

Kim's Korner

By Kimball G. Pease

Injury, Sickness, Health Status Update

Evelyn Rose, formerly of Rotan, found out recently that she has cancer and would surely appreciate a card or note from some of her local friends. She can be reached C/O Drusilla Chandler, 1537 Vernice Road, Jacksonville, Florida 32226.

Shanna Bennett, who was involved in an accident just North of Sweetwater on June 26th, is being released from the hospital and will be home on Friday.

Melanie Hunsaker is still in Scott & White in Waco awaiting a bone marrow transplant. She needs our prayers.

First Post Office In Fisher County

Marjorie Mitchell of Roby received some information from Washington, D.C. indicating that the first Fisher County Post Office was at Ruds Ranch, one mile East of Palava. The post office was opened on December 1, 1879 and closed on February 26, 1980. It only stayed open for about 90 days. Other post offices in Fisher County were - Newman, Fisher, Roby (1886), Hitson, Swedonia, Hobbs, Eskota, Grady, Len, Rolando, Rotan (1907), Longworth, Royston, Adair, Taopi, Rives, Afton, Claytonville, Diantha, Dowell, Dorras, Palava, Linnie, Rico, Sylvester, McCaulley and North Roby. Postmasters at Roby over the years have been Mazzy Ferrell, Samuel Lee Hall, Alba Hall, Alba Tefteller, Lynn Randolph, Violet Upshaw and Judy Streety.

The Old Days (1955) In Education

Frank Cockrell and I were discussing the good old days (41 years ago) in education when he began his teaching career. Cockrell, who now is involved with a school which has a similar model as the HOBBS campus, is part-time administrator of the Fairview Campus School in the Wall ISD, 5 miles South of San Angelo. Cockrell was remembering his first year and only year as a classroom teacher. He was hired to be a junior high school science teacher but at the last minute was transferred to Amarillo High as a biology teacher. He taught 5 classes of 30 kids in each class. His second year was spent as principal and coach at Booker, way at the top of the Panhandle.

Cockrell was 25 years old when he landed that first job at Amarillo High. He was fresh out of the military. No such thing as teacher in-service training in those days. Cockrell remembers reporting to school that first morning, picking up his teaching book and the key to the classroom. Following his association at Booker, where he was coach of a 6-man football team, Cockrell went on to Spearman and other Panhandle schools, served as Superintendent of the American School in Saudi Arabia and will probably wind up his education career at Fairview. Cockrell said he had 30 teachers and himself at Spearman and didn't have a secretary. "I was just a runner", said Cockrell. "I would take messages and deliver them to the classroom teachers."

In addition to being involved with the alternate education school, Cockrell also works part-time for the Fisher County Hospital in the area of public relations.

Threw The Guy Out.....

Matt Ryan of Rotan who returns this year for a second season of writing the football stories for the Yellowhammer games played minor league baseball in his younger days. He played for a minor league team in Kentucky until injuring his arm. Ryan was also an umpire in the Longhorn League and Texas/New Mexico minor league baseball league back in the early 1950's. One of his most memorable moments while umpiring took place in a big game in Roswell in 1954 when the then famous Joe Bauman was scheduled to break the minor league home run record. According to Ryan, there were photographers from Life, reporters from newspapers from around the country and important dignitaries associated with baseball in attendance. Ryan threw Bauman out of the game after his first at bat of the night. "He mouthed some cuss words after a called strike three and I threw him out of the game," said Ryan. He remembers Joe Bauman as a really nice guy, who probably got caught up in all the excitement of the night. A photographer with the Roswell Daily Record took a photo of Bauman in Ryan's face after being tossed. Bauman later autographed the photo for Ryan, but it was a few days later after he calmed down. Bauman eventually went on to break the home run record which was 69. Bauman finished the season with 72 home runs. He still holds the record for home runs in a single season. Although Bauman never made it to the major leagues, he still has fond memories of that summer of 1954. He and his wife still live in Roswell, New Mexico.

Rotan Homecoming Invitation

An ad in this week's newspaper is calling attention to the annual Rotan Homecoming Weekend, October 6 & 7.

Mud In Your Eye

First - If it isn't one thing - it's another. Now Ol' Whistle Britches is upset that I referred to him as an obnoxious cowboy, who chews Garrett snuff and drives a Chevrolet pick-up held together with eight pounds of bailing wire. Sorry, sorry. He has no problem with being called obnoxious, but he chews Redman chewing tobacco not Garrett snuff and he swears the bailing wire, if weighed - rust and all, would be closer to three pounds not eight. Had a few calls from other folks upset over a few things the Editor didn't get right last week. Bettie Hargrove called to ask why she wasn't listed on the "Fisher County Office Holders" listing in last week's paper. She is the District Clerk. In checking this blunder out we noticed that we also didn't have Charles Thornton, Auditor, Marie Van Loon, J.P. and Albert Hataway, J.P. listed in the Fisher County section. Sorry.

Second - Nan Arnett came by the office to ask why we didn't have the scores of the softball games in the paper of teams taking part in the Labor Day Weekend - Church Softball Tournament. I shot two rolls of film, developed and printed six pictures on Monday (Labor Day) and devoted one-third of the front page to the event, in anticipation that several hundred people would ask why there weren't any pictures of the event in the paper. I suppose I guessed wrong, again. I never dreamed anyone would want to know the scores of the games. I thought the whole thing was for fun.

Third - Final goof. I had Kevin Copeland cooking hamburgers in Rotan and aboard ship in the Persian Gulf in last week's paper. Not so. Kevin was cooking hamburgers but his brother Keith was aboard ship in the Persian Gulf. No one called to complain about that goof. Kevin's wife Sherry said "Oh, everyone in Rotan knows what you meant. They know Keith and Kevin".

Anyway, sorry for the errors - on to better things.

Optimists - Keep your face to the sunshine and you will never see the shadows.

Tourists - Tourists visit Washington D.C., as if it were a zoo, and it's no wonder. That's where they shoot the bull, the buck is passed and you get a bum steer.

Farmers - Even if a farmer intends to spend the day loafing, he gets up and gets an early start.

Confidence - Belief in yourself is a fine thing, but see to it that you are not too easily convinced.

Character - A man shows what he is by doing what he can with what he has.

Rotan School Board OK's Field House Addition, Hamlin Firm Awarded Bid

The members of the Rotan School Board unanimously approved setting the 1995-96 tax rate at \$1.4264. Two years ago the rate was \$1.43, last year the board lowered the rate to \$1.27.

The \$1.4264 rate will generate \$742,132 at a 98% collection rate.

By comparison, Hamlin, Stamford, Blackwell and Eula all had 1995 tax rates of \$1.45; Anson was \$1.30; Comanche - \$1.05; and Colorado City \$1.52.

The board voted to reject a bid of \$100 for a lot, on the tax roll for \$200, submitted by Jose Luis Ramon. The bid was for lot 13, block 123, Rotan

OT. All board members voted to reject the bid with the exception of Dr. Vick Burk.

Board members voted to conduct an open house, of not only the newly constructed facilities, but the entire school complex on Tuesday, October 10. The board hopes to recognize Debby Burnes, James Cain, Dr. C.M. Callan, Irma Carreon, Reid Cave, Mickey Early, Bobby Gruben, Patsy

Hamric, David Hargrove, Mike Hull, Norvelle Kennedy, Dr. Jerry Marshall, Carl Jody Powell, Robyn Pruitt, George Reyes, Janie Reyes, Bobby Richardson and Eugene Dee Threath - members of the Financial Advisory Committee in 1994.

The board, by consent agenda, approved the Environmental Science textbooks; approved school products bids; approved the attendance committee,

approved teacher appraiser schedule, approved a Fisher County Appraisal District contract and the 1995-96 contract with the Tri-County Special Education Cooperative.

The board tabled until the October meeting, action on the facilities study.

The members of the Rotan School Board, although not unanimously, voted to accept a bid of \$69,975.00 from Hertel Construction Company in Hamlin for the construction of a field house addition.

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Fisher County Home To
Martha Cox
Ryan Branch
Alva Mercer
Billy Henderson
Javier Garcia

Rotan Council Votes To Increase Taxes By 3%, Sets Date Of The Budget Hearing

\$40,000 is put in new budget for vehicle replacement. Rodney Denton Jr. hopes to purchase two pick-ups at a minimum.

ton, Jr., is in hopes of purchasing two pickups at a minimum. Plus wants to buy a shredder, possibly a used garbage truck and possibly a dump truck.

Roby Resident Killed In Head On Collision

A Roby resident was killed instantly in a two-vehicle accident approximately two miles North of Sweetwater on Texas -70 last Monday night at approximately 10:55 p.m., according to information from Trooper Tom Johnson.

Margaret Rodriguez, age 50, of Roby, who recently began working as manager of Circle D Convenience Store in Roby, was driving a 1979 Cadillac, traveling South when she met a 1991 Chevrolet pickup driven by Danny Sanchez of Sweetwater who was traveling North in the South bound lane.

"Rodriguez was killed instantly and Sanchez died at about 1:00 a.m., at Rolling Plains Hospital", commented Johnson.

• \$14,000 for water tower maintenance. This was not a budgeted item last year and funds need to be allocated for repair and bringing the towers into compliance.

The Rotan City Council is going to give final approval to the budget, after holding a public hearing, on Tuesday, September 26th.

It took three motions (the first two

Rotan School Students Will Dismiss Early

Rotan students will be dismissed from school on Friday, September 22, 1995 in order that the instructional faculty may attend teacher training at Sweetwater ISD. Dr. Shirley Crook from the Texas Education Agency will present a program on the disaggregation of student results on the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills Test.

This training will assist teachers in identifying and designing the instructional program to better meet the needs of all students in the district required to take the TAAS test.

School will resume at the regular time on Monday, September 25, 1995.

by Councilman Rains) to set the tax rate before a second was received. The first two motions by Rains died for lack of a second.

The third motion, by Scotty Daniel to increase the tax rate by 3%, got a second from Rains and approval by Rains, Daniel and Quintanilla.

* A full story on all that took place at the meeting will appear in next weeks paper.

Rotan Coming Home Queen Candidates Set

The five coming home queen candidates have been selected by the 1995 Rotan Homecoming Committee.

Representing the various classes and their escorts:

• Class of 1945 will be Betty Kiker Carter escorted by Eugene Cleveland.

• Class of 1955 is Patsy Blount Lawrence, who will be escorted by Glen Strickland.

• Class of 1965 candidate is Linda Brown Murray who will be escorted by Tony DeLeon.

• Class of 1975 will have Barbara Surratt Sanders as the queen candidate. She will be escorted by Ted Ramirez.

• Class of 1986 will be Sonia Carrillo who will be escorted by Lyle Hale.

