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Food Stamp Assistance $361,747.00

Texas Department Of Human Services, Pumps $1.83 Million In County In 1990

The Texas Department of Human Services, under ten expenditure program categories, pumped approximately $1.83 million dollars into Fisher County in 1990, according to figures released last week by the local office.

The three largest assistance categories were: Food Stamp Value (food stamp assistance for those falling below the poverty level) of $361,747.00 in 1990; Purchased Health Services (elderly - in home care for qualifying persons) of $568,860.00 and Nursing Home Payments (medicade payments to nursing homes) of $524,436.00. The above three program expenditure sections amount to $1.45 million of the $1.83 million pumped into Fisher County in 1990.

The State Of Texas Paid Fisher County Residents, Qualifying For Assistance Programs, $568,860.00 For Purchased Health Services In 1990 And An Additional $524,436.00 Was Paid To Nursing Homes For Elderly Care.

The remaining seven programs and the funds expended were: AFDC Payments (funds to children deprived of support) of $64,212.00; Medicaid Prescriptions (prescription drugs for the elderly and AFDC) of $35,328; Child Day Care (care for children) of $59,340.00; AFDC/State Paid Foster Care (payments to foster homes) $54,804.00; Family Care (adult program) of $25,584.00; Primary Home Care (adult program) of $62,292.00; Medical Transportation (payments to transportation drivers) of $8,244.00 and HEAP Payments (summer and winter energy assistance funds) of $9,768.00.

An additional $63,480 was paid to three employees in 1990 making a grand total of $1,838,100.00 spent in 1990 by the Texas Department of Human Services.

Roby Star-Record

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Greg Pruitt Elected As New Rotan Lions Club President For 1991-92

The members of the Rotan Lions Club elected officers recently and named Greg Pruitt as the new President for the 1991-92 year. Other officers include: David Smith, 1st Vice President; George Reyes, 2nd Vice President; Joe Dickson, 3rd Vice President; Jerry Marshall, Secretary-Treasurer; Ron Dunaway, Lion Tamer; Tail Twister, Robert Hoffman and Harold Sanders, Program Chairman.

Jenni Burnes will serve as the Rotan Lions Club sweetheart for the 1991-92 year.

The Rotan Lions Club Directors for the 1990-91 year are: Greg Rains, Jerry Dycus, David Hargrove and C.M. Callan.

Members include: Joe Dale Burk, C.M. Callan, James Carter, Charlie Cleveland, Bill Day, Joe Dickson, Ron Dunaway, Jerry Dycus, John Gray, Gary Harger, David Hargrove, Wayne Harris, M.T. Hill, Garvis Hinson, Robert Hoffman, Glen Holt, Nolan Kinsey, Larry Landes, Loys Landes, Jerry Marshall, Cleburne Murdoch, Greg Pruitt, Greg Rains, Doug Reeves, Harold Sanders, David Smith, James Springer, Bart Strayhorn, Luther Summers, Kenneth Vann, Joe Vernon, Mac Weathersbee, Donald Webb.

The Rotan Lions Club meets at 12:15 p.m., each Thursday at the Rotan Lions Club building.

Rotan, Roby Swimming Pools Open On Saturday

The Rotan and Roby swimming pools open this Saturday at 2:00 p.m., for the 1991 season according to Joe Dickson, Rotan City Secretary and Jimmy Price, Roby City Manager.

Rotan Pool Information

At Rotan, pool operating hours will be Tuesday through Saturday from 2:00 p.m., until 6:00 p.m. and from 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m., Thursday night. The pool will be closed on Monday through the summer.

Prices are ages 11 and under .75 cents a day or $15 for a season pass and ages 12 and up $1.25 a day or $25.00 for a season pass.

The pool is available for parties on Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday nights. Rates are available from Pool Manager Ernest Armstrong.

The lifeguard will be Janicia Krober with Shannon Boone scheduled as the reserve lifeguard.

Roby Pool Information

The Roby pool operating hours will be Sunday from 2-5; Closed Monday; Tuesday through Saturday open 2-6 and open Thursday 7-9. The pool closes at 5:00 p.m., Thursday afternoons.

Prices are ages 12 and under .75 cents for day admission and 12 and over $1.00 per day.

Todd Bryant will be the Roby Pool Manager for the 1991 season.

Jim Bob Hailey Is New Roby Principal, Law Suit Discussed

The members of the Roby School Board, at a special meeting last week, voted to hire Jim Bob Hailey of Leakey as the new elementary principal and accept the resignation of Ron Francis as athletic director.

The board also discussed a citation presented to Superintendent George Price as a result of a pending law suit involving Helen Perales, surviving parent of Lolita Perales, a McCaulley High School victim of the bus accident on December 8, 1978. Helen Perales is being represented by Frank Scarborough of the law firm of Glandon, Erwin, Scarborough, Baker & Gravley, P.C. of Abilene, Texas. The plaintiff's are seeking relief of prejudgment interest, post judgment interest, cost of Court and other relief, both at law and in equity to which the plaintiff may be entitled.

Combined Rotan, Roby Sales Tax Check $22,623.29

Rotan and Roby received checks totaling $22,623.29 in early May which represented taxes collected by Fisher County businesses on March sales and reported in April by businesses filing monthly returns and also included taxes reported by those Fisher County businesses filing quarterly returns for sales made in the first quarter of 1991.

Rotan received a check for $18,831.53 which is up from $10,420.94 received in the comparable quarter of the prior year and to date Rotan has received payments of $57,72046 in 1991.

Roby received a check for $3,791.76 which is up from $2,793.47 received in the comparable quarter of the prior year and to date Roby has received payments of $9,181.35.

Cancer Society Abandons Door To Door Drive

The Fisher County Unit of the American Cancer Society met Tuesday, May 21st, to discuss plans for the annual fund raising crusade for American Cancer Society.

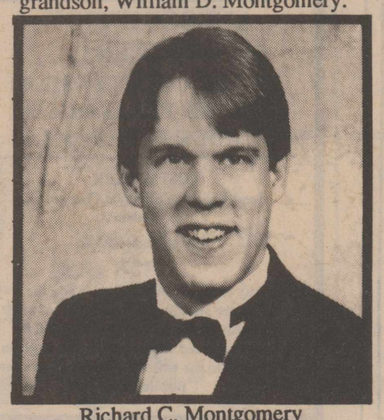
this year the door to door crusade by volunteers will not be conducted, instead jars for donations will be placed in business establishments throughout the city.

Please donate generously from your heart to this worthy cause.

R. C. Montgomery Receives Medical Doctor Degree

In afternoon ceremonies Sunday, May 19, 1991, Richard C. Montgomery received his Doctor of Medicine degree from the University of Louisville School of Medicine in Louisville, Kentucky. Dr. Montgomery will begin his surgery residency in Louisville in June.

Dr. Montgomery is the son of Shirley Montgomery and the late Dr. Tom Montgomery and the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Louie D. Bridges. Mrs. Montgomery and Mrs. Bridges were accompanied to Louisville by another son and grandson, William D. Montgomery.



Richard C. Montgomery

Rotan Little League Rebels In First

The Rotan Little League Rebels continue to roll up wins. Their latest victory was a 10-2 victory over the Pirates last week. In that contest Mikeal Harrison was the winning pitcher and hit his second over-the-fence home run.

Scoring for the Rebels - Chris Rogers 1, Jason Soliz 1, Alan Martinez 2, Mikeal Harrison 3, Ray Yanez 1, James Featherston 1 and Adan Garza 1.

Scoring for the Pirates - C.W. Robertson 1 and Bradey Murphree 1.

In the scond game, the Vets pounded the Yankees 18-2. In the pre-game warm up Daniel Markham was hit over the eye by a ball that left a gash requiring stitches.

Scoring for the Vets - Jason Hargrove 3, Guy Kelley 1, Jake Baker 3, Russell Price 3, Joey Lujan 2, Baldemar Frausto 1, Zack Warren 2, Kaleb Goodwin 1 and Dustin Hargrove 2.

Scoring for the Yankees were - Aaron Wylie and Brandon Carreon.

The All Star tournament will be in Rotan on July 8th.



PRESENT FOR RETIREMENT GATHERING: Two workers in the Rotan School Cafeteria received a surprise retirement get-together recently upon their retirement Pictured (L to R) - Betty Wilfong, Tax Department; Mrs. Benita Carrillo, who retired after 13 years service; Dr. Nolan Kinsey, Superintendent; Madie Bennett, who retired with 20 years service and Laura Myers, Cafeteria Supervisor.

Three County Kids Listed As "Run - Aways"

Three Fisher County juveniles, a 17-year old boy and two girls age 15 and 14 from Longworth, Busby and Roby are listed as "run-aways", according to the Fisher County Sheriff's Department.

The three left Fisher County last Saturday morning and are believed to be driving a Dodge pick-up. The pick-up has a 160 gallon fuel tank and officers speculate that the tank was full at the time it was taken.

The owner of the vehicle has filed an "unauthorized use of a motor vehicle" complaint.

