

## Early, Price Given One Year Roby Extensions

The members of the Roby Independent School District board of trustees voted to extend one year contract extensions to Principals Mickey Early and George Price at the regular board meeting last Monday night.

Superintendent Jimmie Laurie said that three individuals were added to the list of substitute teachers. They include Jhynelle Brumfield, Karen Counts and Peggy Arwine.

Board members voted to tax automobiles for 1987 and heard a report by Laurie indicating that work would begin immediately on the construction of the new school cafeteria by Burl Nash Construction employees.

It is anticipated, after talking with representatives of the Burl Nash Construction Company, that work would be

finished in early July. Roby board members will be hiring teachers

and coaches at the March meeting of the board.

## Big Country Men For Missions Program, Feed

The Big Country of Men for Missions is sponsoring a Chili or Stew supper and a Gospel Concert by Jim Fullingim.

Jim is a farmer and gospel singer from Petersburg, Texas who ministers in many different denominations across the U.S....He has made several albums and was co-host of a T.V. program called "The Lay Witness" that was shown on Lubbock T.V. and on the CBN Network. Men for Missions is the laymen's voice, an international non-denominational faith missionary organization.

The members are from many different

denominations whose only purpose is to help spread the gospel of Christ around the world by supporting missions through prayer, finances, and personal involvement.

The supper-program will be at the Fisher County Senior Citizens Center by the Hospital on Thursday, Feb. 19th at 6:30 p.m. The Chili or Stew will be sold for \$1.00 per person.



Jim Fullingim

## Mercer, Warren File For Rotan Board Positions

There have been a total of two candidates file for positions on the ballot for the Rotan School Board. Officially, only Alva Mercer, an employee of National Gypsum and James Warren, a National Gypsum employee, have made application for spots on the ballot.

Current board member Joe Morrow, although he has not officially re-filed for another term, has indicated that he intends on re-filing, has repeatedly said that he is undecided about another term.

Other board members are Leo Long, Pete Fowler, Roger Blackwelder, Donna Kennedy and Donald Gruben.

The election is set for Saturday, April 4th. Deadline for filing for a spot on the board is Wednesday, March 4th.

The Election Judge is Eule Mae Hull. Alternate is Dorothy Burrow and Absentee Judge is Helen Heathington.

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**EARLY MORNING PHOTO:** Not many will appreciate the photograph of the flames engulfing the W.T. Edwards home east of Rotan unless some words of explanation go with the photo. A few weeks ago on a Saturday afternoon I called the Sheriff's Department dispatcher to find out the location of the fire. Took pictures and ran them in the newspaper. Apparently the dispatcher thought I wanted to be notified of every fire of any substance, so at 3:30 a.m. the phone rang and "thinking the worst" I stumbled to the phone to field the bad news. The voice on the other end informed me that the W.T. Edwards home was on fire. OK, thanks for calling, I said. Well, here I was, alone in the middle of the kitchen, 3:30 in the morning, and the only thing stirring is the family dog yawning and stretching. After getting no negative response from the dog, we both loaded up and drove to the fire. It wasn't a pretty site. All you can think of is the safety of the occupants and the years worth of memories that are going up in smoke. Luckily, Mrs. Edwards was visiting relatives-we understand. The firemen ribbed, jived and ridiculed me...but that's customary. They pumped all the water they could, but the house was pretty far gone by the time they arrived. At 3:30 a.m., there's not much traffic on the highway between Rotan and Hamlin. I did appreciate the dispatcher calling, hope whoever it was continues to notify us of important news events.

**WELCOME TO FISHER COUNTY:** Want to be one of the first to welcome Eric Cupp to Fisher County. He's the new Minister of the Roby Church of Christ. Eric and his wife Julie, have one child Erica (age 3) and Julie is expecting the second child. They have been working at the 4th and Elm Church of Christ in Sweetwater for the past 3 years. Welcome.

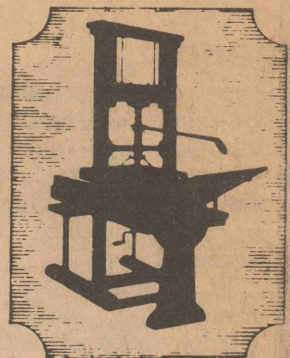
**NEW COLUMN TO BE CARRIED:** Representative Steven A. Carriker, State Representative of District 78, is going to be writing a weekly column about current subjects in the state political sphere entitled "Capitol Journal". The first installment is carried this week.

**FARM AND RANCH EMPLOYEES:** Wanda Murphree, former full-time sales representative for the Big Country Farm and Ranch News, has dropped back to part time status. Replacing her is Shannon Strickland in twenty-five of the twenty-six counties. Chuck Harvey, originally from Sweetwater, now a resident of Abilene, will be responsible for Taylor County.

**QUOTE FROM THE GOVERNOR:** "State spending on education from elementary schools to universities has risen from \$7.6 billion in fiscal years 1978-1979 to \$18 billion in this fiscal biennium. This is an \$11.4 billion increase in eight years. Local school district spending, more than tripled during the same period, rising from \$536 million in 1979 to \$1.9 billion this year." In his State of the State Address, delivered on February 4th, 1987 Governor William P. Clements, Jr. said he wanted to junk the career ladder teacher appraisal system, he wanted to repeal subject matter testing for teachers and wanted to remove the disincentives in no-pass, no play by making the suspension period three weeks. He called for a fine tuning of House Bill 72. My question. What's left to fine tune, Governor Bill?-paperwork, discipline and class size?. You're going to cause Governor Mark White and H. Ross Perot to have gigantic ulcers.

**I'M SORRY-I HAD TO LAUGH:** Most of you are by now aware of the famous Oral Roberts statement of several weeks ago. Mike Royko, writer for the Chicago Tribune, had this to say. "Oral Roberts, the TV preacher, has the opportunity of his lifetime. With the right move, he can make as dramatic an impact on religious beliefs as anyone in modern times. Through one simple gesture, he could convert millions of athiests and other doubters to Christianity. All he has to do is drop dead on March 31". The devil made me write that.

**CONGRATULATIONS:** To Jeff McClure of Roby. He has been appointed an agent for Farmers Insurance Group. He is a Roby High School graduate, has a B.S. degree from Abilene Christian University, and is Vice President of the Roby School Board. His office is located in the McClure's Building in Roby.



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## Rotan School Board Hires Three Principals, Athletic Director

Members of the Rotan Independent School Board unanimously voted to offer one-year contract extensions to the three Rotan school building principals at the regular board meeting last Monday night. Elementary Principal David Hargrove; Junior High Principal M.T. Hill and High School Principal Jim Cain were each offered contracts.

In addition to the principals, Rotan School Board members voted to extend a one-year extension to Rotan High School Athletic Director and Head Football Coach Richard Gorman. The vote to offer Gorman a contract extension was 6-1 with board members Roger Blackwelder, Donald Gruben, Leo Long, Pete Fowler, Donna Kennedy and Larry Landes voting for the extension and Board Member Joe Morrow voting against the extension.

Rev. Lyle Whitmeyer appeared before the board asking the board to give consideration to forming a Citizen's Advisory Committee. He is the Minister of the Nazarene Church in Rotan. The board listened to the request but did not take any action on the matter.

Superintendent Alton Fields, in his report to the board, advised that an energy audit had been completed by West Texas Utilities. The result of the report showed that the school needed to close window glass in the junior high and primary building and install heat pumps to cut energy use. The board discussed replacing units that are bad, in the future, with heat pump units and talked of the possible use of storm windows to con-

trol energy use. Superintendent Fields read a request by Kim Pease concerning the possible purchase of a piece of property,

belonging to the school, but not being used. Action was postponed on the request until March. Fields informed the board of an audit of the

## Hospital Board Has One Spot Filled On Ballot

Two terms are open on the Fisher County Hospital Board, however only one Fisher County resident has made application for a spot on the board.