Joe Dale Burk Appointed As 1995 Cattlemen's Round-Up Chairman

Rotan insurance executive Joe D. Burk is serving as Fisher County chairman for Cattlemen's Round-Up for Rehab-- a program through which ranchers donate cattle, horses, sheep and goats to be sold at special auctions during September and October.

This unique brand of support helps West Texas Rehabilitation Center provide out-patient services to more than 14,500 disabled children and adults each year without regard for their financial circumstances.

The first sale in the Abilene area will be September 26 at Abilene Auction with a horse sale to follow at the same location on October 14.

A number of additional sales will be conducted during September and October at auction houses in San Angelo, Ranger, Stephenville, Coleman, Eastland, and Junction.

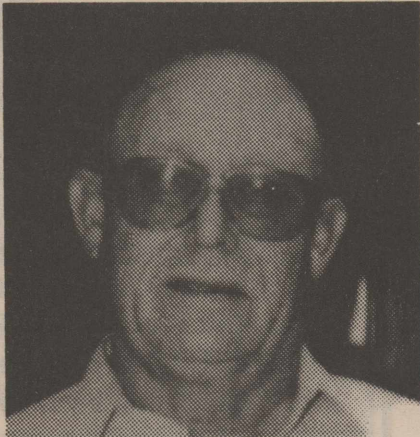
Approximately 135 volunteers, including General Chairman Jim Alexander of Abilene and Concho Valley Chairman Carter Behrens of San Angelo, are assisting this 36th annual Round-Up effort by promoting sales and asking their neighbors to join them in donating to this year's drive which has a goal of \$300,000.

"We have been helping with the Round-Up here in Fisher County from

the very beginning," said Burk, "because the Rehab Center has meant so much to our friends and families over the years."

Interested persons wanting to donate livestock or those needing to arrange for hauling of animals may contact Burk or the Rehab Center at (915) 691-7201.

Now in its 42nd year of operation, West Texas Rehab Center had a staff of approximately 200 trained professionals providing physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech pathology, audiology, orthotics, industrial rehabilitation and numerous support services at its facilities in Abilene and San Angelo.



Last Year's Rate Was .825300

Fisher County Commissioners Adopt New Tax Rate Of .874030

The Fisher County Commissioners, in order to fund a \$2.128 million dollar fiscal year 1995-96 budget, adopted a tax rate of .872670 which represents a one percent increase over the effective tax rate of .864030.

Last year, Fisher County residents paid Fisher County taxes to .8253 cents per \$100 valuation. Of that amount, .56530 was used to fund the general fund and .2600 was used to fund the road and bridge fund.

This year, Fisher County residents will be paying Fisher County taxes in the amount of .872670. Of that amount, .602670 will be used to fund the general fund and .2700 to fund the road and bridge fund.

The total tax base for last year was \$163,004,563.00. This year the figure dropped to \$160,783,174.00. What is not reflected in the loss of \$2,700,000.00 is an overall decline in oil values of approximately \$12 million dollars and a one time increase in Fisher County rural property values, as a result of the recent re-evaluation, of \$9 million.

Commissioners, in reviewing the trend of the past few years with respect to oil values, have seen them decrease about 12 million dollars a year.

Commissioners pretty well held the line on spending for fiscal year 1995-96. They adopted a budget for fiscal year 1995-96 of \$2,128,000 compared to the 1994-95 fiscal year budget of \$2,124,000.

Commissioners are already dreading putting together the next fiscal budget because they anticipate that oil valuations will be less and could have as much as a \$170,000.00 swing in taxes from oil companies to local property owners.

ROTAN HOMECOMING 1995 THE LATEST.....

by Darlene Cleveland

Homecoming '95 is only four weeks away and this article and the ad in today's issue of the Advance is your invitation to attend the activities. Friday, October 6th, the Yellowhammers will play Cisco at H. Govan Field and during half time, the Coming Home and Homecoming Queens will be crowned. After the game, as is the custom, everyone is invited to come to the school cafeteria for cookies, coffee, cocoa and lots of visiting. There's no charge for this and it's sure to be a fun time.

On Saturday, October 7th, Brenda Goodwin and Peggy Bilbo have a delicious luncheon planned with a special treat to follow. Phyllis and Melissa Goodwin will present a style show, focusing on accessories. Their fine line of jewelry, etc. should give us many good ideas on how to spruce up old clothes as well showing new outfits for Fall. This luncheon, however, is not just for ladies; there will be plenty of interesting things for the men, too. Other entertainment will be announced in a later article. Cost of the luncheon and show will be \$4.00 per person.

The banquet this year will be a fiesta! There will be lots of good food. As an added attraction, all exes are asked to write a 1 page letter telling about themselves, where they are, what they are doing, etc. These will be posted on the walls for everyone to read. Please send these to Charles Cleveland, 710 N. Cleveland Ave., Rotan, Texas 79546. Go ahead and send this even if you will be attending. Charge for the meal will be only \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children under 12.

Something different is being planned for the Homecoming dance. This writer asked two weeks ago for the input from readers concerning a Street Dance and the response was overwhelming. Almost everyone who responded was in favor of the Street Dance, so that's what we will do. Bring your lawn chairs and a light jacket and come to the center of Main Street at 8:00 p.m. for music from 'Triple Shot'. This year we want not only exes but also their children and grandchildren to come and enjoy an evening under the stars. There will be a concession stand selling food and drinks and out of town people will be furnished folding chairs. \$3.00 will get an adult in with a \$5.00 charge for a couple. School aged kids will be \$2.00 except under 12 years of age will be admitted free. An alternative place has been planned but maybe the weather will cooperate and give us a beautiful night.

Bobbie McKinney has done it again; besides updating the mailing list she has made and donated a beautiful Afghan to be given to some lucky winner. For a \$1.00 donation to the Homecoming Association, you might just win. You may donate at any of the planned activities.

Make plans now to attend all the festivities and don't forget to write those letters.

Happy Birthday

September 14 - 20. Sept. 14th - Neva Carter, Sara Franklin, Larry Markham, Kendra Lakey; 15th - Justin Whitaker, Effie Murphree; 16th - Jeremy Alls, Sandra Underhill, Kimberly Garcia, C.A. Taggart, Justin Stuart, Gage Greer; 17th - Imogene Harvey, Christine Rackley; 18th - Urma Lea Schick, Jo Ann Ochoa, Willia Dean Reaves; 19th - John Lawlis, Rosemary Rocha, Lora Brown, Crystal Greenway, Derwayne Rasco; 20th - Evelyn Morton, Carol Boyd, Joy Walker, Shamika Ford, Fran LeBleu, Jery Moffett, Vincente Ortega, Jeff Groves.

David Counts Is Given Award By Ag. Assoc.

Rep. David Counts, Knox City, received the Distinguished Service Award from the Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association of Texas at their annual awards program, August 2, 1995, at the Abilene Civic Center.

Individuals who have done a great job representing their district receive this award. James Dawley of Mexia, President of the Association, presented the award.

"I am very humbled by this honor," said Counts. "Vocational agriculture programs plan an important role in the public schools by providing our young people with the skills and leadership they need to become productive citizens. I am proud to support these programs in anyway I can."

The Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association of Texas represents agricultural science and technology teachers throughout Texas. It has over 2,000 members, most of whom teach the 92,000 students enrolled in Texas agriculture science programs. The Association honored members for tenure and local program publicity. Newspapers, radio stations, legislators and service clubs also received awards for their support of agriculture science and FFA programs.

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Unsolicited photographs will be considered at a charge
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The news and advertising
deadline is noon Tuesday.



HAMMER GUY: Guy Duke, son of William and Gayle Duke of Rotan, zeroes in and squares up to make a tackle recently. Duke is a freshman. He and the other members of the Yellowhammer squad will travel to Coahoma this Friday night looking for win number two.
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Fisher County Church Directory

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Thirty Five Volunteers Go To Russia To Remodel Orphanage

by Janece Pease

Helen Heathington, Irene Nowlin, Kim and Janece Pease were among 25 volunteers who went to Russia on July 28 - August 12, 1995, to remodel an orphanage.

The mission was coordinated through Peacework, the United Methodist Church and the Russian Orthodox Church.

The orphanage is located in Mozhaysk and during Communist times was a place that the people of Russia never acknowledged existed.

There are approximately 450 children at the home. Some of the children had mental and physical problems and some were just unwanted by parents.

The report given us was that these children were stamped and put in the orphanage. They will stay there until they are 18 and then go to an institute for adults. They will never be out of an institute. That was a very sad part to all of us.

The building the group worked on housed children that never got outside. Most never got out of bed, the ones that did, walked on their knees. The team visited these children first so we could know who we were working for.

The children were so excited to see us, they would break into squeals and laughs and reach to touch us. There were no dry eyes when we left the room.

The task of the team was to clean the downstairs part of the building, plaster walls, paint windows, brick doorways. A lot of our task was completed but due to the inability of the Russian getting all the supplies to us, we could not complete in a day what we wanted to. We could maybe only plaster one-third of a wall because that's all the plaster they could bring us a day but we were able in a week's time to complete several projects including building a fort for the children.

Along with the task of remodeling a building, the group took over 400 new pairs of shoes to the orphanage. We felt good about the work we did and the shoes we took.

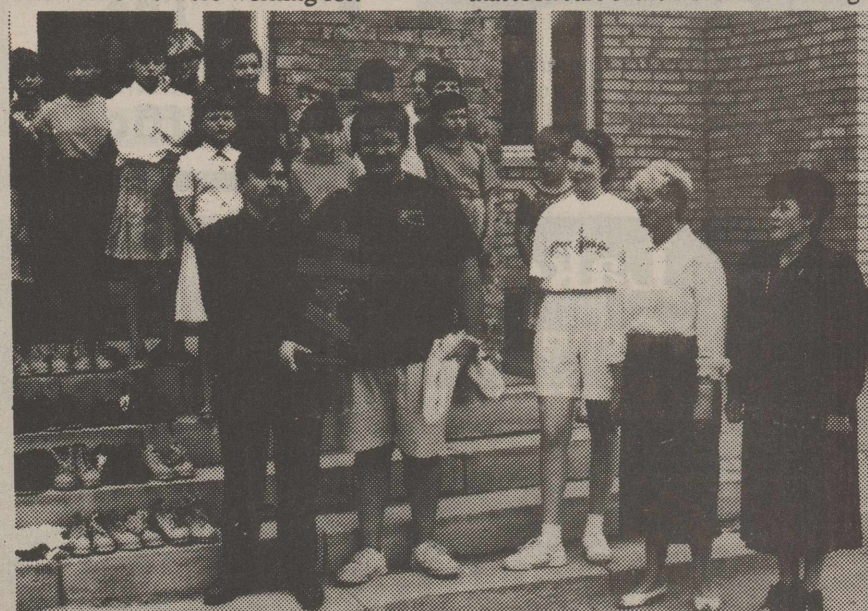
God works in great ways. Even though we wanted to do more work, when we didn't have supplies to work with, we got to interact with the children and that was just as important. They were children, precious children just like we have here and the workers that took care of them seemed as though

they had hearts as good as gold. They really loved and cared for the children. It was very special for the four of us from Rotan to be able to visit the children who couldn't get out of bed; we got to go more than one time. We sang songs to them, gave them balloons, took puppets and entertained them, hung cross stitched crosses on their beds and most of all gave them hugs. We not only did this for the children but also the workers because they surely have many stars in their crowns for the loving, caring ways they have for these children.