In an unrelated incident, two 17 year old boys were arrested after burglarizing the farm shop belonging to Glen Webb of the Claytonville area.

The two took some shot gun shells and other miscellaneous items. One juvenile is in the Fisher County Jail and the other bonded out.

Kim's Korner
By Kim Pease

KEEP TRYING: The Pulpit Committee of the First Baptist Church of Roby recommended Rev. Barry Taylor to the church and he preached there in May in view of a call. After the vote, the percent to call Rev. Taylor was not sufficient for him to accept. The pulpit committee of L.W. Knox, Roy Noles, J. Donham, Rosemary Donham and Fredda Buckner now go back to the drawing board in search of another minister to recommend.

CONGRATULATIONS: To Texas Senators and members of the Texas House for sending an ethics commission bill to conference committee. The bill, sponsored by Bob Glasgow of Stephenville, will establish a Texas State Ethics Commission and provide for standards for public servants.

SPIRIT WIND: You will miss a treat if you don't take the time on Wednesday night, 7:00 p.m., to hear "Spirit Wind" in performance at the Rotan High School Auditorium. This is a group of 120 teen age kids.

SMALL WORLD: Took a friend to a Texas Ranger baseball game recently. It was on Friday, May 17th to be exact. The Rangers were playing the Boston Red Sox and were in the early stages of their phenomenal winning streak. From the stands bounds Lisa (Summers) Wester. She was there as a chaperone for her son Tanner's mechanical pitch team. Was good to visit with her. Seems like a long way to go to run into home town acquaintances.

CONGRATULATIONS: To Jim Bob Hailey, currently in the Leakey School system, on being named the new elementary principal at Roby. He is excited about moving to West Texas and excited about his new job. Looks like to school board "snagged" another good employee.

BIG DEAL: The Texas Comptroller's office, after dividing the state's 254 counties into 6 cluster groups has determined that the Metroplex area of Dallas - Fort Worth has experienced the largest population gain in the period 1980 to 1990. The growth in the Metroplex area of more than a million people or 31-percent leads the six clusters. The Central Corridor of Austin - San Antonio area was second with a 25% growth or gain of nearly 634,000 residents; third was the Border Counties in far South Texas with a gain of 23% or 322, 000 residents; fourth was the Gulf Coast area around Houston, the state's most populous region was hard-hit by the decade's two economic downturns and expereinced more moderate growth of just over 15% - but still adding 650,000 residents. East Texas was fifth in growth with an 11% gain or 120,000 people and finally the Plains counties, running from the top of the Panhandle to El Paso and taking in 95 counties showed a 2% population growth or 30,000 residents. With growth figures like that West Texas and the Panhandle should apply for disaster assistance.

WASTEFUL: Our United States Congressmen, in passing a budget recently, supposedly "cut to the bone", but in cutting they failed to whittle away or eliminate the following spending programs. This information was found in an article in the newspaper "Government Waste Watch" and was authored by Donald Lambro.

Congressmen did not cut or eliminate the following:

- $400,000 for sweet potato research;
- $3.4 million for shrimp aquaculture;
- $5.1 million to fight witchweed;
- $2.7 million for a fish farm in Stuttgart, Ark.;
- $3 million for zebra mussel research;
- $4.4 million for a "navigation project" at California's surf city mecca, Redondo Beach;
- $34.3 million for a flood control project in Phoenix, Arizona;
- $6.4 million for a navigation project on Cape Cod canal;

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State Capitol Highlights

By Lyndell Williams
Texas Press Association

Lawmakers had a rare good week: Queen Elizabeth II of England stopped at the Capitol, and House members approved a controversial redistricting plan for their chamber.

As expected, majority party Democrats drew a map aimed to increase their strength this decade, but House Republicans plan to challenge the plan in Washington, D.C.

The Democrat's plan could increase their majority from 93 to 100, giving them a crucial two-thirds majority.

The number of Hispanic members could rise from 21 now to 30, blacks could gain two seats, and Anglos would, of course, lose seats.

Democrats have done their best to make sure that Anglos who do not return will be Republicans.

GOP Got A "Raw Deal"

The outcome was totally expected, but House Republicans, as Rep. Kent Grusendorf said, "got a rawdeal."

Grusendorf, R-Arlington, said in the Dallas delegation, Republicans were stripped of a 10-7 majority, ignoring the fact that growth took place in GOP areas of town.

"Something's wrong. We will definitely appeal," Grusendorf told reporters.

Friends Are Paired

The Houston delegation had a similar pattern. One of the tragedies of redistricting is that some friends get paired, or forced to campaign against one another for re-election.

This happened with Angleton Rep. John Willy and Pearland Rep. Jack Harris, good friends, deskmates and Republicans. Two Democratic friends were paired, Beaumont Rep. Al Price and Port Arthur Rep. Frank Collazo, pitting black against Hispanic.

But Willy said rather than go against compadre Harris, he might move into the next county and challenge Redistricting Committee chairman Tom Uher, D-Bay City.

Uher said they were his buddies, too, but the pairing couldn't be helped.

'Political Slaves' Rebel

With new census figures indicating that Hispanics will soon outnumber Anglos, the Texas Democratic Party has been bending over backwards to draw several new Hispanic districts this session, angering Houston black lawmakers.

Last week, led by state Rep. Ron Wilson, D-Houston, blacks rebelled by aligning with Houston GOP lawmakers to protect their own redistricting goals.

Wilson accused Texas Democratic Party chairman Bob Slagle and director Ed Martin of treating blacks "as political slaves" to their own selfish ends."

"They drew this plan and slammed us to the wall. We're going to have a better plan that protects us and doesn't throw us to the wolves," Wilson said.

Martin retorted that Wilson was invited into the process, "but chose to work with Republicans."

In the end, Democrats appeased Wilson by packing black districts with more minority strength.

Buy Prison Goods

Rep. Mark Stiles, D-Beaumont, succeeded in getting a bill added to another measure during debate in the House.

His amendment would force state agencies to buy furniture and other products manufactured by state prison inmates. It was added to a bill that would continue the State Purchasing and General Services Commission.

Stiles argued that his measure, which does not take into account the cost of prison-produced items, would save taxpayers money. Opponents disagreed, saying it would eliminate competition.

Other Legislative Action

* A bill that makes it easier for authorities to prosecute husbands for raping their wives passed the Senate with an amendment requiring evidence of injury or serious threats to the woman.

* Senators also voted to allow the state to fill prisons beyond the 95 percent limit seat by a federal judge.

* The House passed a bill outlawing open alcoholic beverage containers in vehicles, but it was expected to die in the Senate.

* House members also passed a bill to control the amount of out-of-state waste imported to Texas.

Other Highlights

* Cost overruns have hit the Capitol restoration project, which will not be finished on time, or at all, if the Legislature doesn't cough up millions more.

* A key figure in the landmark school finance reform drama, San Antonio Edgewood Supt. James Vasquez, said he will resign to seek a job in higher education.

* The parole board released more than 600 felons last month to avoid prison population over the federal limit. More than two-thirds of inmates considered were released after 547 cases were reviewed a second time.

Kim's Korner

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•$1.7 million for the Agriculture Research Service Bee Lab;

•$1 million for the Columbia and Willamette Rivers Maritime Fire and Safety Association;

•$20 million for research on "intelligent vehicle/highway systems;"

•$3.6 million for the Urban Gardening Program;

•$19.6 million for the U.S. Travel Agency;

•$209 million for the scandal-ridden Economic Development Administration;

According to the article, "Can anyone seriously make the argument that spending has been cut anywhere near to the bone when Congress can merrily vote to spend $500,000 on a monument to entertainer Lawrence Welk or $100,000 to study sand on Waikiki Beach?

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: May 30 - June 5th. May 30 - Jennifer Thompson, Donna Williams; June 1 - Winnie Donham, Donny Mullins; 2 - Sheila Murphree, Sally Ethredge, Marcelina Gonzalez, Monte McKinney, Jr., Joe Dickson, 3-Chris Leach, 4-Shelley Burk.

FINALLY: Ol' Whistle Britches from his Shinnery Ridge Ranch at Rough Creek is getting better at remembering. According to a recent story from the Administrative Offices at Snyder High School, Britches was told that "Education is to business what fertilizer is to farming."

HELL: Funny how the man who tries to prove that there is no hell - seems to have a personal reason for doing so.

PLEASURE: Work is the meat of life and pleasure is the dessert.

BUSINESSMEN: A Sweetwater area merchant told Britches that if business got any worse, he wouldn't have to lie on his next income tax return.

FINALLY, FINALLY: Sign in a Rotan farm business - "The true measure of a man is the height of his ideals, the breadth of his sympathy, the depth of his convictions, the fullness of his understanding and the length of his patience."



