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Absentee Balloting Deadline Set For Friday For General Election

The deadline for absentee balloting for the November 7th general election is Friday, November 3. Fisher County Clerk, Bettie Rivers reported that as of last Monday only 5 persons had voted absentee.

Under a 1987 state law which relaxed absentee balloting requirements, Texans are now given the option of casting absentee votes by personal ap-

pearance without having to give a reason for doing so. Applications for absentee voting are available at the Fisher County Clerk's Office.

The November 7 constitutional amendments election includes 21 proposed amendments to the Texas Constitution. They include measures that would raise the salaries of state legislators, the lieutenant governor and Speaker

of the House; authorize the issuance of bonds for water projects and state prison expansion; let the legislature pass laws permitting courts to instruct juries on good conduct time and parole eligibility for defendants; allow state lawmakers to sanction and regulate raffles conducted by non-profit organizations; and various other issues.

The Fisher County voting boxes, locations and judges will be as follows: Box 1, Coffee Room of the Fisher County Courthouse,

Minors Who Sip Suds On Drag To Be Given Ticket

Fisher County minors, some who have become accustomed to 'sipping a cool one' around the court house square in Roby or on the drag in Rotan, better take heed to a crack-down coming up this weekend.

Fisher County law enforcement officers are going to start ticketing minors in possession of alcohol and individuals intoxicated in public beginning this coming weekend, according to information released by Deputy Leland Hicks last Tuesday morning.

Sammy Turner Is Arrested For Aggravated Assault

A Fisher County man was arrested by Fisher County Sheriff Deputies Kerri Blair and Leland Hicks last weekend and charged with aggravated assault after allegedly injuring a Sweetwater man in a fight.

Law officers arrested Sammy Turner, age 24 of Rotan, on October 28th and charged him with aggravated assault against Geronimo Rodriguez of Sweetwater. Turner was jailed in lieu of \$5,000 bond after allegedly injuring Rodriguez and causing him to be hospitalized in Abilene.

Alton Fields Will Be New President Of B.C.A.A. In 1990

Rotan Superintendent Alton Fields is scheduled to be installed as President of the Big Country Administrator's Association. The association, an affiliate of the Texas Association of School Administrators, has a membership of 61 individuals and institutions.

There are currently 34 education institutions and 27 individual memberships in the association.

Fields will take the reins of the presidency in June of 1990 at the annual membership meeting. The current association president is Alan Norman, Superintendent of Schools at Stamford. Fields is serving as vice president of the association for 1989.

Rotan Boosters To Sponsor Spaghetti Supper Friday Nite

The Rotan Yellowhammer Booster Club will be sponsoring a spaghetti supper prior to the Baird football game on Friday, November 10. The supper will be served from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

Admission to the supper will be \$4.00 for adults and \$2.00 for children under 10. Advance tickets are now available through any active member of the booster club. Tickets will also be available at the door.

Roby, Inez Neves as judge; Box 2, Rotan Fire Station, judge Betty Carter; Box 4, District Courtroom at Fisher County Courthouse, Rose Moore as judge; Box 5, Public Library, Rotan, J. A. McClain as judge; Box 6 Fire Station in McCaulley, judge will be Gloria Fergeson; Box 10, Rotan Community Center, Melvin Clements as judge; Box 12, Rotan High School Library (old one in high school building) with Eula Mae Hull as judge; Box 13, School House in Hobbs, judge Louise Martinez; Box 17, Community Center at Capitola, Glen Webb as judge; Box 18, Community Center in Longworth with Sis Killingsworth as judge and Box 22 in the Community Center in Sylvester with Mary Ella Brown as judge.

Theatre On The Brazos To Present 'The Nerd' In Dec.

The Theatre on The Brazos will be hosting a dinner theatre on December 8, 9 and 10 at the Rotan Community Center. Tickets are now on sale for the event and they must be purchased in advance.

"The Nerd" will be the production, under the direction of Linda Dickson. The play will feature the following persons: David Thornton as Rick Steadman, Joe Dickson as Willum Cubbert, Karen Hodges as Tansy McGinnis, Allan Arnwine as Axel Hammond, Gerald Guest as Warnock Waldgrave, Beth Martin as Clelia Waldgrave and Beverly Rister as Thor Waldgrave.

Tickets for the event are priced at \$12.00 for adults and \$8.00 for children 12 and under for Friday and Saturday nights, which will include the play performance and dinner. Sunday night tickets are on sale for \$8.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children 12 and under and will consist of dessert and the play performance.

Ticket sales have already begun and with only 100 tickets per night they are selling fast. Tickets may be purchased through any of the following in-

County Hospital Still Seeking Doctor Candidates For Clinic

Fisher County Hospital Administrator Pete Honon indicated last Monday morning that the prospects of Fisher County securing a doctor to practice at the Fisher County Clinic "appears bleak at the present time".

Hohon indicated that the Fisher County Hospital is currently working through four physician placement firms and at the present time have three physician prospects considering Fisher County. "All three of the physicians have significant problems with a possible re-location to Fisher County however", said Hohon. One physician's wife is against a move to Texas, one physician does not want to treat medicare patients and the third physician is not sure what he wants to do, "I think he is just fishing", said Hohon.

The Fisher County hospital is seriously searching for a physician to fill the void left at the Fisher County Doctor's Clinic when Dr. Ernie Atkins severed

Eleven Take Part In Open Meeting, Open Record Meet

A total of eleven individuals from Fisher County attended a one-day seminar at McMurry College last Thursday outlining the Texas Open Meeting and Texas Open Records acts.

The meeting was sponsored by Region 14 - Education Service Center; The Freedom Of Information Foundation of Texas and the Abilene Reporter News.

Attending from Fisher County were: (Rotan) - Alton Fields, Marshall Hill, Jim Cain and David Hargrove; (Roby) George Price, Andy Moore, Richard Gaona, David Boyd, Dr. David Morris, Rosemary Donham and Irma Guerra.

his relationship with the district, said Hohon. The administrator concluded by saying that "This is a tough time of the year to be recruiting doctors, it is mid-semester, most doctors are going to re-locate or move in the summer, but we are still actively pursuing a physician".



SCARE IS OVER: Fisher County Health Officer Dr. C. Maurice Callan seemed relieved and had a few minutes to chat last Monday, some 10 days after the spinal meningitis scare hit Rotan. He knew of no other children at risk with the spinal meningitis and was again complimentary of the fine work by medical and volunteer people in responding to the emergency. We received our share of publicity on the scare. Seems the AP or UPI picked up the story, sent it nationwide and caused quite a stir. Tip your hat to Dr. Callan, the pharmacists, the hospital employees, the Fisher County Sheriff and his deputies and anyone else you can think of who 'had our interest at heart' during the emergency. One final word - remember the McDonald family in your prayers.

WATCH OUT JIM: The Texas Farm Bureau and two other agriculture groups claim Nolan Ryan, Texas Ranger pitcher, could defeat Agriculture Commissioner Jim Hightower in the 1990 election. Jim Hightower has some problems with the farmers and ranchers of this great state. Hightower upset a lot of the 'good old boys' with his tough stand on enforcement of the pesticide regulations. He may be in trouble.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS: Midwest Electric Cooperative, Rotan Gin Co., and the Newspaper Office have banded together to support the presentation of a page outlining the 21 constitutional amendments. The page gives the wording on the ballot, an explanation and several arguments 'for' and 'against' passage of the amendment. Thanks to Vesta Orr, and Jim Gruben for supporting the presentation of the page to Fisher County voters.

CIGARETTE SMOKING: Picture two loaded 747 jumbo jets crashing every day killing everyone on board. That's how many people die daily from smoking, said Surgeon General Koop. During a recent commuter flight, I witnessed a flight attendant completely embarrass a man and everyone on board by confronting this smoker who 'lit up' in the lavatory. That is a no-no, carries a stiff fine and in case you didn't know is potentially dangerous to other passengers.

BAD IDEA: Gene McNary, new head of the Immigration and Naturalization Service said recently that he was opposed to digging a proposed 4 1/2 mile ditch in Southern California to discourage illegal border crossings from Mexico. I think McNary made a good decision in opposing the ditch - give anyone long enough and they will figure out a way to cross a ditch. McNary said he wanted to secure the border "in a humane way". He thought fences more humane. Berlin Walls, Great Walls of China, fences, ditches, barbed wire - save your money.

NEW RULES: Beginning with the 1990-91 school year, the statewide tests mandated by the Texas Education Agency for grades 3, 5, 7 and 9 will measure students' problem solving ability and complex thinking skills. Also, high school students taking the exit-level test will be required to produce a written composition in the writing section of the examination. Commissioner of Education W.N. Kirby said "Educational achievement is not something that educators can accomplish alone. We need the help and support of parents, businesses, civic and political leaders, churches and other community organizations. Education must be a partnership emphasizing excellence and cooperation in order to be successful." I agree, however; teachers and administrators are the ones I am holding responsible for what is taught in the classrooms, not business people, community leaders or churches.

FINALLY: Ol' Whistle Britches from his Shinnery Ridge Ranch out at Rough Creek sent me these free words of advice.

GRANDPARENTS: Just about the time a woman thinks her work is done, she becomes a grandmother.

HUMAN NATURE: We naturally admire the wisdom and good judgment of those who come to us for advice.

LYING: Lying about people annoys them very much, but sometimes telling the truth annoys them a lot more.

MIND: The fellow who boasts of his open mind may only have a vacant one.

MISTAKES: Often our mistakes serve a useful purpose. Our friends find great satisfaction in pointing them out to us.



SIGN INSTALLED: A new sign hailing Fisher County as the 'Quail Hunting Capital of Texas' was recently installed on the Robert Nemir farm located near I-20 near Sweetwater. Sign was made by Joe Hull and installed by Midwest Electric Coop and Fisher County crews. The sign invites interested persons desiring additional information to write 'Quail, Roby, Texas'.

Three Percent Discount On Taxes Extended To Nov. 10th

Fisher County Tax Assessor Collector Teddy Kral indicated earlier this week that the traditional 3-percent October tax discount is being extended until November 10th. All Fisher County property owners paying taxes up to and including November 10th can take the 3-percent October discount. This is being done to compensate for the notices being sent out late, said Kral.

Taxpayers making tax payments after November 10th

will be entitled to the normal 2-percent November discount and taxpayers making payments in December are entitled to the 1-percent discount.

All tax payments are due in January and begin accumulating penalties on February 1st, said Kral.

Kral indicated that the office will be closed on Tuesday, November 7th, Election Day and Friday, November 10th in observance of Veteran's Day.

Editorial Comment

By Kim Pease

Proposition 1 Smells

This is my opinion, if you're interested in the bottom line first - I oppose proposition No. 1 on the Constitution Amendment ballot.

If you're interested in all the reasons behind the opposition they are listed below.

Texans and Fisher County residents will be going to the polls on Tuesday November 7th to cast votes on 21 proposed constitution amendments. Proposition No. 1 has to do with the salaries of the members of the legislature.

The wording on the ballot will be "The constitutional amendment to limit the salary of the lieutenant governor and the speaker of the House of Representatives to not more than one-half of the governor's salary and to limit the salary of the member of the legislature to not more than one-fourth of the governor's salary."

Currently, under Article III, Section 24, of the Texas Constitution, a member of the legislature receives a salary of \$600 per month (\$7,200 annually) and an additional per diem of \$30 for each day during a legislative session.

The governor's salary is set by the legislature, and is currently \$93,432. The proposed amendment would increase the legislator's salary to \$23,358 and the salaries of the speaker and the lieutenant governor to \$46,716. The amendment also provides that no law changing these salary amounts could take effect until a general election intervened. The first salary increase for legislators, including the speaker, would not take effect until the convening of the regular session of the 72nd Legislature in January of 1991, and the first salary increase for the lieutenant governor would not take effect until the first day of the new term for that office in January of 1991.

I personally favor public servants getting a pay increase, I don't favor that increase to be in the area of a 224-percent pay hike, and that is what it will be if the voters of Texas and Fisher County vote in favor of Proposition No. 1.

I'm of the opinion that the wording on the ballot is misleading and I don't like being misled. I therefore will vote against Proposition No. 1 and ask that the other voters of Fisher County consider doing the same.

Ninety Percent Of Budget In County Judge's Office Salary

Over ninety percent of the budget for the office of Fisher County Judge was comprised of salary and benefit items for the Judge and secretary, according to figures released in the 1988 audit by Fisher County Outside Auditor Andy Hart.

After subtracting salary figures, social security, health insurance and retirement figures from the total budget of \$45,742.00 for the office of Fisher County Judge a lean \$3,349.00 re-

mains. The highest item on the budget after salaries and benefits is a telephone bill of \$1,843.00. Fisher County Commissioners budgeted a total of \$44,656.00 for the office of Fisher County Judge, however; that budget figure was exceeded by \$1,086.00 making the actual money spent in the office during 1988 audit period \$45,742.00. The complete listing of expenditures as they appeared in the audit are reproduced 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			
Expenditures	ACTUAL	BUDGET	VARIANCE (FAVORABLE UNFAVORABLE)
County Judge:			
Salary-Elected Official	22,152	22,152	-0-
Salary-Secretary	12,470	12,350	(120)
Social Security	2,600	2,591	(9)
Health Insurance	2,746	3,000	254
Retirement	2,424	2,415	(9)
Office Supplies	118	250	132
Travel-Out of County	172	100	(72)
Maintenance Agreement	135	-0-	(135)
Telephone	1,843	1,254	(589)
Legal Ads	14	-0-	(14)
Post Office Box Rent	17	13	(4)
Texas Register	80	80	-0-
County Information Guide	-0-	75	75
School Tuition and Expense	75	50	(25)
Radio Equipment	746	150	(596)
Postage	150	176	26
Total County Judge	45,742	44,656	(1,086)



State Capital Highlights

By Lyndell Williams
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

AUSTIN—The problem for Texas voters in next year's election is becoming clearer, even if the answer is not:

- Some candidates will promise that school finance reform can be structured without a tax hike.
- Others will say it will take \$2 billion in new taxes, so pick your favorite new tax.