Dr. David Morris, a resident of Roby and owner of a Roby motel, has officially made application for a spot on the ballot.

The elected terms of Board President Glenn Copeland and board member Billy Wayne Jeffrey expire in 1987.

The deadline for filing is Wednesday, March 4th. The election is Saturday, April 4th.

Glenn Copeland has indicated that he is

undecided about filing for an additional term. It is believed that Billy Wayne Jeffrey has intentions of re-filing.

## Second In Series Of Family Films Shows Saturday

The second in a six part series by Dr. James Dobson entitled "Focus On The Family" will be shown this Saturday night at the Rotan School Auditorium.

This particular film is titled "Shaping The Will Without Breaking The Spirit" and will begin at 7:00 p.m., Saturday, February 14th.

The remaining four parts run between Saturday, February 21st and Saturday, March 14th and are a ministry of William and Gail Duke.

## Smith, Carter On Honors List At Angelo State

Two Rotan area students attending Angelo State University in San Angelo, are listed on the Dean's Honor Roll for the Fall semester at the University.

Those listed on the 3.00 to 3.49 honor roll include Jana Beth Smith, a Psychology Major.

Those listed on the 3.50 to 4.00 honor roll include James Darrell Carter, a Finance Major.

Rotan Lunchroom on Tuesday, February 24th and informed the board that he intended to join the Texas Association of Community Schools organization (cost \$200) unless there was wholesale objection from the board. No objection was aired.

The three school principals each gave reports

detailing enrollment, ACT scores and CAT testing.

Board members reviewed the cost of the driver's education program and decided to leave the cost the same as last year (\$60.00). There have been a total of 28 Rotan students sign up for the program.

## Jeff McClure Approved As Farmers Ins. Group Agent

Farmers Insurance Group of Companies has appointed Jeff McClure, local businessman and farmer, as a Reserve Agent. Jeff, a long time Fisher County resident, graduated from Roby High School and completed a Bachelor of Science Degree in Ag-Business from Abilene Christian University. He is a member of the Lions Club, Vice President of the Roby School Board, and State Vice

President of Texas Young Farmers.

Farmers Insurance Group began in 1927 and has grown into one of the nation's largest insurance organizations offering auto, fire, life and commercial insurance throughout the United States and Canada. The company has more than 25,000 agents and employees providing personalized service to their insurance customers.

Jeff McClure's office is located in Roby on East Highway 180 in the McClures' Inc. building.



Jeff McClure

## County 4-H Valentine's Banquet Thurs.

The Annual Senior Citizen's 4-H Valentine Banquet will be Thursday, February 12th at 6:00 p.m. at the Senior Citizen Building. The 4-H'ers would like to invite all Senior Citizens in the County. All 4-H'ers please bring your dish by 5:30 p.m.

## Rotan Chamber Of Commerce

### FEEDBACK

The Rotan Chamber of Commerce solicits your feedback. It would like for every resident of Rotan to assist by taking a few minutes to answer the following questions.

1. Would you like to see Rotan grow in population? (Yes) (No)
2. Would you like to see more businesses for your shopping convenience? (Yes) (No)
3. What activities would you like to see the Rotan Chamber of Commerce host or become actively involved in? (Please list - i.e. July 4th Celebration, Midnight Madness Sale, Rodeo, Etc.)

Return To:  
Rotan Chamber of Commerce  
Box 75  
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**HOME IN FLAMES:** The brick home belonging to Mrs. W.T. Edwards was completely destroyed by fire early last Friday morning. The home was

located 5 miles East of Rotan. The fire was reported at approximately 3:30 p.m. Firemen from Rotan and Roby responded.





**The Words Of Wisdom Column**

By Rev. Ira Burns, Pastor Rotan Foursquare Church

**GUILT COMPLEX**

Psalms 103:12: "As far as the East is from the West, so hath He removed our sins from us." Micah 7:19: "All your sins are cast into the depths of the sea." Isaiah 38:17: "Thou hast cast all my sins behind thy back." Isaiah 43:25: "I will not remember your sins." Many people suffer from a "guilt complex." They know God has forgiven them, but their problem is that they cannot forgive themselves. The Devil is always telling them that they are not saved, that their sin was too big for God to forgive. The Devil is always telling them that they are not saved, that their sin was too big for God to forgive. The Devil will say "you were so deep in sin, remember all the mean things you did, etc." This is a lie from Satan, to defeat you, to give an inferiority complex, and make you feel "I can't teach a Sunday School class, I'm not worthy; or look what I've been, or look what I've done." You feel miserable, and live in spiritual failure and cannot do what you know to do for God. In St. John 8:44, Jesus said, "the Devil is a liar and the father of it." The Devil is out to deceive you, and he wants you to feel guilty, even though you know your sins are forgiven. In Ephesians 4:27, Paul said, "neither give place to the Devil." In James 4:7, the Apostle James said, "resist the Devil, and he will flee from you." Tell the Devil, "My sins are gone, Devil. You are a liar, and I resist you in the Name of Jesus Christ, who died and shed His blood for me. I am a child of God. Read 1 Peter 1:18 & 19. My friend, you can have victory over a guilt complex, a defeated spirit, or an inferiority complex. As long as you suffer from this, God's Spirit cannot flow freely through you, and you cannot be used of God effectively, and you are a weak Christian. Be like Paul, the Apostle, who in Philippians 4:13 said, "I can do all things through Christ which strengthened me." We don't stand on feeling, but on God's word.

**Speed Limit Approved To Increase To 65 MPH**

The U.S. Senate has voted to approve U.S. Sen. Phil Gramm's bill allowing states to increase interstate highway speed limits to 65 miles per hour in rural areas. The Gramm legislation was added to the Highway Act on a vote of 63 to 36. Gramm, R-Texas, said during the debate that the energy crisis which prompted imposition of the 55-MPH limit by the federal government "has long ago passed" and that, as a result, the speed limit is widely ignored.

"If you set out to drive from Fort Worth to Lubbock at 55 miles per hour, one of two things will happen to you," he said. "You are either going to get discouraged and turn back, or you're going to be run over by somebody going a lot faster than 55 miles an hour."

Gramm emphasized that the change allowing a higher speed limit is not mandatory, noting that some states may choose to preserve the 55 mile-an-hour speed limit. "If people in any state do not wish to drive 65 miles an hour on their rural interstates, they do not have to. This amendment would simply give those states that wish it, such as Texas, the modest ability to raise the speed limit on rural interstates."

"Those of us who live where there are huge driving distances should be allowed to set a limit that makes common sense, that we can enforce, that will be respected," he said.

**February National College Month**

February has been proclaimed National Community College Month and Western Texas College will join junior/community colleges across the nation in observing the month. Area residents are invited to visit the campus during the month. Activities during the month will include the opening of a new exhibit on the Texas Rangers in the Scurry County Museum on the college campus on Feb. 15 and a doubleheader basketball game in the Scurry County coliseum on Feb. 16.

**County Agent Report**

By Richard Spencer

Late February or early March is the best time to prune trees in

**TEAMS Test To Be Given At Rotan**

Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday third, seventh, and ninth graders are taking the Texas Educational Assessment of Minimum Skills at Rotan I.S.D.

Nita Smith and Pat Cox are administering the 3rd grade testing program. Principal David Hargrove is supervising. Joyce Hill and America Yanez are assisting.

Pam Gorman and Connie Hargrove are administering the TEAMS to 5th graders. Principal M.T. Hill is supervising. Dorothy Soliz and Mary Ann Marshall are assisting.

Danny Diggs and Richard Smith are administering the TEAMS to 7th graders, under Mr. Hill's supervision. Patsy Hamric, counselor, a Principal Jim Cain are administering the TEAMS to our 9th graders. Evelyn Nowlin and Peggy Williams are monitors.

Special Education students are exempt from this test if the ARD committee has written it into their individual IEP's.

