

Polls Open On Saturday For \$600,000 Street Improvement Bond Election

Rotan residents will vote on the \$600,000 Rotan Street Improvement bond issue this Saturday.

The Special Bond Election vote is being done to give residents the opportunity to approve or disapprove a seal coating and paving plan that, if passed, will give Rotan seal coating of all paved streets and the paving of approximately 51 blocks.

The polls will be open from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. on Saturday, May 22nd. Voting is scheduled to take place at the Rotan Community Center.

Registered voters residing within

the Rotan City limits of Rotan are going to be permitted to vote. The law is very specific that residents not just property owners be allowed to vote in revenue bond elections in Texas.

"We have 1,144 registered voters and I anticipate a high turnout for this

special election", said Dickson. As of last Monday there were a total of twelve residents who cast early voting ballots.

Exact wording of the lone statement on the ballot on

will be "For the issuance of \$600,000 general obligation bonds for

street improvements." Voters will check either the 'for' or 'against' block.

The Rotan City Council took the original list of improvements (\$842,000 - first published list) and zoned priority work that will be done if the bond election passes.

"Seal coating would be first, then paving would come second in the core area of Rotan and branch outward", said Dickson.

"I anticipate that if the \$600,000 bond issue passes that the bond would be paid off over a 15 year period and that taxes would increase from the cur-

rent .6168 cents per \$100 value to approximately \$1.00 per \$100 valuation," said Dickson.

If voters approve the bond issue, there will be approximately 175 blocks of paved streets that will be seal coated beginning this year and finishing up in 1994 and another 51 blocks, mostly in the northeast quadrant of town, that will be paved. Most of the streets to be paved are streets running north and south.

A map of the newest proposed street improvements is found in this weeks paper. A large map of the proposed work is on display at Rotan City Hall.



CHEERS: To the Rotan City Council on the interest they are taking in attempting to involve the residents in determining a solution to the street improvement issue.

JEERS: To the same group for not doing a little maintenance along so we wouldn't be in the mess we are in now.

JEERS: To the Fisher County merchants and residents who leave Christmas lights up all year. Not good.

CHEERS: To Darian Ragan on landing a great job in the Dallas Area. He graduated from Texas Tech and is going to work for M.S.Q Engineering.

CHEERS: To John's Hamburger Place and to West Texas Utilities in Rotan for the new paint jobs. This Editor appreciates your interest in the way your building looks.

CONDOLENCES: To the family of Marcus Conner who died in late April.

ROLLING PLAINS: The Rolling Plains Memorial Hospital purchased a half-page ad in the Sweetwater Reporter in late April to inform people that they need to shop Nolan County First.....

They reasoned that their hospital not only stood for quality health care but that it helps pump up the local economy to boot.

Ad stated that in 1989 the hospital had received \$6 million from Medicare, Medicaid and insurance payments from outside Nolan County which is a figure 6 times greater than the local taxes needed to assist the hospital. They boasted a .25 cent local tax rate compared with .33 cents for Colorado City and .50 cents for Fisher County.

Everything is relevant. Rolling Plains had doctors tripping over each other. We don't. Their budget is tax supported to the tune of 14.5% and they pay out 17% in charity care. I'm not impressed with Rolling Plains' figures. I am impressed that Fisher County continues to show support for the local hospital and from everything that comes my way, people want the hospital to remain open and are willing to support it. We could have buckled under long ago, but didn't. Fisher County is full of gutsy, tough, persistent folks who will not be lead around by the nose.

FELL THROUGH: A traveling cooking school supported by Kraft General Foods, Inc., set out in a 34-foot motor home on a 6,000 mile trip to 50 mid America locations and alerted this paper that Fisher County was being considered for a stop site. They were in Lake Charles, La., Bryan College Station, Midland, on to Santa Fe and Stillwater, Oklahoma - now where were they going to work Fisher County in? Between College Station and Midland or between Santa Fe and Stillwater, Oklahoma. Beats me. Anyway - the cooking school passed us by - they were in Anderson, Indiana last week and will be in Grand Rapids Michigan on Thursday and on to Tuscaloosa, Alabama on June 1 and Greenville, Mississippi on June 4. Maybe they are going to swing through Fisher County on their way back in from Mississippi. Not.

SAFETY: The month of May is National Electrical Safety Month. Garvis Hinson of WTU Rotan and Perry Thomson of WTU Roby encourage you to be safe and plug in to electrical safety especially during May.

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County Hospital Board Names Nowlin President, Annual Audit Report Given

The members of the Fisher County Hospital Board met for three and a half hours last Monday night under the guidance of new Board President Steve

Nowlin.

Nowlin was elected to replace retiring board president William Cleveland, Jr. Kim Pease was named vice presi-

dent and Rodney Tankersley was elected to serve as the secretary.

The board canvassed the votes in the recent election and reported 653 for Freddie Raspberry; 648 for CleDon Coffman and 446 for Scotty Cogburn.

Two representatives of Durbin & Co., Lubbock Accounting Firm, were present to review the annual audit report with board members.

Durbin reported in the Fisher County Hospital District statement of revenue and expenses ending December 31, 1992 that operating revenue was up from \$1,246,689.00 in 1991 to \$1,761,248.00 in 1992. Operating expenses for the period were \$2,110,702.00 in 1991 and \$2,552,788.00 in 1992.

The loss from operations in 1991 was \$864,013.00 and the loss from operations in 1992 was \$791,540.00.

Revenue gains in excess of expenses and losses were \$88,580.00 in 1991

and jumped to \$366,036.00 in 1992.

Durbin had glowing reviews of all hospital financial areas, especially the new Home Health department.

The board discussed the incinerator at the hospital. An offer to purchase had been received. Board voted to table any action until the June meeting.

The board authorized the purchase of a new Simplex time clock. The clock will cost approximately \$1,900 and will compute time and will have a bar code personnel card scanner.

The board discussed a request from the home health agency that meals be provided to patients two days a week. The board tabled any action pending further investigation.

A report was given on the health fair and delinquent accounts were reviewed.

Debby Hull gave a report on the fund balances. There was a total of \$106,514.63 in general; \$1,140.84 in payroll; \$307,815.05 in tax; \$38,171.48 in Interest and Sinking; \$4,997.81 in clinic and \$37,551.93 in employee benefits.

Theatre Getting \$5,000 Grant From TRC

The Theatre on the Brazos was recently notified that it has been approved to receive a \$5,000 grant from the Texas Rural Communities in Austin, according to Theatre President David Smith.

The grant is part of a state program for economic development in rural communities and will be used in the following areas -

- To repair and get the marquee operational.
- To purchase scaffolding in order to work on lighting fixtures.
- To construct restroom facilities backstage for the cast and crew.
- To purchase additional lighting systems for the stage.

Move Underway To Co-locate All ASCS, FmHA, SCS Offices

N.E. DeWeber, Assistant to State Committee of the ASCS in College Station, Texas indicated last Monday afternoon that the possibility is good that Agricultural Stabilization Conservation Service (ASCS); Farmers Home Administration (FmHA) and Soil Conservation Service (SCS) may be combined in the future under one roof.

This is all a result of a study that was initiated by former Secretary of Agriculture Madigan. He initiated a discussion on restructuring and asked that each state submit a plan on co-relocation.

Current Secretary of Agriculture

Espy, in compliance with President Clinton's budget projections, is studying the possibility of developing a Farm Service Administration made up of the ASCS, FmHA, and SCS.

Although it is still in the preliminary study phase, the probability is good, if the Farm Service Administration does not become a reality, that offices will be co-located.

"We have found that offices function better located in the County Seat towns", commented DeWeber.

Currently, the ASCS office is located in Roby and the FmHA office and SCS offices are located in Rotan.

Reba D. Bailey Gets Degree At Howard Payne

Reba (Carter) Bailey, daughter of Betty & Horace Carter of Rotan received her degree from Howard Payne University in Brownwood on May 8th, 1993.

She received her bachelor of music degree in organ performance and elementary education.

She and her husband Robert Bailey are the parents of two sons, Jeremy and Jared.

She has been employed by Howard Payne as a secretary in the music library and is an organist at Coggin Avenue Baptist Church in Brownwood.

First Southwest Computes Tax Increase Figure

First Southwest Company of Abilene, the firm handling the sale of bonds should Rotan residents approve the \$600,000 bond issue vote on Saturday, did some calculations to show monthly increases in taxes to Rotan residents should the bond issue pass on Saturday, May 22nd.

According to Joe Dickson, Rotan City Manager, First Southwest computed that on a \$10,000 home taxes would increase by \$3.16 a month; on a \$30,000 home the tax increase per month would be \$9.47 and on a \$50,000 home the monthly increase would be \$15.78.

The computations were made based on property values representing net taxable values after exemptions.

Organizational Meeting For Craft Co-Op

An organizational meeting for the possible formation of a craft co-op in Rotan will be held on May 25 at 7:00 p.m. in the Rotan Lion's Club building. The purpose of this meeting is to see if there is sufficient interest present to form an association to operate such a business here.

A building has been offered to an association of this type by the Rotan Development Corporation. The building located between Casa Morales and H. L. Davis Co. is an excellent location for a new business and is ideal for a business such as a craft co-op. If there is not enough interest shown in opening the co-op, the RDC will offer the building to some other individual or group, so it is very important that you be there if you are interested. In the event you have a conflict at the time of the meeting and would like to be involved, call Jaye Neice Clements at 735-2010, Carol Greenway 735-2537, or Calvin Elkins at 776-2303.

Baccalaureate Services Sunday For Roby, Rotan

The Roby School has moved baccalaureate services out of the school auditorium and into the First United Methodist Church. The baccalaureate service begins at 8:00 p.m., Sunday evening, May 23rd. Rev. Ron Kelley will be the speaker.

Rotan School will hold baccalaureate services in the school auditorium beginning at 7:00 p.m., Sunday night, May 23rd. Rev. Ron Dunaway, First United Methodist Church, will be the speaker.

Early Voting Up In Rotan Bond Election Count

Through 2:30 p.m., last Monday afternoon a total of twelve Rotan individuals have cast ballots in the \$600,000 Rotan street improvement bond election, according to Early Voting Judge Sandra Underhill.

Joe Dickson, Rotan City Manager, indicated last Monday that according to Sandra, "This is the highest early voting turnout she can remember".

Remember

To Vote

On Saturday

Rotan

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Improvement

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Registered Voters

The Bond Issue

\$600,000 For Street Improvements HOW WILL YOU PAY FOR IT? \$30,000 Home Value Comparison

If you own a home in Rotan valued on the tax roll at \$30,000, you have been paying yearly Rotan city taxes of \$185.04. If the bond issue passes on Saturday, May 22nd and the rate is increased to \$1.00 per \$100 valuation, as anticipated, your taxes would increase from the current \$185.04 to \$300 a year. An increase of 62.13%. A dollar increase of \$114.96.

* If your home is valued at \$10,000 your taxes will increase \$38.32 a year. They will go from \$61.68 a year to \$100 a year.

* If your home is valued at \$60,000 your taxes will increase \$229.92 a year. They will go from \$370.08 a year to \$600 a year.

The Bond Issue

\$600,000 For Street Improvements What Are You Going To Get For Your Tax Dollars.

1. You are going to get all existing paved streets in Rotan seal coated. There are approximately 175 blocks to seal coat. It is anticipated that will cost \$165,000. Based on 175 blocks it will cost \$942.86 a block for the seal coating of 175 blocks.

2. You are going to get approximately 51 city blocks paved. Most of the new paving will be done in the northeast quadrant of town and Roby Avenue. There will be 8 blocks paved in the southeast quadrant. That paving mentioned above is anticipated to cost \$413,000. Based on 51 blocks it will cost \$8,098 a block for the paving of 51 blocks.

3. If there is any money left over after doing the above. Which totals \$578,000, then 6 additional blocks will be paved. That will cost \$22,000.

