

# Hohon Predicts 33 Percent County Hospital Tax Hike

Fisher County Hospital Administrator Pete Hohon, in his first address to county residents last Monday night at Roby, indicated that the Fisher County Hospital taxes would probably have to go up from the current 30 1/4 cents per \$100 valuation to a rate in the area of 40 cents per \$100 valuation. Hohon indicated that there has been a steady decline in the tax base in Fisher County since 1983. In 1983 the total real, personal, auto and

mineral valuations were \$331,261,618 while present valuations are \$218,247,315 or a loss in valuations of \$113,014,303.

Translated in real spendable dollars, the tax revenue generated at the tax rate in 1983 of 17 cents per \$100 valuation amounted to \$563,145 while the present rate of 30 1/4 cents per \$100 valuation only generated \$659,979 or a gain of \$96,834.00.

Hohon, in addressing a group of approximately 80 Fisher County

citizens last Monday night at the Fisher County 4-H Extension Program Council, didn't pull any punches and indicated that a tax hike was necessary to keep the

hospital open.

Hohon presented approximately 25 minutes of facts and statistics concerning the medical profession, local hospital and

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future of the hospital before opening the meeting for some 30 minutes of questions.

Hohon indicated that the Fisher County Hospital was like a great number of other rural hospitals, "we are all having a desperate time making ends meet due largely to legislation imposed". He explained the pre-1983 medicare re-payment plan to hospitals and the post-1983 DRG (diagnostic related groups) system of re-payment. He said rural hospitals have a history of keeping costs below urban medical centers. In 1983, Medicare began a reimbursement plan that cut rural hospital re-payments 40-percent. He indicated that Senator Bob Dole and Sen. Lloyd Bentsen were working to rectify the injustice in medicare reimbursements to rural hospitals.

Locally, Hohon said four factors figured into the problems being experienced by the hospital. First, the biggest item was that the tax base was down some \$113 million since 1983. Second, the hospital district is faced with principal and interest on bond payments in 1990 amounting to \$202,000. The 1990 year marks the first time in several years that the district has had to make a principal payment, for several years it has just been making interest payments. The 1989 payment amounted to \$106,000.

The third factor cited by Hohon was the recruitment and retention of doctors and para-professionals and finally the out migration of Fisher County patients to surrounding hospitals for medical care.

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Hohon said since January 1, 1989 drastic cuts have been made in attempting to trim fixed costs. The budget has been decreased some \$400,000, mostly in personnel and reduced hours while some significant services have been added. The hospital now offers a mobile CAT-scan unit on Thursdays and is capable of offering ultra sound and more specialized out patient services. In 1989, Hohon indicated that 600 patients were admitted to the local hospital while some 2,200 were seen on an out patient basis.

Hohon closed his address by indicating that a tax hike was necessary. "We don't want to do it but it is necessary to keep the hospital open".

In the question and answer session, one individual present desired clarification on being treated as a medicare patient; one inquired as to why Dr. Ernie Atkins was leaving the hospital clinic; one stated that "when we lose a doctor at the hospital clinic we lose the revenue he generated from lab and x-ray".

Ross Douglas of Sylvester, after inquiring about the possible tax hike indicated that there could be a rollback election called by the voters of Fisher County.

Those in attendance addressed the Lifeline cost, made comments about current patient loads and in two instances addressed some specific personal instances they were dissatisfied about concerning overpayments and what they felt was an unusually long time in getting paperwork processed at the local hospital.

Frank Mitchell, Fisher County Hospital Board president, in a rather heated tone, addressed a comment made at the meeting earlier of "turning the hospital into a hay barn". He indicated his personal feelings that the hospital was needed locally, did a great service to the community and needed the support of the residents. Mitchell's scolding comment of the off-the-cuff remark brought the meeting to a close.



**NEW EDITOR IN FAMILY:** Please permit me a few lines in this column to brag about my oldest son. He signed the paperwork last week to purchase the newspaper at Shamrock, Texas. The Shamrock Texan is an old weekly and has been under the ownership of Bill Howe for the past 30 years. Kip and his wife Sandra officially take over on July 1. He has been employed at the Shamrock Texan for the past 2 1/2 years since getting his journalism degree at Texas Tech. In addition to buying the newspaper, he and Sandra are expecting their first child - our first grandchild - about December 20th. Exciting times. Thanks.

**BOAT PILOT OK:** Max Blanton, son of Mary Blanton of Rotan, survived the recent storm in south Texas but in the process lost a fellow employee who drowned and lost his home in Angleton, Texas. Max is co-owner of a ship piloting business whereby he and associates captain ships to and from the 3-mile limit, navigating them through the tricky Houston bay area. Recently, in the bad storm, a fellow pilot was drowned when a tug boat smashed into a ship. The crowning blow was the loss of Max's home, totalled when a large tree was uprooted in the storm and fell across the house. Everything else is ok.

**THE PETE ROSE MESS:** Pete Rose, everyone's hero, Charlie Hustle, the belly sliding manager of the Cincinnati Reds is in a real mess. Allegedly he bet on baseball games involving the Reds. A clear cut no-no...penalty is suspension from baseball for life. He said he didn't bet on games, apparent evidence from baseball lawyers indicated he did. Baseball suffers. Kids who look up to Rose could be disappointed that their hero didn't tell the truth. Everyone wants to believe he didn't bet on Reds games, but evidence is hard to ignore. Stay tuned - the Rose affair, Wade Boggs affair, unbelievable Baltimore Orioles keep baseball interesting in what is normally a hot, dry, dull summer.

**WANTED MY OPINION:** Someone asked my opinion the other day on the prospect of constructing an all weather track at Rotan. Seems like the issue is never finally over, always simmering in the background.

Well, here is my opinion - for what it is worth. If, all the education needs of the children have been met, if they have all the books, computers, support material, write-to-read programs, if they have all the hard-core education materials they need and if, if there is \$120,000 left in the budget and someone is hell-bent to spend it - then I don't guess I object.

**FINALLY:** Ol' Whistle Britches from his Shinnery Ridge Ranch at Rough Creek called to give me these few words of wisdom.

**HEART:** Happiness is a healthy mental attitude, a grateful spirit, a clear conscience, and a heart full of love.

**LOVE:** True love doesn't have a happy ending; true love doesn't have an ending.

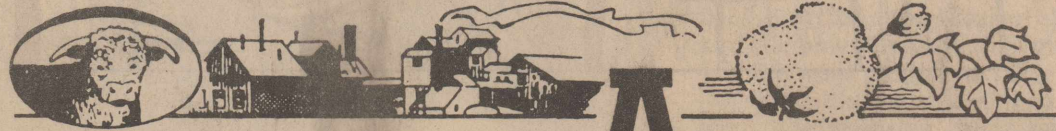
**NATURE:** Man has conquered almost every dangerous thing in nature except human nature.

**PRAYER:** It is good to pray for the repair of mistakes, but praying earlier would likely keep us from making so many.

**PROMISES:** God's promises are like life preservers. They keep the soul from sinking in the sea of trouble.

**REGRET:** When you can think of yesterday without regret and tomorrow without fear, you are near real contentment.

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## Third Annual AJRA Rotan Rodeo Goes Through Sat.

The Third Annual A.J.R.A. and Open Contestants Rodeo and the Fisher County Jackpot Barrel Race, sponsored by the Rotan Chamber of Commerce are scheduled for Wednesday, June 28 with three successive performances on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. All performances will begin at 7:30 p.m. at the Sheriff's Posse Arena, west of Rotan. Admission charges will be \$3.00 for adults and \$1.50 for students with free admission to the little ones of 6 and under.

Many Fisher County residents have entered the rodeo and are listed below by nightly appearance so that spectators may view the local talent of their choice. Thursday night's performance will feature the following Fisher County participants: Kelly Heflin in the Barrels and Kayla Posey in the Flags. Friday night will feature: Glen Overby in the tiedown roping, ribbon roping and team roping; Carter Edmondson in the tiedown roping, ribbon roping and team roping; Lorissa Edmondson in the barrels, breakaway roping, ribbon roping and goat tying; Ryan Posey in the flags and barrels; Christi Parr in the barrels; and Cody Smith in the team roping. The final night,

Saturday will feature the following Fisher County residents: Candi Anderle in the barrels and flags; Ryan Posey in the calf riding and the steer riding; Tracy Posey in the barrels; Jeffrey Anderle in the barrels; and Kelly Heflin in the steer riding. The Fisher County Jackpot Barrel Race is an event inside the rodeo and will feature Fisher County residents only. Wednesday night Shelley Burk and Ryan Branch will perform. Thursday night will feature Kayla Posey, Holly Hunsaker and Kelly Heflin. Ryan Posey and Kelly McWilliams will be up Friday night and the following will be in

the final performance on Saturday night: Jessica Fowler, Jennifer Fowler, Missy McKinney, Mandy McKinney, Christi Parr and Tracy Posey.

The concession stand, headed over and run by Chamber Vice-President, Dianna McKinney will consist of grilled hamburgers, hot dogs, homemade ice cream and cobblers, brownies and lots of goodies. Anyone wishing to make a donation to the concession stand may do so by contacting Dianna McKinney or Myla Black.

The Chamber urges everyone to attend the rodeo and show support for the youngsters of Fisher County.

give employees the Tuesday holiday, July 4th, to be with their families. "We hope the inconvenience of pushing the deadline up one day does not seriously inconvenience anyone", said Pease.

## Paper Deadline Moved To Monday

The deadline for the newspaper next week has been moved up to noon on Monday instead of the normal noon Tuesday, according to Kim Pease, editor - publisher. The reason for the move is to

Fourteen All Stars Are Selected

A total of fourteen Rotan Little League All-Stars were selected and announced last Thursday night and officially began practice last Monday night in preparation for playoff action.

The All-Stars begin double elimination play on Monday night, July 10th, at 7:00 p.m. in Snyder. The Rotan All-Stars face Anson in the opening game. The Rotan All-Star manager is

Louis Yanez. He is assisted by Coaches Frankie Gaspar and Brian Harrison.

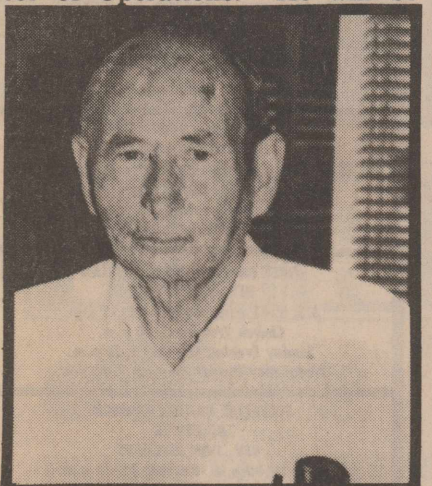
All-Star players are: Michael Montez, Mitchell Montez, Dominick Yanez, Brandon Weaver, Christopher Gaspar, Lee Yanez, Daniel Silva, David Nowlin, Brian Dickson, Jay Carreon, Jason Knight, Brian Carreon, Anthony Smith and Ronnie Martinez.

## J.T. Palmer, Fredda Buckner Get Promotions At Midwest Electric

J. T. Palmer of Roby, Texas has been promoted to the position of Assistant Manager of Midwest Electric Co-Op. J. T. has served as Office Manager and Administrative Assistant during most of his 39 years service. His promotion has made way for newly named office manager Fredda Buckner. She, her husband

Wilford, their children Angela and Patrick come from CMS Electric Cooperative in Meade, Kansas. Fredda has 17 years experience with Rural Electric Cooperatives previous to her employment with Midwest Electric, working out of the Roby General Office. The most recent promotion was of Jimmy Kiker of Snyder, to the position of Director of Operations. He will be

working primarily out of the Roby General Office, with over sight of all outside operations in both the Roby and Snyder Areas. Jimmy has near 33 years service with Midwest Electric Cooperative, having served most of that time as crew foreman and District Manager out of the Snyder District Office. He took on his new position as of June 1, 1989.