When results are received by the Rotan I.S.D., students and parents will receive a letter and detailed printout of their individual report.

Anyone having questions is encouraged to call Mr. Fields, the principals, or Mrs. Hamric.

**Lions Club To Hold Garage Sale**

The Rotan Lion's Club announces a Garage Sale to raise monies for its general fund. "We will have many good items with reasonable prices," said Lion President Mac Weathersbee.

If you have any items that you would like to donate contact Mac Weathersbee or Jerry Marshall.

The garage sale will be held in the Lion's Building from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 7th.

The Lion's Club sponsors several community projects each year as well as financially supports work with crippled children. Your support is always appreciated.

our area Hybrid Teas, Floribundas and Grandifloras are usually pruned heavily at this time (own to 18"-24" from the ground). Miniatures are pruned to a few inches above the ground also in late winter. Weak or dead canes should be removed or shortened to healthy tissue any time during the year. Weak growth along with canes that cross and some general thinning can best be accomplished at this time. Some rose growers prefer a less drastic approach to annual pruning. Shaping the plants and cutting back the vigorous canes one-fourth to one-third their length can result in more attractive plants, especially for old shrub-

**Gamma Tau Chapter Meets In Rotan**

Gamma Tau Chapter of Delta Kappa of Delta Kappa Gamma International met Feb. 8 at the library of the Primary School in Rotan.

A moment of meditation was given by Patsy Hamric.

Louise Bollinger, president, presided for business. Reports of the treasurer Marilyn Threlkeld gave the financial report. Louise Bollinger gave the scholarship report in the absence of Toffee Duncan.

Zelma Hulse introduced the program, motivating a desire for literacy "Nobody to be a dummy" and the speaker was Mitzi Hart.

Joyce Robison led the group in singing "Getting To Know You", "Building Bridges" and the "Delta Kappa Gamma song" and then read a "Teachers Prayer". Refreshments were served to twenty members by the hostesses: Frances LeBleu, Louise Callan, Bessie Cleveland and Patsy Hamric.

**FBC, Rotan To Host Valentine Banquet**

This coming Friday, Feb. 13th, we will be having a special time of fellowship for the teenagers of our community as we celebrate our love for one another in our Youth Valentine Banquet. We invite all teenagers to come and be a part but your reservations must be made by noon Thursday Feb. 12, 1987.

**You & Your Daughter Program Set**

Rotan area members and their junior high and high school age daughters have the uni-

que opportunity of taking part in a Sunday afternoon program designed to strengthen the bonds of love bet-

ween mother and daughter.

The program, entitled Your Daughter and You, will be put on in the Rotan High School Auditorium on Sunday afternoon, March 1st at 2:00 p.m., and will feature two speakers.

Debra Brown will deliver a talk on peer pressure entitled "Pearls or Peers" and Mollie Keener will talk on female sexuality entitled "More Precious Than Jewels".

Cheryl Lewis and Marcia Moore will entertain. No admission fee will be charged, refreshments will be served. Additional information can be obtained by contacting Melody Dawes at 735-2508; Celia Peace at 735-2477; Debby Burns at 735-3208 or Janece Pease at 735-3115.

**Roby Cubs Undefeated**

The Roby Cubs beat the Aspermont Hornets Monday night to win District and to end up with a record of 15-0. The Cubs scored 68 to Aspermont's 37. Defensively the Cubs were aggressive, quick and awful stingy with the rebounds. Offensively, the scoring was spread out among the Cub team members, because, team work is the name of the game. Scoring for the Cubs were Eddie Onofre 21 pts., Jess Cross 16 pts., Jamie Amador 14 pts., Jeremy Terry 9 pts., Jonathon Petty 5

pts., and J.R. Lipke 3 pts. Kenny Heflin and Lucas Sierra did not score but contributed very much to the team by playing very well both defensively and offensively. This was the last game for the Cubs and they took the bull by the horns and went out and they played the best game of the year. The above mentioned eighth graders will be missed by the Cubs next year very much. They gave all they had all year and were very good examples of sportsmanship and young gentlemen.

**Mission Sunday To Be Held At FUMC, Roby**

Mission Sunday will be observed at First United Methodist Church of Roby on Sunday, February 15th at the 10:50 a.m. Worship Hour. Our guest on Mission Sunday will be Bob and Lois Taber. God's call to the ministry of evangelism and world missions for Bob and Lois came during their 14th year in the pastoral ministry. They are now in the 22nd year serving with OMS International and have been privileged to help man come to receive Jesus Christ as Savior, and then become personally involved in the world harvest. All are invited to Mission Sunday at First United Methodist Church, Roby.



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<p>735-2334 Sunday School 9:15 Sunday Eve. 6:00</p>	<p>FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Roby, Texas Worship 10:30 Terry Lowe-Pastor</p>
<p>776-2308 Sunday School 9:45 Sunday Eve. 5:00 UMYF</p>	<p>FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Roby, Texas Worship 10:50 Worship 6:00</p> <p>Wed. Night Choir Practice 7:00 Jim Hawthorne-Pastor</p>
<p>735-3471 Sunday School 9:45 Sunday Eve. Church Training 6:00 Wed. Night 7:30</p>	<p>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH Roby, Texas Worship 10:55 Worship 7:00 Steve Peace-Pastor</p>
<p>735-2178 Sunday School 10:00 Sunday Eve. Training 6:00 Wed. Night 7:00</p>	<p>CROSS ROADS BAPTIST CHURCH Roby, Texas Worship 11:00 Worship 7:00 James P. (Pat) Anderson-Pastor</p>
<p>776-2159 Sunday School 10:00 Sunday Evening 6:00 Wed. Night 7:00</p>	<p>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH Roby, Texas Worship Service 11:00 Worship 7:00 Alvin Petty-Pastor</p>
<p>735-3464 Sunday School 10:00 Sunday Eve. Bible Study 6:00 Wed. Night 7:00</p>	<p>CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH Roby, Texas Worship 11:00 Worship 7:00 Dutch Parke-Pastor</p>
<p>735-2478 Sunday School 10:00 Sunday Eve. 5:30</p>	<p>EMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH Roby, Texas Worship 11:00 Wed. Night 7:30 Andress Rodriguez-Pastor</p>
<p>993-4479 Sunday School 10:00 Sunday Evening 6:00</p>	<p>SYLVESTER BAPTIST CHURCH Sylvestre, Texas Worship 11:00 Wed. Night 7:00</p>
<p>735-2478 Sunday School 9:45</p>	<p>HOBBS BAPTIST CHURCH Hobbs Community Worship 11:00 Sunday Evening 6:00</p>
<p>735-3285 Sunday School 9:45 Sunday Evening 6:00</p>	<p>MCCAULEY BAPTIST CHURCH Worship 11:00 James Brigham-Pastor</p>
<p>735-2344 Sunday School 9:45</p>	<p>CHURCH OF CHRIST Roby, Texas Worship 10:45</p> <p>Sunday Evening 6:00 Sunday Ladies Bible Class 5:00 p.m. Wed. Eve. Bible Study 7:30 Donald Dawes-Minister</p>
<p>776-2496 Sunday School 10:00</p>	<p>CHURCH OF CHRIST Roby, Texas Worship 10:45</p> <p>Sunday Evening 6:00 Wed. Night 7:00-Nov. April 8:00 May-Oct. Wardell Halliburton-Minister</p>
<p>735-2553 Sunday School 10:00 Sunday Evening 6:00</p>	<p>CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE Roby, Texas Worship 11:00</p> <p>Sunday School 9:45 Wed. Night Worship Lyle Whitmeyer-Pastor</p>
<p>735-2553 Sunday School 10:00 Sunday Evening 6:00</p>	<p>FOUR SQUARE CHURCH Roby, Texas Worship 11:00 Wed. Night 7:00</p> <p>Ira Burns-Pastor</p>
<p>735-3285 Sunday School 9:45 Sunday Evening 6:00</p>	<p>ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH Roby, Texas</p> <p>Sunday Morning 9:00 a.m. Mass Saturday Evening 7:30 p.m. Mass Father Austin Kittredge</p>
<p>735-3285 Sunday School 9:45 Sunday Evening 6:00</p>	<p>MARANATHA CHURCH Roby, Texas</p> <p>Worship 11:00 Wed. Evening 7:00</p>

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**Card Of Thanks**

We would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards and visits while I was in the Humana Hospital. The food brought after I returned home was greatly appreciated. We also want to thank Dr. Maurice Callan for finding my problem and being there during my surgery. Our children and grandchildren were wonderful to do the many things that needed to be done during my stay in the hospital. God bless each of you for your love and concern.  
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### Tax Planning By Gerald Rodgers CPA



#### 1986 TAX FILING TIPS

It's tax return filing time once again. Check these often-overlooked deductions, credits, and tax breaks to be sure you do not miss any on your return.