The other children were just as special and really enjoyed playing games, helping with the work and the time taken by the volunteers to give them a smile, a pat on the back or a hug. We didn't get our bibles and try to preach or teach, we just took God's love and tried to share it. A Russian Orthodox cross made by Donald Gruben was presented to the orphanage at the end of our week of work.

After our work at the orphanage we were able to do some touring in some surrounding towns and Moscow. On our last day in Moscow, the team attended the Moscow Methodist general conference. Kim presented the Russian Bishop a cross made of West Texas mesquite trimmed in Russian Pine to show the unity of the Methodist Church in Russia and America. The Methodist Church has 21 churches in Russia now, and pastored by Russian ministers.

It was a great experience and one that will never be forgotten.



PRESENTS CROSS: Kim Pease, center, presented a Russian Orthodox cross, made by Donny Gruben of Rotan, to Father Sergai during a recent mission trip to an orphanage in Mozhaysk, Russia. Father Sergai, after taking possession of the cross, presented it to the administrator of the orphanage and called it the first piece of furniture for the chapel that will someday be built. To the left of the photo are part of the orphans and part of the 400 pair of new shoes that were presented to the orphanage by the 25 making the trip.

Fisher County Memories

Picture From The Past



The above photograph was taken of a group of four Fisher County residents who were winners in the Senior Division of a 4-H Food Show. (l to r) Charla Wiley of Roby; Jan Posey, Evette Gruben and Carey Gruben. Readers are invited to submit any old photograph for publication. Please identify as much as possible. Photos will be run space-available and will be returned unharmed.

Sharon Gilbert Named Assn't. Allsup's Manager

Sharon Gilbert was named as the new assistant manager of Rotan Allsup's last week. Sharon is the wife of Gordon Gilbert and mother of two boys, and daughter-in-law of Mike and Theresa Gilbert of Rotan.

First United Methodist Church

Join Us In Worship This Sunday

Larry Holder, Minister

Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.
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By Lyndell Williams & Ed Sterling
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AUSTIN — Comptroller John Sharp and Land Commissioner Garry Mauro — both Democrats — said over the Labor Day weekend that their paths will be "up or out" in 1998, the *Houston Chronicle* reported.

Sharp was re-elected as comptroller in 1994. Though his name has surfaced as a possible candidate for governor or lieutenant governor, he shrugged off questions about a future campaign for statewide office. Thinking about running in 1998 is "like asking a lady who's just had triplets whether she wants to go on a second honeymoon," he said.

Mauro, who has served as land commissioner since 1982, said he would not seek re-election to the same office. He said he would stick with plans to run President Clinton's 1996 re-election campaign in Texas.

Both Sharp — a real estate broker and goat raiser by trade — and Mauro indicated an interest in returning to the private sector.

On the other hand, fellow Democrat, Attorney General Dan Morales said he assumes he will seek a third term.

Republican Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry also said he has plans for re-election and indicated an interest in filling the seat of U.S. Sen. Phil Gramm, if Gramm is elected president.

"Any high school football coach who doesn't aspire to be the

coach of the national championship football team, there's something wrong with them," Perry told the *Chronicle*.

Gov. George W. Bush, answering questions about his plans, said, "There's nothing right now that would convince me not to seek re-election," but stressed that he has no plans to seek national office.

Deadbeat Law Prompts Calls
Attorney General Morales says a new law allowing for the suspension of driver's, professional and recreational licenses of parents delinquent on child support already has made a difference.

Even before the law took effect on Sept. 1, Morales said parents concerned about the measure bombarded a special license suspension phone bank with calls. In one week after the phone bank became operational on Aug. 24, more than 5,000 calls were received, and parents committed to pay more than \$382,000, Morales said.

In late August, Morales announced his office was sending out notices about the new law to 50,000 deadbeat parents.

Morales said he believes the license suspension law will prompt an additional \$20 million in support payments annually, in addition to almost \$500 million already collected through wage-withholding. About \$1 billion in outstanding child support is owed in Texas.

Panel to Study Phone Law
Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock has assigned an interim Senate committee to study the new law deregulating local telephone service.

Bullock asked the Senate Economic Development Committee to determine if consumers are getting more choices and lower rates in local phone service as a result of recent telecommunications reform legislation passed by the Legislature.

"We need to monitor the impact to make sure the law is fair to all potential telephone service providers and that consumers are benefiting from the increased competition," said Sen. David Sibley,

R-Waco, committee chairman.

Bullock also wants Sibley's committee to look into the possibility of medical savings accounts, and study tax abatements and other financial incentives for businesses.

Juvenile Drinking Targeted

Meanwhile, Bullock told Senators to get to work on proposals to keep underage drinkers from behind the wheel.

According to Bullock, Texas has a major problem with inexperienced drivers who become inexperienced drinkers.

"No other issue the Texas Senate will address in 1997 is more important than curbing juvenile drinking and driving," Bullock said in appointing a special committee to study the problem. "Too many young lives have been lost and too many others jeopardized to ignore the problem."

According to the Texas Department of Public Safety, 136 drunken drivers under the age of 21 were involved in fatal wrecks last year.

CMP Article Clarified

We erred in a late August column, in which we reported Land Commissioner Garry Mauro said a coastal management plan by Railroad Commissioner Barry Williamson "strips" Mauro's office of certain oversight duties.

Ron Calhoun, a spokesman for Mauro, said Williamson's plan doesn't strip the General Land Office of anything, but some proposals made by the Coastal Coordination Council, which is made up of representatives from several state agencies, would "severely interfere" with the goals of the state's Coastal Management Program (CMP).

Mauro contends that rules proposed by Williamson go beyond the express changes required when lawmakers amended the CMP during the last legislative session, and would weaken the CMP to such an extent that it would not qualify under the federal Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972.

The public comment period on the new rules closed Aug. 31, and on Oct. 5 the council will vote on the new rules, Calhoun said.



PLAYING THE BELLS: Ruthie Riddel, daughter of Ralph and Jodie Riddel, is one of the members of the Rotan Yellowhammer band for 1995. She and other band members put on a sterling performance last Friday night at Ralls. This week the football players and band members travel to Coahoma.

Seancy Nicole Lee Born To Sean And Joanna Lee

Sean David Lee, Jr. welcomes home his baby sister, Seancy Nicole. Seancy was born on August 17, 1995, weighing 6 lbs. 2 ozs. and was 18 1/2 inches long.

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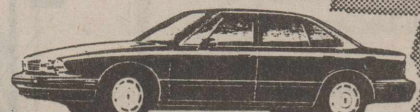
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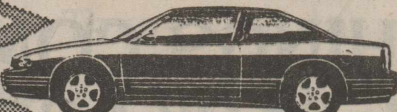
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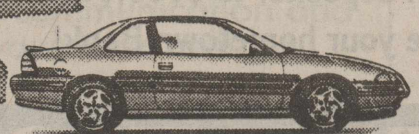


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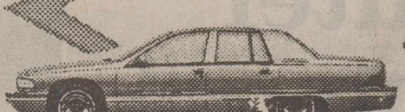
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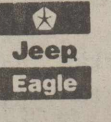
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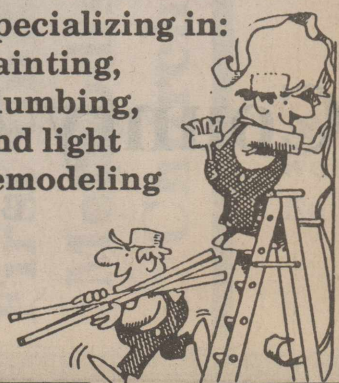
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| 20. BLOCK 145, M/3 OF S/2 | ROTAN OT |
| 21. BLOCK 152, W/3 OF SE/4 | ROTAN OT |
| 22. BLOCK 153, W/3 OF SW/4 | ROTAN OT |
| 23. BLOCK 169, W/75' OF NW/4 | ROTAN OT |
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| 25. BLOCK 171, E/3 OF SW/4 | ROTAN OT |
| 26. BLOCK 175, LOT 6 LESS 50'X100' | ROTAN OT |
| 27. BLOCK 185, LOT 1 | ROTAN OT |
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| 29. BLOCK 209, LOT 9 | ROTAN OT |
| 30. BLOCK 235, LOT 4, E/2 OF 5 | ROTAN OT |
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ROTAN SCHOOL MENU Sept. 18-22, 1995

MONDAY: Pizza, Buttered Corn, Vegetable Salad, Chilled Fruit.
TUESDAY: Breaded Steak Fingers, Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Black-eyed Peas, Hot Rolls, Peach Halves.
WEDNESDAY: Beef Vegetable Soup, Cheese Toast, Rosy Applesauce, Crackers, Cookies.
THURSDAY: Sliced Ham, Candied Sweet Potatoes, Green Beans, Hot Rolls, Jello.
FRIDAY: Hamburgers/Cheese, Hamburger Salad, French Fries, Banana Pudding.