Fisher County Ministerial Alliance
WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL

Provided This Month By
Rev. Keith Berryman
Cross Roads Baptist Church - Rotan, Texas

You Didn't Ask

I'm one of those typical male drivers who would rather run the gas tank dry trying to find my own way than stop and ask directions. I know I'm not alone. Many of us find it difficult to ask for help when we need it. It takes humility. We have to admit that we are dependent on someone else; that they are capable where we are not. That's hard for most of us to swallow. So we don't ask, and we struggle along without the help we need, which is often just a simple request away.

It's a shame that many of us go through our lives struggling at things that God stands eager to help us accomplish. It's a shame that when we are troubled or confused or lonely or in need we so seldom seek the help that lies only a prayer away. It is not a new problem. Jesus addressed the same issue with His disciples two thousand years ago. *"I'll be given to you; seek, and you shall find; knock, and it shall be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it shall be opened. Or what man is there among you, when his son shall ask him for a loaf, will give him a stone? Or if he shall ask for a fish, he will not give him a snake, will he? If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more shall your Father who is in heaven give what is good to those who ask Him!"* Matt. 7:7-11 (NASB)

Don't wait until "all else fails". Don't wait until your tank is dry and you are hopelessly lost. Ask, seek, knock. Our Heavenly Father stands ready to give us what we need, to care for us and demonstrate His love to us. The help we need is only a prayer away.

Kim's Korner

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WONDERING: I wonder if anyone is making the call to 'order' fire drills at any of the public buildings in Fisher County? Who determines the number of drills needed per year by the school children, who stages the tornado drills, etc. Then, I wonder if there are adequate fire drills and emergency evacuation procedures posted at nursing homes, court house and hospital?

CONGRATULATIONS: To Jim Cain's son who landed the Head Coaching job at Leonard high school, near Bug Tussle, in East Texas. He was on the staff of South Lake Carroll in Grapevine. We'll add your school to the growing list of scores we monitor during football every Saturday morning.

LITTLE KNOWN FACT: If you want to estimate the age of a lobster, and who in West Texas doesn't, - multiply its weight, in pounds, by seven. I.E. - A two pound lobster is pushing 14 years old.

FINALLY: Ol' Whistle Britches from his Shinnery Ridge Ranch at Rough Creek thinks someone should come up with a better plan than marriage/divorce. Britches wonders why young kids can't take the vows seriously - he can't remember hearing any Minister say till "things get rough", "till one makes the other mad" or "until someone better comes along".

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: May 20 - May 26. 20th - Chanel Terry, April Hernandez, Howard Faught, Jana Morales and Bradey Murphree; 21 - Buster Palmer, Valerie Jimenez; 22 - Merry Lou Fuller, Florine Beard and Murl McK-inney; 23 - Kayla Kiser; 24 - Addie Markham, Ray Smith and Lora Ogden; 25 - Roy Noles, John Gray and Polly Stricklin; 26 - Chian Hernandez, Kasey Herrley, Albert Hataway, George Reyes, Annie Mae Weems, Stacey Morrow and Louise Curlee.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "A father may turn his back on his child; brothers and sisters may become inveterate enemies; husbands may desert their wives, and wives their husbands. But a mother's love endures through all; in good

repute, in bad repute, in the face of the world's condemnation, a mother still loves on, and still hopes that her child may turn from his evil ways, and repent; still she remembers the infant smiles that once filled her bosom with rapture, the merry laugh, the joyful shout of his childhood, the opening promise of his youth; and she can never be brought to think him all unworthy," - Washington Irving.

ROUGH CREEK POINT OF VIEW: Britches feels that the saying 'The proof of the pudding is in the eating' had reference to the way his Aunt Carmen made bread pudding for Rough Creek folks back in the late 1940's and early 1950's. I disagreed but can't prove where the saying originated.

MARK TWAIN: "Some men worship rank, some worship heroes, some worship God, and over these ideals they dispute - but they all worship money." - Mark Twain, Notebook, 1898.

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ROTAN GIN COMPANY Jim Gruben-Mgr. 735-2217 Rotan, Texas	"The Heart of the Wise ..." Has the journey come to an end or has it only just begun? Each graduate shall provide a unique answer. The renowned writer William Shakespeare described the world as a stage and each of us as players. The life of each graduate is the material of a script which determines the part he or she plays in the advancement of humankind. Now the graduate takes center stage, both literally and figuratively. Every diploma is a key to advancement, either through further education or the pursuit of a chosen career. That coveted key . . . that piece of parchment representing sleepless nights, perspiration and perseverance, can open endless doors . . . doors leading to the discoveries which will determine the degree of advancement of civilization in the twenty-first century. Finally, yet most importantly, may each graduate include God in their endeavors, for Prov. 16:23 says, "The heart of the wise teacheth his mouth, and addeth learning to his lips."			Cat's Meow Childrens Apparel Infant Thru Pre-Teen 235-9271 Sweetwater, Texas
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Church Of The Nazarene Rotan, Texas Rev. Jack Jones Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Worship Service 10:45 a.m. Sun. & Wed. Eve. Worship 6:00 p.m.	First Baptist Church - Roby Rev. Tobey Clements S.S. 10:00 a.m. - Worship 11:00 a.m. Adult Choir 5:20 - Worship 6:00 p.m. Youth Choir Sunday 4:45 p.m. Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.	Hobbs Baptist Church Hobbs Community Rev. Dee Threalt Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 a.m. Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.	First United Methodist Church Sylvester, Texas Rev. George Chambers S. S. 10:00 a.m. - Worship 9:30 a.m. Community Dinner 6:00 p.m. Each Third Wednesday Night	
McCauley Baptist Church McCauley, Texas Rev. Dutch Parks Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship Service 11:00 a.m. Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.	First United Methodist Church Rotan, Texas Rev. Ron W. Dunaway Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Sunday Morn. Service 10:30 a.m. Sunday Eve. Worship 6:00 p.m.	Church Of Christ - Roby Darrell Hart S.S. 10:00 a.m. - Worship 10:45 a.m. Sunday Evening Service 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Night 7:30 p.m.	First United Methodist - Roby Rev. Ron Kelley S.S. 9:45 a.m. - Worship 10:50 a.m. Sunday Night Worship 6:00 p.m. Wed. Night Choir Practice 6:30 p.m. Wed. Night Bible Study 7:30 p.m.	
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State Capital Highlights

By Lyndell Williams
Texas Press Association

AUSTIN — The Texas Senate voted 27-4 last week for a school finance bill that would allow the state to shift \$40 billion in commercial property from rich school districts to poor ones.

The measure, by Sen. Bill Ratliff, R-Mt. Pleasant, is designed to address school funding inequities without consolidating local school districts.

The Senate action sets up a showdown in the House between the two chambers' finance plans, which take radically different approaches to equalize public education funding.

The Senate plan would require 109 property-rich districts to share some of their commercial tax wealth with property-poor districts.

The House measure would consolidate 281 of Texas' 1,048 school districts — merging property-rich districts with lower-wealth districts nearby — and use state aid to level out funding inequities.

Lawmakers must pass a plan to equalize school funding by June 1 or face a court-ordered cutoff of state education aid.

House Trims No-pass Rule

Meanwhile, the nine-year-old "no pass, no play" rule that was part of former Gov. Mark White's education reform package, was diluted by the House during a long debate on state rules for local schools.

The current rule, the capstone of education reforms enacted in 1984, bars junior high and high school students who are flunking classes from taking part in extracurricular activities such as football, band, or debate for six weeks.

The House version, which was tentatively approved last week, would let school principals shorten the suspension to three weeks for students who immediately start improving their test scores. But students who fail a test during that period would face suspension for a

full six weeks.

Clinton's BTU Tax Ripped

A host of Texas business, farm and industrial leaders joined Railroad Commissioners Jim Nugent, Mary Scott Nabers and Barry Williamson last week in a news conference to sound the alarm against the Clinton Administration's proposed BTU tax on energy.

"The proposed tax is a job destroyer that will hurt middle income consumers and threaten Texas' current economic recovery," the commissioners warned.

"This tax will rip through our economy like a Texas tornado," said Nugent. "It will leave behind unemployment and higher energy prices that lead to high inflation and interest rates. This is a recipe for economic disaster, not economic reform."

More than 450,000 jobs have been lost in the domestic energy patch since 1980 — more than losses in the auto and steel industries combined. More than 160,000 of the energy jobs lost were held by Texans.

"From agriculture to trucking, to manufacturing to petrochemicals, the BTU tax will hurt Texans," said Nabers. "Consumers will definitely be impacted and Texans will lose jobs."

"This tax is unfair because Texas will pay 12.5 percent of the tax while we represent only 6.8 percent of the nation's population," Williamson said. "Texans should not have to pay twice as much as states like California, New York and Maryland."

Prison Bond Issue Passes

A \$1 billion bond issue for new prisons and jails, which black and Hispanic lawmakers blocked earlier, passed the House last week with a 130-6 vote.

Minority members stalled the resolution by denying it the 100 votes needed to place it on the ballot for voter approval. The lawmakers

said they were frustrated by the Legislature's inability to develop a constitutional school finance plan.

Doctor Referral Bill

The Senate has approved a bill that would prohibit doctors from referring patients to facilities in which they are an investor. Violators would face fines of \$15,000 for each violation.

A recent national study showed that patients referred to physician-owned laboratories pay 26 percent to 125 percent more than at independent labs.

The bill by Sen. Mike Moncrief, D-Fort Worth, now goes to the House for consideration.

House Oks Tax Cap

A measure that would allow voters to decide whether to cap the state's franchise tax has won preliminary House approval.

The proposed constitutional amendment passed 95-39. It must gain 100 votes in the House and a two-thirds vote in the Senate to be placed on the Nov. 2 ballot.

The amendment would cap the corporate income tax at its current 4.5 percent.

Other Highlights

■ The Texas House has concurred with Senate amendments to a bill that would create the Texas Lottery Commission in April 1994. The commission, with separate lottery and bingo divisions, would consist of a three-member board appointed by the governor.

■ The House State Affairs Committee voted 8-7 to close the Texas Sunset Advisory Commission, which recommends what state agencies should be closed. Gov. Richards and legislative leaders said the sunset commission was unnecessary bureaucracy.

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PHOTO FROM THE PAST.....



The above photo was provided by Carl and Mary Singley. Photo was taken at the 1961 Mayfete "Johnny Appleseed". Pictured in front is Paul Heathington, Roy Singley and Frances Baugh. If you have a picture you would be interested in sharing with the readers please leave at The Newspaper Office, Rotan, Texas 79546.

Rev. Terry Lowe To Dedicate Roby Methodist Organ

Friends of Rev. Terry Lowe, former Rotan pastor, are invited to the First United Methodist Church in Roby at 3:00 p.m., on Sunday, May 23rd to hear him present a concert during the dedication of the church's new organ.

A group of classical and church music will be presented.

The organ was donated to the church by the late Alvis Yates of Beaumont. Honoring his request, his sister Helen of Roby paid transportation and installation costs for the gift.

The Roby church is expecting several relatives of Alvis Yates to be in attendance at the dedication.

Notice

The deadline for news stories is Noon on Tuesday of each week.

Question Of The Week.....

QUESTION: "How much money was taken in by the City of Rotan last year on the 1/2 cent (tax reduction) sales tax and what was the money spent for?"

ANSWER: "During the period October 1, 1991 to September 30, 1992 the City of Rotan realized \$31,708.45 from the half-cent sales tax you are referring to. That money is ear-marked for tax reduction. The other half-cent goes into a fund for economic development. The \$31,708.45 you are speaking of reduced the tax rate from .8534 cents per \$100 valuation down to .5989 cents per \$100 valuation. The City of Rotan took advantage of the 3% increase making last year's tax rate .6168 cents per \$100 valuation. The money actually goes into the Rotan City 'General Fund' and is used to pay for routine general operating expenses." - Joe Dickson, Rotan City Manager, Rotan, Texas.