\* Make your 1986 IRA contribution and take your deduction for it. The new rules on IRAs don't affect 1986 returns.

\* Consider electing out of installment treatment on long-term capital gains sales. You may save money by paying taxes on all the gain under 1986 rules that still have the long-term capital gains deduction.

\* If you had more than one job in 1986, watch for overpaid social security tax.

\* Don't overlook income averaging if your income jumped in 1986. It's still available for your 1986 return.

\* Get the most out of this final year for the sales tax deduction. If you made large purchases, you can deduct the tax paid on these items in addition to the amount allowed in the IRS tables.

\* You can exclude \$200 of dividend income on a joint return, \$100 on a single return.

\* If both you and your spouse work, don't miss the marriage penalty deduction that allows you to take a deduction of 10% of the lower earning spouse's income up to a maximum deduction of \$3,000.

\* Dig out the details on all 1986 charitable contributions. They're 100% deductible this year even if you don't itemize.

\* Don't miss any credits. Some examples: political contributions credit, dependent care credit, credit for the elderly.

If you were an early filer and realize now that you've missed something on your return, remember that you can file an amended return for up to three years. You should consider doing so if the dollars involved warrant it.

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### Extension Homemakers

The Extension Homemakers Club met with Effie Murphree Feb. 5. Bobbie McKinney brought the program on Dietary Interrelation (How what food you eat may interact with other foods eaten at the same time.) It was an interesting program. Those present for the program were: Wanda

Floyd, Gaynell Henry, Ardell Floyd, Bobbie McKinney, Eda Bickerstaff, Christine Rackley, Hazel Hudnall, Oma Long and our hostess Effie Murphree. The next meeting will be with Hilda Rollins and the subject will be "Plant exchange and tips on plant care, Feb. 19.

### Rotan Nursing Center News

We are getting ready for our Valentine party Friday, Feb. 13th at 6:30 p.m. Families and friends are asked to come and help crown our King and Queen at our party also to come by and vote for their choice for King and Queen.

Clay Fowler and Jay Hendon fried fish for the residents Saturday. All of the residents enjoyed the fish and appreciate Clay and Jay and their wives for going to so much trouble to fry the fish and visit with them.

The Fisher County Singers were here Tuesday and the residents always look forward to them coming and visiting and singing. James Carter, Mrs. McQueen, and Miss Schick came Sunday morning for Sunday morning church services and we always look forward to them coming.

Russell Aharlett is the only resident with a birthday in February. His birthday is the 19th. We have two staff members with birthdays in February. They are Tina Almanza and

Kathryn Alaniz. Carlie Butler is still in Fisher County Hospital and she hopes to be back home soon.

We have a new resident, Fannie Albert. Fannie is from Rotan and several of the residents already know her.

Visitors in the home the last two weeks were Vickie Freeman, Sandy Brown and Gaylon Freeman of Rotan visiting Elsie Daniel. Visiting San Juana Sepeda was Virginia Martinez, Mike Andrea, Gabriel, and Rosa Thurmond and Evelyn Ware of Ft. Worth and Polly Matthies of Roby visited Addie Siebert. Naomi Thompson of Abilene visited Vineta Goodman and Dorothy Bonner of Snyder visited Roy Bonner.

Lora Cleveland

### Rotan Primary Room Parents Hold Meeting

The Rotan Primary Room Parents Association met Monday, Feb. 2 at the Primary LRC. There were seventeen

members present. President Irma Carreon gave a financial report and informed members on the balance of funds. Profit

from the Book Fair was \$306.70. Superintendent Alton Fields was present and thanked members for what the association does. Valentine parties will be on Friday, Feb. 13. Cookies and punch will be served. Parties will be as follows: Kindergarten thru 2nd at 2:00; 3rd at

2:30; 4th at 3:10; and Early Childhood at 10:15. Room Mother Chairmen will need to talk to teachers about Valentine boxes. Members discussed projects. Janie Fields presented an idea called the Ellison Letter Machine. Members voted to spend up to \$500.00 along with an amount matched by Principal David Hargrove to purchase the machine. Another project will be decided on at a later meeting. Mr. Hargrove informed parents about the TEAMS tests and the California Achievements tests to be given in the next few days. The meeting was adjourned. Next meeting will be Monday, March 2nd.

### F.C. 4-H's Place At Ft. Worth Stock Show

With all the economy problems and school attendance regulations, one would think that major show entries would go down. If Ft. Worth is any indication, the above is not the case. Over 480 Exotic Crossbreds and 530 English and American Breed steers were shown this year, probably a record member.

Matthies placed 5th in class 5.

Eight Angus steers were shown by Fisher County 4-H members and all failed to make the top six. There were 33 steers per class. Showing Angus and Hereford steers were Matt and Anita Floyd, Rodney Matthies, Lane Landes, Evette Gruben, David Shipp, Blake Morrow and Reggy Spencer.

There were 12 classes of Exotic steers this year with 42 to 44 steers per class. Ryan Jeffrey placed first in class 11 and 9th in class 8. Todd

4-H's will be in San Antonio this week exhibiting their livestock.



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### REPORT OF CONDITION

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#### Statement of Resources and Liabilities

		Thousands of dollars
ASSETS	Cash and balances due from depository institutions:	
	Noninterest-bearing balances and currency and coin	1,276
	Interest-bearing balances	2,509
	Securities	11,507
	Federal funds sold and securities purchased under agreements to resell in domestic offices of the bank and of its Edge and Agreement subsidiaries, and in IBFs	1,240
	Loans and lease financing receivables:	
	Loans and leases, net of unearned income	13,166
	LESS: Allowance for loan and lease losses	500
	LESS: Allocated transfer risk reserve	-0-
	Loans and leases, net of unearned income, allowance, and reserve	12,666
	Assets held in trading accounts	0
	Premises and fixed assets (including capitalized leases)	121
	Other real estate owned	738
	Investments in unconsolidated subsidiaries and associated companies	0
	Customers' liability to this bank on acceptances outstanding	0
Intangible assets	1,106	
Other assets	0	
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>31,154</b>	
LIABILITIES	Deposits:	
	In domestic offices:	
	Noninterest-bearing	3,058
	Interest-bearing	25,337
	In foreign offices, Edge and Agreement subsidiaries, and IBFs	-0-
	Noninterest-bearing	-0-
	Interest-bearing	-0-
	Federal funds purchased and securities sold under agreements to repurchase in domestic offices of the bank and of its Edge and Agreement subsidiaries, and in IBFs	-0-
	Demand notes issued to the U.S. Treasury	-0-
	Other borrowed money	-0-
Mortgage indebtedness and obligations under capitalized leases	-0-	
Bank's liability on acceptances executed and outstanding	-0-	
Notes and debentures subordinated to deposits	218	
Other liabilities	218	
Total liabilities	28,613	
Limited-life preferred stock	-0-	
EQUITY CAPITAL	Perpetual preferred stock	-0-
	Common stock	100
	Surplus	200
	Undivided profits and capital reserves	2,241
	Cumulative foreign currency translation adjustments	-0-
	<b>Total equity capital</b>	<b>2,541</b>
<b>Total liabilities, limited-life preferred stock, and equity capital</b>	<b>31,154</b>	

We, the undersigned directors, attest to the correctness of this statement of resources and liabilities. We declare that it has been examined by us, and to the best of our knowledge and belief has been prepared in conformance with the instructions and is true and correct.

