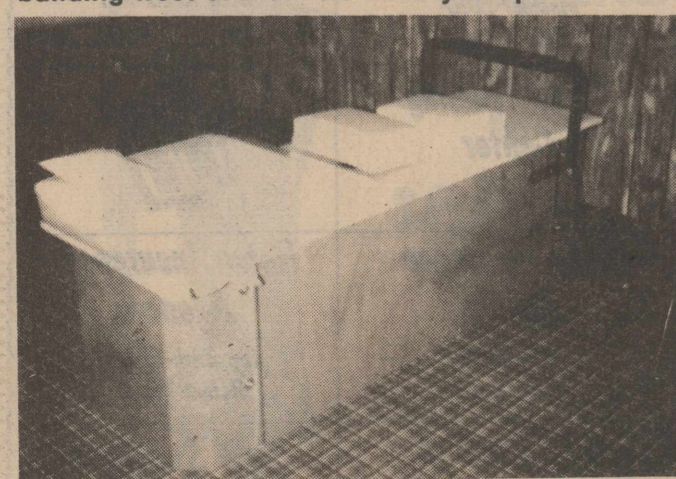


FIGURE TONING STUDIO: Alta Hinson, owner of Tone 'N' Trim, will hold open house on Monday, Sept. 15th from 8 to 5. Her new business located in the old Hinds department store building features six exercise machines.

# County Agent News

By Richard Spencer

A drop in U.S. cotton prices has sales moving briskly, and that means farmers need to keep a wary eye on market developments. U.S. cotton prices dropped about 40 cents a pound at the beginning of August, and this, combined with a weaker dollar, is expected to substantially increase world trade, discourage foreign competitive production and increase cotton consumption. Since recently announced provisions for implementing cotton certificate programs on inventory adjustment and first handler certificates have added momentum to cotton sales, producers might consider using pricing strategies such as options and futures to accomplish price insurance and at the same time benefit from a possible upward price move.

While 1985 was a tough year economically for Texas farmers, 1986 likely will be worse. Preliminary data show Texas farm receipts far below levels of the first half of 1985. Even with some improvement in livestock prices over the last half of the year, overall farm receipts will be considerably less than in 1985. U.S. crop

prices the first half of this year were down 13 percent from levels a year ago. On the positive side however, fuel and interest costs have been down and will help the net farm income situation. Farmers need to build their business around financial and price risk management as they move ahead.

Excessive plowing can lead to soil compaction, which in turn can reduce crop yields due to poor water infiltration, poor root penetration and other problems that rob soils of their productivity. With today's large tractors--some weigh more than 10 tons without attached implements--compaction can be a real problem, particularly on wet, coarse-textured soils. Not only do tractor wheels compact the soil, they also produce large clods that break out upon tillage. This leads to additional tillage to break up the clods, leading to further compaction. Although some compacted soils can be broken up by deep tillage and chiseling, the best way to deal with soil compaction problems is to prevent them in the first place by reducing tillage operations. Not only will your land be better off with less tillage, but your bank account also should improve.

The 1986 pecan crop for the United States will be one of the lowest in recent years. The Texas crop will be approximately 35 million pounds if the crop stays on the trees. Homeowners and commercial producers are currently

working hard to maintain the present Texas crop because prices will be very good. Dr. Larry Stein, Extension Horticulturist, has recently learned that soil moisture in August and September is extremely important in maintaining the crop up to harvest in October. He has shown that mature-bearing trees require at least one inch of irrigation water each week from April to October. This is extremely critical for homeowners who may have bearing trees on shallow or poorly-drained, clay soil. Also, the further west you go in Texas, the more critical irrigation becomes. Tall grass or weeds should be mowed to reduce water stress. Aphids, shuckworms, weevils and stink bugs can reduce yield and quality; so growers are monitoring their trees and spraying when any of these insects develop. Large commercial producers are now preparing their equipment for harvest. The growth of the Texas pecan industry is due in part to the high degree of mechanization which is available. Large trunk shakers vibrate the nuts to the ground, sweepers line the nuts in rows on the orchard floor, harvesters pick the nuts up, and special cleaners separate the good nuts from poorly filled pops, leaves and sticks. After the pecans are harvested, the kernel moisture content is reduced from 11% down to only 5 to 6% in large driers. The pecans are then ready for sale as in-shell nuts or forwarded to a shelling plant.

I am sure that everyone has had enough rain so we are going to be looking for the sunshine this week. Unfortunately, the weathermen predict more rain, hate to say we don't need any more, but its really wet out this way, and our roads are almost impassable. We have only the one way we can get out without running into such deep ruts; the pickups are hitting high center now and in some places, the road is almost washed completely away. It has also been real cool these past few mornings, and Snyder reported 51 degrees Monday morning, so with all the dampness and much cooler weather, we are having a real early Fall.

Mrs. Sarah Shipp from Rotan visited with Mrs. Bea Hardin on Saturday and took her to town that evening.

Glenn Phillips from Post visited with his mother, Mrs. Opal Phillips last Monday.

Mrs. Neil Hyer and family from Andrews have been here visiting with Mr. and Mrs. J.D. Kincaid. Lucy hasn't been feeling at all well and has been back to the doctor in Abilene several times.

Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Cave and Mrs. Frank Boydston attended the REA Annual Meeting at Snyder Thursday night.

Kim Anderson from Kansas is still here visiting with the Clarence Andersons, and they attended the West Texas Fair on Saturday. We were also pleased to have Kim at church on Sunday. The Clarence Andersons and Kim also attended the REA Annual Meeting

and bar-be-que on Thursday.

Jim and I went to Snyder on Thursday and attended the REA Annual Meeting and supper that night which was held at the Snyder Coliseum. There was really a crowd there considering the rainy weather and the bad roads some folks had to use to get out. Friday we attended the Rotan Pep Rally, and that night we went to the football game between Robert Lee and Rotan at Rotan. The weather wasn't bad at all, except for being very damp, but at least it didn't

rain. Saturday we were off bright and early to Abilene, to watch the big parade held in conjunction with the West Texas Fair. One granddaughter, Evette, rode on a car, representing Miss West Texas Teen, and the other granddaughter, Carye, is one of the twirlers with the Rotan band and they marched in the parade. Sunday it really came a hard shower while we were at church, and we got another 1/2 inch. That evening we went to Snyder and attended the 50th wedding anniversary for Blake and Nell Walker. It was given in the garden room of the First Baptist Church and we sure had a big crowd. Got to see Mr. and Mrs. Sig Lloyd from

San Angelo, Mrs. Iva Lee Hillis and her daughter, Sandra McKennon from Sweetwater, Mr. and Mrs. J.T. Myers from Tulia, Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Myers from Lubbock, and Mr. and Mrs. Ira Farmer from Post. Also saw so many old friends that

we never see anymore, and Nell's sisters and brothers. It was a super party and we had almost 200 to register. Well, not much news this week, as everyone has been staying close to home in the dry. See you next Thursday.

