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Rotan Takes District Crown... Will Play Paradise On Friday

If Rotan's opponent in the first round of the Texas Class A football playoffs sounds familiar - Paradise, it probably is. Rotan faced Paradise in the first round last year. The rolls were reversed however; Rotan was the second place team from District 13A behind Baird and Paradise was the 'top dog' in District 14A. Rotan defeated Paradise last year and from looking at Paradise 'on paper', Rotan should do the same this year. Paradise has a season record of 5-5; they won 1 non-district contest and won 4 district games. They finish in District 14A behind Tolar who managed a 7-3 record for the season.

"Paradise is a young squad, they graduated 18 seniors last year but the 1989 squad is an agressive bunch on defense," according to Rotan Head Coach Weldon Nelms.

"We're not going to do much different in getting ready for Paradise during the week, we're not going to go as hard physically, I think after 13 or 14 weeks of hard physical work the boys should be ready to play."

Coach Weldon Nelms

Rotan last captured a district crown in 1980 to open the decade and closed it last Friday with another district championship by defeating Baird.

"I was extremely pleased with the team's play, especially in the first 18 minutes of the game last Friday. We should have had 40 points at the half. I was also extremely pleased with the guys play in the fourth quarter when we really had to dig deep and play hard-nosed football," said Nelms.

Rotan will not be at full strength this Friday night, in fact Rotan fans are going to see a few new jersey numbers at familiar positions and may even see a junior varsity player get some playing time, according to Nelms.

Brandon Alls, who left the Baird game in the third quarter has a severly sprained ankle and will not see action Friday. Sammy Daniel, likewise has ankle problems (diagnosed as a ligament separation) and will watch the game from the sidelines. "We're going to let them both take the week off and get healthy for the second round, naturally we are assuming we're a long way from meeting our match," said Nelms.

Alls will be replaced on offense (fullback) by Jesse Garcia and Herman Zavalla and on defense (linebacker) by Jesse Garcia and Augie Alaniz. In addition, there will be a few new faces at noseguard - Daniel Montez, junior varsity players may get some action on Friday.

"We're not going to do much different in getting ready for Paraside during the week, we're not going to go as hard physically, I think after 13 or 14 weeks of hard physical work the boys should be ready to play. We are going to work more on the mental aspect of the game, blocking assignments, pass patterns, etc.," said Nelms.

Nelms is expecting to haul 39 Rotan Yellowhammers to Graham on Friday night. The normal 24 man varsity team has been augmented by 15 junior varsity players.

"I was even more pleased with our performance last Friday, after viewing the game film over the weekend. We did a good job. We missed Brandon Alls when he went out with an injury," said Nelms.

Nelms hopes to sharpen the passing game prior to meeting Paradise. "We are going to need an accurate, effective passing game deeper into the playoffs in critical situations and we're going to work hard this week trying to establish that part of our game."

The winner of the Rotan -Paradise game will face the winner of the Gorman - Bronte game.

Rotan was ranked eleventh in the state prior to the Baird game and Baird was ranked fifth. Rotan should move up a few notches, edging closer to Munday, ranked first all season. If Rotan continues to win, a Rotan - Munday game is possible on Friday, December 1st.

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Economic Development Group Will Get $8,800 Study For Cotton Spinning Mill

The Fisher County Economic Development Commission, headed by Richard Spencer, has taken the proverbial bull-by-the-horn and has wrangled an $8,800 feasibility study for $4,400. What for you ask? Well, hold on to your hat. The feasibility study is to determine the possibility of securing a cotton spinning and/or knitting mill in Fisher County.

Chris Denton, Fisher County Economic Development Commission task force committee chairman said, "Randy Goldsmith, Texas A&M University, manager of Municipal Assistance Program, Rural Economic Development, has agreed to conduct the study to determine the feasibility of a plant in Fisher County." Denton said the study will measure a multitude of information, (a) work force available locally, (b) housing availability (c) finance possibilities (d) social impact of plant (e) engineering plans and (f) marketing potential to specifically name a few. He said the entire $4,400 was raised in Fisher County and will be matched with an additional $4,400 grant so that Texas A&M will be providing Fisher County with an $8,800 feasibility study.

Goldsmith is expected to begin the preliminary feasibility study work immediately. The full study should be completed by April 1, according to Denton.

Members of the Fisher County Economic Development Commission are: Richard Spencer, Chairman; Zana Beth Branham, Secretary; Dr. Jerry Marshall, Chris Denton, Horace Curlee, Alvin Petty, J.T. Palmer, Joe Burk, Beverly Rister, Jimmy Gruben and Charlie Cleveland.

The cotton spinning and/or knitting mill is projected to serve a dual market. First the cotton spinning portion, should the study prove feasible, will manufacture yarn utilizing local and area raw cotton and will manufacture a new product that is the brain-child of Texas Tech University Textile Research Center. The new product is named Texcellana and is a cross between short staple cotton and short staple wool. The second market, assuming that the study proves positive, will be a knitting mill that will manufacture t-shirts from local and area cotton.

Beyond the above information all else remains pretty sketchy. The ownership, the number to be employed, when the plant could be in operation, the financing, the total cost of the project are all to be answered with the feasibility study.

The Fisher County Economic Development Commission, under the leadership of Richard Spencer, has arrived at this point, ($4,400 in hand for the feasibility study) in a short 10 weeks.



CHAMPIONS OF THE DISTRICT: Rotan Yellowhammer Coach Weldon Nelms clutches the trophy, designating the Yellowhammers district champions., following last week's win over Baird. Rotan faces Paradise this Friday at Graham at 7:30 p.m.

Rotan Thanksgiving Service Set

The Rotan Community Thanksgiving Service will be held on Wednesdav. November 22, at 7:00 p.m. at the Cross Roads Baptist Church southwest of Rotan. Rev. Robert Kennedy, pastor of the Rotan Foursquare Church, will bring the message, and the Cross Roads Church will provide musical leadership.

A special offering will be received for the Fisher County Ministerial Alliance to help support its ministries.

Following the service there will be a time of fellowship and refreshments provided by the host church for everyone in attendance.

A nursery will be provided for young children.

"Everyone in the Rotan area is urged to come to this service so that we might together give thanks to God for His abundant blessings," said Terry Lowe, Pastor of First United Methodist Church, Rotan.

Salaries, Gasoline And Travel Funds Big Items In Extension Agents Budget

Approximately 71-percent of the Fisher County budget for 1988, in the area of extension agents, was attributed to salaries and benefits for personnel, according to the 1988 budget report by Andy Hart, Fisher County Outside Auditor.

The $7,280 paid to the Fisher County Agent and the $7,449 paid to the Fisher County Home Agent was only that portion of their salary paid by Fisher County. Each received additional salary dollars from the State of Texas.

A total of 32,495.00 was expended by Fisher County for salaries and benefits for employees in the Extension Agents office. The total 1988 actual expenditures for the office amounted to $45,198 or $407.00 less that the $45,605 budgeted by commissioners.

The five most costly items in the extension agents budget, following the items for salaries and benefits are (a) $3,912 for gasoline; (b) $2,205 travel - county agent; (c) $545 travel - county home agent; $1,536 telephone and $1,250 for copy machine.

The full listing of all expenditures in the Fisher County budget attributed to the extension agent section is listed below.

FISHER COUNTY, TEXAS
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
-- BUDGET AND ACTUAL -- GENERAL FUND
For The Year Ended December 31, 1988

	ACTUAL	BUDGET	VARIANCE FAVORABLE (UNFAVORABLE)
Extension Agents:			
Auto Repairs	561	500	(61)
New Equipment	535	300	(235)
Tires and Tubes	354	500	146
Oil and Grease	180	200	20
Vet Supplies	92	100	8
Tire Repair	-0-	50	50
Gasoline	3,912	5,000	1,088
Parts and Supplies	99	-0-	(99)
Salary-Secretary	11,700	11,700	-0-
Hired Labor	157	200	43
Salary-County Agent	7,280	6,968	(312)
Salary-Home Agent	7,449	8,112	663
Social Security	972	879	(93)
Health Insurance	4,118	4,500	382
Retirement	819	819	-0-
Office Supplies	926	250	(676)
Postage	147	200	53
Camera Supplies	57	200	143
Telephone	1,536	1,200	(336)
Travel-County Agent	2,205	2,500	295
Travel-Home Agent	545	-0-	(545)
Equipment Repair	164	150	(14)
Post Office Box Rent	27	20	(7)
Copy Machine	1,250	1,000	(250)
Cotton Samples Ginned	23	50	27
Other	5	207	202
School Tuition and Expense	72	-0-	(72)
Freight	13	-0-	(13)
Total Extension Agents	45,198	45,605	407

Price Of Voting In Amendment Election Is High

The price of voting in a free democratic society is sometimes rather expensive. Take last week's November 7th constitutional amendment election in Texas. Fisher County voters didn't exactly turn out in force, there were approximately 550 local folks who did cast their ballots in the election.

The total estimated cost of the election was $3,215.25. That figure includes $415.50 for 2,000 numbered ballots; $480.25 for election packets for each of the 11 voting locations and absentee; a judges fee of $80.00 for the day for 11 election judges which amounted to $880.00 and a $60.00 per day fee for the 24 clerks that assisted judges in tabulating ballots - that figures $1,440.00.

The total funds expended by Fisher County for the election was approximately $3,215.25. A total of 550 votes were cast making the cost per voter in the November 7th constitutional amendment election $5.84. Assuming that all 550 Fisher County voters voted for each of the 21 amendments - each time a resident marked an "X" the cost was 27-cents.

Newspaper Will Observe Monday Deadline Next Week

The Rotan Advance - Roby Star Record newspaper will be going to press a day early next week. The annual observance of Thanksgiving is Thursday, November 23rd, delivery to Fisher County homes of the Thanksgiving week paper will be on Wednesday, November 22nd.

The deadline for news and advertising for the paper for next week will be at noon on Monday, November 20th.

Rotan School To Get Clean Report On Inspection

The Rotan Independent School District should get a clean report as a result of a compliance monitor visit by three members of the Texas Education Agency a few weeks ago, according to Superintendent Alton Fields.

The compliance monitor checked vocational and federal programs; Chapter 1 - remedial reading and Chapter 2 - federal funds at library; the local ESC (English As Second Language) and special education programs. Three inspection personnel spent two days reviewing programs and support records to determine if the local school system was operating in compliance with the guidelines for each program.

"We are pleased with the operation of all our programs and from comments, it appears as if Rotan will be receiving a clean report", said Fields.

Fields indicated that Rotan will be receiving a full-blown accreditation visit by the Texas Education Agency in the 1990-91 school year.

Rotan Board Rejects Copy Machine Purchase After Poll

It started out as a rather routine request in the Superintendent's report, but after all the discussion, Rotan Board President Pete Fowler polled the board and announced that the majority were not in favor of purchasing a new $6,100 Ricoh copy machine. Superintendent Alton Fields began his presentation to the board by saying that he slashed the funds from an earlier budget, "because money was tight", but because of some new developments, he could purchase the same copy machine and save some $1,500 over the original price. Fields offered to get the new copy machine, which was to replace an 8-year old model in the administrative office and still stay within the budget. He was going to cut and save in other areas. The board said "no."

In other action last Monday night, Superintendent Alton Fields reviewed the financial report with board members and reviewed budget balances. He indicated that some $1,058.00 in federal handicapped funds may not be spent due to strict regulations imposed on spending. Fields also reported fund balances in certificate of deposit accounts and informed board members that tax collection money was being paid at a faster pace than expected.

Fields informed board members of a possible problem with respect to balancing tax funds collected due to receipts not matching tax statements from the Fisher County Appraisal District office in Roby. He indicated that some changes were not recorded in Roby and feared that an audit 'write-up' could be forthcoming due to the snafu.

The board discussed leasing busses for playoff games. It will continue to be the policy of the board, re-confirmed last Monday night, that leased busses be used ,

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CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT: Hooper Shelton, left, and W.A. Cross, right, of the Fisher County Historical Commission display a Christmas ornament to be placed on the historical Christmas tree in the Governor's mansion in Austin this Christmas season. The beautiful 4-inch crystal ball, depicting the old Fisher County Court House, was painted by Lucille Adair of Sylvester. Mr and Mrs Link Adair will be attending a holiday party at the mansion to view the tree which will be decorated with a similar ornament with historical significance from each of the other 254 Texas counties.

State Capital Highlights

By Lyndell Williams
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

AUSTIN–Texas lawmakers convened in special session to lower rates for workers' compensation insurance amid some predictions they'll fail for the third time.

Of course, they must succeed because too much unfinished business awaits them not too far down the line.

Looming behind workers' comp and its small savings for Texas employers is the prospect of a massive tax increase next spring to equalize state funding for public schools.

Lawmakers will meet in special session then to reapportion school funding before the Texas Supreme Court's May 1 deadline, and some legislators will seek to force a new tax on that agenda.

Those new taxes, they promise, will bring poor school districts up to par with rich districts, as ordered by the court.

Tax Veto Vowed

But Gov. Bill Clements said last week he will veto new taxes, and all but one of the major candidates running to succeed him have promised no new taxes, even in the face of the high court's mandate.

State Treasurer Ann Richards remains the only major candidate willing to embrace new taxes, including an income tax, as a means of equalizing public school funding.

The court didn't order massive new spending or new taxes, but some officials, including Richards, are assuming that's what it will take. One to two billion dollars.

Last week she chided Clements, warning that he will force the funding issue back into court where the judges will take over.

But Clements, who for eight years has coped with the federal court-ordered reform for prisons and mental health facilities, needs no reminders of how expensive court orders can be.

And consider this: Attorney General Jim Mattox, whose agency won the lawsuit at the top level, surely knows the rules here. But as Richard's primary opponent, he has also vowed no new taxes and suggested no massive spending.

The two schools of thought are apart by billions of dollars. Is someone making a huge mistake here?

Not Federal Judges

One significant difference in this drama: those federal judges were appointed for life; our state judges were elected, and they can be removed from office by voters who might perceive they have forced an unwanted tax increase.

Maybe that's why State District Judge Harley Clark, who originally declared the system unconstitutional in Edgewood v. Kirby, isn't seeking re-election.

Voters Have A Say

This is what's happened, what will happen and how voters will have a say:

The Texas Supreme Court voted 9-0 to uphold the district court ruling and ordered the Legislature to reapportion the funding before May 1, 1990.

The Legislature will meet shortly before the deadline to attempt to balance the funding, and may or may not approve new spending and/or new taxes.

It will conclude its business at the peak of the primary campaign election; with or without new taxes, the issue will be fresh on election day in early May.

At that time, if poor school districts are unhappy with the Legislature's action, they can sue again in state district court. The steps for appeal of that new action are (1) the state appeals court, (2) the Texas Supreme Court, and (3) the U.S. Supreme Court.

Three Seats Opening

Now consider how elections will affect the bench.

The current Texas Supreme Court has five Democrats and four Republicans, including the Chief Justice. Three seats are up for re-election in 1991, including one Republican (the chief justice) seeking re-election and two Democrats who are not.

Depending on election results, by 1991, the court's make-up could be 6-3 Republican or 6-3 Democrat.

New judges will be seated within eight to nine months after the Legislature concludes the spring special session.

One cannot predict that any justice will vote along party lines, but voters should know — taking comfort or discomfort — that, unlike federal judges, our state judges who order the Legislature to enact costly programs will answer to the voters.