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## Your Chamber of Commerce

By Don Dawes

Let me start by saying thanks to our local newspaper editor Kim Pease. We appreciate the coverage we have had concerning the chamber and especially the opportunity of this format. Kim we thank you.

Just as Kim has been very helpful so have a number of others. Several have called and said they would be willing to help in any way. Also each of our directors have committed themselves to the task of making a great west Texas town even better. For each of our directors I say thanks!

We have asked each citizen of our community to answer some questions (see front page) to help us set our goals for 1987. Your voice can

help more than you may realize. We want to serve both the business personnel and each citizen of our community. We are here to serve you! When you send in your answers and suggestions, we will know just what direction you want us to move towards. So let me say thanks for your caring and willingness to help.

Our next Chamber meeting will be Wednesday, March 4th at the Lion's Club building. If you would like to attend bring your lunch and join us.

Remember that as a team we can do the things that as an individual we could not achieve.

Your Chamber,  
Donald Dawes,  
President

## The Capital Journal

By State Representative  
Steve Carriker

### HOMESTEAD, PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY, CAREER LADDER

More than 2000 voters have responded to questionnaires mailed out by this office in late December. Many people attached thoughtful letters about areas of special concern, while even more people added welcome comments in the margins. These comments and responses are extremely helpful in reaching decisions regarding some of the State's more pressing problems.

Tallying the responses from such a large number of questionnaires will take a bit of time to complete, but some consensus opinions of the 78th District voters are readily apparent. For example, over 90% of those responding, favor keeping the Homestead provisions of the Texas constitution in tact. That puts the 78th District solidly in line with the coalition of retired persons, farm organizations, consumer groups, labor groups, the Texas Democratic Party, and the recently convened Silver-Haired Legislature in opposing the out-of-state banking and consumer finance lobbies. In spite of the traditional opposition to monkeying with Texas' Homestead protection law, the finance lobby is feeling its oats after a successful assault on branch banking prohibitions during last fall's special session and will make an all-out effort to get a foot in the door of Texas' homeowners with new second-mortgage laws.

The new Texas Presidential Primary law is already having an effect on the field of Presidential aspirants. Due to a change in the law which I and other members of the House Elections Committee successfully advocated, Texas will have one of the earliest Presidential primaries in the Nation in March of 1988. Former Arizona Governor and Presidential hopeful Bruce Babbitt dropped by the House Chamber last week at the invitation of the House Democratic Caucus. Babbitt is a former Texas resident and maintains some close connections in the State. Like other '88 contenders, he views Texas' early primary as a key to the nomination. Presidential candidates can be expected to make Texas issues like agriculture, energy, and relations with Mexico top priorities.

Since the introduction of the bill to do away with the teacher career ladder, I have received quite a few comments supporting the bill and practically none opposing it. Pro or con, I'd appreciate your comments on this or any other issue before the Legislature. Just write me at P.O. Box 2910, Austin, Texas, 78769.



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## Eric Cupp New Minister Of Roby Church of Christ

Eric Cupp, the former assistant Minister of the Fourth and Elm Church of Christ in Sweetwater, has been named the new Minister of the Roby Church of Christ, it was announced last week.

Cupp is a 1977 graduate of Taylor High School, attended South

West Texas State University from 1977 to 1979 and graduated from the Sunset School of Preaching in Lubbock in June 1984.

His wife, Julie, a graduate of Sweetwater High School in 1978 also attended S.W.T.S.U. and received an

associated degree from the Sunset School of Preaching.

"Julie and I are really looking forward to our work in Roby. The people of the church here really impressed us and I am sure the people of the town will also. We really want to be friends

of the community. I hope that people will come and visit us on Sunday", said Eric Cupp.

He and his wife are the parents of a daughter, Erica, age 3. A second child is expected in the near future.

## Rotan Chamber of Commerce Holds First Meeting, Committees Named

The directors of the Rotan Chamber of Commerce conducted their first meeting after electing officers on Feb. 4th and in that meeting, President Don Dawes named the members of three new committees.

The committees appointed by President Don Dawes included: The New Business Committee-Chairman is Rusty Graham with

members John Delaplane and Jerry Marshall. The Activity Committee-Chairman Kim Pease with members Jim Gruben, Dinah McKinney, and Susan Foster and the Dues Committee-Chairman Myla Black with members Larry Landes, Chris Denton and Phil Springer.

The decision was made by those directors present to hold monthly meetings on the first Wednesday of each month at noon in the Rotan Lion's Club building.

In concluding the meeting the directors decided that the objectives of the Rotan Chamber of Commerce would be: (1) To promote existing businesses (2) Encourage new businesses (3) Community programs and fund

raisers and (4) to promote recreational activities.

## Rotan F.B.C. Adult Valentine Banquet

This coming Thursday, February 12th, at 7:00 p.m., will be the time for our adult Valentine Banquet. The guest speaker for the banquet will be Bro. Miller Robinson, pastor of Colonial Hill Baptist Church in Snyder.

Ladies in Adult I and Adult IV Sunday School departments are asked to bring desserts, ladies in Adult II are asked to bring salads and ladies in Adult III are asked to bring vegetables. The church will provide the meat, bread, coffee and tea. A nursery will be provided.

## Hospital Report

Patients admitted to the Fisher County Hospital from Feb. 3 thru Feb. 9 were: Opal Burch; Lina Belle McIntosh; Inez Reese; Obie Gene Kelley; Daisy V. Floyd; Bessie Jo House; Teresa Tankersley, all of Rotan; J.B. Gibson and Stephanie Frierson, both of Roby; Burince Floyd, Jayton; Pete Perales, Sylvester.

## F.C. Unit Of American Cancer Society To Meet

The Fisher County Unit of the American Cancer Society will meet Tuesday, February 17, at 6:30 p.m., at the First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, 209 N. McKinley in

Rotan. Bill Bailey, field representative of the American Cancer Society will speak to the group and assist in developing goals and objectives for the Fisher County Unit. The public is encouraged to attend and participate in the goal setting session. Officers for the unit will be elected at this meeting.

We welcome anyone interested in becoming a part of the American Cancer Society.

## Michelle Burk Places 2nd In Editorial Writing

Michelle Burk, Roby High School Senior, was among the competing journalism students at the annual Angelo State University meet this past weekend.

Michelle competed in both Feature Writing and Editorial Writing and placing 2nd in Editorial Writing. Students placing 1st, 2nd or 3rd received a certificate from the ASU Society of Professional Journalists which was sponsoring the meet.

Other Roby students competing, but not placing in the top three were Debbie Everett, Kristy Martin, Teresa McClure, Patricia Gonzales, Kathy Hunt, John Everett, Reggy Spencer, and James Gantt. The meet was of special educational importance because all judges were ASU professors or media representatives giving critiques on all papers.

Among schools at the journalism meet were San Angelo Central,

Fort Stockton, Miles, Walls, Eldorado, and Robert Lee.

Michelle also wrote in the 1986 State Feature Writing Meet in Austin last May where she had to interview celebrity Kathy Cronkite.

Michelle is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Erwin Burk. Sponsoring journalism at Roby High School is Dora Reyes.



Michelle Burk

## ASCS-Foreign Disclosure Report

Billy Don Atkinson, County Executive Director of the Fisher County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, says the Foreign Disclosure Report is still required by law and reminds foreigners who have bought or sold agricultural land in the county to file the report within 90 days.