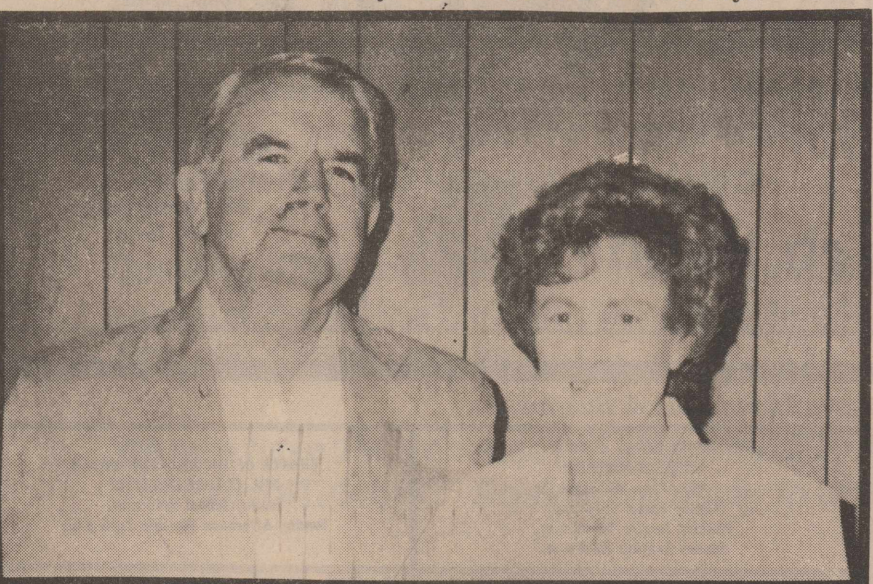
J.T. Palmer



Fredda Buckner



**TAKING ENTRIES:** Two AJRA Rodeo volunteers take entry information as the third annual rodeo gets underway this weekend in Rotan. Volunteers (l to r) Myla Black and Sharon Overby.



**NEW PASTORAL ASSIGNMENTS:** Rev Larry Crumpton, left, and his wife, Carol, right, new area pastors. Larry will be pastoring the church at Roby while Carol serves as pastor of the Hermleigh United Methodist Church.

## Rev. Larry Crumpton New Pastor First Methodist Church At Roby

The First United Methodist Church of Roby has received a new pastor, Larry Crumpton recently of Midland. He and his wife Carol are the parents of three children and grandparents of five grandchildren.

The Crumpton's moved from Midland where Larry was station-

ed for the past twelve years, serving as the minister of Aldersgate United Methodist Church in Odessa and Goldsmith United Methodist Church in Goldsmith.

Carol is currently serving as pastor of the Hermleigh United Methodist Church.

## Rotan Methodist Church Will Give Patriotic Musical

The choir of the First United Methodist Church of Rotan will present the patriotic musical, "One Nation Under God," on Sunday, July 2 at the 10:30 a.m. worship service.

The mini-cantata, written by Brian Carr and arranged by Russell Mauldin, will be directed by Mary Ann Marshall.

Everyone is invited to attend this special service. A nursery will be provided," according to Rev. Lowe.





## State Capital Highlights

By Lyndell Williams  
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

AUSTIN—On the heels of the veto deadline, lawmakers returned to Austin last week hoping to quickly wrap up unfinished business on workers' compensation reform.

But many cynical observers said they might be deadlocked for the full 30 days, the maximum length for a special session.

Gov. Bill Clements promised to call special sessions until the House and Senate agree on an acceptable bill.

Business and labor forces failed to reach a compromise in the regular session and allay fears insurance premiums will keep rising while benefits for workers diminish.

### Right to Jury Trial

The critical issue is how to resolve claim disputes, with the House favoring an administrative system while the Senate insists on retaining the right of a jury trial.

On the first day of the special session, Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby had some harsh words for business leaders who oppose jury trials.

"Who appeals to the courts most?" he said. "The insurance carriers—they appeal 57 percent of the time, and yet the idiots who represent the business community say we don't want a trial by jury. You know, this is really kind of silly."

### Vetoes \$11 Million

Shortly before lawmakers convened, Clements signed more than 1,000 bills into law, and vetoed several others.

In all, the governor trimmed the budget with veto power by more than \$11 million and eliminated three state agencies.

The biggest zap was \$3 million from Agriculture Commissioner Jim Hightower's agency, a parting shot for the liberal who took more heat than any other public official in recent memory.

It's no secret that budget writers have grumbled for years about the way Hightower spends his appropriations.

Other vetoes wielded by the

governor effectively:

- Wiped out the Texas Aeronautics Commission, Texas Conservation Foundation, and Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations.

- Scrubbed a bill outlawing lie detector tests for sexual assault victims, because it also outlawed the tests for prison system internal investigations.

- Eliminated provisions that set up Attorney General Jim Mattox to transfer money from his child support program to administration.

### School Funding Threat

One bill the governor inked was the school finance package, which lawmakers hope will delay court-ordered reforms in the public school funding formula.

Looming on the horizon, and potentially extremely expensive for taxpayers, is the Texas Supreme Court hearing of the appeal of a state district judge's ruling that the present formula is illegal.

Attorneys for poor districts, which are pitted against rich districts in the case, said the Legislature's \$450 million appropriation doesn't come close to a resolution.

### Political Campaigning

Midland Entrepreneur Clayton Williams, better known as the cowboy in the TV ads for a firm he founded, entered the GOP race for governor last week amid a windstorm of party criticism.

Some Texas Republicans, including the party secretary, are making sure everyone knows about his numerous political contributions to liberal Democrats, including Treasurer Ann Richards and Attorney General Jim Mattox. They charge the funds will show up in the 1990 elections.

Williams, a legendary businessman who has founded several companies, said he gave the contributions "as a businessman and job creator," but has been a Republican since the day President

Harry S. Truman fired Gen. Douglas MacArthur.

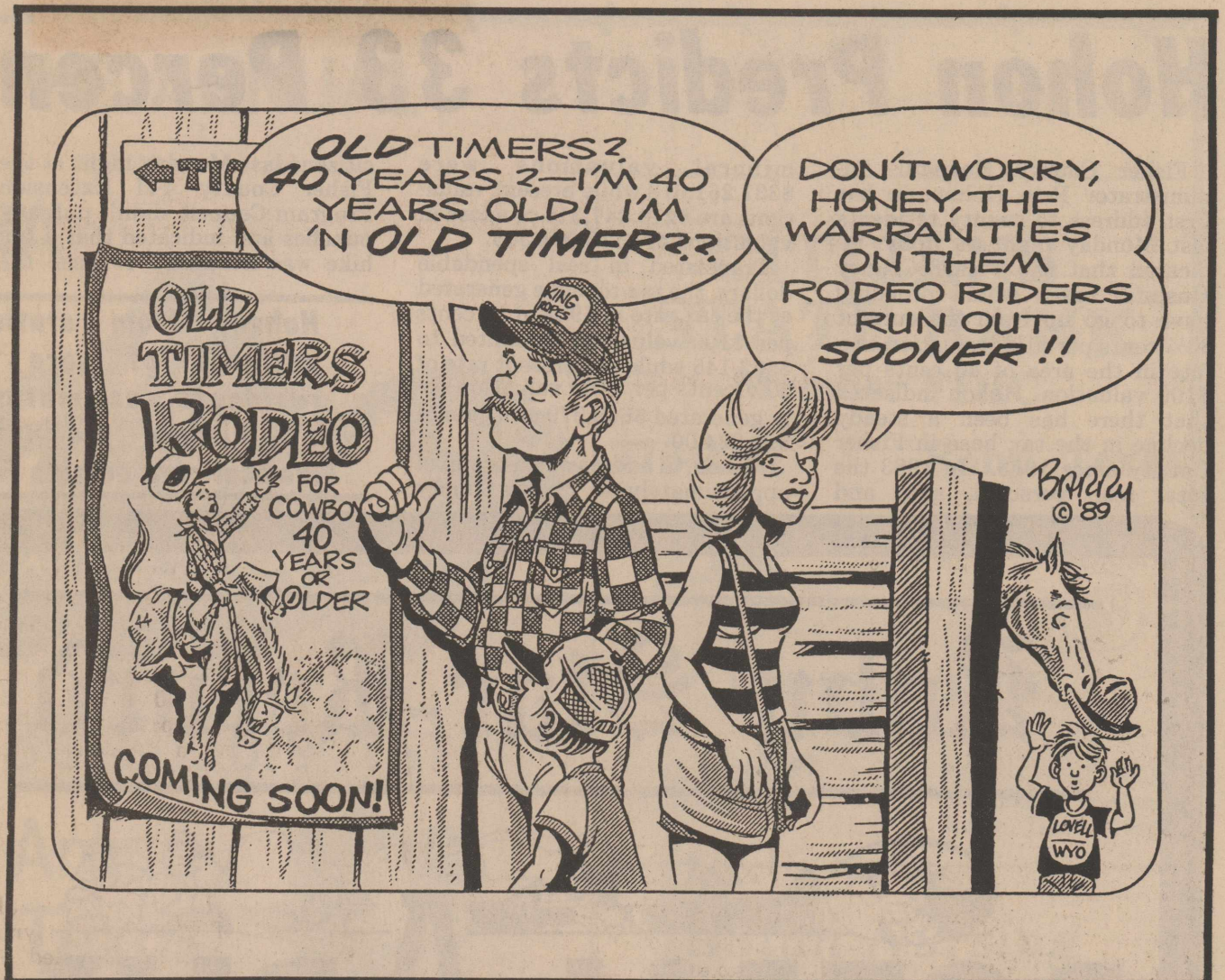
Meanwhile, Fort Worth state Sen. Hugh Palmer said he will not run for the congressional seat expected to be vacated by Jim Wright this summer, but will stay on his course to replace U.S. Sen. Phil Gramm.

### Other Highlights

- The son of state Sen. Tati Santiesteban, D-El Paso, got his probation extended after being charged with DWI for the fifth time in almost as many years.

The senator criticized media attention given his son while, the judge explained that a jail sentence for the wealthy senator's son would force the wife and children on welfare.

- A Houston pollster who usually works for Republican issues released his survey which indicates some 78 percent of Texans approve of border fences, tolls and limited entries to stem the flow of illegal aliens across the Rio Grande River.