ROBY SCHOOL MENU Sept. 18-22, 1995

MONDAY: Salmon Pattie, Macaroni & Cheese, Early Peas, Fruit, Bread, Milk.
TUESDAY: Burrito, French Fries, Salad, Choc. Chip Cookie, Bread, Milk.
WEDNESDAY: Corn Dog, Cream Potatoes, Black-eyed Peas, Fruit, Bread, Milk.
THURSDAY: Beef Nachos, Pinto Beans, Salad, Peach Cobbler, Bread, Milk.
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400 M. Relay	A. Kiker, E. Turner		
	R. Hooper, K. Pease '82	42.4	
	(State Champion)		
800 Meter	C. Williams	'84	1:54.9
110 H. Hurdle	W. Roddy	'89	14.45
100 Meter Run	Joe Huitt	'90	10.4
	(State Champion)		
400 Meter Run	R. Roddy	'87	49.6
300 I. Hurdles	W. Roddy	'89	38.27
200 Meter Run	Fred Acorn	'79	20.9
	(State Champion)		
1600 Meter Run	R. Moran	'83	4:36.0
1600 M. Relay	E. Turner (50.6)	'82	3:20.0
	K. Pease (50.9)		
	M. Conner (48.2)		
	H. Williams (50.1)		
3200 M. Run	JayBen Alls	'94	10.40.15
Shot	Howard VanLoon	'64	64' 5"
	(State Champion)		
Discus	Howard VanLoon	'64	175' 3"
	(State Champion)		
Broad Jump	T. Daniel	'91	22'11"
High Jump	J. Kelley	'65	6'5"
Pole Vaule	K. Blair	'81	13'3"
X-Country	D. Gruben	'87	16:44
Triple Jump	M. Ray	'91	44' 7"

Rotan High School GIRL'S TRACK RECORDS

400 M. Relay	B. Williams, C. Reese,	'84	49.6
	C. Conner, M. Williams		
400 Meter Run	T. Johnson	'89	58.7
1600 M. Run	S. Hunsaker	'92	6:00.05
100 Meter Run	C. Conner	'82	12.9
3200 Mter Run	S. Hunsaker	'92	13:34.0
100 Hurdles	S. Carrillo	'83	15.0
200 Meter Run	C. Conner	'82	20.9
800 M. Relay	T. Daniel	'85	1:45.7
	M. Williams		
	B. Williams		
	C. Conner		
1600 M. Relay Team		'79	4:01.0
	T. Whitfield, T. McCombs		
	G. Duke, B. Gentry		
(Time won the State Track Meet - Class A - 1979)			
Shot	B. Gentry	'79	33' 9"
Discus	S. Hayer	'64	127' 4"
Long Jump	S. Conner	'91	17' 11"
High Jump	T. Johnson	'89	5'0"
Triple Jump	C. Conner	'85	36'10"

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Packing Safe School Lunches

With school back in session, parents are again packing lunches for their children. Most kids like sandwiches, but you have to be careful what you pack. Lunch meats hold up well in a lunch box, and cheese for a dose of calcium. Parents should pack the lettuce and tomato separately, and include those little packets of mustard and mayonnaise instead of putting it on the bread. This will be more convenient for the parent, and will keep the

bread from getting soggy. By all means, add chips. Children need a certain amount of fat. Children also need fruits and vegetables, so send them whole or cut with ranch dressing for dipping. Don't pack anything that will spoil unless you have a way to keep it cold. To keep sandwiches and yogurt cold, you can freeze juice boxes and include them in the lunch box. Or you may want to invest in one of the new insulated lunch boxes. Keeping the lunch box clean is just as important, so wash it daily and once a week give it a really good cleaning with

water and baking soda.

Keeping School Clothing Cost Down

There's heavy peer pressure for kids to wear the right clothes, but few parents can afford 50-dollar jeans and hundred dollar shoes. The experts say start early to keep your child from developing expensive tastes. Extension clothing specialist Alma Fonseca did a study on the buying power of a child. Her conclusion was that children spend millions of dollars on clothing and accessories and they are able

to influence their parents a great deal. Parents need to instill a sense of financial responsibility at an early age. Teach the children the value of the dollar by giving them an allowance or letting them earn money by mowing lawns or babysitting. That way they spend their own money on clothes and realize how quickly it disappears. You can start the lesson as early as preschool by setting a good example. Look for bargains and shop at resale stores. Using common sense makes financial sense.

County Agents Column

By Richard Spencer

County Agents Report by Richard Spencer

The new '95 US Cotton Production estimate is a little over 21 million bales down slightly from last quarter. '94 US Production was 19.7 million bales. The '94 crop was the largest in US history amounting to 10 billion pounds.

After leaving the farm, cotton is processed and handled by more than 3,000 gins, cottonseed mills, warehouses, merchandisers, shipping companies and textile manufacturers.

If your pesticide recertification training is still not up to date, you can get 12 CEU's at San Angelo, December 13 and 14, and 5 CEU's in Abilene, November 15.

A Japanese company is planning a 27,000 sow hog operation near Perryton, Texas. The subsidiary of Nippon Meat Packers, Inc., Japan's largest meat company, has acquired 6,000 acres for the hog operation, designed to produce high-quality pork.

Fair time again- Fisher County 4-H members have animals entered in the West Texas, South Plains and State Fair this month and the first week of October. It usually rains during the West Texas Fair - we don't wish them any bad luck but boy do we need a rain.

Lambs and barrows will be through a validation program (much like steers have for years) to be able to participate in the major shows during '96. Sheep will be validated in October and barrows in November. Youngsters should

keep this in mind. Time gets away in a hurry.

Left alone, encroaching brush can rob you of forage, fence life, land value and operating efficiency. In the wrong place, it can even degrade wildlife habitat.

Brush is one problem that definitely gets worse as the years go by.

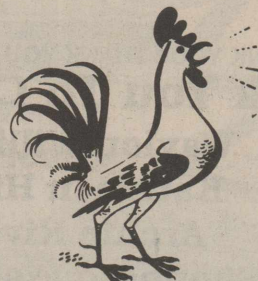
For many brush problems, hand-spraying the brush will be the most efficient and cost-effective option for control.

Hand-spraying usually is more effective and more consistent than broad-

cast applications. That's because the target plant, when sprayed by hand, is covered more thoroughly with a higher dose of herbicide. Often it's cheaper to treat brush when it's small and scattered before it demands broadcast

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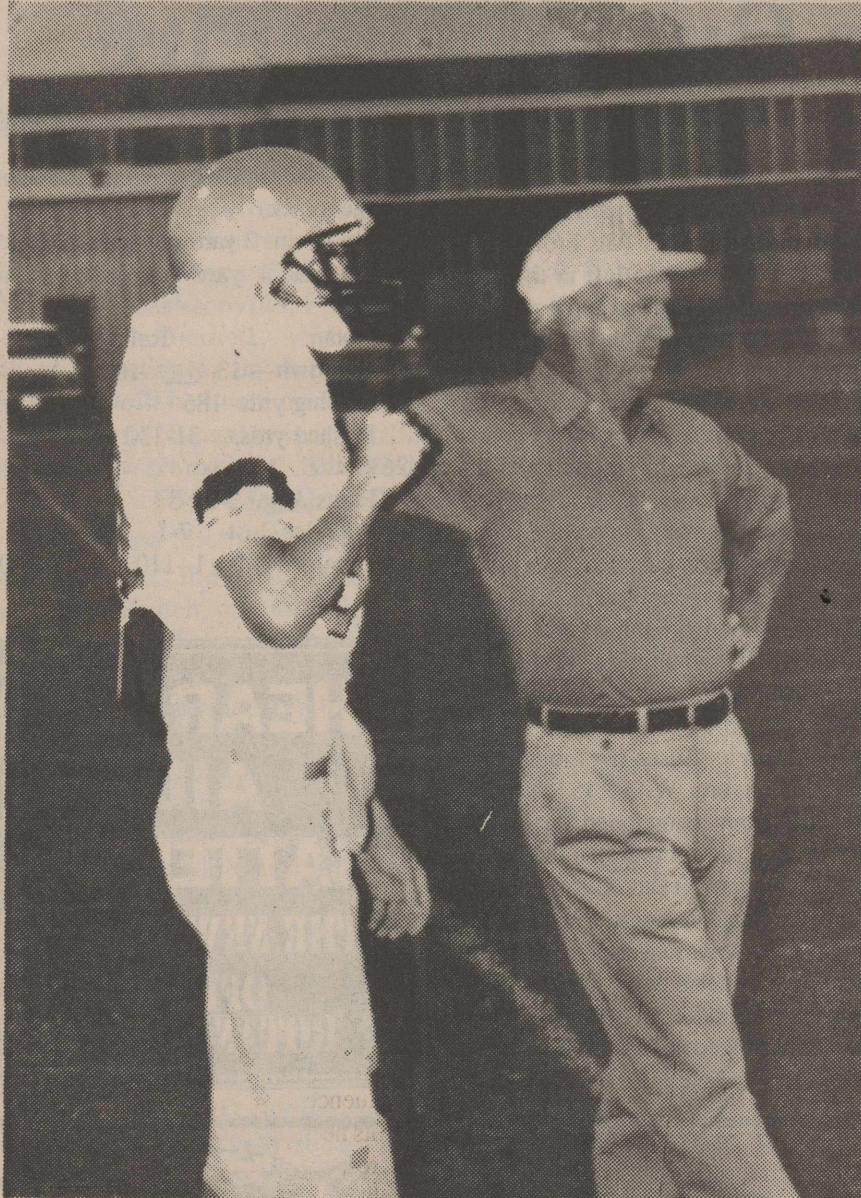
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WAITING FOR INSPIRATION: Head Rotan Coach Harold Mayo, rests on the shoulder of Jay Ben Ails, during a break in the game last week at Ralls. Coach Mayo and players pulled out a close, one-point victory against the Jackrabbits. This week the squad travels to Coahoma.

Rotan School Board Story

Continued from page 1

The only other bid received by the board was from Pearl Messick of Rotan in the amount of \$204,271.00.

Board members Ralph Riddell, Norvelle Kennedy, Marcus Gonzalez, Sheila Murphree, Clay Helms and Dr. Vick Burk voted in favor of the motion to accept the field house bid while Betty Staryhom voted against the motion.

In other action, the board reviewed the completion of Starting Points concerning revising the board policy with respect to leaves and absences. The board policy at the current time is for personnel to have 17 total days of leaves and absences. The new Statting Points number is reduced to a total of 12 days.

The members of the Rotan School Board, as a result of a closed session item concerning a complaint by a former employee against Superintendent Wes Hays, decided to conduct an investigation.

The board went into closed session following the regular business and gave a hearing opportunity to a former employee.

The board, after hearing all the allegations by the former employee, instructed Superintendent Hays to conduct an investigation of the former employees complaints and report back to the board as soon as possible.

Wes Hays indicated last Tuesday

morning that he was going to thoroughly investigate all the allegations made last Monday in an attempt to validate their truthfulness and report back to the board all the information gathered.

The allegations are being made by a former employee who resigned his position with the school. Some of the former employees complaints are against a current employee.

Youth In F.C. Encouraged To Join The 4-H

All youth in grades 3rd, 4th, and 5th in both Roby and Rotan are encouraged to join 4-H. Organizational meetings will be conducted in Rotan on Monday, September 18 at 7:00 in the Rotan School Cafeteria and in Roby on Tuesday, September 19 at 7:00 in the Annex. Parents are encouraged to attend the organizational meeting. County Extension Agents will be on hand to discuss projects and answer questions.

Clubs for grades 6th, 7th, and 8th are being coordinated by Belynda Rains in Rotan, and Kay Moore, and Mary Mahaffey in Roby. One county wide high school is organized under the direction of Karen Counts, Ann Moore and Temple West.

4-H is open to all youth beginning in the 3rd grade through age 19. For additional information, contact the County Extension office in the Fisher County Courthouse 776-2171.

Jeanie Gayle Baker And Sammy Jay McClure Are Wed

Under a beautiful arch of blue and white carnations covered in baby breath, Jeanie Gayle Baker and Sammy Jay McClure were married. The ceremony took place in the home of Doris and

Billy Tidwell, parents of the bride.