He says the reporting requirement stems from the Agricultural Foreign Investment Disclosure Act and gives USDA a survey of the amount of agricultural land owned by foreign persons. Those who fail to report, or who are late in reporting, face possible penalties.

For reporting purposes, agricultural land

is defined as any tract of more than 10 acres now in agricultural, forestry, or timber production. This includes land in agricultural use when purchased, as well as land later converted to agricultural use. "Foreigners who own or have an interest in 10 acres or less do not need to report unless annual proceeds from the sale of agricultural products grown on these acres exceed \$1,000," Mr. Atkinson said.

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. According to Mr. Atkinson, foreign investors had reported owning about 12.1 million acres of agricultural land in the United States as of December 31, 1985.

"Individuals or companies that specialize in landholdings, land transfers, or management services should contact our office for details on reporting in behalf of foreign clients," the ASCS official said.

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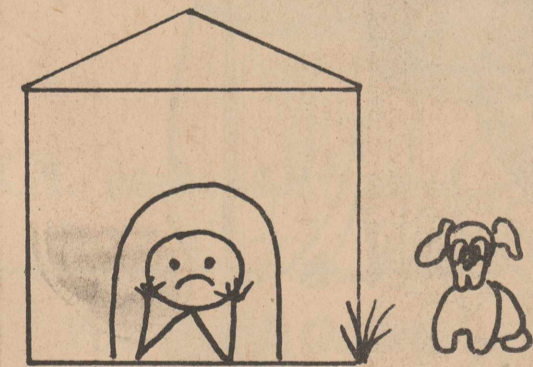
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# Hustling Around Hobbs

By Joy Walker

We had a good thunderstorm Wednesday night after those three lovely warm days. It really rained, off and on all night, and the thunder and lightning were more like a spring storm. Thursday it was back to that cold, blowing north wind, and it was sure dark all day and misting rain. Guess that little ground hog was right and we are in for 6 more weeks of winter. We worked in the yard Wednesday evening, hoeing and cleaning flower beds, and it was just like spr-

ing, so warm with hardly any wind. We measured about 1 1/2 inches of rain from the storm Wednesday, and that just made our roads that much worse. Mr. and Mrs. Billy Carter and Barry from Brownwood visited with the J.C. Caves Saturday and Sunday. They also visited with Mrs. Edd Carter in Roby. We were sure pleased to have Mrs. Billy Carter at church on Sunday. Mrs. Opal Phillips reported over 2 inches of rain last week, and there

is still water standing in the terraces around her house this morning (Monday). She has been staying close to home as her roads are muddy. Sarah Shipp from Rotan visited with Bea Hardin on Saturday, and they went to Rotan.

J.D. Kincaid still isn't doing real well, and we hope that he will soon begin to feel very much better. He is going back to see the doctor on Wednesday. His daughter, Mrs. Mary Ann (Neil) Hyer from

Andrews is still staying with her Dad, and some of her kids visited with them during the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Anderson from Scottsdale, Arizona, were here visiting with the Clarence Andersons. They went to Arlington and attended their grandson, Daren Fiddler's wedding last weekend. Mr. and Mrs. Donald Fiddler from Alamo, Nevada, visited with the Clarence Andersons Monday night. They were returning from the wedding of their son in Arlington. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Kludt from Elm Grove, Wisconsin, visited with Clarence

and June Thursday through Saturday, so they have really had lots of company.

Jim and I attended the Rotan-McCaulley basketball game Tuesday night, and then Friday we watched such a good close game between the Roby and Rotan girls. The Roby boys also played Rotan boys.

The Aerobic classes from Roby and Rotan performed at the half on both Tuesday and Friday nights, and were they good. We are really going to have some good cheerleaders in the future. Those kids really put on a good show, and are sure talented. Not too much news

this week, as the weather has been cold the latter part of the week, and lots of folks

have been sick. Happy Valentine's Day this Saturday. See you next week.

## Rotan-Roby 4-H Club

The Rotan and Roby 4-H Club met in the Homestate Savings Building recently. Jessica Moore presided. They talked about the Senior Citizens Valentine banquet and Share-The-Fun. At the next meeting, Kathy Spencer will meet with them and discuss record books.

Five members were present, they were: Eric Smith, Brandon Sheehan, Monte McKinney, Jessica Moore, and Christi Parr. Guests were: Ryan Parr and Timothy Moore. Eric Smith and Monte McKinney served refreshments.

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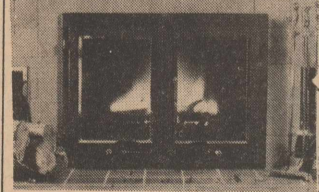
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### Cotton Production In Texas 2,638,000 Bales

Cotton production in Texas is forecast at 2,638,000 bales for 1986, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture's December crop production report. The production is the 1985 crop.

Cotton growers in the State expect to harvest 3,726,200 acres of cotton and realize an average crop yield of 340 pounds per acre. In 1985, 4,669,400 acres were harvested with a crop yield of 406 pounds per acre, according to the report.

"Cotton harvest is about 85 percent complete in Texas," Billy Don Atkinson, County Executive Director of the Agricultural

Stabilization and Conservation Service, said. The national average loan rate is 55 cents per pound for strict low midling 1 1/16 inch upland cotton.

"We will offer farmers loans on their 1987 cotton crop at a national average rate of 52.25 cents per pound for the base quality of upland," Mr. Atkinson said.

#### Women With A Purpose To Meet Feb. 16th

Women With A Purpose will meet at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, February 16th at the First United Methodist Church in Roby. Our guest speaker for this meeting will be Lois Taber from Des Moines, Iowa. Lois and her husband Bob Taber, are extensively involved with local churches of varying affiliations, serving as mission conference coordinators, and as missions conference seminary/retreat speakers serving with OMS International. Lois has an extensive women's ministry in denominational retreats, luncheons, Christian Women's Clubs and other special meetings in the states and overseas. Together Bob and Lois share a mutual concern for the spiritual needs of all the people they encounter. Their ministries have taken them to 22 nations of the world.

All women are invited to attend this gathering, and welcome Lois Taber to our community.

#### Hobbs Lunch Room Menu

Monday: Stew, corn bread, pear salad, cookies, milk.  
 Tuesday: Chicken strips, potatoes, peas, hot rolls, pudding, milk.  
 Wednesday: Burritos, fries, ranch style beans, cake, milk.  
 Thursday: Ham, potatoes, broccoli, hot rolls, cherry cobbler, milk.  
 Friday: Hot dogs, fries, red beans, cake, milk.

He said the sign-up period for the 1987 Cotton Programs is currently underway. The upland cotton program calls for a 25 percent acreage reduction. The programs are designed to reduce surplus stocks and maintain a better

balance between supply and demand. U.S. cotton production for 1986 is forecast at 9.79 million bales, 27 percent below the 1925 production. Upland production is forecast at 9.60 million bales.

#### Cindy Gonzales Named To Who's Who At TSTI

Cindy Gonzales, daughter of Alfred and Marcie Gonzales of Roby, has been nominated by the Selection Committee of Texas State Technical Institute, Sweetwater to Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges for the 1987 academic year.

Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges is a national honors program recognizing students in a degree program for

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#### Library Expresses Thanks

A number of businesses here in Rotan have recently made donations to the Library Fund Drive; and the Board of Directors wishes to express its appreciation for these gifts, and thank the following donors for their continuing support of the library.

Included are: Joe D. Burk Insurance Agency, Gold Bond Building Products, Inc., A.B. Parker's Barber Shop, Farm Tractor and Service, Inc., Bartlett Strayhorn Bookkeeping Service, First National Bank of Rotan, F. & M. Chevrolet/Buick, Nowlin Farm Supply, Glen's Thriftway, McDonald Brothers, Casa Morales

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#### 4-H Express Club Meets

The 4-H Express Club met recently at the Rotan School Cafeteria. Amber Martin presided. They discussed the Valentine banquet. Discussed fund raisers and community projects.