Rhetoric from both schools of thought, not falling along party lines, filled Capitol halls last week, even as the state education commissioner told a House panel that if current monies were redistributed to equalize education funding, some \$1.05 billion would be taken from rich school districts and given to poor ones.

Meanwhile, Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby unveiled his proposal to resolve the deadlock over workers' compensation insurance reform, while Gov. Bill Clements angered pro-life leaders by refusing to call a special session on abortion issues.

The Legislature will convene in a few days for a third try at lowering workers' comp insurance rates, and Clements has already promised to call another in the spring to equalize the public school financing formula.

Praise, Barbs For Hobby

If drawing praise from the opposition and wrath from one's friends is any indication of success, Hobby's plan will sail. Described by Hobby as "a solution, not a compromise", his plan drew encouraging praise from Gov. Bill Clements and the pro-business side of the issue.

But trial lawyers and labor leaders blasted him for caving in to forces seeking to remove jury awards from the process.

New Lt. Gov. Candidate

Houston businessman Rob Mosbacher, entering the race for lieutenant governor on the Republican ticket, pledged to serve only two terms and not become an Austin political institution.

It was an indirect swipe at the longevity of two Democrats, front-runner Comptroller Bob Bullock and outgoing incumbent Bill Hobby.

Both have served longest in those offices in Texas history, some 17 years. State Sen. Chet Edwards, D-Duncanville, is also in the race.

Mosbacher, who chairs the Texas Human Resources Commission, said he would bring the abortion issue to the Senate floor for a vote, and pledged to hold state agencies accountable for spending and performance.

Other Campaign Proposals

Two Republicans running for governor unveiled new campaign planks, one calling for "factories behind fences" in prisons and the other promising to meet the Supreme Court's school finance order without new taxes.

Railroad Commissioner Kent Hance said prisoners could work for industrial concerns and keep 20 percent of earnings, the rest going to defray costs of incarceration, victim restitution and family support programs.

Dallas attorney Tom Luce believes the state could avoid new taxes by giving school districts more flexibility to use their management skills.

Mattox, Clements

And Atty. Gen. Jim Mattox, Democratic gubernatorial candidate, said it again: "unequivocally, I am opposed to new taxes. I'll veto it if it comes to my desk as governor."

This is important, as his stance seems to be a departure from current Democratic Party thought and it shrewdly sets the stage to contrast Mattox with former Gov. Mark White, who may soon enter the race.

White, you may recall, pledged no new taxes in '82, then set out to push the largest tax bill in state history, as he later told an Ohio crowd, by "raising every tax and fee in sight."

Clements refused Mattox' request to include a state lottery issue in the coming special session, and predicted Mattox would never be governor.

Other Highlights

- State Rep. Larry Evans, D-Hobby.

Houston, was beaten by four assailants after he refused a panhandler's request.

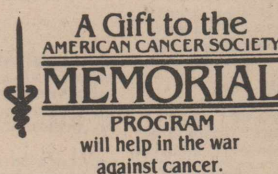
- A state water commissioner said the feds might pre-empt some Texas water rights if urban and rural areas don't settle their lawsuit over the Edwards Aquifer.

"Then every person in Texas loses," said Commissioner John Birdwell.

- A Texas A&M survey indicates Texas children between ages 4 to 12 are saving more money, about 30 percent from work, gifts and allowances.

That's more than their parents save, and higher than the 11 percent indicated by the '85 survey.

- Texas A&M at Galveston topped the state's increase in enrollment for the second straight year.



CASA MORALES
RESTAURANT
735-2658
Rotan, Texas

CITIZENS STATE BANK
776-2261 Member FDIC
Roby, Texas

CLINIC PHARMACY
735-2500
Cleburne Murdoch-RpH
Rotan, Texas

FARMERS UNION CO-OP GIN
Bud Guelker-Mgr.
776-2337 Roby, Texas

ROTAN NURSING CENTER
735-2233 Rotan, Texas

FISHER COUNTY HOSPITAL
DISTRICT
Pete Hohon-Administrator
735-2256 Rotan, Texas

LANDES FURNITURE
Loys & Larry Landes
735-3171 Rotan, Texas

SUMMERS FLYING SERVICE
Neal Summers
735-3477 Rotan, Texas

WEATHERSBEE FUNERAL HOME
735-2255
Rotan, Texas

FISHER COUNTY
NURSING HOME
735-3291 Rotan, Texas

Bennett BW Walls

Sunday
Hebrews
12:12-29

Monday
James
3:1-12

Tuesday
1 Peter
1:3-12

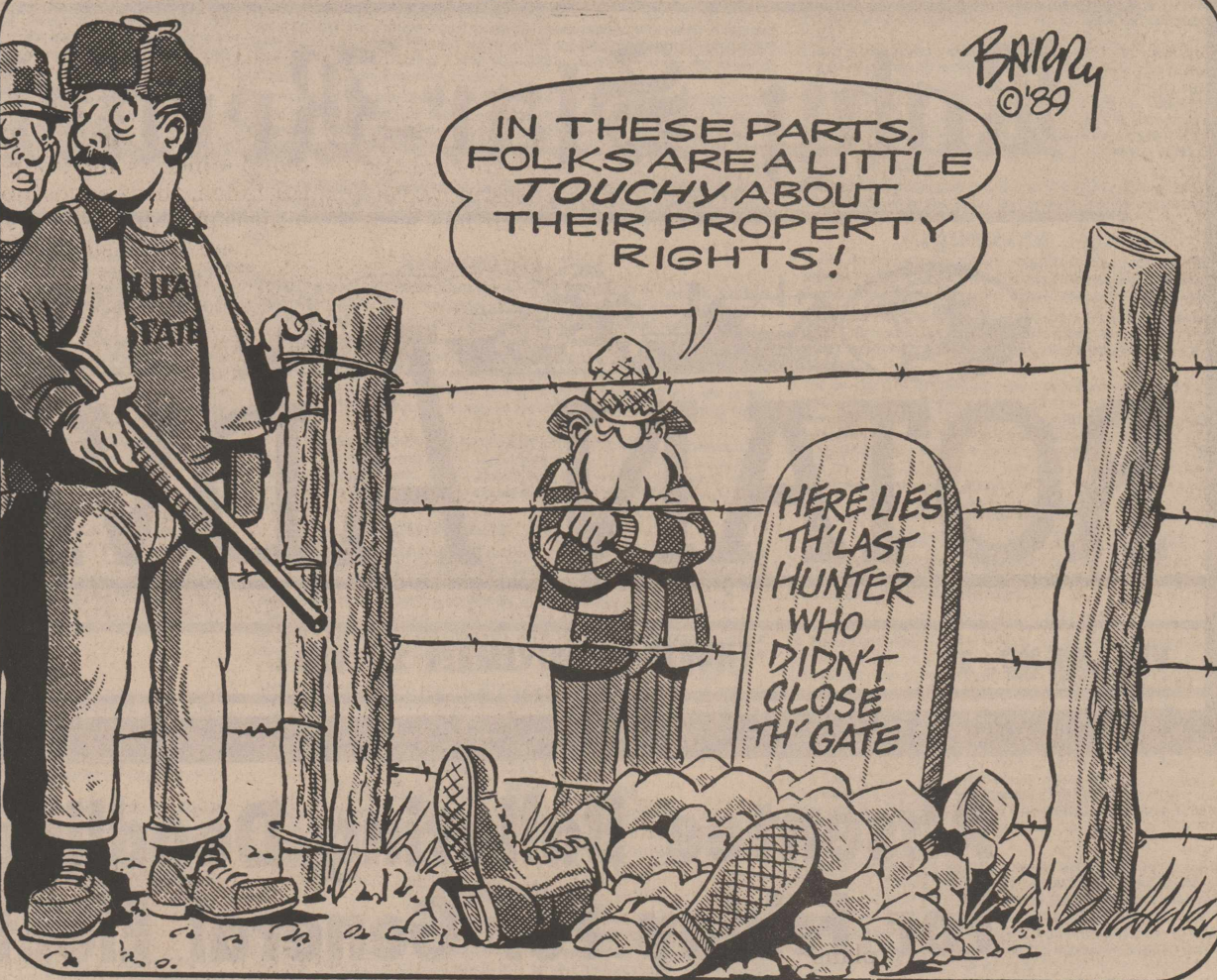
Wednesday
Revelation
7:9-17

Thursday
James
1:19-27

Friday
James
2:14-26

Saturday
1 Peter
12-19

J.P. Doodles



FISHER COUNTY CHURCH DIRECTORY PROPER MAINTENANCE



Have you ever driven along an old country road and out in a distant field noticed an old vintage automobile squatting in the tall grass? And as you passed it by its headlights, like eyes, seemed to follow you. Perhaps, for a moment made you wonder what stories it could tell. Like ourselves, possibly accounts of happy times, distant trips and proud feelings we have experienced.

However, in final neglect, this once magnificent machine, now rusted out, no longer functioning properly has been abandoned. It now lies in lonely and desolate surrounds, wasted and forgotten.

The hard miles and long endless roads we travel in life take its toll. Tired of it all we sometimes end up in disrepair and give up. If we don't want to end up like the car in the field, we must keep ourselves in good condition.

Your church or synagogue can offer you the best satisfied service guaranteed to keep you well tuned, shining and new.

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Attend Church Sunday

This Page Presented By The Listed Individuals & Bussinesses

MISSION BAUTISTA CALVARIO-ROBY REV. ELI SEPEDA S.S. 9:45 a.m.-Worship 11:00 a.m. Sunday Eve. 5:30 p.m.-Worship 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Night Service 7:30 p.m.	FIRST UNITED METHODIST-ROBAY REV. TERRY LOWE Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 a.m. Sunday Evening 6:00 p.m.	HOBBS BAPTIST CHURCH HOBBS COMMUNITY REV. P.A. MITCHEM Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Worship Service 11:00 a.m. Sunday Evening 6:00 p.m.	CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE-ROBAY REV. CLAUDE LEDBETTER Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship 10:45 a.m. Sunday Afternoon Worship 3:00 p.m.
FIRST UNITED METHODIST-McCAULLEY REV. LYLE REECE Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship Service 11:00 a.m. 2nd Wednesday Fellowship 6:20 p.m.	FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH-ROBY REV. ALVIN PETTY S.S. 10:00 a.m.-Worship 11:00 a.m. Sunday Evening Choir Practice 5:00 p.m. Worship Service 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7:30 p.m.	FOURSQUARE CHURCH-ROBAY REV. ROBERT KENNEDY Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship Service 11:00 a.m. Sunday Evening 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Night Service 7:00 p.m.	McCAULLEY BAPTIST CHURCH McCAULLEY REV. L.D. (DUTCH) PARKS Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship Service 11:00 a.m. Sunday Evening Service 6:00 p.m.
CHURCH OF CHRIST-ROBAY S.S. 9:45 a.m.-Worship 10:45 a.m. Sun. Eve. Ladies Bible Class 5:00 p.m. Worship Service 6:00 p.m. Wed. Evening Bible Study 7:30 p.m.	LITTLE ZION BAPTIST-ROBAY REV. JAMES CARRINGTON Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Worship Service 11:00 a.m. Wednesday Night Service 7:00 p.m.	ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH-ROBAY FATHER AUSTIN KITTEREDGE Sunday Morning 9:00 a.m. Mass Saturday Night Mass 7:30 p.m.	CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH-ROBAY S.S. 10:00 a.m.-Worship 11:00 a.m. Sunday Evening Bible Study 6:00 p.m. Worship Service 7:00 p.m. Wednesday Night Service 7:00 p.m.
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH-ROBY REV. STEVE PEACE S.S. 9:45 a.m.-Worship 10:55 a.m. Church Training 5:00 p.m. Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7:30 p.m.	CHURCH OF CHRIST-ROBY ERIC CUPP, MINISTER S.S. 10:00 a.m.-Worship 10:45 a.m. Sunday Evening 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Night 7:00 p.m.-Nov.-April 8:00 p.m.-May Thru October	CROSS ROADS BAPTIST-ROBAY REV. JAMES P. (PAT) ANDERSON S.S. 10:00 a.m.-Worship 10:50 a.m. Sun. Evening Training Union 6:00 p.m. Worship Service 7:00 p.m. Wednesday Night Service 7:00 p.m.	FIRST UNITED METHODIST-ROBY REV. LARRY CRUMPTON S.S. 9:45 a.m.-Worship 10:50 a.m. Sunday Evening UMW 5:30 p.m. Worship Service 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Night Choir Practice 7:00 p.m.
SYLVESTER BAPTIST CHURCH- SYLVESTER REV. DON KITCHENS S.S. 10:00 a.m.-Worship 11:00 a.m. Sunday Evening 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Night Service 7:00 p.m.	FIRST UNITED METHODIST-SYLVESTER REV. LYLE REECE Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Service 9:30 a.m. Community Dinner 6:00 p.m. On 3rd Wednesday Evenings	JOY	EMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH-ROBAY REV. FELIX SILVA Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship Service 11:00 a.m. Sunday Evening Service 5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Worship 7:00 p.m.

From Fisher County's Past

From The Newspapers

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO

The official ground-breaking ceremony for the Fisher County Hospital was to be held on October 31, according to Ralph Ammons, board chairman. A committee composed of 3 representatives from each county Lions Club was appointed to make recommendations for the ceremony. The committee consisted of Dr. Jerry Marshall, H. Thompson and Pat Wester of Rotan and Ralph Ammons, Leon Donham and Carl Matthews of Roby.

The Citizens Committee appointed by the Rotan Independent School Board, to study the school district's financial future heard Superintendent Tom Harkey hint that an increase in the percent of assessment may be one possible solution to the school district staying in the black.

Mace T. Coleman was promoted to the position of vice president, merchandising operations for the Gold Bond Building Products Division of National Gypsum Company.

TEN YEARS AGO

James Jeffrey was named as the 1979 Fisher County Gold Star Boy, according to Fisher County Extension Agents, Richard Spencer and John Schunacher. James is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Jeffrey of McCauley.