The Hot Issue

Quite likely, Gov. Clements will finish his term in mid-January 1991 before additional changes, if any, are mandated.

Thus, the public education spending seems destined to be the hot issue in next year's elections.

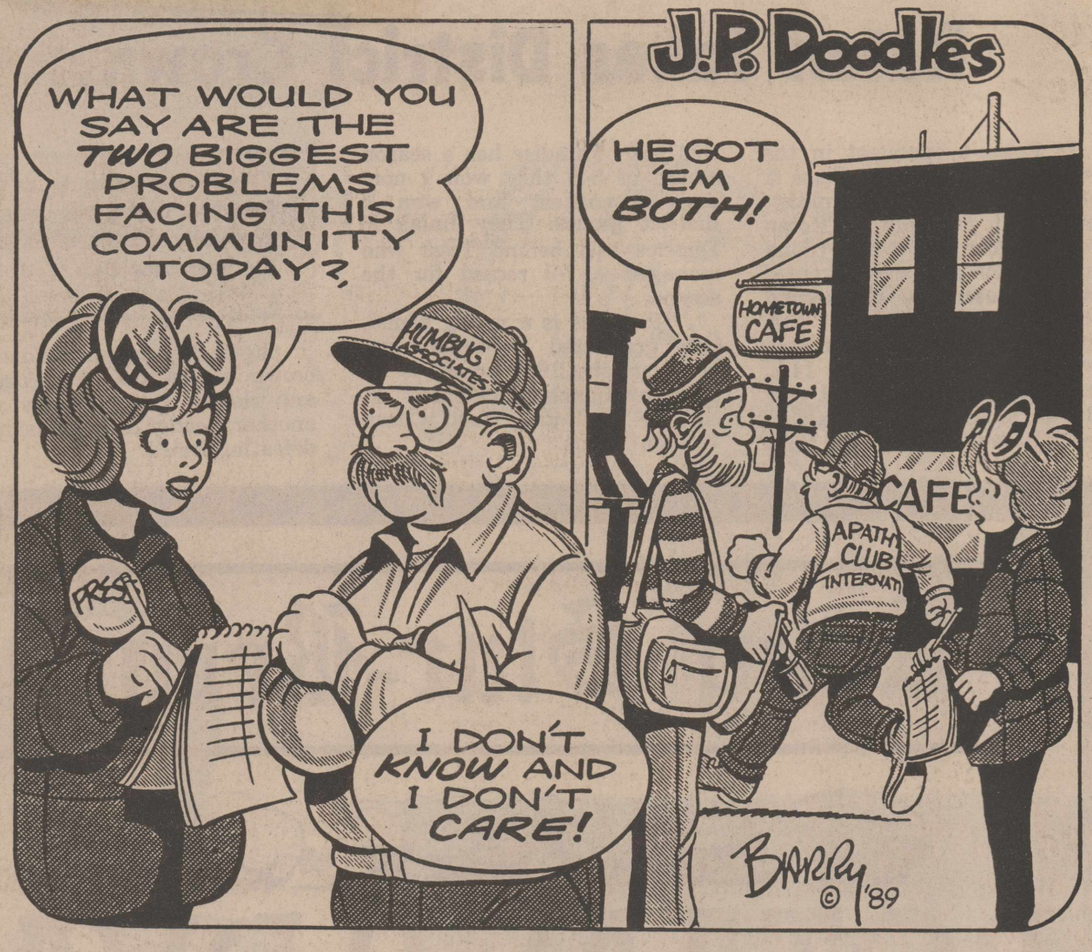
Some candidates will advocate new taxes for additional spending; others will insist on first dismantling some of the expensive aspects of H.B. 72 reforms championed by former Gov. Mark White.

Texas voters, when asked if they want new taxes for public schools, may surprise quite a few old heads.

Other Highlights

- Associates of the former governor say they expect White to announce this week a 1990 bid for the job he held four years before being defeated by Clements.
- Paul Meek, a Dallas oil executive, was appointed to the Public Utility Commission by the governor.

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From Fisher County's Past

From The Newspapers

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO

The Fisher County Commissioners Court indicated that they would be willing to share the expense involved in providing an ambulance service for Fisher County, but wanted the Fisher County Hospital District to administer the program.

Chester U. Callan, M.D. of Rotan, was named a Fellow of the American Academy of Family Physicians. The degree of Fellowship is obtained in either of two ways: successful completion of 600 or more hours of accredited continuning medical study, or achievement of diplomate status in the specialty of family medicine as a result of passing a certified examination administered by the American Board of Family Practice.

Brenda S. Hinson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Garvis Hinson was named Merit Program Commended Student by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation.

TEN YEARS AGO

Rotan residents were invited to attend a "Community Wide Thanksgiving Service" at the Cross Roads Baptist Church, according to Rev. Johnny Robertson, president of the Rotan Ministerial Alliance.

The members of the Roby City Commission voted an increase in the minimum water bills and sanitation charges at their monthly meeting, according to Roby City Secretary Mrs. Parker Wetsel.

FIVE YEARS AGO

Fisher County Postmasters, Charles Thornton at Rotan; Violet Upshaw at Roby; Kerry Green at McCaulley and Bobbie Hardwick at Sylvester issued a plea to Fisher County residents to mail early for Christmas package delivery in order to avoid disappointment.

Many small area hospital districts were in danger of having their facility closed because they were experiencing financial ramifications from the recent implementation of a new Medicare reimbursement program, but such was not the case with the Fisher County Hospital.

LAST YEAR

The Rotan Chamber of Commerce was to sponsor a downtown lighting in which various businesses were asked to decorate their buildings with the miniature clear Christmas lights. The lights were to all be turned on at the same time. Various vacant lots were to be decorated throughout town.

Mr. and Miss Rotan High School were selected. Miss R.H.S. was awarded to Julie Pease, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kim Pease while the title of Mr. R.H.S. was awarded to Gray Fowler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Pete Fowler.

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That's something people are inclined to forget. Somehow we imagine things will always be about the way they are now. That can be dangerous if we are unprepared when circumstances change.

The strongest force equipping us to meet change is our religion. It provides a stability we need when the wheels of time, progress and history are relentlessly turning. That stability is rooted in the simple fact that God does not change.

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Roby City Commission Approves Paint & Repair Job For Water Tower

Roby City Commissioners met last week and approved a paint and repair job totaling $14,200 for the water tower located in the north part of Roby.

Jim Allen of Texas Tank Service of Breckenridge attended the meeting and reported that the needed repairs on the inside of the tank would run a total of $5,800 while the paint job on the outside would be $8,400. City Commissioner, Cecil King made the motion to go ahead and get the work done to avoid extensive damage to the tower while Commissioner, Archie Rivers seconded. The motion carried.

City Manager, Jimmy Price told city commissioners that the highway department wanted their opinion on the idea of replacing the red light in Roby with a four-way stop sign system. City officials disscussed the issue and voiced their disapproval to the idea. No action was needed on the topic which concluded the city managers report and the meeting.

Other members present for the meeting included Mayor Murray Simmons and City Secretary Bobbie Beauchamp.

Rotan Gin Burglarized

The Rotan Gin Company was burglarized on October 28th and approximately $3,000 in anti freeze, implement tires and tools were removed, according to Fisher County Sheriff Mickey Counts.

Counts indicated that the merchandise was fully recovered from an abandoned garage and house a few blocks from Rotan Gin. "We have suspects in the burglary", said Counts. He anticipated presenting the case to the Fisher County grand jury and seeking subpoenas.

Rotan Pep Rally Set For Nov. 17th

The pep rally for the District Champion Rotan Yellowhammers will be held on Friday, November 17th, at 2:00 p.m., at the Rotan High School gymnasium.

There will be a 'Honk Rally' at 2:25 p.m., and the busses carrying the 'Hammers' will leave at 2:30 p.m. The team will stop in Stamford and eat the pre-game meal at the Cliff House Restaurant. Following the game the boys will eat at K-Bob's Steak House in Graham prior to returning home.

Coach Nelms anticipated that the team should be arriving at Graham at 6:00 p. m., to 6:15 p.m., on Friday night.

Theatre On The Brazos Performance

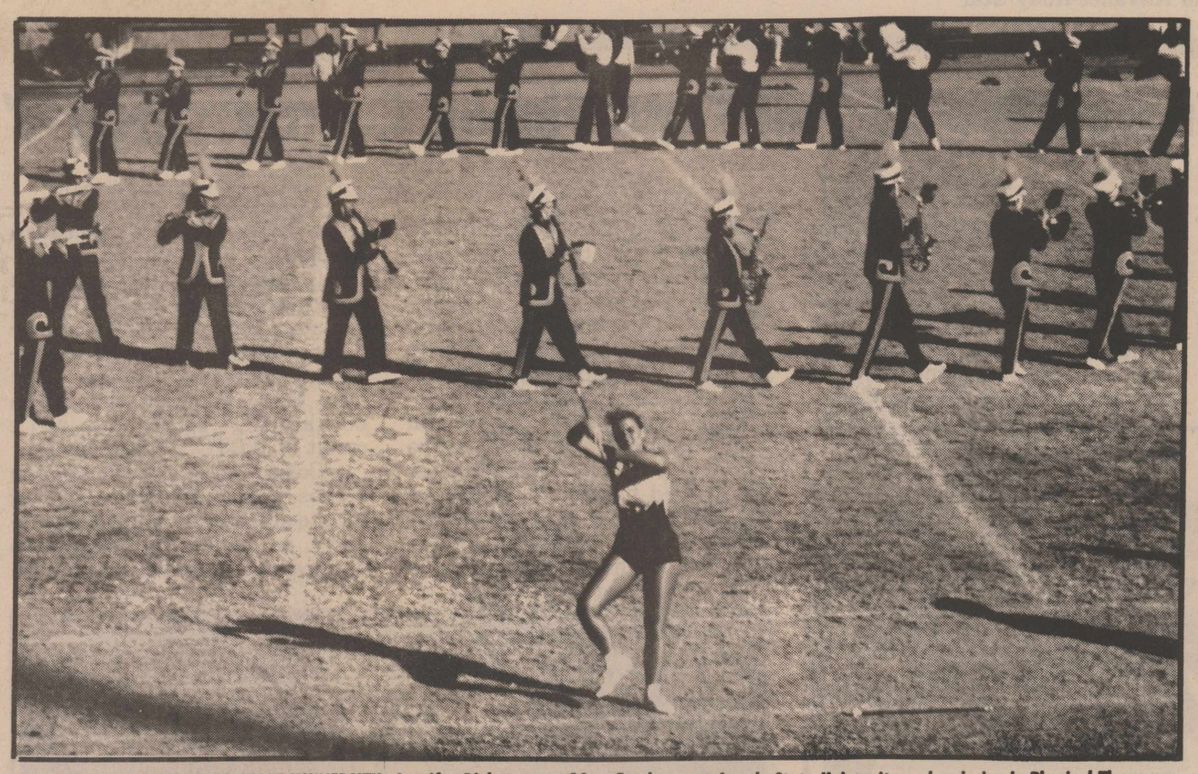
The Fisher County Theatre on the Brazos will present "The Nerd" at their dinner theatre in December. The comedy will be performed December 8, 9, and 10 at the Rotan Community Center. The Friday and Saturday night performances will be theatre and dinner. The tickets are $12 for adults; $8 for children (12 and under) for the dinner performances, $8 for adults and $5 for children for the dessert performances. Tickets are sold by reservations only.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call 915-735-3115 or 735-3344.

Fisher County Senior Citizens Dance

The Fisher County Senior Citizens will be having a dance on Friday night, November 17 from 7:30-10:30. A new band "Texas High" will be performing for this dance and it will be held at the Senior Citizens Center.

A Thanksgiving Bingo party will be held at the center beginning at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, November 20th with a sandwich and salad supper. The center will be open thru the 22nd and will be closed for the Thanksgiving holidays from the 23rd to the 27th. On November 28th the center will open up and begin decorating for the Christmas holidays.



TWIRLING FOR ANGLEO STATE UNIVERSITY: Jennifer Dickson, age 18, a Freshman at Angelo State University and majoring in Physical Therapy is twirling for Angelo State. Jennifer is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Dickson from Rotan. Angelo State will play the University of California in Davis California for a Division Southwest II NCAA playoff contest.

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at school expense, for games outside a 150 mile radius.

The board spent considerable time discussing what to do, with respect to pending new laws concerning underground storage tanks, with a school underground 550 gallon gasoline tank north of the agriculture building. It was agreed that the tank will be removed. Fields indicated that future gasoline purchases may be made for school vehicles by using the coded pump at Gray Fuel.

Board members approved two resolutions as submitted by the Hobbs Independent School District with respect to the division of the property and closing of the Hobbs School.

Board members approved the annual performance report, a 33 page report, outlining the academic activities, goals and performance report test scores for each campus.

In final action, board members nominated Clay Fowler, Herbert Moore and Jay Hendon to serve on the Fisher County Appraisal Board.

Second Annual Christmas Lighting At Rotan On Dec. 7

The Rotan Chamber of Commerce will host its Second Annual Christmas Lighting in downtown Rotan on December 7th. The night will begin with the merchants and city turning their lights on at 7:00 p.m.

There will be special events performed by special groups including the Little Zion Choir to sing special Christmas songs, the Catholic Youth group will perform a skit and sing, another group will have a live nativity scene and the Alumni band will be set up in the downtown area and play various Christmas selections.

The special guest of the evening will be Santa Claus. No one is quite sure where he will be but he has sent word that he will be in the downtown area on December 7th to hear all the children's wishes for Christmas.

Persons that attend the downtown lighting event will have the chance to get some Christmas shopping done while they enjoy the festivities. Various stores will be open late for shopper's convenience.

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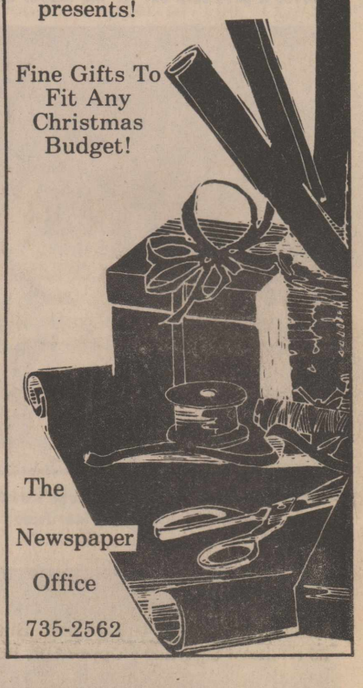
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The family of Gaynell Henry is asking all her friends to gather at the Fisher County Senior Citizens Building on November 18 from 2:00 p.m. until??? to help us celebrate her birthday.

