

Rotan School, Rotan City Each Have 7 Running

Flurry Of Candidates File At Last Minute

Candidates from across Fisher County have indicated their willingness to serve in elected positions, the deadline for filing has passed and the next plateau is the voting on Election Day,

Saturday, May 4th.

There were several last minute sign-ups of candidates. The full and complete list of all vacancies and sign-up candidates is printed below.

Rotan School Board

A total of seven candidates have filed for two vacancies on the Rotan School Board. The candidates are: Sheila Murphree, Reese Schooley, Leo

Long (incumbent), Craig Rowland, Betty Strayhorn, Debbie Hull and Raymond 'Hoss' Carrillo.

Rotan City Council

Seven candidates, all in one day -

Monday, March 19th, executed the official paperwork to have their name on the May 4th ballot for one of two open Rotan City Council seats. The seven candidates are: Jean Aaron, Elwood Mize, Hank Day, Randy Murphree, Loyd Greene, Larry Markham and Dwayne Underhill. Mayor Jerry Marshall filed for re-election.

Fisher County Hospital Board

Two candidates finally signed-up for two vacancies on the Fisher County Hospital Board. Incumbent William Cleveland, Jr., is seeking re-election as is newcomer Horace Curlee. Billy Jeffrey opted not to seek re-election.

Roby School Board

A total of five candidates are seeking three vacancies on the Roby School Board. The May 4th ballot will have five names - Jeff McClure, David Boyd, Dr. David Morris, Mike V. Terry and Britt Stuart.

Roby City Commission

On the Roby City Commission, two commissioners and a mayor will be named from a field of three candidates.

Cecil King is the candidate for Roby Mayor. Archie Rivers and Milton Peeples have filed for one of two vacant spots on the commission.

Deadlines

The deadline to file as a declared write-in candidate with the secretary of the board of commission is Thursday, April 4th.

The deadline to register to vote in the May 4th election is Thursday, April 4th.

Absentee voting opens on Monday, April 15th and continues through Tuesday, April 30th.

Grand Jury Returns Three Indictments

The Fisher County grand jury returned three indictments on Wednesday, March 20th involving a possible arson, and two possible assaults.

The grand jury returned an indictment on Andrew Bradford "Tracey" Rowland III, a resident of the East part of Fisher County, for arson. According to the report, Rowland intentionally started a fire at the home of Wylie Rimmers in far East Fisher County. The incident took place on March 8th.

The second indictment was returned against Joe Tamez of Rotan. Tamez was indicted for assault (misdemeanor) for allegedly causing bodily harm to Bertha T. Tamez.

The third indictment was returned against Carmen Yanez of Rotan, for aggravated assault in connection with an incident allegedly involving bodily injury with a knife.

Little League Try-Outs Set

Children who have not registered for this year's little league season will need to do so.

Late registration forms may be mailed to 907 N. McKinley - Rotan or they may be turned in to Hoss Carrillo at Carrillo Exxon.

Tryouts will also be held on April 5th at 6:30. The tryouts will be held at the playing field across the road north of the little league field.



FEW STATISTICS: Courtesy of the Texas Rural Health Reporter, newsletter Spring 1991 edition. Published by the Center For Rural Health Initiatives and the Texas Rural Communities, Austin, Texas a joint effort with the LBJ School of Public Affairs. (A.) Two of our five farmers will suffer a serious accident in their lifetime. (B.) Texas leads the nation in teenage pregnancies for girls 15 and under. (C.) More and 40 percent of Texas children lack basic immunizations. (D.) Almost 4 million Texans are underinsured and cannot pay the difference between what they are billed and what insurance pays. (E.) 6,200 of the 10,000 Texans diagnosed with AIDS since 1988 have died. (F.) Rural Texas are more likely to live in poverty and have limited access to health care than urban Texans.

THE COTTON GALLUP:

According to an apparel merchandising/Gallup organization study, consumers gave cotton socks an overwhelming vote of confidence. More than 88 percent of the consumers look for cotton when buying socks. That bit of information came from the newsletter put out by the Cotton Board, Memphis, Tennessee.

THANKS, THANKS: To all the people who stepped forward, some at the very last minute, to willingly place their names on the ballot for an elective office. Shows a lot of public interest in serving. The complete list of all candidates in all races can be found in another part of this paper.

PLAIN TALK: Haskell Free Press Editor Wendell Faught has some statistics in one of his columns from a publication entitled Statistical Abstract of the United States. Here is a sampling. Texas is the third most populous state, ranking behind California and New York. By the year 2000, Texas is expected to overtake the latter.

The birth rate in Texas is the fifth highest in the nation - 18 births for every 1,000 people. Of these, 15.2 percent are to teenage mothers and 17.7 percent are to unwed mothers, the 13th and 38th highest rates in the United States.

The life span of the average Texas is 73.6 years, just below the national average of 73.8 (Hawaii has the highest, 77 years, but it apparently has nothing to do with the climate since Minnesota ranks second at 76).

Doctors aren't too plentiful in Texas. There are 165 doctors for every 100,000 residents, for below the national average of 205.

But it's not so difficult to get a lawyer. The state has a lawyer for every 410 citizens. Still, the citizen-to-lawyer ratio is below the national average of 360-1.

Texas ranks 13th in average salaries, but is still below the national average. Here, the average pay is \$20,463, while the average across the United States is \$20,855. (Alaska is first at \$28,008.)

Texans die on the highways at the rate of 22.2 per 100,000 residents, good enough for the nation's 21st worst record.

Texas does not rank first in anything. Yep. We have 14.1 homicides for every 100,000 citizens, tops in the United States of America.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: A short note about our birthday names. Please get them to us a few weeks prior to the date of the birthday. This column is being written on a Thursday morning, for next Thursday's paper. You can't call on Wednesday with a birthday and expect to see it in the paper the next morning. Thanks for the cooperation. Happy Birthday March 29 - April 3. On March 29th - Josie Maule, Grace Groves Pat Cox; 30th - Rev. Gene Prevo, Tom Collins; 31 - Alvis McArthur, Dorothy Landes; April 2 - Sammy Turner, Willis Ogden, Wilda Leach; 3rd Charles Underhill, Lester Carter.

FINALLY: Ol' Whistle Britches from his Shinnery Ridge Ranch at Rough Creek wondered what the "coffee drinkers" thought of the possibility of the State of Texas saying Fisher County, by the year 1998, would only have

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Rotan And Roby UIL Students Finish In Top Two Positions At 13-A Spring Meet

Rotan and Roby finished first and second in the University Interscholastic League (UIL) competition conducted last weekend at Rotan High School. Rotan garnered a total of 244 points to capture first place while Roby stacked-up 210 points for second place.

Both Rotan and Roby One Act Play entries were eliminated at zone com-

petition and did not figure into the winning point tally.

Rotan captured the 13-A Literary competition by taking first place finishes in news writing, accounting and prose competition.

Winners finishing first, second or third advance to regional competition at McMurry University on April 12 &

13. Only first and second place finishers in debate competition advance.

The below list of Rotan and Roby students finished in positions 1 - 6.

Extemporaneous Persuasive Speaking - 1st, Jennifer Kincaid, Roby; 2nd, Kristi Martinez, Rotan and 3rd, Audra Lewis, Roby.

Informative Speaking - 1st, Brian Mauldin, Roby; 3rd, Jennifer Blaine, Roby and 4th, Jennifer Elkins, Roby.

Editorial Writing - 3rd, Audra Lewis, Roby and 4th, Jennifer Blaine.

Science - 1st, Robert Katic, Roby; 3rd, Melanie Faglie, Roby and Jerami St. Clair (tie). 5th, Dale Alsop, Roby.

News Writing - 1st, Vanessa Peek, Rotan; 5th, Monte McKinney, Rotan and 6th, Aron Baker, Rotan.