# Hustling Around Hobbs

by Joy Walker

## Women With A Purpose To Meet, Sept. 15

Women With A Purpose, a time for sharing talents, ideas, and experiences. For women of all ages and all denominations. Meet once a month on third Monday night at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting Sept. 15 at First Baptist Church, Roby, Tempie West, Marsha Smith will present the feature attraction. Music will be brought by the Etheredge Trio. There will be a fee of \$2.00 to cover all expenses. Refreshments will be served. Nursery will be provided.



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## Weatherization Assistance Applications

Applications for Weatherization Assistance for low-income persons will be taken for residents of Fisher County. This announcement comes from the Community Service Center located at 301 West Arkansas Street, Sweetwater, Texas, (915) 735-8455.

The purpose of this program is to assist low-income persons by helping to reduce utility bills on a long term basis. Priority will be given to Senior Citizens and Handicapped persons. The program will address only those items dealing strictly with energy conservation such as insulating the attic, weatherstripping, replacing broken window panes, etc. The program does not include roof replacement, plumbing or electrical work. There is no charge for this service to those individuals qualifying for assistance.

Those interested in applying must be income eligible according to Income Guidelines as issued by the Secretary of Planning and Evaluation. Applicants should be prepared to furnish proof of residency and citizenship, proof of income, social security number, etc. at the time the application is submitted.

Applications will be taken in Rotan, Texas, Fisher County on the following dates: Thursday, September 11, 1986; Friday, September 12, 1986, from 9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. each of the above dates, at South Side of the Community Building, 202 West McArthur, Rotan, Texas, 79546, 915-735-8001.

Read Matthew 5:14-16

Your light must shine before people, so that they will see the good things you do and praise your Father in heaven. —Matthew 5:16 (niv)

ON rainy days, I often see "rainbows" in the road. Colors swirl about on puddles of oil dripped from cars. The oil spots are always there, but when the rain drenches them, the beautiful colors show up.

Some Christians are like that. They seem ordinary most of the time. They just go along, unobtrusively doing good. But when rain enters their life, they show their true colors—the beauty of Christ within.

I know a tiny woman in her eighties who always has a smile and pleasant word for those she meets. She still goes to programs at the school. She drives when necessary, walks when she can. She regularly visits the local health spa and recently took swimming lessons.

The beautiful witness of this woman is even greater to those of us who know that she has cared for her invalid husband for decades. Instead of becoming bitter and withdrawn, she has shown how God's love sustains. Sometimes it takes rain in our life for us to realize how much God will do for us.

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Sunday School 10:00  
Sunday Eve. Training Union 6:00  
Wed. Night 7:00  
James P. (Pat) Anderson-Pastor

**LITTLE ZION BAPTIST CHURCH** Rotan, Texas  
Sunday School 9:45  
Worship 11:00  
James Carrington-Pastor

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH** Roby, Texas  
Sunday School 10:00  
Sunday Evening 6:00  
Wed. Night 7:00  
Alvin Petty-Pastor

**CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH** Rotan, Texas  
Sunday School 10:00  
Sunday Eve. Bible Study 8:00  
Wed. Night 7:00  
Dutch Parks-Pastor

**EMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH** Rotan, Texas  
Sunday School 10:00  
Sunday Eve. 5:30  
Address Rodriguez-Pastor

**SYLVESTER BAPTIST CHURCH** Sylvester, Texas  
Sunday School 10:00  
Sunday Evening 6:00  
Worship 11:00  
Wed. Night 7:00

**HOBBS BAPTIST CHURCH** Hobbs Community  
Sunday School 9:45  
Sunday Evening 6:00  
Worship 11:00

**MCCAULLEY BAPTIST CHURCH** Rotan, Texas  
Sunday School 10:00  
Sunday Evening 6:00  
Worship 11:00  
Rick McMinn-Pastor

## Worship This Week At A Fisher County Church

**MISSION BAPTISTA CALVARIO** Roby, Texas  
Sunday School 9:45  
Sunday Evening 5:30  
Wed. Night 7:30  
Worship 11:00  
Worship 8:00  
Eli Sepeda-Pastor

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH** Rotan, Texas  
Sunday School 9:15  
Sunday Eve. 8:00  
Worship 10:30  
Terry Lowe-Pastor

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH** Roby, Texas  
Sunday School 9:45  
Sunday Eve. 5:00 UMYF  
Wed. Night Choir Practice 7:00  
Jim Hawthorne-Pastor

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH** McCaulley, Texas  
Sunday School 10:00  
Wed. (2nd Wed. in each month family nite 7:00)  
Worship 9:30  
Alvin G. Smith-Pastor

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH** Sylvester, Texas  
Sunday School 10:30  
Every 3rd Tues. Evening Community Dinner 6:30  
Worship 9:30  
Alvin G. Smith-Pastor

**CHURCH OF CHRIST** Rotan, Texas  
Sunday School 9:45  
Sunday Evening 6:00  
Wed. Morn. Ladies Bible Class 9:30  
Wed. Eve. Bible Study 7:30  
Donald Dawes-Minister

**CHURCH OF CHRIST** Roby, Texas  
Sunday School 10:00  
Sunday Evening 6:00  
Wed. 7:00-Nov.-April 8:00 May-Oct.  
Wardell Halliburton-Minister

**CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE** Rotan, Texas  
Sunday School 9:45  
Wed. Night Worship 11:00  
Lyle Whitmeyer-Pastor

**FOURSQUARE CHURCH** Rotan, Texas  
Sunday School 10:00  
Sunday Evening 6:00  
Worship 11:00  
Wed. Night 7:00  
Ira Burns-Pastor

**ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH** Rotan, Texas  
Sunday Morning 9:00 a.m. Mass  
Saturday Evening 7:30 p.m. Mass  
Father Austin Klitredge

**MARANATHA CHURCH** Roby, Texas  
Sunday School 9:45  
Sunday Evening 6:00  
Worship 11:00  
Wed. Evening 7:00

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## Tax Planning

By Richard Rodgers  
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### TAX LAW TO BE SIGNED SOON

The media is full of information about the tax bill approved on August 16 by the House-Senate Conference Committee. Almost everyone is predicting quick and easy passage of the bill by the full House and Senate; President Reagan has hailed the bill as a "triumph" and says he will sign it. But don't act too hastily based on early information that you receive about the bill. Take the time to get a clear picture of how the bill will affect you, not only this year, but also for several years. Develop a strategy that will save you the most in taxes over the long run.