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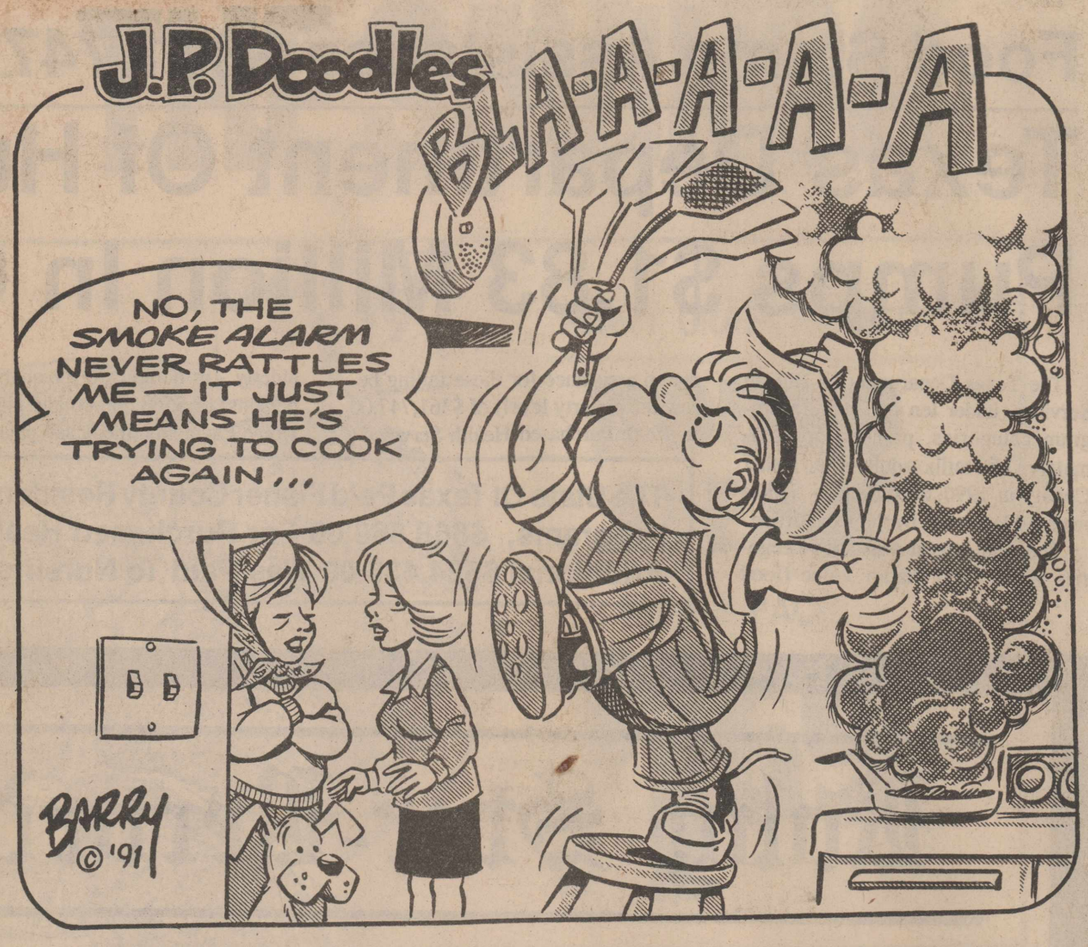
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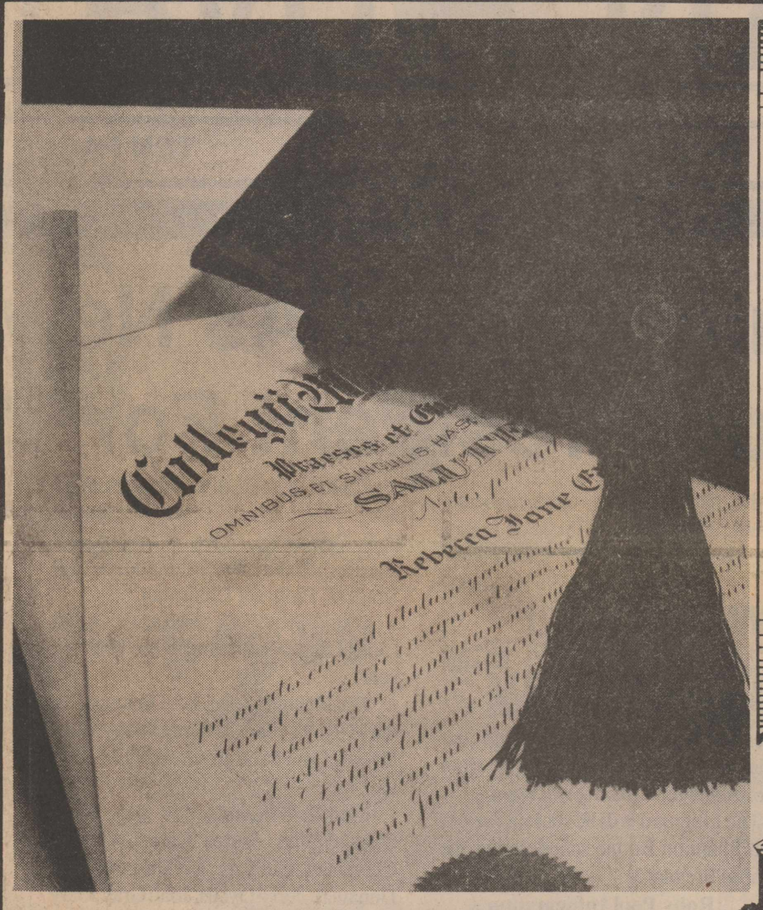
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REFLECTIONS

Graduation . . . is it a beginning, an ending, or possibly, a stop along the way?

Graduation is a beginning . . . of life as a young adult charting an unfamiliar course; a beginning of new friendships and fresh concepts, of higher education or a fulfilling occupation. Certainly, graduation is a beginning.

Graduation may also bring endings . . . to familiar surroundings and comfortable routines, to old friendships; a setting aside of childlike fears and second-hand ideas. Yes, graduation may signify endings.

Perhaps, graduation is a significant stop along the way . . . a preparatory pause . . . a fork in the road. Indeed, the word itself means a *gradual* transition, a step on life's ladder . . . a time to remember the past, to ponder the present, and to dream of the future.

Whatever graduation means to you, feel proud of your accomplishment, and praise God for providing you with strength and guidance. Worship Him regularly, so that you may continue to receive His direction during this most meaningful time in your life.

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!

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Church Of The Nazarene Rotan, Texas Rev. Jack Jones S.S. 9:45 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m. Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 p.m. Wed. Night Bible Study 6:00 p.m.	**First Baptist Church** Roby, Texas Rev. Alvin Petty S.S. 10:00 a.m. - Worship 11:00 a.m. Sunday Choir Practice 5:00 - Worship 6:00 Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7:30	**Hobbs Baptist Church** Hobbs Community Rev. Dee Threatt Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 a.m. Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.	**First United Methodist** Sylvester, Texas Sue Rowlett, Minister Sunday School 10:00 a.m. - Worship 9:30 a.m. Community Dinner 6:00 p.m. Each Third Wednesday Night
McCaulley Baptist Church McCaulley, 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** Rotan, Texas Rev. Ron W. Dunaway Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 a.m. Sunday Evening Worship Service 6:00 p.m.	**Church Of Christ** Roby, Texas Darrell Hart S.S. 10:00 a.m. - Worship 10:45 Sunday Evening Service 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Night 8:00 p.m.	**First United Methodist** Roby, Texas Rev. Larry Crumpton S.S. 9:45 a.m. - Worship 10:50 a.m. Sunday Night Worship Service 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Night Choir Practice 7:00 p.m.
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WARRANTY DEEDS & ASSUMPTIONS

Walter & Darlene Cleveland to Charlie Cleveland; Charlie Cleveland to Walter and Darlene Cleveland; Elbert & Lorrie Shipp to Delbert Shipp; Veterans Affair to Lola J. Tankersley; Kathleen S. Mason and John E. Smart to Alice Morales; Rudy and Patsy Hamric to James W. Hanson; Hill G. Smith to Burnice and Belinda Clawson; Joe and Morna Andrews to Russel and Amanda Pippin; William J. Tyree to Howard E. Van Loon; Keifer and Aubrey Cauble to Big Three Pork Producers; Gladia R. Hopkins to Alta W. Caswell; Leamon and Lorance Wilburn to Keith Wilburn.

Board Meeting For Food Bank

There will be a quarterly board meeting for the Fisher County Food Bank, Monday, June 3rd at the Courthouse Annex building in Roby at 7 p.m. There will be a covered dish supper. All volunteer workers are welcome. The extra food received for Christmas is about all gone and needs replenished as soon as possible.

Items most needed are: fruit, flour, sugar and can milk. The food bank has a freezer and can handle much needed beef. The meat is better if not over a year old. The 3rd Sunday of each month is the date most churches collect food, but you may donate at any time.

Award Certificates Presented To Rotan Students For Reading

Award Certificates were presented to third, fourth, and fifth graders by Patsy Maberry Hamric, librarian. Students had read five or more of the 1990-91 Bluebonnet Books during the school year to receive the award.