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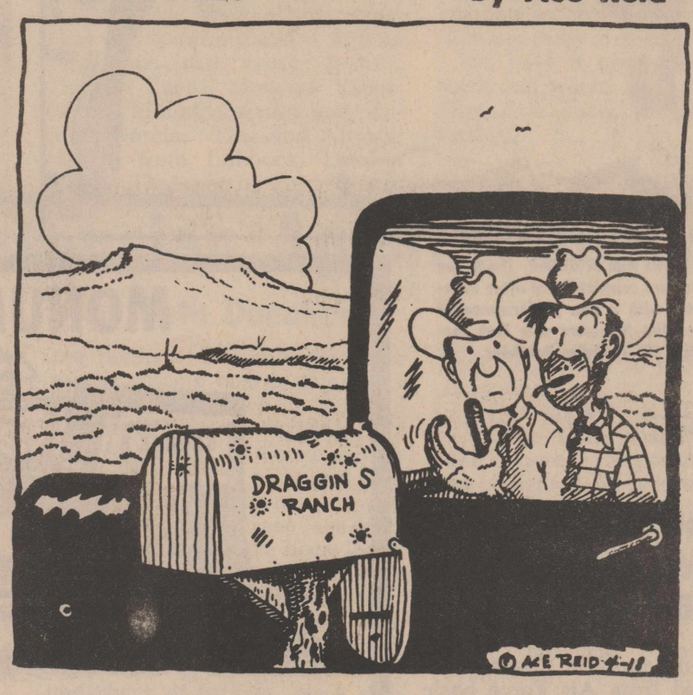
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Commissioners Discuss Full Time Fisher County Sheriff's Department Protection

The members of the Fisher County Commissioners Court agreed to permit Judge Marshal Bennett to continue negotiating with the City of Rotan on the overall fee to charge Rotan for full-time Fisher County Sheriff's Department protection. Commissioners, after considerable discussion, almost all agreed that the $55,000 offered by Rotan was too low but that the $65,000 desired by Fisher County was too high. They are in hopes Bennett can work out some kind of compromise. Sheriff Mickey Counts felt a figure more in the area of $60,000 would be fair. Commissioner Billy Henderson reminded commissioners that if they demanded too much, Rotan could decide not to pay Fisher County anything for protection. Part of the agreement with the City of Rotan and Fisher County on police protection is to have two resident deputies residing in Rotan and full-time coverage by the county after dark. Rotan has been paying Fisher County $40,000 but has offered to go to $55,000. Fisher County has offered to provide the service for $65,000.

Commissioners listened to a report by Maggie Briggs, Fisher County Senior Citizen Coordinator last Monday. Briggs informed commissioners that they were facing constant changes in bookkeeping procedures as a result of WCTCOG guidelines.

Commissioners accepted the Hobbs School resolution calling for the division of Hobbs ISD property in Fisher County to be divided and for Hobbs property in Scurry County to go to Snyder. Commissioners agreed to post a legal notice in the local newspaper for two-weeks giving property owners along Highway 180 until December 11th to petition the court for a choice of school districts.

Commissioners discussed repairing a copy machine in the office of Justice of the Peace Marie VanLoon. The repairs could be accomplished for approximately $260, according to Judge Bennett, or a new machine could be purchased for approximately $1,500. Commissioners elected to repair the machine.

Commissioners discussed the absentee voting locations for the January 20th consolidation election between Roby and McCaulley. It was decided that only one absentee location, in Roby was needed. There will be a voting box at Roby and McCaulley on January 20th. Rose Moore is to handle Election Judge duties for Roby and Gloria Ferguson will handle Election Judge duties for McCaulley. The Roby and McCaulley schools are to split the costs of holding the election.

Fisher County Attorney Rudy Hamric appeared before the court asking that commissioners return $729 to Pecos Resources for an oil and gas lease.

Hamric also asked commissioners to approve Judge Bennett signing a deed conveying a piece of property in Rotan, (old motel site, west of Rotan) to Ernest Ragan. Ragan was the successful bidder in July, but the property was not conveyed. He bid $1,900.

In final action, Hamric asked commissioners to give a quick-claim deed to the Sardis Cemetery property back to the Sardis Cemetery Association.

Commissioners discussed nominations for the Fisher County Appraisal Board. Those nominated included: Jay Hendon, Jimmy Wright, Clay Fowler, Herbert Moore and Freddie Stuart.

Commissioner Wright informed the court of a project he was working on with soil conservation service officials calling for drains to be installed in problem terraces. Wright had sought help through the soil conservation service when busted terraces were washing out county roads.

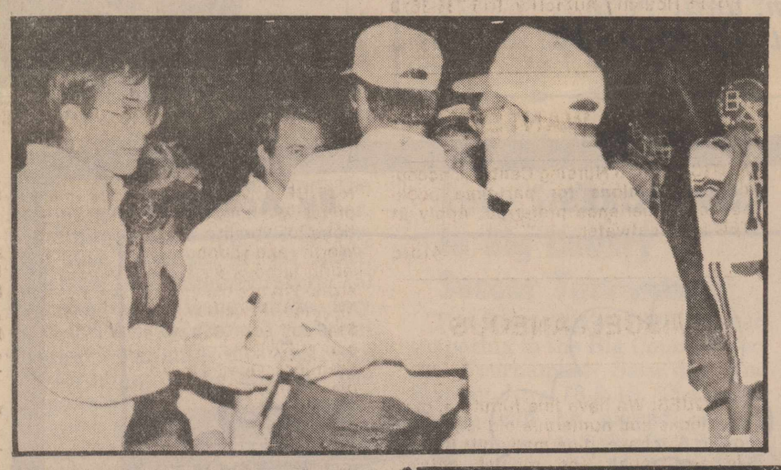
In final action Dub Underwood appeared before the court asking that repair roadwork be done on roads near his property at Rough Creek. Commissioner Jay Hendon informed Underwood that he would fix the roads when Underwood gave the county an easement to the property. Underwood said he would give the county an easement when the county fixed the roads. Underwood has had a running battle with the court and Hendon in particular about road repair in that area. He has appeared before the court on numerous occasions.



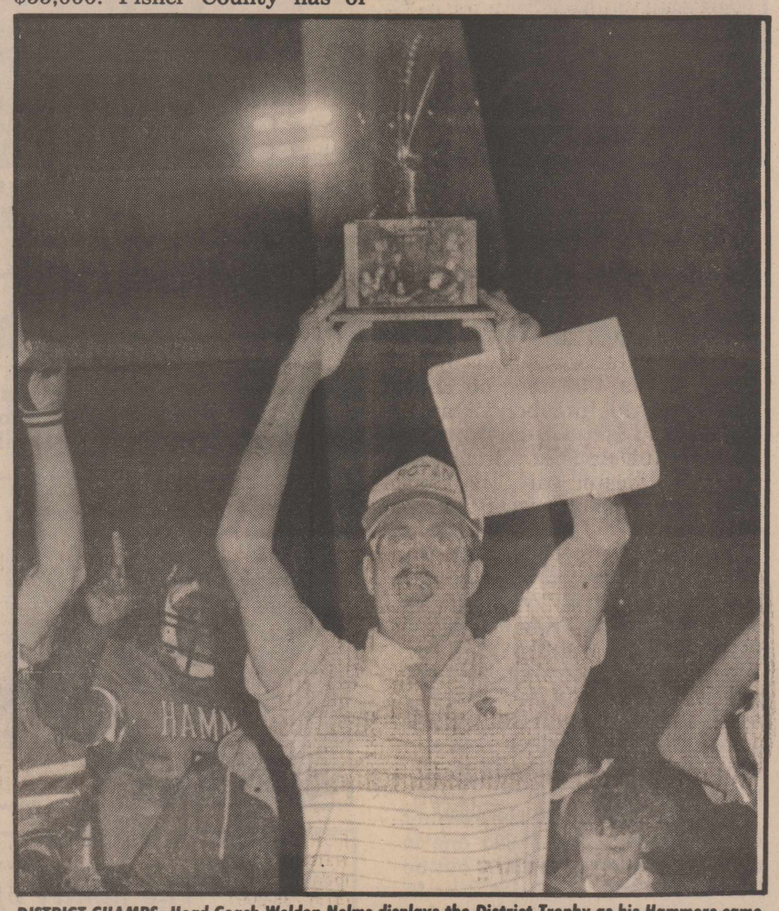
SERVING SPAGHETTI SUPPER: The above members of the Rotan Booster Club served a Spaghetti Supper before last Friday nights ball game between the Hammers and the Baird Bears. The club reported a good turn out for the supper and served lots of spaghetti.



CHEERING ON THE HAMMERS: A large crowd turned out to cheer on the winning Hammers as they took the District Championship last Friday night at Rotan.



CONGRATULATIONS ARE IN ORDER: The Rotan Yellowhammers are congratulated after winning the District with a fine performance of determination. The Hammers now look forward to meeting the Paradise Panthers.



DISTRICT CHAMPS: Head Coach Weldon Nelms displays the District Trophy as his Hammers came through to clinch the District Championship against the Baird Bears. The Hammers will take on the Paradise Panthers this Friday night at Graham with the kickoff beginning at 7:30.

Airman Randel W. Clawson Graduates From Basic Training

Airman Randel W. Clawson has graduated from Air Force basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

During the six weeks of training the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization and customs and received special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the community college of the Air Force.

Clawson is the son of Burnice J. and Belinda S. Clawson of Rural Route 2, Rotan, Texas.

He is a 1989 graduate of Rotan High School.

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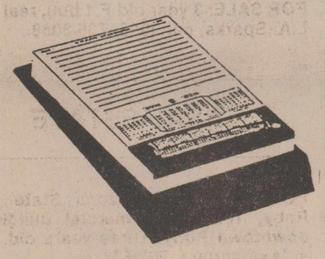
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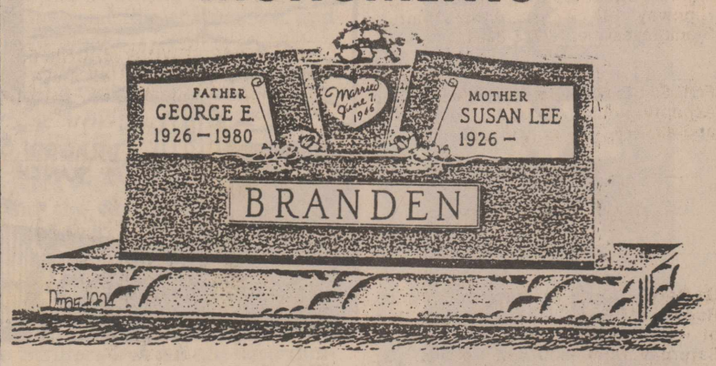
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Hustling Around Hobbs

By Joy Walker

Well it's November and we are having weather just like summer. I can't believe it's so hot during the day, but it's sure nice and the cotton farmers are really busy. November usually has a multitude of events associated with it, first and foremost the Thanksgiving holidays, but Saturday was Veteran's Day and I hope we all remembered the people who gave their lives so that we can live in a free country. November is also harvest time, and everyone is busy trying to get their cotton stripped and to the gin.

J.C. Cave, Mrs. Barbara Looney from Longview, and Mrs. Billy Carter from Brownwood visited with Mrs. Vida Boyer Saturday evening. They brought J.C. home and will be here for several days with their dad.

Mrs. Eula Hull got to come home from M.D. Anderson Hospital in Houston Friday but has to go back Tuesday when she will begin chemotherapy on her leg. We hope that all will go well with her. Our thoughts and prayers are with her. Vida Boyer's brother, Buck Cave, is still about the same and we wish that he could begin to feel just a little better. Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Etheredge went to Lubbock to see the doctor on Wednesday and Jackie Wayne got a good report, although he will be going back for corrective surgery on his hand on the 20th. We hope that all will go well when he has the surgery.

Mrs. Jim Ratliff, Trese and baby David Lee from Abilene came to visit the James Ratliffs Saturday. They all spent the night and went home after church on Sunday. Jim Ratliff is in Newark, New Jersey, playing basketball with the Dallas Maverick Wheelchair team. Mr. and Mrs. John Swofford from Lubbock came and visited Saturday night and went home Sunday.

Bro. and Mrs. P.A. Mitcham from Anson ate lunch on Sunday with James and Marguerite Nettleton.

We had a good crowd at church on Sunday and very few people were out sick, thank goodness. Mrs. Lorene Henderson wasn't able to be there; she has been having trouble with her ears and has been going to the doctor. We hope that she will soon feel very much better.

Neal Lee from Snyder spent a short while visiting with Mrs. Bea Hardin on Friday. He is Bea's nephew.

Monday night Carol and I attended the Texas Cosmotologists Association Show "Getting to Know You" at the Paramount Theatre in Abilene. That is a simply gorgeous place and we really enjoyed seeing all the new (and old) hair styles and clothes.

Belle Femme (where Evette works) showed hair and clothes (men and ladies) from the 1900's up to the present day and it was fabulous. Friday night, Sheila and I went to the Rotan-Baird football game and it was a good one and so exciting, the best one we have seen all year. Rotan emerged the District Champions beating Baird 26-20. Greg Gruben from Midland was there for the game, and he spent the weekend, also Becky Baer and Evette came from Abilene to the game. They both had to go to work Saturday so spent the night with Carol and Wilber and got up early and went back to Abilene. I think the whole town of Baird was there, and Rotan's bleachers were overflowing with fans.

Not too much news this week, but will try and get you next time. See you next Thursday, or it will be Wednesday, as Thursday will be turkey day.

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If you plan to retire at the end of the year, you should contact Social Security now about filing a retirement benefit application, Glyn Hammons, Social Security manager in Abilene, said today.

Social Security retirement applications can be filed up to 4 months in advance. Most applications can be processed very quickly, but sometimes there are delays in locating necessary documents such as a birth certificate, Hammons said.

A good summary of the information you will need about retirement is available from Social Security, Hammons said, by calling 1-800-234-5772. You should also call this number for an appointment.

The Abilene Social Security office is located at 142 South Pioneer. The office is open from 9:00 - 4:30.

Rotan Nursing Center News

We have had a very exciting last couple of weeks starting back with Halloween. We had Mrs. Adrianna Cox's class from Pre-Kindergarten come and sing for us. From McCaulley school district we had some little ghosts and goblins. These children ranged from kindergarten thru the 5th grade. The ladies who brought our little ghosts were: Mrs. Morrow, Peggy Arnwine, Mrs. Bobbye Nichols, Dawn Vanderpool, Geneva Mayberry, Mrs. Danford and Jan Hunter. These delightful children sang Halloween songs to music from Christmas songs. We want to invite both groups of these children back anytime. We are going to have our Thanksgiving family dinner on November 19th. This month is the beginning of many wonderful events, good food, and great times with family and friends to get together. All our residents like to have people, young and old alike to come up and let us show off our home. We are all very proud of our home and like to show it to everyone.

We lost one of our beloved family recently, Myrtle Rector, and we would like to express our deepest sympathy to her family. We all miss her. Mary Singley has been an inspiration and good friend by coming and visiting our home and sharing her time and love with us.

Mary has brightened up our home for many years and we never stop getting excited when we see her here. Another great friend of ours is Corilla Turnbow, who when she visits makes everyone's day so much happier. Becki Cummings and her sister brought us great joy with their singing and playing. They also brought us a little boy to visit and spoil.

Bessie Cleveland visited with Sonnie Hammond, Minnie Parker, Laura Smith and Dorthulia Hale. Laura Smith has had a good time with her visitors she has had this week. They were: Sis Harvard and Sue Austin from Hamlin. Faye Neeves had a visit from Hazel Neeves. Minnie Parker's daughter from Padre Island took Minnie and Laura Smith out to do some old fashion looking around.

All the residents would like to thank Richard Tandy for the movies he has provided for our movie of the week. Thank you Richard. Hope we see you all this coming week!

