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E.D. Board Allocates For Transportation

The Rotan Economic Development Board met in regular session July 19th,

to discuss purchasing a vehicle to transport the prisoners involved in the work program.

The members of the Board that were present at the meeting were Larry Landes, Larry Markham, Greg Pruitt, and Ella Raye Helms. Harold Sanders, Rotan City Manager, was also present at the meeting.

The "prisoner work program" officially got underway in Rotan last Friday July 21. Since the first job for the prisoners is associated with Rotan ISD, the school system has allocated a small "box school bus" for the use of transporting the workers from the Daniel Price Unit, in Snyder, to Rotan and back until the new school year gets underway. When the 1995-1996 school year begins however, a new source of transportation must be found.

The Rotan Economic Development Board, being one of three entities funding the work program, discussed the topic of finding another source of transportation. Harold Sanders informed the Board that Scurry County was going to sell a vehicle, in anticipation of getting a larger vehicle, but have recently changed their mind. Larry Markham then addressed the Board explaining, "the work site in Rotan is a long term project. Any "down time" experienced from breakdowns in transportation will result in the loss of productivity by the work force and, if the situation is on going, could be viewed negatively by the leadership of the work program at the Daniel Price Unit."

The Board, agreeing with Markham, discussed looking into state agencies and colleges as a source of quality used vehicles. Even though the cost of the vehicle would be shared by three different entities and no one specific vehicle had been located, the Board voted to approve the purchase of a transportation vehicle with the Economic Development's portion not to exceed $3,000.

In other business, Larry Landes, Board President, informed the members that, even though money has been loaned out, the Economic Development Board had a balance of $49,061.66. After the presentation of the June bills by Sanders, the board voted to approve the financial report and the payment of the June bills.

In business not related to the days agenda, Larry Landes asked, "How do we build a positive attitude about the development of our City"? Landes went on to explain, "it is disappointing to hear the negative residence receptiveness about the new nursing home and that the City may lose tax dollars because of a relocation of the nursing home to a site near the hospital".

Gregg Pruitt stated, "It is just as important for the hospital to get the services of the nursing home as it is for the City of Rotan to get the tax base".

Ella Raye Helms replied, "the hospital would be pleased to have the nursing home in the area of the hospital because of the business potential". Helms then explained that the possible move of the projected site was not solicited nor was it intended to diminish the tax revenue of the City of Rotan. Helms went on to say that the projected builders thought that the move of the site to an area near the hospital would be more advantageous to the nursing home.

"What happens within the confines of Fisher County is important to all of us", Sanders said. "Fisher County wants this nursing home. All entities have to be in this thing together if we are going to survive".

With no further business to attend to, the Board adjourned.

"Prisoner work program" officially got underway at Rotan ISD Friday, July 21.

Physical Exams Scheduled for Roby Athletes

Physical examinations for Roby boys and girls will be given this Saturday, July 29, 1995 for those boys and girls entering 9th grade, and girls entering 7th grade. Also, any new students, or those who wish to participate in the athletic program for the first time, must get an athletic physical.

The 7th grade boys who received a physical last year will not be required to get a new physical this year. These 7th graders who did not participate in football last year, and did not get a physical, must be examined this year.

The students should meet at the high school at 8:30 a.m. A bus will transport them to Fisher County Hospital. Physicals will begin at 9:00 a.m.

Any student-athlete required to have a physical, but does not get one this Saturday, must make individual appointments.

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Texas Department of Corrections Initiates "On Site Work Program"

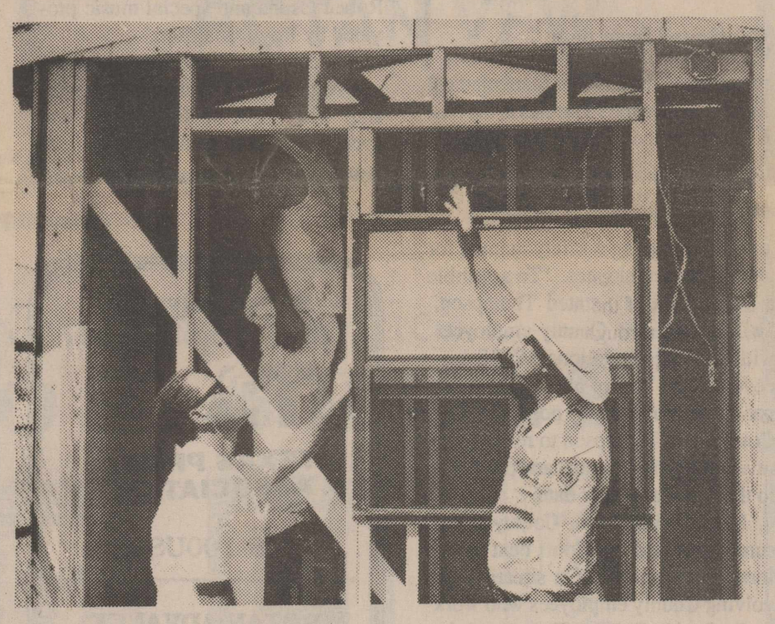
The "prison work program", coordinated by the Texas Department of Corrections - Daniel Price Unit in conjunction with the City of Rotan, Rotan Economic Development, and the Rotan ISD, got underway last Friday, July the 21st.

The Daniel Price unit of the TDC has allocated nine prison inmates to work in the City of Rotan as part of a "on site work program". According to Larry Markham, guard in charge of the prisoners, all of the workers are "trustee" status inmates that have been hand selected for this job based on the skill requirements needed to complete the task. The workers will be on the job from 7:00 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. throughout the year.

At the present time, Markham and his crew are located at the H. Govan Memorial football field in Rotan where they are in the process of repairing the ramps to the bleachers, replacing weathered boards in the bleachers, rebuilding ticket booths, and repainting everything in "Yellowhammer colors". Rotan ISD has issued a "small box bus" for the transportation of the inmates from the Daniel Price Unit, in Snyder, to Rotan and back each day and local restaurants are providing sack lunches until further arrangements can be made.

The work crew is expected to work with Rotan ISD until the start of the 1995-1996 school year. and then the inmates will begin working within the City refurbishing the park, the downtown area, the fitness trail, and old buildings. The City of Rotan, the Economic Development Committee, and Rotan ISD are in the process of purchasing a vehicle to provide transportation for the inmates once the school year begins and arrangements have been made to provide sack lunches through the Rotan school cafeteria.

"To my knowledge, the program has been well received by the community", Markham stated, "and the program will certainly be beneficial to the community of Rotan as well as the Daniel Price Unit."



Two heads are better than one: Larry Markham, TDC guard, and an inmate involved in the work program discuss the easiest way to rebuild the ticket booth at H. Govan Memorial Field.



Work Begins at Rotan ISD: A Texas Department of Corrections inmate cuts wood to bebuild the ramps leading to the bleachers located on the east side of H. Govan Memorial Field.

Commissioners Consider Reducing Sheriff's Department

The Fisher County Commissioners Court met in regular session Monday, July 24, 1995. The members of the Court that were present at the meeting were Judge Marshal Bennett, Billy Henderson, Gene Terry, Charles Meeks, and Jay Hendon. The visitors and County Courthouse personnel that were in attendance included Charles Thornton, County Auditor, Betty Rivers, County Clerk, Marty Williamson, County Treasure, Betty Mize, County Tax Assessor/Collector, Gene Pack, County Sheriff, Patty Thompson, County Deputy, and Steve Nowlin.

The Fisher County Commissioners Court took on a large task Monday as they looked into the possibility of cutting the budget for the Fisher County Sheriffs Department. With Gene Pack, Fisher County Sheriff, on hand to answer any questions, the Court began discussing areas that might possibly be cut.

The first option brought to the table was the option of cutting the number of Fisher County Sheriff's Department employees. Pack addressed the Court explaining that the Sheriff's Department employed one sheriff, five deputies, four dispatcher/jailors, and one part time employee to cover an 8 hour shift. According to Pack, the amount of money spent on employee salaries, including the sheriff, is a total of $176,988.54 per year. "If you choose to reduce the number of employees serving Fisher County", stated Pack, "you will not only decrease the service to the County and increase the workload for the remaining employees, you will also increase the amount of money spent on employee salaries because the remaining employees will have to be payed overtime to cover the vacated positions".