Accounting - 1st, Heather Randolph, Rotan; 5th, Debra Martinex, Rotan and 6th Melissa McKinney, Rotan.

Poetry - 3rd Julie Parr, Rotan; 4th, Sharilyn Murdoch, Rotan and 5th Jennifer Kruber, Rotan.

Prose - 1st, Matt Mercer, Rotan; 3rd, Jennifer Kincaid, Roby.

Cross-X Debate - Carnes & Greene, Roby; 2nd, West and Williams, Rotan and 3rd, Faglie and Rivas, Roby.

Spelling - 3rd, Jodie McClain, Rotan; 4th, Michelle Dobb, Rotan.

Ready Writing - 4th Jennifer Blaine, Roby and 5th, Elizabeth Gonzalez, Rotan.

Headline Writing - 6th, Aron Baker, Rotan.

Feature Writing - 1st, Jonathan Petty, Roby and 3rd, Aron Baker, Rotan.

Literary Criticism - 2nd Janicia Krober, Rotan and 5th Vanessa Peek, Rotan.

Money Will Be Used For Glasses For Local Kids

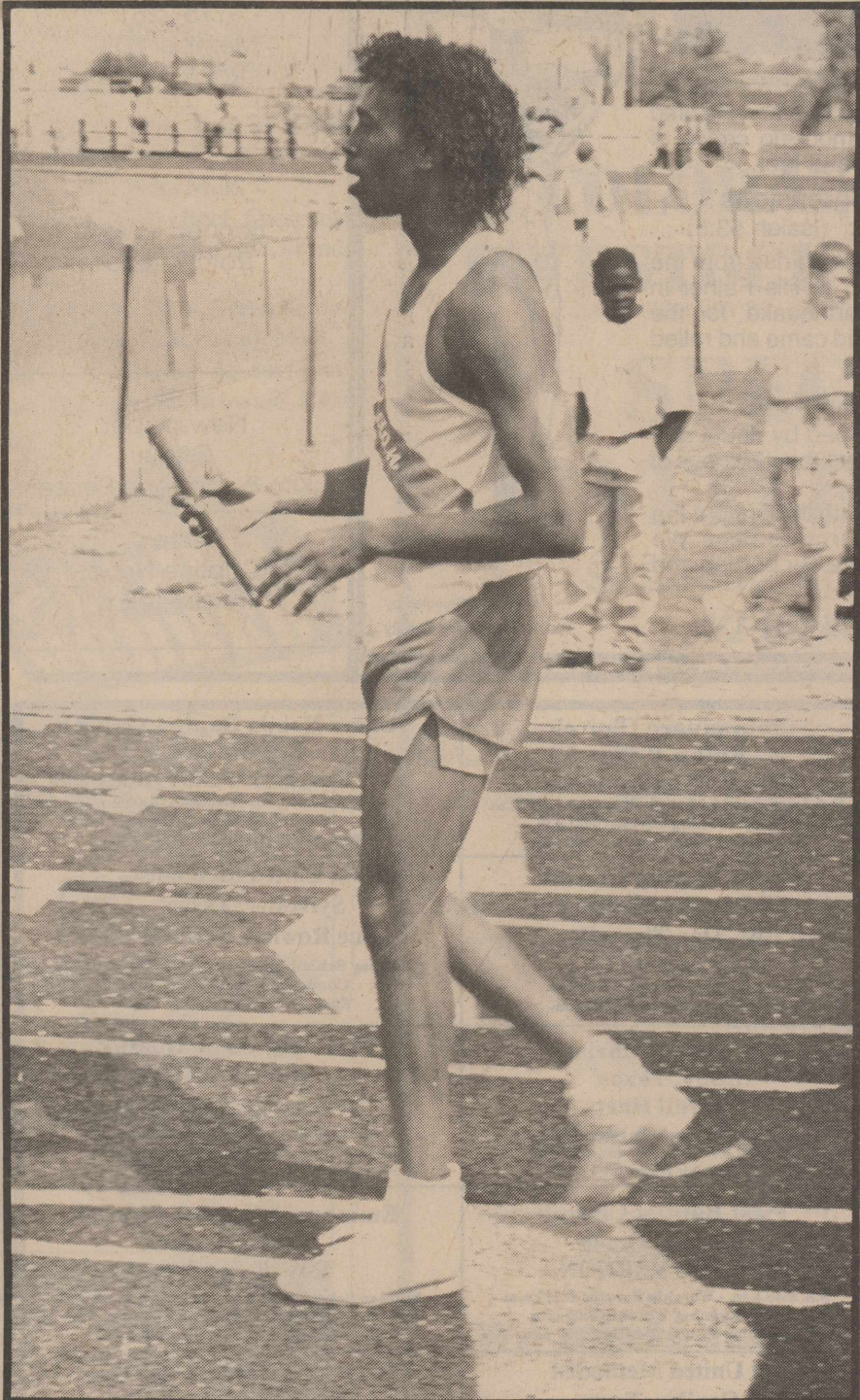
Rotan Lions Club 'Blind Made' Annual Broom Sale In Town Next Tuesday

The Rotan Lions Club will conduct an all-out drive on Tuesday, April 2 to sell quality Blind Made Merchandise to residents and local businesses. All of these items are manufactured by blind and visually - impaired workers in the Lighthouses for the Blind. In addition the Lions Club's earnings from this sale will be used for eyeglasses for local needy school children.

The entire membership of the Lions Club has been organized to supply friends and neighbors with these quality items. The Broom and Mop sale will be located at downtown Rotan

where citizens may purchase directly from the Caravan truck, or contact Jerry Dycus at 735-2501 to have your order delivered.

Sales of Blind Made Merchandise in previous years have been very successful and Lion Dycus expressed his confidence in reaching a new all-time goal this year. "Every home and business can use some of these cleaning aids, and every item purchased helps to provide dignity and the security of regular employment for our Blind citizens."



FAST MEN: Maurice Ray, Rotan Speedster, was one of the fast men at the Pied Piper Relays last Saturday. Ray was 3rd in the 100 meter run and 3rd in the 200. He and teammates scored 54 points for a 5th place finish. The team travels to San Angelo this weekend.



BIG MEN: Joe Don Helm, one of the 'big men' on the Roby Track Team, teamed up with Nick Dickson to compete in the shot put competition last Saturday at the Pied Piper Relays in Hamlin. Helm is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Helm, Dickson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Dickson.



State Capitol Highlights

By Lyndell Williams
Texas Press Association

Controversy surrounding a grand jury investigation of allegations of improper ties between lobbyists and lawmakers dominated the Capitol scene again last week.

Meanwhile, House and Senate negotiators agreed to a share-the-wealth school finance bill that would transfer millions of dollars in property taxes to equalize funding among poor and wealthy schools.

On the budget front, House Speaker Gib Lewis said his 26 committee chairmen overwhelmingly chose to follow the traditional path and write the state budget in regular session.

Richards and Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock want lawmakers to delay work on the budget until "a performance audit" of state government is completed so the Legislature can take the potential cost savings into account.

Tax Reform Sought

Lewis and his key lieutenants have decided to start writing the 1992-93 budget by May. The speaker has outlined a package of options that includes a corporate income tax, raising the state sales tax from 6.25 percent to 7 percent and expanding the sales tax base.

Senate leaders, including Bullock, had planned on completing work on the state budget in a late summer special session.

Records Release Ordered

An appeals court last week ordered state Rep. Hugo Berlanga to turn over his business records to a grand jury investigating possible corruption in state government.

The Corpus Christi Democrat said he was disappointed with the ruling by the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals but would comply with its 5-3 decision.

Berlanga, chairman of the powerful Calendars Committee and a former speaker pro tem, was jailed for six hours after he refused to pay a \$500 fine for disobeying state District Judge Bob Perkins' order to surrender the records.

The panel subpoenaed a lengthy list of Berlanga's bank and other records, including those dealing with work he did for Federal Civil Process of Hous-

ton.