Dotti Read
Activity Director

Theatre On The Brazos To Present "The Nerd" A Dinner Presentation

The Theatre On The Brazos will hold a dinner theatre on December 8, 9 and 10. This will be the club's fifth performance since the organization began. Theatre on the Brazos has executed the following performances: "The Wakening of John Slater," "Cinderella," "Night of January 16th" and "The Meddlesome Maid." Their dinner theatre performance will be "The Nerd."

According to Reporter, Janeece Pease the tickets are selling fast. "There are only 30 tickets left for Saturday night's performance and tickets must be purchased in advance," said Pease. Ticket prices are $12.00 for adults and $8.00 for children 12 and under for Friday and Saturday night's performances which will include dinner and the play. Sunday's performance will include dessert and the play and ticket prices will be $8.00 for adults and $5.00 for children 12 and under.

The Theatre group is planning to use the money from this production and previous productions to purchase an old theatre building that will be used for future productions. The group is also in the process of applying for a grant to help with funds for the building project.

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FOR SALE: Roby Hardware store property, main street location on South side of Highway 180, 4 lots with structures, Black Investments 735-3091.
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GARAGE SALES

GARAGE SALE: In home of Charlotte Ragan, FM Road 2832, 3½ miles South of Rotan. Several families, Friday and Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Sunday afternoon.
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GARAGE SALE: 2 families, coats, shoes, lots of things, love seat and toys. Wed. 15-Thurs. 16, Fri. 17, Sat. 19- 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. 611 E. 8th, Rotan.
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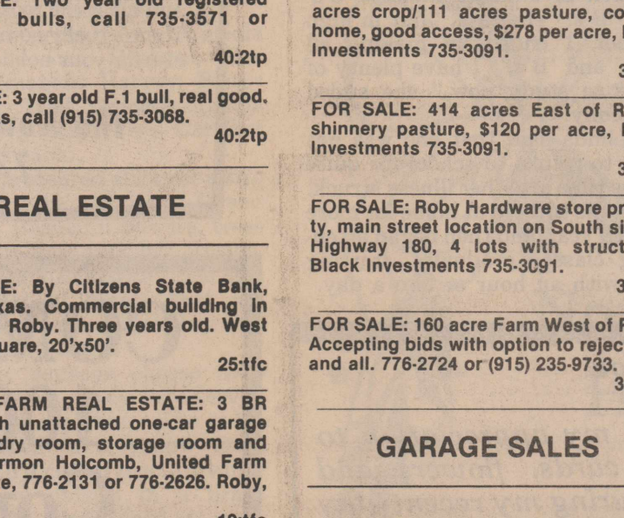
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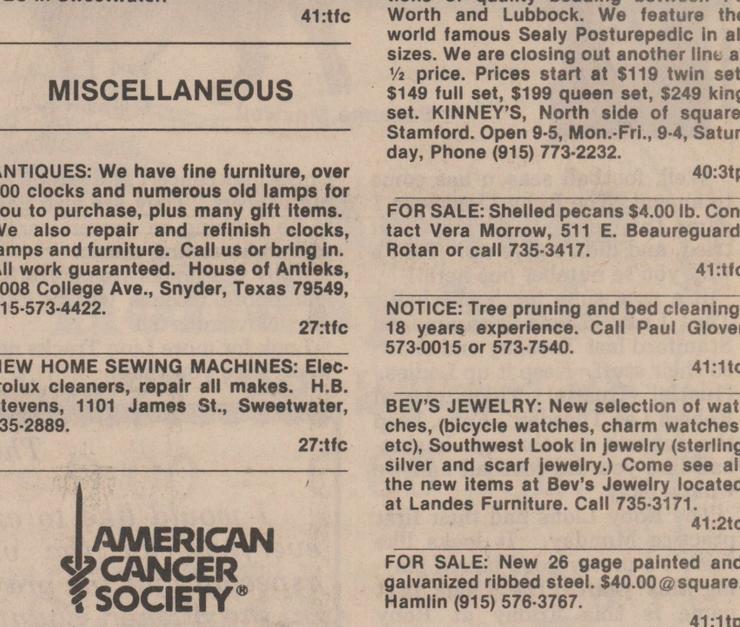
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Roby Girl Making It Fine At Western Texas College In Snyder

Being confined to a wheelchair has not stopped Belinda Ramirez, 18, from seeking a college education.

Paralyzed since age 11, she has only limited use of her arms. As a result, until she received her new electric wheelchair last week, she was dependent on others even to move her wheelchair from one place to another.

Belinda is enrolled in eight hours this semester at Western Texas College. She makes the 72 mile round trip from Roby three days a week with her mother, Mary Alice Ramirez.

Although the exact cause of Belinda's paralysis was never positively diagnosed, doctors told the Ramirez family that the most likely cause was Guillain-Barre syndrome. This rare condition attacks the nervous system, causing paralysis, and can sometimes be fatal.

In Belinda's case, the paralysis struck swiftly and without warning one October morning seven years ago. "It was Oct.1, I remember that day real well," Belinda said.

She had gotten up and was getting ready for school like any other day when she began experiencing "bad pains" around her waist. By school time, the pain was so severe that her parents, who both worked, decided to let her spend the day with an aunt.

Her father, Jimmy, dropped her off at the aunt's house, but within 30 minutes, both he and his wife were summoned back.

Mrs. Ramirez said they walked in and found Belinda "lying on the floor" unable to get up. Belinda remembers "My aunt was giving me some medicine, and suddenly I couldn't hold the glass of water." Then, she says, she "couldn't stand up."

Belinda's parents rushed her to the hospital, and she was transferred to Hendrick Medical Center the next day, where she spent the next two months of her life. Doctors there commented that she was "lucky" that the paralysis did not affect her respiratory system, which could have proved fatal. Mrs. Ramirez calls it "a miracle."

Guillain-Barre syndrome leaves destroyed nerve tissue and atrophied muscles in its aftermath. The extent of recovery varies. Belinda says she had regained some use of her right arm by the time she left the hospital, shortly before Thanksgiving Day, 1982. Further progress has been slow and agonizing.

Even though the condition left her paralyzed, there was no loss of sensation, and Belinda said she was in constant pain for a long time. After her release from the hospital, she began undergoing physical therapy three times a week. Having her muscles stretched and exercised was so painful that she cried during the sessions, she said.

Belinda continued professional therapy until last summer, and still spends two to three hours a week exercising on her own. A recent addition to her routine is a series of exercise she does at home for college credit. These exercises take the place of her P.E. requirement for graduation.

Belinda says she can use her right hand "fairly well" now, and has some use of her left hand. A few years ago, she was fitted with leg braces, and uses them some with the aid of a walker.

How far she might progress in the future is uncertain, Belinda says. She recently saw a neurosurgeon in Dallas to discuss the feasibility of a tendon transplant for her right hand. This procedure, if successful, would increase her ability to use that hand.

Commenting on how her life is different now, Belinda said "Going from an 11-year-old who could run and play to being in a wheelchair was tough. At first I was mad. It took a while, but I adjusted."

After a long pause, she added quietly, "Sometimes it gets to me, though."

Most of all, Belinda misses being able to "hang out" with friends. She says she no longer has the freedom to "jump up and go," just because she feels like going somewhere.

On a positive note, Belinda feels she has become a more serious student. "Before this happened, I made mostly 'C's' and 'B's," she said, "but in high school, I ended up making all 'A's' and 'B's.' I have plenty of time to study now," she added wistfully.

Belinda said that she was not able to return to school for quite some time after her illness struck. She was tutored at home for more than a year, and then began attending classes gradually, starting out with an hour or two a day. She did not begin attending full time again until her freshman year, but still managed to graduate on schedule.

Belinda says she has learned to deal with each problem she faces as a handicapped person as it comes up. For instance, her original college plans were to attend WTC full time this semester and live on campus.

She had already registered and had a dorm room waiting for her. In anticipation of her arrival, WTC personnel installed an additional ramp in the women's dorm near the emergency exit.

Belinda had applied for an electric wheelchair and a live-in aide from the Texas Rehabilitation Commission, but learned just a week before classes were to begin that the wheelchair was not yet available. Without this needed help, Belinda was unable to live in the dorm.



Belinda Ramirez

An electric wheelchair for Belinda arrived last week, and she is now hopeful that she may be able to live on campus and attend classes full time as soon as next semester. She is nervous, though, about how she will manage.

WTC is "handicapped accessible," meaning that ramps, handrails and elevators are provided, but Belinda commented that many areas are "very bumpy," making for hazardous wheelchair travel. The brick pavement in the central courtyard is one of the worst places, she noted, adding that there are "a lot of low spots and uneven joints which are difficult to cross."

Belinda says she is excited about "getting out on her own," even though there may be problems.

She adds she doesn't know at this point what she wants to major in, but she does know that she wants to get a college education. "I am physically handicapped, but I don't want to be handicapped in any other way," she said. "I don't want to be dependent on my parents forever. I want to lead my own life."

Hammer Happenings ...

By: Melinda Weidler



Pep Rally: This is the week of our first play-off game! Come to the pep rally in the high school gym, at 2:00 p.m., and cheer on our team for a great victory!

Football: Yeah! Friday, November 17, the team will go up against Paradise at 7:30 p.m. in Graham. Try to be there to support the Yellowhammers.

Basketball: Tuesday, November 21, the junior varsity girls will play the Hamlin Pied Pipers here, at 5:00 p.m. Come support our girls for a win against the Pied Pipers.

Juniors and Seniors: The TASP test will be taken Saturday, November 18, in the Scurry County Coliseum in Snyder. Don't forget!

Also, the seniors will be selling roster ribbons for the play-off games for $1.00 each. Find a senior or a senior sponsor (Mrs. Evelyn Nowlin or Milton Jensen), and buy one.

Annuals: 1989 annuals are still being sold. Make sure you contact someone on the annual staff and order yours before the time is up. They are $25.00.

Lion Tracks





Suzanne Maxwell

Well, football season has come to an end. The Roby Lions won 1 game this season. At least you tried, and didn't give up! That's why you're number one here!!

It's now time for basketball. The Lady Lions scrimmaged Stamford last Tuesday and showed their stuff. Keep it up Ladies. Hustle! Hustle! They played Robert Lee Tuesday. Fans, keep the support up through basketball like you did football and we will be okay.

The Roby Lions had their first practice Monday. It looks like there's a pretty good bunch playing this year. The Lions first game is this Friday at Roby against Coahoma.

The Junior class is selling poinsettias as a fund raiser for the Jr. - Sr. banquet.

The Lion band started working on Christmas music Monday. The band will be holding a Christmas concert and later a spring concert. They are also going to be working on concert contest and sightreading music.

Roby yearbooks are now on sale and photo retakes will be Monday, November 20.

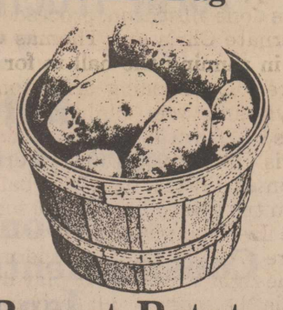
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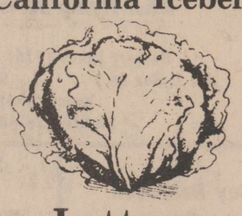
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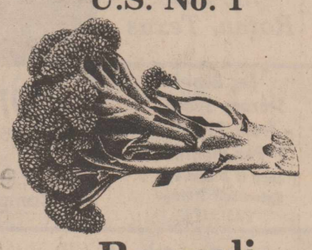
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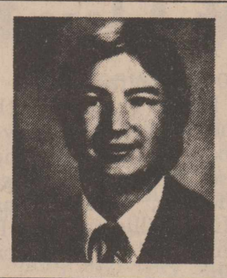
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SUCCESSION IN A FAMILY BUSINESS

Who takes over the family business when the owner passes away? The survival of any family business depends on how wisely one generation passes ownership to the next. The more heirs, the more complex the situation is likely to become.

Generally, putting too many people in charge is a bad idea. They can't agree on management decisions. Transferring management of the company to one heir over another can cause tremendous animosity within the family. Many such cases have ended up in a courtroom battle.

If you want to keep your business in the family, select a successor while you're still active in the business. Once you have chosen a successor, get him or her involved in the day to day activities of the business. Gradually turn over more responsibilities. It's a golden opportunity to evaluate your successor's performance and provide assistance.

Entice key personnel to stay on with incentive programs. Performance bonuses, stock options or an equity stake may guarantee that talented employees will become permanent.

When deciding when and how to transfer your business, consider estate taxes. The IRS's share, with estate tax rates up to 55%, could fatally weaken the business's cash flow.

Consider limiting the government's share of the pie by "freezing" the value of the business through an early transfer.

The transfer avoids estate tax on future appreciation of the business. Use your $10,000 annual gift exclusion or unified credit to give away shares in the business. You must not retain an interest in the property (including voting rights on the stock), or it will be included in the value of your estate.

Facts show that only 30% of privately-held businesses survive when the original founder dies. Careful planning can prevent the demise of your business.

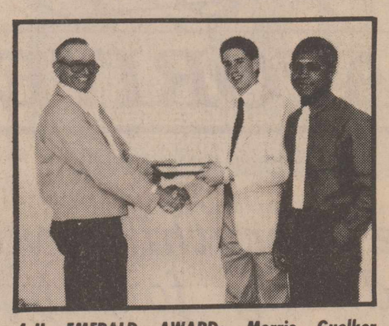
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4-H'ers Receive Honors

Forty-three Fisher County 4-H'ers were honored at the Annual 4-H Awards Banquet, November 6. The 1989 Gold Star Winners Teresa McClure and David Shipp served as Master of Ceremonies. The invocation was given by Chuck Dannheim. Audra Lewis led the 4-H Motto and Pledge, Jessica Moore gave the welcome, and Jennifer Kincaid introduced the guests. 4-H Adult Leaders Gary Floyd, Connie Early, Mac Rains, and Tempie West presented awards to the following 4-H'ers.



1989 GOLD STAR WINNERS: Teresa McClure and David Ship exhibit plaques received at 4-H Awards Banquet for being selected as the 1989 Gold Star Winners.



4-H EMERALD AWARD: Morris Guelker receives the 4-H Emerald Award from Chuck Dannheim and Kevin Smith at the 4-H Awards Banquet.

JUNIOR AWARDS

AGRICULTURE: Chad Dannheim, Cassidy Early, Kasey Greene, R.J. Lewis
BEEF: Matt Counts, Mike Counts, Billy Floyd, Bryce Moore, Coby Moore, Scott Nowlin
CLOTHING: Christy Willitt
DOG CARE: Stephanie Hunsaker
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SAFETY: Jaycee Carey
SHEEP: Ty West
SHOOTING SPORTS: Brian Carreon, Jason Gruben, Lee Yanez, Justin Smith
SWINE: Lane Greene, Phillip Hull, Timothy Moore

SENIOR AWARDS

ACHIEVEMENT: Jennifer Kincaid, Audra Lewis, Jessica Moore
BEEF: Jerry Carreon, David Shipp
LEADERSHIP: Chuck Dannheim
RECREATION: Teresa McClure
HORTICULTURE: Shelia Green

County Judge, Marshal Bennett presented the Gold Star Awards to Teresa McClure and David Shipp. Chuck Dannheim, President of the Roby Junior leaders 4-H Club and Kevin Smith, President of the Rotan Junior Leaders 4-H Club, presented Morris Guelker with the 4-H Emerald Award for 25 years of service to Fisher County 4-H.