If you have a question you would like to have answered. Submit the question in writing to News Question, P.O. Drawer A, Rotan, Texas 79546 and we will, if possible, attempt to get a timely answer. Please sign your News Question request, and include your phone number, we will not print your name with the question.

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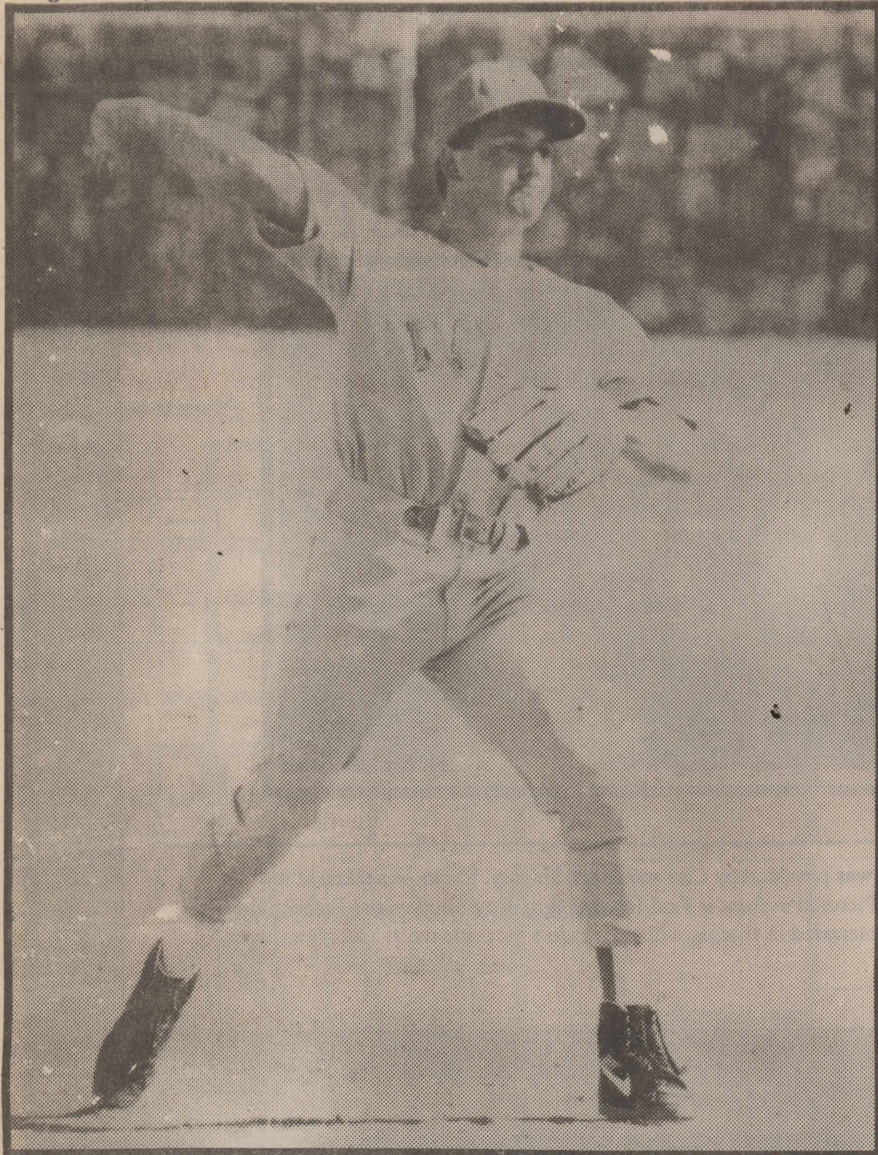


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MEMBER OF WINNING TEAM: Chris Markham, son of Larry & Jan Markham of Rotan, and fellow team members will be playing in the Bi-District game this weekend in Abilene.

Rotan Baseball Team Will Be Playing This Weekend

Rotan Baseball Coach Bobby Richardson is approaching this weekend's contest with either Ranger or Cisco, depending upon the outcome of the game that was played last Tuesday night against Jim Ned, with the same outlook that he has had all season long.

"I coach the boys to play these games one at a time, try to let the players know that the team plays them one at a time and I have tried hard to discourage the players from losing sight of our primary objective - which, in my opinion, is the very next game on the schedule," commented Coach Richardson.

Rotan will be playing someone this weekend. They will either be playing a single game or the best out of three games in a playoff series. If Richardson has his way, and he will if he won the coin toss last Tuesday night, his boys will be in a three game - best two out of three game, elimination this weekend in Abilene.

Hammers Win Co-Championship By Downing Hawley Last Week

On Tuesday, May 11, 1993, the Yellowhammer baseball team traveled to Hawley for their final District 5-AA game. The Hammers prevailed 8-2. As a result of this victory, the Hammers are District 5-AA co-champions with the Jim Ned Indians.

Jason Carrillo started on the mound for the Hammers and worked 7 innings, giving up 2 runs on 4 hits, 1 base on balls and 9 strike outs.

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9-1-1 Emergency Calls

Fisher County

For Week March 29-April 5, 1993

9:35 P.M., May 13 - Ambulance requested at Rotan Nursing Center to pick-up a patient.

2:15 P.M., May 15 - Non emergency. Lady wanted to inform Sheriff's Department that neighbor was having a fight and that a man ran out in the bushes.

1:49 P.M., May 15 - Call back to verify emergency yielded small child that kept hanging up. Determined that child was playing with phone.

1:55 P.M., May 16 - Fire truck called for grass fire 5 miles off Highway 180 grass fire.

11:16 A.M., May 17 - Check on line operation.

9:20 P.M., May 17 - Roby Fire Department called to put out hay fire at red light on 180.

Phone Calls Made On 9-1-1 Can Be Traced Back To The Phone Calling. Only Emergency Calls Should Be Made Over 9-1-1. Non Emergency Calls Should Be Made By Calling 776-2273.

Please Cooperate with the Sheriff's Department and keep 9-1-1 for emergency use only.

Rotan Nursing Center News

by Elya Mae Decker

Greetings to you and yours. We now have new glass doors, looking out those doors we see so much. The beautiful double mountains Linnie, Gladys and Darthula have lived under the shadow of them, way back when.

And to our rancher we express our appreciation. We have 3 horses and our cattle are mostly black. Our calves are growing each day as they skip, jump and run with each other. Time out to hunt their mama to refill themselves and ready to go again.

They among the bird watchers have enjoyed the mockingbird and scissor-tails, Gracie can tell you about the beautiful red bird she saw. Come look at our doors with us, we will be glad to show you.

In our spot light this week, she was born December 12, 1894 at Buckholt. She graduated from Rotan High. She taught school for 5 years, then she worked for the Wilcox Oil Company. Does anybody remember hunting oil west of town? She married November 11, 1920 then moved back and forth til they decided to make Rotan their home.

She does enjoy talking of the time

past. So bring your tape player or pad and pencil. She was telling Linnie all about a Split Bonnett. But every once in a while we see two good looking men visiting her. We all wonder if Carolyn and Shirley know about this.

If you haven't figured out our Star this week, just wait til next week.

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Editorial Comment

By Kimball G. Pease
The Lottery Money

Joe Burk, local insurance mogul, was in the office the other day and dropped off the below editorial for me to study. It was published in the Sunday, May 9th edition of the Big Spring Herald. Burk's son Dan and a daughter-in-law, and a few precious grandchildren call Big Spring home. I studied the editorial and decided that the readers of the local paper were entitled to a different view once in a while.

"Where's Lottery Money?"

On May 1, Texas voters turned down a Robin Hood proposal to finance schools. Now, the question is how are schools going to be financed in Texas? That is a question the Legislature has to decide yet again and seek approval for.

But, one question every Texan who voted for the state lottery should be asking is how is that money being spent?

When we were asked to approve the lottery we were told most of the money would go toward financing schools. Has any of it been spent in that manner?

Right now, we don't know. The lottery in Texas is nearly a year old. What every Texans need to be demanding is an accounting of that money, down to the last penny.

One reason the lottery money is not being designated solely for school finance is it has to be placed in the black hole known as the general fund. But, even though the funds have to be placed in the general fund, a special account in that fund could be set up for the lottery money to be used for schools.

Texas' lottery is drawing big bucks. One of the main reasons it even passed in this Bible Belt state is because the money would be used for education. So, we need to have an accounting to see if our leaders have lead us on again.

Write your congressman and let him know you, as a taxpayer, want an accounting of the lottery money.

EDITOR'S COMMENT: I think the Big Spring editorial writer is a bit off base and remembers, like a lot of other people, proponents of the lottery saying that lottery money could go to education. But when it was all said and done, Texas lottery money goes into the general fund. If anyone can show me in writing any Texas elected official who promised that the lottery money would go mostly toward education, I will chew up a #2 Ticonderoga pencil and apologize - Kim Pease.

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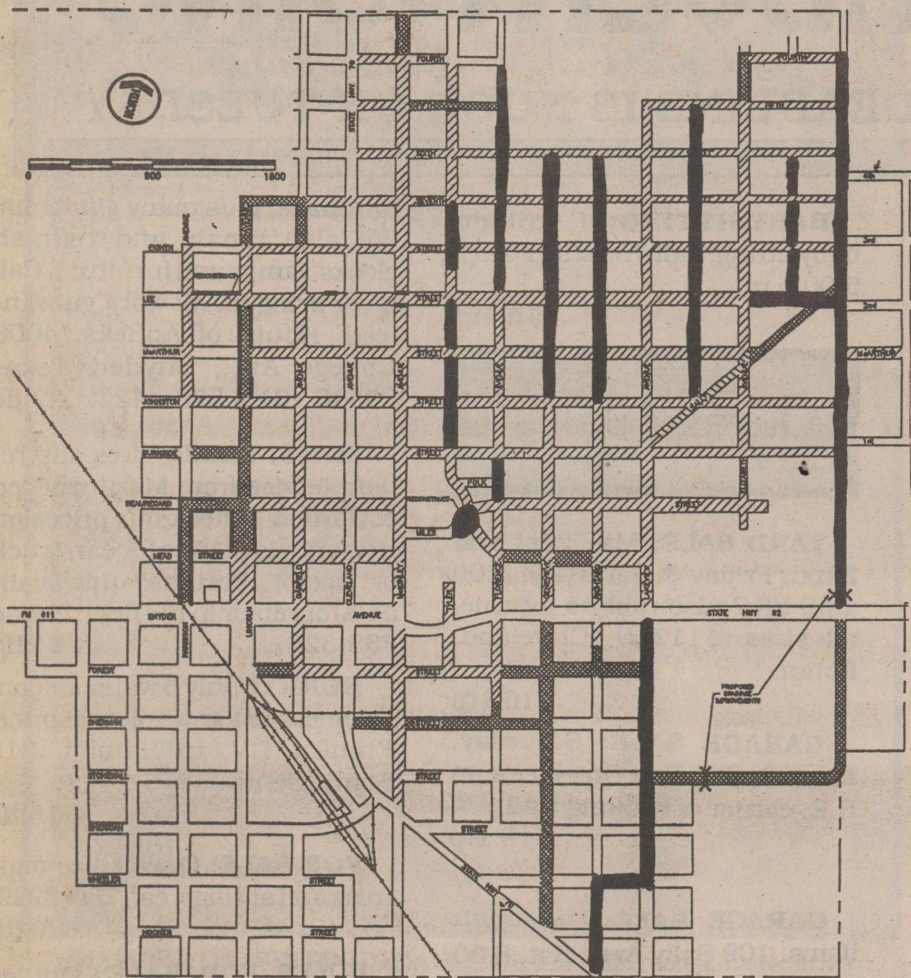
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Fisher County Agricultural News

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The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency approved an emergency specific exemption request by the Texas Department of Agriculture which allows propazine's use on grain sorghum to control weeds, Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry said today.