Jan Wright, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Wright of Roby, was named Fisher County Gold Star Girl for 1979 according to County Extension Agent, Mrs. Alice Ballenger.

The members of the Rotan High School senior class nominated four senior girls for 1979 Homecoming Queen. The nominees included Lynda Henderson, Ramona Pearson, Irene Martinez and Julie Posey.

A total of 21 Rotan area children entered carved pumpkins in the Third Annual Pumpkin Carving Contest sponsored by the Newspaper Office. Donny Carl Gruben, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Gruben of Rotan won first place and a \$25.00 savings bond.

FIVE YEARS AGO

The Fisher County 4-H'ers participated at the State Fair of Texas, Livestock Show and came away with top placings. The results were as follows: Light Weight Angus, Reggy Spencer-3rd; Sharron Haggard-7th; and Evette Gruben-8th; Heavy Weight Angus, Ricky Spencer-3rd; Finewool Sheep, Kenlee Dennis-12th; Heavy Weight Suffolk Cross-

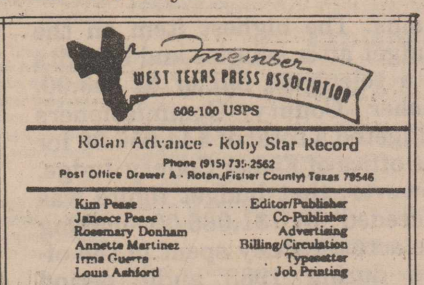
Stephen Henington-21st.
Regulations for implementing President Reagan's Farm Credit Initiatives were completed and were being distributed to Farmers Home Administration (FmHA) field offices, Charles W. Shuman said.

LAST YEAR

Carye Gruben, daughter of Donald and Sheila Gruben was the winner of the Farm Bureau District 6 Free Enterprise Speech Contest. Her efforts netted her a \$1,000.00 scholarship from the Texas Farm Bureau.

Winners in the Rotan Chamber of Commerce Second Annual Pumpkin Carving Contest included the following: Most Unusual - Cory Rains; Best Decorated - Paige and Tara Nowlin; Funniest - Andrea Carrillo; Largest - Phillip Yanez and Smallest catagory was won by Megan Carrillo.

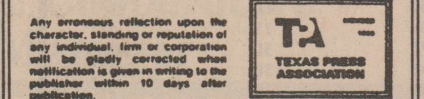
The Rotan Yellowhammers moved up two places in the Harris Poll, while Baird only advanced one spot. The Yellowhammers were ranked a week before in 9th place, jumping to 7th after the 51-6 shellacking of the Roscoe Plowboys.



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POSTMASTER-Send address correction changes to The Newspaper Office, P.O. Drawer A, Rotan, Texas 79546.





Tracie Sawyer

Tracie Sawyer Receives "Miss Huntington Beach" Crown

Tracie Sawyer, granddaughter of Mrs. Bertha Sawyer and the late Frank Sawyer was recently crowned "Miss Huntington Beach".

Tracie is currently attending Orange Coast College and plans to transfer to U.C.L.A. to complete her degree in Psychology. The "Miss Huntington Beach" pageant is a scholarship pageant in which Tracie was judged in her ability to speak to the public, and in the areas of talent, swimsuit, and evening gown. Tracie's parents, George and Roberta Sawyer and her grandparents, Chester and Donna Cooper are all formerly of Rotan; her great-grandfather, Mr. R.P. Stephens is residing in Sylvester.

Yellowhammer Booster Club To Hold Volleyball Tournament

The Yellowhammer Booster Club is making plans for a volleyball tournament and a flag football game to be held in the near future. Anyone who is interested in fielding a team or participating is encouraged to attend the booster club meetings on Tuesday nights at 7:30 p.m. in the old high school library.

Roby Lions Lose To Throckmorton Greyhounds

The Roby Lions lost their seventh game of the season Friday night at the hands of the Throckmorton Greyhounds 27-8. The score, in no way reflected the closeness of this contest however. The Lion team, which has been reduced to 13 players due to injuries and academic losses, stood

toe to toe with a very good Greyhound football team and gave Throckmorton everything they could handle. The Lion team, which is made up of three freshmen, three sophomores, four juniors and three seniors, showed their fans a classic determination and desire to win. This young

team's performance on this stormy night was ample proof that these athletes have the necessary character to face adversity and, even though the scoreboard doesn't show it, be winners in the much larger game of life. There was not one fan of this team that came away from Throckmorton with anything but pride in this Roby team.

Roby forced Throckmorton to abandon its tough inside running game and resort to 3 long pass plays and one fumble to score against the Lions. Both teams showed tough defensive play that limited both offensive units total yardage.

In the first half, neither team was able to move the ball and end-

ed with Throckmorton ahead 7-0.

The second half produced three more scores by Throckmorton despite a tremendous defensive performance by Roby. Roby never gave up and late in the fourth quarter drove 60 yards for their only score when Sammy Castillo scored from one yard out and Joe Don Helm added the two point conversion.

Roby is preparing for this week's game with Baird at Lion Stadium. This is the final home game for the Lions this year.

Everyone is urged to come out and support these young men who have worked and committed themselves to being a better team for the past year. Based on their

performance last Friday, they certainly deserve to be supported.

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NEWS BRIEFS

A rat and coyote control meeting will be held Tuesday, November 7, at 7:30 p.m. at the Courthouse Annex in Roby, according to Richard Spencer, County Agent.

Rosemary Heinen, Wildlife Damage Control Specialist and Bob Barrington, Fisher County Government Trapper will be on the program. Rosemary will discuss Rat Control and any other varmint problems farmers and ranchers may have.

She is also available to do farm demonstration work if needed. Barrington will discuss coyote control.

The Annual Fisher County 4-H Awards Banquet will be held Monday, November 6, 7:00 p.m. at the Roby School Cafeteria. 43 4-H'ers will receive awards for their completed projects.

Senior 4-H members appearing on the program will be David Shipp, Teresa McClure, Kevin Smith, Jennifer Kincaid, Chuck Dannheim, Jessica Moore and Audra Lewis.

The Roby Future Homemakers will cater the meal. Banquet sponsors are Midwest Electric Coop and Citizens State Bank.

Fisher County Sheriff's Posse will host a Playday on Saturday, November 4. Books open at 6:00 p.m.

Events will be barrels, flags, poles and special events. Six and under will also have boot scramble and stick horse race.

Concession stand will be open. Playday will be at the arena 1 mile west of Rotan.

Saturday, November 4, 1989, is the Annual Fall Festival at Hermleigh United Methodist Church. This event will begin at 9:00 a.m. and run until 4:00 p.m. on the church grounds.

A barbecue lunch will be served beginning at 11:30 a.m. The menu will include brisket, german sausage and roast pig with all the trimmings. There will be fun, fellowship and several activities going on under the big tent. The activities include a flea market, Christmas items, arts and crafts, plus lots of homemade foods. Everyone is welcome at Hermleigh UMC.

THANK YOU

We would like to say Thank You and to express our appreciation for the kindness shown us during the loss of our mother. The compassion and understanding of Dr. Maurice and nursing staff, Weathersbee Funeral Home, Tommy Harbin's beautiful service, your kindness with prayers, visits, flowers and food will always be remembered.

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Lina Belle McIntosh*

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REPORT OF CONDITION

Consolidating domestic subsidiaries of the
FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF ROTAN of Rotan
in the state of Texas, at the close of business on September 30, 1989,
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Statement of Resources and Liabilities

ASSETS

Cash and balances due from depository institutions:		
Noninterest-bearing balances and currency and coin		1,909
Interest-bearing balances		0
Securities		25,261
Federal funds sold		375
Securities purchased under agreements to resell		0
Loans and lease financing receivables:		
Loans and leases, net of unearned income	22,542	
LESS: Allowance for loan and lease losses	405	
LESS: Allocated transfer risk reserve	0	
Loans and leases, net of unearned income, allowance, and reserve		22,137
Assets held in trading accounts		0
Premises and fixed assets (including capitalized leases)		616
Other real estate owned		728
Investments in unconsolidated subsidiaries and associated companies		0
Customers' liability to this bank on acceptances outstanding		0
Intangible assets		0
Other assets		1,434
Total assets		52,460
Losses deferred pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 1823(j)		N/A
Total assets and losses deferred pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 1823(j)		52,460

Comptroller of the Currency Administrator of National Banks

FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF ROTAN

REPORT OF CONDITION (Continued)

Dollar Amounts in Thousands

LIABILITIES

Deposits:		
In domestic offices		48,243
Noninterest-bearing	5,193	
Interest-bearing	43,050	
Federal funds purchased		0
Securities sold under agreements to repurchase		0
Demand notes issued to the U.S. Treasury		0
Other borrowed money		0
Mortgage indebtedness and obligations under capitalized leases		0
Bank's liability on acceptances executed and outstanding		0
Notes and debentures subordinated to deposits		0
Other liabilities		625
Total liabilities		48,868
Limited-life preferred stock		0

EQUITY CAPITAL

Perpetual preferred stock		0
Common stock		600
Surplus		400
Undivided profits and capital reserves		2,626
LESS: Net unrealized loss on marketable equity securities		34
Total equity capital		3,592
Losses deferred pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 1823(j)		N/A
Total equity capital and losses deferred pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 1823(j)		3,592
Total liabilities, limited-life preferred stock, equity capital, and losses deferred pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 1823(j)		52,460

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

I, Linda J. Deen

Vice President, Auditor of the above named bank do hereby declare that this Report of Condition is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

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Katherine Marie Contreras And John Paul Morgeson Exchange Wedding Vows

Katherine Marie Contreras and John Paul Morgeson exchanged wedding vows October 21, 1989 in the bride's home in Odessa. The bride was given in marriage by her brother, Mike Longoria.

Honor attendants were Laura Salgado of Monohans and Brad Boyd of Roby.

Kathy is a 1987 graduate of Permian High School and American Commercial College. She is the daughter of Cristela Contreras.

John is a 1981 graduate of Roby High School and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gayle Morgeson of Lubbock.

Following a brief wedding trip, the couple will live in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

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News From Down South

By Bertha Warren

I talked with some friends in Cimarron, N.M., Sunday night and they were having a snow storm. One large tree limb in their front yard had already broken under the weight of the snow and it was still snowing. Guess that's where our cooler weather came from Sunday night.

Mable Warren had talked with the Bill Jones' at Kermit and they were all busy and doing fine. Bessie Jones has been feeling real good the last few months. Melba's son, Tommy and Darlene of Grandbury spent Thursday and Friday with her. They visited Ollie Ogden both days. George Ogden from Brownwood spent Friday and Saturday with Ollie.

Rotan Nursing Center News

We are looking forward to all the little spooks tonight. Calvin Crow watched us play horse shoes and he is wondering how Willie Garrett got so good. Pearl Price and Laura Smith is catching up to Willie too. Our balloon toss is sending everyone in fits of laughter especially when the activity director has to rescue the balloon. Looks like our walking club may be slowed down till spring. On good days though, you can still see us out looking for interesting sights.

Our nursing home is spooky looking with the spiders and witches hanging around each corner. One resident remarked that she has been dreaming about ghosts and goblins since the decorations have gone up. We would like to thank Rachel for doing our hair while Susie is tied up at home. Both of these ladies have helped bring beauty and love to our home. Lorene Little called bingo

They all left for home Saturday night.

Frances Morgan and Viola Evers went to Big Spring Thursday to watch grandson B.J. Clark play in the Pecos/Big Spring 7th grade football game. Another grandson Shaun Clark, a senior hurt his shoulder again in the high school Pecos/Big Spring game and the doctor informed him he could not play ball anymore. We hate to hear this as Shaun loved the game so much.

Kenneth Smith of Sweetwater spent Sunday morning with his parents Charlie and Thelma Smith. The Smiths had talked with their granddaughter Teri Kay and her husband Bill Hall

and Bill got to come home for a few days before returning for more treatments. Bill has been in the hospital for about 10 weeks.

Jack and Stella Mash are first time great-grandparents. Their daughter, Glenda and her husband, Steve Crowley of Henrietta have a new son born Sept. 28. His name is Jared Steven. His other great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Jay Grebbs of Sweetwater. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Harold Crowley of Henrietta and Don and Elloise Grubbs of Wichita Falls. Congratulations to all concerned.

Stella accompanied Pat Neepor to Abilene Sunday night to a tea given in Pat's honor for being appointed Deputy of Eastern Star in this division. It was a very nice event and about 52 registered. Congratulations to Pat.

Bob and Helen Ratliff of Hamlin visited Jewell Ratliff Saturday.

Erna Lee Jones went home with Oleta and Dale King last week and after the Ratliff reunion, she visited with three of her granddaughters. Misty and her family in Mesquite got to babysit with the new great-granddaughter, Kristin, then she visited with Linda at Garland and then on to Eulen to attend Dwana Steven's graduation. She and Dwana returned home Wednesday night. Dwana leaves for Midland this week where she will be working. She will be living with an aunt and uncle, Gary and Susie Mosley for a while.

Not much going on in South Fisher County this week. Call and let us know what's going on in your world.