The Saturday, September 2 ceremony was conducted by Marshal Bennett.

Maid of honor was Shelley Baker,

daughter of the bride, best man was Sammy Jay McClure, Jr., son of the groom. Ring bearer was Nick May, nephew of the bride.

The bride was given away in marriage by her father.

As the bride and groom opened wedding presents, a three tiered blue and white wedding cake with punch was served by Jan Goza, cousin of the bride and Kelley May, sister of the bride.

The guest list had friends and family from Sweetwater, Snyder, Abilene, Austin, Ft. Worth and Arizona.

After a week long deep sea fishing trip off the coast of Texas, the newlywed couple will make their home in Austin.

Roby Lions Compete In ACU Cross Country Invitational

Saturday, the 9th, the Roby Lions competed at the ACU Cross-Country Invitational at Sherrod Park in Abilene. The Jr. High girls placed 11th out of 63 teams in two flights. Jennifer Griffin had the best Jr. High girls time from Roby, followed by Laura Melena. The high school girls improved their times this week and the high school boys continue to improve. Juan Melena placed 6th over all out of 75 competitors including Class 5, 4, and 3A, J.V.'s

Roby Athletic Club Hosts Cross Country

The Roby Athletic Club had the Jr. High and High School Cross Country teams as visitors at their September 5 meeting. Coach Torres introduced the team members and gave them a report on their workout schedule and the results of their meet in Abilene. They would like to congratulate the Cross Country teams on the good effort they gave at the Abilene meets.

They have chances for a \$50 gift certificate and 50 lbs. of ribeye steaks to sale. They also have caps and cushions.

The Junior Athletics are encouraged to attend their next meeting, September 19, at 7:00 p.m. in the Roby High School. Everyone is encouraged to attend the meeting and watch the Cross Plains game film.

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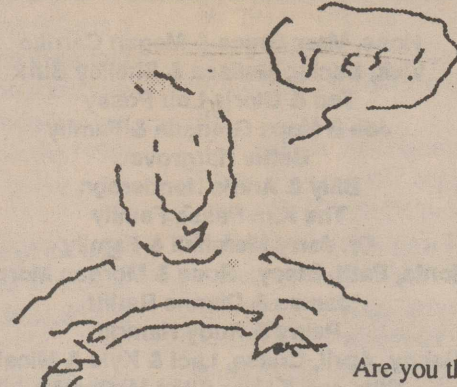
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Rotan Yellowhammers Pull Close Game Out Of The Fire

by Matt Ryan

There is an old saying in boxing circles, "That the bigger they are the harder they fall," well if that's true then the faithful Hammer fans saw that happen Friday night at Jackrabbit field. There have been many teams that have come from behind to win, but nothing that's gone before could surpass the team effort of the Rotan Yellowhammers stirring come from behind victory Friday at Ralls. Down at the half 26-8 the boys put on a show in the second half, by holding Ralls to the 26 points and putting 27 for themselves. I remember when I lived in Brooklyn, N.Y. in 1952 the stirring victory of the Giants over the Brooklyn Dodgers when Bobby Thompson hit the homer that was called the shot heard round the world, well the Hammers did the same thing Friday.

It all started with Zack Burnes and Jay Ben Alls the co-capt. meeting their counter parts at mid-field and winning the toss. They elected to receive and from there on to the end it was one thrill after another. The kick-off was taken by Michael Almanza at the 23 to the 37 of Rotan. Rusty Goodwin came out throwing and although we failed to

move down the field you had the feeling that with his passing and running that the Hammers could score any time they got the ball. However the first half belonged to Ralls as they scored on their 3rd possession with 3:35 left in the first quarter. The attempt for 2 points was intercepted by Zack Burnes in the end zone and Ralls led 6-0. Rotan received the K.O. by Guy Duke and ran it back to mid-field, but were unable to advance any further than the Ralls 31, where they took over. On the first play from scrimmage Abie Rubalcado broke the Hammer line and was off to the races, however a great TD saving tackle by Kris Rogers stopped him on the Rotan 10. Alas it went for naught as on the second play Ralls took it in for a TD with 44 seconds left in the 1st quarter. The 2 pt. failed again but Ralls led 12-0. Guy Duke again took the K.O. and got to the 29 of Rotan but a holding penalty brought it back to the 14 where after a failed series of downs saw Rotan forced to kick. Jay Ben Alls kick fell short to the Hammer 35 where Ralls took over as the 1st quarter ended. The 2nd quarter saw Ralls on our 35, a jarring tackle by Kris Rogers stopped them dead in their tracks at the 35. Off

setting penalties still had them on the 35 facing 2nd and 10. Bobby Casias then faded back to pass and was intercepted on the 15 by Stoney Carrillo and returned to the Hammer 25 but again another penalty saw Rotan back on their 8. Again we were forced to kick it away and Ralls took over on our 47.

The Rotan defense led by Shon Fudge and supported by Kris Rogers, Zack Burnes, Stoney Carrillo, Phillip Hull, Zach Morris and C.W. Robertson held the Jackrabbits at bay, but alas a pass from Bobby Casias into the left flat gave Ralls another TD, with 5:46 left in the 1st half. Conversion again failed but Ralls led 18-0. Jay Ben Alls received kick at the 36 where Rotan faced 1st and 10. A Goodwin to Larry Daniel pass was good to the Hammer 48, then Burnes to the Ralls 34 on a quick opener. Joey Sepeda to the Ralls 30, Goodwin then ran to the 16, Zack Burnes to the 6 but that was as far as we could go as Ralls held and took over on their 7. On their first series Ralls fumbled and I think it was Shon Fudge who recovered for Rotan on the Ralls 15. Goodwin to Larry Daniel, to the 3, Burnes to the 1, then Joey Sepeda took it in for a Hammer TD with 58 seconds

left in the half. Rusty Goodwin ran the conversion in and the score stood Ralls 18 Rotan 8 as the half ended.

The 1st half belonged to Ralls, but one had the feeling that this game was far from over. I told Mr. Gruben who was video taping the plays that I thought the 2nd half would see the Hammers move the ball, and they did.

On the opening of the 3rd quarter, Ralls received and promptly marched down the field for another TD with 8:30 left on the clock and the 2 point conversion was good so the score was Ralls 26 Rotan 8. Then the miracles of Jackrabbit field occurred. After Rotan took the K.O. they managed to get down to the Rabbits 47 where they lined up to punt, it turned out to be a fake and the ball was snapped to Kris Rogers who caught the Rabbits in a rush situation and drove thru the line for a 47 yard TD.

With 6:28 left in the 3rd our conversion failed and the score stood 26-14. That fake kick and TD really was the turning point of the game as Ralls never seemed to recover, and lost their poise and composure over it. On the ensuing K.O. Ralls got as far as the Hammer 35 but the stout defense allowed them no

more and Rotan took over. On the 2nd play Rotan got a pass interference call that put the ball down on the Ralls 47. After so so gains a 30 yard pass from Goodwin to Jay Ben Alls brought us another TD with 1:55 left in the 3rd. The point after was good and it stood at Ralls 26 Rotan 21 as the 3rd quarter ended.

Ralls started to make the mistakes that frustration can bring and were running afoul the penalty route. They did manage to get to the Rotan 48 but had to kick the ball away, where the Hammers took over on their 15. Two plays later we were on our 39 with a 1st and 10. Then Goodwin unleashed a bomb to Phillip Hull who took it all the way down to the 5 of Ralls. A 5 yard penalty saw Rotan on the 2 1/2 where after 3 failed attempts Rusty ran around left end for the score. With 5:15 left in the game, the conversion failed, but for the first time in the game Rotan led 27-26 and that was how it ended. Ralls put up a spirited final attempt to win it but the Rotan defense was awesome. This is a scrappy little team and I think our opponents will find it out before too long. Ralls had a big team but, as I said in the beginning, they fell hard.

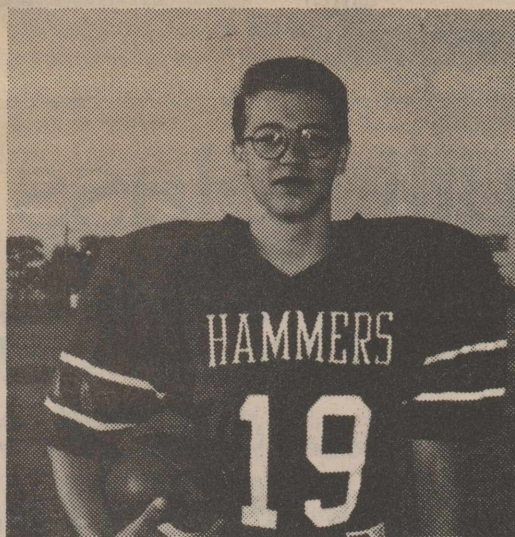
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Rotan Ralls
1st down--- 13 16
Passing yds- 186 -----75
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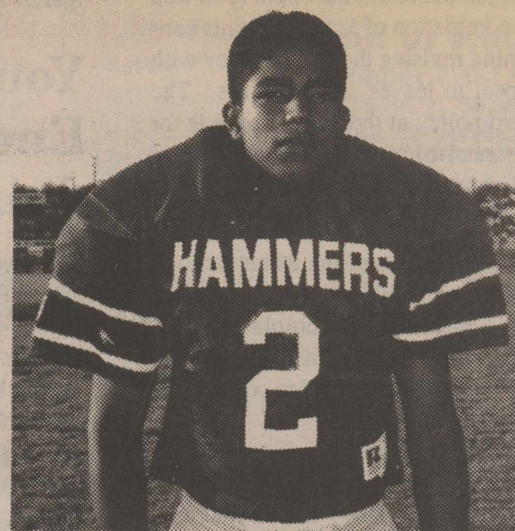
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Roby Lions Open Season With Thrilling Victory Over Santo

by Juan Melena

The Roby Lions opened their 1995-96 high school football season with a very thrilling 35-0 shutout win against Santo last Thursday night.

The opening kickoff was received by Santo. They were unable to get past the Lions explosive defense and were

then forced to punt. The Lions recovered the bad attempt to punt at the 5 yard line. They too were unable to get past Santo at the 1-yard line and gave the ball back on 4th down. Once again Santo was unable to penetrate on offense, so were forced to punt. This time the punt was punted and was returned

20 yards near the Santo 15-yard line. Three plays later Roby was once again at the one yard line, but on first down, quarterback Michael Brown fumbled the ball and was recovered by Santo.

On the first play, quarterback Scott Bird fumbled the snap and Donnie Barrera recovered it in the endzone for Roby's first touchdown. The first quarter came to an end and Roby led 7-0.

To open the second quarter, Roby recovered another fumble that led to a 42 yard drive, ending in a 1 yard touchdown run by Kelly Heflin. Santo once again had the ball and threatened to score, but Roby held on and stopped them on the Roby's 20 yard line.