While the general form of the bill's provisions are generally clear at this point, working out the details and tying up the loose ends were left to the joint tax committee staff. The final bill is expected to be lengthy and as one analyst put it, "not all that simple."

In its broad outlines the bill is considered landmark legislation, the first significant tax reform since World War II. When it is fully in effect, this law may indeed give us a fairer and simpler tax code. However, the transition rules may leave taxpayers anything but impressed with the bill's fairness or simplicity.

What the bill does do is lower individual and corporate tax rates and shift over \$120 billion in taxes from individuals to corporations over a five-year period. It takes more than six million low income people off the tax rolls altogether and provides four out of five taxpayers with a single 15 percent tax rate. It eliminates deductions and credits that have been perceived as "loopholes."

As the details of the bill are revealed, take the time to review the new law's effect on your situation. There should still be time to act to cut your 1986 taxes and, more importantly, to plan a strategy that will minimize your taxes in future years as well.

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### Extension Homemakers Club

The Extension Homemakers Club met with Eda Bickerstaff Thursday, Sept. 4. We had Alice Ballenger with us and she brought the program.

Eda Bickerstaff presided, Ardell Floyd led in recreation. Hazel Hudnall called the roll. After a short discussion on the fair, Alice Ballenger brought the program on the "Battle

of the Bulge". After the program refreshments, those present were Ardell Floyd, Hazel Hudnall, Eda Bickerstaff, Mary and Louada Posey, Georgia Ashton, Oma Long, Wanda Floyd, Bobbie McKinney, Hilda Rollins, Lois Sparks, Effie Murphree, and our County Agent Alice Ballenger. Our next meeting will be with Ardell Floyd, Sept. 18th.

Francis Langdon, who publishes the *Tonkawa (Okla.) News*, tells me the old Methodist parsonage is empty now. The fella who bought it from the church in 1965 had died and the place is up for sale.

Living in this house in the mid-fifties was like having my own amusement park. Good things seemed to happen when you lived at 709 East Grand Avenue—especially if you were a kid.

It had large empty rooms. It had an attic big enough to play a game of catch. I had a basement with spiders and ghosts and anything else my sister and I could conjure up with our imaginations.

There were air vents you could see through from the second story to the first. My grandmother and I once got down of all fours and looked through one of them to watch my Dad perform a marriage ceremony we'd been banned from minutes earlier.

There was a flat roof outside my bedroom and just above the back porch. I used to spend the night out there in the summer. When the sun came up I could shimmy down a drain pipe and run across the street to Tate's Grocery and nourish my body with Hostess cup cakes and Dr. Peppers.

The large, semi-circular front porch was made of wood and I guess you could say the footing was a little unsteady.

I can still see my Dad tripping over one of the steps and rolling to an undigified rest on the sidewalk—all 240 pounds of him.

"Dog blast it," said the reverend, just man-

aging to avoid profanity.

It was in this house my Dad taught me about Bud when it meant a football coach instead of a brew.

It was here I first listened to OU football games on the radio. As long as I lived in that house, Oklahoma never lost one. The day the Irish from Indiana drove the fata stake through the hearts of every OU fan in the land, I was looking on tearfully from another parsonage.

In this old house, though, my grade school totally dominated what my friends and I saw as the more affluent grade school from the other side of the tracks. The Washington Redskins (my team) beat Lincoln (the rich kids) in every sport all three years I lived in that house.

There was one close call with Lincoln, though. Only the house saved us.

The last sport between the two schools my sixth-grade year was the track meet. Going into the 880-relay we were clinging to a narrow lead.

The coach told us it all came down to this race. If we won it, we could "graduate" knowing we had never lost to the miserable Lincoln Bears. But, if we lost, it would be our shame to bear for life.

I just happened to be the anchorman for our relay team. I just happened to be the guy who got the baton with a slight lead over the Lincoln anchorman. And I just happened to be the guy who got passed and beaten to the tape.

Go ahead, tell me about your Charlie Brown humiliations.

Our coach had lied shamelessly in an effort

to motivate us for that race, though. Turns out we had just enough points to win the track meet in spite of my failure.

Had I lived in an ordinary parsonage that

race would have cost us the city championship.

I've never doubted that.

I stopped through Tonkawa a few years ago and met the man who had purchased the house from the

Methodists. He led me on a familiar tour.

He seemed to appreciate the old house the way I did, too. I told him a few stories about it and he invited me to come back again. I pro-

mised I would and I'm sorry I didn't make it back sooner.

I'm sure he had stored up a few of his own stories of good fortune at 709 East Grand Avenue.

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### Applications For Energy Crisis Program

Applications for the Energy Crisis Program will be taken for

residents of Fisher County. This announcement comes from the Community Service

Center located at 301 West Arkansas Street, Sweetwater, Texas, (915) 235-8455.

The purpose of this program is to assist low-income households when a crisis situation exists, for instance, situations that have depleted financial resources and/or created problems in meeting basic household expenses, particularly bills for energy so as to constitute a threat to the health or wellbeing of the household particularly the elderly, handicapped and AFDC recipients.

There is no charge for these services to those individuals qualifying for assistance. Those interested in applying must have a household income which is 11% or less of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) established poverty income guidelines adjusted for family size.

Applicants must bring copies of check stubs, award letters, employer statements, or other similar documents along with social security cards and proof of citizenship at the time the application is submitted.

Applications will be taken in Rotan, Texas, Fisher County on the following dates: Thursday, September 11, 1986; Friday, September 12, 1986. From 9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. each of the above dates at South Side of the Community Building, 202 West McArthur, Rotan, Texas, 79546, 915-735-8001.

### Funeral Services Conducted For Rebecca Anne Stephens

Rebecca Anne Stephens, 27, of Ft. Worth, passed away at her home Sunday, Sept. 7 at 8:25 a.m. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Graham of Roby.

Born Feb. 6, 1959 in Dover, Delaware, she graduated from Roby High School in 1977 and Barbazon School of Modeling in 1978.

She was Miss Texas Teenage 1977-78. She married Brian Reid Stephens Dec. 29, 1979.

Survivors include her husband, one daughter, Brooke Leigh Stephens

of Ft. Worth; parents: Gary and Juanita Graham of Roby; one brother: Forrest Graham of Dallas; three sisters: Laura Grothe of Azle, Texas, Charlotte

Riggs of San Diego, Ca.; and Pamela Alcala of Houston; grandmother: Faye Ray of Roby; an aunt, Betty Young of Richmond, Oh., and an uncle, Roland Ray of

Roby. Funeral services were Tuesday, Sept. 9th at 12:30 p.m., Greenwood Chapel in Ft. Worth. Rev. Clyde Zellers officiated. Burial was at

Greenwood Memorial Park. Memorials are requested to be made to the Hospice Program 716 W. Magnolia, Ft. Worth, Texas, 76104.

