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County EDB Emphasizes Local Quality Of Life

While the economic development of Fisher County offers many challenges, the areas of opportunity exceed the negative. Most people in Fisher County are aware of the opportunities that our county provides. However, it is very impressive to see the list of assets gathered into one lump sum and to reassess the quality of life in Fisher County. All facts are gleaned from the Report made to the Fisher County Economic Development Commission

Fisher County is an inexpensive place to live. This county may have missed out on some economic expansion, but at the same time it missed out on the accompanying inflation in living costs.

Housing and most other costs are far lower in Fisher County than in the state's major cities. A well appointed four bedroom house in the Roby area, for example, recently sold for $30,000 according to an interview subject recorded in the report given to the Economic Development Commission.

Housing is not only inexpensive, it is available. One of the aims of the EDC is to get an exact description of the local housing market to determine just how available housing really is.

These low costs could make Fisher County an attractive location for retirees and other persons on fixed incomes. It could also prove attractive to persons starting or relocating small businesses who need to hold down personal and business costs.

In conjunction with the low cost of living, Fisher County also has a high quality of life. A simple definition of quality of life is the combination of environmental and social factors that create a community atmosphere that makes daily living pleasant and fulfilling.

Fisher County has many assets that add to its quality of life. It has a pleasant climate, scenic areas including the northwest corner with its draws, and canyons and the Brazos River.

Rotan, Roby and the smaller communities have the advantages of small town life, including a less hectic pace of living and close community ties. Despite the decline in its communities most social institutions remain strong and active. All the communities in the county have community centers. Roby and Rotan each have municipal swimming pools, parks and tennis courts and Rotan houses the County Public Library. Both communities have a strong Western, rural atmosphere that could be an asset in tourist and retirement development.

Other county assets include the National Gypsum Plant; adequate municipal water supply; readily available electricity and natural gas; accessibility to Interstate 20, and highways 70 and 180; two trucking companies and four motor freight companies. Two railroads run at the southern end of the county; and there is a fairly large number of long distance telephone circuits.

As many as two-thirds of some graduating classes from Fisher County High Schools go on to attend college.

Fisher County has comparitively fewer taxing jurisdictions than many rural Texas counties and the overall tax burden is low, even by low Texas standards. This is a real advantage in attracting industry, particularly small, start-up businesses.

Fisher County has a tax supported hospital district, which maintains a modern 38 bed facility. The Hospital has facilities for handling most surgery and emergency cases. The hospital operates a county emergency medical service staffed by two paramedics and a number of emergency medical technicians. A fully equipped EMS ambulance is used and emergency air service to nearby metropolitan hospitals is available. The population of the county and surrounding areas could well support additional medical practices, offering opportunities for doctors willing to relocate.

Community institutions in Fisher County are strong. The local churches, Lions' Club and the 4-H clubs serve as both a focus for community involvement and a resource for community development projects.

Stable financial institutions are a plus for Fisher County. In a year when 44 banks in Texas failed, it is worth noting that the Citizen's State Bank in Roby and The First National Bank in Rotan showed positive balance sheets. In 1987, Citizen's State Bank had a surplus of $500,000 on assets of $16.6 million while First National Bank had a surplus of $200,000 on $31.7 million.

Fisher County has abundant wildlife resources; an airport with a paved, lighted 3,300-foot runway.

And the list could go on.

Resource team members noted that both Rotan and Roby have already taken important first steps in laying the foundation for future economic development projects by undertaking a number of community deveopment projects. This initiative is in itself a sign to surrounding communities that the area has potential. Each successful community has an active population at work. Each successful project helps to reinforce the community's commitment to economic development.

The opportunities are limitless and they are there for the taking. The EDC has reached out and is hoping that others will also reach out and take hold of the opportunities awaiting the county. Fisher Conty offers a wonderful lifestyle that is fast disappearing in the United States. It will take a large scale effort in economic development to help the county to survive and thrive.

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Three Hospital Board Members Intend To Seek Additional Term In May 7th Election

Filing dates for Rotan City Council, Hospital Board, and School Board candidacy are February 22 through March 23. The election will be held on May 7.

Three spots on the Fisher County Hospital Board are up for election. These places are currently held by Marion Reed, Frank Mitchell and Dave Williams who have each indicated that they will run again.

The Roby School Board has three places up for election- those currently filled by Ronald Henry, Calvin Elkins, and Jeff McClure. Henry and McClure have indicated their intention to seek re-election while Calvin Elkins is undecided.

Hobbs School Board will be filling two offices currently held by Gary Hyer and Dan Bavousett. Gary Hyer has decided not to seek re-election while Dan Bavousett will run again for his place on the board.

Both Rotan School Board members Pete Fowler and Leo Long remain undecided as to whether they will seek re-election or not.

McCaulley School Board members were unavailable for questioning.

Rotan City Council will see Hooper Shelton running for re-election for his post on the council, while Charles Atwell and Ernest Armstrong were unavailable to voice their intentions.

During the filing period which ends March 23, there are expected to be some new faces in the crowd and some familiar ones as well in the race for these posts.

Rotan UIL One Act Play Is Wizard Of Oz

We're off to see the wizard Thursday evening, March 10 in the Rotan High School Auditorium as the Rotan High School students perform their version of *The Wizard of Oz.* The students have been workng hard under the direction of Floyd Garcia to put on this year's one act play both for public viewing and for UIL competition.

Carye Gruben landed the leading role as Dorothy from Kansas with Jenny Dickson as her little dog Toto. As Dorothy's adventures begin she joins Cecilia Hernandez as the Tin Woodman, Shannon Boone as the Scarecrow, and Steve Dickson as the Lion.

Cast as witches are Lucy Stinson as the Witch of the North and Candi Hayes as the Wicked Witch.

The soldier is played by Jacque Cottle and the part of Glenda is played by Millie Gaspar.

Playing two roles are Shannon Hall and Candy Carreon who each play the parts of Winkie and a munchkin.

Steve McClain is the Wizard of Oz who finally helps Dorothy find her way back to her little farm in Kansas.

Technicians are Julie Pease and Cathy Carrillo.

UIL Zone Competition will be March 15 in Merkel at the Merkel High School Auditorium. Performances are slated to begin at 5:00 with Rotan being the third play to be performed setting it to start sometime around 7:00 p.m. on that evening.

Rotan City Council Votes To Light Fitness Trail For $1,300 A Year

The Rotan City Council in its meeting of February 16 called for the 1988 City Officer election to be on May 7. City Councilmen who are up for election on May 7 are Ernest Armstrong, Hooper Shelton and Charles Atwell. Filing deadline is March 23.

The council voted to hold a joint election for the City Council, Rotan Water Authority, Fisher County Hospital Board and the Rotan Independent School District.

Up for election for the Water Authority are positions currently held by Bartlett Strayhorn and Bobby Gruben. Filing deadline for this race is ten days prior to the election on April 28.

City tax collections for 1987 equal 81.33% of the total or $86,079.31.

The council has entered into a contract with the Rotan Independent School District authorizing them to be their agent in the selling of tax properties. The Rotan ISD is authorized to set the price and take any reasonable offer.

West Texas Utilities has agreed to install fourteen sodium high-pressured lights around the Fitness Trail at the Golf Course. The City of Rotan will incorporate these lights into the City's lighting system. This will add $1,380.00 per year to the City's lighting bill.

Rotan's garbage department lacks 20 containers having the amount that they intended to have. The containers will be delivered sometime in the future. The department is still relocating and repositioning the containers to offer the most convenience to the residents. City Manager Kenneth Vann said "Our alleys look cleaner and better even cleaner than after a city-wide cleanup."

Water loss for the month of January was 25% and samples were good. The Sewer Department reported no problems. The Police Department reported 23 disturbances, 8 prowlers, 1 public service and 1 special patrol.

The Community Center had an actual income of $250.00 and expenses totaling $786.39, leaving a deficit of $536.39. The City paid that and all other bills and adjourned.

Fisher County Youth Chamber Names Sponsors, Talks Projects

The Fisher County Youth Chamber Board met Wednesday, Feb. 17. Cecilia Hernandez, president, presided. Sponsors elected by the board are Kent Jackson, Tommy Frierson (Roby) and Casey Nelms, Wilton Jenson, Jim Gruben (Rotan). Susan Griffith (Roby).

The first project is the telephone survey conducted by the Youth Chamber for the Fisher County Economic Development Commission Retail Task Force. The Youth Chamber will operate the concession stand at the Domino Tournament on March 5.

The committee for this is Cecilia Hernandez, Candi Hayes, Reggy Spencer, Tina McClure, Kent Jackson, and Casey Nelms. The chamber will be selling sandwiches, drinks and snacks. Anyone wanting to contribute food items to the youth chamber for this project please contact Kent Jackson (776-2158) or Casey Nelms (735-2625). Membership in the chamber is open to all youth in Fisher County in grades 6-12. Membership drives will be conducted at the county schools in the next few days.

$400 In Prizes From Merchants To Go To Winners Of 42 Tournament

Fisher County businessmen have furnished nearly $400.00 worth in gift certificates to be given as prizes at the Fisher County 42 tournament Saturday, March 5. These gift certificates will be given both as door prizes and as part of the prizes to the winner of the tournament.

Beautiful individual trophies will be given to team members of the first four teams. These trophies have been furnished by the Roby Lions Club.

The National Domino Association, which is head quartered in Fisher County, plans on placing a permanent Domino cup and plaque in the Fisher County Courthouse. Winners of the National Championship in 42 and in Dominoes will have their names placed on the plaque each year. These trophies will reside in the Fisher County Courthouse for all to see. National Champions in these two divisions will be announced in December of 1988.

Winners in the Fisher County 42 tournament will earn points towards the 42 championship of this year.

The tourism task force of the Fisher County Economic Development Commission plan to have four tournaments in Fisher County this year. Two of these will be 42 tournaments and two will be authorized National Domino Association Tournaments.

All who plan to participate in the March 5, 42 tournament are urged to avoid the last minute rush of registration by sending their names, address and $5.00 entry fee to Helen Noles, Rt. 2, Box 16, Roby, Texas 79543.

Rotan Masonic Lodge Called Meeting To Confer E.A. Degree

Rotan Lodge -956 will hold a called meeting Thursday at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 25. The purpose is for confering an E. A. degree. All members are urged to attend.

Fisher County Meeting Ministerial Alliance To Be Held March 2nd

The next meeting of the Fisher County Ministerial Alliance is set for Wednesday, March 2, 10:00 am at the First United Methodist Church, Rotan.