The Court then discussed the option of terminating the services of the Fisher County Jail in hopes of saving money. Pack again explained to the Court that, on an average, it costs about $4.00 per day to house an inmate in the Fisher County jail. This figure totals approximately $8,700.00 per year, based on the jail housing an average of 6-8 prisoners per day. Pack went on to explain that, if the Fisher County jail were shut down, it would cost approximately $44,000.00 at a minimum to transport the prisoners to an area county jail facility. Beyond this fact, Pack stated, "by discontinuing the County jail, you still would not be able to cut back on the number of employees because you would have to pay overtime after a 40 hour week and the Sheriff's Department has to have employees on call to answer and respond to 911 emergency calls".

"The Fisher County Sheriff's Department has one of the lowest budgets of any in the State per work force," stated Pack. "The people of Fisher County need to look, not at the amount of money, but what they are getting for their money."

The Fisher County Sheriff's Department presented a budget of $306,000.00 for the coming year. Last year the Sheriff's Department presented a budget of $309,000.00. In essence, the budget, in which the Sheriff's Department will fall well within the allotted amount according to Pack, is $3,000.00 less this year than last. "What the people don't see", Pack said, "is that out of that $300,000.00 budget, in the year of 1994, the Fisher County jail facility brought back in approximately $128,000.00 by housing out of County prisoners and prisoners who are waiting for vacancies in the Federal facilities."

Cutting the budget of the Fisher County Sheriff's Department can be a touchy situation. The Court asked Pack to try to find other feasible options for reducing the budget.

One thing to think about. According to Pack, the Sheriff's Department responded to 445 regular complaints,, answered 146 911 calls, transported 12[illegible]

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Funeral Service Held for Katharyn Duff, Sylvester Native

Katharyn Duff, a native of Sylvester, Texas, and long time front page columnist for the *Abilene Reporter News*, passed away Friday, July 14, 1995. The much loved and respected "voice of West Texas", left not only empty columns in the pages of the *Reporter News*, but remorse throughout the area.

Katharyn Duff was born on April 9, 1915 in Rusk, Texas. Growing up in Sylvester, Texas, located in Fisher County, she graduated from Hardin Simmons University in Abilene and began a profession as a teacher. In 1942, Duff began writing for the *Abilene Reporter News*. As a front page columnist, she covered trivial and historic topics throughout the "Big Country" for 18 years and conveyed her message to area communities in a way that "West Texans" could appreciate.

With her stearn, yet honest, style of reporting, Duff blazed new trails in the area of newspaper reporting. In the process, she was honored with many awards. In 1961, she received the Thomas L. Stokes Award for best conservation reporting. She was honored as a member of the Philosophical Society of Texas, and served on the Texas Historical Commision from 1975 to 1980.

Duff was the author of several books including *Abilene...on Catclaw Creek*, in which she outlined the history of Abilene.

Services were held for Katharyn Duff at First Baptist Church chapel, in Abilene, on July 17th. She is survived by two nieces, Dr. Betty Kay Seibt of Sanger and Mary Helen Seibt of El Paso; one great-neice, Leigh Elizabeth Seibt; two great-nephews, Jon Scot Seibt and Michael Seibt; and numerous cousins, including Curtis Owen of Abilene.

Information about Katharyn Duff was provided by the *Abilene Reporter News*.

Calvary Baptist Church Sets Bible School

The Calvary Baptist church will be conducting their 1995 VBS July 24-28 from 6:30 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. Classes will be for ages birth through 8th grade. This year's theme is "God's special agents". Each evening will contain music, lessons, crafts, and lots of fun!! The closing ceremony will be held Friday, July 28, at 8:00 p.m. Parents, relatives and friends are invited to attend. Come be a special agent for Jesus!!!

County Rodeo Parade Set For August 12th

The Fisher County Rodeo Parade will be on Saturday, August 12th. 10:00 a.m. Will begin lining up for the parade at 9:30 a.m. around the rodeo grounds area. The parade in 1994 was a huge success, thanks to participants like you and/or your group. So come out and participate this year! For additional information call: (915) 776-2109 or (915)776-2171.

Huston Myers Named New Nazarene Pastor

As of June 3rd, Rev. Huston Myers has taken over the pastoral duties at the Nazarene Church in Rotan.

Myers is a graduate of Nazarene Bible College in Colorado Springs, Colorado and has been on staff at the New Hope of the Rockies Church of Nazarene.

Rev. Myers is engaged to Michelle Payne, a Hardin Simmons graduate, and they have wedding plans set for September 2nd of this year.

The Nazarene Church of Rotan, in years past, has been led by pastors from the neighboring area. Myers hopes to help restore church attendance and "bring new life into the church".



Public Meeting On Roby Bond Election Set

A Public Meeting will be held on August 1, 1995 at 7:00 p.m. in the Roby C.I.S.D. Elementary Library. The meeting will address the up-coming Bond Election for the Building of a new Elementary School.

Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend the meeting.

(TAHC) Reports State's First Case Of Vesicular Stomatitis

On Friday, July 21, the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) reported the state's first case of vesicular Stomatitis (VS), diagnosed in a horse near McCaulley. The vesicular Stomatitis virus outbreak began in New Mexico earlier this summer, where livestock on 127 premises now are under quarantine. Arizona has one case, and Colorado has four premises quarantined, all due to infection in horses.

Dr. Max Coats, state epidemiologist for the TAHC, noted that Vesicular Stomatitis rarely results in animal death, but it mimics foot-and-mouth disease, a foreign animal disease for which livestock officials remain on alert. Only laboratory tests run on blood and tissue samples can differentiate between the two diseases.

"Animals lose significant weight and conditioning when infected by Vesicular Stomatitis, so producers can suffer economic loss," said Dr. Coats.

Texas Animal Health Commission, pursuant to the authority granted in Section 161.061 of the Texas Agriculture Code hereby imposes the following quarantine for exposure to vesicular stomatitis:

1. The quarantined area is described as the portions of Fisher and Jones Counties within 10 miles of the town of McCaulley in all directions.

2. Movement of livestock (equine, bovine, porcine, caprine, ovine, or cervidae) from the quarantined area is prohibited until this quarantine is released. During this quarantine, movement from the specified area is allowed only by written permit issued by the Executive Director of the Texas Animal Health Commission.

3. This quarantine will remain in effect until 30 days after the last exposure to vesicular stomatitis.

Any person violating this quarantine is subject to criminal prosecution.

F.C. Fair Scheduled For Aug. 10th-12th

The Fisher County Fair is scheduled for August 10, 11, and 12. The Home Economics and Youth sections of the Fair will have a few changes. Entries, except baked goods will be accepted Thursday, August 10 from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Baked goods will be entered Friday from 8:00 - 9:00 a.m. All items will be judged Friday. The Pink Building will be open for public viewing only on Saturday from 11:00 - 4:00 p.m. Entries will be released Saturday from 4:00 - 4:30.

Entries that can be entered include all mediums of artwork, handwork, quilts, Afghans, canned foods, baked foods, old quilts, photographs, hobbies and crafts, clothing, and anything made from recycled items.

All items made within the past 12 months will be accepted.

All eateries will be judged individually 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places will be awarded in each class. Two Best of Shows will be awarded in each category, one for youth, one for adults.

Special awards will be presented in the canning division by Ball Canning Co. and in the baked food division by Adams Extract Co.

Following the parade, on Saturday, the 4-H Exchange Group will serve hamburgers at the Pink Building. Eat and enjoy the exhibits.

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prisoners to the TDC or State medical facility, and made 93 arrests in the past 6 month period. Cut the police force? Scary.

In the next item of business, the Court heard from Patty Thompson about assembling a safety manual for the County employees. "To assemble a safety manual", stated Thompson, "will provide the County employees with clothing regulations, MSDS procedures, and best of all will train our people on proper safety policies." The Court asked Thompson to review and revise the safety manual and present it to the Court at a later date.