Mrs. Juanita Smith's room read a total of 139 books. Receiving the Texas Library Association Texas Bluebonnet Award Certificate were Lacy Callan, Rudy Flores, Anthony Gonzalez, Dustin Hargrove, Jessica Harrison, Keith Messick, Dayme Mullins, Ryan Posey, Jacob Price, Krystle Ramirez, Ruth Ann Riddell, Belia Rodriguez, Katrina Romero, Theresa Soliz, Deidra West, and Jennifer Yanez.

Mrs. Pat Cox's third graders read 146 books to receive 15 certificates. These were Candi Anderle, Cedric Brown, Clay Cade, Crystal Early, Jennifer Fowler, Mindy Gaspar, Byron Kennedy, Leslie Limones, Laurie Montez, Sylvester Ramon, Nikki Rowland, Steven Smallwood, Jason Soliz, Becky Velez, Baldemar Frausto.

Mrs. Fran LeBleu third graders had 14 students read 100 of the BlueBonnet Books. Receiving certificates were Laticia Flores, Yanet Frausto, Javier Garcia, Crystal Hoyle, Lindy Kelley, Brandi McArthur, Scott McKinney, Rocky Munoz, Carolyn Rocha, Andrea Romo, Jeffrey Soliz, Jason Stamm, Tyrell Williams.

From Mrs. Dot Harris' fourth grade fifty-five books were read by the students. Stacy Morrow and Shelley Burk receive the coveted award.

Mrs. Debbie Burnes' fourth graders read 54 books. Receiving certificates were David Garcia, Daniel Markham, Crissi Martin, Chassity Tankersley.

Mrs. Deanna Kinsey reading classes read a total of 162 books. Receiving certificates for reading five or more were Jeffery Anderle, Jake Baker, Lane Greene, Renee Helms, Jonathan Sims, Rys Parker, Saul Messick, Jeremy Alls, Katy Cade, Christina Dodd, Stephanie Yanez, Lisa Weidler.

Daughter Born To Danny And Michele Terry Of Roby

Bryant Terry announces the birth of his sister, Tresley Danielle. She was born April 22, weighed 7 lbs, 15 oz. and was 20 inches long.

Her parents are Danny and Michele Terry of Roby. Maternal grandmother is Sue Austin of Hamlin. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Terry of Roby. Maternal great grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Joe Rash of Aspermont. Paternal great grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Thurman Terry of Roby and Lucille Montgomery of National City, Ca., and the late Max Hommel of Anchorage, Alaska.

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Obituaries

Jesse G. Romero

Jesse G. Romero, 41, died Tuesday in Dallas.

Mass was held Friday at St. Pius the Tenth Catholic Church. Burial was in Restland Memorial Park, directed by Restland Funeral Home.

Mr. Romero was born in Rotan, was raised there and graduated from Rotan High School in 1969. He moved to the Dallas area 21 years ago, was owner and operator of a cleaning service and a member of St. Pius the Tenth Catholic Church.

Survivors include: His father: Jesus Romero of Rotan; seven sisters: Maria R. Martinez of Mesquite, Cecelia Molina of Fort Worth, Susan Almasa of Sweetwater, Dolores Garza of Spain, Julia Lewis of Snyder, and Leonor Leyva and Frances Zambrano, both of Rotan; two brothers: Robert Romero of Hermleigh and Louis Romero of Rotan; and several nieces and nephews.

Florence Jiminez

Florence Jiminez, 71, of Sweetwater, died Monday afternoon at Sweetwater Nursing Center. Funeral services were at 10 a.m., Wednesday, May 29th, at the Belvieu Cemetery of Rotan with Rev. Joe Vernon and George Lane officiating. Arrangements were under the direction of Weathersbee Funeral Home.

Mrs. Jiminez was born at Bohman, Texas, April 25, 1920. She was the daughter of Edward and Ella Mae Shoan. She married David Jiminez at Lubbock and he died in 1989. Mrs. Jiminez was a cook in a Lubbock cafeteria for many years. She was a member of the Baptist Church.

She is survived by: A daughter: Connie Chandler of Lubbock; three sisters: Florine Beard and Marie Hendon, both of Rotan, and Bertha Sawyer of Andrews; two grandchildren and several nephews and nieces.

She is preceded in death by a brother and two sisters.

NOTICE

Dr. Bennie LeBlue's office will remain at the same location at **101 S. Florence** as it has for the past **35 years.** The new telephone number is **915-735-3671.**

Our office hours **Monday** through **Thursday** will be **8:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon** and **1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.** **Friday** and **Saturday** hours as posted.

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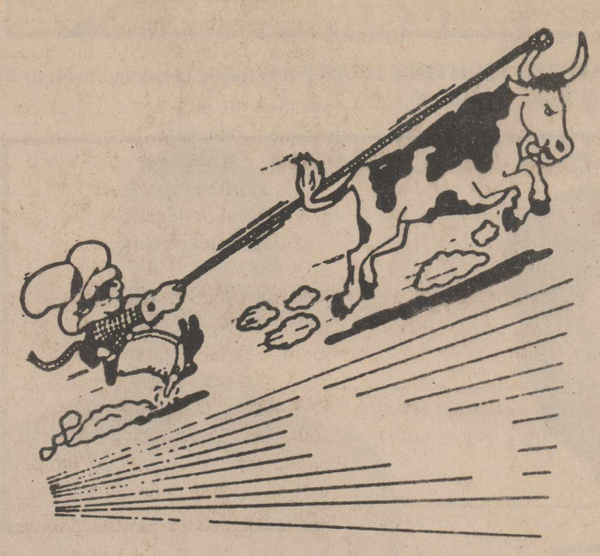
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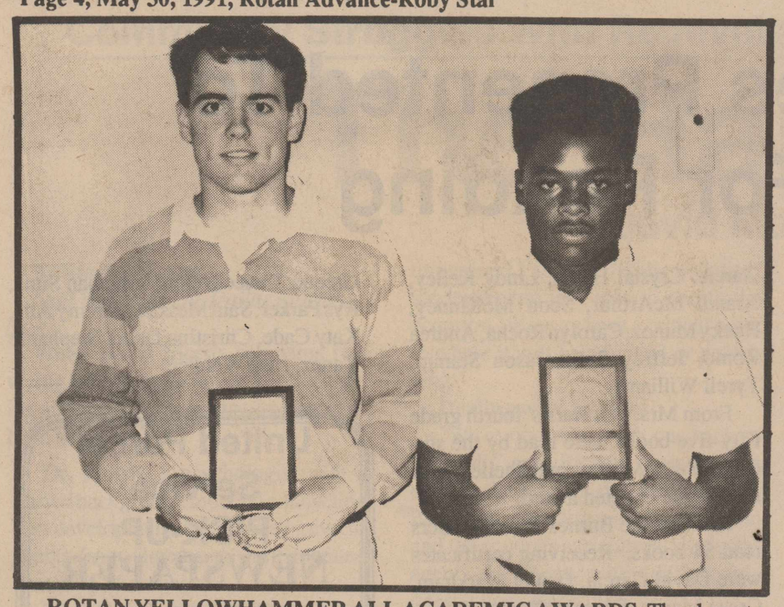
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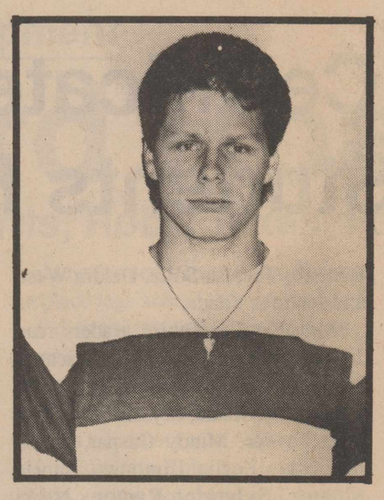
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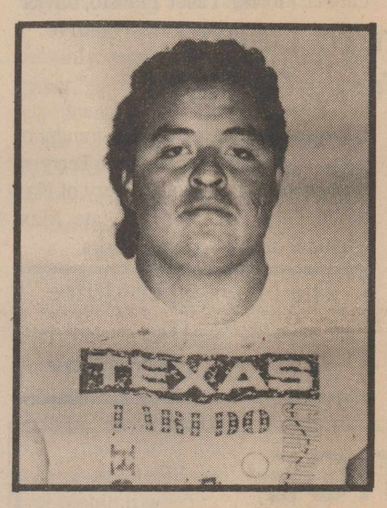
ROTAN YELLOWHAMMER ALL ACADEMIC AWARDS: The above two Rotan Yellowhammer athletes were presented All-Academic plaques at the recent awards banquet - (L ot R) Grand Kinsey and David Daniel.



FIGHTING HAMMER: The 1991 Yellowhammer Fighting Hammer Award went to Danny Warren.