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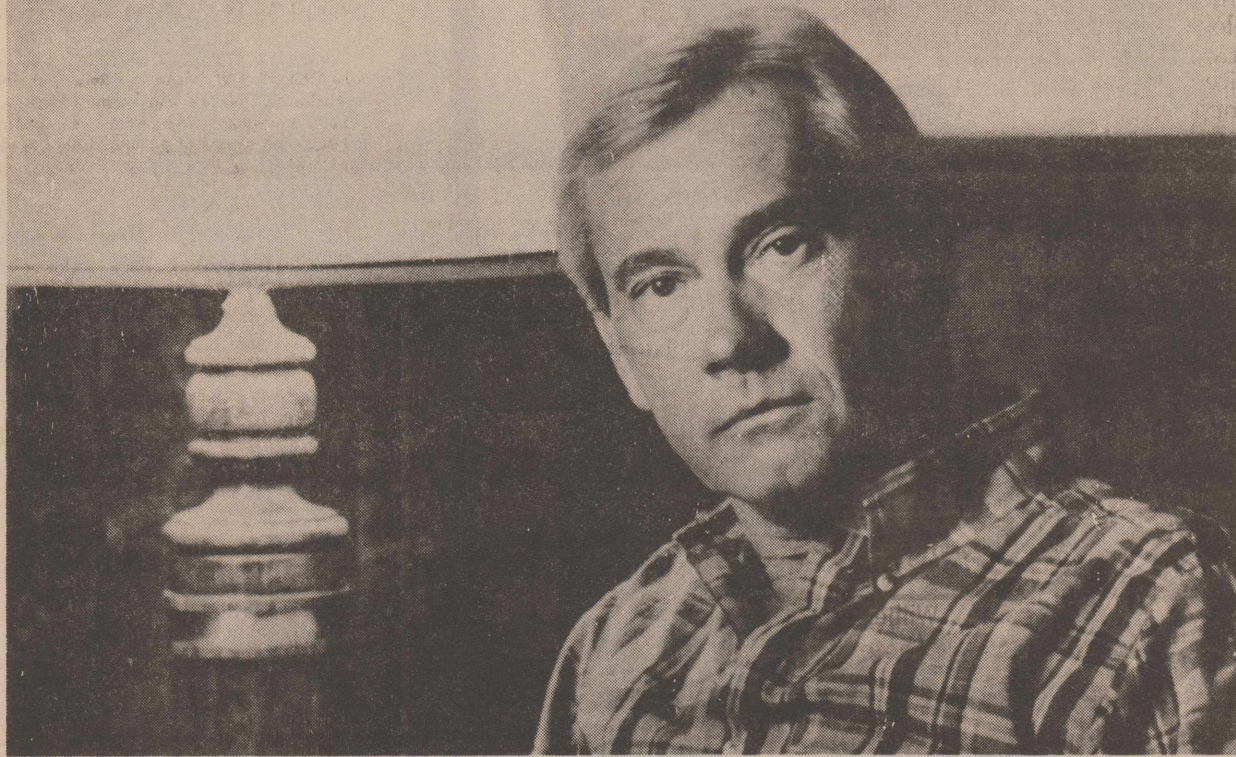
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Hustling Around Hobbs

By Joy Walker

Well it seems more like fall this morning (Monday) and when that norther hit, it really blew and nearly all the leaves are finally off my apricot tree. We were supposed to get some rain when the cold front came in, but so far the skies are blue and it's a lovely morning, although the wind is still blowing.

We did get just a light shower Friday night and sure had a thunderstorm with plenty of lightning and thunder. Some folks got more rain than others, but here at the house I only measured two tenths and it barely settled the dust. It was really damp and humid Saturday morning and I worked in the yard for a while trying to fill in the holes in my lawn that an armadillo had made. They root just like a pig in moist places and sure have made

a mess of my lawn. The time change makes the mornings seem much longer, and it gets darker earlier, but is so nice and light in the mornings when I have to get up and go to work.

Visiting with the J.W. Etheredges for the weekend were all their children; Mr. and Mrs. Todd Etheredge, Jeremy, Chase, Skyler and Samantha from Durango, Colorado. They came Friday and stayed until Monday. Mr. and Mrs. David Etheredge, Dustin and Brandon from Loveland and Debra's sister, Delinda from Florida all visited on Saturday. They also visited with Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Teel at Claytonville. Vicky and Randy Etheredge and Cody also visited over the weekend, and Mr. and

Mrs. Sam Etheredge and Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Barrett were also there during the weekend. Mrs. Lealon Wilburn was also there visiting, so they had a full house.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Anderson left last Wednesday for a short trip; they toured Mesa Verde National Park in Colorado, and saw the Anasazi Indian Pueblo remains (800 to 1250) which was very interesting. There was also a good museum on the grounds. They saw lots of deer in the park and then some on the way to Colorado Springs. They arrived there Friday and visited with their niece, Linda Anderson. Saturday they toured the Garden of the Gods and the Air Force Academy (the Visitors Center and Cathedral). They left Colorado Springs the following Tuesday and returned home. Said they saw some beautiful scenery and they really enjoyed their trip. Sunday was Great Day in the Morning - High Attendance Day in Sunday School. We had a large crowd, the largest we have had in a long while, and were pleased to have Mr. and Mrs. Gary Nettleton and Christi at church Sunday morning. Bro. and Mrs. P.A. Mitcham went to Snyder and ate lunch with Buddy Burnett Sunday.

John and Teresa Swofford from Lubbock came to the James Ratliffs Saturday night and spent the night and then returned home on Sunday.

Joe B. Martinez is feeling very much better and he got to come home from the hospital one day last week. The Rudolph Martinezz went to Abilene on Saturday; while there they visited with Emilio and Mary Martinez.

We were sorry to hear that Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Hardin's trailer house burned last Tuesday; they live out at Corpus Christi. They lost just about everything in the fire. Kenneth and Barbara visited

with Bea on Sunday.

Sunday after church that night, I attended the Children's Choir musical at Cross Roads Baptist Church and it was so adorable. All the little kids did so well and they have so many that can really sing. I know that lots of folks worked hard and long hours with the kids to make it all so perfect. After the musical we all had supper in the Fellowship Hall and I sure enjoyed the evening.

Mrs. Opal Phillips has been gone, she went to Post on Tuesday and stayed until Sunday evening. Her son and his wife Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Phillips came after her and brought her home Sunday. She really enjoyed her visit.

Well this is all for this week. Don't forget to watch out for all the little kids when you are around the school area. See you next Thursday.

Second Annual Quail Cookoff To Be Held On November 11th, Sponsored By Lions Club

Excitement builds in Fisher County as the second annual Quail Cookoff approaches. Saturday, November 11, is the day of the big event and the Roby Lions Club is ready for it.

The Lions Club will be cooking an all you can eat breakfast for the public that morning from 7:00 to 9:00. The cost is \$3.50 per person. The breakfast will be served at the activities building at the RV Park on the Cottonwood Creek on Highway 70 just south of Roby. All the Quail Cookoff activities which include band music, a skeet shoot, the quail cooking contest, and door prizes will take place at the RV Park.

The Lion's Club breakfast will include pancakes, sausage, eggs and bacon. And for the one price you can fill your plate as many times as you want.

The Roby Lions Club wanted to

support this county event wholeheartedly and decided that this was the best way to do it. Lion J.T. Palmer said, "This is a county event that has the promise of growing into something big and helpful for our whole county. If we support it now and help it grow, we are not only going to have fun but we will be doing our county a service for the future."

Led by Lion Boss Milton Peebles the whole Lions Club will be there to serve the breakfast and to eat all the leftovers. Lions Zana Anderson, Keifer Cauble and Steve Davis are the committee in charge of cooking the breakfast. Lion Alvin Petty, who usually cooks breakfast for the Club board meetings, has been relegated to serving tables as the Club concluded that his pancakes were too irregular and monstrous

to charge the general public for. The Roby Lions Club encourages the whole county and surrounding area to come out to the Quail Cookoff and join in the fun. The Roby Lions Club is a 100% Club. That means that they faithfully support all the International Lions Club charitable works. One Lion stated, "The people of Fisher County need to get behind such events as this and support them 100%. We have everything to gain and nothing to lose by so doing."

Fisher County Nursing Home News

We have two new residents this month; Dona Whitley and Amy Brown. Katie Boles was in the hospital the first part of the month but is doing better now and is back with us. W.A. and Faye of Sylvester, Jess and Pearl of Blackwell, visited Dove Cross; Judy and Ronnie Baird of Charleston, S.C., Joe and Lil Oliver and Pete Arp of El Paso, Margaret and David Arp of Sweetwater, Janie Rains of Rotan, visited Ruby Rains. Larry Crompton of Roby, Mike and Judy Turnbow of Abilene, Becky Anderson, Pamela Genby of Tye visited Arlene Smith. Angie Sepeda, Liz Gonzalez both of Lubbock, Xavier, Joe David Omar, Janie Flores all of Abilene visited with San Juana Sepeda.

Pamela Gentry, Melody Lemons of Rotan visited Lanetta Moore; Pamela Gentry visited with Minnie Porter. Ryan Branch, Bonnie Duke, Lorena Darden visited Jewell Branch, Jim and Eva Lanham of Hanelue, Philip and Mary Cain, Bob and Margaret Frade of San Antonio, Bell and Juanice Frande of Fredricksburg visited Nelle McGuire. Mrs. Walter Cleveland, Walter and June Summers of Blackwell, Ruby Long, Opal Williamson, Edith McGennis, Melody Lemons, Pamela Gentry, Ruby Lang of Rotan visited Verona Cross. John and Grace Davis of Odessa, Linda, Mary, Joe Martin of Abilene, Mike, Sue Collins of Tye, David B. Oden of Sylvester, Ted and Opal of Abilene visited Edna Taggart, John Boslick, Dianna Heardy, Richard Heardy of Odessa, Melody Lemons, Ruby Lang of Rotan, Opal Williamson of Roby visited Tennie Bostick. Charley, Minnie Merrick, Louise Williams, Ossie and Joyce, L.D. Parker of Rotan, Cleo Woolf of Abilene,

Mickey Farres of Snyder, Debbie Sullivan, Bubba Sullivan of Midland, David and Susan Gomez of Early, Frank and Teresa Hernandez of Tye visited Antonio Saiz. Tina Allyson Martin of Lubbock, Paul Trejo, Cruz Martinez, Jr., of Rotan, Ben Torres, Salvador Torres, Heather, Kristina Martinez of Abilene, Judy Salazar of Troy, Ester Sepeda, Roland Sepeda, Eluterio and Lilly of Lubbock, Juan and Lehis Santos of Houston visited Jessie Salazar.

Ray and Mary Ballard of Haskell, Robert Martinez of Rotan, Carl and Janet Yates of Tye, Bobby and Sue Ballard of Roscoe, Tom and Mindy Rolland of Cisco visited John Sharp. Lino Yanez, Epifanio Gaspar, Sr., Rickey, Margaret Yanez and family, Santos and Mary Yanez, Eluterio and Lile, Thomas, Anitra Yanez visted.

We are eagerly awaiting the return of our activity director, Karla Roberts and we wish her a speedy recovery from her illness.

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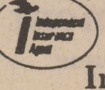
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GARAGE SALES

GARAGE SALE: November 2, 3, and 4th, 111 E. 4th, Rotan. Mostly new items for Christmas, jewelry, beauty supplies, cameras and billfolds. 39:1tp

ESTATE SALE: November 10, 11 and 12th from 10:00 a.m. till 7 Medical equipment, 1978 Chevy Caprice. 508 E. 7th, Rotan. 39:2tc

BACK YARD SALE: 308 E. 6th, beginning at 8:00 a.m., Friday in Rotan. 39:1tp

BACK YARD SALE: Friday and Saturday, from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., 920 E. 5th in Rotan. Weather permitting. Windows, screens, mini blinds and furniture, clothes and lots of miscellaneous. 39:1tc

YARD SALE: Friday and Saturday, November 3rd and 4th, at 105 West Lee, Rotan. Childrens clothes, bedspreads, curtains, quilt tops, odds and ends. 39:1tp

GIGANTIC GARAGE SALE: Furniture, refrigerators, cook stoves, heaters, dishes, lots of miscellaneous. 125 S. Central, Hamlin, old restaurant building. 39:1tc

GARAGE SALE: Friday and Saturday, November 3rd and 4th, beginning at 9:00 a.m. Joyce Smith home, 2 miles E. of Rotan. 39:1tc

YARD SALE: Everything cheap. 301 W. Johnson, Rotan, Thursday and Friday. 39:1tc

BAKE SALE AND YARD SALE: Saturday, November 4, 1111 North Cleveland, Rotan, 9:00 a.m. to ? 39:1tp

GARAGE SALE: Fisher County Craft Co-op Store. Highway 180 Roby, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. 39:1tc

GARAGE SALE: 908 E. 5th, Rotan, Thursday and Friday. 39:1tp

GARAGE SALE: November 4th, 8:00 a.m. till ? Christmas tree, ornaments, clothes, furniture and toys. 914 E. Johnson, Rotan. 39:1tc

MISCELLANEOUS

FOR SALE: November 3rd and 4th. 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., 911 E. 5th, Rotan. Lots of things to choose from, cut glass dishes, clothes, jewelry, used tires and other things. 39:1tp

HUGE THREE FAMILY GARAGE SALE: North Church and 2nd St. in Roby, Friday and Saturday, November 3rd and 4th. Kitchen appliances, large Christmas tree and trimmings, dishes, nice clothes and lots of junk. 39:1tc

GARAGE SALE: 309 E. Burnside, Rotan, Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. 39:1tc

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Hammer Happenings ...

By: Melinda Weidler



Pep Rally: Yeah! Another pep rally! Come join the crowd, and cheer on our team at the pep rally in the high school gym, Friday, at 3:25 p.m.

Football: This is the week of our game against the Roscoe Plowboys. The team will play in Roscoe, at 7:30 p.m., Friday. Be sure to go and support our team for another victory!

Annals: Now is the time to buy your annual for the 1989-90 school year. Contact a student on the annual staff, and buy one for \$25.00.

Cross Country: Last week, four runners from Rotan High School competed in a cross country meet.

They all did very well. Landon Alls placed second in the boy's competition, and Michael Weidler placed fourth. In the girl's competition, Terri Johnson placed first, and Heather Randolph placed fourth. Congratulations you all!

Band: We would also like to congratulate our band for their performance at the concert in Abilene last Saturday. We are proud of them, they did very well.

Obituaries

Jim "Ned" McWhirter

Jim "Ned" McWhirter, 80, passed away Friday, October 27, 1989 at a Houston Hospital. He was a retired Chief Engineer and master mechanic at Sift & Co.

He was born in Roby, Texas. A member of the Tarrant Masonic

Lodge 942, Tarrant Chapter and Council 416 and 349.

He was a Worth Commandery 19. A member of Moslum Temple Shrine and a member of the United Methodist Church.

Services were at 3:30 P.M., Wednesday at Shannon North Chapel, Ft. Worth, with a graveside service at 11:00 A.M., Thursday at the Roby Cemetery.