Marty Williamson, County Treasure, addressed the Court next to inform the members of a situation involving County employees who work at the Senior Citizens Center and the County Retirement plan. Williamson informed the Council that prior to January 1995, part time employees were not considered for Retirement benefits. Since that time, Williamson found that any employee, whether part time or full time, that works over 900 hours a year for the county should be considered for Retirement benefits. Williamson explained that in light of the new information, seven employees who work at the Senior Citizens Center were overlooked for benefits. Williamson stated, "although the seven people have been contacted and they have opted to decide at a later date, if they choose to receive benefits for the past four years, the Commissioners Court and Fisher County will be obligated to match 7% of their salary in benefits. Judge Bennett, suggested that Williamson discuss the matter with Robbie Roberson, County Attorney, to find out the proper rules and procedures.

The Court then heard from Steve Nowlin who questioned whether the decision had been made to install a "dry Hydrant" near his home. Although Nowlin welcomed the idea, the Council informed him that the decision had been turned over to the Rotan Fire Department and the Soil Conservation Service.

Having addressed the agenda, the Fisher County Commissioners Court was adjourned.

Hobbs Baptist Church To Host Revival

The Hobbs Baptist Church will be hosting a revival July 30 - August 3, at 7:00 p.m. featuring Evangelist/Pastor Ruben Osuna and special music provided by Roy Donaldson.

Sunday, July 30th, Sunday school will begin at 10:00 a.m., morning worship will begin at 11:00 a.m., and evening worship will begin at 7:00 p.m..

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Stonewall/Fisher County Playday Results

Stonewall/Fisher County Playday Results from Saturday, July 22, 1995 were as follows:

Calf Head Roping:
5 year old and under-
1st- Josh Hahn; 2nd- Kody King.
6, 7 and 8 year old-
1st- Kasey King; 2nd- Trevor Sedberry; 3rd- John Kaelin; 4th- Ruth Kaelin
10 and 11 year olds-
1st- Lauren Hahn; 2nd- Terry Branch; 3rd- Rachel Kaelin; 4th- Delilah Hahn.
12 year olds and up-
1st-Ryan Branch; 2nd-Jay Sedberry.
Barrels:
5 year old and under-
1st- Josh Hahn; 2nd- Kody King.
6, 7 and 8 year old-
1st- Ruth Kaelin; 2nd- Trevor Sedberry; 3rd- Kasey King; 4th- John Kaelin.
10 and 11 year olds-
1st- Terry Branch; 2nd- Zach Greenlee; 3rd- Lauren Hahn; 4th- Rachel Kaelin; 5th- Delilah Hahn.
12 year olds and up-
1st-Ryan Branch; 2nd-Jay Sedberry.
Poles:
5 year old and underf-
1st- Kody King; 2nd- Josh Hahn.
6,7 and 8 year old-
1st- Kasey King; 2nd- Ruth Kaelin; 3rd- John Kaelin
10 and 11 year olds-
1st- Terry Branch; 2nd- Lauren Hahn; 3rd- Zach Greenlee; 4th- Rachel Kaelin; 5th- Delilah Hahn
12 year olds and up-
1st-Ryan Branch; 2nd-Jay Sedberry.
Flags:
5 year old and under-
1st- Josh Hahn; 2nd- Kody King.
6, 7 and 8 year old-
1st- Kasey King; 2nd- Ruth Kaelin; 3rd- Trevor Sedberry.
10 and 11 year olds-
1st- Terry Branch; 2nd- Lauren Hahn; 3rd- Rachel Kaelin; 4th- Zach Greenlee; 5th- Delilah Hahn.
12 year olds and up-
1st-Ryan Branch; 2nd-Jay Sedberry.
Special Events:
5 year old and under-
1st- Josh Hahn.
6,7 and 8 year old-
1st- Ruth Kaelin; 2nd- Kasey King.
10 and 11 year olds-
1st- Terry Branch; 2nd- Lauren Hahn; 3rd- Zach Greenlee; 4th- Rachel Kaelin; 5th- Delilah Hahn.
12 year olds and up-
1st-Ryan Branch; 2nd-Jay Sedberry.

Fisher County Sheriff's Department Reports Several Arrests Made

On July 15th, at approximately 4:15 p.m., an accident occurred in the 500 block of east Burnside in Rotan. The vehicles involved belonged to Ruben Reyes, of Rotan, and Tony Bilbo, a Houston, Texas resident. Deputy Kirk Williams and Deputy J.A. Roberson arrived on the scene and arrested Tony Bilbo with a DWI.

On July 19th, 139 joints of oil field tubing, valuing $5,000.00, was stolen in far East Fisher County at Old Tin P Pipe Yard in Hamlin. The Fisher County Sheriff's Department has two suspects in this theft.

On July 20th, at approximately 1:15 a.m., Deputy Roberson clocked a car traveling 95 miles per hour between Roby and Rotan. Roberson entered into pursuit, he observed subjects throwing items out of their car. When Roberson stopped the car, Deputy Patty Thompson arrived on the scene, and arrested Bobby Cantu, a 21 year old Sweetwater resident, for DWI and possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia. Cantu was incarcerated in the Fisher County jail.

Informational Meeting "All In One" To Be Held July 28th In Rotan

An informational meeting, entitled "All In One", will be held at the Rotan Community Center on July 28, at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting, brought to Rotan by the Fisher County Hospital, Department of Human Services, Texas Department of Health, and The Rotan Housing Authority, will identify and discuss programs and services that people need more information on. Medicare, medicaid, food stamps, AFDC, and prenatal care are a few of the topics to be addressed during the course of the meeting.



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Fisher County Round - Up

By Joy Walker - 735-2840

by Joy Walker.....

If you like hot, hot, weather you have really been enjoying these past few days. It has been over 100 degrees nearly every day and I for one, could stand a little cooler weather. The cotton looks so good after the little rains we had, but then they say it needs a lot of hot weather.

Happy birthday to Emily Bavousett whose birthday is Sunday, July 30th.

Clarence and June Anderson have been gone to Colorado Springs, Colorado, where they visited with Linda Anderson, Clarence's niece. They left here Tuesday and returned home the following Monday.

The Odom children, Patrick, Brian and Nicole from Floydada were at church on Sunday. They have been here visiting with their grandmother, Lila Guinn and with the Bavousett family. They are the children of John and Robbie Odom.

Windle Cave will be having an Angiogram this week at Methodist Hospital in Lubbock. We hope that he will get a good report.

Randi Marie and Cody Etheredge spent Friday night visiting their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Etheredge.

Bill Schubert from Longworth is having knee surgery at Dallas Medical City Hospital in Dallas on Wednesday. We hope that he will do fine.

Mrs. Allan Morton from Roby had surgery in Abilene this past week and is doing well.

Six teenagers from Roby Methodist Church went to a Navajo Indian School in Farmington, New Mexico this week. They left Saturday morning and will be doing Mission work. Sabra Patterson, the pastor's wife, went with them.

Fisher County Historical Commission and some guests, 46 in all, went on a bus trip to Granbury on Saturday. While there they saw the "All new 1919 Ziegfeld Follies" and really enjoyed it. They all came back Saturday night.

Shanna Bennett is back in ICU at St. Mary's Hospital in Lubbock. Hope that by the time you read this, she will be feeling just a little better.

Maudie Randolph is still not doing at all well, is still in the hospital at Abilene and we hope that she will soon begin to feel just a little better. She may get to come to the Nursing Home in Rotan some time this week. Please keep Maudie in your prayers.

Rosemary Gay and Sara and Jim Hester from Forth Worth visited with Louise Martinez over the weekend. They came Friday and stayed until Sunday.

Mrs. Lucy (Stinson) Crisp from Lubbock has been in the hospital there, but she got to come home over the weekend. We hope that Lucy will soon be feeling very much better.

Cora Mann fell and broke her hip on Friday and is now in the hospital in Abilene.

Hobbs Baptist Church will start their revival on Sunday, July 30th and it will continue through Thursday, August 3rd. Ruben Osuna will be the evangelist with Roy Donaldson from Paducah leading the music. Sunday school will start at 10 a.m. with morning worship at 11 a.m. Evening worship will be at 7 p.m. each night, Sunday through Thursday. We want to encourage everyone to come to our revival. See you next Thursday.