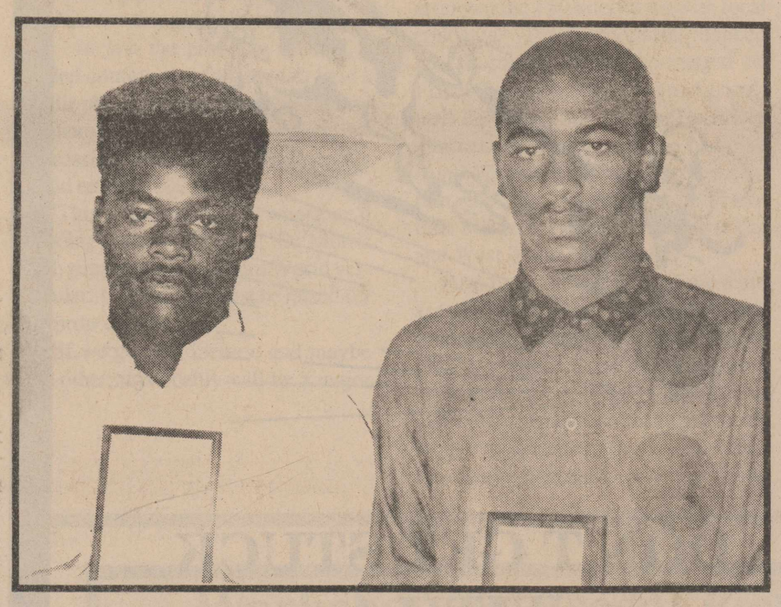
ROTAN YELLOWHAMMER ALL ACADEMIC AWARDS: The above two Rotan Yellowhammer girls - were names as All - Academic recipients at the annual Rotan Yellowhammer All Aports Banquet. (L to R) Vanessa Peek and Sherri Conner.



ROTAN AWARD: The 1991 Hammer Lineman Award was given to Jessie Garcia.



YELLOWHAMMER FIGHTING HEART AWARD: Presented to (L to R) Shawna SPeck and Victor Amezquita.



ROTAN YELLOWHAMMER BACK AWARD: Presented to (L to R) David Daniel and Eric Smith.

Attendance Awards Given To Rotan Students

ROTAN JR. HIGH PERFECT ATTENDANCE 1990-91

Jeremy Alls, Jake Baker, Cheryle Dodd, J.D. Elrod, Kaleb Goodwin, Jay Ben Alls, Amy Gruben, Marla Phares, C.W. Robertson, Zack Burnes, April Martin, Carmelita Munoz, Melissa Burk, Jamie Grisham, Brandy Long, Mandye McKinney, Jesus Munoz, Vicky Munoz, Sabrina Ross.

ROTAN JR. HIGH 6TH 6WKS HONOR ROLL 1990-91

5TH GRADE: (A)- Katy Cade, Jonathan Sims.

6TH GRADE: Laura Blackwelder, Deon Duke, Katie Kennedy.

7TH GRADE: Shelley Baker, Cassidy Early.

8TH GRADE: Amy Blackwelder, Brandi Thomason.

(A/B):

5TH GRADE: Jake Baker, Tony Guerra, Renee Helms.

6TH GRADE: Mandy Dycus, Leanne Landes, Erlinda Natividad, Marla Phares, Adriana Velez.

7TH GRADE: Zack Burnes, Brandi Murphree, Jennifer Rains, Jennifer Underhill.

8TH GRADE: Misty Bowen, Melissa Burk, Stephanie Hunsaker, Brandy Long, David Nowlin.

ROTAN JR. HIGH SECOND SEMESTER HONOR ROLL 1990-91

(A):

5TH GRADE: Katy Cade, Jonathan Sims.

6TH GRADE: Laura Blackwelder, Deon Duke, Katie Kennedy.

7TH GRADE: Cassidy Early.

8TH GRADE: Amy Blackwelder, Brian Carreon, Brandy Long, Brandi Thomason.

(A/B):

5TH GRADE: Jeremy Alls, Jeffery Anderle, Jake Baker, Cheryle Dodd, Kaleb Goodwin, Maria Gonzalez, Tony Guerra, Renee Helms.

6TH GRADE: Mandy Dycus, Jason Hargrove, Leanne Landes, Erlinda Natividad, Marla Phares.

7TH GRADE: Shelley Baker, April Martin, Brandi Murphree, Jennifer Rains, Jennifer Underhill, Christy Willett.

8TH GRADE: Misty Bowen, Melissa Burk, Stephanie Hunsaker, David Nowlin.

H.S.U. To Host Cheerleader Camp July 9-12

Hardin-Simmons University will host a cheerleader camp July 9-12. Instructors will be provided by Universal Cheerleaders Association (UCA).

The camp is open to all high school, junior high and middle school cheerleaders. Participants will receive instruction on new cheers, sideline chants, pom poms, tumbling, conditioning and safety. Each will participate in private coaching sessions.

Special seminars for cheerleaders and sponsors are also planned for the camp. For more information about the camp, you can contact UCA by calling 1-800-238-0286.

News Briefs

Theatre on the Brazos Audition

There will be an audition for one male and one female part for the Theatre on the Brazos summer production. Auditions will be Sunday, June 2nd at 2:00 p.m., at the Lance Theatre. If anyone is interested and unable to attend, please contact Pat Boone or Barbara Gruben.

Rotan Lions Club

The Rotan Lions Club will conduct a "new and used merchandise" sale on Saturday, June 8 at their building. The club would appreciate donations for the sale. Please call Jerry Dycus at White's or Landes Furniture, and they will pick up your items. The proceeds from this sale will be used for the various club benevolent projects in our community.

Longworth Homecoming

The Longworth Homecoming will be held at the Longworth Community Center on June 1 and 2nd. On Saturday there will be evening fellowship with slides of old homecoming; on Sunday it will be all day activities, with a luncheon- bring your favorite dish.

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14:4tp

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16:tfc

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3:tfc

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11:tfc

GARAGE SALES

CARPORT SALE: Saturday, May 1st, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. 308 E. Forrest, Rotan. Furniture, clothes, ect.
17:1tp

YARD SALE: Thursday, May 30th from 8:00 a.m. till ? 1007 E. 6th, Rotan.
17:1tc

GARAGE SALE: Saturday, June 1st, at 603 E. Burnside in Rotan. Furniture, glassware, clothes, toys, etc. 8:00 a.m. to. 3:00 p.m.
17:1tc

GARAGE SALE: 2 1/2 miles South of Roby on Highway 70, Terry residence. Four families, blinds, toys, clothes, etc. Friday and Saturday.
17:1tc

CARPORT SALE: Three families, 505 E. 6th in Rotan. 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Men, women and childrens clothes, toys, exercise bike, coffee maker, dishes.
17:1tp

BACK YARD SALE: Friday, May 31st, 901 E. 5th St. in Rotan.
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GARAGE SALE: June 3rd only. 901 Lakeview in Rotan.
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14:tfc

TUTORING K-8: Summer classes in my home. Certified teacher, call 735-2993.
16:4tp

WANTED: A responsible person to live with an elderly couple. Will give a good home. Call 735-2209 after 6:00 p.m.
16:tfc

"COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS" CARDS: Are now available at The Newspaper Office in Rotan. 735-2562.
16:tfc

FOR SALE: Maytag gas dryer, 2 years old, Kenmore electric dryer, Kenmore washing machine. Call 735-3156.
17:1tc

OLD WEST ANTIEKS: Has purchased Jack & Carol Price's "Picture Perfect" framing business. We would appreciate your future business. We are located West of the Courthouse on the square in Roby. Open Tuesday thru Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. 776-2846.
17:tfc

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ADVERTISEMENT AND INVITATION FOR BIDS

Coke County and Fisher County (hereinafter called the OWNER) will receive Bids for Airport Lighting Improvements, Robert Lee Airport and Rotan/Roby Airport until 11:00 A.M. Monday, June 10, 1991, in the Commissioners Court Room at the Coke County Courthouse, Robert Lee, Texas, which time and place all Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Consideration for award of the Bid will be made at 11:00 A.M., Monday, June 10, 1991, at the Coke County Commissioners Court Meeting, Coke County Courthouse, Robert Lee, Texas and at 2:00 P.M., Monday, June 10, 1991, at the Fisher County Commissioners Court Meeting, Fisher County Courthouse, Roby, Texas.

Bids are invited upon the several items and quantities of work as follows:

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Contract Documents, including Drawings and Technical Specifications, are on file at the office of GSW & Associates, 1030 Andrews Highway, Suite 211, Midland, Texas 79701 and Coke County, Robert Lee, Texas and Fisher County, Roby, Texas.

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The OWNER reserves the right to reject any or all Bids or to waive any informalities in the Bidding.

If the Bid is not awarded at the previously mentioned meetings of the Coke County and Fisher County Commissioners Court on June 10, 1991, then the Bids may be held by the OWNER for a period not to exceed sixty (60) days from the date of the opening for the purpose of reviewing the Bids and investigating the qualifications of Bidders.

Date April 22, 1991
By: Royce Lee
County Judge, Coke County
By: Marshal Bennett
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Texas State 4-H Roundup June 4-5

Local 4-H'ers will be among 2,500 outstanding young people from across the state to compete in the 1991 Texas 4-H Roundup at Texas A&M University June 4-5.