Entertainment was provided by the Roby 4-H Clovers that included Kelly Dee McWilliams, Anita Floyd, Coby Moore, Bryce Moore, Chad Dannheim, Mike Counts and Matt Counts. Teresa McClure and her mother Linda also provided a duet of songs.

The banquet was compliments of Midwest Electric Coop and Citizens State Bank of Roby.

Pete Hohon Accepts Appointment To New Advisory Committee

Hospital Administrator Pete Hohon has accepted appointment to the newly created Advisory Committee for the Outstanding Rural Scholars Program (ORSP).

Last spring the Texas Legislature passed Senate Bill 1351, sponsored by Senator Steve Carriker to encourage students to pursue health-related careers. This Bill created a number of financial aid programs to encourage communities to sponsor students enrolled in health career programs. The community provides fifty percent of the students education costs and the state provides fifty percent. The bill calls for the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to administer the program but calls for the establishment of an Advisory Committee to assist the Board in designing and administrating the program.

Hospital Administrator Hohon was appointed for a six year term. During his tenure he will serve without pay or expenses. Hohon states, "I believe the Outstanding Rural Scholars Program can have a very positive impact on our community and I look forward to bringing the program into operation. The recruitment of highly skilled health care workers is very difficult and I can think of no better way to obtain these workers than by giving our own students the opportunity to get an education and return home to practice their profession."

It is hoped the program will be in full operation by August 1990.

ROBY LUNCH MENU
November 20 - 22, 1989

MONDAY: Steak Fingers, Cream Potatoes W/Brown Gravy, Carrot Sticks, Hot Rolls, Fruit.
TUESDAY: Baked Weiners W/Cheese, French Fries, Pork & Beans, Chocolate Chip Cookie.
WEDNESDAY: Pizza, Green Beans, Salad, Fruit.
THURSDAY & FRIDAY: Thanksgiving Holidays!!

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ROTAN LUNCH MENU
November 20 - 24, 1989

MONDAY: Mexican Casserole, Spanish Rice, Mexican Cornbread, Fruit Cocktail, Milk.
TUESDAY: Crispy Fish, Baked Beans, Potato Tots, Hush Puppies, Jello W/Topping, Milk.
WEDNESDAY: Burritos/Chili, Buttered Corn, Orange Half, Peanut Butter Cookie, Milk.
THURSDAY & FRIDAY: THANKSGIVING HOLIDAYS!!

Roby Cubs Take District Title

The Roby Cubs won the unofficial district Jr. High football title with a 26-12 win over Aspermont. The win gave Roby a 4-0-1 district record and a 4-3-1 overall. This win was especially nice for the Cub team as it overcame an earlier loss to the Stingers.

The first half featured both teams offensive units. Roby took the opening kickoff and as they have done all season, proceeded to alternate Chris and Thomas Cortez in running the ball in for the score. The opening drive took 9 plays and was highlighted by runs of 20 yards and 15 yards by Chris Cortez on the 50 yard drive. Thomas Cortez took the ball in from the 5 yard line for the score. The PAT was not good and the score was 6-0 Roby. Aspermont came right back on a 16 play drive to tie the score at 6-6 early in the second period on a 10 yard pass play.

Following the Stinger score Roby took the ball with 6½ minutes in the half but was forced to punt. Aspermont returned the ball to the Roby 50 yard line but failed to convert a fourth down at their own 45 yard line and Roby took over and ran out the half with the score tied 6-6.

Aspermont took the second half kickoff but failed to move the ball and Roby took over on the Aspermont 35 yard line. From here Roby needed only two plays to score. Again, the PAT failed and Roby led 12-6.

The Stingers took the following kickoff and drove for their final score to tie the game at 12-12. Roby took over at this point and needed only 4 plays to go 65 yards for the score to open the 4th quarter. The PAT was no good and Roby led 18-12. The Roby defense shut out the Stingers in the rest of the game and Roby scored once more on a 45 yard march with Chris Cortez adding the two points to make the final score 26-12 Roby.

Head Coach Todd Bryant and the entire team were justly proud of their accomplishments this season. Congratulations Cubs!!

Roby Garden Club Holds Meeting

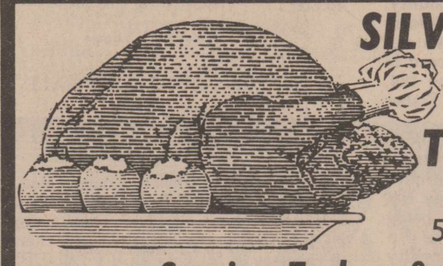
The Roby Garden Club met at 9:30 on November 9, 1989 in the R.E.A. Building. Minutes of the last meeting were read, discussion on new officers for the 1990 and a committee was chosen. A new member was welcomed, Aladeen Gruben from Rotan.

Members present were: Mineola Parker, Juanita Graham, Sue Atkins, Imagene Harvey, Britty Turnbow, Inell Goforth, Londa Stuart, Fay Ray, Vera Carriker and Ava Leach.

Londa presented slides of a trip to homes in Abilene flower gardens. Beautiful flowers, trees and shrubs were growing. Inside, plants were also shown. She also read a list of plants that are poison, some are Bulbs, Ivy and even the Buttercup.

Cookies, sausage cheese muffins and cereal candy were served from antique plates. The table was covered in a yellow linen cloth, with a center piece of white and yellow daisies in a brass duck. Coffee and spiced tea were served. Hostesses were Mineola Parker and Juanita Graham. Next meeting is December 14 at 11:00 with each bringing a salad and a gift for Christmas.

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Tract VII: Being all that certain .002874 Overriding Royalty Interest in Oil, Gas & Mineral Lease No. 3052, Sojourner Drilling/505 Drilling Unit in the G. W. Lawrence Survey No. 330, Fisher County, Texas, and being more particularly described in those certain Assignments of Overriding Royalty Interest of record in Volume 418, Page 234 and Volume 484, Page 381 of the Deed Records of Fisher County, Texas.

Levied on the 6 day of NOVEMBER, 1989 as the property of HARRY L. ALBAUGH, if living; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (IN REM ONLY), by virtue of that Federal Tax Lien filed on the 13th day of December, 1986, and filed of record in Volume 3, Page 57 of the Federal Tax Lien Records of Fisher County, Texas, (Filed against Harrison L. Albaugh, 9827 Walnut Street N202, Dallas, Texas 75243; Serial Number 147724; ID Number 527-16-2846; $19,850.88 for tax period ending 12-31-82; $27,761.15 for tax period ending 12-31-83; Filed by the Dallas District Office) said UNITED STATES OF AMERICA may be served by delivering a copy of the citation and petition the United States Attorney for the Northern District of Texas and by mailing two copies of the citation and petition by Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested, to the Attorney General of the United States, Tenth & Constitution, Washington, DC 20530, having heretofore filed a written answer and appeared;

to satisy a judgment amounting to $15,781.19 with interest from the 24th day of August, 1989 at 10 per cent, per annum, and all costs of suit in favor of ROBY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND THIS 6 day of NOVEMBER, 1989
Mickey A. Counts
SHERIFF FISHER COUNTY, TEXAS
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NOTICE OF SHERIFFS SALE

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 6th day of NOVEMBER, 1989 by the Clerk thereof, in the case of ROBY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT VS. J. W. REAVES; Cause 4292 and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell, at 10:00 A.M. on the 5th DAY OF DECEMBER, 1989 which is the first Tuesday of said month, at the NORTH door of the Courthouse of said Fisher County, in the City of Roby, Texas, the following described property, to wit:

Being all those certain Lots 8 and 9 in Block 48 of the Original Town of Roby, Texas, and being more particularly described in that certain Deed of record in Volume 129, Page 105 of the Deed Records of Fisher County, Texas.

Levied on the 6 day of NOVEMBER, 1989 as the property of J. W. REAVES, if living; MRS. J. W. REAVES, if living;

to satisfy a judgment amounting to $1,460.68 with interest from the 24th day of August, 1989 at 10 per cent, per annum, and all costs of suit in favor of ROBY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND THIS 6 day of NOVEMBER, 1989
Mickey A. Counts
SHERIFF FISHER COUNTY, TEXAS
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NOTICE OF SHERIFFS SALE

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 6th day of NOVEMBER, 1989 by the Clerk thereof, in the case of MCCAULLEY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT VS. ESTATE OF ELIZA EARLY; Cause 4255 and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell, at 10:00 A.M. on the 5th DAY OF DECEMBER, 1989 which is the first Tuesday of said month, at the NORTH door of the Courthouse of said Fisher County, in the City of Roby, Texas, the following described property, to wit:

Being all those certain Lots 13 thru 18, both inclusive, in Block 50 of the Original Town of Sylvester, Texas, and being more particularly described in that certain Deed of record in Volume 129, Page 296 of the Deed Records of Fisher County, Texas.

Levied on the 6 day of NOVEMBER, 1989 as the property of

The unknown heirs, executors, administrators and legal representatives of the ESTATE OF ELIZA EARLY, Deceased; OSCAR E. EARLY, if living; CORA KELLY, if living; J. C. EARLY, if living; BERTHA E. BACOB, if living; T. R. EARLY, if living; C. H. EARLY, if living; VERNON W. EARLY, if living; GEORGE W. EARLY, if living; R. C. EARLY, if living;

to satisfy a judgment amounting to $1,049.68 with interest from the 24th day of August, 1989 at 10 per cent per annum, and all costs of suit in favor of MCCAULLEY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND THIS 6 day of NOVEMBER, 1989
Mickey A. Counts
SHERIFF FISHER COUNTY, TEXAS
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NOTICE TO PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF WILLIE FLEMING, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that on November 6, 1989, WAYNE HARRIS, was issued original Letters Testamentary in the Estate of WILLIE FLEMING, deceased, No. 2876, now pending in the County Court of Fisher County, Texas.

Said estate is now being administered, and all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same to WAYNE HARRIS, the Independent Executor of said estate, or to the clerk of said court, in the manner and within the time prescribed by law.

The residence of said WAYNE HARRIS, Independent Executor is Rotan, Texas, and his address is P.O. Drawer D, Rotan, Fisher County, Texas 79546.

DATED: November 6, 1989.

CHARLES E. JONES, JR.,
Attorney for the Estate

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NEWS BRIEFS

Bake Sale and Bazaar

The annual fall bake sale and bazaar held by the ladies of the Roby United Methodist Church will be Friday, November 17th. The sale will be held in the Courthouse Annex from 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Cakes, pies, candies, and other desserts will be on sale. Also, handmade gifts and Christmas decorations will be on display to purchase.

Women With A Purpose

Women with a Purpose will meet Tuesday, Nov. 21 at the First Methodist Church in Roby at 7:00 p.m. You are urged to attend and bring a friend and a salad for a time of testimony in music brought by Rebecca Thornton and Cherry Beth Stewart, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Willie B. Crawford of Rotan. This is a special time of testimony and fellowship. Nursery will be provided.

Yates Reunion

The Yates reunion will be Friday, Nov. 24th, sandwiches for supper. Lunch on Saturday, Nov. 25th, and breakfast on Sunday morning, Nov. 26th. The reunion will be held at the Pink Building in Roby.

Roby Lions Close Out Season With A Loss To Aspermont

The Roby Lions closed out their season with a 28-6 loss to the Aspermont Hornets. The loss dropped the Lions season record to 1-9. The loss was a frustrating affair as the whole season has been. The Hornets scored on four pass plays, three of which Roby players tipped only to have the ball fall into an Aspermont players hands.

The night started on a positive note when Jeremy Terry took the opening kickoff and returned it to the Lion 45 yard line. From here quarterback Michael Carrion directed a four play drive for the score. The touchdown came on a pass from Carreon to Kenny Heflin that covered 50 yards. The two point conversion failed. However, Aspermont answered with a touchdown of their own on their first possession with a seven play 70 yard drive. The PAT was good and Aspermont led 7-6.

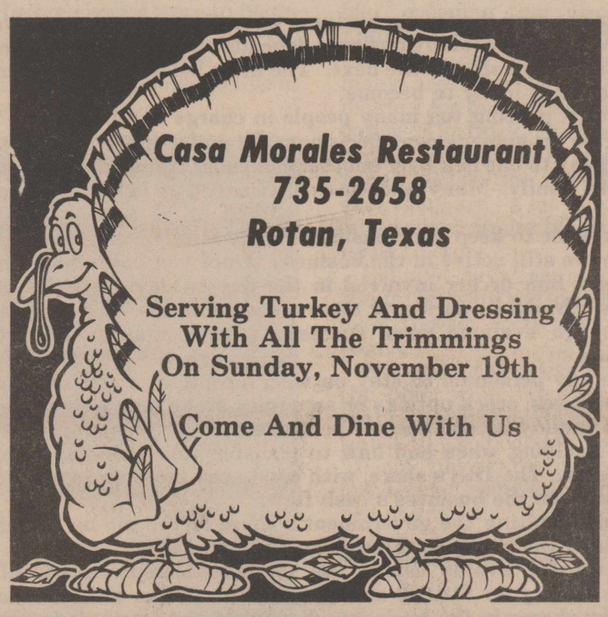
The Lions offensive unit with Rudy Gonzales and Joe Don Helm were able to move the ball all night but interceptions prevented any further scores. Aspermont scored on a long pass later in the first quarter to make the score 13-6. Aspermont scored again in the second period and led 20-6 at halftime.

In this game, as in the last four the thirteen Roby players gave as good as the got. The offensive and defensive lines led by Nick Dickson, Eddie Gonzales, Big Mike Williams, Tim Hohon and Chris Estes did an outstanding job.

This young Lion team, while very disappointed in this year's record feels they have laid the foundation for better things in the upcoming years. The experience gained by these young men this year and their ability to face the many adversities they've had to face; has certainly given them the experience and the character to make them better individuals as well as a better team in the future.

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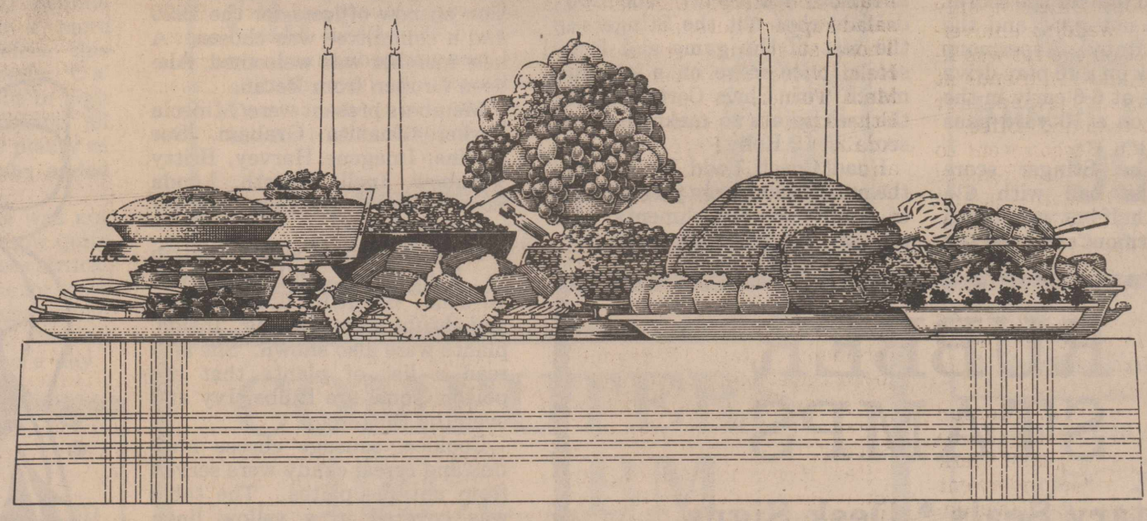


We have everything you need to complete your family dining for that special Thanksgiving meal.