Rotan Days Drawing Winners Named

This drawing was to be at 4:00 p.m. downtown with the winners having to be present to win, however due to the weather conditions these prizes were given out at 5:30 p.m. in the Lions Club Building:

$20.00 Rotan Bucks-

Tony Bilbo, Houston, Tx.; Chris Gaspar, Rotan, Tx.; Shirley Daniel, Rotan, Tx.

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Linda Labry, Texas City, Tx.; Jimmy Peoples, Sweetwater, Tx.; Crystal Coker, Roby, Tx.

2nd Annual Car Show Winners:

7-11 Auto Cap:

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Marrow Donor Correction

For those of you that do not appreciate your local newspaper editor keeping you confused, I am correcting information that appeared in last weeks publication.

On Saturday, August 5th, blood tests will be administered at the Rotan Community Center to determine if area residents could qualify as possible bone marrow donors to benefit Melanie Hunsaker.

The testing will be administered from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and will be conducted by the National Marrow Donor Program.

Again, an account has been set up at the First National Bank of Rotan to receive monetary donations for Mrs. Hunsaker. If you choose to send a donation through the mail, please send it to the following address: First National Bank of Rotan, Box D, Rotan, Texas, 79546.

. The support and participation of the community in this matter are appreciated.

F.C. 4-Her's In Clothing Projects

Fisher County 4-H'ers participated in a variety of clothing projects and activities this summer. In addition to the County and District Fashion Revues, the group attended a Teen Clothing Seminar at J.C. Penney's in Abilene. Topics included hair care, lingerie tips, clothing care, fall fashions and accessories, fashion merchandising as a career, and a tour behind the scenes. Each participant received a gift certificate from Penney's and free hair products.

Another summer activity was the production of a style show for the Senior Citizens Center. The girls modeled their fashion revue garments during the noon luncheon.

Participating in the various activities were: Rachel Smith, Kim Garcia, Kayla Kiser, Ashley Smith, Sandy Kiser, Misty Mahaffey, Mindy Mahaffey, Terry Branch, Tara Carey, Lyndi Stuart, Cecile Terry, Candas Boyd, Meggan Herron, Sarah Boyd, Jerri McClain, Karen Carriker, Sahala Hardin, Autumn Daniels, and Ashley Douglas.

The following 4-H leaders who assisted with the project were: Mary Mahaffey, Sue Branch, Jackie Terry, Lisa Carey, Lucille Armstrong, Susie Garcia, Rhonda Boyd, and Glenna Stuart.

F.C. 4-Her's Participated In Record Book Competition

Six Fisher County 4-H'ers participated in the District 4-H Record Book Judging Competition. Winners included: Jaycee Carey, 1st place, Food and Nutrition; Christy Willett, 1st place, Home Economics; Kelly McWilliams, 2nd place, Clothing; Kasey Greene, 2nd place, Citizenship; Tara Carey, 3rd place, Foods and Nutrition; Ty West, 6th place, Sheep and Goats. Record books that will advance to state judging in early August, are Christy Willett and Jaycee Carey.

The Readers Write

To The Citizens of Fisher County:

On July 24, 1995, the Commissioner's Court met in session. One topic discussed was cutting personnel in the Sheriff's Department, i.e. Jailers, and Deputies. This is due to the tax overload placed on the citizens of this county.

I fully understand the problem and am presently faced with a dilemma. Cutting personnel to save tax money is a two edged sword.

During the first six calendar months of 1995, my department answered 445 complainant calls, 146 911 calls, and transported 12 inmates either to TDC, or to a State Mental Facility, and made 93 arrests.

Cutting personnel could cause a severe lack of response to emergency situations and of course, could even cost lives.

I promised when I ran for election, to represent the people, (all of the people), of Fisher County in a professional and economical manner. This, I feel, I have accomplished.

What I might suggest is, that the citizens take a look at all budgets, and compare what they receive for what they pay out.

I would certainly do what the majority wants, and would like to hear from everyone, no matter if you are pro, or con.

Please let me know your feelings, and I will comply with the majority's wishes. My office phone number is: 776-2273, and my home phone number is: 776-2414.

Incidentally, for the year of 1994, my department brought into the General Fund for Fisher County the sum of $128,000.00 and this does not include monies received through fines, and etc.

Sincerely,
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Haywood Notes Important Changes Made In Education, Civil Justice, Juvenile Justice & Welfare Systems

by Senator Tom Haywood

Most of the folks who have been around the Capitol for a number of years like to compare passing legislation to watching sausage being made -- in other words, it is not a pleasant sight to watch and you probably would not eat it if you saw it made. During the hectic 140 days of the 74th Legislature, I oftentimes could appreciate this sentiment. Nonetheless, as I have mentioned in previous columns, we made some meaningful changes in a number of important areas, including our education, civil justice, juvenile justice and welfare systems.

While I worked hard on these issues, I also had my own legislative package to aggressively pursue. My staff and I worked long days and nights on what most observers would call a pretty hefty load for a freshman senator to carry. I am pleased with the legislative package my staff and I fought to pass. All in all we passed nearly thirty bills.

As a small businessman, one of my most important rules of thumb for pursuing legislation is to look at what it will do to create jobs and promote economic growth. The issues we addressed ranged from measures aimed at streamlining the regulatory process for those in the oilpatch to obtaining a juvenile justice facility in Vernon.

Highlights of initiatives we passed include the following:

* A boot camp style juvenile facility for Vernon -- Governor Bush, Lt. Governor Bullock and Speaker Laney paved the way by making juvenile justice reform a priority. This new facility will create hundreds of new direct jobs and lead to millions of dollars for the business community in Vernon.

* Bills aimed at streamlining the regulatory process for oil and gas operators -- Of particular significance, we passed a bill that would authorize the School Land Board to allow surface owners to lease mineral classified land for exploration and development. The Permanent School Fund, and thus, the schoolchildren of Texas will benefit. Representative Bob Turner did an outstanding job of taking the lead on this bill and I was pleased to sponsor it in the Senate.

* Sufficient funding for public institutions of higher education in District 30-- Early in the session it appeared that higher education would face significant cuts in funding. Working with leaders of Midwestern State University, North Texas and Texas Women's University, we were able to secure solid funding for these institutions in the end.

While we passed the vast majority of bills we pursued, there were a handful of other bills that we were unable to pass. Nonetheless, I feel a few of the important ones that did not pass deserve mentioning.

Below are a few of the important bills we pursued but were unable to pass:

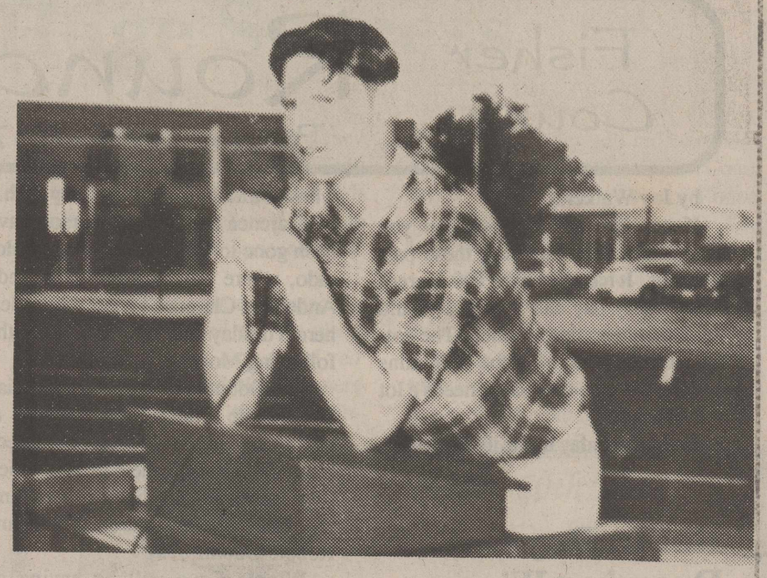
* Consolidation of pesticide regulation at the Texas Department of Agriculture -- I was pleased to work with Representative Bob Turner on this bill. Some of the environmental extremists managed to stop passage of this bill by threatening a filibuster on the Senate floor. It was a logical bill that would have reduced duplicative paperwork and overly burdensome regulations that put a strangehold on our farmers.