### Roby Lions Defeated By A.C.H.S. Panthers 22-0

The Roby Lions lost their season opener Friday night, when the Abilene Christian High School Panthers defeated the Lions 22 to 0.

The Panthers used their size and speed to over power the Lions.

Defensively the Lions had little rest. They saw six different backs handling the ball out of the backfield and two of these shared duty at quarterback, both had good passing arms. The Panthers also used three different pass receivers. The Panthers rushed for 237 yards and passed for 149, lost three fumbles and had one pass picked off.

The Lions offense had some bright spots, but were never able to sustain a drive. Roby only crossed the 50 yard line twice in the game and both times were in the second half. The Lions

had 54 yards rushing, 26 passing, for the night, and lost the ball once.

The Lions will be trying to even the record this Friday when they travel to Miles to play the Bulldogs.

### National Independent Grocers Week

Independent retail grocers across the country will be honored the week after Labor Day in the second annual National Independent Retail Grocers Week.

President Ronald Reagan signed the legislation designating September 7-13, 1986 as National Independent Retail Grocers Week, after full approval by the House and Senate. This national tribute recognizes the significant role America's small business grocery entrepreneurs play within the food industry. Independent retail grocers account for nearly two-thirds of all grocery stores and nearly half of all distributed grocery products in the United States.

Local independent grocers are celebrating this event with specials throughout their stores to say thanks for the support of the local community during the past year.

Richard Spurlock, Snyder; Jackie Young, Spur; James T. Carter, McCaulley; Raymond Kiser, Sylvester; H.R. Gray, Hamlin.

### Hospital News

Patients admitted to the Fisher County Hospital from Sept. 2 thru Sept. 8 were Sandy Matthes; G.W. Rodgers; Delta Kiker; Donald McQueen; Jake Morgan; Marjorie Hale; O. Leon House; Callie Shipp; Roy Bonner; Lewis Cleveland; Laverne Harrison; Cindy Robertson, all of Rotan; Willie Johnson; Lila V. Hardy; Jeri Putnam, all of Roby; Richard Spurlock, Snyder; Jackie Young, Spur; James T. Carter, McCaulley; Raymond Kiser, Sylvester; H.R. Gray, Hamlin.

### PUBLIC NOTICE BRIEF EXPLANATORY STATEMENTS OF PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS GENERAL ELECTION NOVEMBER 4, 1986

#### PROPOSITION NO. 1 ON THE BALLOT

Senate Joint Resolution 15 proposes a constitutional amendment that would permit the legislature to provide by general law for the apportionment of the value of railroad rolling stock among the counties in which the property of the railroad is located for purposes of property taxation, and would delete the requirement that the Comptroller participate in making the allocation. To comply with both statutory and constitutional law, the apportionment currently is being made by the State Property Tax Board in conjunction with the Comptroller.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment to allow the legislature to provide by general law for the apportionment of the value of railroad rolling stock among counties for purposes of property taxation."

#### PROPOSITION NO. 2 ON THE BALLOT

Senate Joint Resolution 33 proposes a constitutional amendment that would replace the constitutional requirement that the subject of a bill be expressed in its title with a mandate that each house of the legislature adopt rules of procedure that would require the subject of each bill to be expressed in its title in a manner that gives the legislature and the public reasonable notice of that subject. Determining compliance with the rule would be the responsibility of the legislature. Cur-

rently, a law is invalidated if a court finds its caption is defective. The amendment would provide that past and future enactments may not be held void on the basis of an insufficient title.

The amendment also would eliminate the suggestion that the state's laws be revised every ten years, and instead would provide for continuing revision of state laws.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment requiring each house to include in its rules of procedure a rule that each bill contain a title expressing the bill's subject, and providing for the continuing revision of state laws."

#### PROPOSITION NO. 3 ON THE BALLOT

House Joint Resolution 73 proposes a constitutional amendment that would permit the Legislature to authorize any county, city, town, or other political subdivision to use public funds or credit to pay insurance premiums on nonassessable life, health, or accident policies. Due to the prohibition in the constitution against the lending of credit and granting of public money, political subdivisions currently are prohibited from becoming shareholders in associations such as mutual-insurance companies, in which policyholders are shareholders. A nonassessable mutual insurance policy does not allow a company to raise capital by assessing the policyholder an extra amount on a pre-

mium. This amendment will allow mutual insurance companies and stock companies to bid for life and health group policies of political subdivisions. Public liability will be limited to the payment of premiums specified in the contract.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment allowing political subdivisions the opportunity to engage in and transact business with authorized mutual insurance companies in the same manner as with other insurance companies."

#### PROPOSITION NO. 4 ON THE BALLOT

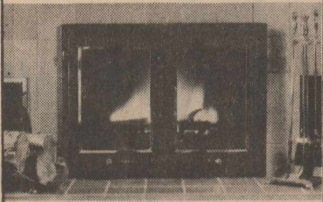
Senate Joint Resolution 4 proposes a constitutional amendment that would repeal the prohibition against branch banking by state banks and would allow state banks and national banks domiciled in this state to establish and operate banking facilities at locations within the county or city where they are domiciled. The amendment would also authorize the Legislature to permit a state bank or a national bank domiciled in this state to engage in business at more than one place if it acquires a failed state bank or national bank domiciled in this state.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment to provide that a bank may offer full service banking at more than one location within the city or county where its principal facility is located, subject to limitations and restrictions provided by law."

Estos son los informes explicatorios sobre las enmiendas propuestas a la constitución que aparecerán en la boleta el día 4 de noviembre de 1986. Si usted no ha recibido una copia de los informes en español, podrá obtener una gratis por llamar al 1/800/252/8083 o por escribir al Secretario de Estado, P.O. Box 12887, Austin, Texas 78711.