If you are a minister in Fisher County, you are invited to join with us in our monthly meetings. The Alliance crosses denominational barriers and draws ministers together in our county as we cooperate in spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Join with us next Wednesday as we apply the finishing touches to the Holy Week Revival just before Easter. For more information call Rick Atkinson, Sylvester Baptist Church, 993-4479.

Fisher County Food Pantry Interviewing Qualified Citizens

The Fisher County Food Pantry will interview qualifying Senior Citizens, Monday, February 29, from 9 to 12 at the Courthouse Annex, and from 1 to 4 at the Senior Citizens' Building. To qualify, you must be a retired Senior Citizen over age 65 and live alone on less than $324.00 per month.

Kim's Korner
By Kim Pease

EXCUSES - EXCUSES: There are all kinds of excuses people give on why they don't attend church services. Wendell Tooley in the Tulia Herald told of a church in Baton Rouge, Louisiana where the one missing had better have a good excuse.

If a member misses church at St. Luke's United Methodist Church in Baton Rouge - they may just win a prize if their excuse is good enough.

The Rev. Debbie Drash, pastor, is calling it "No Excuses Sunday". That means there's really no good excuse for missing church that day. Samples:

For people who say "Sunday is my only day to sleep in," cots will be placed in the church foyer.

For the member who claims "the roof would cave in if I ever went to church", will be provided with a steel hard hat.

For those who think the church is too cold, blankets will be available; for those who think it's too hot, fans.

For those who say the preacher speaks too softly, hearing aids; for those who say he speaks too loudly, ear plugs.

TV dinners will be given out to those who claim they can't go to church and also cook Sunday dinner.

For those who like to see God in nature, one corner of the sanctuary will be landscaped with trees, grass and a fishing pond.

For those who enjoy Sunday golf -they will find a putting green and golf clubs at church on that Sunday.

For those who customarily attend church only at Christmas and Easter, there will be poinsettias and lillies appropriate to those seasons.

Awards will be given by Rev.Drash, to members who bring the best excuse and the most friends.

-KK-

THE PRICE WAR: Rick Craig told the following story in his column in the Hamlin Herald recently.

There once was a small town that only had two grocery stores. The two stores were directly across the street from each other.

On one occasion, a price war on bread erupted between these two rivals. One store advertised "Bread .25 cents a loaf."

The other store would counter with one stating "Bread .20 cents a loaf."

And so it went until one finally advertised, "Bread one cent a loaf!"

His competitor was determined not to be outdone, but he was not about to simply give bread away.

All night he tried to come up with a solution. At sun-up he made a huge sign to hang in his store window. It read "Buy your groceries here and we will give you a penny to buy your bread across the street."

-KK-

HE DIDN'T WANT TO DO IT: Former television evangelist Pat Robertson, seeking the nod as the Republican Presidential nominee, didn't want to take $4.49 million in matching funds from Uncle Sam, but figured he had better. He has a distaste for government aid - and thought for a few days and even asked the government to hold up payment of the $4.49 million, but in the end took the cash.

He did say the possibility existed that he might give the money back to the United States taxpayers, yea -right , right. The Easter Bunny may give all fathers $1,000 at Easter; the Tooth Fairy might start leaving Fisher County kids $5,000 for pulled teeth without tears; Gary Hart may get the Democratic Presidential endorsement from the Southern Baptist Association and WalMart might build the biggest store in Texas right here in Fisher County. When Pat Robertson gives $4.49 million back to the United States government, I'll eat my typewriter ribbon.

-KK-

FINALLY: Ol' Whistle Britches from his Shinnery Ridge Ranch at Rough Creek called with a few interesting comments.

Nudists-You can't blame nudists for being the way they are. They were born that way!

Sin-Confess your sins to the Lord, and you will be forgiven; confess them to men, and you will be laughed at.

Habits-Habits are like a soft bed--easy to get into but hard to get out of.

Liars-As a general rule, a liar is not believed even when he speaks the truth.

Boys-College is the only vacation a boy gets between his mother and his wife.

Fame-If you think you are important, just remember that a lot of famous men of a century ago have weeds growing over their graves today.

POWERLIFTING TEAM: The above students participated in a power lifting meet at Hawley: first row; left to right: Darrian Ragan, Steve McClain, Gray Fowler, David Carrion, Vincente Ortega and Brandon Alls. Second row; left to right: Robert Daniel, Marcus Silvas and Lance Ragan.

Rotan Competes In First Power Lifting Meet Held At Hawley

Rotan competed in its first ever power lifting meet at Hawley, Feb. 20. Rotan was the only class A team among 13 teams competing. The Rotan team consisted of Marcus Silvas, Lance Ragan, Darrian Ragan, Vicente Ortega, David Carrion, Steve McClain, Robert Daniel, Brandon Alls, and Gray Fowler.

As a whole our lifters did an excellent job. Gray Fowler finished 2nd in his 181 lb weight class with lifts of; squats- 400 lbs, Bench press- 250 lbs; and dead lift- 430 lbs. David Carrion finished 3rd in his division losing by 10 lbs to the first place finisher. David's lifts were; squats- 350 lbs, Bench press- 275 lbs, and dead lift- 455 lbs.

Darrian Ragan finished 5th in the 221 lb class with lifts of 295 lbs- squats, 225 lbs- Bench press, and 395 lbs in the dead lift. Vicente Ortega also finished 5th in the 242 lb class with lifts of 300 lbs- squats, 275 lbs- Bench Press, and 430 lbs in Dead lift.

Sweetwater was the team champion and Rotan finished 6th. The Rotan team did an excellent job in competing and will be going to the Sweetwater Meet Feb. 27th.

ROTAN HIGH MATH/SCIENCE TEAM: The Rotan High Math/Science team competed at a UIL Meet in San Angelo. Pictured left to right: Randall Clawson, Todd Gruben, Kevin Smith, Candi Hayes and Jeff Cave.

Rotan Students Participate In San Angelo Lake View UIL Meet

The Rotan High Math/Science team competed in the San Angelo Lake View UIL meet this past Saturday, February 20. Approximately 20 schools from classes A, AA and AAA were represented. Students placing for Rotan were: Todd Gruben (1st -12th grade Science, Candi Hayes (3rd - 10th grade Calculator) and Randel Clawson (5th - 11th grade Science). Also participating for RHS were Jeff Cave and Kevin Smith.

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Legend has it that, long ago, the dogwood came into bloom on Calvary and that, afterwards, a cross was implanted into the flower itself, to remain for all time. You can see it if you look closely, rust brown against the white of each individual blossom.

Many of us carry crosses, faint like the dogwood's emblem but with us, nevertheless. Somehow, in the Lenten season, we become particularly conscious of them and of our need for help—a certain kind of help, that can be found only through the things we learn in Church.

The Church doesn't pretend to banish our cares and woes. But, its teachings realistically consider the experiences of life itself. No matter what our personal cross may be, we seem able to bear its burden with more strength.

Lent is a wonderful time in which to begin making church-going a regular part of your life—if you haven't already.

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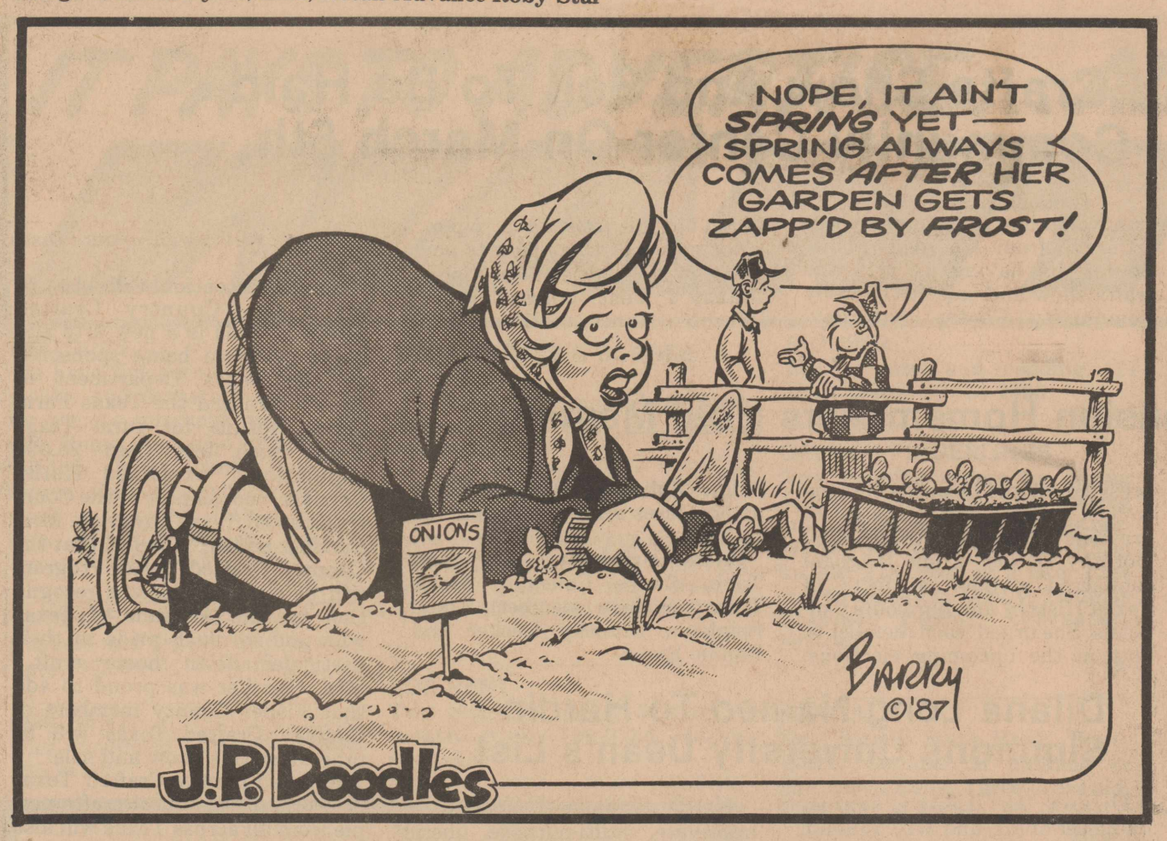

Doug Simmons, Formerly Of Roby Leads District To Number One Spot

Doug Simmons, District Sales Manager for Southern Farm Bureau Life Insurance Company, led his district to the number one spot in amount of annualized premium produced for the Company in 1987. Simmons' District XVI produced $2,754,229.80 for the year.

In 1987, District XVI included Farm Bureau Insurance agencies in the following Texas counties: Brown, Callahan, Coleman, Comanche, Concho, Eastland, Erath, Hamilton, Llano, Mason, Menard, McCulloch, Mills, Runnels, San Saba, Shackelford and Taylor.