* Industrial Development Corporation Meetings -- This bill would have allowed these corporations to disclose financial information about a company only after they reached an agreement. This would have been a major incentive for business development and job creation, especially in some of our rural areas.

* Giving counties the authority to regulate sexually oriented businesses -- I was pleased to sponsor this bill with Representative Kevin Brady, the bill's author. This bill would have given counties the power to decide whether or not to permit the ever-growing number of sexually oriented businesses locating in unincorporated areas to avoid regulation. This bill passed the House and we came close to bringing this to a vote on the Senate floor, but the adult entertainment lobbyists once again managed to slow down the bill and we ran out of time.

It was truly rewarding to represent you and your interests in Austin during the 74th Legislature. The trust that you have placed in me will never be forgotten. Please continue to share your concerns with me as we begin to feel the impact of the many important changes passed during the past few months and work together towards even more positive changes in the future. I also want to give a special thanks to all those folks in the district who worked with us on the above issues.

During the interim period before the next regular session convenes in January, 1997, I will continue to hold more and more town hall meetings and attend happenings throughout the district to seek input from my constituents. One issue of particular importance I intend to focus more on next session is government reform. This will include the ongoing battle for term limits, as well as strengthening our ethics laws and looking at ways to strengthen our campaign finance laws.



DELIVERING THE MESSAGE: Clinton Williams, pictured above, and the youth of Rotan are leading a revival in downtown Rotan. The revival, hosted by the First Baptist Church of Rotan and under the direction of Dee Threat, will begin nightly at 8:00 p.m.

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TAX PLANNING

Written By
James E. Rodgers, CPA



TAX PLANNING
by Gerald Rodgers, CPA
HOW MUCH LIFE INSURANCE DO YOU NEED?

Good financial planning requires a periodic review of your life insurance. At least once every five years, you should meet with your professional insurance advisor to review your life insurance needs and your coverage. You should also contact your insurance advisor when there are changes in family (deaths, births, divorces) or major financial obligations.

How much life insurance should you have? There are a number of methods used to make this decision, and they range from a simple multiple of five or six times your annual income to a more complicated (and more accurate) projection of future needs for your family. Here is one method for estimating how much life insurance you need.

* First, make a list of debts you might want to eliminate with the insurance proceeds, such as credit card balances, car loans, and your home mortgage. Add estimated amounts to cover college education for your children and any other special needs.

* Second, estimate the future annual living expenses your family would incur on its own. Subtract these amounts: your spouse's net annual take-home pay, income from investment, and social security survivors' benefits. The difference between the projected expenses and the projected income is the amount you need to cover with insurance each year. Multiply this amount by the number of years that your family will need the income.

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Fisher County RV Club Meets

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Those attending were:

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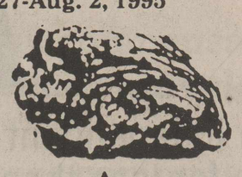
Take the lead in your neighborhood. Organize a block party or barbecue. Encourage your neighbors to attend. It's a great chance to get to know them better.

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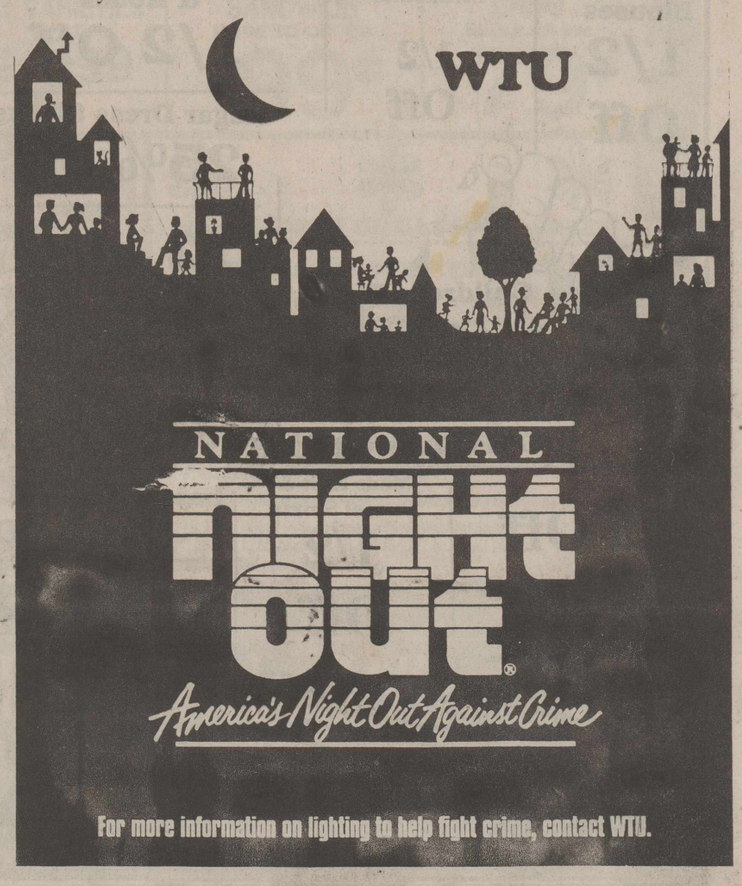
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Overwintered Weevils Emerging And Showing Up In Cotton Fields

by Louis D. Chedester
Extension Agent- Entomologist

Soil moisture varies from fair to good in the area. The late planted cotton is trying to catch up with the May cotton. Overwintered weevils are emerging from their leaf litter homes and showing up in many fields. Weevils range from 0 to 6 per 100 plants, while weevil stings or punctured squares range from 0 to 18%. These include both feeding and egg laying punctures. The threshold for weevils is one or more per 100 plants or 4 or more per 100 feet of row. Early season spraying is continuing in matchhead size stage cotton. The threshold or damaging level for weevil punctured squares is 15 or more per 100 plants. In fields with heavy (3 or more weevils/100 plants) populations of weevils and weevil damaged squares, more than one spraying will be needed at 5 to 7 day intervals.

Bollworm and budworm larvae range from 0 to 18%, while worm damaged squares are ranging up to 12%. The threshold for these little critters is 15 to 25% of small worms or worm damaged squares/100 plants.

Cotton aphids are still being found in low to moderate numbers in a few fields. No damaging numbers (50 or more/leaf) have been reported. These pear shaped lice can build up heavy populations in a short time, so watch your fields closely.

Beneficial insects and spiders are still out there trying to reduce pest populations.

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Vernon H. Lake

Vernon H. Lake, 74, of Austin, passed away July 20, 1995. Funeral services were at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, Wilke-Amey-Clay Funeral Home, with Rev. Charles Moore officiating. Burial was in Forest Oaks Memorial Park.

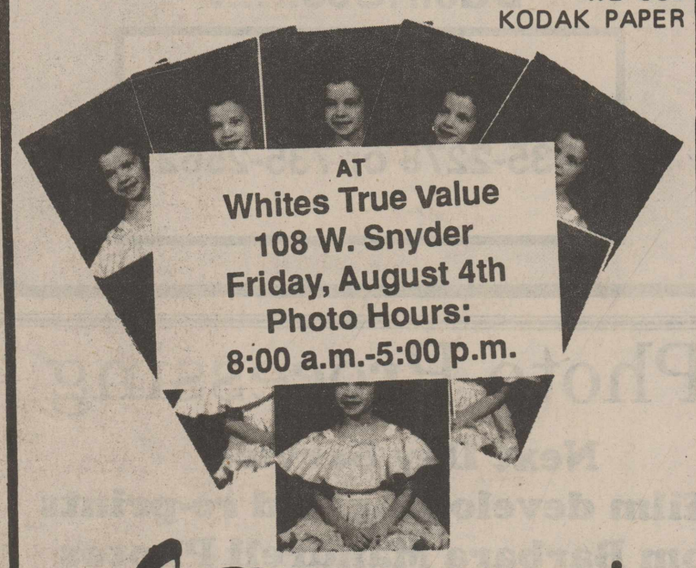
Mr. Lake was a member of Grace United Methodist Church. While on active duty Vernon entertained troops at the USO while he was serving his country during World War II by playing the popular songs of the '40's on his guitar.