On the next series of plays Kelly Heflin ran the ball breaking through one tackle to gain 7 of his 54 total yards for a first down. The ball was then thrown for a gain of 8 yards to James Armwine for another first down. On the

last play of Roby's 80 yard drive, quarterback Michael Brown ran for 14 of his 87 total yards for another touchdown. By halftime, Roby went in with a comfortable 21-0 lead.

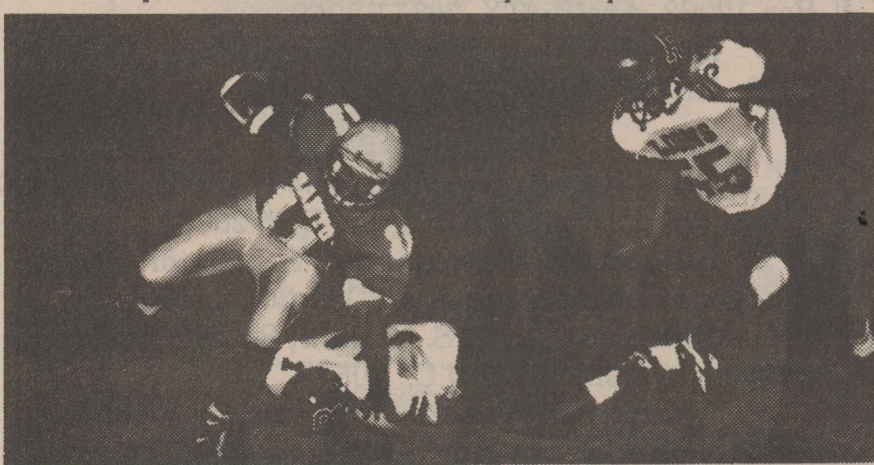
Roby had the ball to open the third quarter and held on for a while but were forced to punt on fourth down. The ball was see-sawed back and forth between both teams. Michael Brown got the snap and faked a hand-off to Keith Hardin and ran 30 yards for another touchdown. A flag was thrown on Santo on the extra point attempt so Roby attempted a two point conversion but failed. So the quarter ended with Roby still ahead 27-0.

The fourth quarter was like the third. The ball was see-sawed again. Santo finally broke into Lion territory on a 12 yard run by Joseph Ellis. The series ended for Santo when the Lions got the ball back on fourth down. Once again

Roby drove deep into Wildcat territory. The drive ended on a 10 yard pass from Brown to Lonnie Green in the endzone. Kevin Christian whom had 34 yards, ran in the two-point conversion. The fourth quarter finally ended and the Lions walked away victorious.

"I was pleased with our effort, especially with our defense," Roby coach Mike Christian said, "We need to execute a lot better on offense, but all in the end I was pleased with everyone's efforts in the game."

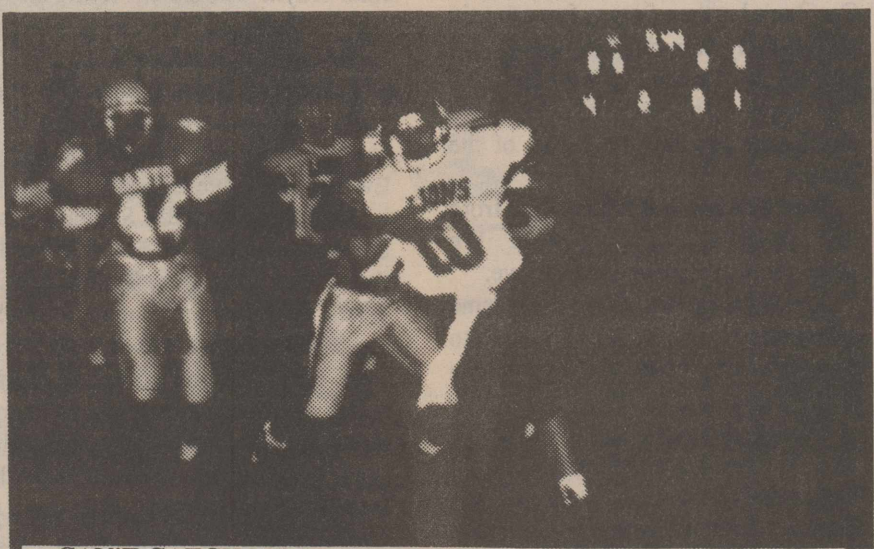
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Roby:	7	14	6	8	35
First downs-	8	16			
Rushes-Yards-	45-36	36-175			
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MAKING THE TACKLE: Shea Feagan #55, Roby Lion, pursues a Santo Player to make the tackle after #11 Casey Terry falls in pursuit of the runner. The Lions landed an awesome victory over Santo 35-0 in their first opening game.



ROBY LION BAND: Barbara Christian, Roby Band Director, directs the Roby Lion Band as they play the victory song after another touchdown.



CAN'T CATCH ME: That seemed to be the theme song of the Lions as they faced Santo in their first opening game. Michael Brown #10 races for a touchdown.

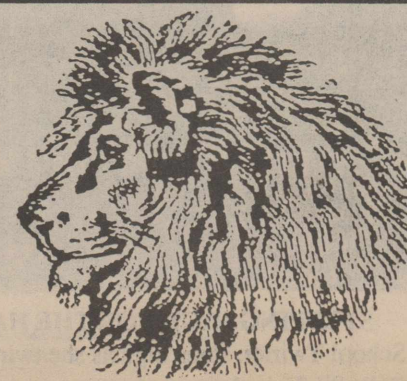


ROBY LION BAND MEMBER: Lea Riggs, Roby Lion Band Member, poses ready for instruction from Roby Band Teacher Barbara Christian, as the band plays during half-time at the Roby, Santo game.



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Members Of Fisher County Commissioners Court Approve A 1% Increase In Fisher County Taxes

The members of the Fisher County Commissioners Court approved a one-percent increase in Fisher County taxes for fiscal year 1995-96. They approved adopting a tax rate of .087267 cents per \$100 valuation.

HOSPITAL NEWS

Patients admitted and dismissed to the Fisher County Hospital during the week of Sept. 5-11, 1995 were as follows:

ADMITTED:
Nona Bilbo- Rotan; John Morgan-Rotan; Winnie Donham- Rotan; Sonya Gaona- Roby.
DISMISSED:
Pauline Holleman- Rotan; Nona Bilbo- Rotan; Vicente Ortega- Rotan.

The effective rate, which is the rate that would generate the same tax funds as last year, was .086403.

In other action, the commissioners listened to a report by Maggie Briggs, Fisher County Senior Citizen's Center coordinator, concerning approval for a new mini-bus.

Commissioners fielded a report from Marty Williamson indicating that the county Money Market Account, at the end of August, had \$50,923 and had earned interest of \$172.35.

Williamson also indicated that the treasurer's account, (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit) at the end of August had \$600,539.19. Commissioners received a report that monthly bills should run approximately \$150,000 which will

leave approximately \$450,000 in excess surplus funds on 1 October 1995.

Commissioners reviewed the retirement account for Fisher County employees and voted to increase Fisher County's part of the retirement contribution from 7% to 7.3% in order to bring in the same funds and keep the

same benefits. Employees are still contributing 7%.

Auditor Charles Thornton informed commissioners that he had moved the bale bond money from the Fisher County Sheriff's Department to the Fisher County Treasurer's office so it could draw interest for the county.

Five individuals were appointed to write quick checks (Charles Thornton, Marty Williamson, Judge Marshal Bennett, Bettie Rivers and Robie Robinson) for things like returning bale money, Sheriff's investigative money and supplies needed before court meetings.

In final action, commissioners approved setting a tax rate of .87267 which is one-percent over the effective rate (rate needed to generate the same funds as last year) of .86403. The one-percent increase will bring in an additional \$13,892 or total taxes of \$1,403,107.00.

You are cordially invited to a Reception
In Honor Of The Late
Dr. Bennie LeBleu
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PUBLIC NOTICE BRIEF EXPLANATORY STATEMENTS OF PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS SPECIAL ELECTION NOVEMBER 7, 1995

PROPOSITION NO. 1 ON THE BALLOT

House Joint Resolution 50 proposes a constitutional amendment providing that the legislature by general law may authorize the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to issue general obligation bonds of the state in an amount not exceeding \$300 million to finance educational loans to students. The maximum interest rate to be borne by the bonds must be set by law. The legislature may provide for the investment of bond proceeds and may establish an interest and sinking fund to pay the bonds.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment providing for the issuance of \$300 million in general obligation bonds to finance education loans to students."

PROPOSITION NO. 2 ON THE BALLOT

Senate Joint Resolution 36 proposes a constitutional amendment that would authorize the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation the property of an organization chartered by the Congress of the Republic of Texas if the property is used primarily for the charitable, benevolent, or public service activities of the organization as defined by general law. The Comptroller's Property Tax Division has identified the Grand Lodge of Texas, also known as the Masonic Lodges, as the primary organization which would qualify for this tax exemption.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation property of an organization chartered by the Congress of the Republic of Texas that is used primarily for the charitable, benevolent, or public service activities of the organization."

PROPOSITION NO. 3 ON THE BALLOT

Senate Joint Resolution 51 proposes a constitutional amendment that provides that the farm and ranch finance program fund shall be administered by the Texas Agricultural Finance Authority and not by the Veterans' Land Board, as provided by current law. In addition, the proposed amendment provides that the proceeds of \$200 million of the \$500 million in bonds authorized by the Texas Constitution for the farm and ranch finance program fund may be diverted to the agricultural fund and the rural micro-enterprise development fund, also authorized by the Texas Constitution, to be used for agricultural and rural economic development programs.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment allowing the use of existing bond authority of the farm and ranch finance program to include financial assistance for the expansion, development, and diversification of production, processing, marketing, and export of Texas agricultural products."

PROPOSITION NO. 4 ON THE BALLOT

Senate Joint Resolution 46 proposes a constitutional amendment that would allow an encumbrance to be fixed on homestead property for an owelty of partition. In divorce and probate situations, a piece of property may be owned jointly by two

or more people, and each person owns an undivided interest in the property, as opposed to a specific portion of the property. If one owner wishes to purchase the other person's interest in the property and wishes to obtain a loan to finance the purchase, the lending institution requires all interests in the property to be used as security for the loan; this is called an owelty of partition. Senate Joint Resolution 46 would allow the lending institution to foreclose on the homestead property for an owelty of partition if the purchaser defaulted on the loan. In addition, the proposed amendment would allow the refinancing of a lien against a homestead. Finally, the proposed amendment would allow a purchaser or lender to rely on an affidavit that states that the property to be conveyed or encumbered is not the homestead of the affiant.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment permitting an encumbrance to be fixed on homestead property for an owelty of partition, including a debt of a spouse resulting from a division or award of a homestead in a divorce proceeding, and for the refinancing of a lien against a homestead, including a federal tax lien resulting from the tax debt of the owner."