Because propazine, found in Milo-Pro 4L, is applied when sorghum seed

is planted, its emergency use is only applicable this spring where planting is occurring in the northern and southern High Plains, the northern and southern Low Plains and the Cross Timbers crop reporting districts of the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service. Propazine's use also is allowed in the Blacklands,

East Texas and Edwards Plateau crop reporting districts.

Farmers in Mitchell and Runnels counties must contact TDA before using propazine if their fields are located within 2 miles of the Colorado River, where an endangered plant species, the Texas poppy-mallow, is found.

If propazine's use would have been available in 1992 on 2.1 million acres of sorghum planted in the northern and southern High and Low Plains, farmers could have earned more than \$34 extra in profit per acre or an extra \$72 million, according to estimates by the Texas A&M University Research and Extension Center in Lubbock.

Farm & Ranch Management For Lady Land Owners

Three special two-day seminars on Farm and Ranch Business Management for Women Landowners will be held at the following locations.

Amarillo, June 9-10, 1993; Ft. Worth, June 16-17, 1993; June 30-July 1, 1993.

"The seminar is designed to help women explore income-generating and tax-saving opportunities for their farms and ranches," says Dr. Wayne Hayenga, Economist and Attorney with the Texas

Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M University System.

Discussions will center on income taxes, leases, business organization and estate planning.

"Farm leases and operating agreements take many forms," notes Hayenga. Many of these will be discussed at the seminar, including benefits and restrictions to both landowners and tenants.

Regarding income tax planning, tax-

saving opportunities will be explored for business growth, retirement income and helping out children and grandchildren.

A session on estate planning will deal with wills, trusts, estate tax deferrals, gifts and property titles.

Estate planning tools which will be discussed include use of corporations and partnerships, gift planning, oil and gas interests, special farm land valuation, deferred estate tax payments, life

insurance and a tool called "flower bonds".

A registration of \$75 will be charged, which includes the cost of meals and materials. Registration information can be obtained from your County Extension Agent or from Wayne Hayenga at Carl Sabo, Department of Agricultural Economics, Texas A&M University, College Station, TX 77843. Phone: (409) 845-2226.

County Home Extension Agent News

By Beth Dannheim

COMPARING COSMETICS....

Consumers tend to give up their rationality when they step up to the cosmetic counter. An immense amount of marketing hype caters to egos and creates unrealistic expectations.

Twenty-five major brands of cosmetics were tested and concluded that the difference between a \$100 moisturizer and a \$5 one was price, not ingredients. Each costs the manufacturer about \$1 to create. Here are tips for buying makeup:

* Expensive does not mean better.

All makeup has the same basic ingredients.

* Wear a product for two hours before you buy it. Have a mirror with you so you can leave the store and look at yourself in daylight.

* The more products you use on your skin, the more likely you are to irritate it.

* Don't assume that a sales clerk is trained or knowledgeable.

* Don't buy eye shadow sets. Rarely will you use all the colors, and you get less product for the money.

TEXAS COTTON INSULATION: A Natural Alternative to Fiberglass

Cotton is not just for clothing anymore; it will be showing up more and more in buildings. A new type of insulation made of cotton has been developed by a Texas farmer and carpenter team.

With the help of 1 \$2 million economic development loan from the State of Texas, Joe Pate and Paul Muncie of Post, Texas, founded Cotton Unlimited, the nation's first manufacturer of cotton insulation. Their product, known

as InsulCot, is a combination of about 80 percent cotton and 20 percent polyester bonding fiber. The polyester fiber helps the insulation regain its shape after shipping and storage.

As you would expect from a cotton product, InsulCot doesn't make you itch, so you don't have to wear protective clothing to install it. The product is treated with a flame retardant. Although it shares the thermal characteristics and costs of fiberglass, InsulCot requires less energy to manufacture than fiberglass does.

County Agents Column

By Richard Spencer

Horn fly is the number one problem throughout the country in cattle. And it's becoming even greater, since there is resistance building to the more popular insecticide controls.

Cattle producers who want season long horn fly control from insecticide containing ear tags need to wait until around the first half of June to apply the tags.

The useful life of most insecticide ear tags is 18 to 20 weeks. Given that

circumstance, a tag applied the first week of April will no longer effectively control flies past about the end of July or early August at the latest. The season is far from over at this time.

Research by a USDA plant geneticist in Colorado, could make alfalfa a much better range plant for semi-arid areas.

Work is being done with yellow-

flowered alfalfa, a drought-tolerant cousin of the purple-flowered alfalfa that is the queen of forages in the United States. The yellow-flowered type grows much better in the harsh environments found in range areas of the West. However, yellow-flowered alfalfa traditionally has been difficult to establish.

By breeding and selecting for heavier seed, yellow-flowered alfalfa has been developed with seedling emergence

equal to that of commercial purple-flowered alfalfa.

The weather service gives Fisher County about 4 1/2 inches of rainfall to date. This is about half of what we have received the last 2 years. Cotton farmers have begun planting but some ground is rather dry and soil temperatures aren't as high as they should be to get cotton up at a rapid pace.

County Extension Entomologist News

By Red Chedester

Pecan Nut Casebearer Facts

Surveys for pecan nut casebearer eggs conducted in the Fisher County area indicate that the time to treat for this pest is rapidly approaching. We are predicting that spray dates in the Fisher County area should be from June 1 - 5.

In areas surrounding Fisher County, spray dates will probably vary slightly from this. Commercial producers should be conducting surveys for casebearer eggs. At least 200 nut clusters

should be inspected for eggs in an orchard. The economic threshold for casebearers based on eggs is 1-2 percent of the clusters infested with eggs. Eggs hatch in 4-5 days. When eggs are found, they should be tagged and inspected daily until they hatch. When 1-2 percent of the nut clusters are entered by casebearer larvae, it is time to spray on that day. For predictive purposes, spray dates should be set 5 to 8 days after eggs are found.

The pecan nut casebearer larvae should be killed before they enter nutlets. Once inside, the larvae are protected until they emerge from the nutlet. If a substantial rain occurs before the larvae emerge from the nutlet they will probably survive. It takes about one-half inch of hard rain to reduce residues by 40-60%. After destroying the nutlet, the larvae progressively destroy most of the remaining nutlets in the cluster.

A second insecticide application may be required where eggs are found and nutlet damage continues 7 to 10 days after the first application.

Casebearer eggs are just visible to the naked eye and are greenish white when first deposited. They then become reddish before hatching. The eggs hatch in about 4 to 5 days and larvae migrate to buds below the nutlets where they feed for 1 to 2 days before entering the nutlets.

Public Notice

On April 16, 1993, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (SWBT) filed an application with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) for approval of a new optional service, Network Subscriber Information Interface (NSII). NSII is a new service feature developed primarily for the provision of Voice Messaging Service (VMS). It will give a VMS provider (as SWBT's customer) the ability to receive originating call information from SWBT's central office and to activate and deactivate a Message Waiting Indicator (MWI) on the line of the VMS provider's patron. NSII also gives the VMS provider the ability to activate and deactivate an intermittent dial tone on a patron's line in multiple offices. The VMS provider will be able to perform these functions in multiple offices through a connection to a single Message Node office. The Message Node will be a pre-designated central office and will interconnect with all central offices within the Message Node Service Area. Upon approval of this application, NSII will be available to customers where facilities are available. Available facilities are not currently deployed statewide. The proposed effective date of this service is June 20, 1993.

SWBT estimates these new services will increase its annual revenues during the first year by approximately \$2.4 million. VMS providers and Telephone Answering Services and their subscribers are the types of customers likely to be affected by approval of these services.

The proposed recurring monthly rate and nonrecurring installation charge is as follows:

Rate Element	Recurring	Nonrecurring
NSII	\$6,000.00	\$2,000.00

Persons who wish to comment on this application should notify the Commission by June 10, 1993. Requests for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, 7800 Shoal Creek Blvd., Suite 400N, Austin, Texas 78757, or you may call the Public Utility Commission Public Information Office at 512-458-0256, or 512-458-0221 teletypewriter for the deaf.



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TAX PLANNING

Written by
Gerald Rodgers, CPA



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by Gerald Rodgers, CPA

CONSIDER HIRING YOUR CHILDREN THIS SUMMER

Do you own a business? Do you want to help both your business and your children this summer? If so, hire your children. When you employ certain members of your family, you can legally lower your taxes. Here's how:

Hire your children in your family-owned business. Pay them the going rate for their work, usually at least minimum wage. Your business can deduct those wages, as you would for any other employee.

Your children now have taxable "earned income". Yet, often the children pay no taxes on their earnings, thanks to the standard deduction. Since you still provide their support, you keep them as exemptions on your personal return.

Income tax isn't the only savings. You can avoid social security taxes, too. When a child under 18 works in a family business, neither employer nor employee pays social security tax, saving 15.3% of the earnings.

Assume you hire your minor child to work for the summer, and you pay the child \$3,700. You deduct that amount, saving \$1,036 of taxes in the 28% bracket. Your child pays no tax since the standard deduction offsets the income. Further, neither of you pays social security tax, saving \$566 more between the two of you. Total savings for your family: \$1,602! (It can amount to more if the child earns more than \$3,700 and contributes the excess to an IRA.)

Before hiring your children, consider these cautions:

- * Obey your state's child labor laws.
- * Assign necessary work, at reasonable pay.
- * Use caution so the child's presence doesn't harm your relationship with regular employees.

Employing your children can save your family money. Check with us if you have questions.

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WTU Pushing W.T. Agriculture

The West Texas agriculture community has gained strong new economic development tools thanks to West Texas Utilities Company. WTU has added Steve Teaff, agri-business specialist, and Philip Marshall, business development analyst. The two will support WTU's economic development endeavors.

Texas is the leading U.S. producer of cotton, wool and mohair, yet few finished textiles are produced in the state. The state has long been considered a cattle region, but leather is seldom produced here. These are examples of the kind of processors WTU will target to bring jobs to this region using its economic development resources.

Old Glory To Hold Musical On May 22nd

The Old Glory Musical will be held May 22 at the Community Center. "The Best Little Concession Stand in Texas" will open at 5:00 and the music will start at 5:30 p.m.

There is no admission charge and everyone is welcome. The proceeds of the concessions will go to offset the Community Center's expenses.

For a spot on the program, call 817-989-2925 or 817-989-2760.

Golf Club At Rotan Meeting

There will be a meeting Friday, May 21, 1993 at 5:30 p.m. in the Lions Club building. This meeting is for all persons interested in the game of golf. Officers will be elected for the Golf Club. Your presence will show support for our local golf course, which is shaping up to be a nice course.

Thank You

Thank you for all the calls, visits, flowers, and especially prayers while Bobby was undergoing angioplasty last week. We appreciate each and every one of you.

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Texas Cotton Ginners Association Has 86th Convention, Buckholts Ginner Is Honored

Texas Cotton Ginners' Association (TCGA) brought about 5500 people to Buckholts for its 86th Annual Cotton Trade Show and Convention. Convention highlights included over two hundred exhibitors and featured seminars on labor, environmental and safety issues.

The labor seminar featured two speakers from Washington D.C., who discussed discrimination under the Immigration Reform and Control Act (IRCA). These speakers provided tips on how to avoid discriminating against prospective employees.

"It was an excellent opportunity for our members to learn more about the laws that regulate them," said Tony Williams, TCGA executive vice president. "The labor laws are becoming more and more complicated and the speakers from Washington D.C. did a great job of clearing the muddy water."

The association staff engineer, Kelley Green, provide a short overview of air pollution regulations, including obtaining an air permit. He also provided advice on meeting workplace safety requirements under OSHA regulations. According to Chris Breedlove, TCGA president, "Kelley's remarks were very informative, and should help ginners stay out of trouble with the Texas Air Control Board and OSHA."