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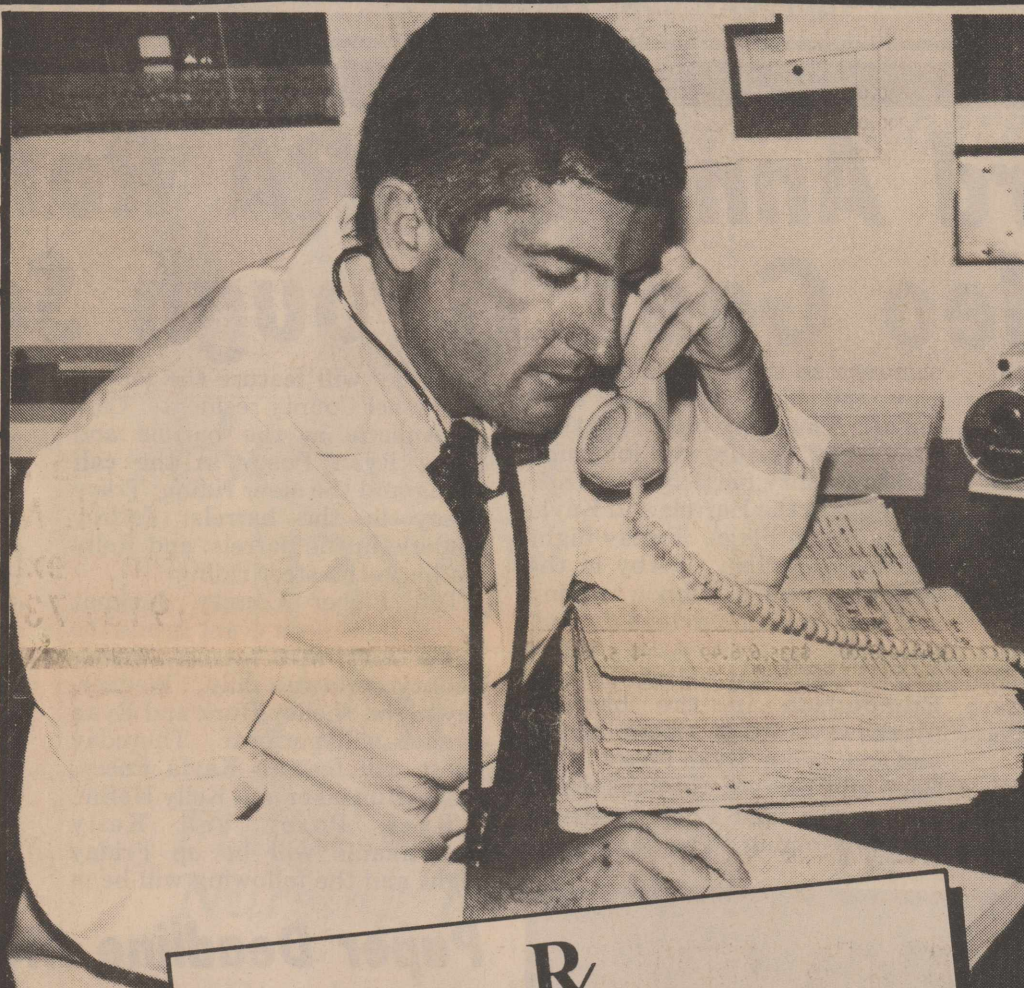
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But there are times when our aches and pains can't be cured by simply relying on clixirs, herbal concoctions, modern medical technology or just taking two aspirins. Perhaps it's a need to go to your church or synagogue. It is a good prescription to follow and may be just what the doctor ordered.

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## From Fisher County's Past

From The Newspapers

### FIFTEEN YEARS AGO

Vick A. Burk, a Tarleton State University student from Rotan was named to the Distinguished Student List for the Spring semester 1974.

Charles Black, District Conservationist of the local Soil Conservation Service, warned land owners and local residents that the danger of fires along highways, in vacant lots and roads had increased due to the dry spell that existed.

In 1973 taxpayers in Fisher County voted to approve \$1.5 million bond issue to construct a new Fisher County Hospital. Residents of Fisher County were informed that an additional \$750,000.00 bond election would be held on July 20. The purpose of this election was to take care of the increasing construction costs, according to Fisher County Hospital Board President, Ralph Ammons.

### TEN YEARS AGO

Six members of the Ladies Auxillary to the Rotan Volunteer Fire Department competed against eleven other teams at McAllen and took home a third place trophy in the pumper team race at the annual convention. The six included: Chrys Bennett, Glenda Wright, Barbara Tankersley, Pat Boone, Peggy Stevenson and Ragg Mopp Nowlin.

Bobby Yates, former office manager at Rotan's National Gypsum Plant, was promoted to the position of production superintendent, according to an announcement made by Allan Houston, local plant manager. Rotan resident Mark Henderson was named by West Texas State University's School of Agriculture as a recipient of the \$100 Clyde Magee Scholarship. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Henderson.

The Rotan Advance Roby Star Record was the winner of three major awards in journalism at the 100th Annual Summer Convention of the Texas Press Association in Austin. The paper won first place in the "Column Writing" (Kim's Korner) and for "Editorial Writing." The paper was awarded a second place certificate for photography.

### FIVE YEARS AGO

The members of the Rotan School Board met in special session. The reason for the special meeting was to review bids on retilling the elementary floors, the construction of a concession stand, and the replacement of gym floors. The board also reviewed applications and hired a new head boys basketball coach and assistant coach for football. Billy Neil Dunn was hired to fill both coaching positions.

A total of 14 All-Star players were selected to represent the Rotan Little League teams in playoff games. The 14 players and the respective teams include: Pirates Michael Carreon and Casey Green, Yankees Brandon Alls, Herman Zavala, Kevin Smith and Luis Garcia, Vets Danny Warren, Michael Compos, Aaron Porter and Lane Landes and Rebels Augie Alaniz, Junior DeLosSantos, Sam Daniel and Eddie Onofre.

### LAST YEAR

The Board of Directors of Midwest Electric Cooperative, named Vesta Orr as the new General Manager of Midwest Electric Cooperative. Orr and his wife Nelda came to Midwest from Swisher Electric Cooperative in Tulsa, Texas.

Fourteen Rotan Little League All-Stars were named to the 1988 All-Star Team. The players named to the team included: Clay Hargrove, Brandon Alls, Matt Mercer, Mark Marshall and Lee Yanez of the Vets, Cristo Simmons, Ronnie Martinez, Alfred Rives and Brian Carreon of the Yankees, Zachary Clark of the Pirates and Fabian Ramirez, Temple Daniel, Mitchell Montez and Jay Carreon of the Rebels.

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| <p>FIRST UNITED METHODIST-ROBY<br/>REV. STEVE PEACE<br/>S.S. 9:45 a.m.-Worship 10:55 a.m.<br/>Church Training 5:00 p.m.<br/>Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.<br/>Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.</p>   | <p>CHURCH OF CHRIST-ROBY<br/>ERIC CUPP, MINISTER<br/>S.S. 10:00 a.m.-Worship 10:45 a.m.<br/>Sunday Evening 6:00 p.m.<br/>Wednesday Night 7:00 p.m.-Nov.-April<br/>8:00 p.m.-May Thru October</p>              | <p>CROSS ROADS BAPTIST-ROBY<br/>REV. JAMES P. (PAT) ANDERSON<br/>S.S. 10:00 a.m.-Worship 11:00 a.m.<br/>Sun. Evening Training Union 6:00 p.m.<br/>Worship Service 7:00 p.m.<br/>Wednesday Night Service 7:00 p.m.</p> | <p>FIRST UNITED METHODIST-ROBY<br/>REV. JIM HAWTHORNE<br/>Sunday School 10:00 a.m.<br/>Sunday Evening UMYF 5:00 p.m.<br/>Worship Service 11:00 a.m.<br/>Wednesday Night Choir Practice 7:00 p.m.</p>        |
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# Rotan Water Department Expense Estimated At \$362,403.00 For Year

The Rotan City Council at their meeting in June, approved budgeted expenditures of \$887,351.00 for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 1989 and ending March 31, 1990. At the same meeting they approved pro-

jected income figures for the City of Rotan for the same period of \$761,880.25. The City of Rotan has budgeted to spend some \$125,470.00 more than they plan on collecting. That primarily comes in the area of street seal

coating where \$100,000 has been budgeted to be spent.

The City of Rotan spends more money in the water department than in any of the other twelve income producing areas. The water department is budgeted to spend \$362,403.00 for the fiscal year which is up approximately \$27,000 over what was actually expended for the 1988-89 fiscal year.

Income projections for the water department are up approximately \$17,000 over what was actually spent for the 1988-89 fiscal year. New budgeted income projections indicate that the City of Rotan will take in \$355,333.00.

With a projected income of \$355,333 and anticipated expenditures of \$362,403, the City of Rotan water department is expected to finish the fiscal year \$7,070.00 in the red.

The big income producing areas for the City of Rotan water department are estimated sales of \$333,402; penalties of \$5,000; payment in lieu of taxes of \$4,231; income from meter deposits of \$4,000; income from connection fees of \$2,500; income from adjustments of \$2,000 and meter tap income of \$1,500.

The City of Rotan has other anticipated miscellaneous income projected at \$1,600 for the water department. Those include gyp water sales, sale of pipe and fittings and service charges, etc.

On the expense side of the ledger, the City of Rotan expects to spend the largest chunk of money in the water department on the purchase of water for resale. The expected water cost is \$180,000; salaries in the water department are \$84,950; with the maintenance of lines coming in at

\$16,000. Other large expense items are \$6,380 projected for employee FICA; \$9,000 employee insurance; \$13,673 for a bond; \$1,600 for chemicals and paint; \$1,800 for maintenance of

vehicles; \$7,900 for compensation insurance and \$4,000 for meter deposit refunds. There is also a fixed asset budgeted line item of \$6,500. Total budgeted expenses are \$362,403.00.

| WATER DEPARTMENT EXPENSE       |                      |                      |              |              |
|--------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|--------------|--------------|
| APRIL 1, 1989 - MARCH 31, 1990 |                      |                      |              |              |
|                                | NEW BUDGET 1989-1990 | OLD BUDGET 1988-1989 | EXPENDED     | +OVER -UNDER |
| Water Purchases                | \$180,000.00         | \$160,000.00         | \$142,689.11 | -\$17,310.89 |
| Salaries                       | 84,950.00            | 84,000.00            | 81,824.96    | - 2,175.04   |
| FICA                           | 6,380.00             | 6,300.00             | 6,164.21     | - 135.79     |
| Employee Insurance             | 9,000.00             | 7,000.00             | 8,156.15     | + 1,156.15   |
| Bond                           | 13,673.00            | 13,673.00            | 13,672.92    | - .08        |
| Office Supplies                | 600.00               | 600.00               | 569.83       | - 30.17      |
| Postage                        | 600.00               | 685.00               | 567.71       | - 117.29     |
| Hand Tools                     | 400.00               | 350.00               | 481.80       | + 131.80     |
| Warehouse Supplies             | 400.00               | 600.00               | 388.12       | - 211.88     |
| Cleaning Supplies              | 200.00               | 225.00               | 200.59       | - 24.41      |
| Chemicals & Paint              | 1,600.00             | 1,500.00             | 1,681.81     | + 181.81     |
| Maintenance of Buildings       | 2,000.00             | 2,000.00             | 118.29       | - 1,881.71   |
| Maintenance of Water Lines     | 16,000.00            | 16,000.00            | 34,646.90    | + 18,646.90  |
| Maintenance of Vehicles        | 1,800.00             | 4,500.00             | 1,766.96     | - 2,733.04   |
| New Meters                     | 1,500.00             | 3,500.00             | 3,155.78     | - 244.22     |
| Meter Repair Parts             | 150.00               | 125.00               | 155.52       | + 30.52      |
| Telephone                      | 1,100.00             | 1,300.00             | 1,057.65     | - 242.35     |
| Vehicle Insurance              | 1,700.00             | 1,900.00             | 1,652.56     | - 247.44     |
| Compensation Insurance         | 7,900.00             | 6,000.00             | 6,608.75     | + 608.75     |
| Liability Insurance            | 1,975.00             | 1,800.00             | 1,975.00     | + 175.00     |
| Building Insurance             | 450.00               | 500.00               | 451.00       | - 49.00      |
| Unemployment Insurance         | 500.00               | 550.00               | 441.22       | - 108.78     |
| Towers & Ground Storage        | 1,500.00             | 2,000.00             | 1,375.00     | - 625.00     |
| Water Well Expense             | 500.00               | 400.00               | 480.67       | + 80.67      |
| Advertising                    | 200.00               | 200.00               | 142.30       | - 57.70      |
| Rent                           | 500.00               | 650.00               | 466.80       | - 183.20     |
| Dues & Fees                    | 1,500.00             | 1,200.00             | 1,455.00     | + 255.00     |
| Electric Utilities             | 1,500.00             | 1,600.00             | 1,360.22     | - 239.78     |
| Gas-Oil-Grease                 | 6,000.00             | 6,000.00             | 5,993.23     | - 6.77       |
| Heat                           | 1,550.00             | 1,700.00             | 1,516.78     | - 183.22     |
| Freight                        | 200.00               | 350.00               | 181.50       | - 168.50     |
| Misc.                          | 1,000.00             | 400.00               | 912.92       | + 512.92     |
| Fixed Assets                   | \$ 6,500.00          | \$ 6,500.00          | \$ 641.67    | -\$ 5,858.33 |
| Oxygen & Acet.                 | 150.00               | 100.00               | 115.01       | + 15.01      |
| Travel Expense                 | 400.00               | 200.00               | 314.99       | + 114.99     |
| Radio Repair & Pumps           | 450.00               | 300.00               |              | - 300.00     |
| Meter Deposit Refunds          | 4,000.00             | 4,000.00             | 7,235.00     | + 3,235.00   |
| Maint. Office Equip.           | 1,000.00             | 1,000.00             | 30.00        | - 970.00     |
| Uniforms                       | 725.00               | 600.00               | 725.73       | + 125.73     |
| Maint. Ditcher                 | 100.00               | 150.00               | 74.31        | - 75.69      |
| Maint. Backhoe                 | 1,500.00             | 600.00               | 1,439.50     | + 839.50     |
| Pipe & fittings                |                      |                      | 2,789.02     | + 2,789.02   |
| Professional Fees              | 250.00               |                      |              |              |
|                                | \$362,403.00         | \$341,058.00         | \$335,676.49 | -\$ 5,381.51 |