At the next meeting, they plan a record book workshop. Five members were present, they are: Chris Boone, Shana Schooley, Janet Martin, Amber Martin, and Traci Hull. The leader, Susie Martin, was also present.

Refreshments were served by Amber and Janet Martin.

#### Rotan Lunch Room Menu

Monday: Pizza, buttered corn, lettuce and tomato salad, fruit, milk.

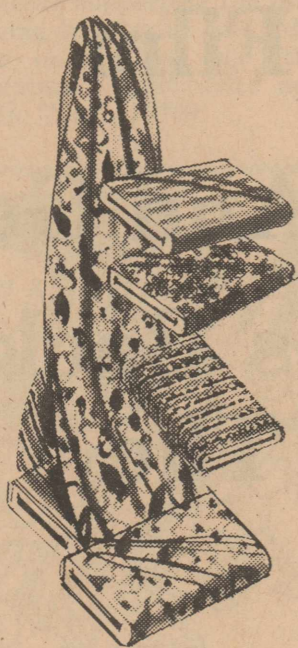
Tuesday: Frito pie, seasoned pinto beans, Texas slaw, cornbread, butter, cookies, milk.

Wednesday: Turkey & dressing w/gravy, candied sweet potatoes, cranberry sauce, hot rolls, jello, milk.

Thursday: Barbecue weinener, whipped potatoes, chili beans, vegetables & cheese sticks, cornbread, butter, cake, milk.

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

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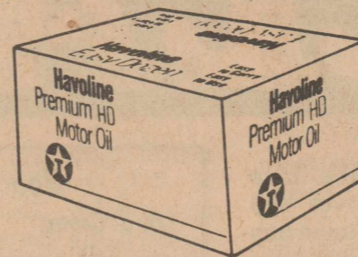
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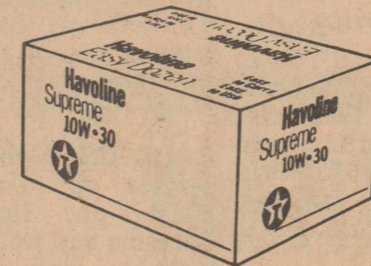
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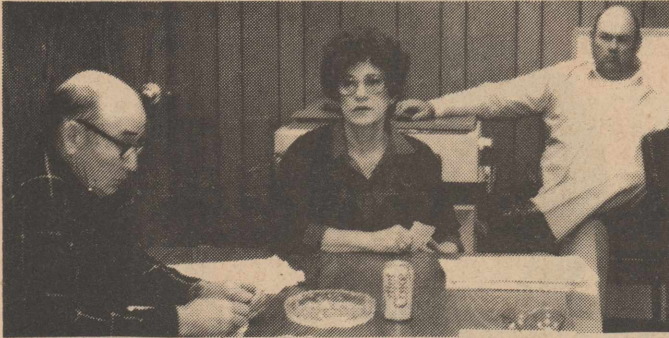


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**BEFORE COURT:** Marie Van Loon, Justice of the Peace, appeared before the Fisher County Commissioners Court last Monday with a list of supplies needed to open the office.

### Rotan Financial Aid Workshop February 12th

Thursday evening at 7 p.m. at Rotan High School, Patsy Hamric, Rotan school counselor, has scheduled a financial aid workshop for parents of students planning to attend a post-secondary institute.

Mary Swanson, director of financial aid at

McMurry College, will direct the workshop and provide assistance in preparing the necessary application.

Anyone needing the application or assistance is urged to attend. Please call Mrs. Hamric at Rotan High School if you have questions.

### Legal Notice

THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF FISHER by virtue of an Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable 32nd Judicial District Court of Fisher County, on the 2nd day of February, 1987 by the Clerk thereof, in the case of ROTAN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT VS. CLARENCE CONNER Cause No. 3978 and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell, at 10:00 a.m. on the 3rd day of March, 1987 which is the first Tuesday of said month, at the door of the Courthouse of said Fisher County, in the City of Roby, Texas, the following described property, to wit:

Tract I: Being Lots 4 and 5 in Block 122 of the

Original Town of Rotan more fully described by Deed in Volume 348, Page 327 and Page 400, Deed Records of Fisher County, Texas.

Levied on the 2nd day of February, 1987, as the property of Helen Ruth Conner, 402 W. Sherman, Rotan, Texas, 79546; Clarence Conner, if living;

To satisfy a judgment amounting to \$2,050.38 with interest from the 22nd day of August, 1985 at 10 per cent, per annum, and all costs of suit in favor of Rotan Independent School District, Et Al.

Given under my hand this 2nd day of February, 1987.

Mickey A. Counts  
Sheriff Fisher  
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Tract I: Being all that certain Lot 9 in Block 55 of the Original Town to the City of Rotan, Texas, and being

more fully described by that deed of record in Volume 345, Page 286, Deed Records of Fisher County, Texas.

Levied on the 2nd day of February, 1987 as the property of Joe T. DeLeon, c/o American National Insurance, 3000 W. 27th Street, Amarillo, Texas, 79101; Tina DeLeon, 2612 10th Avenue, Canyon, Texas, 79015 to satisfy a judgment amounting to \$1,404.39 with interest from the 2nd day of October, 1986 at 10 per cent, per annum, and all costs of suit in favor of CITY OF ROTAN, ET AL;

Given under my hand this 2nd day of February, 1987.

Mickey A. Counts  
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### Roby 3rd & 4th Grade Club Meets

The Roby Third and Fourth Grade 4-H Club met in the Courthouse Annex in Roby recently. Coby Moore, president, presided. They discussed record books, method demonstration and the Valentine Banquet. They elected officers for the second half of the year. Elected President was Coby Moore, Vice President Timothy Moore, Secretary Justin Whitaker, Reporter Mike Counts and Treasurer Amanda Moore.

At the next meeting they will have a field

### 176 Bales Ginned Last Week

A total of 176 bales of cotton were ginned last week by the six Fisher County gins.

Last week's ginning brought the season total up to 14,268 bales.

The leader in total bales ginned for the season continues to be the Rotan Gin with 5,351 bales; Terry Gin at Roby is in second place with 3,255 bales ginned with Hobbs Gin in third position with 1,852 bales.

The other gins and their totals are Farmers Gin in Rotan with 1,837 bales; Farmers Union Coop Gin in Roby 1,028 bales and Longworth Gin with 945 bales.

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### Book Review Club To Hold Meeting

The Book Review Club is to meet Tuesday, Feb. 17th at the First Baptist Church Adult Department, room three, at 3:00 p.m., Rotan, Texas. Bob Reily of Colorado City is the reviewer.

trip to a local cotton gin.

There were twenty members present. They were: Bryce Moore, Kye Lamm, Kelly McWilliams, Matt Counts, Mario Barrera, Justin Whitaker, Mike Counts, Brad Atkinson, Amy Singletary, Coby Moore, Edward Marquez, Jeremy Stidham,

### Helms' On Snyder Honor Roll

The honor roll for the first semester at Snyder High School has recently been announced. Making the list was Mark Helms, high school senior.

John Wayne Helms, a 1986 Snyder High graduate has been placed on the honor roll of the College of Engineering at the University of Texas at Austin. He earned a 4.0 during the 1986 fall semester.

Both boys are sons of Wayne and Pat Helms and grandsons of Carl and Aladean Gruben.

### Card Of Thanks

We would like to express our heartfelt thanks to each and everyone that expressed sympathy to us during our time of sorrow. To those that sent flowers, food, cards and called or stopped by. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts. The music and message were a comfort to us. The food served by the ladies of the First Baptist Church and V.F.W. was deeply appreciated. The special service offered by Doug and Mac made our sorrow easier to bear. Again may we say thank you to all our friends.

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### Roby Menu

Monday: Chicken nuggets w/gravy, corn, hot rolls, fruit.