Two former employees of the company said it was partly founded by the San Antonio law firm of Heard Goggan and that most of its work was serving delinquent tax citations for the firm.

\$27,000 Payment Eyed

According to the two former employees, Berlanga was paid about \$27,000 by Federal Civil Process in 1988. They said the law firm reimbursed the company for the payments to Berlanga.

Last week was not a good one for Berlanga: his hometown senator, Carlos Truan, said he was suspicious of Berlanga last session when the House killed Truan's bill to regulate uranium mining, a rare public commentary for hometown lawmakers.

Berlanga, who leases land to a uranium mining company, denied influencing the demise of the bill.

School Compromise

The compromise school funding bill would create a system that redistributes property taxes within counties and increases state aid by nearly \$1.4 billion over the next two years.

Wealthier districts would lose about \$125 million in total revenue next year under the plan, although those districts will be allowed to raise property taxes to offset their funding reductions.

Losses for wealthy districts and gains for poor districts would generally accelerate over the next four years as the plan is phased in.

State Sen. Carl Parker, chairman of the conference committee, described the proposal as the "closest we can get to constitutionality" that will still get through both houses of the Legislature.

AG Seeks Accurate Count

Attorney General Dan Morales said the short census count short-changes Hispanics, border towns and minority pockets and the rural poor.

He said Texas will gain more than \$1 billion in federal funds with an accurate count.

Morales will testify in Washington in a lawsuit Texas has joined with New York and other states suing for adjusted figures.

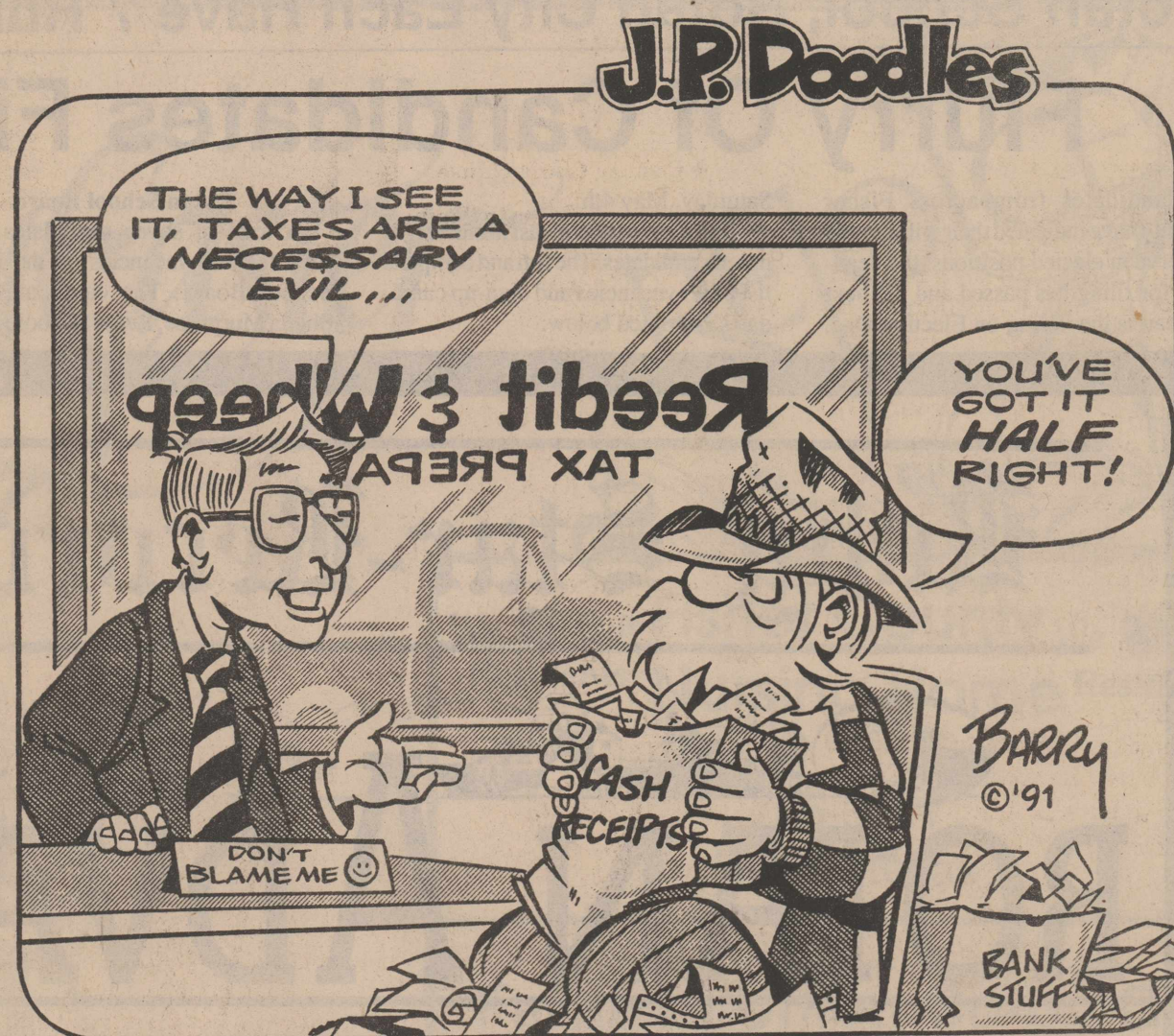
Other Highlights

* More than 40,000 people have telephoned the Texas Treasury with questions about retrieving the \$90 million in lost or forgotten money being held by the state, Treasurer Kay Bailey Hutchison said.

* Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry predicted Texas would become the top ag-producing state in the nation this decade, overtaking California with drought problems and benefiting from increased processing industries here and a favorable trade pact with Mexico.

* Railroad Commissioner Bob Krueger said he wants to avoid a repeat of Operation Desert Storm by pushing for a strong national energy policy, including an oil import fee to boost the domestic price.

* Teachers groups said the state's master teacher exam, given for the first time last fall, was too difficult. Nearly 94 percent failed it. Teachers who pass can earn as much as \$6,000 in bonus pay.



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Stumbling through Jerusalem, Jesus bore on his back a heavy wooden cross. Hanging on that cross on Calvary, He died a slow, torturous death, bleeding from the mocking crown of thorns and the nails that pierced His hands and feet.

"But He was wounded for our transgressions... and by His wounds we are healed." (Isaiah 53:5)

Jesus prophesied that in three days He would rise from the tomb, appear in the flesh, and then ascend to His Father in heaven. "And behold there was a great earthquake; for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone..." and proclaimed:

"He has risen, just as He said." (Matt. 28:6)

Do you bear a cross? Do you feel entombed by doubt and fear? Ask Jesus Christ to help you to rise above the darkness of sin and death.

As we worship this Easter and each Sabbath throughout the year, let us remember that we need not bear our burden and walk by our side.

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one school for students grades 9-12? Britches has convinced himself that big changes are coming in the field of education.

***Bible** - There is a vast difference between books that men make and the book that makes men.

***Parking** - A hick town is where you can park as long as you want to, but don't want to.

***Human Nature** - No matter what you do, there is always someone (quite frequently your Mother-in-law) that knew you would.

***Religion** - True religion is the way we live our everyday life, not the denominational differences that separate many of us.

***Change** - There have been many changes for the better in recent years, and some people have been against all of them.

***Prejudice** - Isn't it funny how two people can profess to hate each other and love the same God.

***Finally, Finally** - That is flat fast. According to Buford, children age six to ten outgrow shoes every eighty-four days.

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McCauley, Texas
Rev. Dutch Parks
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.

Church Of Christ
Rotan, Texas
Douglas Reeves
S.S. 9:45 a.m. - Worship Service 10:45
Sunday Ladies Bible Class 5:00 p.m.
Sunday Night Worship 6:00 - Wed. - 7:30

Calvary Baptist Church
Rotan, Texas
Rev. Gene Prevo
S.S. 10:00 a.m. - Worship 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Night Service 7:00 p.m.