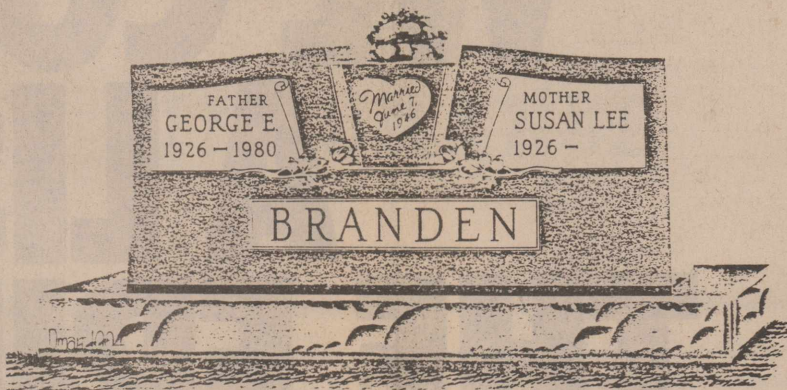
## Katrina Rains In Texas Jr. Shorthorn Show

Katrina Rains, 8 yr. old daughter of Mac and Belynda Rains of Rotan, traveled to Cleburne, Tx., June 23rd and 24th for the Texas Junior Shorthorn Preview Show and annual meeting.

There were 83 head of heifers

and steers shown Saturday morning. Katrina placed 7th with her May heifer, 5th in the Prospect steer, 800 lbs. and under, and 1st in the Progress steer class, over 800 lbs. She also showed in the 13 yrs. old and under Showmanship Contest.

## MONUMENTS



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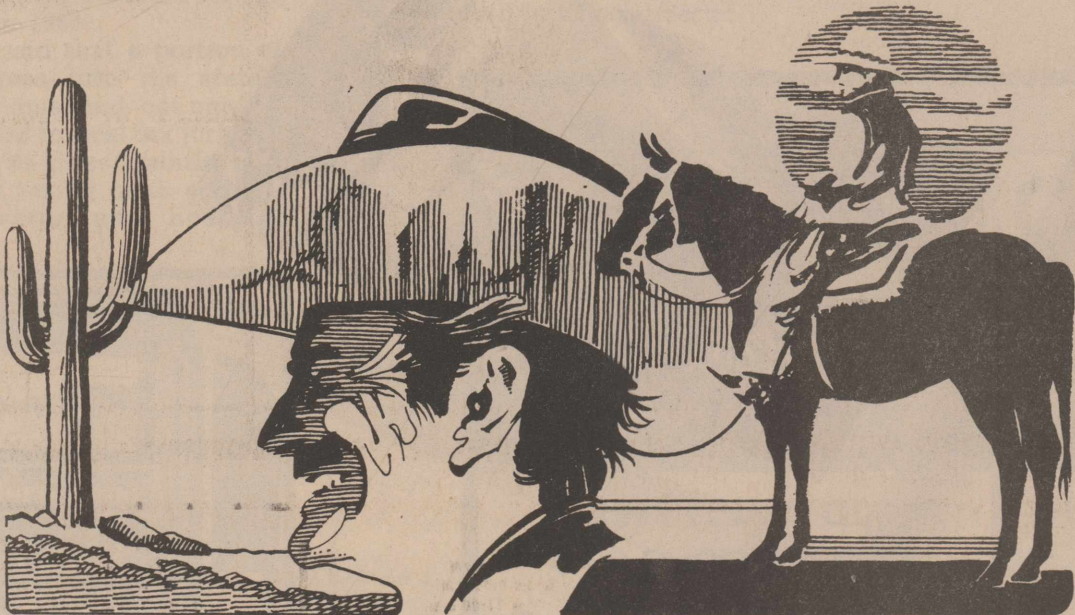
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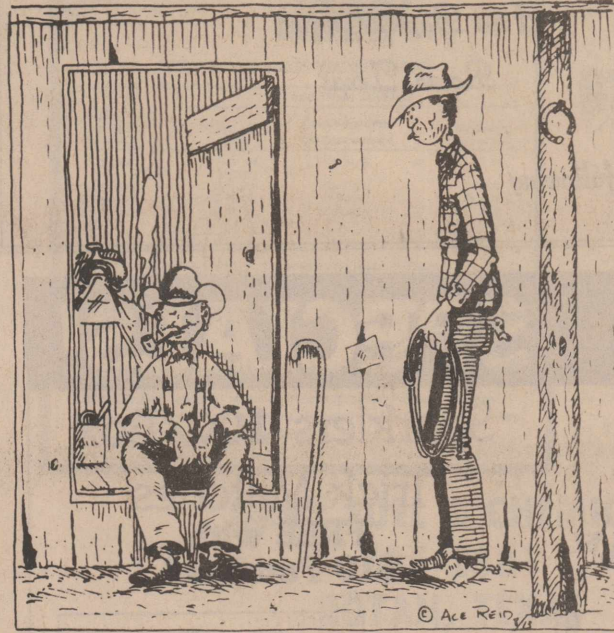
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Rotan, Texas

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By Ace Reid



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## Two Fisher County JP's Attend Training Seminar

A total of 90 justices of the peace attended a 20-hour seminar May 23-26 in San Angelo conducted by the Texas Justice Court Training Center headquartered at Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos. The seminars are held in compliance with Supreme Court rule and statute, Art. 27.005 of the Texas Government Code. Topics covered included a review of recent attorney general's opinions impacting the justice of the peace court, civil law, code of judicial conduct, criminal trial procedure and simulations, forcible entry and detainer, emergency detentions (mental, drug and alcohol), lawyer/non-lawyer representation in justice court, judicial liabilities, juvenile law, protective

orders and peace bonds. Attending were, left to right, Geneva Chandler, Precinct 1, Fisher County, and Marie Van Loon, Precinct 3, Fisher County.

## Rotan School Will Offer TEAMS Testing Remediation Service

Beginning Thursday, July 6, Rotan Independent School District will offer TEAMS remediation for any secondary student wishing to work on their TEAMS objectives. Classes will be held in the high school computer lab from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. every morning thru July. 21:2t

## County 4-H Leaders Hosting Giant July 4th Celebration

Fisher County 4-H Junior Leaders are hosting a July 4th celebration with activities for all ages. The proceeds from the events will go toward the 4-H members trip to Canada in July. Many events are free. Music will be on the south side of the square during the day. We hope to make this a big event every year. Booth space is available free of charge by calling 776-2171.

Bicycle and Tricycle Races— 10:00 a.m. (register at 9:30 a.m. on south side of square).

Age divisions are 2-3 years; 4-5 years; 6-8 years; 9-12 years. No entry fee.

Sack Races— 10:00 a.m. (register at 9:45 a.m. on east side of square). Find a partner, hop in a sack and race. No entry fee.

Go Fishing Booth for

## Fisher County 4-H Garage Sale Set

Fisher County 4-H will have a Garage Sale at the Pink Building on Thursday, July 6 from 12:00 noon until 4:00 p.m. If you wish to donate items contact the county extension office at 776-2171. All items left will be donated to the Fisher County Clothes Closet.

Children— 10:00 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. Throw in the line and come up with a prize. 25 cents for a prize every time.

Dum Dum Tree— 10:00 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. Children pick a dum dum sucker from the dum dum tree. 25 cents gets a winner every time.

Crafts, Homemade Ice Cream and Baked Goods— 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Chewing Tobacco Spitting Contest— 10:45 a.m. (register at 10:30 a.m. on east side of square) No entry fee.

Hula Hoop Contest for the Ladies— 10:45 a.m. (register at 10:30 a.m. on east side of square) No entry fee.

Dunking Booth— 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Wouldn't you love to see some people "all wet". Come by and try out your throwing arm at this event... 3 balls for \$1.00 will give you a chance to dunk Jerry Carreon, Rick Onofre, Joe Paul Barrera, Tubby Moore, Reggy Spencer, John Everett, Mike Reeves, Autumn Shelley and more still to come!!

Pet Parade— 11:00 a.m. (register at 10:30 a.m. on south side of square) Ribbons will be given to the smallest pet, cutest pet, prettiest pet, most unusual

pet, best dressed pet, largest pet. No entry fee.

Hamburgers— (\$1.50 - 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.) 4-H parents will be cooking the hamburgers. Bring your family and your holiday company!

Flag Ceremony— at flagpole on square at 12:00 noon.

Puppet Show— 12:45 p.m. 25 cents for a 10 minute puppet show.

Little Miss July 4th Contest— 2:00 p.m. on west side of square

(register between 1:00-1:45 p.m.)

Ages 3-5 years; 6-8 years; 9-12 years. \$2.00 per entry - 1 winner in each age group - each entry will receive a ribbon. Entries will wear casual clothes of any type. This is to be a fun event for the little girls and not a beauty contest.

Cow Patty Bingo— 3:00 p.m. at Rodeo Grounds. 4-H members will be selling blocks this week. Winner will get 1/3 of the ticket sales.