Tuesday: Stew, cheese curls, cherry cobbler.

Wednesday: Frito pie, w/cheese, seasoned beans, salad, chocolate chip cookie.

Thursday: Salmon croquets, cream potatoes, blackeyed peas, jello.

Friday: Hamburgers w/cheese, potato chips, lettuce, tomato, onions, pickles, brownie, fruit.

### Basketball Playoff Game In Rotan

Rule High School and Highland High School have scheduled a playoff basketball game for Thursday night, according to Rotan High School Director Richard Gorman.

The game is set for 6:30 (girls) and 8:00 (boys) with an admission charge of \$2.00 for adults and \$1.00 for students.

### R&R Acrostars Compete At Snyder, Feb. 7th

Nine members of the R & R Acrostars participated in an Advanced Gymnastic Meet held Saturday, February 7 in the Snyder Coliseum. A total of 352 participants, 28 teams, were involved.

Individual finishings were: First place: Mikya Dickson; second place: Jenni Burnes and Kelly Weaver; third

place: Crystal Garcia, Talitha Cadenhead, and Clinton Williams; fourth place: Tracy Posey; sixth place: Julie Grisham; seventh place: Melissa Martinez.

The next meet will be a novice meet held on March 14 in Gorman. On April 11, Rotan will host a novice meet at the high school gym.



R&R ACROSTARS: The above group took part in the half time show at the Rotan-Roby basketball game last Friday.

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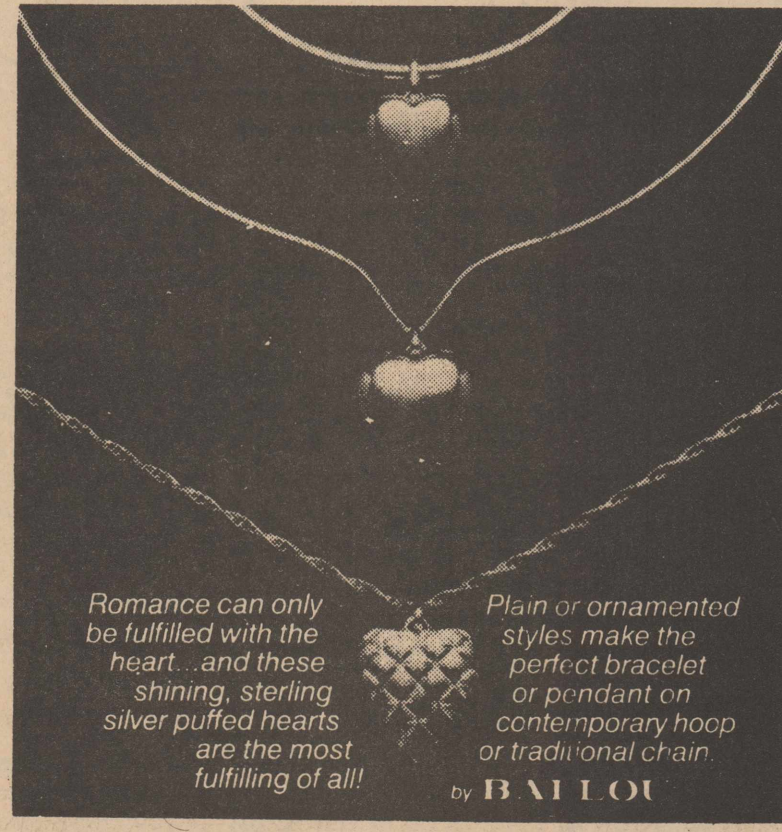


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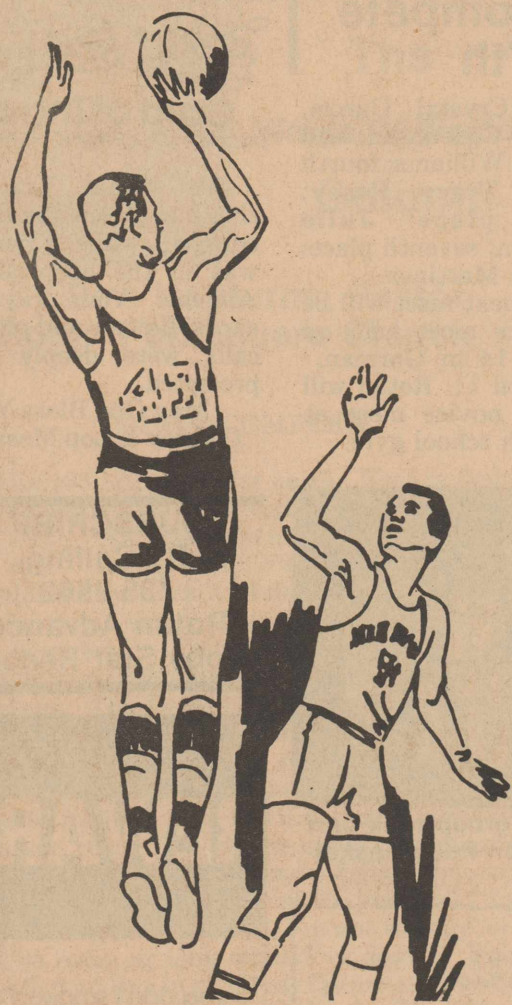
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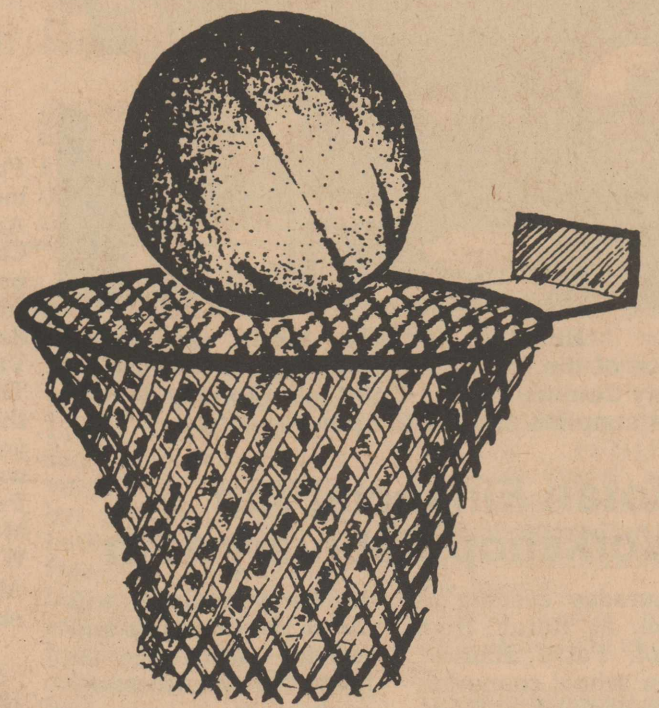
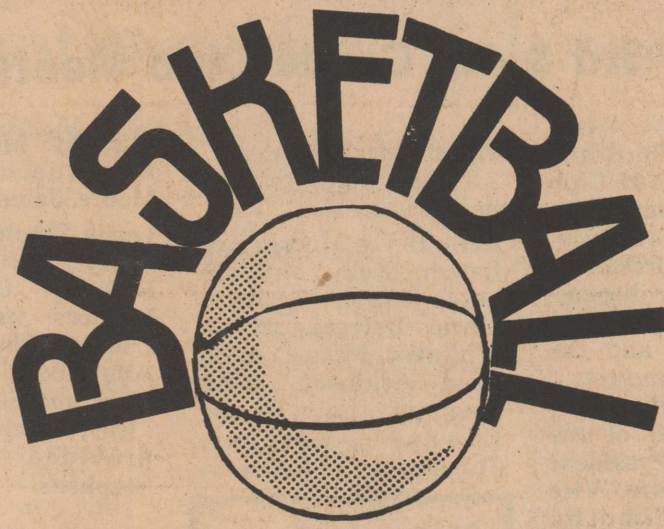
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