During the convention each year, the ginners recognize a "ginner of the year", the most prestigious award a member can receive. Wilburn E. Beckhusen, this year's recipient, is a long-time resident of Buckholts in Milam County. He operates Modern

Gin in Buckholts, and farms several thousand acres of cotton and grain with his son. He has served on the numerous boards and committees in his local community and area. Beckhusen is a board member of the TCGA, and has served in that position for twenty-five years.

Chad Jones of Lubbock was the winner of the 4-H Cotton Book Record Award. This award is given annually by the TCGA. Chad is a senior at New Deal High School, and is extensively involved in school activities. He is the son of a cotton grower, and has relatives in the ginning business. Chad plans on attending Texas Tech University in the fall, majoring in Agricultural Economics or Agricultural Education.

New officers were elected during the convention as well. Chris Breedlove of Sebastian was elected president, Ron

Riley of Loop was elected vice president, and Bill Mikeska of Eola was elected secretary.

The 1993 executive committee also was elected. They are as follows:

- Region 1- Sid Brough, Edroy
- Region 2- James Stone, Taylor
- Region 3- Tommy Chapman, Wall
- Region 4- Myrl Mitchell, Lenora
- Region 5- Ron Craft, Plains
- Region 6- Max Jackson, Slaton
- Region 7- Bill Mason, Plainview
- Immediate Past President- Tommy Woolam, O'Donnell

Rotan Yellowhammer Baseball Will Be On Radio, KVRP, Live Beginning This Weekend At Bi-District Game

The officers also serve on the executive committee.

Hospital News

Patients admitted and dismissed to the Fisher County Hospital during the week of May 12 - 18, 1993 were as follows:

ADMITTED:

Mina Curlee- Roby; Mary Allen-Rotan; Joseph Gilbert- Rotan; Nelda Morgan- Rotan.

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Jean McKinney- Rotan; Nelda Morgan- Rotan; Mina Curlee- Roby.

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TUESDAY: Pizza, Green Beans, Salad, Chocolate Chip Cookie; Bread, Milk.

WEDNESDAY: Burrito, French Fries, Salad, Peanut Butter Cookie, Bread, Milk.

THURSDAY: Ham & Cheese Sandwich, Chips, Lettuce & Tomatoes, Fruit, Bread, Milk.

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1991 - 1/2 Ton Extended Cab 4x4 Silverado 350-5 Speed \$12,200.00

Hustling Around Hobbs

By Joy Walker

We have been having some cool mornings, and last week both Tuesday and Wednesday, it was cool all day with north winds. Then it got hot and Friday and Saturday, after all those cool days, we nearly roasted. Roby Kindergarten and 1st grade and all the other grades through 8th, went to ACU Friday, to watch their play "A Wrinkle in Time" and then we took them to the park and the zoo. Did we have some sleepy kids on the way home? Some of the kids went to Dyess Air Force base while some went to the Grace Cultural Museum.

Faye and C.J. McIntosh from Alba were at church on Sunday morning and we were all so pleased to see them. They used to own the laundry out here at Hobbs some years ago, and were members at Hobbs Baptist Church. They were here visiting with relatives and friends, including Andrew and Louise Williams.

Diana Threatt's father, John Bul-

lock from Monahans, was also at church Sunday.

Spending the weekend with Dutch and Norma Parks were their two grandsons, Levi and Dylan from Odessa. They came Friday afternoon and went home Sunday. They are the children of Julie and Pache Parks.

Mr. and Mrs. John Rimes from Aspermont visited one day last week with the Frank Boydstuns. He is Frank's cousin.

Randi Marie Etheredge spent Saturday and Saturday night with her grandparents, Jackie Wayne and LaNelle Etheredge.

I wish we could get a good rain right about now, as the farmers would like to get their cotton planted. Some have already started, but the ground is really dry, and a good rain would make everyone feel better. They are predicting thunderstorms every day this week, so maybe we will be lucky and get some much needed moisture.

Not too much news this week, as everyone has been busy either out in their yards, or Spring cleaning. See you next Thursday.

Legal Notice

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION (AVISO DE ELECCION ESPECIAL)

To the Registered Voters of the County of Roby, Texas:

(A los votantes registrados del Condado de Roby, Texas:)

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7 p.m., on June 5, 1993, for voting in a runoff election for United States Senator.

(Notifíquese, por las presente, que las casillas electorales sitados abajo se abrirán desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 5 de junio de 1993 para votar en la Elección Especial para U. S. Senador.)

LOCATION(S) OF POLLING PLACES

(DIRECCION(ES) DE LAS CASILLAS ELECTORALES)

Precinct No. 1 & 4 Courthouse Coffee Room, Roby, Texas (Distrito Electoral #1 & 4: Cuarto de Cafe en casa de corte, Roby, Texas)

Precinct No. 6: McCauley Methodist Church (Distrito Electoral #6: Iglesia Methodist de McCauley)

Precinct No. 2, 5, 10, & 12: Rotan Community Center (Distrito Electoral #2, 5, 10 & 12: Centro de Comunidad en Rotan, Texas)

Precinct No. 13: School House in Hobbs, Texas (Distrito #13: Escuela de Hobbs, Texas)

Precinct No. 17: Community Center in Capitola, Texas (Distrito Electoral #17: Centro de Comunidad en Capitola, Texas)

Precinct No. 18: Community Center in Longworth, Texas (Distrito Electoral #18: Centro de Comunidad en Longworth, Texas)

Precinct No. 22: Community Center in Sylvester, Texas (Distrito Electoral #22: Centro de Comunidad en Sylvester, Texas)

Absentee voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at County Clerk Office, Roby, Texas (La votacion en ausencia en persona se llevara a cabo de lunes a viernes en oficina de oficinista del condado)

between the hours of 8 to 12 noon and 1 to 5 p.m. beginning on May 19, 1993 and ending on June 1, 1993. (entre las 8 hasta medio dia y de las 1 hasta las 5 de la tarde empezando el 19 de mayo de 1993 y terminando el primero de junio de 1993.)

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:

Fisher County Clerk
P.O. Box 368
Roby, Texas 79543

(Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran en ausencia por correo deberan enviarse a:

Fisher County Clerk
P.O. Box 368
Roby, Texas 79543)

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on May 28, 1993. (Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran en ausencia por correo deberan recibirse para el fin de las horas de negocio el 28 de mayo de 1993.)

Issued this 12 day of May, 1993. (Emitada este dia 12 de mayo de 1993)

Marshal Bennett
Signature of County Judge (Firma del Juez del Condado)

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NOTICE OF SHERIFFS SALE THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF FISHER

By virtue of an Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable 32ND Judicial District Court of Fisher County, on the 4th day of May, 1993 by the Clerk thereof, in the case of ROTAN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT VS. BILLY RAY CARTER; Cause #4465 and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell, at 10:00 a.m. on the 1st day of June, 1993 which is the first Tuesday of said month, at the North door of the Courthouse of said Fisher County, in the City of Roby, Texas, the following described property, to wit:

Being all that certain Lot 12 (surface only) in Block 190 of the Original Town of Rotan, Texas, and being more particularly described in that certain Deed of record in Volume 230, Page 439 of the Fisher County, Texas.

Levied on the 4th day of May, 1993 as the property of BILLY RAY CARTER, 1002 West 21st, Odessa, Texas 79763; to satisfy a judgment amounting to \$172.20 with interest

Notice Of Sheriff's Sale

from the 18th day of March, 1993 at 10 per cent, per annum, and all costs of suit in favor of ROTAN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL.

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Being all that certain Lot 10 and the North Half of Lot 11 in Block 43 of the Original Town of Roby, Texas, and being more particularly described in that certain Deed of record in Volume 172, Page 225 of the Deed Records of Fisher County, Texas.

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HEALTH NEWS

Facts About Breast Cancer

Provided by Methodist Hospital

One in approximately every 10 women will develop breast cancer at some time in their lives. However, only 15 to 20 percent of women age 50 or older have regular physical exams.

According to Rodolfo Martinez, M.D., oncologist/hematologist on staff at Methodist Hospital, few symptoms signal early breast cancer, but early detection and treatment of the disease can greatly reduce mortality rates at any age.

"When breast cancer is found in its earliest stage, the chances for survival are very good," said Dr. Martinez.

The American Cancer Society and the National Cancer Institute recommend breast self-examinations, regular physical checkups and mammograms to help with the early diagnosis of breast cancer. Following are guidelines for this three-point protection plan.

If you are 50 years of age or older:

- * Examine your breasts monthly;
- * Have an annual breast exam by your physician; and
- * Have a yearly mammogram.

If you are 40 to 49 years old:

- * Examine your breasts monthly;
- * Have a breast exam by your physician every year; and
- * Have a mammogram every 1 to 2 years.

If you are 20 to 39 years old:

- * Examine your breast monthly;
- * Have a breast exam by your physician at least every 3 years; and
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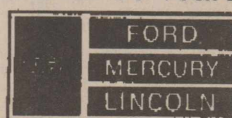
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SLUGGER: Seth Summers, son of Neal and Kathy Summers of Rotan, is one of the aspiring young baseball players taking advantage of the many Little League opportunities this Spring being offered area players.

History Notes

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A look back in the history of Fisher County from 20, 15, 10, 5 and last year.

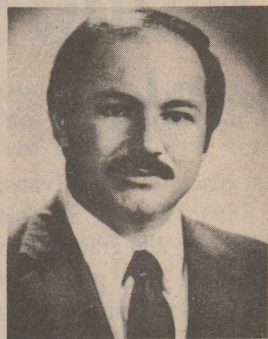
20 Years Ago - Thursday, May 10, 1973. Top Students were - (Valedictorian) Rollie Cantu, Hobbs; Audrey Carey, Roby and Carolina Velez, Rotan. (Salutatorians) were - Randy Gordon, Hobbs; Linda Lawlis, Roby and Vick Burk, Rotan. Mattie Key received the top senior citizen award. Barbara Neeley received her degree from Angelo State.

15 Years Ago - Thursday, May 11, 1978. Judge Dwight Lovett was elected Fisher County Judge, Linda Vann won 2nd place in a writing contest; Randy Etheredge was named to the 8-man All Star Team; Franklin Waddell received his degree from A&M. Roby Cheerleaders elected were: Sue Hall, Michele Cox, Kathy King and Lois Ann Cauble.

10 Years Ago - Thursday, May 12, 1983. Robert Damron resigned as Rotan football coach; Roby Cheerleaders were Tammy Mauldin, Jennifer Wright, Kristi Martin, Deena Williamson and Stacy Terry.; Rotan Cheerleaders were Kristi Holt, Robin Harris, Dana Nowlin, Cathy Conner and Tammy Jones.

5 Years Ago - Thursday, May 18, 1988. Greg Gruben received his B.S. degree from Tarleton; Rotan School Board re-elected Pete Fowler President; Brazos Transport Contract dropped; Roby's "Mane Event" scheduled and Secretary of State ruled that Steve Carriker cannot run for two offices in November.

1 Year Ago - Thursday, May 14, 1992. Steve Warren named new Rotan Coach; Vick Burk Re-Elected School Board President, Voters nixed Roby School Bond issue and Albert Hataway was assaulted.



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STEVEN A. CARRIKER
State Senate

LAST DITCH EFFORT AVOIDS SCHOOL CONSOLIDATION

In one final effort to avoid massive forced consolidation of hundreds of Texas schools, the Texas Senate wrote a school finance plan and approved it by a vote of 27-4 last week. The plan moves property without moving kids so that community-based schools can be maintained all across the state.

Under Senate Bill 7, all residential and agricultural property would remain with the local tax base, but there would be a trade between about a hundred of so of the richest and poorest school districts of commercial property taxes so that every school district can be brought within an acceptable range of property wealth per pupil. Many small but property rich districts breathed a sigh of relief with passage of the measure, because provisions of the bill will allow them to raise enough money to service their high cost and

geographically disadvantaged student populations. Current allotments for technology, transportation, and the career ladder as well as the adjustments for small districts, sparse districts and the cost of education are retained.