Little Zion Baptist Church
Rotan, Texas
Rev. John L. Mathis
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.

First Baptist Church
Roby, Texas
S.S. 10:00 a.m. - Worship 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Choir Practice 5:00 - Worship 6:00
Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7:30

First United Methodist
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Wednesday Night Service 7:30 p.m.

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Rev. Robert Kennedy
Sunday School 10:00 a.m. - Worship 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Night Service 7:00 p.m.

Hobbs Baptist Church
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Rev. Dee Threatt
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.

Church Of Christ
Roby, Texas
Darrell Hart
S.S. 10:00 a.m. - Worship 10:45
Sunday Evening Service 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Night 8:00 p.m.

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S.S. 9:45 a.m. - Worship Service 10:45 a.m.
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Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

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Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
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Cross Roads Baptist Church
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Rev. Keith Berryman
S.S. 10:00 a.m. - Worship 11:00 a.m.
Worship Service 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday Night Service 7:00 p.m.

First United Methodist
Sylvester, Texas
Sue Rowlett, Minister
Sunday School 10:00 a.m. - Worship 9:30 a.m.
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Each Third Wednesday Night

First United Methodist
Roby, Texas
Rev. Larry Crumpton
S.S. 9:45 a.m. - Worship 10:50 a.m.
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Wednesday Night Choir Practice 7:00 p.m.

Emmanuel Baptist Church
Rotan, Texas
Rev. Felix Silva
Sunday School 10:00 a.m. - Worship 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service 5:30 p.m.
Wednesday Night Worship 7:00 p.m.

Sylvester Baptist Church
Sylvester, Texas
Rev. Don Kitchens
S.S. 10:00 a.m. - Worship 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Night Service 7:00 p.m.

Fisher County PUBLIC RECORDS

From The Public Records In The Fisher County Court House

From February 1991 Fisher County Public Records - Car Registration and Lien Holder:

1961 GMC from James B. Satterwhite to Juan Barrera; 82 GMC pu from Nellie Ulricksen to Nellie Hilliard; 73 GMC pu from Patterson Used Cars to Stephen Neves; 73 Chev pu from Scott Ely to Harold Ely - L.H. - Coleman County State Bank; 81 Chev 4dr from Glenn Moffett to Julia White; 91 Buick 4dr from Lawrence Hall Chev to Donald A. Morton; 78 Datsun pu from Kirt Gibson to Albert Hinojosa, L/H Reid Cave; 89 Ford pu from Landes Furniture to Loys Landes; 76 Toyota pu from Don Pullig to Larry Field; 82 GMC pu from Howard Gordon to Harvey Soto, L/H Howard Gordon; 80 Olds 4dr from H.G. Wilkins to P.M. Burnett; 81 Pont 2 dr from Melody Shipman to Graciela Frausto; 79 Chev 2dr from F&M Chev. to Graciela Frausto L/H First Nat Bk; 70 Chev pu from NM Trees Inc., to Gilbert Brown; 81 Yamaha mc from Raymond Fernandez to Linda J. Morrison; 78 Buick 2dr from Jo Tan'kersley to Rogerio Carrion, L/H First Nat Bk; 81 Chev 4dr from Neal Herndon to Mark Basquez, L/H First Nat Bk; 83 Chev pu from Don's Inspection Serv. to Joe A. Sepeda, L/H First Nat Bk; 86 Olds 4 dr from Robert Hall Chev/Olds to Mary Ramirez, L/H First Nat Bk; 79 Ford 3dr from Elroy Wallace to John W. Johnson; 74 Trail Ride from Citizens State Bank to Danny Terry, L/H Citizens State Bank; 79 Chev 4 dr from Alex Martinez to Rita Martinez; 80 Chev 4dr from

Peter L. Eller to Martin Tovar; 81 Ford 2 dr from E.D. Jenkins to Brian K. Harrison; 90 Chev pu from Toliver Chev/Olds to Farm Tractor/Ser; L/H First Nat-Rotan; 79 Merc 4dr from Gilbert Ramirez to Carl A. Laughlin; 81 Chev 4dr from R&D Auto Sales to Joe Granado, L/H Citizens State Bank; 85 Ford Van from Jonathan Rangel Sr to O.O. Hollabaugh; 85 PTBT from Powell Peterbilt Inc to Hendav Co, L/H Henry Taylor; 77 Jeep 4dr from Louis Yanez to Emanuel Baker.

4-H Livestock Judging Team Places Second

The senior Fisher County 4-H Livestock Judging Team placed second at the Sweetwater Contest last Saturday.

Team members were Bryce and Coby Moore, Chad Dannheim and Anita Floyd.

Chad Dannheim was second high individual and Bryce Moore was 4th high.

The junior and senior teams will enter the ACU Contest in Abilene on April 2.

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BIG CATCH: Jeremiah Williams, age 32 of Rotan, hooked a 25-pound yellow catfish at Hargrove Creek last Monday night using a piece of shrimp. "I have been looking for this one for a long time", said Williams.

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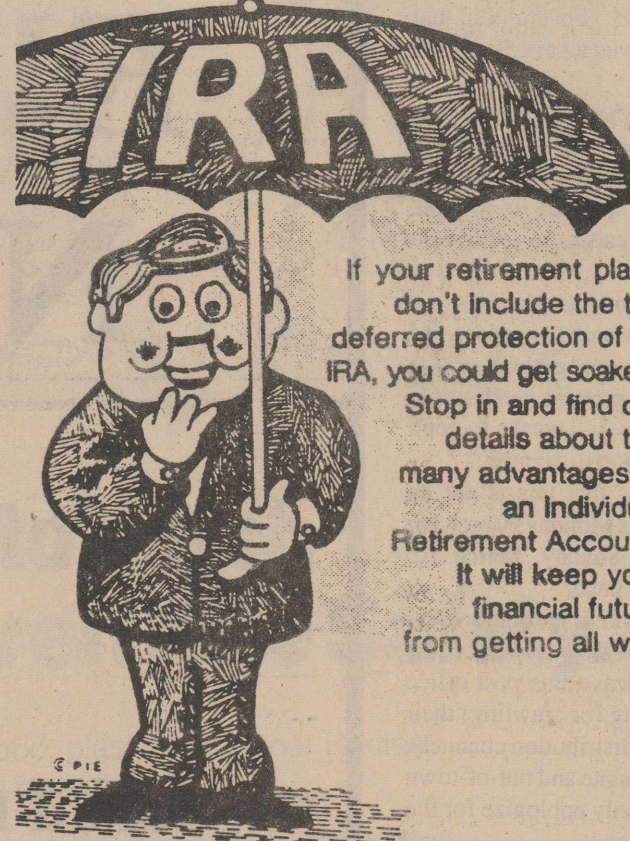
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Dear Kim,
The recent events at the Rotan I.S.D. has brought about much discussion in our community. In Kim's Korner last week you referred to the grievance brought by the teachers as a tug-of-war for a few career - ladder dollars. I feel this was an unfair statement.

The teachers and principals of our school system are some of the best in the state. In my opinion they have always put the best interests of the children of Rotan first. If this were just a matter of a few dollars the teachers probably would have all quit last year when the board voted to rescind the \$1,000.00 bonus our district gives to all teachers. This bonus has now been reinstated. No, Kim, this was all brought about by a statement from the Administration taking away the authority of the principals to supervise their own buildings. Who better than the building principal knows the teachers' work in his building.

I do agree Kim, that each person should be about the business of his or her individual job. The teachers and principals have been doing this. Apparently Mr. Fowler would have us believe otherwise.

It is time that we as citizens, parents, and tax payers let our teachers and principals know they have our full support. These people have lived in this community most of their lives. They care about the education of our children and they deserve our support. I for one will continue to attend all School Board meetings and be involved with my child's school. I hope others will do likewise.