## Dr. E. L. Atkins

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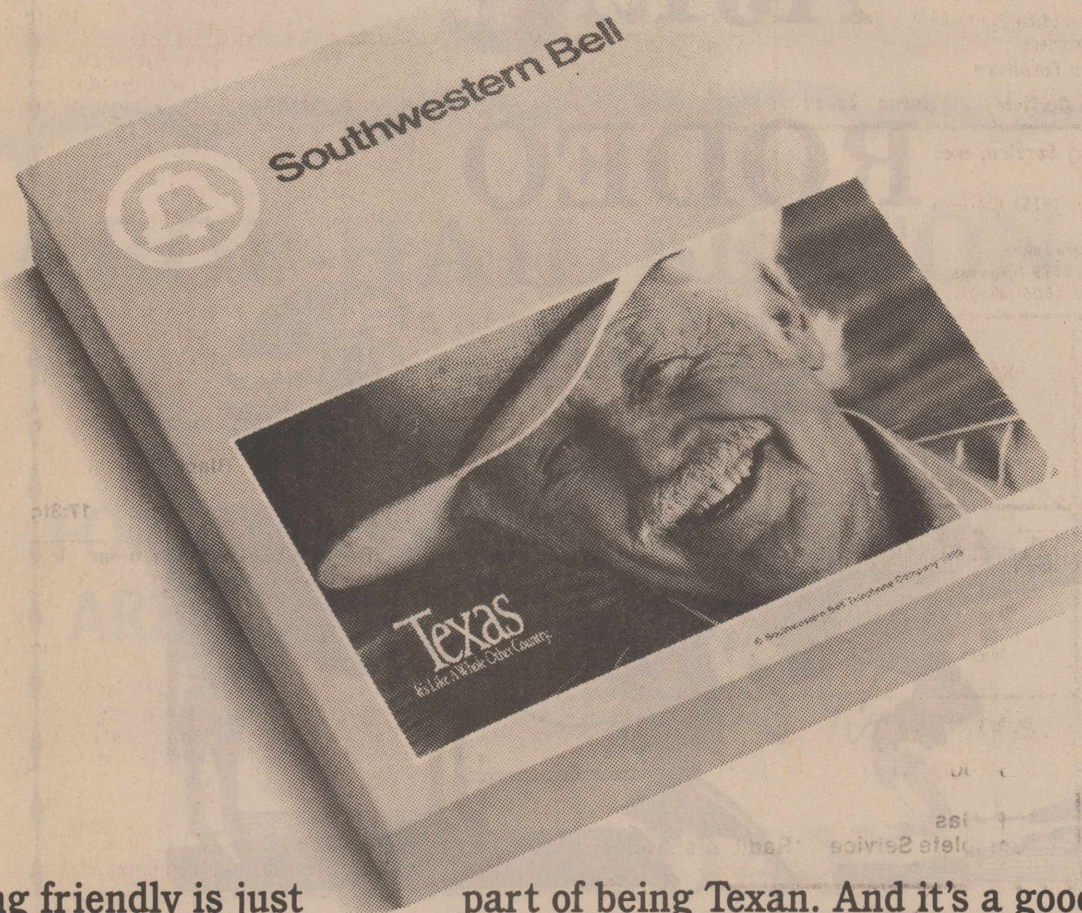
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# News From Down South

By Bertha Warren

We're getting our first vegetables out of the garden and we sure are enjoying them.

Doris Burnett is home from the hospital after undergoing surgery. Mary Etta O'Donald spent all day Sunday with her. She is unable to stay by herself right now. Mary Etta and Cody (Ronnie's son) and Carrie attended the McCain reunion at the home of Bruce and Marie McCain at Lake Stamford. About 35 attended.

The J.W. Burk held their annual reunion Friday, Saturday and Sunday at the Claytonville Center. They had 30 or 35 to register.

The Blythe family and friends met the 23rd, 24th and 25th for

their annual reunion at a park in New Braunfels. Over 60 attended in spite of the rain.

Bill Ratliff and family visited with Jewel Ratliff on Saturday. They live in Big Spring.

Charlie and Thelma Smith went to Trent Sunday for the 40th wedding anniversary of Eldon and Rokean Hicks given by their children. They reported enjoying the very nice event.

Paul Bryant, age 70, died Tuesday in Corpus Christi. Services were at 10:00 a.m. Thursday with his son-in-law Roy Smalling and Gary Lawe officiating. Survivors include his wife Bessie Lohman Bryant, 2 sons; Dr. Donald Bryant of Rising Star, formerly of Rotan and Aubrey Bryant of Cor-

pus Christi; a daughter Brenda (Mrs. Roy) Smalling of Dallas; a sister Ruth Windes of Mesa, AZ, 6 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild. Our sympathy goes out to the Bryant family.

The 7 Kidd sisters met in Houston the 23rd, 24th and 25th to plan the Kidd reunion to be held in August at Holdenville, OK.

They all arrived in Houston about the same time. They met at the home of Jane Collins. M.E. made them all a beach hat and they made the Kidd's 10 favorite pies. Friday they all went to the space center then on to Galveston for lunch and shopping then out on a boat for seafood. Then on

Saturday they went shopping at a mall. That night Jane's husband treated them with BBQ and all kinds of seafoods. Then he took them on a tour of downtown Houston. It rained the entire weekend but didn't stop them from shopping and eating. I threatened to hide a tape recorder in their luggage just to see what seven sisters talk about for 3 days. They assured me they would check all luggage when they arrived in Houston. All reported having a blast. Those attending were M.E. Waddell of Midland, Frankie Toland and Betty Steele of Sweetwater, Ann Cearly of Denver, CO, Jane Collins and Wanda Jardon of

Houston and Margie Flint of Holdenville, OK.

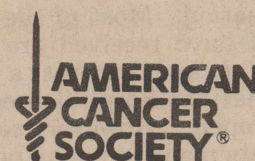
Wayne and I visited Dale and Oleta King of Kaufman and the four of us went on to Hallsville to visit Jack and Mary Walton. We spent Wednesday night on their house boat on Lake Of the Pines then went on to Logansport to visit Paul and Shelia and children. We returned home Saturday. Norma Lou Parks has had the flu for the past few days, hope she is feeling better soon.

Bill, Lita, and Tabathia Jones and Bessie Jones came by and got Mable Warren in their motor home and they all went to Angleton to visit Julie (Jones) Oxidene. Then they went on to

Houston and San Antonio. They did a lot of sight-seeing and did a little fishing. They came back by Blackwell and visited with Pete and Opal Upshaw and Tiny and Jackie Grimes out at their campsite at the lake.

Mable said they had a wonderful time.

Call and let us know what's going on in your world.



## Legal Notice

CITATION BY PUBLICATION  
THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: JEAN GADDOE, Defendant, if living, whose place of residence is unknown to Plaintiff herein, and if said Defendant is dead, to the legal representatives of said deceased Defendant, and to the unknown children, unborn children and unknown heirs and/or the unknown devisees of said deceased Defendant; and also to the legal representatives of the unknown children, unborn children, unknown heirs and/or the unknown devisees of said deceased Defendant, if the unknown children, unborn children, unknown heirs and/or unknown devisees of said deceased Defendant are dead; and to the unknown children, unborn children, unknown heirs and/or the unknown devisees of said deceased spouse; and also to the legal representatives of the unknown children, unborn children, unknown heirs and/or the unknown devisees of said deceased spouse are dead; and to the unknown children, unborn children, unknown heirs and/or the unknown devisees of said deceased spouse are dead; and also to all persons claiming any title or interest in the minerals inherited by Jean Gadoe from her deceased father.

YOU (AND EACH OF YOU) ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the DISTRICT Court 32nd

Judicial of FISHER County at the Courthouse thereof, in ROBY, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 14th day of August A.D. 1989, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 2nd day of May A.D. 1989, in this cause, numbered 4919 on the docket of said court and styled L.C.S. PRODUCTION COMPANY OF ABILENE, TEXAS, Plaintiff, vs. JEAN GADDOE, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit:

Suit for appointment of a Receiver for the purpose of execution of oil, gas and other mineral lease covering the undivided mineral interest owned by the said Defendant in and under the following described property in Fisher County, Texas:

The North Eighty Acres of the West One-Half of Section Number One Hundred Sixteen, Block No. Three, H. & T.C. Co. Survey, in Fisher County, Texas.

If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs.

Witness, Bettie Hargrove, Clerk of the 32nd District Court(s) of Fisher County, Texas.

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Roby, Texas, this the 26th day of June A.D. 1989.

Bettie Hargrove Clerk,  
32nd Judicial District  
Fisher County, Texas

## Legal Notice

McCauley Independent School District is accepting bids on the sale of lots 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 of block 17. There is a minimum bid of \$150.00 per lot. All five lots to be sold together. Bids will be opened at the July 11, 1989 Regular Board Meeting. Bid forms may be obtained at the school office from 9:00-3:00 p.m. weekdays. Further information may be obtained by calling (915)962-5548.

20:3tc

## Legal Notice

Fisher County Commissioners Court is accepting bids for purchase of 1984 model, or newer, 14 yd. dump truck and will trade-in 3 used trucks. For specifications and further information contact Charles Meek, Commissioner Precinct 1 at 993-4541 or 4561.

Bids will be opened in regular session of Commissioners Court July 10, 1989, at 9:00 a.m. Fisher County Commissioners Court reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids.

Marshal Bennett  
County Judge  
21:2tc

## AUTOMOTIVE

BILL'S AUTO SALVAGE: We have lots of 4WD pick-up parts, new and used. We buy junk cars. Open weekdays 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m., Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Phone 573-9569, Snyder, Texas.

35:1tc

## REAL ESTATE

FOR SALE: 3 BR country home, 2 acres with city water, Royston Community. Price Reduced. Call 735-2922.

20:3tp

HOUSE FOR SALE OR RENT: 2 BR, 1 bath, stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, 3 refrigerated air conditioners, ceiling fans. Completely remodeled inside. 1 1/2 corner lots, fenced yard, fruit and pecan trees. \$20,000-Sale or \$200.00 per month rent. Call 735-3202 for more information.

20:2tc

FOR SALE: By Citizens State Bank, Roby, Texas. Commercial building in downtown Roby. Three years old. West side of square, 20'x50'.

25:1tc

UNITED FARM REAL ESTATE: 3 BR house with unattached one-car garage with laundry room, storage room and cellar. Harmon Holcomb, United Farm Real Estate, 776-2131 or 776-2626. Roby, Texas.

19:1tc

BY OWNER: Nice home in McCauley with 4 lots, storm cellar, very good water well, yard established, nice trees, cedar siding, all double storm windows, very tightly insulated, 25' above ground pool wideck (will leave if you wish). See 2 blocks east of post office. Call for appointment, 817-864-2085, Haskell.

10:1tc

NEW LISTING: 405 E. 8th, Rotan, 2 BR, 1 bath, only \$5,700. Black Investments 735-3091.

17:3tc

117 ACRES: Between Hobbs and Snyder, county road frontage, cropland and pasture, minerals. Black Investments 735-3091.

17:3tc

DESPERATE TO SELL: Make me an offer on house and 2 lots at corner of E. Forest and S. Genevieve, Rotan. Black Investments 735-3091.

17:3tc

EXCLUSIVE HOME: At 602 E. Beauregard, Rotan, 2367 Sq. Ft., fireplace, oak kitchen, servant's quarters, priced right, Black Investments 735-3091.

17:3tc

FOR SALE: 631 acres, E. of Rotan, Highway 92 frontage. Black Investments 735-3091.

18:3tc

FOR SALE: Latham Residence, 612 E. 7th, LaFaye McDonald, (915) 735-2374 or (806) 799-8337.

20:4tp

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27:1tc

NEW HOME SEWING MACHINES: Electrolux cleaners, repair all makes. H.B. Stevens, 1101 James St., Sweetwater, 235-2889.