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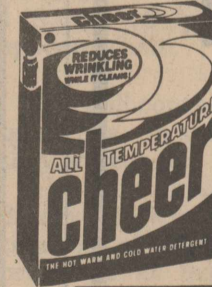
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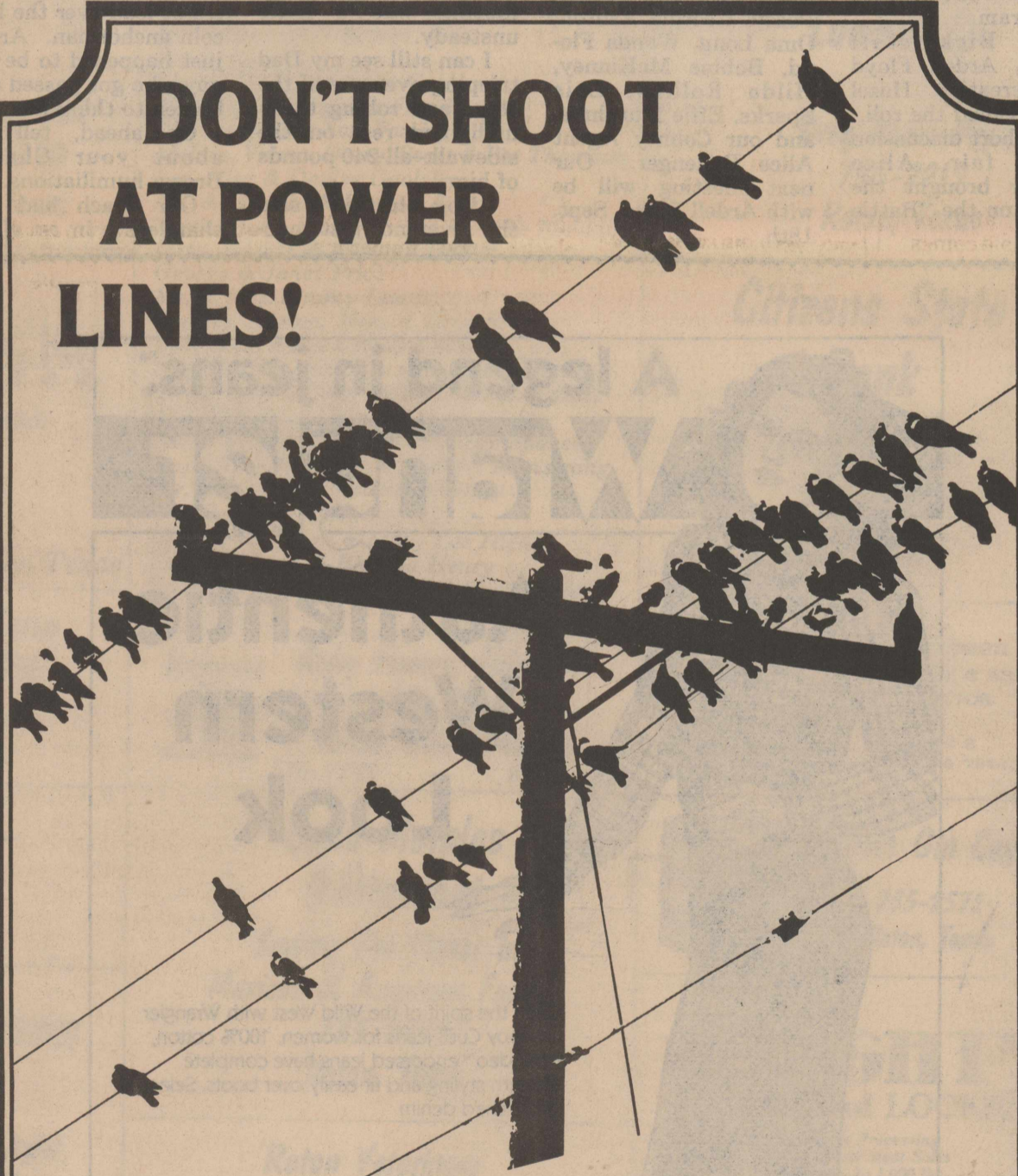


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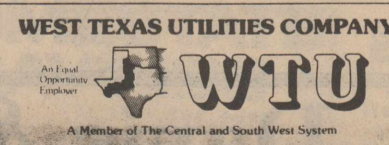
#### ADDITIONAL SAFETY TIPS:

##### • Use Power Tools Wisely

Be sure wiring is in good condition and all circuits are grounded. Never use electric tools in the rain or on wet surfaces. Also, when buying new equipment, look for the "UL" seal of approval from Underwriters Laboratories.

##### • Always Disconnect Cords by Pulling on the plug

When disconnecting electrical items, be sure to pull on the plug — not the cord! If you pull on the cord, you'll eventually wear it out and expose hazardous wires. Also, don't overload extension cords or outlets.



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## News From Down South

By Bertha Warren

Hello from down South.

Sure thought it was time to start feeding the fire place Sunday night. The cool weather is nice, but we need the sunshine for the crops. I would never complain about the rain, in fact, if it rains one more inch I am going to start laughing and singing. (Hysterically).

Saw lots of folks at the Midwest Electric B-B-Q Thursday night. We enjoyed the program and the food was very good. Ollie Ogden and I went to Snyder with Carrol and Lena Hodges.

Helen and Lowell Thornburg's visitors

over the weekend were their daughters, Gale and Marion Carter of Hereford and Barbara Scrivner and her daughter, Gwen and Eddie Thompson of Snyder.

Frances Morgan, along with other friends from Roby attended the funeral services for Annie (Graham) Stephens of Ft. Worth and formerly of Roby on Tuesday. She was the beautiful Miss Texas Teen in 1977-78. Our sympathy to all of her family. Frances and Chris traveled to Graham, Texas Saturday to attend the pink and blue shower for Mrs. Robert (Melody)

Morgan. She received so many lovely things.

The Cavett reunion was held at the Claytonville-Capitola Community Center the 31st of Aug. About 14 registered. The reunion will be in the home of Charlie and Thelma Smith, in Roby in 1987.

The Smiths and Ed and Ollie Ogden visited and played 42 Saturday night at the Claytonville-Capitola Community

Center.

Ed and Ollie and Mable Warren have a new great grandson. He was born Friday, the 5th of Sept. in Cherokee, Okla. His name is Thomas Everett, weighing 6 lbs. 9 oz. Parents are Everett and Tammy Wessels and grandparents are Tommy and Darlene Warren of Granbury. He was welcomed home by his proud 5 year old sister,

Melanie.

Funeral services were held Thursday in Monahans for Zack Rankin, great grandson of Owen and Viola Brazee. Zack and his twin, Cody, were born June 16, 1986 to Hal and Kay Rankin. Other survivors are his maternal grandparents, Carrol and Terry Harkey of Monahans and paternal grandparents are Julie and Manley Holmes of

Sanderson. Great great grandmothers are Elsie Carter of Rotan and Jewel Ratliff of Sweetwater. Zack was discovered by his Dad when he went in to kiss the babies bye as he went to work. Our sympathy to all of his family. He was here for such a short time but touched so many hearts.