Following a statewide reorganization which became effective January 1, 1988, Simmons' district has been renamed District VII, and has added Fisher and Jones Counties.

Simmons began his career with Farm Bureau in 1966 as a special agent in Fisher County. He served as agency manager for Mitchell and Nolan Counties, and for Callahan, Shackelford and Taylor Counties before becoming District Sales Manager in 1976.

Southern Farm Bureau Life operates in ten southern states that include Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, Mississippi, and Texas. The agency force totals 2,895 and there are eighty one district sales managers.

Simmons was born and raised in Fisher County and graduated from Roby High School in 1957. His sister, Sally Etheredge, teaches school at Roby. Cleo Simmons, his mother, resides in Rotan, and he is the son-in-law of Florida Polk of the Royston Community.

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Carmen Weathersbee Named To HSU Dean's List

Carmen L. Weathersbee, junior, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Counts, Rt. 1, Rotan, was named to the Hardin-Simmons University Dean's List for the 1987 Fall semester.

The Dean's List is composed of students carrying 12 or more semester hours who have a grade point average of 3.75 for the semester.

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Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class P. Gauna Departs For Puerto Rico

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class P. Gauna, son of Manuel and Elena Gauna of 309 W. Johnston, Rotan, TX, recently departed on an eight-month deployment to Puerto Rico with Naval Mobile Construction Battalion-Four, Port Hueneme, CA.

While deployed, Gauna will participate in construction projects throughout the Caribbean.

Gauna is a 1983 graduate of Rotan High School, he joined the Navy in February, 1987.

Rotan Nursing Center To Have Covered Dish On February 25th

Rotan Nursing Center will be having a covered dish supper for the families of the residents and the staff of the nursing center Feb. 25th at 7:00 P.M. at the nursing center, 711 E. 5th.

Meat will be furnished. This will be a time the families can get to know the staff that tends to their loved ones.

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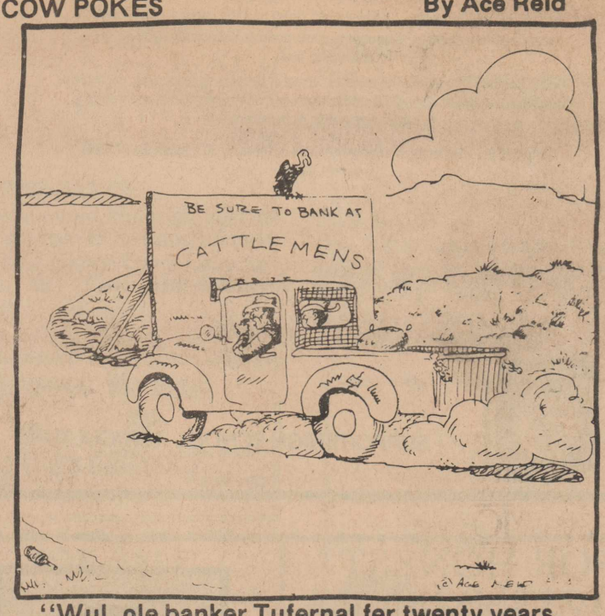

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MORE ABOUT THE NEW TAX LAW

When compared to the sweeping changes made by the 1986 Tax Reform Act, the provisions in the recently passed Revenue Act of 1987 seem minor. The change in the limits on the deductibility of home mortgage and home-equity loan interest is perhaps the most important provision for individuals. Among the law's other provisions are the following:

*** Mutual fund shareholders who itemize deductions on their 1987 tax returns may deduct their share of the fund's expenses without applying the 2% floor on miscellaneous itemized deductions.**

*** The top estate tax rate remains at 55% for another five years. It had been scheduled to drop in 1988 to 50%.**

*** Estates over $10 million will lose the benefit of the graduated estate and gift tax rates and the unified estate and gift tax credit.**

*** The provision in the 1986 Tax Reform Act that allowed estates to sell stock to an Employee Stock Ownership Plan (ESOP) and deduct half the proceeds from the taxable value of the estate has been changed.**

*** Estate valuation freezes are limited.**

*** Dealers may no longer use the installment sales method of reporting income; non-dealers may still use this method. There are special rules for obligations over $5 million.**

*** Some rules governing publicly traded partnerships are changed. Generally, a publicly traded partnership will be treated as a corporation under the new law. Items attribute to each publicly traded partnership must be treated separately on a partner's individual tax return. Losses from one partnership, for example, may not be applied against passive income from other activities.**

*** Corporations are required to accelerate their payment of estimated taxes.**

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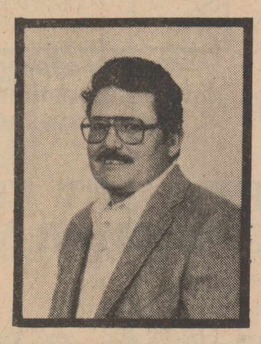

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So, from sorrow we shall attempt to refrain.

Christine Conway

Arts And Crafts Show And Sell To Be Held At Roby Community Center On March 5th

Our wealth is in our people who care about the culture and history of the arts and crafts of the past and present. The Fisher County Economic Development Commission would like to recognize these artisans, from all over Fisher County by having an arts and crafts show and sale at the Roby Community Center, Saturday, March 5, 1988, from 9 a.m.- 5 p.m.

Not only will there be arts and crafts for sale, but some of Fisher County's best confectionary delights, jams, jellies, and relishes will await your taste buds.

Special attention will also be given to "Country Crafted Texas". "This is a new arts and crafts program being sponsored by the Texas Department of Agriculture and the Texas Farm Crisis Hotline for rural Texas towns with less than 25,000 population," explained Kathy Carriker, coordinator of the Country Crafted Texas Program. Mrs. Carriker added, "We feel that the Country Crafted Texas Program will be a most welcome recognition for the Artisans of Texas who put so much pride in their particular down home craft." Mrs. Carriker was proud to add that Fisher County members of Country Crafted Texas will be present at this show and sale.

A free Country Crafted Texas directory listing rural crafts people from all across Texas will also be available at the show and sale.

Remember to put March 5 on your calendar for a day of '42' domino fun plus browsing, beholding and buying from your Fisher County Neighbors.

McCaulley Extension Homemakers Hold Meeting

McCaulley Extension Homemakers met Tuesday, Feb. 16, at 2:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the McCaulley Baptist Church. Bonnie Estes, President, presided for the business session, council report and minutes of previous meetings were given by Dorothy Decker. Eddie Brigham conducted a quiz on facts of Texas History and our county officials. She urged each member to vote in the upcoming elections.

Addie Maberry and Dycie Kemp as hostesses served refreshments to:

Alice Brigham, Jessydean Tabb, Elaine Coleman, Marie Thompson (new member), Eddie Brigham, Dorothy Decker and Bonnie Estes.

Sylvester Baptist Church To Ordain Three Deacons

The Sylvester Baptist Church invites you to join us in worship, February 28, as we ordain three men to serve as deacons.

These men are: James Claxton, Randy Kelly and Charles Meek. They have been in training the past four months learning the role and ministry of a deacon in the church.

The schedule for Sunday is: 2:00 p.m. Questioning of the candidates. This will be primarily church members but is open to anyone who wants to attend.

2:30 p.m. Worship Service to ordain them. Help support these men by being present with us this Sunday afternoon.

Roby Lions Defeated In Practice Game Against New Home

The Roby Lions fell in a practice game against New Home last Friday night in Jayton 63-59.

Jerry Carreon was the high scorer with 24 of the 59 points. Carter Edmondson was next with 16.

Jason Terry scored 8 points; James Gantt, 6; Rick Onofre, 4 and Reggy Spencer, 2.

This brings the Lions' record to 24-4 going into playoff action.

Dilana Long Named To Hardin Simmons University Dean's List

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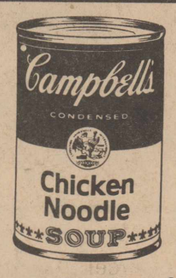

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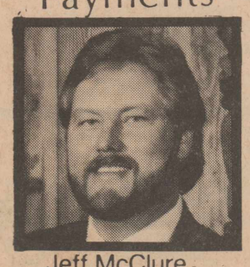

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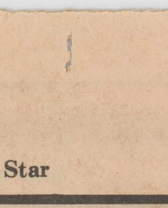

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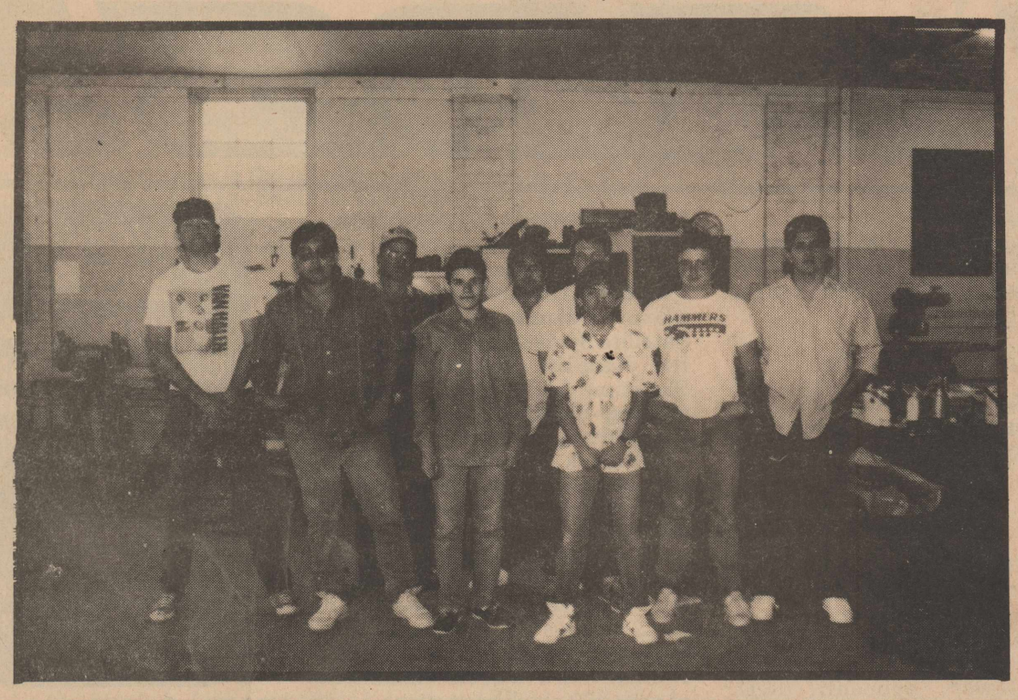

Pictured at left L-R: Darrian Ragan, David Carrion, Mr. Olen Fryar, Bobby Carrillo, Vicente Ortega, Donnie Gruben, Ray Ramirez, Mitch Whitfield, and John Soliz all from the Rotan high School Ag Department.