27:1tc

25 YEARS OF SERVICE: That's Frank's TV in Hamlin. We are currently in the Rotan/Roby area at least 3 times weekly to service your TV, VCR, antennae or satellite system. Call 576-2122. We appreciate your patronage over the past years and look forward to serving you in the years to come.

51:1tc

FRUIT TREES, shade trees, flowers and bedding plants. Martin's Feed and Garden, Rotan, Texas.

9:1tc

OFFICE SUPPLIES: Call Rosemary at the Newspaper Office, 735-2562 and get them delivered direct to you.

11:1tc

FRANK'S TV: More people are buying and updating satellite systems than ever before! Come in and see why at Frank's TV, 218 S. Central in Hamlin, or call 576-2122, we have the answer!

51:1tc

NOTICE: You may use your Mastercard or Visa for your purchases or any service that we offer at the Newspaper Office.

12:1tc

FOR SALE: air conditioners, lawn mowers, swing sets and rock picnic tables. Martin's Feed and Garden, Rotan, Texas.

9:1tc

NOTICE: Interested in doing sewing for Misses and larger sizes. Also make Western Shirts. Call 573-5984.

19:1tc

NOTICE: Let me show you what Aloe Vera make-up can do to make you look younger. Call 573-5984.

19:1tc

IRONING DONE: \$5.00 dozen, adult blue jeans \$1.00 apiece, adult jump suits \$1.00 apiece. Vonnie Sears, 402 S. Richard Ave., 735-2430.

18:5tp

NOTICE: Will haul hay. Call Loran Little; square bales, 735-3246.

21:2tp

IT'S HERE!!! Don't forget the Avon Beauty Vision Personal Color Computer Analysis is in Rotan this week! Come on in!!!

21:1tp

NOTICE: Rotan Junior High Cheerleaders need donations of white sheets. Contact Debby Burnes 735-3587.

21:2tc

SWIMMING LESSONS: Starting June 31st at Roby Pool. Please call 776-2808 after 6:00 p.m. if interested.

21:2tc

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## Hohon Talks On Using Local Hospital

I am sure everyone has recently read about our troubles at Fisher County Hospital. There is no denying that these problems exist, and that's going to take hard work, sacrifice, and much understanding by the Board, administration, staff and the people of Fisher County if our hospital is going to survive.

Since the reporting of the problems facing the hospital, I have received many comments about this situation. Most of the comments I have received are very supportive and express a firm belief that the hospital needs to remain open. However, several comments made to me by people, essentially stated, that since they did not use this facility, they did not care whether it survives or not. They felt it would actually decrease their costs in taxes. I feel this attitude needs to be addressed. Hopefully I can provide you with a greater understanding of and appreciation for the vital role your local hospital plays in the health care and economic well being of our community.

The times are changing for rural hospitals. The old saying "use it or lose it" is coming back to haunt many rural communities who have lost their hospital. Texas led the nation for the third consecutive year in the number of hospital closures. Nineteen Texas hospitals closed in 1988 bringing to 72 the number closed

since 1984.

Whenever a community loses its hospital, it more often loses its doctors also. Some of the physicians who have been around for years usually stay for awhile. But try to recruit a new or young physician into a town without a hospital. In fact, try to get any major business to move into your town or area without a hospital. Oh, you might be able to get a part time day clinic physician, if you are lucky and it is profitable for those involved. But most of the monies are not going to stay in Fisher County.

What are you going to do with the loss of salaries, which were \$700,000 in Fisher County last year? If these dollars turn over three times in the local area we are talking about \$2,100,000 out of our local economy. The hospital employees, 55 full and part time employees making it one of the largest employers in Fisher County.

Most of these employees represent two-parent income families. Are they going to be able to stay here with only one income? I think not. When these families move and their children are not attending our schools, we will receive less state education money. Who is going to pick up the slack? The people who are left. But, I bet you thought your taxes would decline when the hospital was closed.

What's going to happen in the evenings and on weekends when you need medical care? Remember you won't have an emergency room or doctors on call to help you. What happens if it is a heart attack or severe injury where time is of the essence?

What about our senior residents, who are limited as to their ability to travel from one town to another? The senior citizens of Fisher County have worked and paid taxes all their lives so that medical care would be available in the local community. What type of care could the residents of our two nursing homes receive if the closing of the hospital results in physicians leaving? Would our nursing homes close also? At the very least many new hardships would be placed on these patients and their families.

Many people think that if your local hospital closes, your taxes are going to go away. Forget that thought. Who is going to pay the for-profit hospitals for state mandated indigent health care? We will pay through additional county taxes and folks, it is only going to get worse in the years ahead.

We can care for a patient cheaper here in Fisher County than they can in Abilene and Lubbock. The average cost of caring for a patient at this facility is \$538 a day. Compare this to surrounding hospitals of between

\$613-\$985 a day. Our community loses these dollars when they lose you as a patient for an illness that we are capable of handling here.

I hope that some of these facts may help you understand how important it is that Fisher County have a hospital, and that the people, when they have a need, use this facility. We recognize peoples' right to use any facility they may choose, wherever it may be. We just want them to know at what price and there is a price.

We try hard. We will try harder. It is very difficult to live with all the Medicare and insurance cutbacks, but when your local people don't use you, then you are doomed.

Times are hard everywhere in Fisher County, especially at the hospital, but we want Fisher County Hospital to survive. With your help, the regular hard working people of the county, we will survive. Let's be positive and forge ahead. Let's work together for a better life in Fisher County. Together we can conquer, divided we fall.



**BIG THRIFTWAY WINNER:** Donna Gaspar of 702 McArthur in Rotan was a \$2,500 winner in the Glen's Thriftway recent 'Monopoly' promotion. She received her Park Place chip on Friday, June 9th. Pictured with her is store manager Harold Sanders.

### Hospital News

Patients admitted to the Fisher County Hospital June 20 thru June 26 were:

Lakeisha Reese— Rotan; John Morgan— Rotan; Winnie Herr-

ing— Rotan; Mitchell Butler— Hamlin; Tyrone Daniel— Rotan; Nevva Carter— Rotan; Francisco Mijares— Rotan.

### Everett, Carrillo Make Tech Dean's List

More than 2,000 Texas Tech University students qualified for the academic honors lists at the end of the 1989 spring semester.

Students on the honor rolls included the following: John Howard Everett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Martin of Roby, Texas, majoring in Finance was on the Dean's List. Sonia Carrillo, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Luis Carrillo of Rotan, Texas, majoring in Restaurant, Hotel, Inst. Mgmt., was on the Dean's List.

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Written by  
Richard E. Rodgers, CPA



### ANALYZE YOUR COMPUTER NEEDS

Computers are everywhere, or so it seems. Estimates of the use of personal computers in business indicate a four-fold increase by the year 2000, up to 46 million PCs. Every businessperson must ask whether a computer would add to the business' efficiency and profitability. If the business already uses computers, the question then becomes, "Is this still the best computer system, or is it time to make a change?"

Computers aren't appropriate for all businesses. If your business is small and very simple, you can probably manage your operation without a computer. But as a business grows -- adding products, services and employees -- operations become more complex and the related paperwork can become overwhelming. At some point, most growing businesses will find that automation is necessary to keep the business efficient and profitable.

Whether you are considering your first computer purchase or a change in computers, start by determining what you want your computer to do. The tasks you need to have done will determine the software you need, and the software determines the hardware you should buy. One of the biggest problems with computers today is that hardware capabilities often exceed the availability of software that can utilize the hardware's advanced features. You may find yourself with hardware that could do some very sophisticated processes if the software were available rather than still in the developmental stage.

Be very cautious and very thorough in your investigation of computer hardware and software before you make any purchase. Unless you have adequate experience in this area, you may save yourself headaches and money by seeking professional assistance in determining just what's available and what's best for your company.

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## State Comptroller Sends Checks To County For Bank Franchise Tax

State Comptroller Bob Bullock on Monday sent checks totaling \$34 million in bank franchise tax allocations to 2,023 Texas taxing entities.

"Bank franchise tax allocations have steadily declined from their peak of \$72 million in 1986, due mainly to the continuing financial difficulties of Texas banks," Bullock said. "But I know local governments can use every nickel they get from this source," he added.

Bank franchise tax refundable liabilities were created as a result of state court cases centering on taxes collected in 1985, 1986 and 1987. House Bill 3032, passed by the Legislature this session, states that beginning in 1990, banks can choose to take partial credit each year against their franchise tax, rather than pursuing immediate refunds of the contested amounts.

Bullock said the allocations represent franchise taxes paid by banks that do business in Texas. Banks must file a report with the Comptroller's office by March 15 each year.

The bank franchise tax rate is the same as the state's corporate franchise tax rate -- \$6.70 per \$1,000 of taxable capital and surplus, with a minimum tax of \$150, according to Bullock.

The Texas Legislature authorized the bank franchise tax in 1984, and the tax was collected for the first time in 1985.

Bullock said that a portion of the tax goes into the state's general revenue fund, but most of it is allocated to local tax jurisdictions, such as cities, counties and other local taxing units such as school, water and hospital districts.

Allocations received in Fisher County include: The City of Rotan, \$3,788.92; City of Roby, \$1,559.72; Fisher County, \$5,175.19; Fisher County Hospital District, \$2,930.96; Roby I.S.D., \$2,827.96; Rotan I.S.D., \$6,151.00 and Rotan Municipal Water Authority, \$523.50.

### Social Security Man Cautions Purchasing SS Assistance

People in the Big Country area have been receiving mail from an organization called the Federal Benefits Assistance Corp. offering to assist them in filing for Social Security retirement benefits for an \$18 fee, Glyn Hammons, Social Security manager in Abilene, said recently. The Federal Benefits Assistance Corp. is not connected with the Social Security Administration or Federal government.

First, Hammons said, there is no need to pay any firm money to help you file a Social Security application.

Second, you may actually lose money and delay the processing of your claim by sending your application to a private company. Social Security applications are not officially filed until they're actually received in a Social Security office.

### In Business Since 1983

## Hargrove Crop Insurance Moves Into Newly Remodeled Facility

Hargrove Crop Insurance has officially moved as of June 19 to their new office located at 210 North Cleveland in Rotan. The business was previously located at 206 West Snyder.

According to the owner, Raford Hargrove, the new building is twice as big as the old one. "We are really enjoying the much needed room, with private offices for the five employees things are much easier not having to share space," said Hargrove.

Hargrove has been in the crop insurance business since 1983 when he worked out of his pickup. Hargrove remembered that he rented the back of the police department when he saw the need for an office. In 1984 the building located at 206 W. Snyder was purchased and occupied for five years.

Hargrove Crop Insurance handles multi crop insurance such

as cotton, wheat and grain sorghum with crop-hail insurance being their main business. Hargrove serves three main counties being Fisher, Jones and Haskell counties and also serves many customers in various surrounding counties. The business works under Insurance Company of the Prairie States out of Lubbock which has offices located throughout fourteen states.

The main feature of the new business is the large coffee room located at the front of the

building. "If you were ever in the old building you know that the farmers had to go to the back of the building to have a cup of coffee, many of whom felt that they might be interrupting business. This new coffee room has a great location and we welcome the farmers to come in and have a cup of coffee without the feeling of disturbing the employees," added Hargrove.