Roundup, the biggest 4-H event held each year, gives 4-H'ers an opportunity to gain educational experiences that support 4-H projects, demonstrate skills and practice leadership at the state level. Outstanding 4-H'ers compete in over 40 contests in which they showcase their speaking abilities, decision-making skills and talents.

Fisher County 4-H participants will include: Christie Anderson and Mike Counts with a 4-H Promotes Youth Development illustrated talk. Anita Floyd, Coby Moore, Bryce Moore, and Chuck Dannheim in livestock judging. Michelle Beauchamp, Jennifer Elkins, Jennifer Kincaid, and Chuck Dannheim in Consumer Decision Making Contest. Grant Kinsey, Angela Buckner, Mark Marshall, and Jessica Moore in Entomology Identification Contest. Shaye Thompson, Traci Hull, Christi Parr, Julie Parr, Carolyn Atkinson, Martha Billingsley, Jonathan Petty, Jake Carriker, and Jason Gruben in Share The Fun.

This year, $592,000 in scholarships sponsored by the Texas 4-H Foundation will be awarded. Texas has the nation's largest 4-H scholarship program which receives tremendous support from private donors.

The young people applying for scholarships are judged on their 4-H experiences, leadership skills, projects, community service, personal needs and other qualifications pertaining to high school academic performance and college entrance exam scores. Scholarships are granted in agriculture, life sciences and unrestricted categories. Chuck Dannheim, Roby High School Senior will be interviewed for an agriculture scholarship.

The Texas 4-H Food Show is also conducted during 4-H Roundup week. Senior 4-H members who have won county and district 4-H food shows qualify to prepare their favorite recipes in one of four categories -- nutritious snacks and desserts, fruits and vegetables, breads and cereals and main dish. Each first-place winner receives a $750 scholarship from the Morrison Milling Company.

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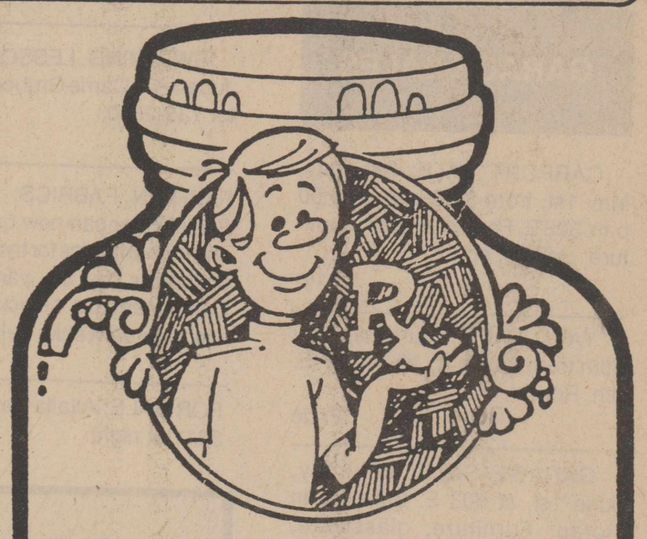
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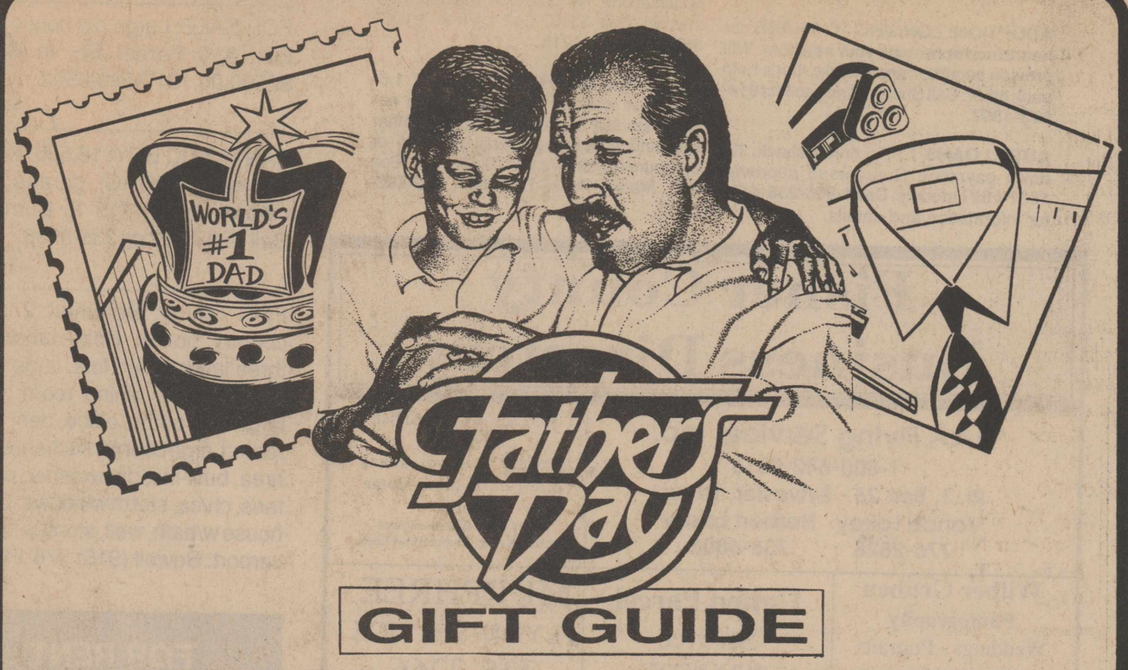
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Written By
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Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of NORVELLE E. KENNEDY, SR., Deceased, were issued on April 9, 1991, in Cause No. 2923, pending in the COUNTY COURT OF FISHER COUNTY, TEXAS to:

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The residence of WILMA LAVERNE SMITH KENNEDY is located in Rotan, Fisher County, Texas. The residence address and the post office address of WILMA LAVERNE SMITH KENNEDY is as follows:

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All persons having claims against this Estate, which is currently being administered, are required to present such claims within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

Dated May 21, 1991.

WILMA LAVERNE SMITH KENNEDY
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Hustling Around Hobbs

By Joy Walker

by Joy Walker.....

We have really been having some good old fashioned summer weather, haven't we? It was 98 degrees Monday so they reported from Abilene and I don't think Tuesday was any cooler. First, be sure and watch June 1st from 9-10 a.m. and June 2nd from 2-3 p.m., that's Saturday or Sunday, as Levi Parks will be on the Children's Miracle Network out of Lubbock. They have been advertising the Children's Miracle Network Telethon on NBC, so be sure and watch channel 32.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Anderson went to Clovis, N.M., last Friday and returned home late Sunday night. They visited with Wayne and Becky Anderson, David and Steven. Saturday, Wayne, Becky and June all went to a Veteran's Day Memorial, where Wayne sang the National Anthem and directed the choir and band. Clarence and June really enjoyed their trip and report that Becky is much improved after her accident when she broke her jaw.

Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Martinez went to Snyder on Sunday and visited with Steve and Tachi Warren and their girls. They all ate dinner together and visited during the day.

We were pleased to have Mrs. Billy (Loretta) Carter from Brownwood at church on Sunday; she was here visiting with her dad, J.C. Cave.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Cave are going to be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on Saturday, June 1st. They are really looking forward to it and hopefully all of their families will be able to attend. Congratulations to Dale and Doshia.

I have really been on the go this weekend, as Carol, Sheila and I went to Stephenville early Sunday morning. We went to Evette's and met Mark and Melody there as they came to Dr. Pete Finchers to pick up their horse. Bill Palmer, Evette, Carol, Sheila, Melody and I all ate lunch together as Mark was busy at the vet's. That afternoon we all went shopping, and then went to Karen and Pete Finchers in Stephenville, and visited for a short while with Mark's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Parrish who came with Mark and Melody. Also got to see Mark's other sister, Patti Hammons and her husband, Art, and daughter, Kalee, who were there from Fort Worth. Was so good to see them all again, especially Melody who looks real good, and has about 3 weeks to go before the baby is born. We came home late that night. Then Monday we went to Abilene early and met Evette there. We ate dinner with Wilber who came down later, and we also got to visit with Mr. and Mrs. Royce Griffin who are from Abilene, and they ate dinner with us. We got lots of shopping done, and it was really hot and windy in Abilene, but we enjoyed the day.

Don't forget the Camp Springs Homecoming which has been set for Sunday, June 2nd, at the Northeast Community Center. They ask that everyone take a covered dish to the Homecoming. Not too much news this week, probably it's been too hot to venture out very much. School is out in Roby and Rotan, but some places still have another week to go. See you next week.

Maxey Family Reunion To Be Held June 7-9

Between 150 and 200 persons will be making their way to the 42nd annual Maxey family reunion to be held June 7-9 at Camp Ben McCullough in Austin.

Edward Maxey and his wife Susannah were living in Henrico County, Va., by 1720. The youngest of their eight children, Walter Maxey, born in 1784 in Bedford County, Va., was married to Esther Jane (a.k.a. Easter) Wallace. They came to Travis County in 1880 and are buried in the Maxey Cemetery, located at Pale Face Park near Austin.