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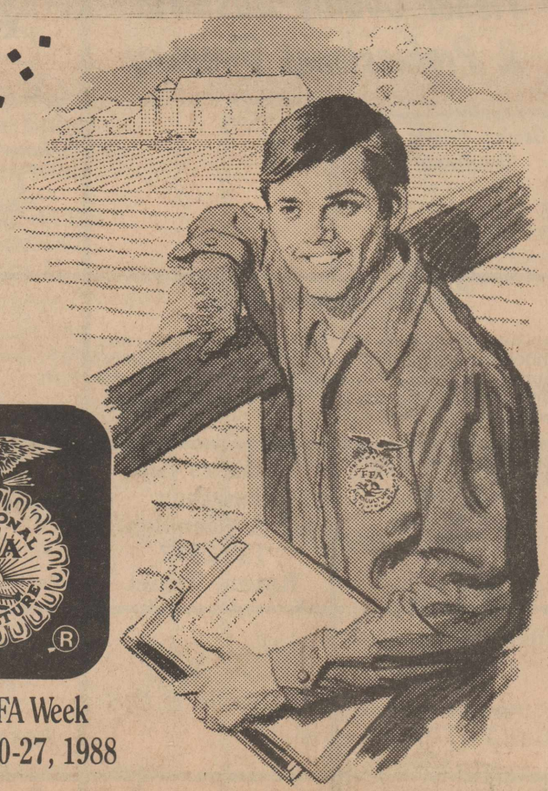

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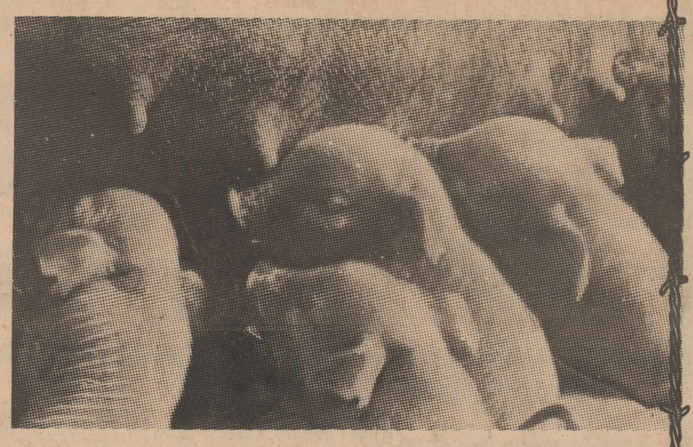

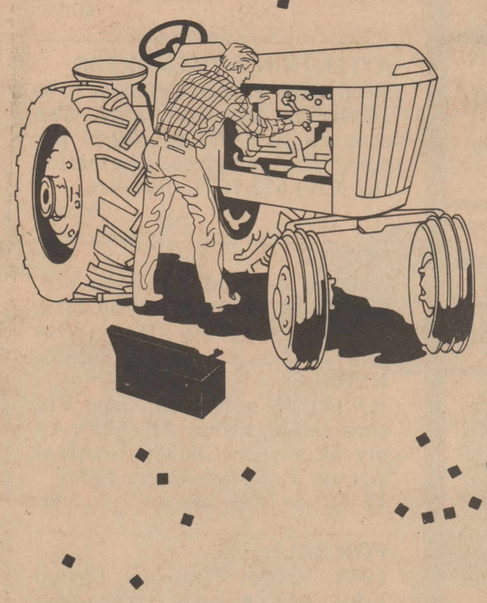

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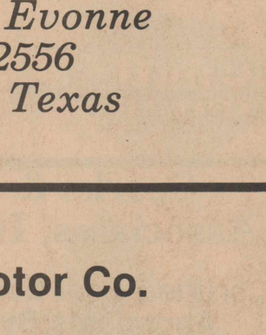

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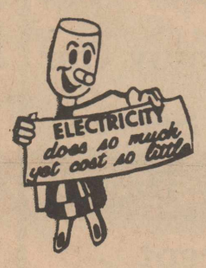

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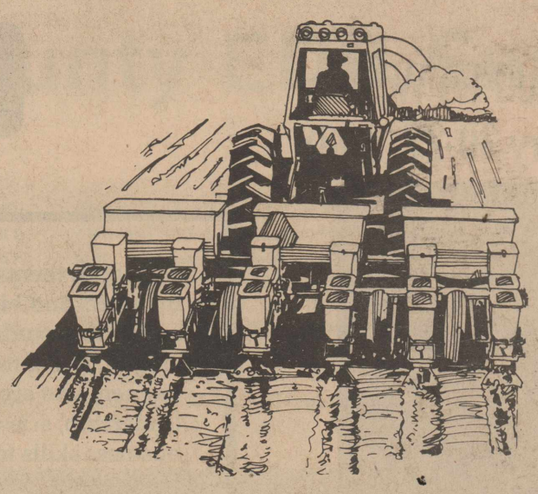

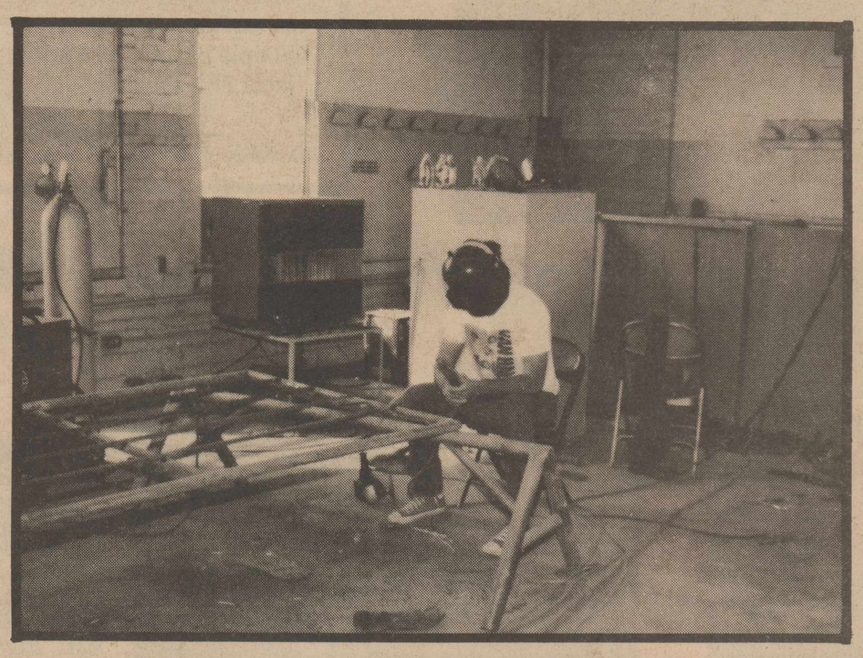

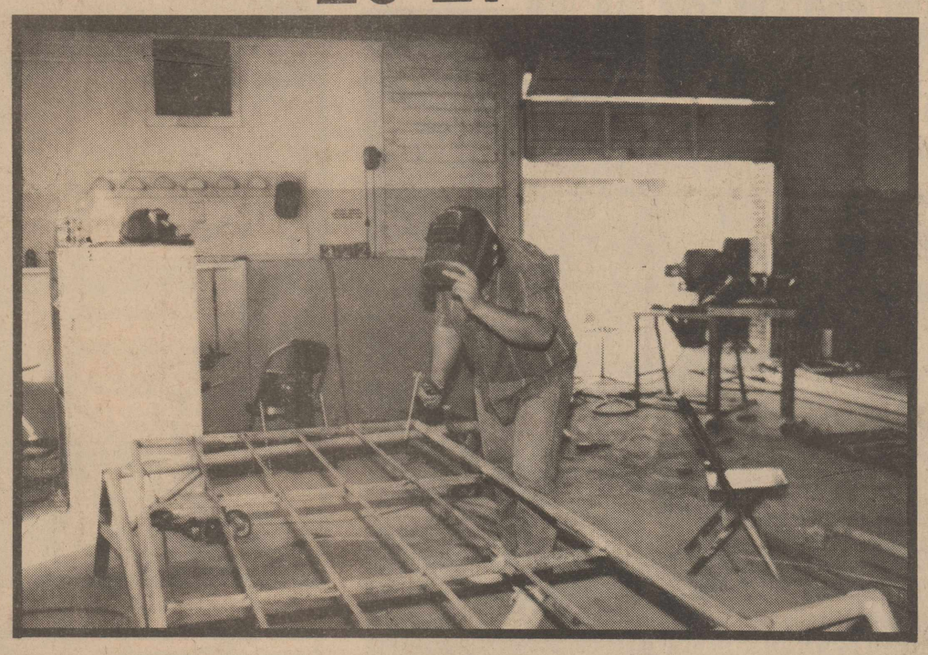

Clockwise: Jeremy Terry of Roby High School works on his ag project between J. R. Lipke and Eddie Onofre. Darrian Ragan of Rotan High School welds. David Carrion works with the welding torch. Students gather around Matt Cave as he works on his project.