PROPOSITION NO. 5 ON THE BALLOT

House Joint Resolution 34 proposes a constitutional amendment which would increase by \$500 million the constitutional authorization of the Veterans' Land Board to issue and sell general obligation bonds of the state to provide housing financing to Texas veterans. The proceeds from the bonds authorized by this amendment shall be used to augment the Veterans' Housing Assistance Fund II to be administered and invested as provided by law. The bonds authorized by this amendment shall be incontestable after execution by the Veterans' Land Board, approval by the attorney general, and delivery to the purchaser.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment to increase by \$500 million the amount of general obligation bonds that may be issued to augment the veterans' housing assistance fund II."

PROPOSITION NO. 6 ON THE BALLOT

House Joint Resolution 64 proposes a constitutional amendment which would extend the tax exemption under article VIII, section 1-b(b) of the Texas Constitution for the residence homestead of a person age 65 or older to the surviving spouse of a person who received the exemption. The surviving spouse must be age 55 or older when the deceased spouse died, and the property must be the residence homestead of the surviving spouse when the deceased spouse died and remain the surviving spouse's residence homestead. A surviving spouse who already receives an exemption under this section of the Texas Constitution is not entitled to an additional exemption under the amendment.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment exempting from ad valorem taxation the residence homestead of the surviving spouse of an elderly person."

PROPOSITION NO. 7 ON THE BALLOT

House Joint Resolution 73 proposes a constitutional amendment that would reduce the amount of general obligation bonds authorized for the superconducting super collider fund from \$500 million to \$250 million.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment reducing the amount of general obligation bonds authorized for undertakings related to the superconducting super collider research facility from \$500 million to \$250 million."

PROPOSITION NO. 8 ON THE BALLOT

House Joint Resolution 80 proposes a constitutional amendment abolishing the office of constable in Mills, Reagan, and Roberts counties. In Mills County, the office of constable is abolished, and the powers, duties, and records of the office are transferred to the sheriff. In Reagan and Roberts counties, the office of constable is abolished and the powers, duties, and records of the office are transferred to the sheriff only if a majority of voters in each of the respective counties favors the proposed amendment.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment providing for the abolition of the office of constable in Mills, Reagan, and Roberts counties."

PROPOSITION NO. 9 ON THE BALLOT

Senate Joint Resolution 7 proposes a constitutional amendment that would allow investment of money from the Texas growth fund in a business without the business's disclosure of its investments in or with South Africa or Namibia. Currently, such investments are prohibited by article XVI, section 70(r) of the Texas Constitution, which would be repealed.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment allowing investment of money from the Texas growth fund in a business without the business's disclosure of its investments in or with South Africa or Namibia."

PROPOSITION NO. 10 ON THE BALLOT

Senate Joint Resolution 1 proposes a constitutional amendment that would abolish the constitutional office of state treasurer effective September 1, 1996. The transfer of specific constitutional powers and duties to the comptroller of public accounts takes effect on that date. The statutory powers and duties and the property and other obligations of the state treasurer are transferred to officers and agencies of state government as the legislature provides by general law.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment abolishing the office of state treasurer."

PROPOSITION NO. 11 ON THE BALLOT

House Joint Resolution 72 proposes a constitutional amendment requiring that land devoted to wildlife management be taxed on the basis of its productive capacity. The proposed amendment also adds a temporary provision to the Texas Constitution validating the changes to the law made by Chapter 560, Acts of the 72nd Legislature, Regular Session, 1991, which amended the Tax Code to allow land used for wildlife management to be appraised as agricultural land. The temporary provision also provides that a property owner is not authorized to claim a refund of tax paid unless the tax payment was challenged before the effective date of the proposed amendment. The temporary provision expires on January 1, 1998.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment to allow open-space land used for wildlife management to qualify for tax appraisal in the same manner as open-space agricultural land, subject to eligibility limitations provided by the legislature."

PROPOSITION NO. 12 ON THE BALLOT

House Joint Resolution 31 proposes a constitutional amendment providing that the legislature may exempt from ad valorem taxation income-producing personal property and mineral interests that have a taxable value which is insufficient to recover the costs of administering the tax.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation personal property and mineral interests having a value insufficient to recover the administrative costs of collecting the taxes."

PROPOSITION NO. 13 ON THE BALLOT

House Joint Resolution 35 proposes a constitutional amendment authorizing the governing body of a political subdivision to exempt from ad valorem taxation boats and other equipment used primarily in the commercial taking or production of fish, shrimp, shellfish, and other marine life.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment authorizing the governing body of a political subdivision to exempt from ad valorem taxation boats and other equipment used primarily in the commercial taking or production of fish, shrimp, shellfish, and other marine life."

PROPOSITION NO. 14 ON THE BALLOT

House Joint Resolution 68 proposes a constitutional amendment that allows the legislature to raise the current ad valorem tax exemption for disabled veterans and their surviving spouses and minor children. The tax exemptions would be raised based on a veteran's disability rating as follows:

Disability	Maximum Tax Exemption
10%-30%	\$ 5,000
30%-50%	\$ 7,500
50%-70%	\$10,000
More than 70%	\$12,000
Age 65 and 10% or higher	\$12,000
Loss or loss of use of limb	\$12,000
Blindness or paraplegia	\$12,000

The spouse and children of any veteran who dies while on active duty may be granted an exemption of up to \$5,000. The amounts of the exemptions provided for in this proposed amendment may be repealed by the legislature by general law.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment relating to raising the limits of the exemption from ad valorem taxation of property owned by disabled veterans or by the surviving spouses or surviving minor children of disabled veterans."

Este es el informe explicatorio sobre la enmienda propuesta a la constitución que aparecerá en la boleta el día 7 de noviembre de 1995. Si usted no ha recibido una copia del informe en español, podrá obtener una gratis por llamar al 1/800/858/8683 o por escribir al Secretario de Estado, P.O. Box 12060, Austin, Texas 78711

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Summer Reading Club Draws To A Close At Rotan Public Library

The Summer Reading Club at Rotan, Public Library has drawn to a close; there were 37 young participants. The three reading the most books were Bethany Clements- 33, and Leticia Leyva- 17 and Chris Gonzales- 13. They won a prize: a children's box at the Dairy Queen here in Rotan. The prize being donated by the Dairy Queen as a measure of support for the library.

There were 14 young people who read enough books to receive a gift certificate good at Quintanilla's snow cone stand: Amanda and Meagan McDonald; Jacobi and Stevie Cogburn; Jennifer Clawson; Marky Basquez; Lee Jay and Crystal Greenway; Ramya Sunkur; Shelia Garza; Trace Paske; and Justin, Aubrey Jo and Morgan

Westbrook.

Kera and Katie Martin's names were drawn for the free tickets to Fiesta San Antonio, donated by KTXS to libraries in the Big Country.

Other young people participating included: Rachel Leach, Kendall and Brady Adams, Jacob and Jordan Cox, Matthew Quintanilla, Christopher Miranda, Micaila Hernandez, Zach and Zane Reyes, Isaac Donaghey, Alexis Dunham, A'Lora Weatherman, Delilah Reyes, April Lujan, Celeste Morin, and Kirby Wilson. One child that moved away was Rikki Whitfield.

If any of the above have not received a prize, (all are awarded pencils), stop by the library to pick up logs, certificates, and pencils.



CANT HOLD THIS HAMMER: Zach Brunes, #33, escapes this hold as the Hammers took on Ralls in their first game of the season. The Hammers won a victory and will meet Coahoma there this Friday night.

Nine Licensed Vocational Nursing Students Are Pinned

Nine Licensed Vocational Nursing students were recently "pinned" in recognition of the completion of the first six months their 12-month course at Western Texas College. Misty Gruben

of Rotan received her pin at the August 24 ceremony. Upon completion of her studies, Misty will be eligible to take the state examination to qualify as a licensed vocational nurse.

Rotan F.C.E. Club Holds Meeting

The Rotan F.C.E. Club met in the home of Wanda Floyd. There were 8 members and Beth Dannheim. She gave the program on Enviroshopping for cleaning products, pesticides, paint and auto parts. Refreshments were served to: Pat Kelley, Jenny Lane, Effie Murphree, Oma Long, Christine Rackley, June Anderson, Ardell Floyd, Wanda Floyd, and Beth Dannheim.

The same officers from last year were nominated: June Anderson- Presi-

dent; Ardell Floyd- Vice President; Wanda Floyd- Sec. Treas.; Marianne Carver- Reporter; Ozella Rivers- Council Delegate; Effie Murphree- Parliamentarian.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Luncheons Planned

Four special luncheons have been planned for September - December. These luncheons, called Lunch and Learn, are sponsored by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service (County Agents Office) and will consist of a covered dish lunch, exhibits on recycling, and a lot of fellowship. They are free and open to everyone. Plans are as follows:

Tuesday- Sept. 19- 12:00 noon- Annex: Salad Luncheon; paper goods, crackers and tea furnished. Exhibit: Roadside Litter.

Tuesday- Oct. 24- 12:00 noon- Annex Sandwiches, Dips & Chips; paper goods and tea furnished. Exhibit: Enviroshopping- Personal Care Items

Tuesday- November 21- 12:00 noon- Annex Thanksgiving; paper goods and tea furnished, Exhibit: Holiday Ideas Using Reused Items.

Tuesday- December 12- 12:00 noon- Annex Holiday Feast; Paper goods and tea furnished.

Lunch and Learn's are open to all interested persons, free of charge. Mark your calendar. Join the fellowship.

Roby Cub News

Jr. High football begins Thursday, Sept. 14 at 6:00 p.m. at Roby Lions field against Cross-Plains. Good luck guys! Pep rally at 3:00.

The Roby Dyslexia program taught by Lisa Carey will be featured at the National Dyslexia conference in Houston later this year. Featured schools were chosen based on the quality of the program and successful results.

Money for school pictures is due Sept. 14. See Mrs. Jones.

Game Night and Pot Luck Supper

The Fisher County Senior Citizens will sponsor "Game" Night on Thursday, Sept. 14 with a pot luck supper. All Senior Citizens and their guests are encouraged to come and join in the fellowship.

The Fisher County Senior Citizens will be having a dance Friday, Sept. 15th beginning at 7:30 and ending at 10:30 p.m. The Texas High Band will be playing. All Senior Citizens are encouraged to attend.

THANK YOU

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the Home Health Care and all of the Fisher County Hospital staff for the special care given our mother. A special thanks to Bro. Haynes and all the people who brought or sent food and flowers.

The Kate Fancher Family

Roby Lion Talk

By Mike Christian
Head Football Coach & A.D.