Sincerely,
Pat Boone

EDITOR'S NOTE: The portion of Kim's Korner the writer is making reference to is "ANOTHER PAT: This time to Pete Fowler, Rotan School Board President, trying to act as referee for a semi-nasty 'tug of war' internally between the administration and Rotan classroom teachers over who evaluates whom for determining career ladder dollars." It all revolves around money. Evaluations are conducted to make up an appraisal. Appraisals are conducted to make up a numerical ranking to determine who gets career ladder dollars. Teachers who rank high on appraisals get money, those who don't rank high don't get career ladder money.

by Rick Craig

We are faced with a problem that is plaguing every other newspaper - a lack of delivery of our papers each week.

The problem really hit home several weeks ago when over a period of two days we had six subscribers call and complain that they had not received an issue of the *Herald*. Several said that they had not received a paper since the first of the year.

The complaints have come from out-of-town subscribers with many of them being out-of-state readers. From what we can gather, it is taking up to three weeks for some readers to receive an issue.

We are not alone though.

Last Monday, March 11, we received our Feb. 28 and March 3 of the *Perryton Herald*. It is taking over a week and in some cases nearly two weeks to get a paper from Perryton to Hamlin.

What is bad is that this is not an isolated case. This Monday, March 18, we received the Sunday, March 10, issue of the same paper.

We have worked with the local postmaster, but the slow service occurs after the papers leave this post office and begin working (or crawling) their way through the distribution channels.

To our out-of-state and out-of-town readers, we can only apologize for the U.S. Postal Service.

I will not be as diplomatic and polite as Hamlin's Rick Craig was in his article about the United States Post Office delivery problem. I don't intend on doing their apologizing. My suggestion is personal contact with your postmaster if you are not satisfied with the promptness of receiving your paper. We place all newspapers in the mail each Wednesday afternoon. No exception. What is done with them after that is the sole responsibility of the United States Postal Department. The problem seems to be in the large distribution centers, in our case, Dallas apparently is not getting them distributed in a timely fashion. But, like so many government agencies, no one wants to take responsibility, nor can anyone pinpoint exactly who is responsible for the problem or what to do to correct it.



Linking Research to Life Experience

Extension Home Economics

BY: Beth Dannheim
Extension Home Economist

HAVE AN EGGSTRA SPECIAL EASTER

Easter is a time that brings out the child in all of us. The Easter egg hunt can be fun for all if we follow a few simple guidelines. Care should be taken from the very first step in preparing the eggs at the time of purchase.

* While in the store you should check the eggs to insure that they are clean and shells are free from cracks.

This is very important because the presence of dirt or cracks in the shell increase the chance of microorganisms, such as Salmonella, entering the egg.

* After the eggs have been purchased you should keep them refrigerated until you are ready to prepare the eggs.

* To cook the eggs it is recommended that the eggs be placed in a pot of water and brought to a rapid boil. After the

water begins to boil remove from the heat and allow the eggs to remain in the water for twenty minutes. Remove the eggs from the pot and cool under running water.

* Then place the eggs in the refrigerator until you plan to decorate them. After the eggs have been decorated they should be refrigerated until it is time for the hunt.

* It is important to remember that boiled eggs are and should not be at room temperature for more than a two hour period. Therefore, the eggs should be gathered as soon as possible after they are hidden.

* After the children collect the eggs, those eggs used in the hunt which are not consumed immediately should be discarded. The eggs not used in the

hunt should remain in the refrigerator until they are to be consumed.

* Eggs will eventually spoil even at refrigeration temperatures, so it is rec-

ommended that they be consumed within one week after they are prepared. If we take care to follow these simple rules, Easter will be fun for all.

Fisher County RV Club On Tour

Seven rigs from Fisher County met at Tye R.V. Park for an enjoyable weekend. Toured Abilene State Park and Buffalo Gap, ate lunch at Judy's Place, try it sometime.

Fried chicken, salads, desserts, dominos, and cards were enjoyed Saturday night. The Sunday morning devotional was brought by J.T. and Louise Mahaffey.

Those attending were: Tommy and Vonzell Walker, J.T. and Louise Mahaffey, Melvin and Odessa Clements, Carlton and Dorothy Burrow, Joe and Nelda Swafford, Orville

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NOTICE: Applications are now being accepted for R.N. for Director of Nurses. Contact Juanita Land or Pat Featherston at Rotan Nursing Center. 735-2234.

42:1tc

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News Briefs

Theatre on the Brazos

Theatre on the Brazos will meet on Thursday, March 28th, 7 p.m., at the Lance Theatre Building. Agenda includes finalizing plans for the upcoming play production on April 12th, 13th, and 14th at the Roby Auditorium.

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8:1tc

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8:1tc

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37:1tc

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47:1tc

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8:1tp

GARAGE SALE: Saturday, March 30th, from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., at 611 Roby Ave. in Rotan.

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7:2tc

Hustling Around Hobbs

By Joy Walker

A spectacular display of lightning, rain, high winds and one tornado signaled the beginning of the severe weather season in the Big Country Thursday night. We saw the lightning, heard the thunder, but did not get one drop of rain. The possibility of rain in the forecast is good news to the wheat growers. Some spots still look pretty good, but others are beginning to get a little dry. Wheat is suffering due to dry conditions, high winds (of which we are getting our share) and warm temperatures. Pastures are starting to green up but they too need a good rain. Most trees are blooming prolifically but a late freeze could really hurt the fruit crop. Spring arrived Thursday, March 21st, or Wednesday the 20th whichever calendar you were looking at, but are the Mesquites out yet? That's a sure sign that spring is here. I have heard that they are out, but mine here at the house definitely are not.

We are sorry to learn that Barbara Alice (Mrs. Howard Looney) from Longview got sick while she was here visiting with J.C. Cave. She was taken to the hospital late Sunday night and has been in Fisher County Hospital all this past week, has had pneumonia. J.C. and Howard Looney have been visiting with her at the hospital and Mrs. Billy (Loretta) Carter from Brownwood has also been here. At last report Barbara was much better and may get to come home from the hospital today (Monday). We had a good crowd at church on Sunday, but still have some sick folks. Mary Boydston hasn't been feeling well and wasn't able to attend church Sunday. We hope that she will soon begin to feel very much better.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cockrell have had their two little granddaughters visiting them for the past two weeks. They are from El Paso, and have been at church the last two Sundays with their grandparents.

Diana Threatt, our pastor's wife, played a special for us on the piano Sunday morning. It was truly beautiful, and we all really enjoyed the good music. Carla Bavousett also played for us during the morning service, and we enjoyed it so much. It's nice when folks have a special talent and they are willing to share it.

Levi Parks, son of Pache and Julie Parks of Odessa was admitted to the hospital in Odessa last Friday, but they transferred him to Lubbock that night as he had high fever. They think it was

probably just a real bad cold and congestion, and he was cutting some teeth. Anyway he spent the weekend in the hospital and they let him go home Monday. Levi and his mother came by to visit with Dutch and Norma Parks on Thursday, they plan on spending the weekend with the Parks and with Julie's mother, Sharon Sterns in Sweetwater. Friday morning Julie and Levi visited us all at Roby school, and little Levi looks so good and was smiling at everyone. He really is doing well after being burned so badly.

The James Ratliffs went to Snyder Sunday and helped Blain celebrate his 1st birthday at the home of his parents, Tracy and Kim Knipe and little Taren. Happy birthday to Blain. The Ratliffs are preparing for their Easter Sunrise Service which will be held on the point at their house Sunday morning. They are looking for a big crowd, and hope that the weather will be nice that morning.