Survivors include: His wife of 46 years- Jeanne Lake of Austin, Tx.; Son- Dennis Lake and wife Deborah of Buda; Daughter- Bonnie Herring and husband Bill of Bastrop; Sisters- Evelyn Trout of San Antonio, Tx.; Marie Crowley of Rotan, Tx.; 8 grandchildren- Brian, Wendy, Lorrie, John, Shawn, Keith, Scott, and Trent.

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Agricultural News

County Agents Column

By Richard Spencer

The economic reality that high prices encourage production and discourage use surfaced in the latest USDA cotton reports. As a result, when the trade recognizes the likelihood of the projected supply increase, December futures may trade in the mid-sixty cent range.

The December 1995 futures and the 9 and 40 day moving average crossover, with both headed in the same direction for two days and the 9-day at least 25 points ahead, was triggered on the downside July 6. The December settlement was 78.06 cents; the 9-day average, 80.16; and the 40-day, 80.63 cents per pound. This is a fairly reliable indicator that a price trend is in place.

The first half of 1995 was generally a sellers market for cotton, and now the second half looks like a buyers market. The June acreage report increased intended cotton plantings from 16.2 million acres to 16.6 million acres planted. The July report on supply and use projections increased 1994/95 ending stocks to 5.0 million from 2.7 million bales. The main reasons were reduced exports and sluggish usage.

It is common for foreign cotton production to increase substantially in the second season following a price increase. That means a large U.S. export year is followed by fewer exports. In 1979/80, exports totaled 9.2 million bales and, in 1980/81, dropped to 5.9 million. Cotton exports were 7.8 million bales in 1990/91, 6.6 million in 1991/92, and only 5.2 million in 1992/93.

While the current world cotton situation suggests that these latest projections are on targe, it is a little early to fully size-up the world crop. The U.S. and world crops are more likely to grow larger than smaller. Yet, adverse growing conditions could set in and reduce yields. However, demand has turned sluggish. And, man-made fiber manufacturers are stepping up production.

Although crop conditions in the U.S. are mixed, prospects are favorable for a 22 to 23 million bale crop. In Texas, the Rio Grande Valley crop is only 25 to 35% of normal, but the Coastal Bend crop is good with yields estimated in the one to two bale per acre range. The Texas Blacklands and Rolling Plains crops have good potential. Lubbock area conditions are mixed. Overall, the Texas crop has prospects of around a 5.2 million bale harvest. The mid-South is in good shape with some areas real good and some not so good. The Southeast and Far West crops have good potential.

Producers that have yet to price some of their 1994/95 cotton will likely find buyers more scarce, and basis from futures less attractive. Buying put options and/or buying puts and selling calls appear workable.

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A new study reveals what many cotton farmers already suspected. To get a good cotton crop, you have to start with good cotton seed. Extension cotton agronomist Dr. James Supak says research at the Stiles Farm in Central Texas confirms it. In the Stiles Farm study, half of the seeds that were considered excellent quality grew into healthy plants. That percentage dropped to 32 percent for the good quality seed and all the way down to 14 percent for the poor quality seed. Cotton prefers hot, dry conditions, but seeds had to germinate during a cool, wet spring this year. The healthier the cotton plant, the better it withstands the weather and insects. So spending a little extra to get good or excellent quality seed can actually save money.

County Home Extension Agent News

County Agents Report
by Beth Dannheim
Home Caning Goes Gourmet

A colorful, updated version of the classic sheds new light on preserving food at home.

There was a time when "home canning" and "haute cuisine" never appeared in the same sentence. Home canning was a healthful, thrifty way to put up the harvest for winter. Haute cuisine made dining a memorable experience. One was homey and practical, the other a little daring.

Welcome to the kitchen of the '90s, where home canning with a gourmet flair gives you the best of both worlds. You can enjoy the satisfaction of preserving fresh produce; and, you can treat friends and family to a culinary adventure any night of the week.

This new home canning attitude comes to life in the recently updated Ball Blue Book Guide To Home Canning, Freezing and Dehydration. The guide your grandparents trusted still offers step-by-step "how-to's". But next to the basics, you'll find the flavors and the textures of an entirely new American cuisine: Kiwi Jam, Loganberry Vinegar, Basil-Garlic Tomato Sauce and Jalapeno Salsa. From the land "down under" to regions "south of the border," home canning can broaden your dining experience.

Of course, this is a distinct departure from the meat-and-potatoes meal-planning formula. Today's new emphasis is on sauces, spices, relishes and condiments. It is all about flavor combinations that can elevate even the most everyday meals to something special.

In the new guide, you can read how to preserve flavored vinegars for use in marinades and vinaigrette. Use them to infuse your favorite "catch" for a grilled seafood dinner. Or, toss them together with extra virgin olive oil to dress up a hearty bowl full of salad greens.

You'll find a Loganberry Vinegar recipe that combines the tart, fruity flavor of spring berries with the richness of a good red wine vinegar. The process is easier than you think: simply add the vinegar to fresh, whole berries allowing them to steep several weeks. After straining the fruit, process according to the recipe and stock up for the seasons to come.

If you thought jam was simply a good accompaniment for your peanut butter sandwich, the Ball Guide will convince you otherwise. Make up a batch of Lemon Marmalade so you can spread a little summer on your morning waffle. Or, open a jar to glaze a tender pork roast.

While today's home canning recipes take you on a gourmet adventure, they also leave you a little healthier in the process. Because you control the ingredients, you can be confident that you and your family are eating less fat, less sugar and no preservatives.

When you preserve your own foods, you don't have to depend on canned food items from the supermarket for last minute meal ideas. A Ten-Bean-Soup recipe provides a hearty, healthy meal you can prepare in moments. It's full of the "legumes" that nutritionists recommend for high-fiber, low-fat diets. Put it up, heat it up, then serve it with cornbread muffins. You'll be guaranteed lots of flavor and plenty of protein.

Home canning has not only gone gourmet, it has also lowered food cost for many cooks. And you don't need to grow your own produce to get started. These days, farm stands and super-

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Dr. Robert Lascano At TAES In Lubbock Involved In Study On How Efficiently A Plant Uses Water

Do you ever wonder how efficiently a plant use water? Well, some scientists are asking the question and they are finding answers.

Dr. Robert Lascano, an associate professor of soil physics at the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station in Lubbock, has been studying the water use of cotton for the past two years.

The measurement of the daily amount of water the crop uses is a very difficult value to get.

"Plants naturally grow and extract water form below the soil surface down to four feet or deeper. Things change a lot and no two plants are the same. What we are trying to do is to come up with a system that is accurate, and that on a day to day basis will tell how much water the plant has extracted from the soil, and how much water is still left. Then once you have that information, your can tell how much water should be applied through different irrigation systems," Lascano said.

The objective is to have a totally hands-off operation. By placing instruments in the field that will monitor the information, all a user has to do is come in, look at the information and make a decision on how much water to apply.

A plant will use more water on a day when the air temperature is 100 degrees F than it will on a day when it is 60 degrees F and other conditions. All these variables-- temperature, humidity, windspeed and radiation-- must be considered.

"What we have is this system, and the best way to explain it is to think of it as a checking account. You have a certain income that is deposited into your checking account and this is the equivalent of the water on your field. If you go to the grocery store and you write a check, you withdraw money from the checking account. If at the end of the month you have no money and write a check, it will bounce," said Lascano.

"Well it's the same thing with plants. They have to have a certain requirement of water to grow and to use for the processes of transpiration and photosynthesis. If that water is not there they are going to go into some form of stress that is going to ultimately affect the yield. So you want to minimize that stress. Rainfall is the equivalent of depositing a check, or in our case also by irrigation," Lascano explained.

Lascano is not trying to say what is the best way to irrigate a crop. There is now a system that can work with people to monitor the amount of water a crop is using.

"We combine new technology with calculations of water use with a simulation model," Lascano said.

The new technology being used is electronic stem flow gauges that directly measure the amount or water the plant uses (transpiration). They are gauges installed around the stem of a plant. The gauges give an absolute measurement of the amount water that is going through the plant.