Perhaps the best news about the bill is the fact that about 90% of school districts will be unaffected and if the bill passes the House and is signed by the Governor, schools will reopen in September. The state's educational system will not screech to a halt.

The "deal" is far from done however, because the bill must receive final approval in both houses before it can be signed by the Governor...and most importantly...it must not be rejected by the courts.

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We will be together in that heavenly home.

So let us hold our head high and smile as we go,
And give our heavenly Father many, many thanks
For what he has given us down here below.

It will all be joy, love and peace,
and our love for each other up there will
Never, never cease, for God is love.
Linnie Nolen, Mother
Dedicated to my daughters, Vi and Frances

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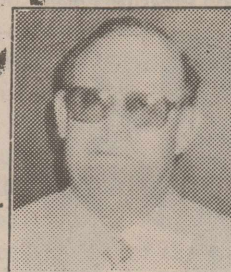
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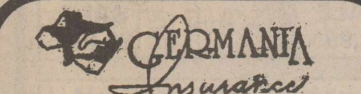


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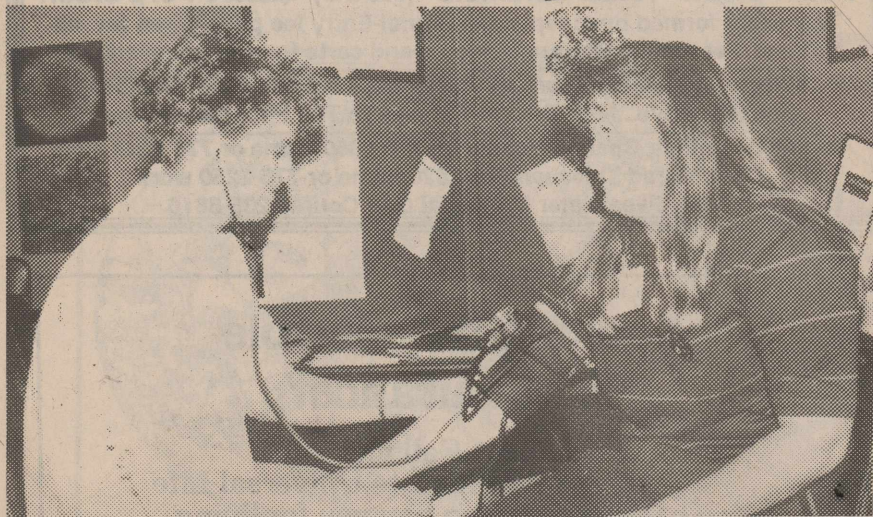
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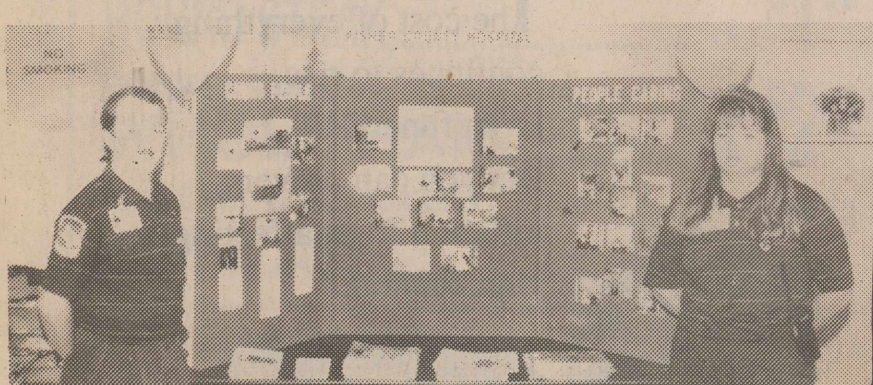
\$3500 In Health Care Services Saved During Fisher County Health Fair Held Last Week



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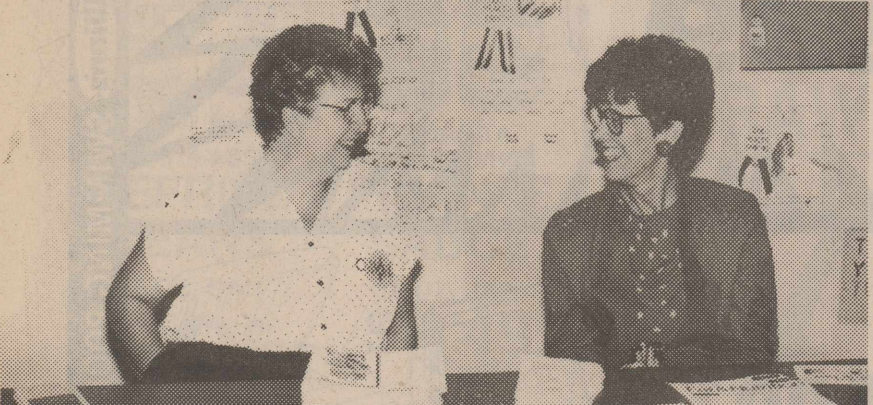
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Caring People-People Caring was the theme of the Health Fair conducted last week that was co-sponsored by the Fisher County Extension Service and the Fisher County Hospital. Beth Dannheim, County Extension Agent reported that the event was most successful. Approximately 200 people viewed the 15 exhibits, 47 people received free immunizations, 94 persons received free glucose tests, and 150 persons were given coupons for free cholesterol screenings. \$3500 were saved in health care services as a result of the event.

One of the special attractions of the health fair was the poster contest for youth grades K-6 in both Roby and Rotan. Winners were as follows: 1st

grade, 1st place - Lance Evans; 2nd place- Shane Stuart; 3rd place - Stephanie Rudd; 2nd grade, 1st place- Ebonie Brown; 2nd place- Bobby Vaughn; 3rd place- Sunny Helms; 3rd grade, 1st place- April Campa; 2nd place- Tara Carey; 3rd place- Benita Vanderpool and Brenda Ramon; 5th grade, 1st place- Cassandra Griffith; 2nd place- Adam Gomez and Karen Carriker; 3rd place- Leticia Leyva; 6th grade, 1st place- Joshua Griffith; 2nd place- Christina Flores, 3rd place- Cassie Terry. Awards for the first place winners were donated by Summers Pharmacy, Rheta Thomson's Beauty Shop, Southern Styling, City Grocery, Wynell Terry's Beauty Shop, Roby Flower Shop, and Blue Haven Motel.

Rotan T-Ball League Has Three Teams Competing

A total of three T-Ball Rotan Little League teams are competing in the 1993 competition, according to League President Larry Markham.

The Black Team - Coached by Mike Terry and managed by Brad Stuart consists of players Corey Alan Farquhar, Tanner Garcia, Ricia Gordon, Jeb Harwell, Adree Anne Lakey, Mitch Pope, Hunter Stuart, J.R. Valenzuela, Tana Ashworth, Kimberly Garcia, Cody Reed, Rachel Smith, Shane Stuart, Wesley Terry, Joe Posey, Stuart Posey, Andrew Haley, Skyler Terry.

The Red Team - Coached by Dale Cox and Mark Bosquez and managed

by George Reyes has the following players as team members - Marcos Bosquez, Megan Carrillo, Jordan Cox, Clarence Gentry, Kera Martin, James Mooney, Randy Morgan, Zachary Reyes, J.W. Chick, Rocky Saucedo and Bryan Saucedo.

The Green Team - Coached by Lloyd Greene and managed by Ricky Williams consists of the following players. Eric Aguirre, Danny Berryman, Cody Etheredge, Presley Gaspar, Aaron Greene, Wade Havins, Aaron Martinez, Amber Messick, David Mullins, Mallory Stanford.

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I shall treasure each of you for your willingness to help my family and me during this time in our lives. All of your deeds just make me fight harder to be whole again, so that I can come home to Rotan and do for others as you have done for me.

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Roby And Rotan To Get New Digital Switching Service When Southwestern Bell Converts To New System Saturday

Southwestern Bell Telephone customers in Rotan and Roby will soon be hearing a new dial tone when they lift their telephone receivers. "The new dial tone will signal the dawning of digital switching technology in Fisher County," said Dennis R. Gloyna, Area Manager.

"In the early morning hours on May 22, 1993, we will convert our telephone switching operations to a new digital

system," said Gloyna. "This new system will serve approximately 1,218 customers in the 735 exchange in Rotan and 610 customers in the 776 exchange."

Fisher County will receive the latest in telephone digital switching as part of an agreement announced in 1990 by the Texas Public Utility Commission and Southwestern Bell Telephone.

Southwestern Bell is installing the

switch as part of an accelerated program designed to help boost the Texas economy and provide customer benefits worth more than \$1.2 billion through 1994.

"When our customers wake up Saturday morning, May 22nd, they will have a new telephone system," said Gloyna. "They may notice a slight difference in the sound of the dial tone. They should also notice that local calls will connect immediately upon dialing the last digit of a telephone number."

Gloyna also reminded customers that effective with the conversion, five (5) digit dialing will no longer be available. Customers will be required to dial the full seven (7) digit telephone number to complete their calls.

Digital switching breaks the voice into digital code, transmitting and reassembling it back into voice patterns at the receiving end. This results in instantaneous dial tone and crystal-clear transmission, free of distortion and outside interference.

Digital switching will provide more accurate switching with less chance of

malfunction. It has greater capacity, runs on less power and takes up less than half the space of the electromechanical system it is replacing.

In addition, effective June 7th the new switching system will bring all of Southwestern Bell Telephone's Customer Calling Services to Rotan and Roby, including Call Forwarding, Call Waiting, Three-Way Calling and Speed Calling.

"Digital switching is not only the best and latest technology available, but it is also the most cost-effective in terms of space requirements and maintenance," Gloyna said.

According to Gloyna, computers in the new system allow it to perform literally millions of functions each second.

"We're pleased to be able to bring digital switching technology to Fisher County," said Gloyna. "This conversion makes telecommunications a definite asset in attracting new business to Fisher County. It also allows the telephone system to grow right along with the community."

Rotan First Grader

Colter Williams Wins A First In Abilene City Tennis Tournament

Colter Williams, son of Peggy and Ricky Williams of Rotan, captured the first place trophy in the Abilene City Championship Tennis Tournament - 10 year old division last Saturday.



Seven-year-old Colter began playing tournaments at age 6 and was the winner of the first place trophy two weeks ago at the Rose Park Bleacher Row Tourney.

Colter's grandparents are Mr and Mrs Andrew Williams and Mr and Mrs Roy Adams of Rotan.

Colter is coached by his parents and brother Clinton Williams.

Clinton was the first place winner in the 16-year old division of the Bleacher Row Tournament but was defeated in the semi-finals of the Abilene City Championship 6-1, 6-4, 4-6 by Joe Don Ridgel, an Abilene High varsity player.

Ruling By Supreme Court Viewed As Good For Farmers

In response to a recent Texas Supreme Court decision in favor of a Central Texas calf feeding facility, Texas Farm Bureau President S.M. True said the court's opinion is "a victory for the dairy industry and the rights of dairy producers."

The Texas high court's 7-to-2 decision overturned an appellate court's ruling in a case involving the F/R Cattle Company located in Erath County near Lingleville. The state Supreme Court's judgement forced the lower court to reexamine the facts in the case.

"We feel that we've been vindicated," said F/R Cattle Company co-owner Rick Robey. "We feel that we were right. We run a clean, good operation and my plans are to stay and raise calves in Texas," Robey said.

The F/R operation consists of buying day-old calves from local dairies and raising them until they reach 250-300 pounds. When the calves attain their desired weight the cattle company sells the animals to feedlots or back to dairies as replacement heifers.