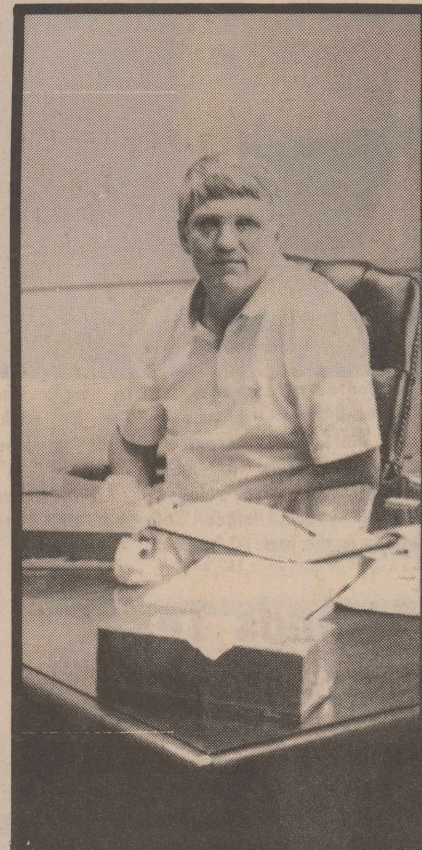
### Cross Roads Youth Planning Bake Sale At Thriftway Grocery

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EMPLOYEES AT SIGN: the employees of Hargrove Crop Insurance pose by the sign at the newly constructed office. (l to r) Raford Hargrove, Sharon Overby, Darlene Cleveland, Debbie Gruben and Betty Strickland.



Raford Hargrove

Thank You  
A special thanks goes to the following businesses and individuals for their sponsoring the first place awards for the 4-H Fashion Revue: H.L. Davis & Co., Moore Brothers Farms, D.&J. Farms, Summers Pharmacy, Roby Drug, Roby Flower and Gift, Rotan Insurance Agency, Rotan Veterinary Hospital, and Midwest Electric Co-op.  
A special thank you for the Cotton Awards goes to Rotan Gin, Longworth Gin, and Terry's Gin.  
The participants, their mothers and leaders, and the Extension Staff wishes to thank Donnie and Shelia Gruben for the use of their home for the style show, luncheon, and swim party.

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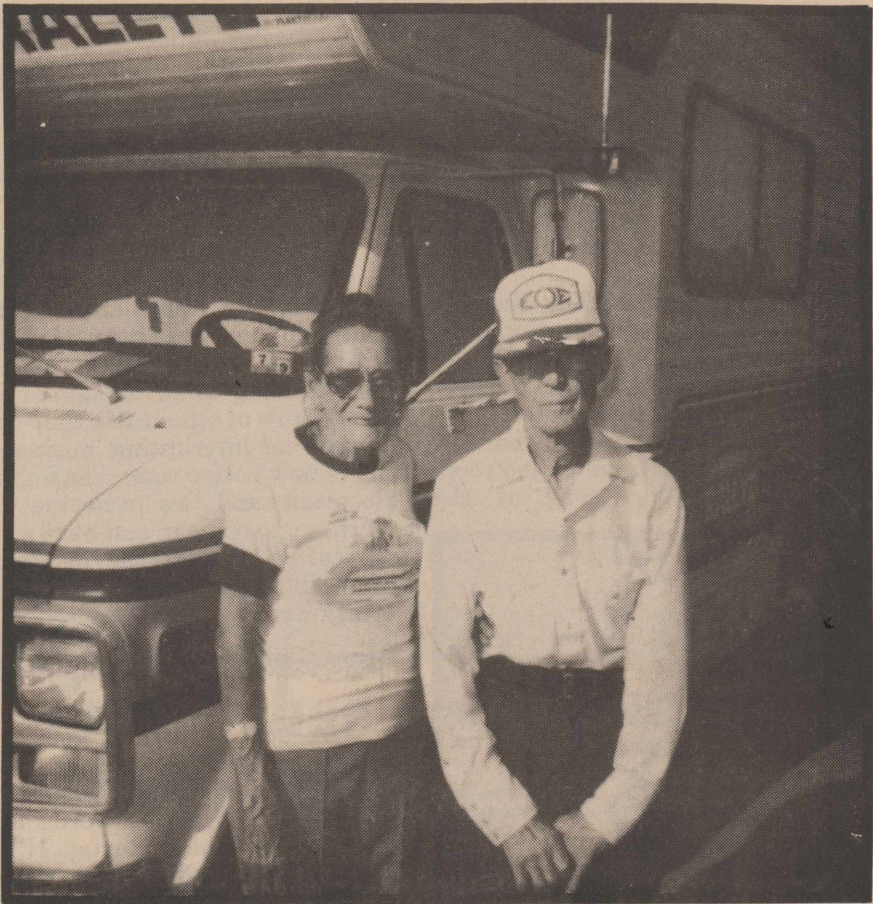
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**FIRST CAMPERS:** Pete and Ruth Elan, residents of Corpus Christi, were the first campers to use the new facility at the Rotan City Park. The RV park, with water and electricity for five travel units, was constructed as a joint venture of the Rotan Chamber of Commerce and City of Rotan. The Elans were on their way from Junction to Plainview to visit relatives. Both have done extensive travelling the past several years, since learning of Pete Elan's cancer. He has had 7 major cancer operations in the last 10 years.

## Gilbert Carreon Attends Texas FFA Leadership Conference

Gilbert Carreon of the Roby FFA Chapter attended the 1989 Texas FFA Leadership Conference held June 4-7 at the TU Electric Youth Camp in Trinidad, TX.

The four day program which is sponsored by the Texas FFA Association brings together FFA members from across the state. Conference participants improve leadership skills to prepare for more effective roles in their chapters and communities while

still enjoying good fellowship and recreation. Sessions on public speaking, professional development and leadership develop the skills that the young leaders need.

The conference highlight was the banquet which featured Ft. Worth attorney Elvin Caraway as the speaker. Following the banquet FFA leaders reflected upon their time at the conference with a bonfire.

His FFA advisor is Gary Daniel.

## Theatre On Brazos Will Hold Monthly Meeting On July 6th

The members of the Theatre on the Brazos will hold their regular monthly meeting Thursday, July 6. The meeting will be held at the Rotan Lions Club building at 7:00 p.m.

A speaker from Abilene will be at the meeting to talk about the details of obtaining a grant for the restoration of a theatre building. A \$2,000.00 anonymous gift has been donated

towards the building project. Collection of recycling material has started. There will be many projects in the coming weeks. Interested persons are needed.

A new play is being rehearsed and will be presented August 11 and 12.

If you are interested in becoming a member or helping with the play, call 735-2505 or be at the meeting.

## Rep. Counts Working To Pass Bill In Special Session

Rep. David Counts (D-Knox City) is working to pass a bill during the special session that will allow cities to lease land and facilities, purchased with city bonds, to private and public entities. The bill is a completion to legislation carried by Rep. Parker McCollough (D-Georgetown) during the regular session which allows cities to engage in economic development programs.

If this measure passes, cities across Texas will have the opportunity to use bond money for acquiring land and facilities to attract new businesses to their area. The authority for such bonds was passed in the 1987 legislative ses-

sion and approved by the voters in the November 1987 election. Currently the legislation is used by the state to attract business to Texas. This measure will clarify a municipality's ability to do the same.

"This bill will provide another option, not currently held by our local cities, to enhance rural economic development," said Counts. "Competition to lure new industry to West Texas is steep. Allowing the cities another negotiating tool only increases the chances of obtaining the industry or business that is so badly needed in rural West Texas."

## County Agent Report

by Richard Spencer

The answer to that question is exceedingly complex.

However, release of a new, improved variety of cotton with a nearly glandless seed and multiadversity resistance, has nullified some of the principal economic and biologic objections to cottonseed as human food.

The new cotton, developed by scientists with the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station (TAEX), points up the increased potential availability of a vast store of quality food protein that the U.S. and the world is making very poor use of as a food. Cottonseed, for many years the byproduct of our giant cottoncrop grown to produce the desirable plant fiber we call "lint", was long known to be rich in vegetable protein.

However, the seed also contained gossypol, a natural insect repellent, that is poisonous if eaten in much quantity by non-ruminants such as man, swine, horses, or poultry. Ruminants such as cattle, sheep, or goats could eat the cottonseed with relative impunity.

We eventually learned how much cottonseed we could feed to non-ruminants without killing them, and still later learned methods for extracting the gossypol, but this process increased the price of the product. The new glandless (very low-

gossypol), multi-adversity resistant cotton variety, recently released by The Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, is called "TAMCOT GCNH", according to its developers, Drs. Luther Bird, Kamal El-Zik, and Peggy Thaxton of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station.

The glandless character prevents development of the gossypol-containing glands in tissues of the cotton plant, including the seed embryo.

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Success in channeling products of glandless cottonseed into the food chain for humans has been limited.

"The world's current cotton crop has the potential of providing the food protein needs for 300 million people, in addition to producing cotton fiber on the same land.

New officers of the Fisher County Fair & Rodeo Association are Robert Morgan-President, Gary West-Vice President, and Lance McWilliams-Treasurer. The Fair and Rodeo will be held August 17-19. The 3 County Trailor Roping will be held Sunday August 6. Ticket prices will remain the same as in past years and there will be advance ticket

## Funeral Services Conducted For Rotan's Frances McDonald

Frances Ferris McDonald, 63, of Rotan, died at her home at 6:30 PM Friday. Services were at 2:00 PM Sunday in Weathersbee Chapel with Rev. James Brigham officiating. Burial was in the Jayton Cemetery under the direction of Weathersbee Funeral Home.

She was born May 23, 1926 in Margaret, Texas. She married Eugene W. (Red) McDonald in Lubbock in 1944. They moved to Rotan in 1949 from Spur. Mrs. McDonald was a member of the Church of Christ and had been a loyal supporter of the West Texas

Rehabilitation Center.

Survivors include: Husband: Red McDonald, Rotan; 1 son: Eugene W., Jr., of Rotan; 1 daughter: Iris Dawn Collins, Rotan; Mother: Stella Ferris, Rotan; 5 brothers: Don Ferris, Lubbock, Robert Ferris, Ft. Worth, Dan Ferris, Anaheim, Calif., Jimmy Ferris, Burleson, Johnny Ferris, Snyder; 2 sisters: Janelle Berry, Spur; Jeanne Ferris, Rotan; 10 grandchildren; 3 great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her Father, Carl D. Ferris in 1979.

## Final Rites Are Held For Pioneer Ranchwoman Lizzie Underwood

Lizzie Underwood, 91, longtime Fisher County ranchwoman, died at 5:30 PM Tuesday in a Snyder hospital after a brief illness. Services were at 11:00 AM, Thursday in Weathersbee Chapel with Rev. L.D. Parks officiating. Burial was in the Cottonwood Cemetery northwest of Rotan.

She was born January 7, 1898 in Coleman County and was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. C.E. Helms. She moved to Fisher County with her family from Coleman County when she was 5 years old. She married Nath Underwood June 29, 1914 in Col-

orado City. They owned and operated a ranch 18 miles northwest of Rotan. Mr. Underwood died in 1963. Mrs. Underwood was a member of the Hobbs Baptist Church.

Survivors include 3 sons: Babe of Gail, Dub of Rotan, N.G. of Rotan; 2 daughters: Katherine Carriker, Jayton, Billie Ruth Hardin, Rotan; 1 brother: Pat Helms, Blossom, Tex.; 1 sister: Mildred Freeman, Midland; 9 grandchildren; 10 great grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by three sons: Willie Roy, Loyd Earl and Rollan Russel.

Thank You

We would like to thank our wonderful friends and neighbors for their cards, beautiful flowers and delicious food, also the many visits and your prayers, during the illness and death of our Mother and Grandmother, Lizzy Underwood.