This only gives your the amount of water that is going to the plant. It does not tell your the amount of water that is being lost from evaporation through the soil surface.

"Research has shown that in many cases over the growing season anywhere from 30 percent to 60 percent of the total amount of water lost from a crop is from the soil surface-- not from the plant, but from the soil surface." Lascano said.

Lascano also uses Time Domain Reflectometry (TDR). It measures the amount of water in the soil by sending a high voltage pulse through a three-pronged probe into the soil and measures the amount of time it takes for the pulse to come back. The travel time gives the dielectric constant which is related to the water content.

"We are talking times on the order of ten to the minus nine seconds or nanoseconds. It requires sophisticated electronic equipment to measure these responses," Lascano said.

Lascano receives reports of air temperature, air humidity, wind speed, rainfall, and the amount of short wave radiation on a hour to half-hour basis from a field weather station. Short-wave radiation is the amount of sunlight the crop is receiving. This information is gathered from several instruments in the field and are converged to one monitoring station in the field.

All of the information is processed on a real time basis, stored and analyzed using software written for this purpose. At midnight, all the information from the previous 24 hours is analyzed and the monitoring stations tell how much water the plants used and how much water is in the soil.

"At the same time, you take this information from the weather station and we put it into a simulation model developed here at Experiment Station," Lascano said.

Software runs the model that calculates and monitors the amount of water the crop uses. The software also runs a program at midnight and produces a graphic of how much water the plant used and how much water is left in the soil.

The scientists compare the measured results to those of the simulation and the comparisons have proven that the model is extremely accurate in predicting what the crop water usage is.

"Eventually what we would like to do is to use the model instead of monitoring station because not everyone is going to be able to buy all this equipment," Lascano said.

"Based upon our experiments, we know a plant, especially cotton, can use anywhere from 1/10 to 1/2 of an inch of water per day," explained Lascano.

With that information, you can go into one of the other irrigation technologies, one of which is scheduling the application of water.

"This year in cooperation with Dr. Bill Lyle, an irrigation engineer, we are going to have the water use monitoring system and a drip irrigation system," said Lascano. "Based upon what we are measuring through water use, we are going to be able to tell or monitor exactly how much water we put into the system and how much water the plants will use."

"Our initial program is funded by the Texas Higher Education Board and Advanced Technology Program," Lascano said. The original plan was for two years, but it will continue for another two years due to funding from the National Science Foundation.

"We have an additional two-year grant to work along similar lines, Lascano said.

Adam/Eaton Reunion Held At Ovalo

The descendents of John Adam and Missouri Lu Eaton, early settlers of Fisher County, met in the home of Merril and Mildred Eaton of Ovalo June 25th.

Those attending the reunion were Thelma Cook of Waco; Finley and Zula Eaton of Magazine, Ark.; Pat Waldon of Kerrville; Truett Eaton of Ft. Stockton; Willie Eaton of Amarillo; Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Eaton of Tuscola and Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Eaton of Ovalo attended. Attending from Rotan were Mrs. Ella Faye Eaton, Billy Eaton, Nell Hughes, C.A. Taggart, Raymond Rains, and William and Sue Cleveland.

The group plans to meet again the 3rd Sunday of June, 1996 in the home of Merril and Mildred Eaton.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Rotan Jr. High Physicals

Rotan Junior High athletes need to go by the field house on July 29th at 1:00 p.m. to pick up physical forms and report to the clinic at 1:30 p.m.

Independent Football League

The Rotan Chapter of the Abilene Independent Football League will have a recruiting meeting Thursday, August 3rd at 7:00 p.m. in Ed Patton Park at the Little League field. This league is a full contact football league, and play will start in March. Minimum age requirement is 19. Average age of current players in the league is 27. All interested players from Rotan, Roby, Trent, and Hamlin are encouraged to attend.

Girard Homecoming

The Girard Homecoming Committee will be sponsoring the Girard Homecoming on Saturday, September 30, 1995. All mail-in requests for cancellation service should be addressed to: Girard Homecoming Station, Postmaster, P.O. Box 9998, Girard, TX 79518-9998.

Sylvester 5th Sunday Singing

Sylvester Baptist Church will be having their 5th Sunday Singing on July 30th, starting at 2:00 p.m. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

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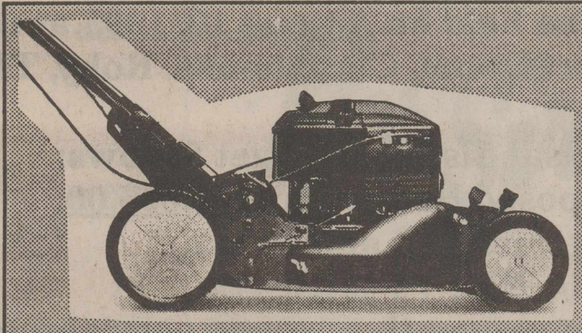
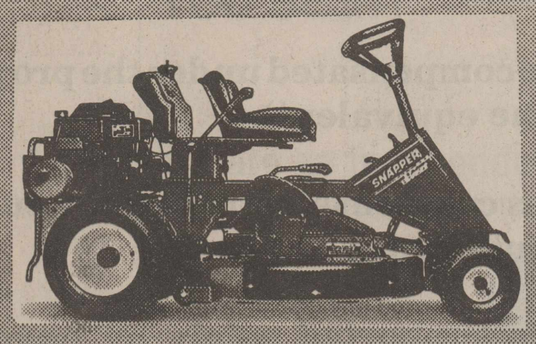
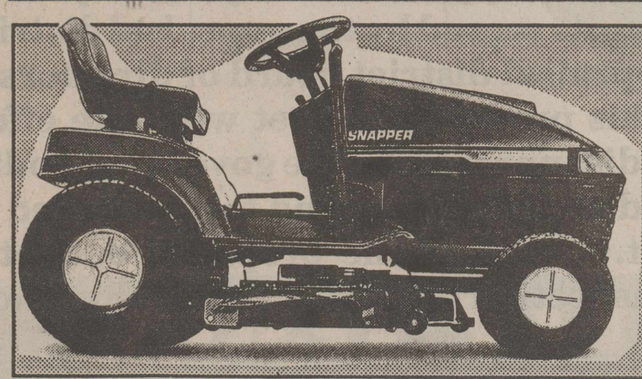
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First Mr & Miss Rotan Days Pageant Huge Success

The very first Mr & Miss Rotan Days Pageant was a huge success with 40 contestants entering! The pageant coordinator was Debbie Hull. Her helpers were Tammy Kelley, Gwen Helms, Loretta Daniel, Traci Hull and Jenni Burnes. The judges were Dr. Jerry Marshall, Juanita Richardson, Monica Murff, Myla Black, Bob Spikes and Buffy Shipp.

The pageant winners were as follows:

Girls Division, Age 0-4:

1st- Kylie Smith, daughter of Lane and Shari Smith, sponsored by Fisher County Hospital; 2nd- Paige Blair, daughter of Martin and Tina Blair, sponsored by Fisher County Home Health; 3rd- Erika McClain, daughter of Steve and Amanda McClain, sponsored by Double M Exotics.

Boys Division, Age 0-4:

1st- Tate Hayes, son of Ward and Jenna Hayes, sponsored by his parents; 2nd- Zachary McClurg, son of Jim and Desiree McClurg, sponsored by Gray Fuel & Chemical; 3rd- Randall Barrera, son of Karen Barrera, sponsored by Circle C Grocery.

Girls Division, Age 5-9:

1st- Tara Blair, daughter of Martin and Tina Blair, sponsored by Clearfork Health Center; 2nd- Kristen Hinson, daughter of Paul and DeLanna Hinson, sponsored by her parents; 3rd- Shandi Martinez, daughter of Carlos and Sharla Martinez, sponsored by Ken and Laura Myers.

Boys Division, Age 5-9:

1st- Aaron Greene, son of Loyd and Cindy Greene, sponsored by his parents; 2nd- Arron Martinez, son of Carlos and Sharla Martinez, sponsored by Ken and Laura Myers; 3rd- Cody Smith, son of Ricky and Vikki Smith, sponsored by Buster and Glenda Wright.