The Texas Air Control Board received numerous complaints regarding the odor associated with F/R's facility. As a result of these complaints, the State Attorney General's Office brought a suit on behalf of the TACB against F/R. The lawsuit sought an injunction and civil penalties on the grounds that odors from the calf-raising facility violated the Texas Clean Air Act by releasing air contaminants without a permit.

"We had approximately 6,000 calves on our facility and they (TACB) wanted it below 1,000 head where we wouldn't

need a permit," Robey said.

The Texas Farm Bureau, Texas Department of Agriculture, Texas Association of Dairymen, Associated Milk Producers Incorporated, Texas Pork Producers Association and Texas Poultry Federation filed a "friend of the court" brief with the state Supreme Court on behalf of F/R Cattle Company.

Two Fourth Grades Given WTC Program

A large group of fourth grade students from Rotan and Roby were presented a program on Electrical Safety by West Texas Utilities Co., Communication Specialist, Lisa Hoff of Stamford, recently.

The students watched a video entitled "Play It Safe Around Electricity" and learned to avoid electrical dangers such as flying kites or climbing trees near power lines, staying away from downed lines and substations and observing overhead lines when working or playing.

Mrs. Hoff discussed the nature of electricity and what to do in case of accidents. After the program, students were given an opportunity to ask questions. WTU Managers Garvis Hinson of Rotan and Perry Thomson of Roby were also present to meet the students and answer questions. Each student was given a booklet of safety information to take home.

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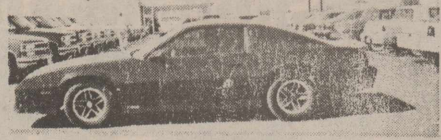
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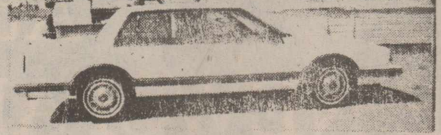
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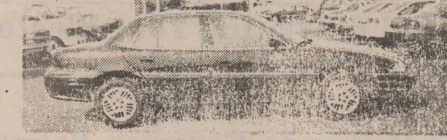
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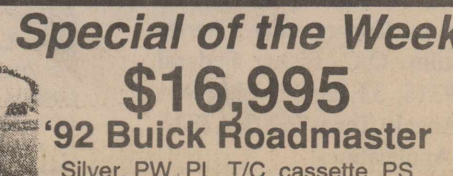
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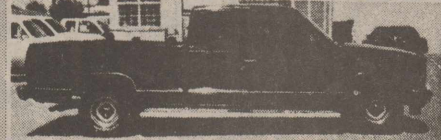
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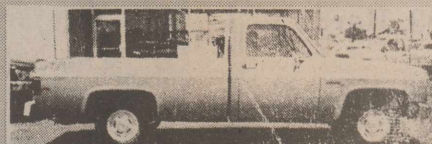
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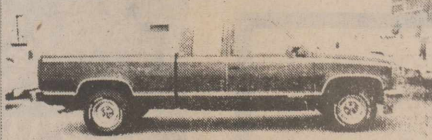
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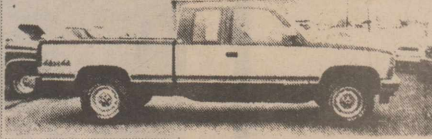
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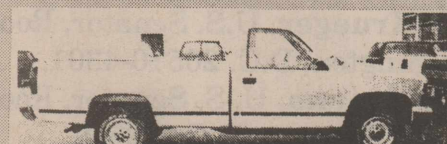
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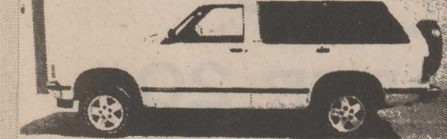
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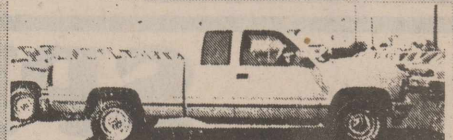
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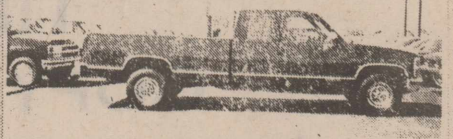
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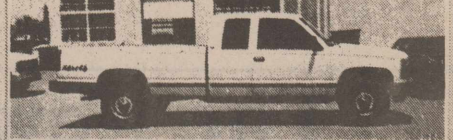
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Roby Names Winners At All Awards Banquet

Roby High School held its annual All Awards Banquet on Monday, May 10, 1993 in the school cafeteria. The evening meal was catered by Penny Jo's. The theme for this year's banquet "Shoot For The Stars" was carried out in the decor. David Mims, Roby High School Principal, introduced the program with a brief review of the year's

Service Academies Are Looking For A Few Good Men

Congressman Charles W. Stenholm is pleased to announce the beginning of the 1994 United States Service Academy cycle. At this time, information is being forwarded to all area high schools and those individuals who have expressed interest in applying for a nomination to the United States Air Force, Merchant Marine, Military or Naval Academy.

Applications are currently being accepted from individuals who wish to be considered for the classes entering in July of 1994. The academies seek well-rounded, intelligent young men and women who are accustomed to balancing many activities while maintaining a high level of academic excellence. The academies offer an excellent educational opportunity, while achieving their goal of preparing tomorrow's military leaders. The academies are seeking individuals of high moral character with much leadership potential, who thrive under pressure.

Individuals who are at least high school juniors, and who will be between 17 and 22 years of age on July 1, 1994, may be eligible for consideration.

Motivated, self-starting individuals who like to be challenged are strongly encouraged to contact Congressman Stenholm's San Angelo office for further information. All inquiries should be directed to: Congressman Charles W. Stenholm, O.C. Fisher Federal Building #318, 33 East Twohig Avenue, San Angelo, Texas 76903, ATTN: Academy Applications.

Summer TEAMS, TAAS Packets Are Available

Summer examinee registration packets for the exit level TEAMS and TAAS tests can be located in the Roby or Rotan counselor's office.

During each regular exit level test administration, individuals who are no longer enrolled in school and have not previously met minimum expectations on all sections of the TEAMS or TAAS tests, but have met all other graduation requirements, may retake the necessary section(s). The testing dates and times for the TEAMS and TAAS tests are listed in the Test Site Directory included in each registration packet.

Individuals who wish to register to retake the exit level TEAMS or TAAS tests may pick up a registration packet from Rotan High School or Roby High School. The test registration form must be completed and returned in the pre-addressed envelope and must be received in Iowa City, Iowa, no later than 5:00 p.m., June 11, 1993.

Any questions about pre-registration can be directed to Pat Hamric at Rotan at 735-2128 or Glenna Stuart at Roby at 776-2391.

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activities.

The following academic awards were presented:

Biology I- Amanda Moore & Bryce Moore

Biology II- Heidi Mims

Chemistry- Brian Osuna

Chemistry Most Improved- Randy Gregg

Anatomy & Physiology- Anita Floyd

Physical Science- Chris Terry

UIL Science- Kelly McWilliams

Algebra I-A- Lanette Teague

Algebra I-A Most Improved- David Bond

Algebra I- Amanda Moore

Algebra II- Heidi Mims & Brian Osuna

Algebra II Most Improved- Monica Pullig and Randy Gregg

Geometry- Karen Stearns, Bryce Moore, Coby Moore

Geometry Most Improved- Les Branham

UIL Calculator- Jerami St. Clair

UIL Number Sense- Casey Johnson

One Act Play- Monica Pullig, Anita Floyd, Jason Gruben, Chris Kelley

Yearbook- Angela Buckner, Joanna Chavira

Speech- Tammy Byrne

Theatre Arts- Ruben Moreno

English I Most Improved- Keith Freeman

English I- Amanda Moore, Kelly McWilliams, Janet Moffett

English II- Bryce Moore & Jason Osuna

Osuna

English III- Heidi Mims & Anita Floyd

English IV- Christie Anderson & Becky Terry

UIL Literary Criticism- Heidi Mims

UIL Headline Writing- Brian Dickson

UIL Editorial Writing- Heidi Mims and Kendra Kiser

UIL Readywriting- Heidi Mims

World History- Bryce Moore

World Geography- Janet Moffett

U. S. History- Anita Floyd

Government/Economics- Jerami St. Clair

UIL Current Events- Angela Buckner

Comprehensive Home Ec.- Amanda Moore

Apparel- Becky Terry

Food Science & Nutrition- Heidi Mims

Consumer and Family Eco.- Jerami St. Clair

Housing- Ralph Amador

Computer Science- Angela Buckner and Jerami St. Clair

Typewriting- Brian Osuna

Accounting- Becky Terry

Microcomputer- Joanna Chavira

UIL Keyboarding- Becky Terry

Reading- Tammy Byrne

Spanish I- Heidi Mims

Spanish II- Bryce Moore and Jason Osuna

The following awards were pre-

sented for Band:

Director's Award- David Bond

John Philip Sousa Award- Angela Buckner

The following athletic awards were presented:

Offensive Football Player of the Year was David Scott; Defensive Football Player of the Year was Bryce Moore.

Mr. and Miss Basketball Award was given to Varsity Boys and Girls Teams for their cooperative efforts and excellent sportsmanship.

Outstanding Track awards were presented to Brian Dickson and Carolyn Atkinson.

Most Improved Athlete awards were presented to Les Branham and Karen Stearns.

The Yearbook Staff dedicated the 1992-93 "Tumbleweed" to Mrs. Barbara Martin. Mrs. Martin serves Roby CISD as Homemaking and Computer Science teacher.

The All-Awards banquet concluded with the introduction of the 1993-94 Roby High School Cheerleaders, Carolyn Atkinson, Monica Pullig, Erin Hart, Amy Beauchamp, Kelly McWilliams, and Carissa Kiser. The cheerleaders led those present in the Alma Mater.

Ag Science and Technology Awards

Outstanding FFA member- Chris Estes

DeKalb Achievement Award- Chris Estes

Ag Mechanics Award- Chris Estes

Star Chapter Farmer- Randy Gregg

Star Greenhand- Jason Thompson

Proficiency Award in Swine Production- Jason Gruben

State Certificate of Participations:

State FFA Ag. Mechanics- Chris Estes, David Scott, Randy Gregg, Jason Gruben

State FFA Livestock Judging- Bryce Moore, Coby Moore, Anita Floyd, Chad Dannheim

FFA Certificate of Participation:

Bryce Moore, Coby Moore, Anita Floyd, Chad Dannheim- Livestock and Senior Chapter Conducting

Chris Estes- Senior Farm Skills and Ag. Mechanics

Randy Gregg- Senior Chapter Conducting and Ag. Mech.

Mickey Kelly- Senior Chapter Conducting & Ag. Mech.

David Scott- Senior Farm Skills and Ag. Mech.

Shannon Moffett- Ag. Mech.

Jason Thompson- Jr. Farm Skills and Dairy Cattle and FFA Quiz

Lonnie Green- Dairy Cattle

T.J. Flannagan- Jr. Farm Skills & Dairy Foods

Jr. Farm Skills- Steven Estes

Sr. Chapter Conducting, Dairy Cattle, Ag. Mech.- Jason Gruben

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MONEY TALK

Kay Bailey Hutchison
Texas State Treasurer



Editor's Note: Texas State Treasurer Kay Bailey Hutchison addresses various issues related to personal finance and state government. However, these views are not intended to replace the advice of reputable financial advisers or other professional counselors.

Q. I never filed my federal income tax return for 1991. When I found out I owed \$5,000 I decided to wait to file until I had the money. I still don't have the money but I am afraid to wait any longer. What should I do?

A. Whenever you are faced with a debt that you cannot pay your best alternative is to talk to the lender and explain your situation. This same advice applies if you owe money to the Internal Revenue Service. I strongly suggest that you contact

your local IRS office immediately and set up an appointment to talk with one of their representatives. Explain your problem to him or her and ask if you can set up a payment schedule to settle this obligation.