Survivors include: 1 sister: Nell Jenkins of Virginia.

Geraldine (Jim) Rushing Brumfield

Geraldine (Jim) Rushing Brumfield, 69, of Kingsland, died at 9:10 P.M., Tuesday in the Llano Memorial Hospital in Llano. Services were held at 2 P.M., Thursday in Weathersbee Chapel with Rev. Steve Peace, pastor of the First Baptist Church, officiating. Burial was in the Rotan Cemetery under the direction of Weathersbee Funeral Home.

She was born August 1, 1920 in Fisher County and was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Bert Rushing. She married Edwin William Brumfield July 29, 1941 in Fisher County. They had lived in Kingsland for the past 6 years, moving there from Odessa. She was a member of the East 10th Street Baptist Church in Odessa.

Survivors include: Husband of Kingsland; 3 sons: Bill of Carrollton, Larry of Kingsland, James of Kingsland; 1 brother: Bob Rushing, Houston; 2 sisters: Eula Vern (Bill) Thornton, Midland, Vernie Coan, Rotan; 6 grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and 2 brothers: Bert Rushing, Jr. in 1975 and W.D. Rushing in 1989.

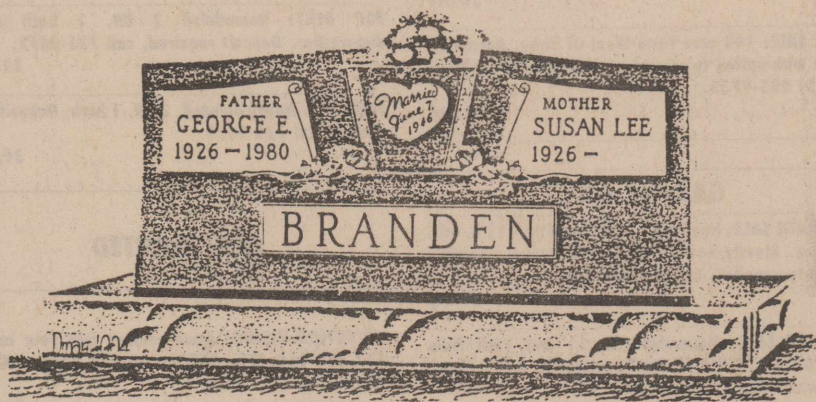
Pallbearers were: Jim McCright, G.W. Crawford, Kenneth McCright, Danny Stephens, Wayne Thornton, Troy Denton, Bobby Rushing, Jr., Dueaine Coan, Brian Harrison.

THANK YOU

The Family of Mary Rackley wishes to thank our friends and neighbors for the many acts of kindness of love shown to us during our sorrow.

Thanks to Brother Norton and Brother Steve for their comforting service. Also to Dr. Callan and the Weathersbee Funeral Home for all their help. May God Bless each and every one.

MONUMENTS



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Mobile Breast Cancer Detection Unit Of Odessa To Be In Rotan

The Mobile Breast Cancer Detection Unit of Odessa, Texas, which services Rotan, Texas, today received the certification of the American College of Radiology Mammography Accreditation Program.

Mammography is an x-ray examination of the breast, which

Fisher County Senior Citizens To Sponsor Turkey Dinner Nov. 5

The Fisher County Senior Citizens will be having a turkey dinner on Sunday, November 5th. Everyone is invited to attend the dinner, as the Senior Citizens are continuing their fund raising projects to finish their building repairs.

The dinner will be served from 11:30 until everyone is through. Prices will be \$3.50 for adults and \$2.00 for children under 12. The dinner will consist of turkey and dressing and all the trimmings with a special treat of homemade dessert.

South Plains Quarter Horse Breeders Hold Horse Show

The South Plains Quarter Horse Breeders Association held their two day horse show, October 28th and 29th in Lubbock at the Livestock Pavilion on the fairgrounds.

Justin Smith and his horse Dyna Jolly Bar were the All-Around Youth Champions for both days. Justin and "D.J." received first places in Hunter Under Saddle, Western Pleasure, Western Horsemanship and Trail. They will receive All-Around trophies from the American Quarter Horse Association.

the American Cancer Society and other medical experts see as the best means for the early detection of breast cancer.

The program is voluntary and is designed to insure that women receive optimum quality mammographic examinations. The process is done through a peer review evaluation of the facility's staff qualifications, equipment, quality control and quality assurance programs, image quality, and breast dose. The accreditation program was instituted because of the concerns of radiologists, other national medical organizations, and the public that qualified personnel perform and interpret mammograms and that dedicated mammographic equipment be used. The American College of Radiology received an American Cancer Society Control Grant

which was used to pilot test the Accreditation Program.

Breast cancer will strike one in 10 American women. The American Cancer Society predicts that about 41,000 women will die of breast cancer this year. As there is no way to prevent the disease, early detection and treatment offer the greatest hope for survival.

The American Cancer Society recommends that women do monthly breast self-exams and have regular physical breast exams by a doctor. It further recommends mammography on the following schedule:

A baseline mammogram (for reference) between age 35 and 39.

A mammogram every one or two years between age 40 and 49.

An annual mammogram from age 50.

The Breast Cancer Detection

Unit will be in Rotan, Texas on Monday, November 13th. You may call 735-2256 for an appointment.

Hospital News

Patients admitted to the Fisher County Hospital October 24 through October 30 were:

Agnes Crite— Rotan; Lois Counts— Rotan; Birtha Daniel— Rotan; Erlinda Natividad— Rotan; Esther Jones— Roby; Manuel Valdez— Roby; Revis Robertson— Hamlin; Carol Torano— Sweetwater; Cornelius Daniel— Rotan; Mary Brown— Sylvester.

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According to the American Cancer Society, one out of ten women will develop breast cancer sometime in her lifetime. It is currently estimated



that over 37,000 women die each year as a result of breast cancer.

Ninety percent of breast cancers are diagnosed by women or their physicians finding a lump in the breast. Women who are diagnosed with a lump large enough to feel have a 50 percent five year survival rate. A woman who is diagnosed as having breast cancer by mammography, before a lump can be felt, has a 97 percent five year survival rate and a 90 percent 10 year survival rate. The cost is only \$60.00.

A mammogram can detect a cancer this small, even before it can be felt.

TAX PLANNING

Written By
James E. Rodgers, CPA



YEAR-END TAX CUTTING SUGGESTIONS

Consider these suggestions for minimizing your 1989 tax liability:
* You can reduce your tax liability by delaying the receipt of income until 1990 and by paying more deductible expenses before December 31, 1989. Estimate your 1989 taxes first to see if this strategy makes sense in your situation.

* If you decide to defer income, consider asking your employer to delay paying your bonus until next year. If you have a cash-basis business, send out bills late in December so payments will be received in January. Remember, however, that you cannot defer taxation by merely refusing receipt of money to which you are entitled.

* Accelerate deductions by paying before December 31 your real and personal property taxes and charitable pledges.

* Avoid penalties for underpayment of estimated taxes, if necessary, by arranging with your employer to withhold additional amounts before December 31. Unlike quarterly estimated tax payments, withholding is treated as though it occurred throughout the year.

* Repair business equipment and buildings before year-end in order to deduct the expense in 1989.

* If you're a shareholder/employee of a personal service corporation, you may want to increase your salary or bonus before year-end. PSCs pay a flat 34% on all taxable income, but if you take such income out of the corporation as wages or bonus, it will be taxed on your personal return at a maximum 28% (with a 5% surtax in some cases).

* You can elect to expense up to \$10,000 of the cost of business equipment placed in service in 1989. There is a \$2,560 expensing limit on vehicles, and the expensing option is phased out if your total purchases for 1989 exceed \$200,000.

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Jamie Strickland Engaged To Scott Taylor

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Strickland are announcing the engagement of their daughter, Jamie, to Scott Taylor; son of Mrs. Rosalinda Taylor of Fredonia, New York and Robert Taylor, Phd. of Las Vegas, Nevada.

The bride-elect graduated from Rotan High School and the School of Radiology at Methodist Hospital in Lubbock and is

employed as a Radiology Technologist at Southpark Medical Center in Lubbock.

The prospective bridegroom graduated from Chaparral High School in Las Vegas and attended the University of Nevada. He is presently employed by Dr. Karl T. Dockray of Lubbock.

The couple is planning to be married in Lubbock on December 2, 1989.

"Developing Leaders" Program To Be Held At Rotan On November 9th

Parents and other interested community members are invited to attend a program entitled "Developing Leaders: Making a Difference in Your School and Community" on November 9, 1989, at Rotan ISD, L.R.C., from 5:30 to 8:45 p.m. The program is broadcast from TI-IN Network and feature Stephen Boyd of the Washington Leadership Institute in Seattle.

The program focuses on how educators and parents can encourage leadership in young people. Highlights include how to work with young people to develop a sense of personal responsibility and compassion for others and how to balance, challenge, and support them to move them beyond the "authority" struggles. Strategies for developing leadership capacities, including self-initiated community projects, focus groups, peer/mentoring, advisory groups, writing, and community resource development will also be featured. Stephen Boyd is President of

the Washington Leadership Institute and founding Director of the Washington Governors' School for Citizen Leadership in Seattle. A former Fellow at Harvard University's Center for International Affairs, Mr. Boyd works with educational and business groups in the areas of leadership development, organizational change, team building, communication skills, conflict management, and negotiation.

TI-IN Network is a satellite broadcasting network currently serving over 800 school districts in 29 states. All of TI-IN's programs are live and interactive. Participants can call in on a special unit and talk, not only to the presenter, but to other participants as well. The network remains on the air year round and offers a wide range of staff, teacher, student, and community programs. For more information, contact Patsy Hamric at 735-2128.

Teresa McClure And David Shipp Selected As Fisher County Gold Star Award Recipients For 1989

Teresa McClure, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dudley McClure of Roby, and David Shipp, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Shipp of Roby have been selected as the Fisher County Gold Star Award recipients for 1989.

Teresa's award is based on her outstanding recreation and leadership projects. She has organized and participated in Share-The-Fun for 4 years, three of which she progressed to state. She has performed district wide at various civic events. Teresa served on the steering committee

to organize a Teen Recreation Center in Roby and has helped to organize a yearly county wide banquet honoring the Fisher County Senior Citizens.

Teresa is a member of the Fisher County Junior Leaders and has been active in 4-H club work for 9 years. She has participated in the foods and nutrition, swine, and family life 4-H projects. She has presented two family life demonstrations at state and placed 4th at state with a Citizenship in Action illustrated

talk. This past year she represented Texas at an Economic Development Conference at the National 4-H Center in Washington D.C.

Teresa is now a Freshman at Western Texas College in Snyder and is majoring in journalism.

In early December, she will attend National 4-H Congress in Chicago, Illinois as the State Winner in the 4-H Recreation Program.

David is a 10 year Fisher County 4-H member.

His 4-H projects include beef, recreation, horse, swine, foods, horticulture and leadership.

David has exhibited beef cattle at all the major shows in Texas.

In 1987, he was on the Share-The-Fun team that won the best musical and placed 4th at State.

He has been involved in the Fisher County 4-H Exchange Program, served as a junior leader and club president. He was on the program for the 4-H Senior Citizens Valentine Banquet and a member of the Senior Livestock Judging Team.

At Roby High School, he was active in all sports and a member of the National Honor Society.

David is a member of the Roby Junior Volunteer Fire Department and attends First United Methodist Church.

He is presently enrolled at Western Texas College majoring in Agriculture.



Teresa McClure



David Shipp

Rolling Plains District Food Show November 4th

Fisher County 4-H members are making final preparations for the Rolling Plains District 4-H Food Show. It will be held Saturday, November 4, at the Sikes Senter Mall Shopping Center in Wichita Falls.

In the Foods Project, 4-H'ers learn the importance of including foods from each of the basic food groups in the daily diet. They learn the principles of nutrition as they relate to health, physical fitness, and appearance as well as acquiring and demonstrating skills in planning, purchasing, preparing, and serving tasty, attractive, and nutritious meals and snacks.

A total of 12 4-H'ers from the county will compete in the District Show. They are: Kelly McWilliams of Roby, Katy Cade of Rotan, Monroe Moore of Roby, Shelley Baker of Rotan, Melissa Burk of Rotan, Mandy McKinney of Rotan, Chad Dannheim of Roby, Anita Floyd of Roby, Shelia Green of Roby, Christie Anderson of Roby, Christie Parr of Rotan, and Jessica Moore of Roby.

Entrants from 21 counties will compete in Senior, Intermediate, and Junior Divisions. Each division has four food classes: Main Dish, Fruits and Vegetables, Breads and Cereals, and Snacks and Desserts. Contestants in the District event are all winners of their County Food Shows. Senior

Division winners in each category will advance to the State 4-H Food Show next June in College Station.

Special Beef Awards will be given by the Wichita Area Cattlemen.

County Extension Agent Beth Dannheim said the contestants will report to the shopping center in Wichita Falls at 9:30 a.m., November 4. Judging will begin at 10:00 a.m.

The dishes will be on display in the mall, and the public is invited to view them. Ribbons and awards will be presented during an Awards Ceremony at 2:00 p.m.

Cookbooks containing all the recipes prepared in the District Show will be on sale at the competition for \$4.

Roby Cubs Take Victory Over Throckmorton

The Roby Cubs won their second game of the season with a

36-0 victory over the Throckmorton Greyhounds. In winning their second game the Cubs continued to show alot of improvement and the ability to line up and play "smash-face" football. The game was totally dominated by the Cubs. The Cubs ran up 351 yards in total offense, while limiting the Greyhounds to 42 yards total for the game.

Roby took the opening kickoff on its own 20 yard line and behind the running of Chris and Thomas Cortez 80 yards for the score to lead 6-0. Roby's defense forced a punt on Throckmorton's next possession and Chris Cortez returned it to the Throckmorton 20 yard line. From there Roby took the ball on a 3 play drive to make the score 12-0.

Roby's third score came on a 40 yard run by Thomas Cortez and Chris Cortez added the 2 point conversion for a 20-0 Roby lead at halftime.