James Edward Maxey, son of Walter and Easter Maxey, was living in Johnson County when the 1860 census was enumerated. He served in the Confederate army during the Civil War and is shown on the rolls of Capt. N.M. Gillentine's company of Texas whose job it was to protect the frontier. After the war he moved to Travis County in 1870.

James and his first wife, Margaret Wells, had three children. The first one, Alfred Marion Maxey, was born Sept. 13, 1849; his daughter, Fannie Maxey, married L.C. Kinser, and they moved to Sweetwater in 1926. Five of their nine children are still living: Estelle Williams, Gay Sewell, Daphene Moore and Lurlea Morris all live in Roby; Ola Machen lives in Kingsland.

James E. Maxey died of heart failure, complicated by malaria, at Mud, Texas, on August 31, 1908. He was buried in the Maxey Cemetery where several other family members are also buried.

"The Maxeys of Virginia" was compiled by Edyth Maxey Clark. The above information apparently comes from her efforts.

The Maxey reunion will have numerous activities, including an auction, tennis, baseball, swimming, fishing, canasta and 42.

For further information, contact Diana Kay Klebenow, 16606 E. Sandy Meadows, Rosharon, Texas 77583.

Hospital News

Patients admitted to the Fisher County Hospital May 21 - May 27, 1991, were:

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HOUSEHOLD ITEMS: Antique and modern furniture, daisy churn (glass bottom), oak case wall telephone, old crock, old chaps, stirrups, comic books, cow bells, granitware, sad irons, aladdin lamp, old jewelry, occupied Japan, 1920's & 30's magazines, Coca Cola openers, "Gone With The Wind" cookbook, cast iron, old trunks, refrigerator freezer, washer and dryer, electric range, plus lots, lots more not listed. There are some very good collectible pieces here. Don't miss this Auction!

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Community Struggles With Redevelopment

The Hard Road To Revival

Dr. David Morris, Roby, Texas, Featured In Dallas Morning News

by Steven H. Lee
Staff Writer of The Dallas Morning News

When David Morris compares reviving a rural community to developing a Third World country, he knows a little about both.

Dr. Morris, a psychologist with a varied background in social counseling and development, has advised governments from Guyana to the Federated States of Micronesia.

So he didn't consider it a stretch to become chairman of the first-ever Fisher County Economic Development Commission, one of the state's first countywide rural development efforts formed four years ago this month.

"The way you approach the problems of trying to identify and attack them are similar," said Dr. Morris, 61. "And maybe the success and failure patterns are similar, too."

The commission drafted a development plan for the sparsely populated county, northwest of Abilene, that became a pilot for state-administered community development programs in succeeding years from Menard to Kaufman.

It pulled together nine public and private development agencies and interviewed 150 local residents to identify possible community and economic development projects. State and local officials, and even one congressional member, attended the splashy January 1988 news conference on the courthouse steps in Roby where the findings were released.

But today, Dr. Morris concedes that the rural development effort in Fisher County has fallen short of its objectives, which included value-added industry, business incubators and tourism.

The effort can count a quail-hunting cooperative, an RV park, a food and clothing outlet for the needy, and a small retirement home as successes during the past four years.

Those lukewarm results don't surprise some officials and rural economists, given that the county had lost almost 20 percent of its population the past decade. Roby, the county seat, lost a quarter of its number, dwindling to just 616 people in 1990.

Others believe a core establishment of community leaders have resisted change and discouraged new enterprise. Some residents blame restrictive government regulations for their problems.

But now, things finally may be moving. In just the past few months, a stalled commission initiative to land a textile plant in Fisher County indirectly has hatched a plan to bring in a cotton-processing facility, which ultimately could employ 100 people.

"This is about the point where we'd be going to the World Bank," Dr. Morris said, slipping into his Third World vernacular. Capital still must be raised for the proposed plant.

"If we get this factory, and maybe one other, it probably will be a major turnaround," he said. "Roby will die if the leadership isn't able to rise to the occasion. We may be at a critical point to where it will be a funeral or a wedding."

Dealing with no clout

"We're operating with our back to the wall," said Richard Spencer, the current chairman of the Fisher County Economic Development Commission and the county's agricultural extension agent. "A county with 4,800 people doesn't have much clout."

Dependent on agriculture, the county the past decade suffered from low commodity prices and high production costs that buffeted area cotton and livestock producers. A slumping construction industry also hit hard the county's largest non-agricultural employer - a gypsum mill.

In early 1987, Mr. Spencer invited Dr. Morris to participate in an annual county extension meeting. Dr. Morris, a Beaumont native, had moved his wife and two sons to Roby two years earlier from Micronesia, where he was a college lecturer and government adviser.

The older son wanted to apply to a U.S. military academy, so the family needed to return to the States to give him the opportunity. They desired a quiet rural community, and Dr. Morris - with experience in property management - looked for a motel or apartment complex he could buy.

After an exhaustive search, Roby and the Blue Haven Motel, which had been closed for years, fit the bill.

During the county extension meeting, Dr. Morris recalled, "I raised the whole question of the sharp declines in population and the business community, and, 'Are we going to sit here and die?' And we evolved an approach that became the economic development commission."

The commission - operating under county commissioners, though receiving no public funds - spent the next several months hosting rural experts nationwide, but was astonished to find that few had any answers. "We pioneered in the area of explaining that nobody really knew what to do," Dr. Morris said. "Everybody was talking about what worked 15, 20, 30 years ago."

So the commission decided to look within the community.

The commission and staff members of state Rep. Steve Carriker, D-Roby, arranged the 150 interviews with local residents. The interviewers, dubbed the "Resource Team," converged on Fisher County from the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, the Texas Department of Agriculture, the National Rural Electric Cooperatives Association, the Farmers Home Administration, Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. and West Texas Utilities Co.

And from the interviews, the team assessed 19 viable community development and 20 economic development projects. Some emphasized building on perceived advantages, like adding value to commodities already produced. Area cotton could be used to manufacture cotton-boll pins - or wheat plants could be formed into straw-composite fireplace logs and wreathes.

Other suggestions aimed to create economic strengths from weaknesses. For example, the county's population was aging, but that could make it attractive as a retirement area. Many houses and buildings in Roby and nearby Rotan sat vacant, but that could provide room for business expansion.

The concept would be duplicated by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service in a series of community development programs statewide, devoted to "Understanding Your Local Economy."

"It (the Fisher County commission) certainly brought everything all together," said Greg Taylor, a community development specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service and a Resource Team member. "And we were able to take it and fine-tune it."

Ruminating losses

By last summer, not much had changed in Roby.

Locals still were holding out slim hope for a cotton-wool blend processing plant to be built that would provide jobs and a market for area cotton producers. They raised money for a feasibility study, but demand for the plant proved almost nil and the estimated cost prohibitive.

A small cross-section of residents gathered for an informal roundtable discussion one Saturday morning at the courthouse left little doubt Roby was grasping at straws. Continued population loss had limited many possibilities.

"I'm pessimistic, but I don't want to be pessimistic," said Teddy Kral, the county tax assessor and chief appraiser, who said the county's tax base declined about 25 percent the past decade. "It's becoming more and more of a struggle, on a daily basis, to maintain a quality of life that we've always enjoyed in rural areas."

Vesta Orr, general manager of Midwest Electric Cooperative Inc. in Roby, said the electric utility had seen a 12 to 14 percent decline in energy use over the previous three years. Much of the load is used by oilfield pumping in the area.

"We've tried almost everything that you can think of to attract people to a small area," Mr. Orr said. He said subsequent efforts instead should focus on keeping remaining merchants in business - and encouraging small start-up enterprises. "We can offer certain advantages, but so can 10,000 other counties."

Angelina Melena, whose husband is a farmworker, worried about education and job opportunities for her children and the area's growing Hispanic population.

Separately, several residents and civic leaders interviewed were sharply critical of establishing city and county officials and bankers for not encouraging new enterprise. Some, for example, chided city and county leaders for not taking more of an active role in the economic development commission's objectives.

"Some people would rather have their cotton, and go along with it and die with it," said one frustrated civic leader, who asked not to be identified.

Dr. Taylor, the community development specialist, said such strains and conflicts are common in rural communities. But he maintains that Fisher County is better for having formed the economic development commission and started a process.

"They had grand and glorious plans, and it has probably fallen short of that," he said. "But when you compare it with other rural areas, it's probably exceeded. It's still my opinion that they're a lot better off than other communities."

Soon, Fisher County could really be better off.

While the feasibility study for the proposed cotton-wool plant went for naught, it eventually attracted the attention of an outside textile company. An that firm, South Plains Textiles of Wilson, Texas, is interested in building a plant between Roby and Rotan.

The proposed "cotton scouring" plant would reclaim cotton waste products from the local crop ultimately to manufacture products from hospital gowns to disposable napkins.

But $12 million to $14 million has to be raised. The county indicated to the economic development commission that bond money may not be available. So Mr. Orr approached his Midwest Electric board about forming a development corporation to raise seed money and attract venture capitalists.