Leta (Warren) Jones fell last week and broke her knee while carrying

Charles, her grandson, but the baby was not hurt. Hope she will be able to get around better soon.

Circle and Mary Etta O'Donald of Claytonville, along with Ben and Edith Ashlock of Abilene met Don O'Donald and his family at the West Texas Fair in Abilene Saturday.

Wayne and I ate lunch with his sister, Edna and Ben Benson

Thursday in Sweetwater. Wayne's brother, Floyd and Marilyn Warren from Riverside, California, have been to the East Coast and were on their way home and we met them at the Benson's then they came to our house Sunday and left Tuesday evening.

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

## F.C. Nursing Home News

It's another rainy day and we have all been staying indoors. If there is anyone out there who wants to come play the piano for us we would love to hear some piano music. Especially on "blue Mondays."

Our Employee of the Month is Deanie Blaine, L.V.N. She lives in Roby with her husband, Al Blaine, who teaches Science, their two little boys, Ben and Will and daughter, Jennifer. She has worked at Fisher County Nursing Home for 2 years.

Maude Smith and Bessie's visitors were Mr. Sanchez from Roby. Lottie Rushing's visitors were Betty Masters from Brownwood and Gary, Renee and Chrystal Ratliff and Jeff and Miriam Monsey from Arlington.

Hazel Smith's visitors were Layton and Rose Lewis from Oklahoma City, Okla. and Dorothy Bonner from Snyder and of course, Ilene Hale comes almost daily.

Lucy Ashley's visitors were Elva Alaniz from Roby, Jess Ashley and Lucille Eades.

Addie Kinsey's visitors were Aubrey and Tana Knight from Dallas. Edith and Pierson Henry, Mildred Knox, Leareder Johnson, Ruth Hamilton, Stella Good-

win, also Winona Jarnagan from Roby, Bedford and Violet Harris from Portales, N.M. and Tom and Lorena Dunn from Arizona.

LaNita Moore was visited by Evelyn Cahill, Laura Cahill and Vera Mann.

Roy Cummings visitors were Dorothy and Lisa Scoggins and Jonell Brown from Abilene.

Mrs. Al Herrera and Becky Montez visited Susie Soliz. Dan and Jean Brazee from Hawley came to see Elsie Carter. Dorothy Huff from Midland came to see Jess Brooks. Doug, Dot and Angie Simmons came to see Cleo Simmons.

That's all the new the last 2 weeks.

Reyna Garcia

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**NOTICE:** Want to buy old faded, worn out quilts. Call Nathalie's, 735-3122 or 735-2146. 21:tfc

**LOST:** Black poodle. Dead end st. of West Forrest. Small reward. Call 735-3279. 30:2tp

**NEW HOME SEWING MACHINES:** Electrolux cleaners, repair all makes. H.B. Stevens, 1101 James St., Sweetwater, 235-2889. 27:tfc

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**FOR SALE:** Canaries. Call 735-2091. 31:2tc

**NOTICE:** I will buy antiques and collectibles. Call 735-2104. 31:tfc

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**LOST:** Large male manx cat. Gray color, no tail, neutered, lost in Roby vicinity. Contact (806) 872-6176. Reward. 30:4tp

**FOR RENT:** 3 bedroom, 2 bath, brick, 11 miles west of Rotan on pavement, water line, \$200 month. Call 735-2903. 30:3tc

**EXCELLENT INCOME** for part time home assembly work. For info. call 504-641-8003 Ext. 8532. 31:4tp

**YARD SALE:** 916 E. 5th, Thurs., 11th; Fri., 12; & Sat., 13th. Adults, and children's clothes, baby clothes, toys and lots of other things. 31:1tp

**FOR SALE:** Coronet or will trade for alto saxophone. Call 735-3554 after 5. 31:1tc

**FOR RENT:** 2 bedroom house, 1 mile south of Roby on Hwy. 70. \$175.00. Harman Holcomb, 776-2131. 31:tfc

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# State Capitol Highlights

Texas Gov. Mark White, fighting for his political life, took the offensive last week against the Texas House, threatening to veto the new betting bill unless House Speaker Lewis' team solves the state's fiscal crisis in a second 30-day session.

What White means is raise taxes, and he's backed by Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby on that issue. But the House again demonstrated its opposition to a tax hike when some 85 state representatives rallied to support House Speaker Gib Lewis. Opposed for re-election back home, Lewis is also fighting for his career. Tempers were hot and House members complained of being pushed around by the governor and senators who want a sales tax increase.

The House and Senate are now farther apart than before. Endgame politics and re-election rhetoric may have derailed what appeared to be a new basis of cooperation.

## CUT FIRST, TAX LATER

Last week, Lewis softened his stance, saying he was not entirely opposed to a tax hike. In fact, for days, Capitol scuttlebutt had it that Lewis would allow a minimal tax bill in the second session because he had saved his re-election face.

Hobby, for his part, signaled he would accept the so-called Band-Aid approach that senators had vowed to kill.

But after White's

## ASCS Office- USDA Releases Wheat Poll

Mandatory wheat production limits are favored by slightly over half of the wheat producers who submitted valid ballots in a U.S. Department of Agriculture poll, it was announced today.

Some 78 percent of those eligible to vote declined to participate, USDA said.

The results of the voluntary poll, mandated by the 1985 Farm Bill, are non-binding on the Secretary of Agriculture.

Of the 1,565,517 ballots mailed to wheat producers, 346,034 were returned, and of those, 26,626 were determined to be invalid.

The remaining 20 percent--319,408--were valid. Of those, 171,389--54 percent--favored mandatory production controls; 148,019--46 percent--opposed them.

The poll contained six questions. In summary, they were:

--Do you favor mandatory limits on production that would result in prices of at least 125 percent of the national cost of production?

--How do you classify your farm operation?

--Do you own or rent to others or are you an operator/producer?

--What is the predominant class of your wheat?

--How big was your operation in 1986?

--Did you produce a crop of wheat with an acreage base of at least 40 acres during at least once of the 1981-1985 crop years?

The wheat poll ballots were mailed to wheat producers in 47 states June 25. The closing date was July 14.

threat, House members rallied at Lewis' office. Lewis repeated his first position: cut the budget first and then we'll think about raising taxes.

Lewis still holds the majority if votes in a divided House. One frustrated pro-tax representative even accused Lewis of aiding White's Republican opponent, former Gov. Bill Clements. He implied no tax bill would wound Mark White.

Are we watching legislators vote on the basis of whether they want to support the re-election of either Mark White or Gib Lewis? Or can the fiscal crisis stand as a valid issue by itself? Maybe both.

## VETO ANYWAY?

White is suspected of wanting to veto the betting bill anyway. Pro-horse members are reluctant to give White his tax bill until after the new bill becomes law. They don't trust him.