Rudolph and Louise Martinez attended a meeting of the 16th District American Cancer Society in Abilene on Saturday, March 23rd. It was held at the Embassy Suites.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Wilburn from Possum Kingdom and Mrs. Lealon Wilburn all spent the day Sunday and ate lunch with the J.W. Etheredges. Randy, Vicky, Cody and Randi Marie were also there visiting, and the Odell Rains visited with them all for a short while.

Joyce Marks from Lockney visited with Mrs. Opal Phillips on Sunday. Maudie Randolph was with her, and Opal really enjoyed their visit.

I attended the One Act Plays, Region 2, Area 1, District 13 East Zone on Tuesday which were held at Roby Tuesday afternoon. There were 4 plays, Rotan, Hermleigh, Trent and Roby, and Hermleigh and Trent got to advance and will compete Saturday at Rotan. Saturday I went to the District 13A One Act Play Contest which was held at Rotan. Saw Trent and Hermleigh again, and Ira and Roscoe. They were all very good plays, but Ira was outstanding and Trent was really good. Both these schools will continue to advance. Watch for Ira's Brian Martinez who was named Best Actor, he was superb. I went to the plays with Sheila Gruben. I also visited with Carye for a while on Saturday as

she was still home on her spring break.

Don't forget Hobbs Baptist Church is having Easter Sunrise Services at Carl and Lila Guinn's at about 6:15 Sunday morning. Hope to see you there.

Hope that everyone is keeping well, we have sure had lots of sickness, but maybe with the spring break at both Roby and Rotan schools, all the flu etc., will begin to die down. See you next Thursday. Have a good spring break.

Secret Pal Club Holds Meeting

The Secret Pal Club met on the 20th of March in the Senior Citizens building. Each brought a covered dish, played bingo, ate lunch at noon and exchanged gifts and drew for new Secret Pals. Everyone had a good time.

Members present were: Willia Dean Reaves, Oma Long, Florine Beard, LaVerne Starnes, Treasa Dycus, Lenora Streetman, Mary Allen, Maggie Briggs, Lillie Herron, Aurora Martinez, Fay Woolsey.

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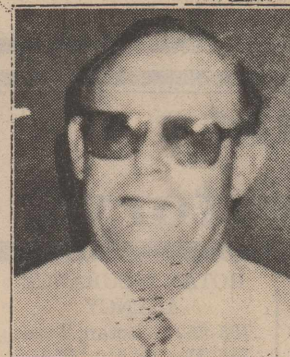
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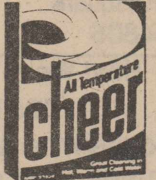
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Stenholm To Address Farm Credit Bank Meeting

Congressman Charles Stenholm (D-TX) will address the 1991 Farm Credit Bank of Texas (FCBT) Annual Meeting for Federal Land Bank Associations (FLBAs).

More than 500 directors and employees representing the bank's 50 FLBAs in Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Texas are expected to attend the annual gathering April 5 at the Stouffer Hotel in Austin.

Congressman Stenholm of Stamford, a member of the House Agriculture Committee, will discuss agricultural and environmental legislative issues during the general session beginning at 9 a.m. in the hotel ballroom.

In 1990, the FCBT expanded its long-term lending operations into Alabama, Louisiana and Mississippi with the establishment of six FLBAs there, and added New Mexico to its short-term lending operations with the reaffiliation of the Albuquerque Production Credit Association. Bank CEO Donald R. Rogge, Board Chairman Robert Vanwinkle, and President Michael R. Davis will discuss these and other 1990 results. The theme of the meeting is "Stewards of the Land."

TAX PLANNING

Written by
Richard E. Rodgers, CPA



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by Gerald Rodgers, CPA

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Are you looking for ways to reduce your income tax liability? Don't rule out a contribution to an individual retirement account (IRA). Even if your contribution is not deductible, earnings on your investment will be tax-deferred until the year they are withdrawn.

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If neither you nor your spouse is covered for any part of the year by an employer retirement plan, you can take a full IRA deduction for contributions of up to \$2,000 or 100% of compensation, whichever is less. You can also make a spousal contribution of up to \$250 for a nonworking spouse. If you are covered by a pension plan at work, you can still make a fully deductible IRA contribution if your income doesn't exceed \$25,000 (single individuals) or \$40,000 (married). Singles earning between \$25,000 and \$35,000 qualify for partial deductibility of an IRA, as do marrieds with income between \$40,000 and \$50,000.

The IRS Code places few restrictions on the nature of acceptable investments. Self-directed IRAs let owners call their own shots. Unlike other tax-deferred investments, switching investments within an IRA does not trigger a current tax. For example, when IRA money is invested in a brokerage account, the owner may make purchases and sales in much the same manner as through a regular brokerage account.

A final tip: Fund your IRA early in the year instead of on April 15th of the following year. You will get an additional fifteen months of tax-deferred earnings.

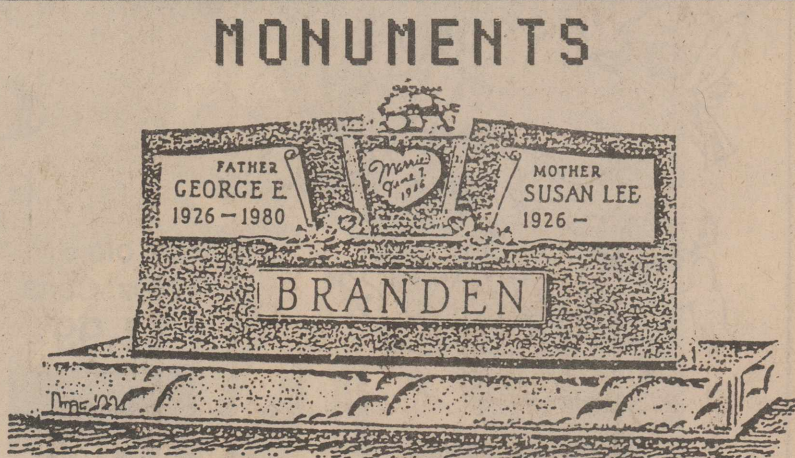
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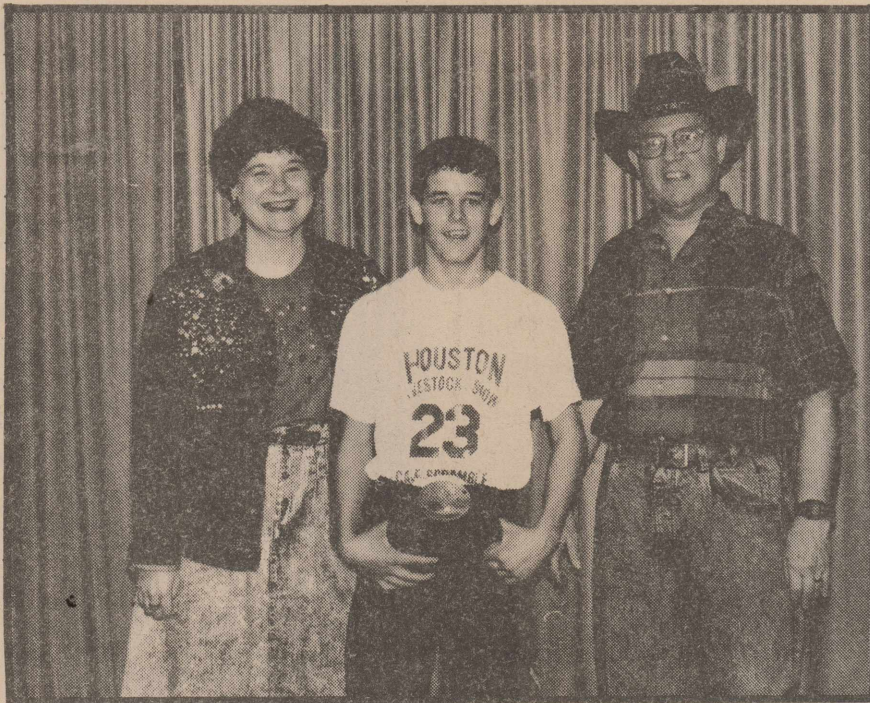
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Tim Bob Smith Wins Calf Scramble At Houston

Tim Bob Smith was one of the 28 determined contestants who was challenged to halter and maneuver one of only 14 unruly calves across the 2.75-acre Astrodome floor into the winners' square.