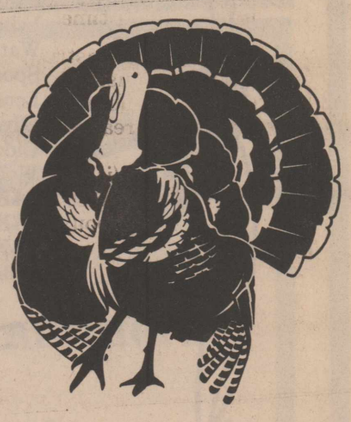
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REMEMBERING VETERANS: David Hargrove, Rotan Primary principal, is pictured above with two students as they raise the flag in honor of Veteran s Day.

News From Down South

By Bertha Warren

The wind certainly is blowing the leaves off the trees and all over yards and on to sidewalks and porches. I know you know the wind is blowing but just had to say something about it.

J.M. Smith hasn't been feeling very good this past week. He has been to the doctor so maybe he will be feeling better soon. Charlie and Thelma Smith celebrated their 57th anniversary Thursday, the 9th of November. Steve and Tachi Warren celebrated their 21st wedding anniversary on Nov. 9th also.

Burt and Ilene Hale not only celebrated their wedding anniversary Nov. 2 but on the 1st was Ilene's birthday and her friends at the courthouse helped her celebrate with cake and coffee.

Edna and Ben Benson went to visit their three sons and families in the Richman - Plano area and they surprised her with a birthday party and a get-together with all the families. They spent a week visiting and doing a little shopping and just enjoying themselves before returning home Sunday evening. Edna's birthday was Nov. 14th.

Bobby and Frances Morgan went to Midland Thursday to be with their grandson Shaun Clark and the family as he underwent surgery on his shoulder. He is doing fine and got to go home Saturday.

Ollie Ogden went to George and Carolyn's at Brownwood Monday and spent the night then went to Grandbury Tuesday to visit Darlene and Tommy Warren. Wednesday they had lunch at the church and Thursday they went to Fort Worth and did a little shopping and on Friday they went to Cleburne for more browsing and shopping. Some of the grandkids came over one night and they had a big fish fry. She enjoyed her trip very much. She returned home Saturday. After church Sunday, she went with some ladies to look at the changing leaves south of Sweetwater and around Maryneal and Champion. The other ladies were Leth Lewellen, Paulene Ballew and Dottie Thompson. Chris Blythe of Alvin got out of ICU last Thursday. We hope he will be up and around soon.

We were all shocked and saddened Friday to learn of the sudden death of Nelson Chism of Alvin. He died at his home about 4 p.m. Funeral services were held Monday at Oak Park Chapel in Alvin and burial was in the Confederate Cemetery in Alvin. He was born at Roscoe Jan. 23, 1921. He was the son of the late Johnny and Myrtle Chism. He married Norene Blythe in 1947. He served in WW II and was awarded 7 Bronze Stars and the Point Bronze Arrow Head. He is survived by his wife, 2 sons- Johnny and wife Ruth and Kenny and wife Dianna, 1 daughter- Beverly and husband Mark Pancamo all of Alvin, 6 grandchildren, one sister- Doshia Cave of the Hobbs community, one brother- Charles Chism of Odessa. As most of you know he was my cousin and a very special person and will be missed by all.

Jewell Ratliff and Erna Lee Jones went to Rising Star Saturday then went on to Alvin with Dot and F.A. McCain Sunday for the funeral.

The Fisher County Historical Association met at the home of Frank and Margie Mitchell for a salad supper Thursday, Nov. 9th. Those attending were Roy and Helen Noles, Glen Upshaw, Willie Mack Turner, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Etheredge, Mr. and Mrs. Link Adair, W.A. & Faye Cross, Mr. and Mrs. Hooper Shelton, Clarence and June Anderson and myself.

There were so many different and delicious salads and we enjoyed watching the dedication of the Royston Historical Marker ceremony on tape. Everyone enjoyed the evening very much.

Wayne and I had lunch with Steve and Tachi Sunday in Snyder.

Rev. Huron Polnack of Ranger came through surgery fine but is still in Hendrick Hospital. His room is 7713. His niece, Betty Fry spent all last week in Ranger helping his wife Joe. She (Betty) came home Monday but was on her way back to Ranger to spend the rest of the week with Joe. The Polnack's home address is 814 Sinclaie, Ranger, Tx.

Don't forget to get your tickets early for Theatre on the Brazos dinner theatre at the Rotan Community Center, Dec. 8, 9 & 10. The play is a comedy, "The Nerd", directed by Linda Dickson. Have a fun night out! Call and let us know what's going on in your world.

Cub Scouts Pack 175 Will Be Out "Scouting For Food"

Cub Scouts of Pack 175 will be out this week "Scouting for Food." Scouting for Food is a food collection campaign sponsored by Boy Scouts of America to secure food for the hungry in our community.

The donated food will be given to the Fisher County Food Pantry in Roby. Please remember your donation will stay locally, to help someone in our own county. Thanks in advance for helping to make the 1989 "Scouting for Food" program a success.

4-H Club Members Will Compete In District 3 Contests

4-H club members from Fisher County will compete Saturday, November 18, at Roby in Rolling Plains District 3 contests in Livestock, Soils, Horse and Consumer Decision Making. The competition will determine individuals and teams in the Senior Division of the Livestock, Soils, Horse Judging and Consumer Decision Making Contests to represent the District in the Texas 4-H Roundup next June at Texas A&M University.

Contestants will check in at 8:45 a.m. Livestock, Horse and Soils Contests will be conducted at the Fairgrounds and the Consumer Decision Making Contests will be at the Community Center.

Awards will be presented around 2:00 p.m. or immediately following contests at the contest's locations. The contests are sponsored by Texas Agricultural Extension Service, a part of the Texas A&M University System.

County youths will put their skills against youths of 20 other counties as they select top beef cattle, sheep, swine, horses, and determine ideal soil makeup. The Consumer Decision Making Contest is designed to teach 4-H'ers shopping skills to stretch their dollars.

Representing Fisher County in the District events will be: Bryce Moore, Coby Moore, Anita Floyd, Chad Dannheim, Kelly Dee McWilliams, Billy Floyd, Mike Counts, Matt Counts, Carissa Kiser, Jessica Moore, Chuck Dannheim, Chris Estes and Jeremy Terry will compete in Livestock Judging. Christie Willit, Amy Blackwelder, Kasey Greene, Cassidy Early, Amanda Moore, Makala Herron, Ann Marie Coats, Rhonda Henry, Kendra Kiser, Jennifer Kincaid, Jennifer Pullig, Jennifer Elkins, and Audra Lewis will compete in Consumer Decision Making.

Tumbleweeds 4-H Club Holds Regular Meeting

The Tumbleweeds 4-H Club met November 13, 1989 in the Courthouse Annex at 3:30 p.m. Shea Feagan presided. The program was on safety at home and Christmas decorations were made.

Sixteen members and three leaders were present: Sonya Gaona, Matthew Gaona, Justin Smith, Jaycee Carey, Adrian Castor, Monroe Moore, Kelli Field, Ty West, Shea Feagan, Chance McClure, Brandon Castor, Josha Griffith, Cassie Terry, Jaycee Carey, Kyle McWilliams, Sara Boyd, Shelton Waldon.

Hospital News

Patients admitted to the Fisher County Hospital last week are: Clara M. Daniel— Rotan; John Burtoft— Rotan; William R. Cornelius— Rotan; Alton Smith— Rotan; Arldie Keener— Rotan; Hortencia Yanez— Rotan; Lorene Dowell— McCaulley; Kate Boales— Rotan; Richard Floyd, Sr.— Rotan; Maria Almanza— Rotan; Ruthie Spears— Rotan.



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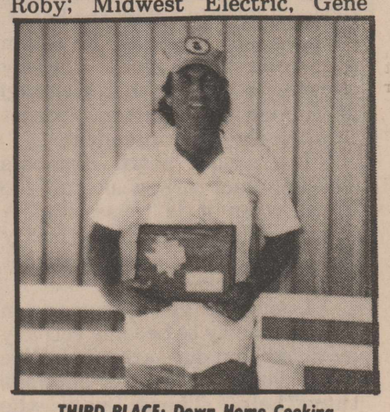
Twenty-Three Contestants In Quail Cook-Off

A total of 23 teams entered the second annual Quail Cook-Off at Roby last weekend with the cook team 'Diamond Phantom', head cook Jim Rohemus of Sweetwater capturing first place cooking honors.

Second place honors went to the cooking team of Tidwells Tidbits, Dick Carroll and Jim Tidwell of Sweetwater; third place to Down Home Cooking, David Papasan of Lawn, Texas and fourth place to Funderware Cooking Team, Harold Ware of Sweetwater, Texas.

The Showmanship Award and People's Choice Award at the cook-off went to 4 Amigos & Ladies, a 4-H group consisting of Anita Floyd, Kendra Kiser, Mike Counts, Bryce Moore, Coby Moore and Chad Dannheim.

Other entries in the cook-off were: Outcasts, Russell Sylvest and Don Suggs of Sweetwater; Fine Feathered Friend, Corky Frazier of Sweetwater; Line Riders Chuck Wagon, Bettie Wilcox of Coahoma; Terry's, Clifton Terry of Roby; Roby Fire Department, Thomas Dickson of Roby; Plain O'l Goat, James Stuart of Lubbock; Triple S Cooks, Shirley Stuart of Lubbock; Rotan Lion's Club, Alton Fields and David Hargrove of Rotan; The Young Bunch, Sam and Dorothy of Sweetwater; Burk-Harris Cook Team, Wayne Harris and Joe Burk of Rotan; Roby Baptist Church, Garland Moore, Roby; Midwest Electric, Gene Shipp of Roby; Large Birds, Don Adkins, Sweetwater; B.S. Boys, Doyle Crowde, Sweetwater; Spuds Buds, Johnny Bowen of Sweetwater; Buzzard Roost Hunting Club of Snyder and the celebrity teams of the Fisher County Commissioners and Steve Carriker and Mike Moran.



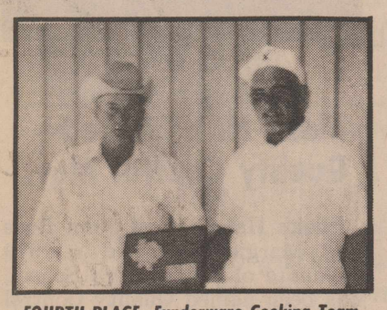
THIRD PLACE: Down Home Cooking



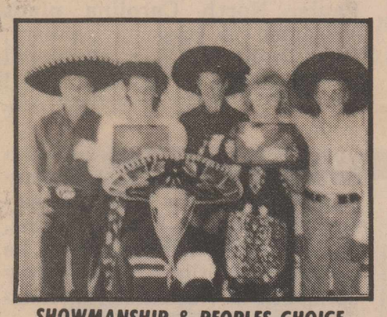
FIRST PLACE: 'Diamond Phantom'



SECOND PLACE: Tidwells Tidbits



FOURTH PLACE: Funderware Cooking Team



SHOWMANSHIP & PEOPLES CHOICE AWARD winner was the team, Four Amigos and Ladies, a group of Fisher County 4-H'ers.

F.C. Nursing Home News

We here at the nursing home have been quite busy getting ready for our family and resident covered dish dinner on the 21st and getting the month of December full of activities.

We appreciate our volunteers, Mr. and Mrs. George Lane, June Martin, Shorty and Mary Ruth, Hamlin for playing the piano and singing for us. Ramon Torres came up and sang and played his guitar for us and also the Emmanuel Baptist Church came in and sang for us. We would also like to express our appreciation to Doris Schooley, Ocie Hugh, Bessie Cleveland, Bonnie Parker, George Lane, Jenny Lane, and Mary Singley for coming up and doing our Baptist Devotional. Showtime Video donated our movie and use of their VCR. The residents really enjoy this.

We had a lot of visitors this week and we are looking forward to seeing more of you in the upcoming months.

Rex Adams from Sylvester visited with his mother, Gladys Adams. Margarett Kenpton, Ronnie Kenpton both of Denton, Sue Spivey of Santo, Holly Ferris, John Carpenter, Jessie Wortham, Mary Singley, Charlene Starnes, were in to visit with Henry Starnes. Visiting with Dometria Yanez from Stanton, Tx., were Maria Villa, Freddy Villa, from Fort Worth was Delores Molina Thatcher and from Rotan, Thomas Yanez, Modesto Yanez, Benita Molina Carrillo and Antonio Garcia. Tina and Allyson Martin from Lubbock, Delores Molina Thatcher of Fort Worth, Benita Molina Carrillo, Salvador Garcia, Antonita Garcia, all of Rotan, and Maria and Freddy Villa of Stanton, visited with Juanita Trejo.

Eunice Arp of Roby, John and Dennis Kepper of Tye, Tx., and Jessie and Davis Karr of Abilene were in to visit with J.D. Kincaid.

Mary and David Adams of Tye, Phil and Tresa Davis of Houston, Doug of Abilene and Mrs. Robert Dale of Haskell was in to visit with Cleo Simmons.

Margaret and David Arp and De Ann from Sweetwater were in chit chatting with Ruby Rains. Lorena Darden and Jessica were in visiting with Jewel Branch, John Bostick of Odessa and John and Bessie Smith were up visiting with Tennie Bostick. Dona Whitley had several up to visit with her; Wayne Whitley of Grand Prairie, Tx., Joyce and Ossice Whitley of Rotan, Mary and Lee Ann and Opal of Colorado City, Margaret Keystone of Denton, Tx., Rick and Kelley and Zachary Starnes of Snyder, David and Celia Fowler of Abilene, Tom and Mary Crawford of Haskell, Adam and Roger and Mary Anderson of Tye, Faye and W.A. of Sylvester, McTurner of Sweetwater, Jess and Pearl of Blackwell, Tx., were all in town visiting. Dovie Cross and Robert and Denise Brown of Dallas drove in to see Amy Brown.

We have a new resident this week and would like to welcome Mrs. Eric Estes Martin to our facility.

Linda Martin
Activity Director

Home Extension Agent's Report

by Beth Dannheim

ROASTING A WHOLE TURKEY...As simple as 1-2-3!

Turkey is one of today's best meat buys, both nutritionally and economically. Whole turkeys are sold oven-ready: dressed, washed, inspected and packaged. After turkeys leave the processing plant, no hands touch them until for kitchen preparation.

A defrosted whole turkey requires only six minutes to prepare for roasting (without stuffing).

If stuffing is desired, we suggest it be prepared separately, placed in a covered casserole and cooked with turkey during last hour of roasting time.