The Santo Victory Was Sweet

Our season opener with Santo was a good start for our football team. Our hustle and effort was good and out conditioning is good for this time of the season. Our guys have worked hard to get in shape and we were still going hard in the fourth quarter. Every Lion got to play and was part of our team victory.

We were pleased with our defense that held Santo to under 40 yards total offense. Our kicking game is coming along well, also. Shea Feagan is kicking the ball deep and our cover teams kept Santo deep in their territory most of the night. Our punt return teams had over 120 return yards helping set-up three short scoring drives.

Defensively, we not only held Santo to 38 total yards and 8 first downs, but our defense scored a touchdown when Donnie Barrera recovered a fumble in the end zone. Jeremy Stidham caused the fumble with a big hit on their quarterback. Santo crossed into our end of the field only twice.

Offensively, we had some good plays and scored four times. However, we must improve our execution and cut down on turnovers. That will come with work and repetition. Michael Brown did an overall good job at quarterback as did Donnie Barrera in the fourth quarter.

Cross Plains has an excellent quarterback in Brock Walker, a 6'0", 197 lb., Senior. He is a threat both running and throwing. The Buffaloes are well balanced, running and passing almost equally. Their defense is quick and gives you a number of alignments. To win, we must contain their quarterback and be consistent on offense. Cross Plains definitely has the capability of the big play.

Finally, we must again have a 'team' effort. We don't really have any stars, although Billy Floyd must be mentioned for some really hard 'Big Hits' against Santo. Mostly what we have is a bunch of Roby Lions doing their job and 'getting after it.' That's what it will take every week for a successful season.

Fisher County 4-H Members Involved In Livestock Shows

Several Fisher County 4-H members were involved in Livestock Shows at the West Texas Fair last weekend. Results are listed below:

Market Lambs:
Heavy Weight Finewool- Christy Willett- 12th
Limousine Heifers Jr. Show:
Class 1- Brandon Jeffrey 1st, Trisal Jeffrey- 2nd
Class 3- Tye Jeffrey- 1st
Class 4- Brandon Jeffrey- 1st
Class 5- Ty West- 4th

Class 6- Ty West- 6th
Jeffrey Cattle Company did well in the Open Show winning several classes. They also won the Jr. Get of Sire Class
Angus Heifers Jr. Show:
Early Jr. Yearling- Kayla Kiser- 4th
Late Sr. Yearling- Sandy Kiser 2nd, Carissa Kiser- 3rd
Early Sr. Yearling- Sandy Kiser 1st, Carissa Kiser 2nd
Reserve Sr. Champion Angus Heifer- Sandy Kiser
Fisher County 4-H members will return to Abilene this weekend with 22 head of steers.

Mary Ann Bond In Anchorage, Alaska

Recently, Mary Ramirez of Rotan and her daughter, Terry Morales of Bedford, visited another daughter, Mary Ann Bond in Anchorage, Alaska.

They had 3 wonderful weeks of cool weather, beautiful mountain tours, glacier lakes and rivers.

Though CTR1 Mary Ann is in the Navy, she and her family are stationed at Elmendorf Air Force Base in Anchorage, Alaska.

They not only hesitated to leave Mary Ann and her family but hated the idea of coming back to face the hot Texas heat!

Applications For Emergency Farm Loans Accepted

Applications for emergency farm loans for losses caused by drought and hot dry winds, are being accepted at the Farmers Home Administration (FmHA) office located in Rotan, Tx.

Fisher County is one of 8 counties in Texas recently named by Secretary of Agriculture Dan Glickman as eligible for loans to cover part of actual production losses resulting from the drought and hot dry winds.

Farmers may be eligible for loans of up to 80 percent of their actual losses or the operating loan needed to continue in business or \$500,000, whichever is less. For farmers unable to obtain credit from private commercial lenders, the interest rate is 3.75 percent.

A farmer must have suffered at least a 30 percent loss of production to be eligible for an FmHA emergency loan. Farmers participating in the PIK or Federal Crop Insurance Program will have to figure in proceeds from those programs in determining their loss.

Applications for loans under the emergency designation will be accepted until April 4, 1996.

FmHA is a credit agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. It is authorized to provide disaster emergency loans to recognized farmers who work at and rely on farming for a substantial part of their living. Eligibility is extended to individual farmers who are U.S. citizens and to farming partnerships, corporations or cooperatives in which U.S. citizens hold a majority interest.

OBITUARIES

Mrs. Kate Fancher

Mrs. Kate Coan Fancher, 79, of Rotan, died Saturday morning, Sept. 9, 1995, at Fisher County Hospital. Funeral services were at 2 p.m., Monday, Sept. 11, 1995 at Weathersbee Chapel with Rev. Gene Haynes, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church officiating. Burial was in the Belvieu Cemetery with arrangements by Weathersbee Funeral Home.

Mrs. Fancher was born September 11, 1915, in Fisher County. She was the daughter of the late Lee and Martha Ellen (Golden) Coan. She married D.E. "Man" Fancher July 8, 1938 at Rotan. She has been a resident of the area all of her life. She was a homemaker and was a member of Calvary Baptist Church.

She is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Kelley and Ruth Ann Fancher of Forney; two daughters- and son-in-law- Sonny and Loraine Edgar of Albany; Elaine Shipp of Rotan; 6 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her husband, who died June 2, 1982, and by four sisters, Johnnie Coan, who died October 9, 1914, Viola Ellison, Jewell Harrison, and Lula Fancher; four brothers- Jack, Floyd, Charley and Newt Coan.

Stuart Carriker

Stuart Carriker, 48, of Austin and former Roby resident, died Saturday in Austin. Funeral services were at 2 p.m., Wednesday at Weathersbee Chapel in Rotan with Rev. Steve Patterson, pastor of First United Methodist Church officiating. Burial was in the Roby Cemetery under the direction of Weathersbee Funeral Home.

Mr. Carriker was employed by Capital Metro in the Special Transit Division. He attended the University of Texas at Austin from which he received a Bachelor of Arts degree in mathematics in 1968. He graduated with honors and was a member of Phi Beta Kappa. He was employed by Lockheed Aircraft in Los Angeles, California, from 1968 to 1971. He then returned to Roby where he participated in family farming operations.

He had made his home in Austin for the past fourteen years.

He is survived by his mother- Dorothy Carriker of Round Rock; a sister- Diane Carriker of Austin; a brother- Steve Carriker of Roby; his grandmother- Rose Dry of Rotan and two nieces and two nephews. He was preceded in death by his father, Max Carriker, who died on this same date in 1979.

The family lists The American Diabetes Association, 9430 Research Blvd., Austin, Texas, 78759, as a favorite charity.

Bells Will Ring Across America

Bells will ring across America and in Rotan on Sunday, September 17th at 4:00 p.m., the date and time of the original signing of the Constitution. If you have a bell, ring it. You are encouraged to help celebrate Constitution Week. This celebration commemorates the two-hundred-eighth signing of this great document. It is the very keystone of our country and the key to our future, though little of it is known and understood by the majority of citizens.

On August 2, 1956 Congress passed Public Law No. 915 which directed the President to designate annually the week of September 17-23 as Constitution Week. The National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution was instrumental in convincing Con-

gress to pass this law and continues to remain in the forefront of those working to protect the Constitution and to celebrate its signing.

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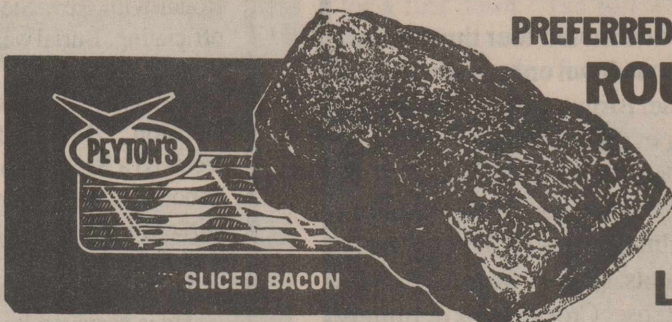
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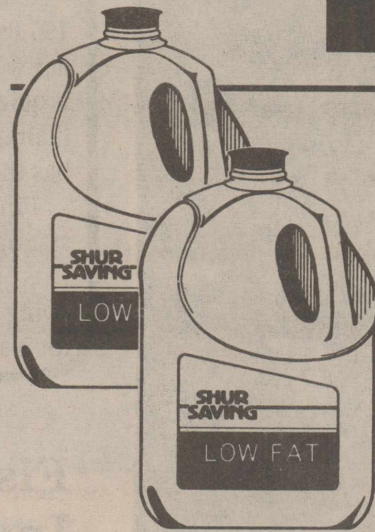


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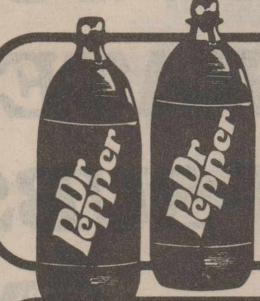
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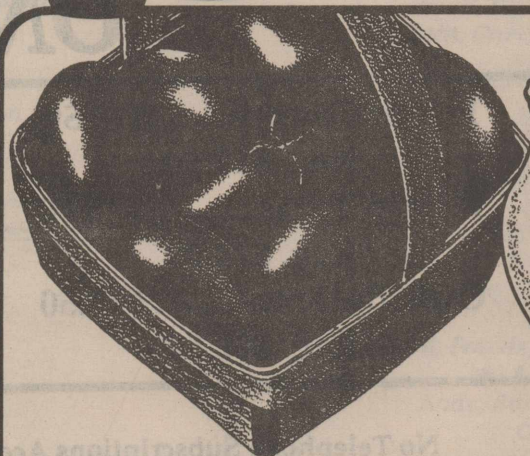
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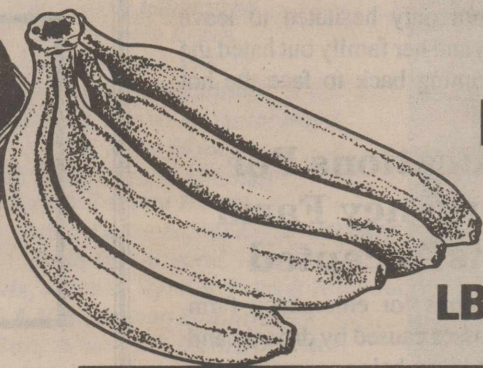
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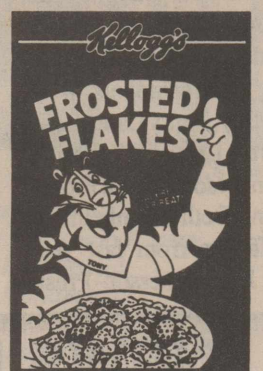
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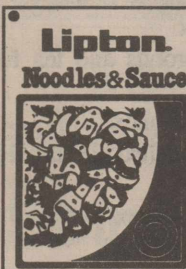
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