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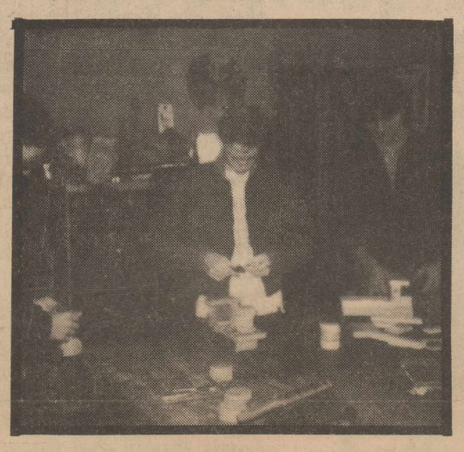
—Larry Gatlin



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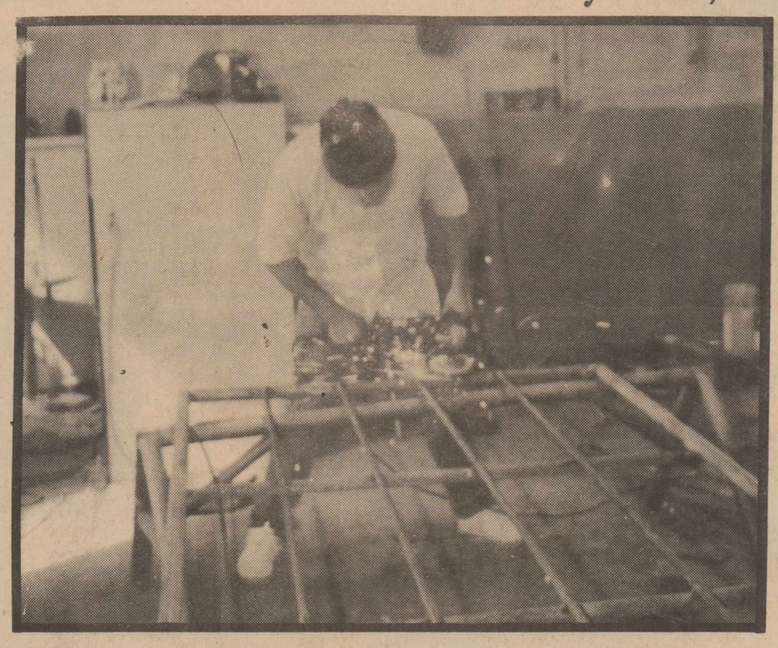
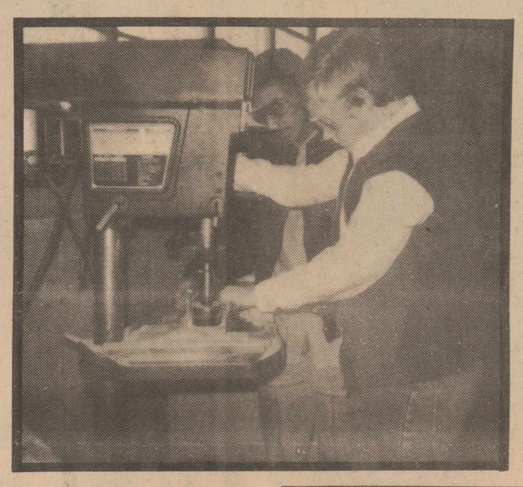
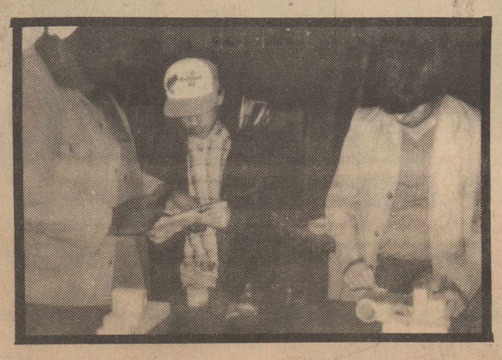
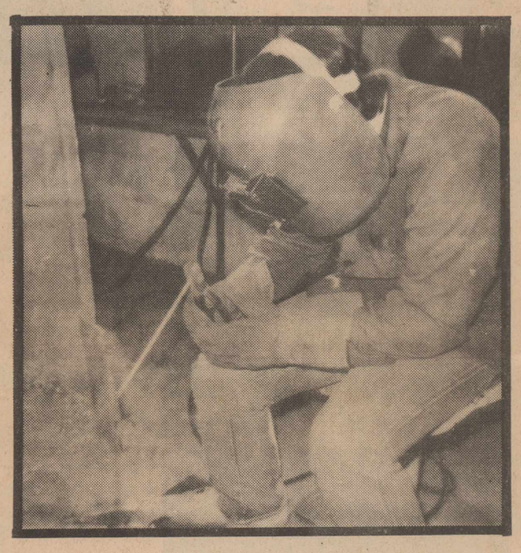


"They call themselves FFA members and high school agriculture students. They are the young men and women who are developing leadership, science and business skills for careers in the exciting industry that is today's agriculture. I call them some of America's best. I hope you'll join me in saluting these young people by supporting your local FFA chapter."

—Larry Gatlin







Top picture: Vicente Ortega of Rotan High School shows his vocational ag skills as the sparks fly. Middle Row left picture: Jamie Amador assists Walter Cleveland with his project. Right picture: The class looks on as Shaylon Thompson right to left they are Kenlee Dennis, Heath Dickson, Juan Juarez, Mark Marshall, and Matt Cave. Bottom Row top left, three students from Roby hard at work, while (bottom left) Seniors Shaylon Thompson and Denise Goolsby take a break. Middle: Roby sophomore shows his welding skills while students from Rotan High School take a break from welding L-R they are Blake Borrow, Philip Matthies, Randall Tankersley, Billy Speck, Lance Ragan and Robert Daniel.

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PRUNE PEDDLERS BASEBALL TEAM: Pictured above are the members of the Prune Peddlers Baseball team from years past. Front row left to right: O.S. Kiker, Nelson Smith. Second Row left to right: D.J. Smith, Gary Smith, David Baugh, Murff, Tim Counts, Henry Deleon, Pat Carter, Rodriquez. Third Row left to right: Terry Morton, Todd Baugh, name not known, Tom Hyer, Larry Hale, Ray Rushing, Charles Thornton and Ruben Cabrerra.

Funeral Conducted For Fawn Wiley

Fawn Wiley, 80, of Rotan, died at 12:15 PM Thursday in the Fisher County Nursing Home. Services were at 2 PM Sunday in Weathersbee Chapel with Rev. L. D. Parks, Pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, officiating. Burial was at the Roby Cemetery under the direction of Weathersbee Funeral Home.

Mrs. Wiley was born Oct. 13, 1907 in Rochester, Texas and was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Foreman. She married Roscoe Wiley Oct. 28, 1934 in Sweetwater. Mr. Wiley died Oct. 11, 1976.

Mrs. Wiley was a member of Calvary Baptist Church, the Eastern Star Lodge and the Rebecca Lodge of Rotan. She had worked in the Green Thumb Program until ill health forced her to retire.

She is survived by: a sister and brother-in-law, Fern and J. B. Burditt of Rotan, a brother and sister-in-law, Paul and Inez Foreman of Roby, A sister-in-law, Piccola Foreman of Lubbock, several nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were: L. D. Bridges, Paul Foreman, Lee Foreman, Gary Floyd, Ed Kafer and Virgil Weems.

Pink Ladies To Hold Regular Monthly Meeting On March 3rd

The Pink Ladies will hold their regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, March 2nd, at the Fisher County Hospital. Please make plans to attend, and bring a new member if possible.

Santana Yanez Gets Degree

More than 1,200 students at Texas Tech University received degrees in fall 1987 commencement exercises. Degree recipients included Santana Yanez of Rotan who graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas G. Yanez, Sr.

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County Agent's Column

By Richard Spencer

Retail merchants can use improved visual merchandising techniques to boost sales.

Many talented, creative people make a career of convincing consumers to buy from certain merchants, and much of their success involves good visual merchandising.

Consumer surveys indicate that many people want shopping to be fun. They are more willing to spend time and money in stores that make a deliberate effort to do a better job of being visually appealing.

Visual merchandising is part of sales promotion. Its purpose is to increase sales by improving the store's image and demonstrating how products benefit customers.

"For instance, a store's interior and exterior both have important roles in a successful visual merchandising strategy."

Since the potential new customer gets his first visual impression from a store's exterior, signs and window displays have to generate interest and invite people to enter.

"Windows require special attention." "Whoever coined the term 'window-shopping' recognized the importance of window displays in attracting customers. Windows should show attractively some of the store's best merchandise in an uncluttered way. Benefits of owning the products should be emphasized whenever possible."

Interior visual merchandising is directed at getting customers to buy. Attention-getting displays, professional signs, technical information on the uses and advantages of a product, and a controlled traffic flow are all part of a merchandising plan.

Products that can be used together should be shown together. This allows the customer to see the advantage of buying more than one item.

Use of movable fixtures to direct traffic flow is an effective way to ensure that customers have a good view of merchandise. Such fixtures also can be used to alter traffic flow occasionally to give the impression of being up-to-date. This helps reduce the danger of having stale ineffective displays.

Merchants who are worried about losing business might take a hard look at their merchandising techniques. Many may find low cost ways to improve business by making their stores more attractive to consumers.

"It's easy for merchants to become preoccupied with other things in operating a business and to forget to look at the business through the customers' eyes. When that happens, they may lose business and not know why.

The hay situation across Texas is mixed, with generally good quality hay of all types in short supply.

Demand for lower quality hay is brisk, and grass hay demand is strong in some areas where alfalfa hay has normally been available. This year good quality alfalfa is in generally short supply.

The USDA's 1987 annual crop production summary released recently indicated 149 million tons of all types of hay were harvested nationally. This is a 4 percent below the 1986 production levels. Additionally, U.S. 1987 alfalfa production was down 8 percent while other hay production was up 1 percent last year.

Texas hay producers harvested a total of 3.24 million acres of hay in 1987, down 1 percent from 1986 harvested acres. Production of Texas alfalfa hay totaled 490 thousand acres in 1987, compared to 640 thousand tons from 160,000 acres in 1986. In addition, 3.1 million acres of other types of hay were harvested in Texas in 1987, unchanged from 1986 levels. Total other hay production in 1987 was 7.44 million tons, up 9 percent from 1986 levels.

Square Dance To Be Held At Senior Citizens Center

We are having a square dance at the Senior Citizen Building on Monday night at 7:30. Everybody is invited that wants to come. Tracy Dowell is the caller, so come if you can.

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Charges for announcements must be paid in advance, and the same policy applies to all political advertising carried in the columns of this newspaper.

Names of candidates for each office will be listed in the Political Column in the order that they are received at the newspaper office.

The Rotan Advance-Roby Star Record has been authorized to announce the following candidates for public office:

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Tommie Jack Stuart
Ronald Henry
Donald Coker

FISHER COUNTY SHERIFF
Jerry Moffett
Mickey Counts
Troy F. Gruben

FISHER COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR/COLLECTOR
Teddy Kral

FISHER COUNTY COMMISSIONER PRECINCT #3
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Donald Gruben

STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT #78
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OPEN LETTER

To: The Voters Of Precinct #1
From: Donald Coker

I WANT TO LET YOU KNOW THAT I AM SEEKING THE POSITION OF FISHER COUNTY COMMISSIONER - PRECINCT 1.

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FOR MYSELF, I WANT TO ADVISE YOU THAT I WILL MAKE YOU A COUNTY COMMISSIONER YOU WILL BE VERY PROUD OF. I WILL WORK WITH YOU AND FOR YOU, TO THE BEST OF MY ABILITY IN COUNTY GOVERNMENT AND ROAD MAINTENANCE.

I WANT 1 OF THE 4 COMMISSIONER CHAIRS SO THAT I MAY LISTEN, TALK TO, ADVISE AND HELP MAKE DECISIONS THAT NEED TO BE MADE FOR FISHER COUNTY.