The corporation soon will have its organizational meeting.

"If this goes through, and proves successful, then there are a number of spin-offs," Mr. Orr said.

Asked Midwest's stake in the project, he replied, simply, "We're going to sell additional power. Under our present condition, about 70 percent of our load is oil (pumping) related, and that's a depletable project. This is an avenue that hopefully will stem the tide."

For his part, Dr. Morris hopes that his efforts the past few years may have stemmed Fisher County's decline somewhat. But he admits to being "tuckered out." He's turning his attention, these days, toward converting his motel into an intensive residential care center for recovering alcoholics.

After the disappointments of the past few years, he at one point decided that the only way to revive rural areas was to provide incentives for retirement-age people with money to move to small towns from the big cities - sort of a 1990s-style Homestead Act.

But at least now, he said, he sees a difference in Fisher County - and something else that may set it apart from a Third World country. While poor countries must concern themselves with developing, Fisher County now sees clearly the consequences of decline.

"Obviously," he said, "there is a community awareness of dying conditions that didn't exist before."

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County Agents Report

By Beth Dannheim
Extension Home Economist

SPICE UP YOUR COOKING...

Eating less salt doesn't have to mean bland foods. Be creative. Rediscover herbs, spices and other seasonings with these suggestions from the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute:

* Try garlic, mushrooms, curry powder, onion or sage on chicken or turkey.

* Add some excitement to your fish dinners with lemon pepper, sliced onions and mushrooms, dry mustard powder, green peppers or dill.

* Sliced apples are wonderful with many meat dishes.

* Enhance the flavor of vegetables with lemon pepper, basil or thyme. Liven up baked potatoes with pepper and parsley. Our local grocery stores carries a variety of salt-free herb blends. Experiment with some of these. You'll be surprised at how good a low-salt diet can taste. You may not miss salt at all.

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BROWN BAG SUGGESTIONS FOR YOUR HEALTH.....

Whether you are watching your weight, blood cholesterol or blood pressure, the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute suggests that the best lunch may be one you pack for yourself.

Try these lean, low-salt brown bag choices:

* Sandwiches on whole grain bread. Use sliced chicken, turkey or waterpacked tuna prepared with reduced-fat mayonnaise.

* A hot baked potato topped with vegetables and low-fat cottage cheese.

* Salads with lots of fresh vegetables, some shredded skim-milk mozzarella cheese or garbanzo beans for protein.

* A thermos of homemade vegetable or low-fat bean soup and slices of whole-grain bread.

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The Fisher County Extension Homemakers have planned an afternoon of Hobbies: Yesterday and Today. The event, scheduled for the afternoon of June 18, will feature demonstrations and workshops on hobbies of yesterday and today. Watch the newspaper for details.

Publication Presenting Clear Program From S.S.

A new publication designed to present a clear, concise overview of the Social Security program is now available from Social Security, according to Glyn Hammons, manager of the Abilene Social Security office. The publication, entitled Understanding Social Security, is the result of a project under which all of the agency's public information leaflets are being revised.

"Surveys show that most people know much less about Social Security than they should in order to use it effectively," Hammons said. "This is part of our continuing effort to alleviate the problem by making sure the information we provide is readable and understandable."

In addition, new booklets have been produced for each of the major Social Security programs: Retirement, Survivors, Disability, Supplemental Security Income, and Medicare. Factsheets which present information on specific issues have also been rewritten.

A catalog listing all available SSA public information materials, all of which are free of charge, is expected to be in circulation later in the spring. It is designed primarily for groups and organizations that have a special interest in Social Security. Those interested in receiving the material should contact the nearest Social Security office, Hammons said.

The Abilene office is located at 142 S. Pioneer. The phone number is 698-1360 or you can call toll free 1-800-234-5772.

Secret Pal Club Holds Meeting

The Secret Pal Club met on the 22nd day of May in the Senior Citizens building. Each brought a covered dish, played bingo, ate lunch at noon and exchanged gifts. Everyone had a nice time.

Members present were: Dean Reaves, Florine Beard, Lillie M. Herron, Faye Woolsey, Lenora Streetman, Aurora Martinez, Jimmie Horton, Maggie Briggs.

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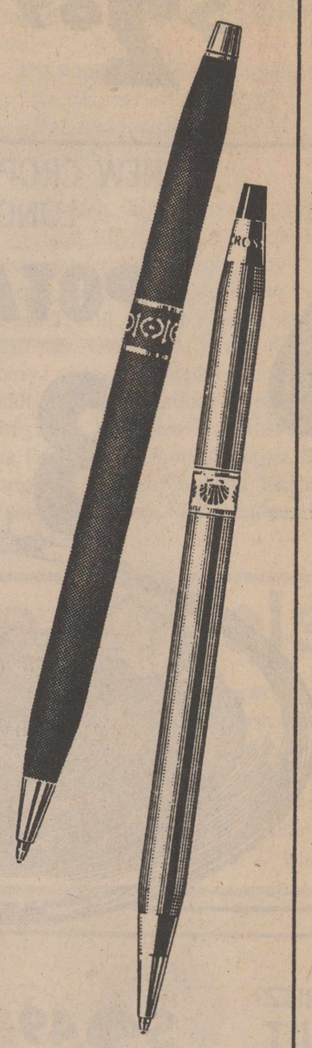
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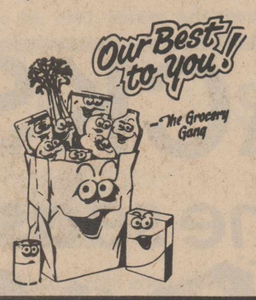
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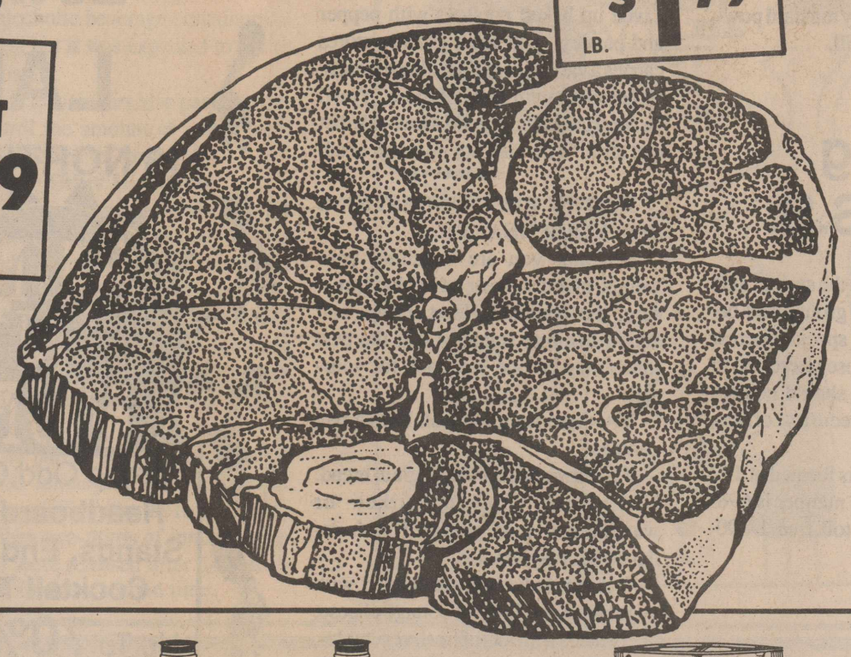
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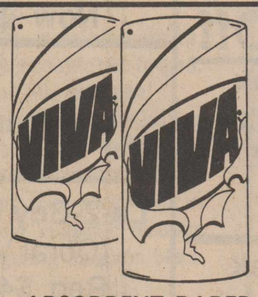


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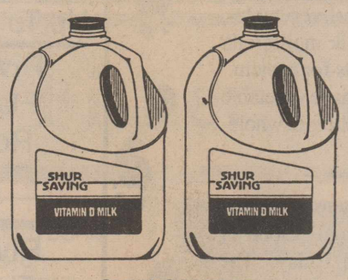
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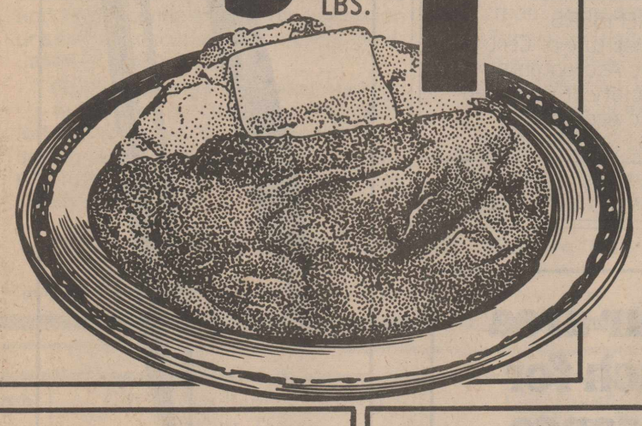
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