On the surface, it appears the budget is being sacrificed for parimutuel betting, but the real issue is predominate House sentiment that taxes should be raised in January, not now.

## NOW INTO DEFICIT

By mid-week, Hobby warned legislators they faced the most radical loss of funds of any state in the nation's history. By not acting, they could also become the nation's laughing stock.

Hobby called the first session a flop, but said a stopgap plan of tax hikes, budget cuts and accounting maneuvers will keep state checks from bouncing, if the House okays it in September.

The House Republi-

can response was to question the accuracy of Democratic Treasurer Ann Richard's statistics.

The curtain rang down early Thursday on the first special session four days after the state ended the fiscal year \$231 million in the hole, the first deficit in 25 years.

Lawmakers finished business on only three major issues: legalized betting at horse and dog tracks, school discipline and interstate and branch banking.

Pressured and determined, the governor came out fighting. He gave legislators the weekend off to face voters back home before starting the new session Monday morning, when he planned to address a joint session.

They went home fatigued, particularly the workhorses on the budget committees who had started weeks ago hammering out the budget cuts.

Don't let anyone let you re-election politics don't figure in. They do.

## WHAT'S LEFT?

The situation remains that White and Lewis factions are still on a collision course. Either one or both, may win or lose in November despite the tax issue. But they are playing hardball like it hasn't been played in years.

Departing for home, most legislators were too tired or confused to speculate what, if anything, may be accomplished in the next 30 day session. A little hope was held out that possibly a combination of cuts and taxes, tied together in one bill, will emerge, and peace will be at hand.

Support for a tax bill is more evident in the House. With little to

show so far, his supporters realize how another session of failure will harm Mark White's re-election campaign. Half-a-loaf wouldn't hurt, but they'll get it when Lewis says they

## CLEMENTS-WHITE DEBATE

Meanwhile, the negotiations are on again for a televised

debate between White and Clements.

Clements, leading in the polls, officially started his fall campaign last week in Dallas. He complained the media attached the

word "secret" to his plan to balance the budget. He denied ever using it, but White's statewide TV ads derided Clements for having a "secret" plan.

In fact, Clements

said, he outlined his plan in letters to White back in June and July. Meanwhile, he continues on the campaign trail, staying out of the Capitol fray when possible.



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Date	Opponent	Time	H/T	Us	Them
Sept. 5	A.C.H.S.	8:00	H	0	22
Sept. 12	Miles	8:00	T		
Sept. 19	Open				
Sept. 26	O'Donnell	7:30	H		
Oct. 3	Meadow	7:30	T		
Oct. 10	*Roscoe	7:30	H		
Oct. 16	Sweetwater J.V.	7:30	T		
Oct. 24	*Aspermont	7:30	H		
Oct. 31	*Rotan	7:30	T		
Nov. 7	*Munday	7:30	H		

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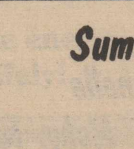
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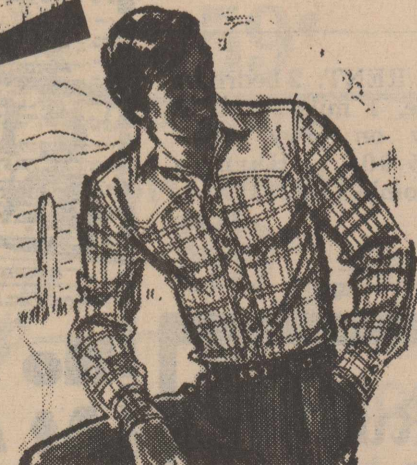
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## Rotan Yellowhammers Defeat Robert Lee Steers

After last year's winless season, the Rotan Yellowhammers were somewhat of a surprise as they won big in their first 1986 game over the Robert Lee Steers. Three statistics show just how the game unfolded: Rushing-Rotan 203 yards, Robert Lee 98 yards; Passing-Rotan 160 yards, Robert Lee 81 yards; and Rotan only had one fumble to Robert Lee's three. Rotan looked like a team ready to take on any squad in this their first time out.

The Yellowhammer defense got its spark from Kenneth Warren,

who had 7 unassisted tackles and 4 assists. Warren also recovered 2 fumbles and intercepted 1 pass. Todd Gruben, with a diving tackle, stopped Robert Lee during the first quarter on a 3rd and long play. Todd caused several things to happen by putting pressure on the backfield. With 6 unassisted tackles, 4 assists, and 2 tackles for a loss on the play for 15 yards. Jerry Carter playing on the defense line with good play off the line also pressured the quarterback. Carter with 3 unassisted and 2 assisted tackles caused two

fumbles. Vincente Ortega was impressive when in the second quarter he made a good hit on the running back, but his effort started to fade when Rotan received a penalty on the play. The very next down Ortega comes right back with a solid tackle. Ortega had 6 unassisted, 4 assists, one fumble recovery and a blocked pass. Steve Dickson, during the first quarter was able to put enough pressure on the quarterback to enable Kenneth Warren to recover a fumble. He also made a good open field tackle in the second quarter and with yet another tackle on the very next down.

In the 3rd quarter, Donnie Gruben, after a powerful hit by George Patterson, tipped the ball to Kenneth Warren. David King created some action in the 3rd quarter when he forced the quarterback out of the pocket enabling Todd Gruben to make the tackle. Then he was in on the next tackle. Lester Pittman sacked the quarterback during the second quarter and Brian Sheehan made two outstanding blocks in the 3rd quarter, one allowing Steve McClain

to score. Also Mitch Whitefield made a good block for George Patterson in the third quarter. Billy Speck made a good 2nd quarter block to allow Kevin Smith to make a nine yard run.

On offense, Steve McClain, quarterback for the Yellowhammers had an impressive 4.8 average per carry. Both Kevin Smith and Brad Long averaged 4.4 and George Patterson with

4.2 per carry. Brad Long set up the first score with a 6 yard run making it possible for Jimmy Pittman to score. Steve McClain scored in the third quarter with the

quarterback sneak play. Nathaniel Wynn surprised Robert Lee with a flying leap catch for a first and goal play to set up the final score. On the receiving end Nathaniel Wynn caught

1 for 20, Donnie Gruben 2 for 21, Jerry Carter 4 for 55 and Jimmy Pittman 1 for 20.

This Friday, the Rotan Yellowhammers face A.C.H.S. in Abilene at 8 p.m.