I WANT THE CHALLENGE OF MAKING THE ROADS IN PRECINCT 1, SOME OF THE BEST ROADS IN THE COUNTY. I WILL WORK WITH ANY COMPANY OR INDIVIDUAL WHO NEEDS TO USE OUR ROADS, WHEN THEIR PURPOSE MAY BE TO BRING IN EXTRA TAX DOLLARS OR A PROJECT TO BETTER SERVE THE PEOPLE.

YOU, THE PEOPLE IN PRECINCT 1, ARE THE ONLY ONES THAT CAN PUT A PERSON IN A POSITION TO SERVE YOU.

PLEASE, GO AND VOTE FOR THE MAN OF YOUR CHOICE MARCH 8, 1988

Donald L. Coker

Pd. Pol. Adv. By Donald Coker, Rt. 1, Roby, Texas 79543

Willard Roddy Takes First Place At Track Meet Held At LCU On Feb. 20th

Willard Roddy pranced to a first place finish in the 1000 meter run with a time of 2:58 last Friday as the Rotan boys track team participated in the first meet of the season at Lubbock Christian University.

Joe Huitt, participating in the junior varsity division, finished 3rd in the high jump with a leap of 6 ft. 2 in.

Roddy finished 4th in the 55 meter high hurdles with a time of 7:82. Brian Sheehan and Randall Tankersley participated but did not place.

Joe Huitt (JV) was 5th in the 55 meter dash with a time of 6:45. Kenny Warren and J. J. Gauna participated but did not place. Huitt also finished 5th in the (JV) 200 meter run with a time of 23:99.

Donnie Gruben had a 6th place finish in the 800 meter run with a time of 2:12.

Several Rotan track team members participated but failed to place in events at Lubbock. Robert Daniel ran in the 55 meter dash; Vicente Ortega threw 41 ft 5 inches in the shot put; David Carreon tossed 39 ft 8 inches and Brian Sheehan tossed 37 feet 6 inches.

In the long jump Willard Roddy leaped 19 feet 1 inch; Randall Tankersley jumped 15 feet 6 inches; and Donnie Gruben recorded a 5:27 in the 1600 meter run.

Rotan will participate in the Munday relays on March 12th.

THANK YOU

We would like to express our deep and sincere appreciation to each of you for the many acts of kindness and expressions of sympathy shown our family at the loss of our dear sister and aunt, Artie Johnson. She was a very special person and we loved her dearly as did her many friends. Roby was always home to her and she loved the town and the people. Your kindness to her over the years will long be remembered and appreciated by her family.

Special thanks go out to the Weathersbee staff who made a difficult time easier with their usual graciousness; to the ladies who so lovingly prepared and served the food and tended our every need; to the singers who sang so beautifully and to the friends who served as pallbearers and honorary pallbearers. May God bless each of you.

The prayers, love and concern of caring friends do help to ease our sorrow and we deeply appreciate everything that was done for her and for us.

Ola Mae McCright & Family
Olan Johnson & Family

Big Country Tumblers Participate In District Meet In Snyder

The Big Country Tumblers of Roby competed in their district qualifier meet in Snyder, Saturday Feb. 13. Those participating in tumbling were: Mychal Carrillo- 2 & 3- 1A- 1st; Cory Rains- 4 & 5 -1B- 3rd; Alicia Scott- 4 & 5-1A-2nd; Karen Carriker- 6 & 7- 1C- 8th; Cherie Scott- 6 & 7- 1C- 9th; Ashley Smith- 6 & 7- 1C- 6th; Keshia Stidham- 6 & 7- 1C- 7th; Katrina Rains- 8 & 9- 1C- 6th.

In trampoline competition Cory Rains- 4&5-1A, 1st; Karen Carriker- 6&7-1A, 2nd; Ashley Smith-6&7, 5th; Cherie Scott-6&7-1A, 3rd; Keshia Stidham-6&7-1A, 7th. Mikya Dickson-6&7 Level 2, 1st; Katrina Rains-8&9-1A, 2nd.

Those qualifying for State competition are Mychal Carrillo, Alicia Scott, Cory Rains (both), and Mikya Dickson.

State competition will be held in Lubbock at the Civic Center on Saturday and Sunday, March 12 & 13. This will be the next meet in which advance tumblers will be putting out their all in hopes of qualifying for the World Power Tumbling Meet to be held in Lubbock, May 16th through the 22nd. Twenty-nine countries will be participating in the World meet.

Alva West Gets Scholarship From Hardin Simmons

Alva West, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leon West of Rotan, was one of eight students to receive Marvin Wayne and Hazel Wiggins Lewis Endowed Scholarships from Hardin-Simmons University.

The endowment fund was established by Mr. and Mrs. Reuel Nash of Lubbock in honor of Mrs. Nash's parents.

Fifteen percent of the fund is returned to the principle, with the balance going for scholarships for HSU students.

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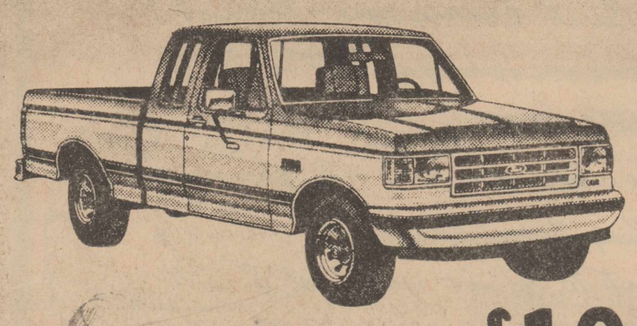

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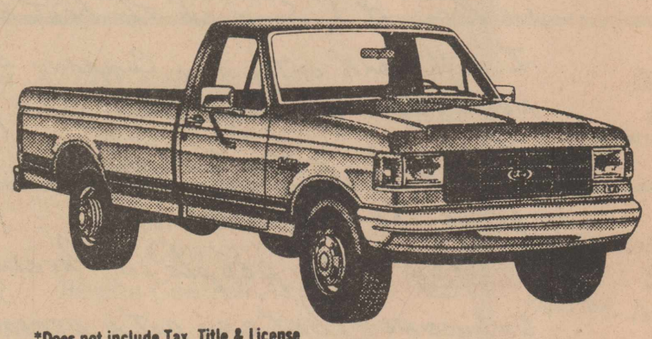

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Hustling Around Hobbs

By Joy Walker

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Well it looks like March has come a little early this morning (Monday) and the wind is really blowing and we are going to have a good sandstorm today. We have been having some pretty good days, especially Sunday, which was almost like summer, but we only got just a light shower last week, not nearly enough to make the pastures green up. We could really use about two or three inches of rain and then some warmer weather, but I guess we'll have to be satisfied with any moisture we can get.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Cave went to Abilene and then on to Clyde Friday. In Clyde they visited with Alice's sister, Mrs. Ann Hooker and with Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Koonce.

Mrs Vida Boyer still isn't feeling at all well, even though she has been to see the Doctor. She wasn't able to attend Church on Sunday; we hope that she will soon begin to feel very much better.

Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Martinez went to Abilene on Tuesday; they went to see Robert Martinez who had surgery that day at Hendrick Memorial Hospital. Robert is now home from the hospital and is doing fine, so they report, and we hope that he will continue to do well. Mr. and Mrs. Steve Warren from Snyder visited the Rudolph Martinez's on Saturday.

Trese Ratliff, son of Jim Ratliff of Abilene, spent the weekend with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. James Ratliff. Jim was in Dallas playing wheelchair basketball with the San Angelo Rolling Rams. Jim got the Tournament trophy.

Mrs. Lisa Nowlin and Mrs. Bea Hardin went to Sweetwater on Friday.

Mrs. Opal Phillips went to Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Thorntons for lunch on Sunday. Mrs. Mike Porter, Aaron and Trish were also there. We had a grass fire at Hobbs Baptist Church Sunday evening, but luckily it burned only grass; it did burn right up to the church house. Thanks to the Fire Department for coming out and controlling the fire before it burned our church.

Jim and I went to the Snyder coliseum last Tuesday and watched three basketball games, Roby girls vs Ira, Aspermont boys vs Jayton and Jayton girls vs Loraine girls, so we got to see lots of basketball that night. Friday we went to Lubbock with Mr. and Mrs. Donnie Gruben and Mrs. John Carl Gruben and watched Rotan participate in the LCC indoor track meet. There were sure some big teams there, but Rotan really did well, and both the girls and boys placed in several events. It is sure a nice track, indoors out of the weather, but the track meet was really long, not finishing until after 11 p.m. that night, so we were late getting home. Donnie Carl ran in the 800 and the mile, also the 1600 relay.

Well this is all for this week, hope that everyone is staying away from this Flu that is going around. See you next Thursday.

Republican Primary To Be Held In Roby

The Republican Primary will be held in Roby at the Pink Building from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. on Super Tuesday, March 8.

As there are no republican runners for the county offices there will not be a local vote.

Preference for Presidential Nominee candidates are (as they appear on the ballot) Pat Robertson, George Bush, Jack Kemp, Bob Dole and Pete du Pont. (Alexander M. Haig has recently dropped out of the race to give his full support to Bob Dole.)

Also on the ballot voters will have the opportunity to vote for U. S. Senator; Railroad Commissioners; Chief Justice Supreme Court; Justices, Supreme Court, places 1, 2, 3, and 4; Presiding Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals; Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals; member, State Board of Education, District 14; State Representative, District 78; and Fisher County Republican Chairman.

There will also be a Referendum worded as follows: "English should be established as the official language of the State of Texas and the United States of America."

County Menus

Rotan Lunch Menu

Monday: Fish, Au Gratin Potatoes, Green Beans, Hot Rolls, Butter, Cake, Milk.

Tuesday: Sloppy Joes, Tater Tots, Nic Nac Salad, Orange Wedge, Cookies, Milk.

Wednesday: Turkey Roast W/Gravy, Whipped Potatoes, Glazed Carrots, Hot Rolls, Butter, Jello, Milk.

Thursday: Pizza, Buttered Corn,Lettuce & Tomato Salad, Fruit, Milk.

Friday: Hot Dog W/Chili, Pork & Beans, French Fries, Cheese Wedge, Cookies, Milk.

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Hobbs Lunch Menu

Monday: Burritos, Ranch Style Beans, Salad, Rice Krispies, Milk.

Tuesday: Steakettes, Potatoes, Green Beans, Hot Rolls, Cake, Milk.

Wednesday: Chicken Strips, Mashed Potatoes, Okra, Hot Puffs, Fruit, Milk.

Thursday: Turkey Roast, Potatoes, Broccoli, Hot Rolls, Pudding, Milk.

Friday: Hamburgers, Lettuce/Tomatoes, French-Fries, Cookies, Milk.