In all likelihood, you will owe the IRS more than \$5,000. A penalty is assessed for each month that you fail to file your tax return. This penalty is calculated on a monthly basis and equals five percent of the total amount that you owe. In addition, the IRS has the authority to charge interest and late-payment penalty fees.

As you can see, the longer you delay filing your tax return the more you will owe. It is in your best interest not to put this off any longer.

If you have a question, write Money Talk, Texas State Treasury, Communications Division, P.O. Box 12608, Austin, Texas, 78711.

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Ann Richards, Governor, Room 200, State Capitol, Austin, TX. 78711.

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Tonya Moffett And Kevin Janis Exchange Vows

Tonya Moffett and Kevin Janis were married on May 15 in the Sylvester Baptist Church, with Glenn Moffett, father of the bride, performing the ceremony. Terry Moffett, uncle of the bride, giving the charge.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Moffett of Sylvester are the bride's parents. The bridegroom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Janis of Perry, Iowa.

Tammy Haley, the bride's sister, was matron of honor; the bridesmaids were Tresa Dabney, Tabitha Garrison, and Stephanie Polk.

The best man was Jay Smelly, and the groomsmen were Jim Bob Haley, John Dabney, and Craig Burgess.

Travis Janis, son of the groom, was ring bearer; Sarah Cook was flower girl; Andrew Cook was Bible bearer. Ushers were Reggie Moffett and David Scott.

Musicians were Tammy Kiser, Norma Meek, Tony Moffett, and Jim Bob Haley.

The bride wore a tea-length gown of white lace and taffeta. The gown featured puffed sleeves and a sweetheart

neckline bordered with sequins and seed pearls. A taffeta bow accented the waist in the back. The bridal veil of tulle flowed from a white satin hat. Aqua and pink roses highlighted the bridal bouquet from which cascaded streamers of satin ribbons, pearls, and lace.

The bridesmaids wore tea-length gowns of pink and aqua taffeta and lace and carried matching bouquets.

To carry out a time-honored tradition, the bride carried a borrowed handkerchief belonging to her grandmother Clements. It had been made for Mrs. Clements by her own grandmother. Topping the wedding cake were the bride and groom figurines from the wedding cake of the bride's grandmother Moffett for something old. The wedding gown served as something new, and something blue was the traditional blue garter.

The reception was held in the church fellowship hall.

The couple will live in Oklahoma City, where he is in service at Tinker Air Force Base.

Rotan's Eric Smith Is Amongst High School Elite To Play At All-Star Game

Seventy of the state's best high school football players have been announced by the Texas High School Coaches Association (THSCA) to participate in the 1993 McDonald's All Star Football Game scheduled this summer in Fort Worth. Rotan's Eric Smith will be among the elite group.

Members of the North and South football squads were announced by the THSCA selection committee based on recommendations of member coaches. The selection process includes thorough evaluations of student athletes and gives equal consideration to players from smaller classifications as to those from larger schools.

The responsibility for coaching this

group of talented youngsters goes to David Visentine from Marshall High School in San Antonio, who will guide the South team, and Don Poe from South Garland High School near Dallas, who will lead the players of the North squad.

The 1993 McDonald's All Star Football Game is scheduled for Tuesday, July 27, 7 p.m. at Amon Carter Stadium on the campus of Texas Christian University in Fort Worth. The two squads will arrive for practice on July 22.

The 1993 McDonald's All Star Games bring together the state's best high school athletes in basketball and football. For these athletes it will be the

last game of their high school careers and the last as a direct representative of their hometowns.

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OBITUARIES

Mrs. Verona Cross

Mrs. Verona Cross, 86, of Rotan, died Sunday night at Fisher County Nursing Center. Funeral services were at 2 p.m., Tuesday, May 18, 1993 at First Baptist Church with Rev. Keith Berryman, pastor of Cross Roads Baptist Church, officiating. Burial was in the Belvue Cemetery of Rotan under the direction of Weathersbee Funeral Home.

Mrs. Cross was born July 9, 1906 in Fisher County and has been a resident of the county all of her life. She had made her home at the Fisher County Nursing Home for the past six years.

She married Arlon Cross, December 12, 1925 at Rotan. He died April 16, 1977. She was a member of Cross Roads Baptist Church. Besides her husband, Mrs. Cross is preceded in death by her parents, Leonard and Ketura Williamson, and by two brothers and a sister.

She is survived by two daughters and sons-in-law- Billie and Glen Gruben of Rotan and Jean and Jim Huckaby of Big Spring; three sisters- Mrs. Lenora Cleveland of Rotan, Mrs. Winnie Fay Darden of Fort Worth and Mrs. Willadene Hicks of Hawley; a sister-in-law- Mrs. Opal Williamson of Roby and a brother-in-law- Earl Patterson of Levelland. There are 5 grandchildren, 9 great grandchildren and 1 great grandchild.

Active Pallbearers were: Wilbur Gruben, Harold Gruben, Leonard Cleveland, Charlie Cleveland, Donnie Gruben, Glen Copeland, Anson Martin, Fred Phillips.

Honorary Pallbearers were Walter and Shirley Byrd, Horace and Betty Carter, Wendell and Mayrene Morrow, Odell and Janie Rains, Harold and Carol Roberts.

Fisher County Senior Citizens News

By Wanda Acker

The Fisher County Senior Citizens will hold their monthly dance on Friday, May 21 from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m.

On Saturday, May 22, the Senior Citizens are planning a trip to Buffalo Gap to attend the Senior Friends Party. The party will be from 11 a.m. til 2 p.m.

Come join your friends at the Senior Center.

Center Club Holds Meeting At Roby Annex

On May 11, 1993 the Center Club met in the Annex for the regular meeting. The president, Eilene Cave, presided over the meeting. The minutes were read and the financial report was given by the secretary, Fay Anderson.

Bobbie McKinney of Rotan presented the program entitled "Reflections on Future Past". She showed some inscriptions that have been found on tombs, a lot of them comical in nature. She also reported on nearby cemeteries especially Woods Chapel and how it has been cared for by the individuals who live near and have showed an interest in it. A trivia game with questions concerning famous state and national heroes, where they were buried and some unique burial characteristics was given out. It was an interesting program.

The hostess, Helen Thornburg, served delicious refreshments to guests Bobbie McKinney and Forrest Price and to members Voncille Driver, Audie Burk, Eilene Cave, Fay Anderson, Luella Waddell and Bernice Randolph.

The next program on May 25 will be a trip to Sweetwater to visit the Pioneer City-County Museum.



IN A MUD HOLE: Randy Martin, Rotan City employee, was up to his elbows in water last Tuesday morning attempting to fix a broken 2 inc water line just North of the First United Methodist Church.

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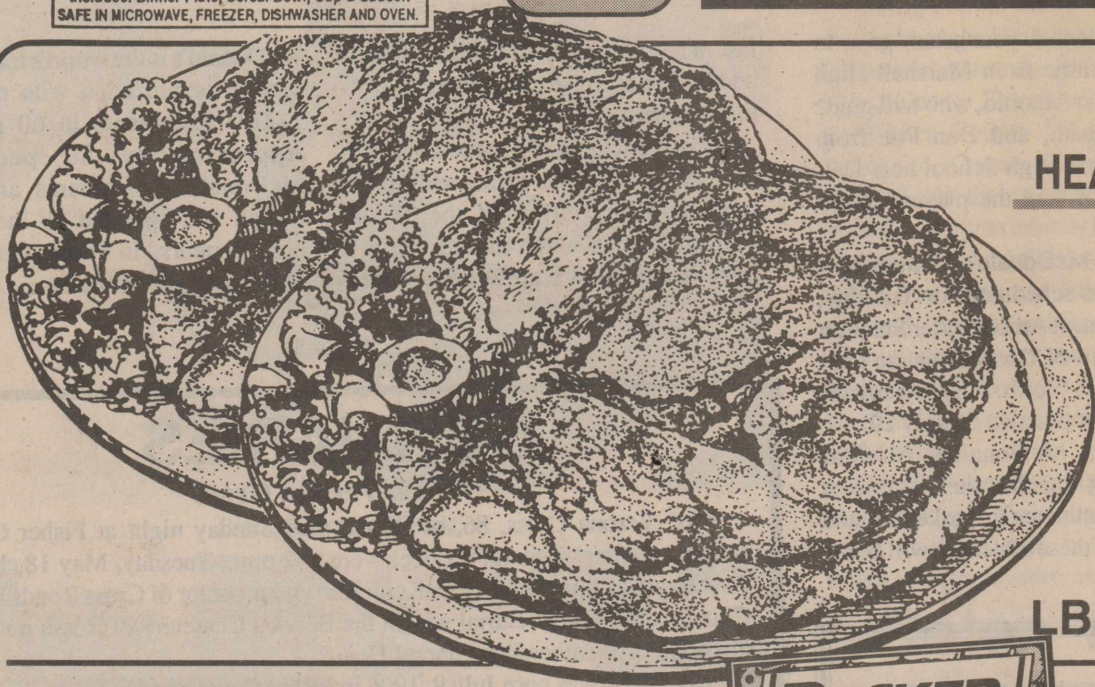
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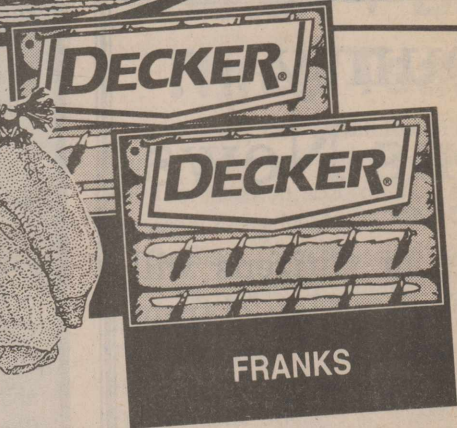
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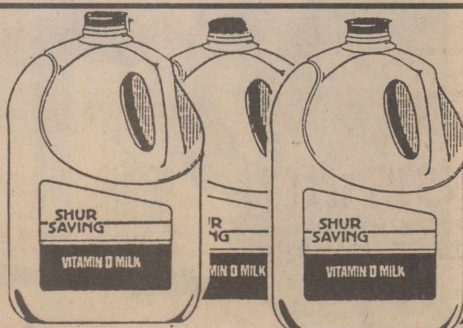
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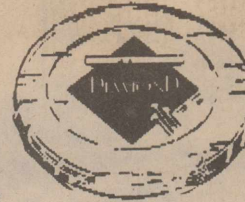
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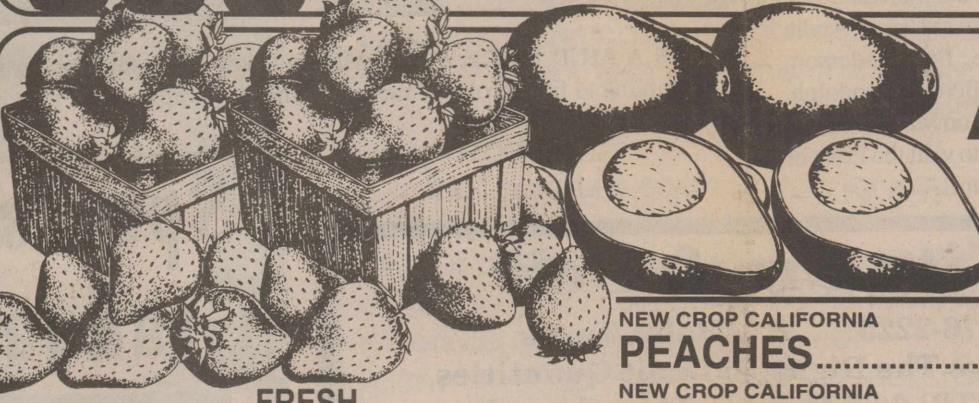
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