Girls Division, Age 10-13: 1st- Sasha Martinez, daughter of Carlos and Sharla Martinez, sponsored by Ken and Laura Myers; 2nd- Kayla Posey, daughter of David Posey and Cindy Posey, sponsored by Weathersbee Funeral Home; 3rd- Darci Eaton, daughter of Dale Wayne and Dana Eaton, sponsored by Nutty Acres Exotics.

Girls Division, Age 14-18:

1st- Julie Grisham, daughter of Jimmy and Jodie Grisham, sponsored by Quarter Circle J Ranch; 2nd- Kasey Greene, daughter of Loyd and Cindy Greene, sponsored by her parents; 3rd- Jennifer Underhill, daughter of Dwayne and Sandra Underhill, sponsored by Harold Sanders.

Each 1st place winner received a trophy and banner and the 1st place girls also received a crown and red roses. The 2nd and 3rd place winners each received a trophy. Also, the highest scoring winner will receive sponsorship by the Rotan Chamber of Commerce to the Fisher County Rodeo Queen contest held in August. The highest scoring winner was Tara Blair.

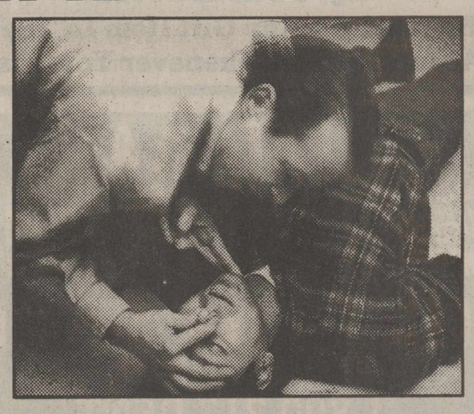
Congratulations to each winner and it is appreciated to all who entered and made it such a great success. The Chamber of Commerce hopes to continue the pageant each year in conjunction with the annual Rotan Days.

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The Fisher County Appraisal District will hold a public hearing on a proposed budget for the 1996 fiscal year.

The public hearing will be held on August 10, 1995, at *8:00 a.m.*, Fisher County Court Room, Courthouse, Roby, TX.

A summary of the appraisal district budget follows:
The total amount of proposed budget is $171,695.00.
(List major budget categories and amounts.)

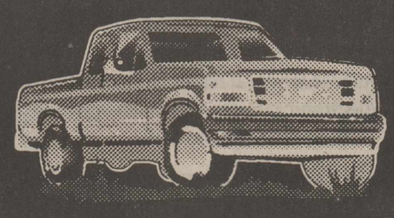
The total amount of increase over the current year's budget is $ None (Decrease $1,095).

The number of employees compensated under the proposed budget will be: 4 (full-time equivalent).

The number of employees compensated under the current budget is: 4 (full-time equivalent).

The appraisal district is supported solely by payments from the local taxing units served by the appraisal district. If approved by the appraisal district board of directors at the public hearing, this proposed budget will take effect automatically unless disapproved by the governing bodies of the county, school districts, cities, and towns served by the appraisal district. A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection in the office of each of those governing bodies.
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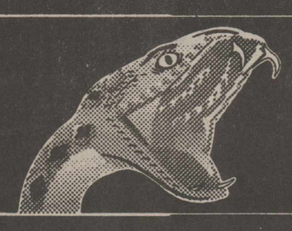
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NEW MANAGER: Sue Barerra was named the new manager of the Rotan Swimming Pool, opening recently. The pool will be open until Rotan schools begin after a late opening due to the repair of a much needed pump.



ROTAN DAYS PARTICIPANT: Alli Copeland, daughter of Kevin and Sherry Copeland, enjoys a hamburger at the recent Rotan Days Celebration. Alli is 6 years old and in the first grade.

Social Security Earnings Hand-Delivered

In conjunction with President Clinton's mandate to all Federal agencies to "put people first", several top officials of the Department of Health and Human Services and the U.S. Postal Service, and Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan, D-N.Y., today hand-delivered the first of approximately nine million Social Security earnings and benefit estimate statements that will be mailed to every American age 60 and older during 1995. HHS Secretary Donna E. Shalala, Social Security Commissioner Shirley S. Chater, Washington D.C. Postmaster David Clark, and Senator Moynihan presented Personal Earnings and Benefit Estimate Statements (PEBES) to four taxpayers who were selected to participate in a ceremony held today at the Ben Franklin post office located four blocks from the White House.

The Texas Big Game Awards Program annually honors hunters and landowners for excellence in hunting and in habitat management. The program is sponsored by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, the Texas Wildlife Association, Carter's Country of Houston, and the Hixon Land and Cattle Company, San Antonio.



Wendy Dawn Tate & Jason Lowell Terry

Wendy Dawn Tate And Jason Lowell Terry Plan Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. Mike L. Terry of Roby, proudly announce the engagement of their son, Jason Lowell Terry, to Wendy Dawn Tate, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie B. Tate of Huckaby.

The bride-elect graduated from Huckaby High School and is now attending Tarleton State University.

The prospective bridegroom attended Lubbock Christian University with a Bachelor of Science degree. He is employed by Farm Bureau Insurance in Rotan.

Jason is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Waldo Gatewood of Sylvester and Mrs. Kirmet Terry of Roby.

The wedding will be August 19, 1995 at the Roby Church of Christ.

333 In H.S.U. "Threshold" Program

About 333 children and youth took part in Hardin-Simmons University's 15th annual 'Threshold' program for gifted and talented children and youth over two weeks in July.

Students in grades 4-5 and 6-10 attended classes all day, while students in kindergarten- grade 3 attended half-day classes.

Leslie Bolton from Roby participated in the Intermediate program for students in grades 4-5.

HOSPITAL NEWS

Patients admitted and dismissed to the Fisher County Hospital during the week of July 18 - 24, 1995 were as follows:

ADMITTED: Lunette Goforth- Roby; Amber Delawarr- Rotan; Odessa Clements- Rotan; Mack Childress- Jayton; Wesley Hardy- Roby; Leon Frells- Jayton.

DISMISSED:

Wesley Hardy- Roby; Carey L. Landes- Rotan; Effie Murphree- Rotan; Amber Delawarr- Rotan; Odessa Clements- Rotan; Mack Childress- Jayton; Mamie Henderson- Roby; Leon Frells- Jayton.

F.C. Bingo Players Win Big

"Nothing can make a Bingo player's day like shouting 'Bingo!' in a crowded hall, and players in Fisher County have done their share of shouting lately," Nora Linares, Executive Director of the Texas Lottery Commission, said today.

Charitable Bingo players who patronized the 1 Charitable Bingo organizations in Fisher County won $16,066 in January, February and March of this year, Linares reported.

The $16,066 won locally is part of the $104.8 million in prizes that Bingo halls across the state paid to winners. That includes $82.9 million for regular Bingo prizes and $21.9 million in prizes for instant Bingo, also known as pull tabs.

Players in Dallas County Bingo halls won $17.1 million during the first quarter, the most in the state. Tarrant County placed second with $13.8 million, followed by Harris County, with $11.2 million.

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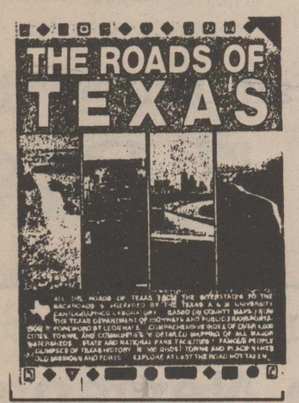
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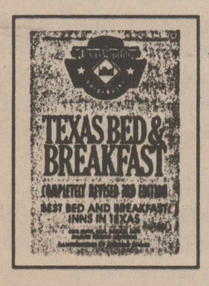
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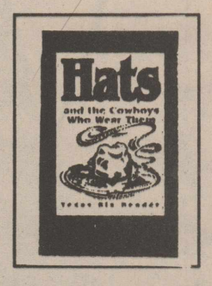
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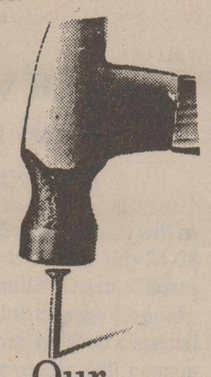






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