Hosptial News

Patients admitted to the Fisher County Hospital from February 16 - 22, were:

Louise E. Schubert, Rick Wheeler, Jr., Connie Martinez, Hortencia Yanez, Nahemy De La Cruz, Otis L. House, Elvin J. Brooks, Trine Almanza and Claude Carriker all from Rotan. James Amador and Jason Amador from Roby. Mary I. Knight from Azle.

Marine Pfc. Marcus Conner Receives Early Promotion

Marine Pfc. Marcus C. Conner, son of Helen R. Conner of 34 W. Stonewall, Rotan, TX, has been meritoriously promoted to his present rank upon graduation from recruit training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego.

Conner received the early promotion for his superior performance during all phases of the 11-week training cycle, which emphasized physical conditioning, self-discipline and teamwork.

Marcus is a 1982 graduate of Rotan High School.

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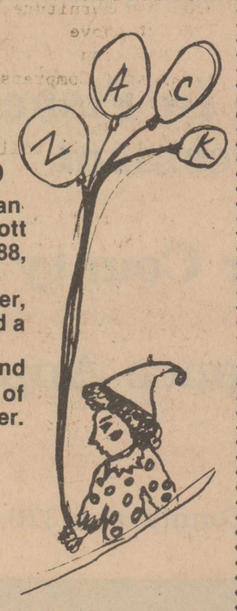
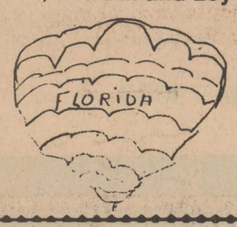


ZACHERY SCOTT FORBES ARRIVED

Michael and Jill Forbes would like to announce the birth of a son, Zachery Scott Forbes. Zachery was born on February 12, 1988, at 9:34 p.m. in Jacksonville, Florida.

Zachery's brother, Craig, and his sister, Chelsea, thought their Dad could have picked a better name for him.

The proud grandparents are Marshall and Joyce Hill of Rotan; Betty and Joe Doan of Sweetwater; and Bill and Loy Forbes of Snyder.



Pastor's Column

By Rev. Alvin Petty
First Baptist Church, Roby

Eternal life comes to be ours as we listen to Jesus Christ. He is to be heard and obeyed because he teaches the values which are a part of eternal life.

Listen to his teaching on materialism. He said that a man's life does not consist in "the abundance of things which he possesses." Money or things cannot be primary in a person's life without destroying that human being.

Things are very important. One-fifth of Jesus' teaching had to do with our relationship to things. Things are God's tools for us to use to do good works that bring glory to God. If you lose that perspective you are in danger of missing out on eternal life. So listen to Jesus.

Listen to his teaching on faith. In Mark 11:23 he says, "For verily I say unto you, that whosoever shall say to this mountain, be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith."

Jesus often taught on faith in this manner. One thing I hear him telling us in this is that worthwhile goals and works in life that we should achieve basically depend on how much we want to achieve them. Do we really want to succeed in what we ought to do? If so, we will yearn for this find of faith. We shall come to practice it and we shall have whatsoever we say.

Listen to him in his teaching that he came that we might have life and have it more abundantly. Is your life a rather paltry existence lacking in brightness, joy and loving relationships? If it is it may very well be because you are not paying attention to Jesus' teachings on how to think and live and how to love others. When we follow Christ's way we become more likeable and loveable people. We experience more abundance in every aspect of being a human being.

In today's school environment, parent-teacher conferences are supplementing report cards and other forms of written communications on a basis of increasing importance, yet almost one-third of all parents avoid these conferences altogether, according to the 95,000-member Texas State Teachers Association.

Despite the fact that school districts send conferencing schedules to parents twice each year, many parents either ignore the notices or fail to attend the conference once the appointment has been made.

TSTA President Charles N. Beard, Jr., said parents are staying away from the schools often because they fear that the conference will result in bad news or else they don't know what questions to ask the teachers.

Beard said his organization of Texas public school teachers this month is launching a statewide campaign to help parents relieve the anxieties of facing parent-teacher conferences.

"These meetings between parents and teachers are critically important to the child's development in school and at home," Beard said. "The conference was designed to establish a learning plan that is developed at school and reinforced at home. It is a team approach to learning."

TSTA has developed a brochure for parents that explains the conference and suggests questions to ask the teachers, points to look for in the child's classroom, and information to share with the teacher.

Additionally, TSTA locals in many Texas communities are offering video presentations on successful conferencing to local civic clubs, PTAs, and shoppers inside store malls.

For information about obtaining copies of the video or for a free copy of the brochure, write for "Parent-Teacher Conferences," TSTA Communications, 316 West 12th, Austin, Texas 78701.

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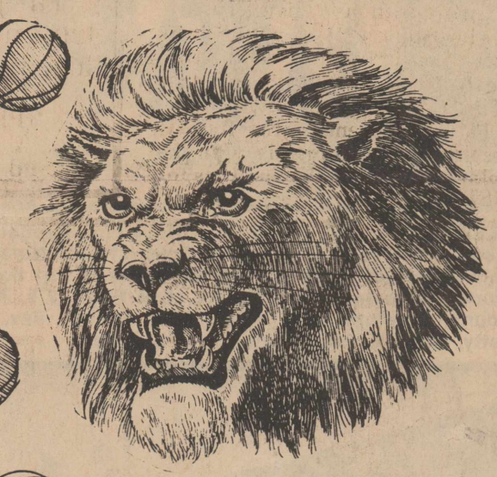

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Rotan Girls Track Team Finishes Third At Lubbock Meet

The Rotan girls finished in third place at the 1988 Lubbock High School Indoor Track meet at Lubbock Christian University last Friday afternoon.

"I thought the girls did a good job of competing against bigger schools. We were the only class A school at the meet but several of our girls placed against stiff competition", commented Head Girls Track Danny Diggs.

The highlight of the meet was second place finishes. Jan Posey took a second place finish in the 400 meter run with a time of 1:05.47 and the 1600 Meter relay team was second with a time of 4:27.61. That team is composed of Vanessa Peek, Julie Pease, Jan Posey and Terri Johnson.

Shannon Boone finished tenth in the 55 meter low hurdles with a time of 11.1; Shanna Bennett took a ninth place finish in the long jump with a distance of 14 feet while Terri Johnson finished 6th in the 800 meter run with a time of 2:49.41.

Three Rotan girls placed in the 55 meter dash. Sherri Conner was 8th with a time of 7.81; Denise Powell was 9th with a time of 7.88 and Shanna Bennett was 12th with a time of 8.4.

Denise Powell finished 7th in the triple jump with a distance of 28 feet 8 inches.

In the high jump, Terri Johnson finished 6th with a leap of 4 feet 8 inches and Shanna Bennett finished 10th with a jump of 4 feet 4 inches.

Julie Pease finished third in the 400 meter run with a time of 1:05.61; Sherri Conner was third in the 200 meter run with a time of 28.53 while Denise Powell was 5th with a time of 28.98.

Debra Martinez finished seventh in the 1600 meter run with a time of 6:53.2.

Shawna Speck and Tiny Carreon participated in the shot put competition but did not place.

The Rotan girls will participate in the Munday Relays on March 12th following a spring break.

Changes Made In Conservation Program

Conservation Reserve Program

The Agricultural Department has made some changes in the Conservation Reserve Program. County ASCS Official Billy Don Atkinson says the County ASC Committee will establish a maximum county rental rate that corresponds to the prevailing local rental rates for land, and which does not exceed the maximum acceptable rental rate announced by the Secretary of Agriculture for the bid pool, in which the county is located. In addition, it will be determined for individual bids whether the bid exceeds the prevailing local rental rate for an acre of comparable land.

The nature of the land and the terms of the contract will be taken into account in the past, USDA established rental rates for pools which included many counties with uniform agriculture.

To increase tree planting on highly erodible acres and improve water quality, USDA changed the erosion requirements for certain land classes for producers who plant trees on these acres, and authorized placing filter strips into the program even if the soil erosion criteria are not met on the strips themselves.

The Conservation Reserve Program provides annual rental payments to farm owners or operators who enter a 10-year contract to convert highly erodible cropland to permanent vegetative cover. A fifty percent cost-share payment will be made to program participants for establishment of the cover.

Information concerning eligibility for the CRP can be obtained from the local ASCS Office.

Mr. Atkinson says Nonfederal Organizations are encouraged to provide additional incentives to bring acres into the program.

Community Project By Roby Youth

First Baptist Youth of Roby, working with their Pastor Alvin Petty, recently completed a lawn cleaning of the former Golden Haven Nursing Home. Reverend Petty said, "It is important for our youth to understand and participate in community projects".

"Love of God," Petty continued, "followed by love of family, community and our fellowman, are central teachings that must be carried out by deeds. Our clean-up activity is a lesson in faith followed by deeds".

The Golden Haven was closed almost two years ago. J. T. Palmer and Dr. David Morris, representing community improvement interests, have purchased the facility. It is to be converted into private, senior adult apartments with dining facilities. Architect drawings for major remodeling, are currently being prepared.

The acquisition and reopening of the facility is one of the goals of the Fisher County Economic Development Commission.

Participating youth are: Mike Reeves, Matt Floyd, Shana Feagan, Jill Branson, Reggie Spencer, Jerry Carreon, Rachel Petty, Shawn Donham. Adults assisting were Alvin Petty, Jimmy Lee Palmer, Kathy Petty and J. T. Palmer.

CLEANING UP YARD: The above Roby First Baptist Youth group helped clean up the yard of the former Golden Haven Nursing Home as a community project recently. Pictured above left to right: Shanna Feagan, Shawn Donham, Jerry Carreon, Matt Floyd, J.T. Palmer of the Fisher County Development Program, Mike Reeves, Rev. Alvin Petty, Rachel Petty, Mrs. J.T. Palmer and Reggy Spencer.

ALMOST FINISHED: The team puts finishing touches on the clean up as the project was completed.