The second half was again all Roby. The Cubs did not allow a Throckmorton first down until the third quarter. Roby's defense was led by J.T. Elmore, Joe Zum-

walt, Robert Vallencamp, Coby and Bryce Moore, Chad Dannheim and Joey Valdez. Roby's fourth score came on a 60 yard run by Thomas Cortez and a successful two point conversion made the score 28-0.

The Cubs final score came on a reverse by Ralph Amador that went for 60 yards. The two point conversion was good and Roby led 36-0.

Roby's offensive line did an outstanding job of opening large holes for their backs to run through. Roby's line is manned by Joe Zummwalt at center, Alfred Rivas and Bryce Moore at guards; Brian Dickson and Chad Dannheim at tackles; J.T. Elmore at tight end; and Joey Valdez at split end. Coby Moore runs the offense at quarterback.

The Cubs next game is at Baird on Thursday at 6 p.m.

Army Spec. Joel J. King Arrives In South Korea For Duty

Army Spec. Joel J. King has arrived for duty in South Korea.

King is an infantryman with the 2nd Infantry Division.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil J. King of Roby, Texas. The specialist is a 1983 graduate of Roby High School.

Legal Notice

Fisher County Commissioners Court will be accepting bids for the sale of a 1976 C65 Chevy truck.

Bids will be open November 13, 10:00 a.m.

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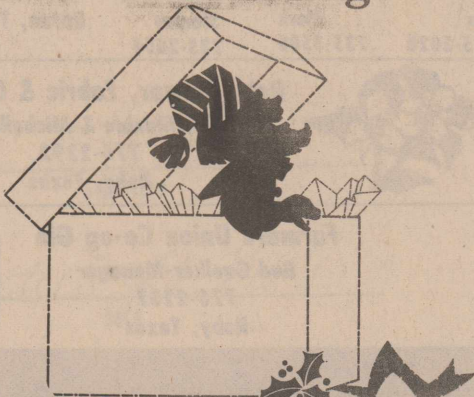
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TRACKS



Suzanne Maxwell

Well, Lions, how about that rain Friday? The Lions played very well despite the rain. It was a good game. Good job guys! This week the game is here against Baird, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

The Junior class carnival was very successful. Booths included: the dart throw, 7-11, ping-pong toss, sponge throw, ring toss, hayride, concession stand and the 4-H lollipop tree. Everyone had a great time. The junior class made over \$250.00. Way to go!!

The Lion Band received a rating 3 Saturday at the marching contest. The twirlers received a 3 also. Keep up the hard work, band, and a thanks to all the fans that came out and supported us.

Don't forget about the Lady Lions scrimmage next week. It has been changed from Nov. 6 to Nov. 7, still starting at 4:30 p.m. at Stamford.

That's it for now, see you next week with more.

Roby High School Band Selects Officers

Monday, October 30, the Roby High School Band selected officers for the 1989-90 school year. They are as follows: President—Bryan Mauldin, Jr.; Vice-President—Eddie Gonzales, Sr.; Sec.-Treas.—Margaret Bill-

ingsley, Sr. The band also selected, by secret ballot, a sweetheart and a beau. These will be announced at half-time during the Baird game this Friday. You are encouraged to go out and support the Lions and the Lion Band.

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County Agent News

By Richard Spencer

Sometimes fruit tree care is forgotten or neglected in the fall, but it's a critical time for controlling many peach and plum tree diseases to insure a good crop next year.

Applying a copper fungicide now can stop or help reduce three of the major diseases that attack peach and plum trees in Texas. These are peach leaf curl, bacterial leaf spot and bacterial canker.

The puckered and distorted peach tree leaves that were either bright red or light green in diseased areas last spring were the result of peach leaf curl fungus. The time to control this disease effectively is in the fall by use of a copper-containing fungicide.

Timing of the fall spray is critical for effective control and for avoiding tree damage. Unless applied correctly, copper, a metal, may cause severe defoliation.

Spraying should be done when 70 percent of the leaves have fallen. Spraying too early will cause leaf shed or cause the spray to be ineffective later.

Issues of nutrition and trade barriers aside, beef cattle are now caught up in the environmental concern of the day--the greenhouse effect.

But environmentalists have overestimated the methane produced by beef cattle and its role in global warming, said an animal scientist with the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station.

Dr. Floyd Byers refuted the current estimates by some environmentalists that beef and dairy cattle and other ruminants produce 15 percent of the world's atmospheric methane gas.

U.S. beef cattle actually produce less than 1 percent of the total methane gas that reaches the atmosphere each year from all sources on earth. Add that to the fact that carbon dioxide is far and away the greatest contributor to the greenhouse effect, and beef cattle are a very minor factor in this environmental problem.

"To put it in perspective, this means that there is about five times more potential global warming from the fossil fuel used to drive a vehicle six miles each way to purchase a quarter-pound ham-

burger than the methane resulting from the production of the beef burger per se.

"However, it's important to facilitate transfer of available technology to enhance rate and efficiency of desired growth of market livestock to further reduce methane emissions from beef cattle production systems in the U.S. and worldwide."

In fact, if U.S. beef cattle producers reverted from the current

feedlot management to extensive grazing systems used in developing countries, methane per unit of beef produced would increase as much as fourfold because of the additional years needed for cattle to reach market size.

"While global warming and the greenhouse effect are important issues, the contribution of the U.S. beef cattle industry to methane production worldwide is small.

Roby Fire Department To Hold Annual Turkey Shoot On November 5th

The Roby Volunteer Fire Department will sponsor their annual Turkey Shoot on Sunday, Nov. 5. The shoot will be held 1 1/2 miles south of Roby on FM 419.

The shoot will feature bingo, target shoot and trap shoot. Time will be set from 1 to 6 p.m. with the Ladies Auxiliary furnishing a concession stand.

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Sept. 8	ACRS	8:00	T	40	7
Sept. 15	Miles	8:00	H	16	22
Sept. 22	Garden City	8:00	H	8	63
Sept. 29	Water Valley	8:00	T	6	39
Oct. 6	Brooks (Homecoming)	8:00	H	0	8
Oct. 13	Roscoe*	7:30	T	0	28
Oct. 20	Rotan*	7:30	H	0	64
Oct. 27	Throckmorton*	7:30	T	8	27
Nov. 3	Baird*	7:30	H		
Nov. 10	Aspermont*	7:30	T		

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Yellowhammers Sting Aspermont Hornets

By: Jim Gruben

Rotan Yellowhammers (7-0-1) wasted little time Friday night showing the Aspermont Hornets (1-7) their high-scoring offense, by scoring a touchdown on the first offensive play, followed by a scoring spree that ended in a 53-8 victory.

The game was plagued by one-sided Hammer penalties, 12 for 115 yards, versus 15 yards by the Hornets. At least 3 Rotan touchdowns were called back, plus numerous big-play yardage. Momentum quickly swung in the Hammers direction as quickly as Joe Huitt could run 58 yards for a touchdown on his first carry. After Danny Warren's extra point kick, the scoreboard registered 7-0 with 11:13 remaining in the opening quarter.

Trey Carrillo stopped Aspermont's first drive by intercepting a pass, then returning it to the Hornet 40 yard line.

Sammy Daniel turned an inside

reverse play into a 7 yard touchdown run, set up by a 33 yard pass completion from Quarterback Kevin Smith to Lane Landes. The 4 play drive tallied a 14-0 lead after Warren converted the point-after attempt. After 5 Rotan plays and 14 quick points, all systems were go as the rout was on.

Rotan took over on their own 34 yard line after a 22 yard punt return by Brandon Alls. Quarterback Kevin Smith preceded to complete a 43 yard touchdown pass to Lane Landes (2 receptions for 76 yards-1 touchdown), advancing the score to 20-0 with 3:28 remaining in the first quarter.

Aspermont opened the 2nd quarter with a 5 yard punt, due to special teams pressure.

Quarterback Smith countered with runs of 7 and 36 yards to complete a 48 yard touchdown drive, increasing the lead to 26-0. After exchanging punts, Kevin Smith completed a 62 yard drive,

by scoring on back-to-back touchdown runs from 27 yards out, to take a commanding 33-0 lead with 3:28 remaining in the half.

Rotan scored their 6th touchdown in 9 possessions, as Joe Huitt (13 carries for 126 yards-3 TD's) powered in from the 2-yard line with :01 remaining in the half and a 39-0 lead. Brandon Alls (8 carries for 86 yards) set up the score with a 49-yard gain to the 2 yard line.

Rotan defense held the Hornets to 18 yards rushing, 69 yards passing, and 4 first downs the first half. Luis Yanez and David Daniel were standouts on special teams. Yellowhammer offense logged 371 yards of total offense and 12 first downs.

Aspermont started the second half by throwing an interception, 1 of 4 for the night, that ended up in the hands of cornerback Kevin Smith on the Rotan 3 yard line.

Rotan put together one of their

patented long drives, count'em 97 yards, that ended with a 6-yard touchdown run by Joe Huitt. Chris Kennedy caught a key 30 yard pass reception in the drive, as Rotan took a 46-0 lead in the final minute of the third quarter.

Renee Silva not only intercepted his 7th pass of the year but returned it 93 yards for a touchdown, as the scoreboard posted a 53-0 Hammer advantage.

In hockey, it's called the "Hat Trick"-as defensive back Lane Landes' interception, stopped the third consecutive Aspermont drive due to an interception.

Hammer defense allowed 138 passing yards but the 4 interceptions countered any type of offensive threat.

Sophomore David Daniel led all rushers with (11 carries for 128 yards) and displayed a full-speed style of running. One advantage to winning by large margins, is the playing time logged by

players in reserve roles.

Aspermont did manage a late touchdown in the final minutes to prevent a shut-out. The Hornets ended the night with 204 yards of total offense but turnovers proved too costly.

Yellowhammers totaled 582 yards of total offense and 25 first downs. Approximately 200 all-purpose yards were nullified by penalties. QB Kevin Smith directed an effective Hammer attack, with 1 passing and 2 rushing touchdowns.

Rotan's offensive and defensive line play has improved each week and continues to be the determining factor of where games are won or lost. Opposing teams will have to contend with the Hammer "Pit Crew" and their aggressive style of play.

Rotan (7-0-1) (3-0) will travel to Roscoe Friday night in a key District 13-A matchup. Roscoe Plowboys (3-5) and (2-1) in district play, will attempt to make the

playoffs with a win over the Yellowhammers.

This week's games: Rotan vs Roscoe; Aspermont vs Throckmorton; Baird vs Roby.

Rotan Alumni Band Successful, Needs More Members

The alumni band had a very successful practice session last Monday night. Each practice has increased in attendance but according to director Betty Strayhorn, "There is always room for more."

The band will hold its next practice session on Monday, November 6th at 7:30 p.m. in the Rotan High School Bandhall. Anyone interested in joining is urged to attend this practice.

ROTAN YELLOWHAMMERS VS ROSCOE PLOWBOYS

November 3-7:30 P.M.-There

District 13-A Standings:
Rotan (won) 2 (lost) 0
Baird (won) 2 (lost) 0
Roscoe (won) 2 (lost) 0
Roby (won) 0 (lost) 2
Aspermont (won) 0 (lost) 2
Throckmorton (won) 0 (lost) 2

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Sept. 8	O'Donnell	8:00	T	6	0
Sept. 15	Cross Plains	8:00	H	55	0
Sept. 22	Spar	8:00	T	20	7
Sept. 29	Antea	8:00	T	27	9
Oct. 6	Hickall (Homecoming)	8:00	H	21	18
Oct. 13	Throckmorton*	7:30	H	18	14
Oct. 20	Roby*	7:30	T	64	0
Oct. 27	Aspermont*	7:30	H	53	8
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CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

AMENDMENT 1 Wording on the Ballot

THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO LIMIT THE SALARY OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO NOT MORE THAN ONE-HALF OF THE GOVERNOR'S SALARY AND TO LIMIT THE SALARY OF A MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATURE TO NOT MORE THAN ONE-FOURTH OF THE GOVERNOR'S SALARY.

Explanation

Salaries for legislators, the speaker of the house of representatives, and the lieutenant governor are set in the Texas Constitution, therefore requiring voter approval to be changed. This proposed constitutional amendment would change the current salaries by setting the salary of the members of the legislature at a figure equal to one-half of the salary of the governor, whose salary is set by law. The speaker of the house and the lieutenant governor would each receive an amount equal to one-half of the governor's salary. The lieutenant governor would no longer receive the governor's salary when serving as governor.

The proposed pay raise for legislators and the speaker of the house would take effect when the 1991 legislative session begins. The increase for the lieutenant governor would take effect in 1991 on the first day of the term of office.

Currently members of the legislature receive a salary of \$600 per month, a per diem (daily allowance for food and lodging) of \$30 for each day during the regular and special sessions of the legislature, and mileage at the rate set by law for state employees. The speaker and the lieutenant governor presently receive the same pay as legislators. The governor's pay for the current fiscal year is \$91,600.

Arguments For

- The last legislative pay raise was approved by voters in 1975. It fixed salaries at \$7,200 a year. Inflation has reduced that figure to a worth of just \$3,300 in 1975 dollars. Among the 10 most populous states, legislative pay averages \$32,000 a year, and Texas legislators no longer meet that level for only 140 days every two years. Complex issues require longer hours, special sessions, and much work during the interim between sessions. The current low salary is not sufficient to compensate members of the legislature adequately.
- Poor pay and lack of time to hold normal jobs have made it almost impossible for the average citizen to serve in the Texas Legislature. It is time for the people of Texas to realize that the era of the part-time legislator no longer exists. Only one legislator in the past 20 years met for the minimum 140 days.
- We need to pay our legislators a reasonable income in order to attract high-caliber talent. Tying the pay raise to the governor's salary keeps legislators' salaries in line with the current cost of living and eliminates the need to amend the constitution each time the matter of legislative pay comes up.
- With increased financial and time pressures, it becomes harder for legislators to remain independent from lobbyists and political contributors. Leg. isators rely on contributions to pay for non-reimbursable expenses. Adequate pay would reduce legislators' reliance on outside sources.