### Rotan Yellowhammers Vs A.C.H.S. Panthers

Sept. 12th-8:00-There

Date	Opponent	Time	H/T	Us	Them
Sept. 5	Robert Lee	8:00	H	21	0
Sept. 12	A.C.H.S.	8:00	T		
Sept. 19	Spur	8:00	H		
Sept. 26	Anson	8:00	H		
Oct. 3	Hawley	8:00	T		
Oct. 10	*Munday	7:30	T		
Oct. 17	*Aspermont	7:30	T		
Oct. 24	***Roscoe (Homecoming)	7:30	H		
Oct. 31	*Roby	7:30	H		
Nov. 7	Open				

### Rotan Lunch Menu

**Monday:** Spaghetti w/meat sauce; seasoned black eyed peas; cabbage and carrot salad; hot rolls; butter; honey; peanut butter cookies; milk.

**Tuesday:** Bean chalupas; buttered corn; lettuce and tomato salad; prune cake.

**Wednesday:** Corn dogs w/mustard; oven fried potatoes; ranch

style beans; cheese wedge; peanut clusters; milk.

**Thursday:** Fried chicken and gravy; whipped potatoes; seasoned green beans; hot rolls; butter; honey; jello; milk.

**Friday:** Hamburgers w/cheese; lettuce, tomato, pickles, and onions; potato chips; coconut pudding; milk.

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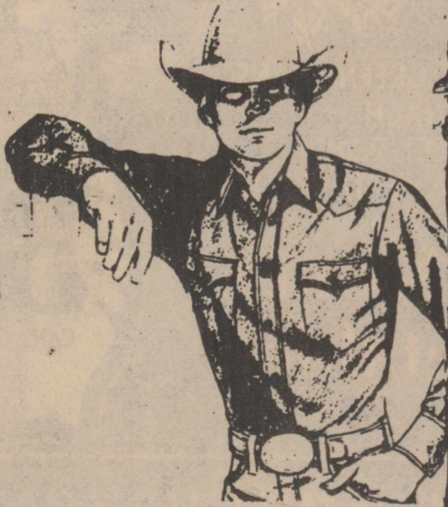
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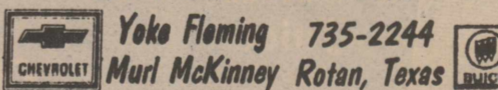
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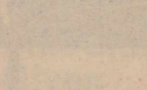
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The Rotan Independent School District is in the process of accepting bids for electronic typewriters. Bid specifications for the machines are on file in the office of the Superintendent. Bids will be accepted until October 10, 1986. The bids will be opened at the Board Meeting October 13, 1986.

31:1tc



B.J. McKay, son of Dwayne and Gladis McKay wishes to announce the birth of his baby brother, Euwel Matthew, born Tuesday, May 27 at Rolling Plains Memorial Hospital in Sweetwater at 4:58 p.m., weighing 7 lbs. 9 1/2 oz.

Maternal grandparents are Floyd and Mary Bankston of Rotan. Paternal grandparents are Euwel and Ruth McKay of Brownfield.

### Rural Wrens Hold Regular Meeting

The Rural Wrens met Monday, Sept. 8th. Members present were Tempie West, Marsha Smith, Lisa Carey, Danette Pope, Kay Moore, and Kristi Williamson. Alice Ballenger was visitor and gave the program on "Battle of the Bulge". They selected nominating committee for officers. The next meeting will be Sept. 22nd.

31:1tc

## Foreign Disclosure Reports Due Within 90 Days

Billy Don Atkinson, County Executive Director of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, reminds foreigners who acquire or transfer any interest other than a security interest in Fisher County's agricultural land to report the transaction within 90 days.

### Palette And Brush Club Meets

The Palette and Brush Art Club held its business meeting at the Senior Citizen's Center on September 8th to open the fall season.

All members are encouraged to be at the first all-day workshop on September 22nd at 9 a.m., with Allene Terry as teacher, for a lesson in decorative art.

### Visitors

Visting Talmadge Campbell of the Hobbs Community this summer has been her grandchildren, David and Lindsey Faulkenberry of Garland and her son, Chester and his family, Daphne and Chet Campbell of Saudi Arabia. Also visiting during the Labor Day weekend were Carol and Michelle Scott of Mineral Wells, Texas, Christine and Gerald Dowdy of Garland and Shirley, Donald, Shannon and Phillip Hull.

### Hobbs Menu

Monday: Steakettes; potatoes; peas; hot rolls; fruit salad; milk.

Tuesday: Pigs in a blanket; pineapple and cheese; red beans; cake; milk.

Wednesday: Chicken strips; potatoes; green beans; ice cream; milk.

Thursday: Spaghetti; corn; salad; hot rolls; banana pudding.

Friday: Frito pie; fries; red beans; cookies; milk.

Those who fail to report, or who are late in reporting, face possible fines. The Foreign Disclosure Reports contain the date the land was acquired or transferred, the value of the purchase price yet to be paid, and the estimated value of the land.

Under the AFIDA, land owned by foreigners before February 1979 should have been reported by August 1979. "Foreigners who have acquired or disposed of agricultural land in the county since that time should have submitted a report to our office within 90 days," Mr. Atkinson said.

### Card Of Thanks

We would like to thank the very wonderful people of Rotan and Roby for every kindness extended to us during our bereavement. The flowers were beautiful, the food was delicious, the music was lovely, the scriptures were comforting, and your compassion so touching. We are especially grateful to the personnel of the Weathersbee Funeral Home for their cooperation and consideration.

Thank you for your love and your prayers. May God richly bless each of you.

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### Rotan Nursing Center News

We had several guests at our Open House Sunday. The First United Methodist Church brought our services Sunday afternoon then stayed for refreshments afterwards with us.

Gerrald Finch is our oldest grandfather, Minnie Zimmerman and Edna Eaton are both our oldest grandmothers.

Minnie is a couple of months older than Edna, both are 100 plus. San Juana Sepeda is our grandmother with the most grandchildren and also the youngest.

Visitors in the home last week were: Belinda Alley and children of San Angelo visiting Gerrald Finch; Mr. and Mrs. Gouth Austin of Snyder; Austin and Empress Bagwell of San Antonio; Lori Cuellar of Abilene and Dorothy and Curtis Scifers of Hamlin visiting Nancy Bagwell; Mr. and Mrs. G.B. Sutton, Debbie and 2 great grandchildren visiting Fay Neves; Mr. and Mrs. Tennis Justiss of Roby visiting Mamie Moulton and Andrew Willingham of Houston visiting his mother, Jewell Willingham.

According to Mr. Atkinson, foreign investors have reported owning about 12.1 million acres of agricultural land in the United States. The ASCS official said foreign persons are required to keep direct and indirect ownership information current, file report if they cease to be a foreign person, and if the agricultural land ceases to be agricultural.

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