Follow label instructions for roasting, or use these simple directions to obtain a beautiful golden brown, ready-to-carve-and-eat turkey.

1. Thawing: (if turkey is not frozen, begin with step 2)

Do not thaw poultry at room temperature. Leave turkey in original packaging and use one of the following methods:

No hurry: Place wrapped turkey on tray in refrigerator for 3 to 4 days; allow 5 hours per pound of turkey to completely thaw.

Fastest: Place wrapped turkey in sink and cover with cold water. Allow about ½ hour per pound of turkey to completely thaw. Change water frequently.

Refrigerate or cook when it is thawed. Refreezing uncooked turkey is not recommended.

Commercially frozen stuffed turkeys should not be thawed before roasting.

2. Preparation for Roasting: All equipment and materials used for storage, preparation and serving of poultry must be clean. Wash hands thoroughly with hot soapy water before and after handling raw poultry. Use hard plastic or acrylic cutting boards to prepare poultry.

Remove plastic wrapping from thawed turkey. Remove giblets and neck from the body and neck cavities. To remove neck, it may be necessary to release legs from band of skin or wire hock lock. Rinse turkey inside and out with cool water, pat dry with a paper towel and return legs to hock lock, band of skin or tie loosely. Tuck tips of wings "akimbo" underback of turkey. Neck skin should be skewered with a poultry pin or round toothpick to back of turkey to provide a nice appearance for serving at table. The turkey is now completely ready for roasting to a delicious golden brown.

3. Open Pan Roasting: Place turkey, breast side up, on flat rack in shallow roasting pan, about 2 inches deep. Insert meat thermometer deep into thickest part of thigh next to body, not touching bone.

Brush turkey skin with vegetable oil to prevent drying. Turkey is done when meat thermometer registers 180 to 185 degrees F. and drumstick is soft and moves easily at joint.

Approximate Roasting Time
(325 Degrees F. Oven)

Ready-to-Cook Weight	Roasting Time
6-8 pounds	2¼ to 3 ¼ hours
8 to 12 pounds	3 to 4 hours
12 to 16 pounds	3½ to 4½ hours
16 to 20 pounds	4 to 5 hours
20 to 24 pounds	4½ to 5½ hours

When skin of turkey is golden brown, shield breast loosely with rectangular-shaped piece of lightweight foil to prevent overbrowning.

UPCOMING EXTENSION EVENT: Gifts that Please...but don't squeeze the pocketbook will be presented November 29 & 30 in Roby and Rotan. The program, presented by Bonnie Piernot, Extension Consumer Specialist, is sponsored by the Extension Home Economics Committee and is free to persons. The program will be presented on Wednesday, November 29 at 12 noon in the Annex in Roby and on Thursday November 30 at 12 noon at the Lions Club Building in Rotan.

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Letter To The Editor

Dear Editor:

Congratulations. Your front page editorial on excellence in education (11-9-89) was both timely and inspiring. As a parent and a former university professor in Education, and now a member of the Roby School Board, I strongly support your view that parents remain responsible for the education of their children. Likewise, responsibility for assuring educational results also remains parental, simply because we are their parents.

Although academic and physical instruction is primarily carried out through the school board, administrators and teachers, the moral and legal responsibility for the results nevertheless remains with the parents. To our elected school board, we delegate, not give away, our parental responsibility for training. The school board then organizes, hires and supervises professionals to carry out the educational expectations of the community. As parents, we must demand, expect and provide the very best education for our children; not just the best in Fisher County or in Texas or even the U.S. -----but the very best that can be developed.

The school and its governing board touches more lives in the community than any other organization except the churches. Yet, very little is known about how the board goes about assisting parents in educating their children.

Basically the board has six tasks, in my opinion: (1) Set goals and objectives that state the educational results parents want for their children; and making policies to attain those results. (2) Hire and supervise a superintendent; delegating to their chief employee, the responsibility for the day to day activities. The hiring and supervising of a superintendent is probably the most important decision and ongoing activity a board has. (3) Plan and adopt a budget that assures that sufficient money is allocated to specific programs and that enough money is available to achieve the educational expectations of the board (community). This also includes reporting to the community and being responsible to the parents and community for the educational results achieved and the money spent in the previous year. (4) Approve or disapprove the hiring and salaries of all staff, teachers and administrators. (5) Set tax rates, issue bonds, buy and sell real estate and personal property and enter into contracts in the name of the district. The responsibility to tax and spend makes it possible for the board to produce in behalf of parents and the community, the educational tasks described in items 1-4. (6) The board must also strive to understand the needs of students, parents, teachers, staff, administrators, community and the Nation.

The seven member school board (Roby currently has one unfilled position), is elected by the voters of the district and is responsible to the entire school district. According to state law, board members must obtain 20 hours of board training in the year they are elected and six hours of training every year thereafter as long as they are on the board. The objective of this training is to give board members needed skills for making the best decisions possible in behalf of parents and other tax payers.

Regular board meetings are held monthly. Parents, teachers, business people, the press and the general public are encouraged to attend. These meetings are held in accordance with the Texas Open Meeting Act. Matters up for discussion by the board are posted at the administration office at least 72 hours before the board meeting. Even though a matter is not on the agenda, the board may discuss any subject it chooses. However, action by a vote may occur only on a subject that is listed on the posted agenda.

By law, this is a public school system that must conduct all its business in full view of parents and the press. There are very few subjects that may be discussed in private. Nearly all matters must be addressed in public meetings.

To help carry this openess with the public's business, the board also has an open forum every meeting at which time citizens may address the board on the subject of their choice. However, someone with a complaint, before coming to the board, is encouraged to seek solutions through the proper channels, beginning with the teacher and working up to the superintendent. If at this point, the matter has not be satisfactorily addressed, then a meeting with the board is appropriate. If anyone has ideas concerning the betterment of the school, they are encouraged to come directly before the board. Citizens may also have any item placed on the agenda (thereby allowing a vote at that meeting) by making a written request through the superintendent.

The school board members can only act or speak for the board when it is in session. A board member has no authority outside the board meeting except as a private citizen.

I encourage everyone in Fisher County to become actively involved in our schools. Give them your ideas and support, they help. Thank you, the newspaper readers for taking the time to read this letter and a hearty thanks to the newspaper editor and staff for an active commitment and participation in the public education of our children.

Signed/ Dr. David Morris, Roby, Texas.

Editor's Note: Thanks, thanks for your long, long letter. I appreciate your interest in expressing your opinion on education. I wish others would do the same.

An Open Letter to the City of Rotan:

As a veteran who retired from the U. S. Navy, I would personally like to thank the members of the Rotan school bands, from the youngest to the graduating seniors for the half time show at last Friday night's football game. I served for twenty years for people such as you. I am proud to live in Rotan now and it is because of the people here. Each member of the band, the entire music department and each and every band parent can be very proud of the tribute yielded to the veterans of this country.

A thank you is also due to the people involved with the opening flag raising ceremony. I have never been more proud to be a veteran than I was last Friday night.

Sincerely,
John H. Thompson, HTl
U. S. Navy, Retired

Roby Strikers To Be In Big County Soccer Tournament

The Roby Strikers will be participating in the Big Country Soccer Tournament Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 18 & 19. The soccer games will be played on the Madison soccer fields in Abilene. Directions to the Madison fields are as follows: Exit at Mall of Abilene, turn left on Buffalo Gap Road and continue on to S. 32nd or Edgemont Street, turn left and go two blocks.

The Strikers will play Saturday at 8:40 a.m. on field 7, 11:00 a.m. on field 4, and 1:20 p.m. on field 6. The quarter-finals will be played at 4:30 on field 6. Sunday the Strikers will play at 12:30 on field 4 and the finals will be at 3:30 p.m. on field 3.

One hundred and forty teams are entered in the Big Country Soccer Tournament. "There will be lots of competition awaiting the Strikers but we are determined to bring home the championship trophy," said Coach Karan McClure.

Rotan Eighth Grade Team Defeats Baird Team With 26-6 Win

Rotan won the coin toss and received the opening kickoff with Joe Henry Daniel taking the ball to the Baird 43 yard line. The Rotan drive stalled at the Baird 19 and the Bears took over on downs. The Yellowhammers held Baird and forced them to punt. The ball was centered over the punter's head and Rotan had the ball at the Baird 15 yard line. Steve Warren ran for a Rotan touchdown with Joe Daniel running for a successful two point conversion making the score 8-0 Rotan.

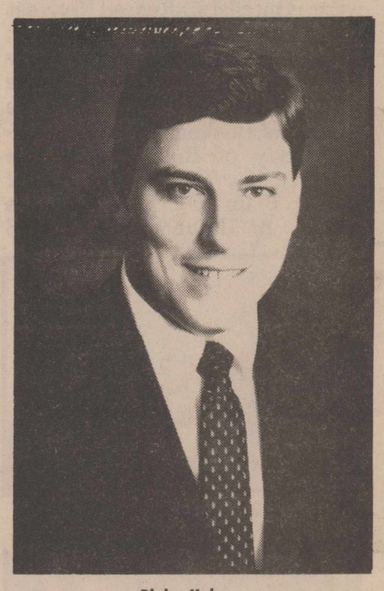
After the Rotan kickoff, the Baird drive stalled at the Rotan 40 yard line. The Yellowhammers took over on downs and two plays later Joe Henry Daniel ran the ball in for another touchdown. The two point conversion failed making the score 14-0.

Baird took the Rotan kickoff and could not drive the ball against the Yellowhammers. The first half ended with the score 14-0 Rotan.

Rotan kicked to Baird opening the second half. The Baird drive stalled, and the Hammers blocked their fourth down punt at the Baird 34 yard line. After a couple of good runs by Warren and Daniel, Mark Marshall scored a touchdown on a quarterback keeper. The conversion attempt failed making the score 20-0.

After the ensuing Yellowhammer kickoff, Baird made a couple of good runs and scored on the Rotan team making the score 20-6.

Baird kicked to Rotan with the Yellowhammers taking the ball to about mid-field. A clipping penalty and motion penalty took them back inside the Hammers own 30 yard line. Steve Warren broke open on a 71 yard run for the last Rotan touchdown. Again the conversion attempt failed making the score Rotan 26-6 which was the final score.



Blake Hale

Blake Hale Named Quality Control Mgr.

Blake Hale, son of John Ross and Margie Hale and a 1979 graduate of Rotan High School, has been named Quality Control Manager for Rocco Turkeys' St. Pauls, North Carolina plant scheduled to open in January, 1990. In his new post, Blake will be responsible for developing and overseeing quality control programs.

Blake has been working with turkey growers in the Shenandoah Valley since 1987 as a serviceperson for Rocco Farms, Turkey Division. Prior to that, he worked for ConAgra Poultry Company in Natchitoches, Louisiana.

In 1983, Blake received his B.S. degree in Ag Business from Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches.

Blake, and his wife, Susan, are the parents of two daughters, Lynnsey age 3½ and Gretchen age 5 months. They plan to live in Lumberton, North Carolina.

Rotan Schools Will Honor Adademic ExcellenceMonday

The parents, grandparents and friends of Rotan ISD students are encouraged to attend the annual 'academic excellence assembly' on Monday morning, November 20th at 9:00 a.m., at the Rotan High School auditorium.

The assembly will honor elementary students who achieved a 93 and above average during the 1988-89 school year; will honor junior high and high school students who achieved academic excellence. Students will be honored with t-shirts and jackets for attaining academic excellence.

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David Senn Announces A Line Of Computers And Services Available

David Senn, owner of SSS Services of Jayton, has announced the addition of a line of computers to electronic services offered by his firm. The computers, all IBM compatible, are reasonably priced and constructed with high quality components.

"Whatever we sell we will be able to service," said Senn. "The catch in the past has been securing good quality, fast service on computers - we feel we can offer area customers the best service available", concluded Senn.

Senn has the capability to custom build any computer from the smallest personal computer to a large hard drive network system with an unlimited number of work stations.

Additional information on the computers can be secured from the advertisement on Page 6 of this week's paper.

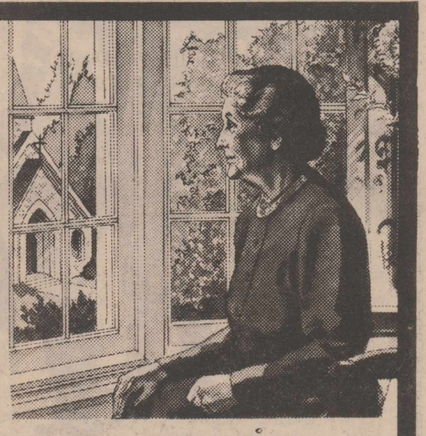
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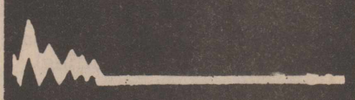


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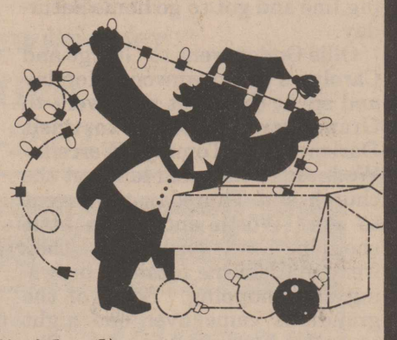
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Rotan Downs Baird To Win District Grid Title In Season Finale

By: Jim Gruben

Rotan Yellowhammers (9-0-1) (5-0) now possess a gold football trophy, engraved - 1989 District Champs, as a result of defeating the state ranked Baird Bears 26-20.

Baird will not soon forget the unranked Yellowhammers, H. Govan Field, and a stadium packed with vocal Rotan fans.

Undefeated Hammers definitely were ready to play, as the scene was set for a game that many people had waited a full year to play.

Eliminating mistakes and maintaining momentum were the keys to winning the game. Momentum definitely swung in the Yellowhammers direction, as the Rotan defense stopped Baird's first possession for negative yardage.

Rotan then drove 54 yards, to the 1-yard line, before a costly fumble halted a sure touchdown.

Hammer defense again stiffened, forcing Baird to punt out of the end zone.

Joe "Ironman" Huitt (21 carries - 200 yards - 3 TD's) capped a 26 - yard drive with a 5 - yard touchdown run with 3:21 remaining in the opening quarter. The score was set up by an 18 - yard gain by Brandon Alls (5 carries -30 yards). Danny Warren's extra - point kick put the Hammers up 7-0.

Chris Kennedy answered the fans chant of Defense! Defense! with a 4th down QB sack to kill the third Baird possession.

Rotan man-handled the Bears with a solid 78 - yard drive that saw QB Kevin Smith and Joe Huitt with runs of 18 and 26 yards, respectively. Huitt covered the final 19 yards with power and determination. Yellowhammer offensive line had definitely risen to the occasion, with intensity and hustle. Warren's kick conversion posted a 14-0 lead with 6:58 remaining in the 2nd quarter.

A swarming Hammer defensive team forced Baird to punt once again after a minus -1 yard offensive production. The hard-hitting Yellowhammers put the "Orange Crush" to Baird ball carriers, who appeared unaccustomed to such contact.

Brandon Alls broke a key 41-yard punt return to the Baird 28. Rotan showed no mercy, as QB Smith (6 carries - 58 yards) sprinted to the 14-yard line, followed by David Daniel dashing the final 8-yards into the end zone.

The extra-point kick drifted wide of the mark, but the Hammer advantage had increased to 20-0.