Arguments Against

- Texas lawmakers are not so poorly compensated that they need a 224% raise. Lawmakers continue to earn a salary the rest of the year when they are not in session, and they are reimbursed for living expenses in the interim.
- Legislators receive a generous retirement plan which they control through adjusting judicial pay, to which it is linked. Lawmakers also have enhanced opportunities for business and employment opportunities while in session.
- There is nothing wrong with maintaining the time-honored Texas tradition of the part-time citizen legislator. It ensures that only those legislators who are sincerely interested in government service seek election. By continuing to earn a living in their communities, legislators are more in touch with the citizenry and are more likely to hear about and understand their concerns.
- By automatically adjusting salaries to conform to the governor's salary, which is set by the legislature, the proposed amendment would eliminate voters' control over legislative pay, and would remove the ability of voters to set the pay level because the electorate has been able to affirm its opposition to the proposal.

AMENDMENT 2 Wording on the Ballot

THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF AN ADDITIONAL \$500 MILLION OF TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BONDS FOR WATER SUPPLY, WATER QUALITY, AND FLOOD-CONTROL PURPOSES.

Explanation

The \$500 million of bonds proposed by this amendment would be issued by the Texas Water Development Board for the following purposes: \$250 million for water supply projects, \$200 million for water quality projects (wastewater treatment), and \$50 million for flood control projects. The bonds would be used to continue existing programs for water supply and water quality. The Texas Water Development Board lends money to cities and water districts at rates lower than what they could obtain elsewhere, with the borrowers making full repayment to the state.

Up to \$100 million could be used for subsidized loans and grants to provide water and wastewater facilities in economically distressed areas of the state. Needs for these subsidies are similar to those in the past. The Texas Water Development Board lends money to cities and water districts at rates lower than what they could obtain elsewhere, with the borrowers making full repayment to the state.

Subsidized loans would be made to counties, cities, water districts, or nonprofit water supply corporations to provide water and sewer services in accordance with minimum state standards. Water conservation and use of local labor would be encouraged.

The amount of the state subsidy would be based on residents' ability to pay a portion of project costs through water and sewer rates. Counties and cities water subsidies are provided where would be required to prohibit new residential developments that lack adequate water supply and sewer services.

Arguments For

- Many thousands of Texans have no safe drinking water supplies and no sanitary means of sewage disposal. The serious public health problems created by these conditions must be addressed. State financial assistance should be provided in areas where residents cannot pay the full costs of water and wastewater facilities that are similar to those in the rest of the state. This amendment would make \$100 million available for state cost-sharing for these urgently needed facilities.
- The rest of the \$500 million of water development bonds would be used to extend present programs that provide loans to local governments. Many cities and water districts have been able to keep their water and wastewater rates lower by financing new facilities through the Texas Water Development Fund. Local costs of flood control projects also reduced by this fund.

Arguments Against

- Aid to the *colonias* should be provided through appropriations of state funds, rather than through a bond program. Interest costs make bond financing about twice as expensive over the long term as cash appropriations. Bond repayment costs for the subsidies and grants will cause future drains on the state's General Revenue Fund.
- There is no need for additional authorizations for water development bonds at this time. Of the \$980 million in bonds authorized by voters in 1985 and 1987 for water supply, water quality, and flood control, \$689.5 million has not yet been issued.

AMENDMENT 3 Wording on the Ballot

THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT AUTHORIZING THE LEGISLATURE TO PROVIDE FOR THE RECOVERY AND FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF THE STATE'S ECONOMIC, WITH GOALS OF INCREASING JOB OPPORTUNITIES AND OTHER BENEFITS FOR TEXAS RESIDENTS, THROUGH STATE FINANCING OF THE EXPANSION OF SMALL BUSINESS AND TEXAS PRODUCTS AND BUSINESSES.

Explanation

This proposed amendment would authorize the legislature to issue a total of \$75 million in general obligation bonds to provide venture financing for small businesses, new products, and agricultural enterprises. This amendment would authorize the legislature to issue a total of \$25 million for the Texas Agricultural Fund to provide financial assistance for production, processing, marketing, or export of Texas agricultural products grown by small agricultural businesses; \$5 million for the Rural Microenterprise Development Fund to foster the creation and expansion of small businesses in rural areas; \$25 million for the Texas Product Development Fund to encourage development and production of new and improved products; and \$20 million for the Small Business Incubator Fund to stimulate small business growth through loans and grants.

Revenues for all four funds would come from bond proceeds and loan repayments, as well as other sources such as royalties, dividends, investment income, and other revenues generated by the businesses. The general obligation bonds authorized by the amendment would have first call on state funds not constitutionally dedicated to other purposes.

The Texas Agricultural Fund, Texas Product Development Fund, and the Small Business Incubator Fund were established by the 70th Legislature in 1987. But in 1987 voters defeated a proposal to authorize \$115 million in general obligation bonds for the programs. In addition to authorizing the \$75 million in bonds, the current proposal would reduce the Texas Agricultural Fund from \$100 million to \$25 million and would reduce the Texas Product Development Fund from \$25 million to \$5 million. The Texas Product Development Fund would be increased from \$15 million to \$25 million, and the Small Business Incubator Fund would be increased from \$10 million to \$20 million.

Arguments For

- The capital that would be provided by this proposed amendment is needed to preserve the state's agricultural economy, which accounts for 20 percent of all jobs in Texas but is suffering from an on-going farm crisis. The Texas Agricultural Fund can provide the recovery, but the state must also provide the capital that cannot get financing elsewhere, but it needs the \$25 million in seed money that this proposition would authorize in order to get the program off the ground. The Rural Microenterprise Development Fund would assist small businesses serving rural areas that might otherwise lack necessary supporting services.
- Two-thirds of all new jobs come from new businesses. The Texas Product Development Fund and the Texas Small Business Incubator Program can provide a shot in the arm for creative recovery, but the state must also provide the capital that cannot get financing elsewhere, but it needs the \$25 million in seed money that this proposition would authorize in order to get the program off the ground. The Rural Microenterprise Development Fund would assist small businesses serving rural areas that might otherwise lack necessary supporting services.

The state cannot lose any more money than it has. Each fund is structured as a revolving loan fund so that the state will get its money back with interest.

Arguments Against

- The Texas Constitution calls for a "pay as you go" philosophy, which is undermined by this type of amendment. The state already has almost \$7 billion in bonded indebtedness and authorization for even more. Increasing bonded indebtedness risks higher interest rates and may compete with local public works projects.
- It is better to promote economic growth by investing in education rather than these bond programs. Quality education attracts new businesses to locate in Texas.
- The state should not compete with private lenders, and particularly should not venture into speculative territory avoided by private lenders.

AMENDMENT 4 Wording on the Ballot

THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO AUTHORIZE THE LEGISLATURE TO EXEMPT PROPERTY OF NONPROFIT VETERANS ORGANIZATIONS FROM AD VALOREM TAXATION.

Explanation

The Texas Constitution clearly defines the types of property that the legislature may exempt from taxation. This service alone or this property used for public purposes, churches, cemeteries not held for private or corporate profit, solar or wind-powered energy devices, all buildings used exclusively for school purposes, and public charity institutions. All other exemptions are expressly made "null and void." Because the constitution does not specifically authorize an exemption for property owned by veterans' organizations, the Texas Attorney General in 1982 ruled unconstitutional a section of the Tax Code exempting certain veterans' organizations if the property is not used to produce revenue or gain. In 1983 a proposition exempting from ad valorem taxation the property of certain veterans' organizations and also of certain fraternal organizations was placed on the ballot and was defeated by voters.

- This proposition is necessary to create uniform exemptions for veterans' organizations as the legislature is originally intended. At present, the organizations are subject to local tax appraisers' interpretations of "purely public charity" under the Tax Code and there is no uniform statewide exemption.

Arguments For

- Without this exemption, many veterans' organizations must cut back their services or ask their communities for more support. Some would be unable to survive.

Arguments Against

- This proposition would raise the tax bill for other taxpayers who would have to pay higher taxes to make up the difference. Although many veterans' organizations provide commendable services, other organizations that provide similar services are not automatically exempted from paying property taxes. The voters have already clearly demonstrated that they do not want this exemption.
- Organizations that qualify as legitimate charitable organizations are already able to obtain exemptions, a blanket exemption is unnecessary and opens the door to misuse by organizations whose purpose may be to engage in social or profit-making activities rather than purely charitable ones.

AMENDMENT 5 Wording on the Ballot

THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PROMOTING ECONOMIC GROWTH, JOB CREATION, AND FAIR TAX TREATMENT FOR TEXANS WHO EXPORT GOODS TO OTHER STATES AND NATIONS BY RESTORING AND ALLOWING, ON A LOCAL OPTION BASIS, AN AD VALOREM TAX EXEMPTION FOR CERTAIN PERSONAL PROPERTY THAT IS IN TEXAS ONLY TEMPORARILY FOR THE PURPOSE OF ASSEMBLING, STORING, MANUFACTURING, PROCESSING, OR FABRICATING.

Explanation

This proposed amendment would enable the legislature to exempt from ad valorem (property) taxation any goods, wares, merchandise, and ones that are in the state no more than 175 days for processing or manufacturing purposes. This exemption does not include oil, gas, and petroleum products.

This proposition would allow counties, school districts, junior college districts, municipalities, and other local governments to opt out of the exemption by taking action to do so. To override the exemption for 1990 and subsequent years they must act before January 1, 1990. To override the exemption beginning in 1991 they must act before April 1, 1991. A jurisdiction that chooses to override the exemption may later rescind that decision and exempt the property; however, once a local jurisdiction has exempted the property, that decision is irrevocable.

This proposed amendment would restore, with a local option to participate, the "freight exemption" for goods in transit that was in effect for many years but was declared unconstitutional in 1986. A similar issue was submitted to voters in 1987 and was defeated by 44,340 votes out of 2,025,088 votes cast. The current proposition differs from the previous one in that it exempts goods originating in the state as well as those coming into the state.

Arguments For

- This proposed amendment would make it possible for the legislature to reinstate a tax exemption that has already proven its value for economic development. Many jobs are created for Texas by exempting goods from tax property brought into or acquired in the state to be assembled or processed and then shipped out of state, such as fabric to be made into clothing, or Texas is the only state that has neither an inventory exemption nor a goods-in-transit exemption of any kind. Such an exemption was recommended by the Select Committee on Tax Equity so that Texas could compete economically with other states.
- Local taxing entities could avoid the loss of property tax revenue by exercising their local option to maintain the tax. If they allow the exemption to take effect, they will see gains in economic activity that will balance any loss in revenues.

Arguments Against

- This exemption would cost local taxing districts millions of dollars. Lost revenues. This would result in higher taxes for the remaining taxpayers or reduced services in local or educational programs to taxpayers. The time frame for waiving the exemption is too short to allow local governments to take adequate time to consider the impact.
- Leaving the "freight" tax a local option would result in uneven policies statewide. The legislature should have followed the recommendation of the Select Committee on Tax Equity to eliminate the "freight" exemption with a local motor-fuels tax or sharing of a revised franchise tax.
- Oil, gas, and petroleum products are a major part of the Texas economy and ought to be included in the "freight" exemption.

AMENDMENT 6 Wording on the Ballot

THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT AUTHORIZING THE LEGISLATURE TO AUTHORIZE THE MEMBERS OF A HOSPITAL DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD TO SERVE FOUR-YEAR TERMS.

Explanation

Under Article XVI of the Texas Constitution, terms of government offices are limited to two years unless a longer term is authorized elsewhere in the constitution. Since the terms of hospital district governing board members are not set elsewhere, they fall under the two-year limit. If this proposed amendment is passed, it will allow the legislature to set the terms of these board members at up to four years.

Arguments For

- Because terms of office are usually staggered, the two-year term of office forces many hospital districts to hold elections every year. Such frequent elections cost the districts money that could be better spent on health care, and the cost of the election is a potential barrier to the district's ability to hold frequent elections would save hospital districts money and might result in better voter participation.
- Over the years, many amendments allowing longer terms for state officials have passed, and the two-year term of office has become the exception rather than the rule for local districts.

Arguments Against

- Short terms keep hospital district board members accountable to the public. The cost of the elections is minimal compared to the value to the public of knowing that board members will be responsive to their desires.
- Hospital districts have been operating successfully for years with the current two-year terms. It is not necessary to tinker with the constitution to change this system.

AMENDMENT 7 Wording on the Ballot

THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO REQUIRE THAT A MEMBER OF THE GOVERNMENT, SECRETARY OF STATE, AND ALL Elected OFFICIALS, BEFORE ASSUMING OFFICE, SIGN A WRITTEN OATH STATING THAT THE MEMBER, THE SECRETARY OF STATE, OR THE OFFICER DID NOT ENGAGE IN BRIBERY TO OBTAIN THE OFFICE.

Explanation

The Texas Constitution requires that members of the legislature, and all other elected officials, take the following oath or affirmation: "I, do solemnly swear (or affirm), that I will faithfully execute the duties of the office of the State of Texas, and will to the best of my ability preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution and laws of the United States and of this State, so help me God." The Texas Constitution also requires that members of the legislature, and all other elected officials, take the following oath or affirmation: "I, do solemnly swear (or affirm), that I will faithfully execute the duties of the office of the State of Texas, and will to the best of my ability preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution and laws of the United States and of this State, so help me God." The Texas Constitution also requires that members of the legislature, and all other elected officials, take the following oath or affirmation: "I, do solemnly swear (or affirm), that I will faithfully execute the duties of the office of the State of Texas, and will to the best of my ability preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution and laws of the United States and of this State, so help me God."

Arguments For

- The bribery provisions contained in the 1876 Texas Constitution reflect the reaction to the corrupt Reconstruction period and are not appropriate in more modern times. The short term of office for members of the legislature is a reflection of modern-day swearing-in ceremonies.
- The bribery provisions are not removed from the process, but rather are placed in a written statement to be signed prior to taking the oath. This method allows for greater reflection on these statements but in a less public setting.
- The President of the United States takes an oath of office that is 35 words long. Other states use similarly short oaths. The current oath in Texas is nearly three times as long.