In exchange for this effort, Tim Bob receives an \$800 calf purchase certificate sponsored by Dillard Dept. Stores which will be used to purchase a registered dairy or beef heifer.

The scrambler is required to maintain monthly progress reports, monetary records and a scrapbook detailing the project. His effort will culminate in 1991 when the heifer will be returned to the Houston Show for a special showing competition with other 1991 scramble winners.

Rep. Counts Accompanies Gov. Richards To N. York

Rep. David Counts, D-Knox City was among the group from Austin who accompanied Governor Ann Richards to New York for a look at the State's Insurance Regulators, whom she described as among the best in the nation. The team of Texas law makers were looking for ways to stabilize insurance rates in this state.

Stan Dorf, who is Chief of Policy and planning for the New York Insurance Department, told the Texans that restructuring a rate system to include parameters in which individual companies can charge would stabilize rates in competitive markets. Members of the New York Department said a proposed Texas formula for setting rate parameters, called a Flex System, would work in competitive markets without driving the industry to its knees. He said annual insurance increases have ranged from 1.9 percent to 3 percent in New York, compared with requests of up to 30 percent in Texas.

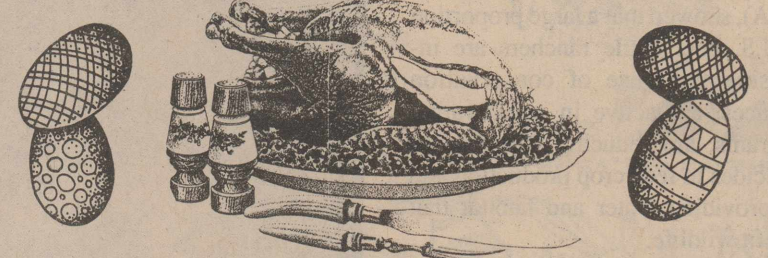
Working along with Tim Bob on this project will be Richard Spencer, his county extension agent who will supervise all work with the animal.

"We were able to compare our system with the New York system, there are some areas we can incorporate into our industry and make improvements," Counts stated. Not everything with the New York Insurance Department is superior to its Texas counterpart.

CALF SCRAMBLE WINNER: Tim Bob Smith of McCaulley haltered and maneuvered one of 14 unruly calves across the Astrodome floor into the winners circle to capture an \$800 calf purchase certificate. Pictured above are left to right: Kim Karger, sponsor, Tim Bob Smith, winner and Doug Vance, sponsor.

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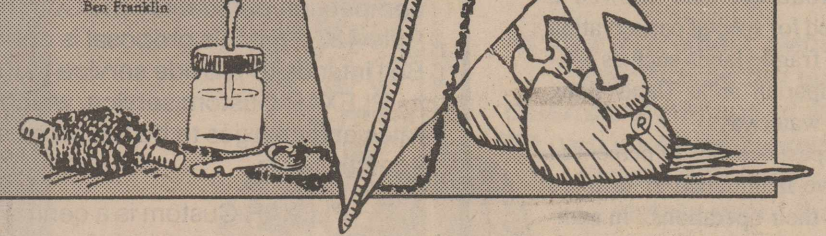
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County Agents Column

By Richard Spencer

A survey of the nation's cattle producers shows that ranchers have a commitment to conservation practices that protect and improve land, water and wildlife.

The survey, conducted by POPULUS, Inc. and commissioned by the National Cattlemen's Association (NCA), showed that a large proportion of U.S. beef cattle ranchers are increasing their use of conservation practices, are active in conservation programs, are reducing their use of pesticides in feed crop production and are providing water and habitat that benefit wildlife.

The NCA President says the results of this survey show that conservation and protection of land and water are part of the cattleman's way of life as well as a vital investment in his business and in his family's future.

Farming and ranching tends to be a family business and surveys find that 42 percent of cattle operations have been in the same family for more than 50 years, and that 21 percent have been in the same family for more than 75 years.

A cattleman depends on the land for his livelihood and, to assure a livelihood for future generations, he must protect and improve the environment for which he is responsible.

Just half the total land area of the U.S. is pasture and grazing land, so cattle ranchers own or manage more land than any other industry in this country.

Concentrated on the larger beef cattle producers in 48 states, the survey focused on production practices that affect the environment. The survey did not involve large commercial feedlots.

The survey found that many cattle producers employ a variety of conservation practices. Since 1980, the survey showed, an average of 30 percent have increased the number of stock ponds, areas with newly planted trees, wells and water developments, and areas that support wildlife.

In addition, 27 percent planned to increase such conservation practices in the next five years. In the past decade, 42 percent of the ranchers said they have increased areas with newly planted trees, and 28 percent plan to plant more trees in the next five years.

Cattle producers also have been active in conservation programs. Since 1980, 45 percent of those surveyed have put acreage into government conservation programs and 64 percent have put acres into private conservation and land management programs.

By using good management practices such as rotational grazing, 52 percent report that the condition of native pasture and grazing land has improved in the last 10 years.

Thirteen percent reported a decline in land conditions, with drought being the overwhelming reason.

Cattle producers also showed a sensitive need for special conservation practices on fragile lands such as wetlands and riparian areas (land along streams and waterways).

Over the past decade, 29 percent of ranchers have maintained or restored wetlands on their operations. In addition, 62 percent reported that their riparian land has been maintained with no deterioration of condition for the past 10 years, and 25 percent have seen improvements since 1980.

On the use of farm chemicals, 60 percent said they have not increased pesticides in feed crop production in the past 10 years and 25 percent have cut back on them.

The survey also showed that many farmers and ranchers routinely support wildlife populations by providing them with patches of corn, wheat and grass. Ranchers also are planting trees and grass for cover and creating water habitats.

The survey was conducted in July and August by telephone with a random sample of 700 cattle producers. Those surveyed had at least 100 head of cattle, and 68 percent managed 500 or more acres of grazing land.



PRUNING OF THE TREES: Several members of the Rotan Jaycees gave the City of Rotan, a few hours of their leisure time last Sunday afternoon, to do some volunteer work at the Rotan City Park. The Jaycees pruned trees at the park and around the Rotan Little League Field. Approximately 12 Jaycees and spouses assisted. The Jaycees continue to be a big part of the 'new look' at Rotan.

Funeral Services Held For Viola Hawkins

Mrs. Viola M. Hawkins, 90, long time Rotan area resident died Thursday night at Fisher County Hospital. Funeral services were at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, March 23, 1991, at Weathersbee Funeral Chapel with Rev. L.D. Parks officiating. Burial was in the Belvieu Cemetery.

Mrs. Hawkins was born Viola Myrtle Roberds October 19, 1900 in San Saba County, Texas. She was the daughter of Eli Warren Roberds and his wife, Margaret. The family moved to Fisher County when Viola was a baby and she had lived all of her life in Fisher County. She married Coe Hawkins, October 19, 1919 at Pyron.

Mrs. Hawkins was a homemaker

Screening For Early Childhood Set Apr. 4 & 5

Early childhood screening has been scheduled for April 4 & 5 at Rotan Elementary School, coordinated by Tri-County Education Co-Op.

Appointments are now being made for the screening for children who will be three years old by September 1, but will not be five years old by that date.

The screening will assess developmental areas such as psychological, auditory, visual, language, motor, and speech.

Children who show a significant deficit on a battery of assessment instruments in one of the areas from the assessment will meet qualifications for

and a member of First Baptist Church. She is preceded in death by her husband in 1971 and by a son, Coe Warren Hawkins, in 1967.