Momentum was at an all-time high, as Sean Lee and Chris Kennedy each recovered Baird fumbles.

Rotan missed two other scoring opportunities, the final drive of the first half stalled at the 1 yard line with just seconds remaining.

Baird managed to run out the clock and headed for the dressing room, down 20-0.

Halftime statistics had Rotan leading in total offense 216 yards to 72 and penetrations inside the 20 yard line 5 to 1. Joe Huitt logged 112 rushing yards by the midway point.

Baird, ranked number 5 in state polls, was held to only 4 first downs, 52 yards rushing and shut-out in the scoring department.

Bears returned from halftime with more determination than the earlier quarters demonstrated.

Two-way starter, Brandon Alls was lost for the remainder of the game, after an ankle injury was sustained on the opening second half kickoff return. Alls' absence was felt not only on offense but defense as well.

Sammy Daniel, one of the best blockers on the team, also aggravated an existing ankle injury and his tackling and blocking talents were also missed.

Both players are expected to be 100% by the second playoff game.

Baird got back in the contest with two 3rd quarter touchdowns, closing the deficit to 20-13 and shifting the momentum back to the Bears.

Joe Huitt, who surpassed 1500 yards of rushing for the season, showed his sprinter speed by blazing for 62 yards and 6 points. Hammer momentarily achieved breathing room with a 26-13 lead.

Baird countered by driving 75 yards for a touchdown, to narrow the margin to 26-20.

The bad news was that Rotan was then forced to punt early in the 4th quarter, but the good news was that Lane Landes downed the punt on the Baird 1 yard line. A stubborn Hammer defensive unit had an interception nullified by a penalty, but were able to stop Baird on a critical 4th down play.

Rotan was forced to punt the ball back to Baird with only 1:40 remaining in the game.

Starting from the Rotan 22, Baird went to air on their final drive, with time being a factor.

Joe Huitt slammed the door shut on a possible comeback bid, by intercepting a desperation pass with 1:10 remaining on the game clock and 26 to 20 on the scoreboard.

The final seconds ticked off the game clock :05 :04 :03 :02 :01 :00 it was over - Hammers Win! The cheers of the loyal Yellowhammer crowd were deafening, as a goal that started back in August had just come true.

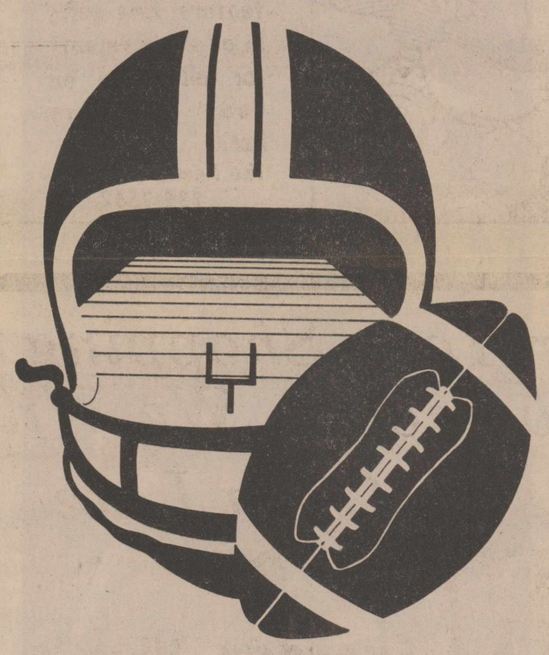
Congratulations to the Rotan Yellowhammers football team, managers, and coaching staff for winning the District Championships, while posting an incredible undefeated record of 9-0-1.

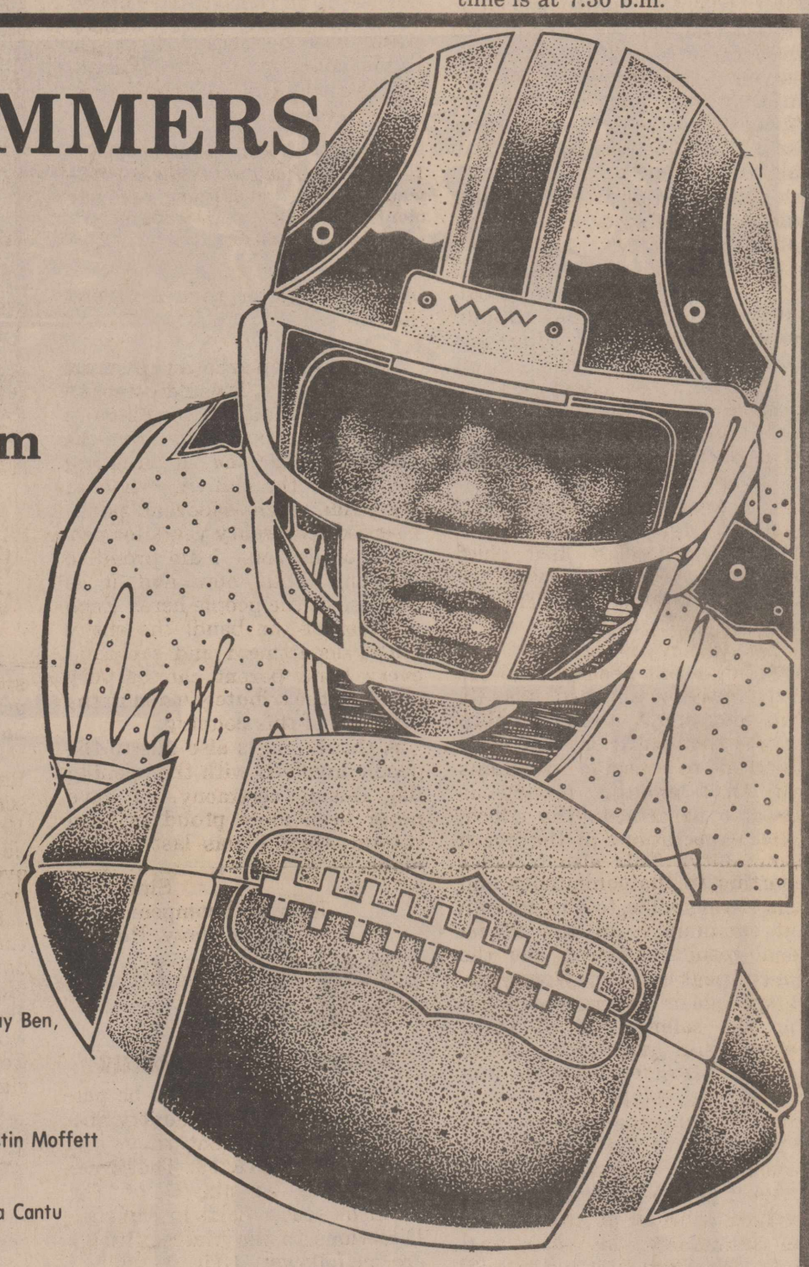
Rotan will travel to Graham Friday night for a Bi-District contest against Paradise (5-5), District 14-A runner-up. Game time is at 7:30 p.m.



ROTAN YELLOWHAMMERS VS PARADISE

November 17-7:30-Graham





Date	Opponent	Time	H/T	Us	Them
Sept. 8	O'Donnell	8:00	T	6	6
Sept. 15	Cross Plains	8:00	H	55	0
Sept. 22	Spur	8:00	T	20	7
Sept. 29	Anson	8:00	T	27	9
Oct. 6	Haskell (Homecoming)	8:00	H	21	18
Oct. 13	Throckmorton*	7:30	H	18	14
Oct. 20	Roby*	7:30	T	64	0
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Nov. 10	Baird*	7:30	H	26	20

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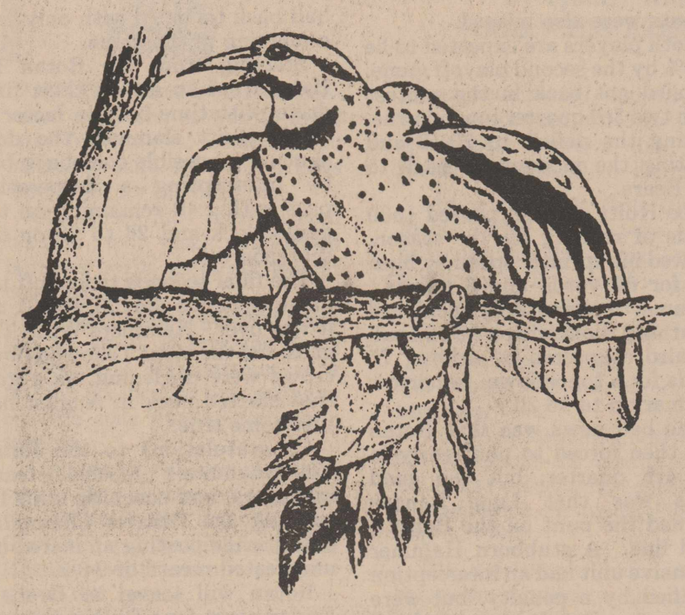
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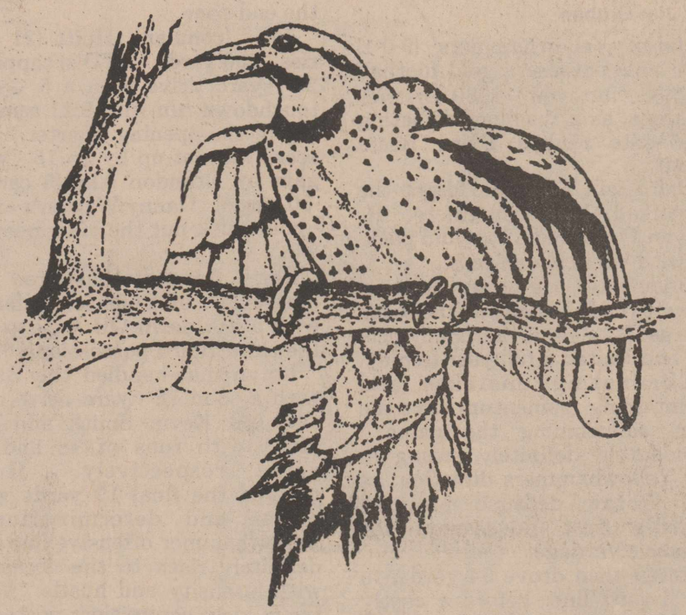
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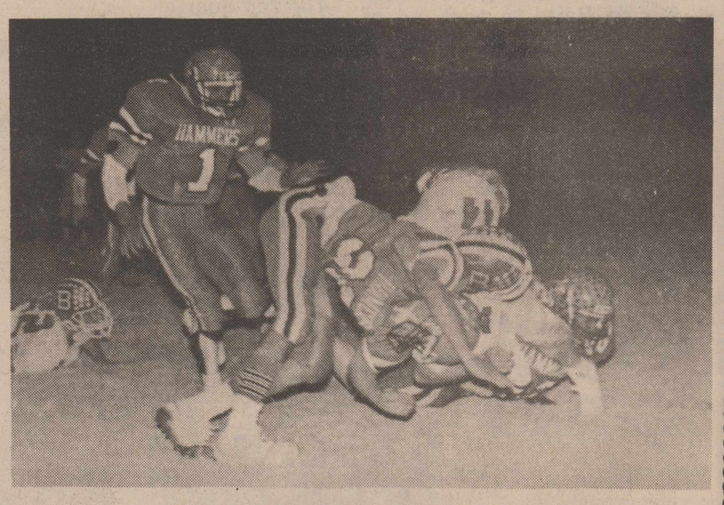




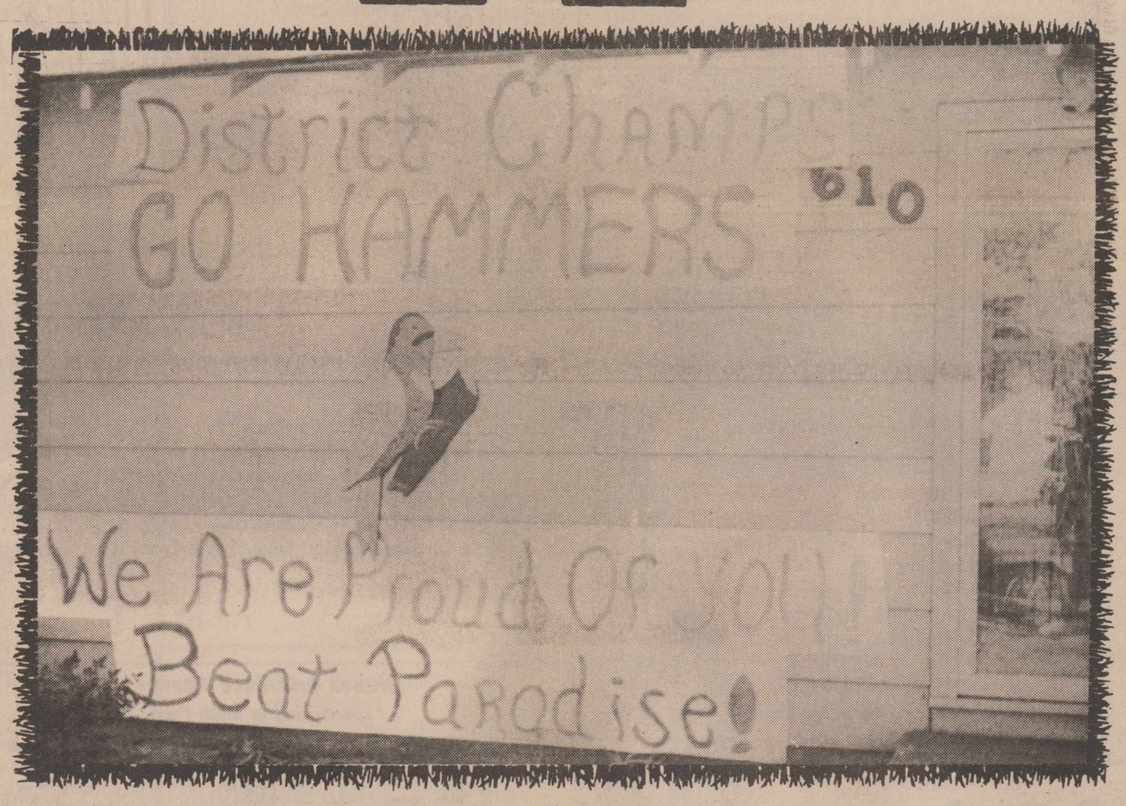


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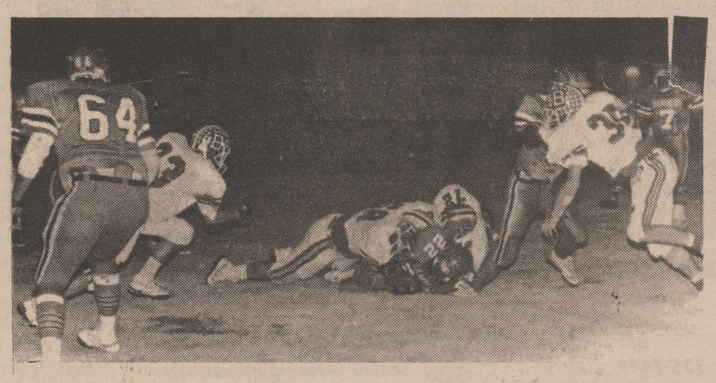












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