Arguments Against

- Legislators and others have been repeating this oath for more than a century. This is a hallowed tradition that is not worth changing. The oath is a solemn promise to add another proposition to an already unwieldy number of proposed amendments.
- The ballot language is misleading in that it implies that the bribery provision of the oath of office is a new requirement when it has been a part of the oath since 1876.
- Recent media reports concerning ethical issues in government would indicate that this is an ongoing problem. The Texas Constitution does not require members or officials to state publicly that they have not taken bribes or promised rewards.

AMENDMENT 8 Wording on the Ballot

THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS FOR PROJECTS RELATING TO FACILITIES OF CORRECTIONS INSTITUTIONS, JUVENILE CORRECTIONS INSTITUTIONS AND MENTAL HEALTH AND MENTAL RETARDATION INSTITUTIONS AND FOR THE EXPANSION OF STATEWIDE LAW ENFORCEMENT FACILITIES.

Explanation

This proposed constitutional amendment would add an additional \$400 million of general obligation bonds to the \$500 million of such bonds approved by the voters in 1987, to build additional prisons, Texas Youth Commission (TYC) facilities, and Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation (TDMHMR) facilities and to undertake renovations. This new bond proposal would also allow the Department of Public Safety (DPS) to spend \$5.8 million to purchase and renovate a building in Austin in order to expand its headquarters. Additional proposed allocations are \$197.8 million to the Texas Department of Corrections for approximately 800 beds and additional renovations, \$48.5 million to TDMHMR, and \$16.9 million to TYC, leaving \$131 million unallocated at this time.

Arguments For

- Lack of prison capacity is impeding law enforcement efforts and undermining the deterrent effect of prison on criminal activity. Even though there will be about 15,000 new prison beds available when all the 1987 bond funds are spent, statistics on crime recidivism and the number of inmates in the state indicate that without the additional \$800 million called for in this bond proposal, future needs will not be met. Texas does not want dangerous criminals who belong in prison held in local jails for lack of space in state facilities.
- Using bonds to finance construction makes fiscal sense for long term investments such as prison facilities because it stretches the payment period over many years. Texas' bond debt is among the lowest in the nation and this necessary expenditure would add little to it.

Arguments Against

- Texas will not be able to build enough prison beds to meet projected needs without adding enormous debt service and operations costs to our annual budgets. Debt service alone on this proposed bond program amounts to more than \$38 million annually from 1991 to 2010, for a total of more than \$800 million. These interest payments come directly out of the state's general revenue and must be paid before other appropriations can be made. It would be fiscally wise to spend at least this much money on proven alternatives to incarceration, including programs at the community level such as drug, ed, and alcohol programs, etc., before investing such a large amount in bricks and mortar.

- Since 15,000 new prison spaces will be available by the end of 1991 and the 1989 Legislature has appropriated more money than ever before for community alternatives to incarceration, it seems logical at least to postpone additional construction for several years to see if these cost-effective programs work.

AMENDMENT 9 Wording on the Ballot

THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT AUTHORIZING THE LEGISLATURE TO COMBINE AND REORGANIZE VARIOUS STATE AGENCIES THAT PERFORM CRIMINAL JUSTICE FUNCTIONS.

Explanation

The 71st Legislature passed legislation creating a new agency by combining the Department of Corrections and the Board of Pardons and Poles (both executive agencies) with the Department of Criminal Justice. This new agency, the Department of Criminal Justice, will have a nine-member board appointed by the governor. Judges are eligible for appointment to the board. Each former agency will become a division within the new Department of Criminal Justice.

This proposed constitutional amendment is designed to eliminate possible conflict with the constitutional requirement for the strict separation of powers between the legislative, executive, and judicial branches of government. In the past, the courts have ruled that parole is a creative function, while probation is granted and administered by the judicial branch. This proposed amendment would allow these executive and judicial functions to be performed by the same agency. It is anticipated that consolidation of these three agencies will occur on January 1, 1990, regardless of the passage or defeat of this proposed amendment.

Arguments For

- This proposed amendment would ensure that the combination of functions could occur without violating traditional interpretations of the separation of powers clause of the constitution. It would also give voters the opportunity to voice their opinions on the merits of consolidation.
- The various parts of criminal justice process—incarceration, probation, and parole—are obviously related to one another. A single agency would provide a statewide overview of criminal justice policy, promoting efficiency by allowing the reorganization and streamlining of the complex criminal justice system.

Arguments Against

- Separation of powers among the three branches of government was established by the Founding Fathers to provide checks and balances to protect the individual against the uncontrolled power of government. This proposed amendment would sweep away many of these restraints in the name of government efficiency by combining agencies with clearly defined executive and judicial authority, without sufficient consideration of the potential implications of that change.
- No independent analysis of possible benefits or drawbacks exists to provide evidence that consolidation would create a more efficient and cost-effective criminal justice system. The agency responsible for planning and research in criminal justice matters was not even made part of the new agency. The Sunset Advisory Commission considered and rejected the idea of consolidation as recently as 1987.

AMENDMENT 10 Wording on the Ballot

THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT AUTHORIZING THE LEGISLATURE TO REQUIRE OR PERMIT COURTS TO INFORM JURIES ABOUT THE EFFECT OF THE VARIOUS PENALTIES AND CONSEQUENCES OF A CRIMINAL OFFENSE SUPERVISION ON THE PERIOD OF INCARCERATION SERVED BY A DEFENDANT CONVICTED OF A CRIMINAL OFFENSE.

Explanation

This proposed amendment would expand the existing constitutional power of the legislature to enact parole laws to include the question of parole or good-conduct time. In November 1987, the Court of Criminal Appeals struck down the statute that required judges to instruct the jury about state laws on parole and good-conduct time. The court ruled that the statute violated the separation of powers by the Texas Constitution. The court felt the statute was an attempt by the legislature to direct the judiciary to interfere with the parole power which is held exclusively by the courts. This proposed amendment would give the legislature the authority to instruct the jury.

Arguments For

- Sentences imposed by jurors are often affected by how jurors perceive laws on parole and good-conduct time based on a vague understanding of the issue derived from media reporting of a few sensational cases. Such jurors may impose sentences that are too harsh or too lenient.
- Presently jurors are not allowed to consider such information, but they do anyway. Passage of this proposed amendment would allow them to have factual information about the effects of good-conduct time and parole. Such information helps jurors make more informed decisions about sentencing.
- There is no evidence that the instructions to the jury on parole and good-conduct time would lengthen the sentencing phase of a trial.

Arguments Against

- Judicial instruction about the existence of laws governing parole and good-conduct time would create more, not less, confusion among jurors because, at the end of each instruction, the judge must also instruct jurors NOT to consider the extent to which these laws would affect the particular defendant whose punishment is under consideration by the jury. The penalty phase of jury trials would lengthen as defense attorneys would seek to introduce evidence that the defendant has a record of prior criminal offenses.

This proposed amendment would lead to longer prison sentences based on jurors' fear of early release of prisoners. Overcrowding of prisons would result, creating just the situation jurors want to avoid: early release.

It is difficult to explain adequately the complicated system of parole and good-conduct time within the confines of jury instruction allowed under the law. It is impossible to explain how these provisions would affect the defendant's future actions and how the Texas Department of Corrections and the parole board would view these actions.

AMENDMENT 11 Wording on the Ballot

THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO SET THE AMOUNT OF PER DIEM RECEIVED BY A MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATURE AT THE AMOUNT ALLOWED FOR FEDERAL INCOME TAX PURPOSES AS A DEDUCTION FOR THE AMOUNT OF TAXES PAID BY A STATE LEGISLATOR IN CONNECTION WITH OFFICIAL BUSINESS.

Explanation

The compensation for legislators is set in the Texas Constitution at \$600 per month with an additional \$30 per diem (daily allowance for food and lodging) for each day during the regular and special sessions of the legislature. The constitution to eliminate the fixed \$30 per day payment and change it to a floating amount equal to the maximum federal income tax deduction allowed for state legislators on legislative business. Per diem is tax money when legislators are in session. Legislators are not entitled to reimbursement for legislative expenses, and for mileage at the rate set for state employees. They have a budget for office, staff, printing, and postage. They may also have officeholder accounts to defray expenses connected with their legislative duties.

Arguments For

- The \$30 per diem allowance was adopted in 1975, and inflation has cut its purchasing power to less than half the original level. The \$30 per diem does not adequately reimburse legislators for the costs incurred in legislative service.
- A good way to keep per diem reasonable and in line with the cost of living is to tie it to the federal income tax deduction. By so doing, the per diem will be increased or decreased in line with the state's economy. This formula has been relatively stable and does not fluctuate greatly.
- When per diem is not adequate, it opens up the opportunity for lobbyists to cover costs incurred by legislators. This can result in public policy that favors those who can afford to help legislators with their expenses.

Arguments Against

- At \$30 per day, legislators receive approximately \$900 per month while the per diem for state judges is \$100 per day. This is not a reasonable salary for \$600 per month. This amount is adequate for the citizen legislator.
- Per diem for state legislators should not be tied to the federal allowance. The state has no control over the amount of the federal allowance, which is based on expenses incurred by state legislators over the country. It does not necessarily reflect the cost of living in Texas.

Changing the per diem will not solve the problem of lobby influence. Lobbyists spent \$1.35 million in 1988 when the legislature was not even in session.

AMENDMENT 12 Wording on the Ballot

THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO PROVIDE FOR USING THE PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND AND ITS INCOME TO GUARANTEE BONDS ISSUED BY THE STATE FOR THE PURPOSE OF AIDING SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

Explanation

As amended in 1983, the Texas Constitution authorizes the legislature to use the Permanent School Fund (PSF) and its income to guarantee bonds issued by local school districts. This proposed amendment would authorize the legislature to use the PSF to guarantee bonds issued by the state to aid school districts. Up to \$750 million in bonds could be issued by the state. Loans would be made to a school district to refund its outstanding bonds or to purchase a district's bonds. Funds could be used to buy or build items used for classroom teaching, including equipment, furnishings, fixtures, and buildings. The PSF would be used for extracurricular activities. There could be a requirement for the district to provide matching funds, or a limit on the amount of aid received by any one district could be imposed by the legislature. The PSF would be reimbursed from the state treasury. The amount of any delinquent loan would be deducted from the district's next Foundation School Fund payment.

Arguments For

- This proposed amendment could save school districts \$10 million a year by lowering their costs of borrowing money. Because the state would be able to issue a larger amount of bonds at a time than could a school district, it would enjoy relatively lower issuance costs, such as attorneys' and underwriters' fees. Because the bonds issued by the state would be guaranteed by the PSF, they would receive much higher ratings than bonds issued by a school district.
- This proposition would promote equalization because it would provide some help to poor school districts that do not have the resources to raise a useful fund for their own needs from this amendment, if it is approved.
- Providing state support for construction would address concerns about the constitutionality of the state's school funding system. (Texas is one of 10 states which does not currently provide state funding for school construction.) This program would be self-financing and self-sustaining. No bonds would be issued by the state unless school districts requested aid from the proceeds.

Arguments Against

- A pool for state bond proceeds would be created with the possibility that no one would use it because the current bond guarantee program is sufficient to meet school district needs.
- This proposition would not promote equalization because districts that need the most help are too poor to participate in this bond cost-saving program; they need direct state aid. The school financing system should include funding for facilities, and this amendment would not do that.
- The loans for which bonds could be used to be repaid by a useful fund for their own needs from this amendment, if it is approved.
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AMENDMENT 13 Wording on the Ballot

THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PROVIDING A BILL OF RIGHTS FOR CRIME VICTIMS.

Explanation

This proposed amendment would guarantee constitutional protection of certain rights for crime victims. Victims' rights would include fair treatment, respect for personal dignity and privacy, and reasonable protection from the accused throughout the criminal justice process.

Upon request, the crime victim would be allowed to confer with a representative of the prosecutor's office and in certain circumstances be present at court proceedings. If the accused were convicted, victims would be entitled to receive information about the sentence, imprisonment, and any subsequent release from prison.

Victims would not be entitled to participate as parties in a proceeding or to contest the outcome, nor would they have standing to sue state attorneys, judges, law enforcement officers, or agencies for failure or inability to provide these rights.

Arguments For

- Providing a constitutional guarantee of rights for victims of crime to balance against the rights already guaranteed to persons accused of crime would ensure a more equitable state criminal justice system. Victims should have rights too.
- Crime victims sometimes wait to be present at court proceedings, but defense attorneys routinely have them excluded as potential witnesses to keep them out of the jury's sight. If this proposed amendment were passed, victims would have a right to be present even if they were to testify unless the judge determined their testimony would be materially affected by hearing other testimony.
- Crime victims often have felt deprived of information about the prosecution, sentence, imprisonment, and/or subsequent release of the person accused of the crime against them. If this amendment were passed, victims of crime would be guaranteed the right to obtain such information throughout the court proceedings.

Arguments Against

- This proposed amendment is not necessary because it would just duplicate what the 69th Legislature passed into law in 1985, with the enactment of the Texas Crime Victims' Act. The constitution already is too long and confusingly cluttered with amendments without another unnecessary one.
- The witness exclusion rule is one of the oldest rules governing trials, having its roots in biblical scripture (Isaiah). Allowing victims' witnesses to attend court proceedings and hear testimony of other witnesses would prejudice the trial against the accused, opening the door to increasing numbers of appeals.
- State prosecutors have ongoing difficulty securing convictions of persons accused of crimes without the problem of crime victims asking for information and explanations about something as complex as our criminal justice system. They should be allowed to do their job with minimal distractions.

AMENDMENT 14 Wording on the Ballot

THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT REQUIRING A DISTRICT ATTORNEY SERVING IN FORT BEND COUNTY TO BE ELECTED AND SERVE A TERM IN THE MANNER PROVIDED BY GENERAL LAW FOR CRIMINAL DISTRICT ATTORNEYS.

Explanation

This proposition would amend the constitution to allow an election for the