She is survived by: a brother: Tho-

Pre-Registration For McMurry

Pre-registration for McMurry University's May Term and both summer sessions will be held March 25 through April 4 in the registrar's office in the Maedgen administration building.

Students are encouraged to preregister for May Term and summer school, but they may enroll on the first day of class, said Dr. Robert Maniss, profes-

sor of education and director of summer school.

May Term, a unique three-week academic session, will be held May 13-31. McMurry's first summer session will be held June 3 - July 9. The second session will be held July 10 - August 14. The summer session at Dyess AFB will be from June 3 through July 24.

Schedules for May Term and summer school are available in the registrar's office.

Preregistration hours will be from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information, call 915-691-6200.

Public Notice

Southwestern Bell Telephone Company ("Southwestern Bell") submitted an application on January 4, 1991 to the Public Utility Commission of Texas ("Commission") requesting that the central office-based PBX/type service market be declared subject to significant competition pursuant to the Commission's Substantive Rule §23.27. If this proposal is approved, Southwestern Bell intends to provide service to this market segment via its PLEXAR-Custom service, which provides for contractual rates and charges to be based on an individual customer-specific basis.

PLEXAR-Custom is a central office-based service which provides switched voice and/or data communications similar to a customer-premises PBX. PLEXAR-Custom service is currently being provided on an individual customer-specific basis via Southwestern Bell's Customer Specific Pricing Plan Tariff for central office-based telecommunications systems of 200 stations or more. If Southwestern Bell's application is approved, the PLEXAR-Custom service tariff will be revised to also include central office-based telecommunications systems which require between 75 and 200 stations.

Centrex and Plexar-II services are currently priced according to a standard tariff regardless of the customer's geographic location in the state. If this application is approved, customers needing 75 to 200 stations will be able to obtain this service priced on an individual customer-specific basis rather than under a standard tariffed rate.

Southwestern Bell's application proposes that the service market for PBX/type systems of 75 stations up to 200 stations be declared subject to significant competition statewide in all of the exchange areas served by Southwestern Bell and in which the central office capability to provide the service exists and/or can readily be made available.

Persons who wish to intervene, protest, or comment on this application should notify the Public Utility Commission of Texas by June 21, 1991 at 7800 Shoal Creek Boulevard, Suite 400N, Austin, Texas 78757. You may also call the Commission's Public Information Office at (512) 458-0256, or (512) 458-0221, teletypewriter for the deaf. Please refer to this matter in all correspondence as Docket No. 9960.



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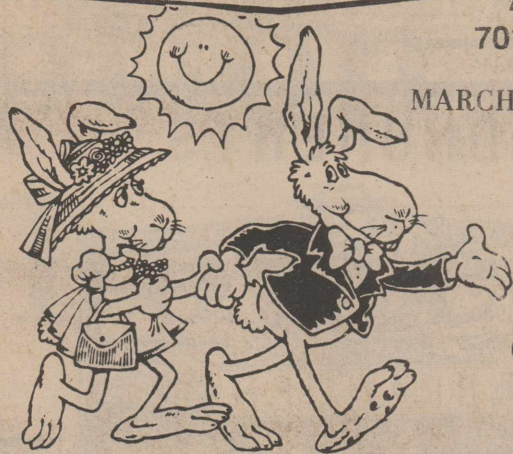
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Rotan Nursing Center News

We want to welcome our new resident, Louada Posey to our home. Louada is in room 10.

Don't forget to come to Open House Saturday, March 30th and our Easter egg hunt at 2:00 p.m. So bring the kids and join us.

I want to say thank you to Marge Fowler for being such a wonderful volunteer and helping at the nursing home.

We also want to say thank you to our nurses aides for the wonderful care they give to our residents. These girls work hard, but always have a smile or a kind word to give to the residents.

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Alice Dodd

Activity Director

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April 1 - 5, 1991

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8:2tc

NOTICE

The Fisher County Commissioners Court, will open bids on April 8 on the purchase of a used 15 yard dump truck. The court reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

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Students Of Celia Cain In Music Festival

Amy Blackwelder, Laura Blackwelder and Jenni Burnes performed at the Abilene Music Festival. They each were awarded Superior ratings. Karen Dickson, Traci Hull, Katie Kennedy, and Cassidy Early were awarded Excellent ratings.

Amy Blackwelder, Laura Blackwelder, Mandy Dycus, and Katy Cade competed for positions on the Abilene Piano team that will perform in June at the Texas Music Teachers Convention in Austin.

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Ashley and Justin Smith gave a program on their horse project. Refreshments were served by Ty West and Kyle McWilliams.

Members present were: Adrian Castor, Richard Gaona, Brandon Castor, Ashley Smith, Kyle McWilliams, Sahala Freeman, Karen Carriker, Cassandra Griffith, Wendy Harwell, Sonya Gaona, Amber Kelly, Jenny Knox, Jaycee Carey, Misty Taylor, Cassie Terry, Billy Floyd, Ty West.

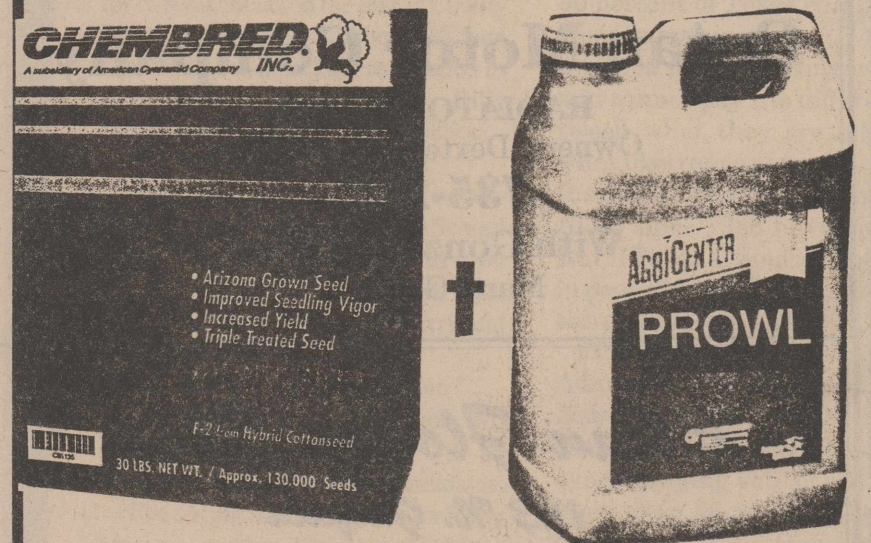
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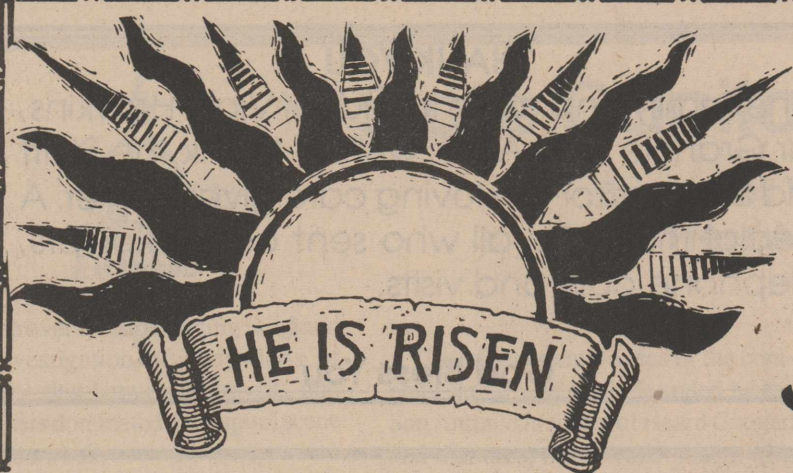


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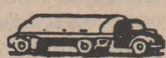
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