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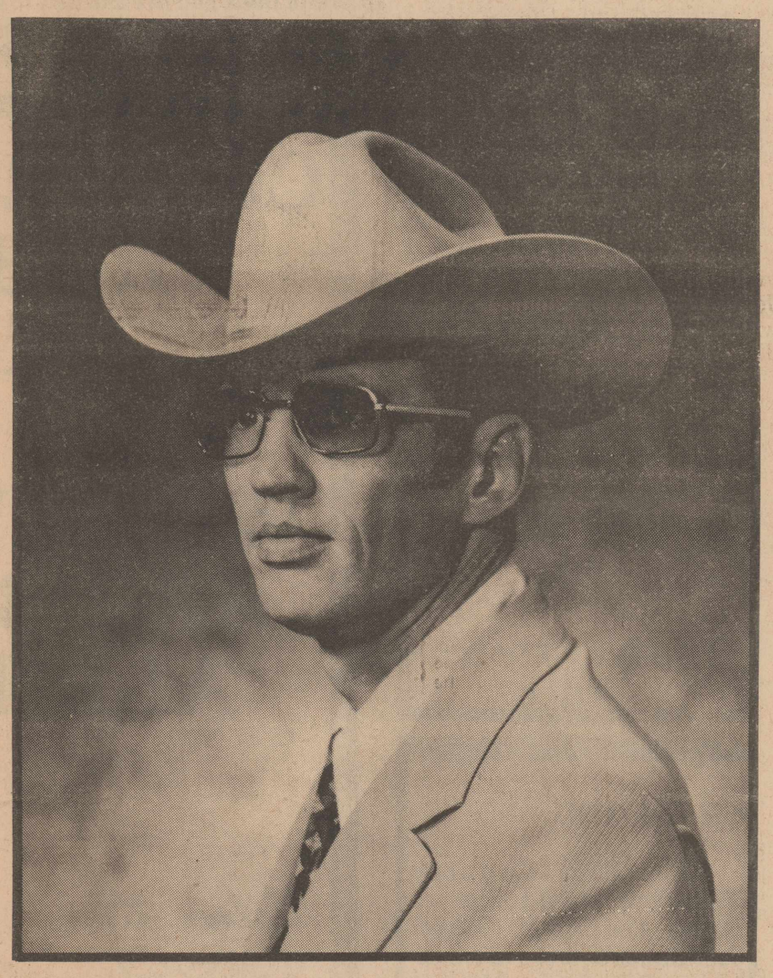

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WINNERS IN UIL MEET: The above Roby High School students participated in the Angelo State UIL Meet. Pictured left to right: Reggy Spencer, Teresa McClure, Jill Branson, and John Everett.

Roby Students Place In UIL Meet

Roby High School participated in the Angelo State UIL Journalism meet this past weekend. Placing were Jill Branson 2nd in Editorial Writing, John Everett 5th and Reggy Spencer 6th in Headlines, and Teresa McClure 6th in Newswriting.

Other Roby students participating were Teri Morgeson, Rachel Petty, Kathy Hunt, and Patricia Gonzalez. They represented the only 1A school and competed against 4A and 5A schools. Journalism is coached by Dora Reyes at Roby.

News From Down South

By Bertha Warren

Surely the wind won't blow any harder in March as it has in February. Each day the tumbleweeds move from one fence row to another. Barbara Scrivner of Snyder spent Saturday and Sunday with her parents Lowell and Helen Thornburg. Charlie Smith spent a couple of days in the Fisher County hospital. He is home now and feeling better but still has a cough. So many folks I talked with has the flu or a bug of some kind.

Carol and Lena Hodges met with other Big Country Ramblers Friday, Saturday and Sunday, in Robert Lee last week. Ed and Ollie Ogden had a lot of company over the weekend, George, Carolyn and Allen of Brownwood, and Greg, Becky, Tyler and Brian came from Midland and Scott and Shelia from Coleman were down.

Burt Hale is in the Humana Hospital. I understand he spent most of Monday having some test made. Hopefully he will get to come home in a few days. Ilene and Linda are with him at the hospital. We certainly hated to hear Elmer Jones had to have his leg amputated Sunday. Our prayers and thoughts are with him and hope he will be coming home soon. Bill Ratliff and family visited Jewel Ratliff Sunday.

Pvt. Lolly Whitworth called home and she was at her new station in Ft. Ord, California. Lolly is the daughter of John and Kay Whitworth and the granddaughter of Jean and Howard Whitworth of Sweetwater, and Bub and Deloris Bunn, and great-granddaughter of Agnes Bunn of Capitola Community. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Mash's son and family Jerry, Kathy, Tara and Joe Mash of Abilene were out for the weekend.

May Ruth Jackson of Stephenville spent Saturday night with Joyce Noles and Sunday night with Beatrice Hayes. Then Sunday, Mable Warren, May Ruth, Beatrice and Joyce all went to Snyder and had lunch and visited a lot. Roy and Ida Klett of Fort Worth came to Mables' Friday and stayed until noon Saturday.

That's about all for this week. Call and let us know what's going on in your world.

Judge Bud Arnot To Visit Fisher County Residents

Bud Arnot, candidate for re-election on the Democratic ballot, as Judge, 11th Judicial Court of Appeals, will be flying into the Fisher County airport in a vintage World War II AT6 aircraft to muster local support.

Judge Arnot plans the local fly-in on Friday, February 26th at approximately 1:30 p.m.

Secret Pal Club Holds Regular Meeting On Feb. 17th

The Secret Pal Club met at the Senior Citizen Building Feb. 17. We played bingo and had refreshments and received our gifts.

Members present were: Treasa Dycus, Bessie Eaton, Lillie Herron, Opal Burch, Gay Henry, Maude Anderson, Gladys Farrier, Clara Rogers, Anna Lee Martin, Florine Swaringin, Hazel Hudnall, Oma Long, Mrs. Morris, Anna Knox, Maggie Briggs, Aurora Martinez, Dean Reaves, Lanora Streetman, Chesitene Rackley.

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"Aerodynamically, a bumblebee cannot fly. Scientist tell us that the body of a bumblebee is too heavy and its wings too light to be able to fly. The bumblebee, however, not knowing this, flys anyway."

Mamie McCullough uses this premise to encourage us to BEE what we want to be. Her chapter titles, "BEE a Self-Starter," "BEE a Goal-Setter," and "BEE a Good Finder" are just a sampling of the areas she touches to motivate us to a healthy self-image glorifying God.

The "I Can" lady as she is called, grew up the daughter of a sharecropper, one of nine children, in the poverty of rural Georgia. Hard times were common, but Mamie learned strength from her mother's hope in "a good today and a better tomorrow" that would influence her the rest of her life.

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Emmanuel Baptist Church

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New Pastor

Rev. Felix Silva

Speaking Sunday, February 28th

Lady Lions Taste Sweet Victory

Last Friday night in Hamlin High School Gym the Roby Lady Lions advanced to the Class A Quarter finals playoffs by defeating the Paint Creek Pirates 52-50.

The Lady Lions started slowly and trailed the Pirates through the first three quarters of play. The largest deficit was seventeen points late in the second quarter. The Lions fought back within seven points by halftime.

With 3:01 left in the fourth quarter the Lady Lions winning spirit began to show. Behind by eleven points the Lions held the pirates scoreless for over two and one half minutes, while playing catch up with two points by Donna Gordon, four points by Carol Kirby, plus one two pointer and a three pointer by Cherie Feagan.

With the score tied at 50 each the Pirates had a sideline inbound with just over twenty seconds to play. On the second pass out of the inbound Shana Feagan intercepted a Pirate pass at midcourt and drove for the layup which put the Lady Lions in the lead. The Lady Pirates brought the ball down court with twelve seconds to go in the game. Carol Kirby had to foul to keep the Pirates from making an easy lay up.

With only three seconds on the clock the Pirates missed the two free throws. On the rebounded second free throw there was a scramble for the ball as the buzzer sounded.

This contest proved to be the best defensive effort of the year for the Lady Lions. Donna Gordon, Carol Kirby, and Autumn Shelley were able to keep the Pirates two leading scorers out of double figures.

Scoring for the Lady Lions were: Carol Kirby 23 points, Cherie Feagan 13, Becky Kiser 7, Donna Gordon 4, Shana Feagan 4, Missy Turpin 1.

Rotan Nursing Center

I would like to thank Bobbie McKinny for doing such a good job for me while I was gone to Atlanta last week. The residents enjoyed all the time she spent with them. Bobbie is a special type of person that spends a lot of her time not only doing things for us but for others as well.

We had two birthday parties last week. The first party was given by the Alathean class of the First Baptist Church and it was for all the birthdays in February. Friday, Russell Aharlett's family gave him a birthday party. Two of his daughters Betty Grenwelge of Hearne and Ruby Joyce Macik of Bryan and a friend of Ruby's along with Margie Fowler served cake and punch to the residents and staff then entertained them with several different songs. Minnie Parker and Russell Aharlett were our only birthdays for February.

We are having a covered dish supper for the families of the residents and the staff Feb. 25th at 7:00 at the nursing center. Meat will be furnished.

Lora Cleveland

We invite you to be with us
as we begin our new life together
on Saturday, February twenty-seventh
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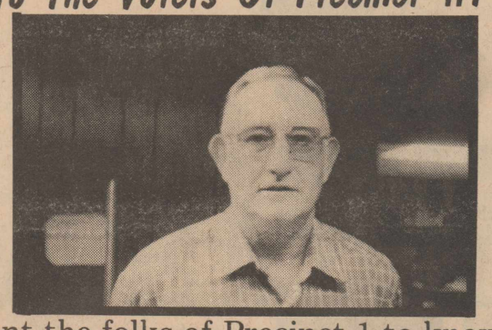
To The Voters Of Precinct #1



I want the folks of Precinct 1 to know I have enjoyed the opportunity to see and talk with you, the voters.

I appreciate you letting me know many of your views and expectations. I intend to see any of you whom I may have missed so far.

Your vote and support is needed and appreciated.

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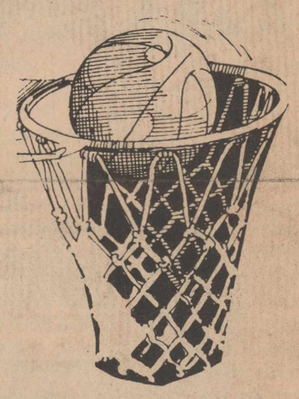

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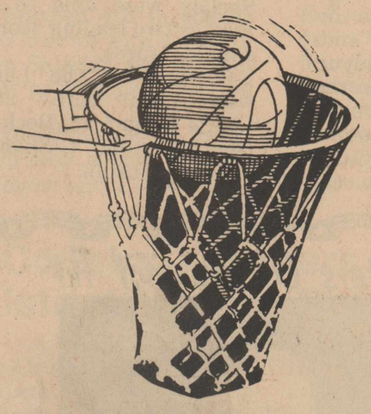

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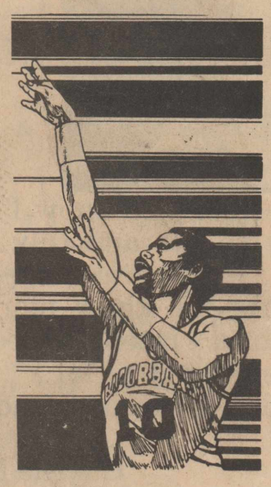

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