May God's richest blessings be with each of you.

The Family Of  
Lizzie Underwood

THANK YOU

We would like to thank everyone who helped our baby. A special thanks to David Thornton, the EMS, Dr. Atkins, Dr. Callan and the Fisher County Hospital Staff. We feel God has blessed us with the life of our Amber.

May God Bless all of you.

David, Lou, Heather, Amanda & Amber

Thank You

We very much appreciate the kindness shown us during the recent loss of our loved one. We sincerely appreciate all the friends and neighbors who brought food, offered prayers, sent flowers, supported with telephone calls and sent cards. Your acts of kindness will always be remembered.

E.W. (Red) McDonald, E.W. (Crickett) McDonald & Family, David & I.D. (Maggie) Collins & Family, J.J. McDonald, Stella Ferris and the entire Ferris Family

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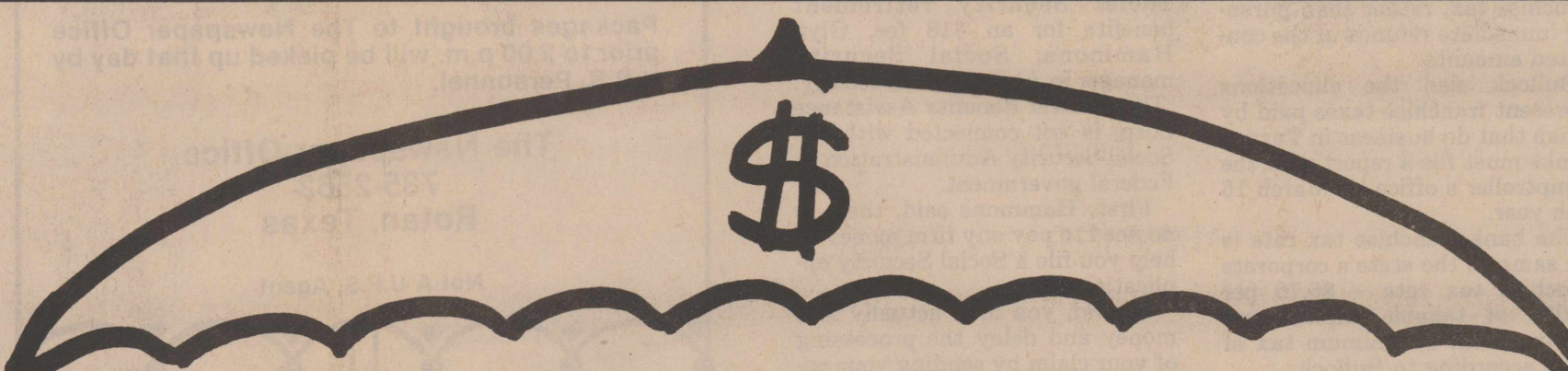
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## Prairie Fire Band Selected To Play At Alabama Benefit Concert

Prairie Fire one of six area bands chosen, will be playing in conjunction with the Alabama & Charlie Daniels Band Benefit Concert, performed in Abilene at Dyess Airforce Base.

The Concert will be Sunday, Ju-

ly 2, 1989 at 1:00 p.m. and tickets can be purchased in advance at any McDonalds, or at the gate.

Closing out this day of music will be Charlie Daniels and Alabama.



PRAIRIE FIRE band members are Robert R. Allen-Roby; Kirk Williamson-Roby; Buddy Wallace-Gail; Scot Long-Sterling City; and Richard Long-Ira. Prairie Fire has a new album "Breaking Out" just released. This album was recorded at Don Caldwell Studios in Lubbock, Texas. It is a Pure Country album featuring ten songs, eight of which were written by Allen and Long.

## Secret Pal Meeting Is Held

The Secret Pal Club met at the Senior Citizen Building the 21st of June. Bingo was played till 11:30 a.m. Each member brought a covered dish and had lunch. Games were revealed and gifts were received.

Members present were Opal Burch, Lillie Herron, Oma Long, Florene Beard, Roxie Haggard, Dean Reaves, Chris Rackley, Bessie Eaton, Gaynell Henry, Treasa Dycus.

We have really been having some hot weather this past week; temperatures were recorded as much as 100 degrees Tuesday, and although it's been cloudy these past few days, we haven't had any rain yet. The little cotton is coming up everywhere and looks so good, but could probably do with a light shower. But we don't need a big washing rain or any hail.

We were pleased to have Glenn and Wanda Moffett at church Sunday morning, also their sister-in-law, Pat Moffett; they are all from Sylvester and came to hear Bro. Mitcham preach. Alan Faulkenberry is feeling much better and the doctors are optimistic about his bone marrow

## 4-H Style Revue Held At Gruben Household

The 4-H Fashion Revue was held June 22 in the home of Shelia and Donnie Gruben. Eighteen 4-H'ers were judged on their sewing skills, appearance of their garment, accessories and buying skills. Following the judging, the 4-H'ers presented a pool side style show for parents, leaders, and guests, enjoyed a salad luncheon and went for a swim.

Winners of the junior division were Christy Willitt, active sportswear; Kelly McWilliams, non-tailored day wear; Jaycee Carey, non-over skirt; Kasey Greene, specialty wear; and Rhonda Henry, buying division. Intermediate division winners were Christie Anderson, non-tailored day wear and Anita Floyd, buying division. Senior winners were Jessica Moore, non-tailored day wear; Jennifer Kincaid, non-tailored day wear buying division; Jerry Carreon, tailored day wear buying division; and Audra Lewis, active sportswear buying division.

Winners will progress to District competition, July 11 in Quanah.

Other blue ribbon participants were: Lane Greene, Jake Baker, Cassidy Early, Melissa Burk, Amanda Moore, Shelly Baker, and Carissa Kiser.

Winners of the Cotton Award, garments made of at least 50% cotton were Kelly McWilliams, junior division; Christie Anderson, intermediate division; and Jessica Moore, senior division.

## Hustling Around Hobbs

by Joy Walker

transplant. Of course he has a long way to go, but we hope that he will continue to improve. Our thoughts and prayers are with Alan and his family.

Wayne and Becky Anderson, David and Steven, from Clovis, New Mexico, visited with the Clarence Andersons' this past week. They came Wednesday and left here Friday. David was here for his 9th birthday, so happy birthday to him.

Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Cave and Mrs. Vida Boyer all went to Newcastle on Saturday and visited with Buck Cave who came home from the hospital last Tuesday. He seems to be doing pretty good, but will be going back to the doctor in about 10 days. We hope that he will continue to get along okay.

The Reep reunion was held Sunday at the Hobbs Annex. A big crowd attended and so much good food. Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Etheredge attended the reunion, also Mr. and Mrs. Sam Etheredge, and all the Reep descendants from around here. Also a number came from out of state, so they really enjoyed the day and all the visiting.

Mrs. J.W. Etheredge and Mrs. Lealon Wilburn went to Farmington, New Mexico, and met Mr. and Mrs. Todd Etheredge and their family there. The Todd Etheredges are from Durango, Colorado. Skyler and Chase Etheredge were returning to their parents after spending almost two weeks here.

Buddy Burnett had eye surgery in Odessa Friday and seemed to be doing just fine, so returned to Midland to stay with Mr. and Mrs. E.P. Birkhead (daughter, Rita) but he got real sick after the surgery and had to be taken to the hospital in Midland where they kept him for several days. He is beginning to feel very much better now and hopes to come home, or back to Rita's, on Monday. We hope that he will get along just fine, and will soon be able to return home.

Our sincere sympathy goes out to the family of Mrs. Lizzie Underwood who passed away Tuesday in Snyder. The services were held Thursday at Weathersbee Funeral Chapel and burial was held at Cottonwood Cemetery. Mrs. Underwood had

lived in the Rough Creek area for many, many years.

Trese Ratliff from Abilene, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Ratliff, is here visiting with the James Ratliff's for the week, so they are going to be busy. The Ratliff's attended Mrs. Underwood's funeral on Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Martinez also attended the funeral for Mrs. Underwood.

I went to Sweetwater Monday evening with Carol Gruben; visited with Evette Gruben and Becky Baer while there, also with Becky's mother, Nita Baer, who is from Amarillo, and was here visiting for a few days. I attended the 4-H Fashion Show which was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Donnie Gruben on Thursday. There was such a big crowd there, and we enjoyed a wonderful salad luncheon after the show.

The clothes the 4-H'ers had made were really great; I cannot believe how well the kids can sew and some of them are not very old. Saturday I spent the day with Carol and Wilber Gruben, Evette and her boyfriend, Darrin Clark from Sweetwater. Then Sunday I ate dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Donnie Gruben, Donnie Carl and Carye, Cassidy Early, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mickey Early, was also there for dinner.

Mrs. Bea Hardin, Mrs. Louise Lemons and Mrs. Opal Phillips all went to Snyder on Tuesday. Kenneth Hardin and Bea attended Mrs. Lizzie Underwood's funeral on Thursday. Morris Hardin from Lubbock spent all day Sunday with his mother; they went to Abilene that afternoon.

Sorry if I missed some of you this week, but will try again next week. See you Thursday.

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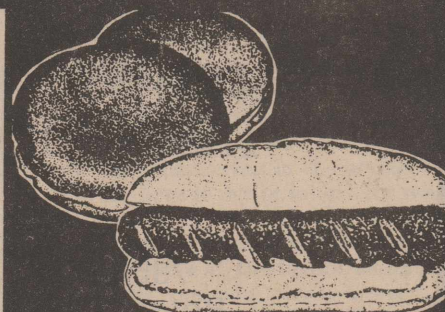
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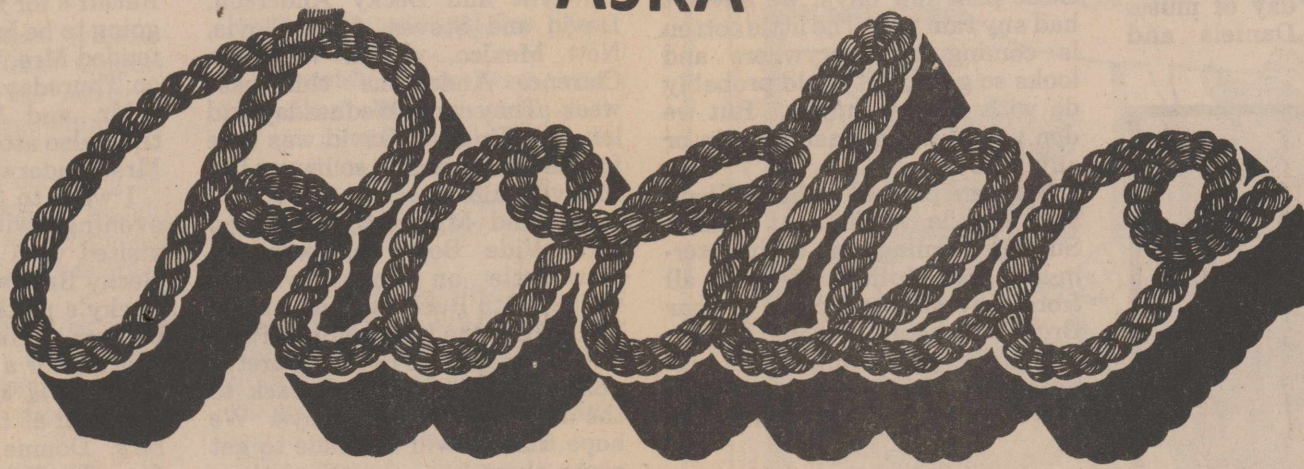
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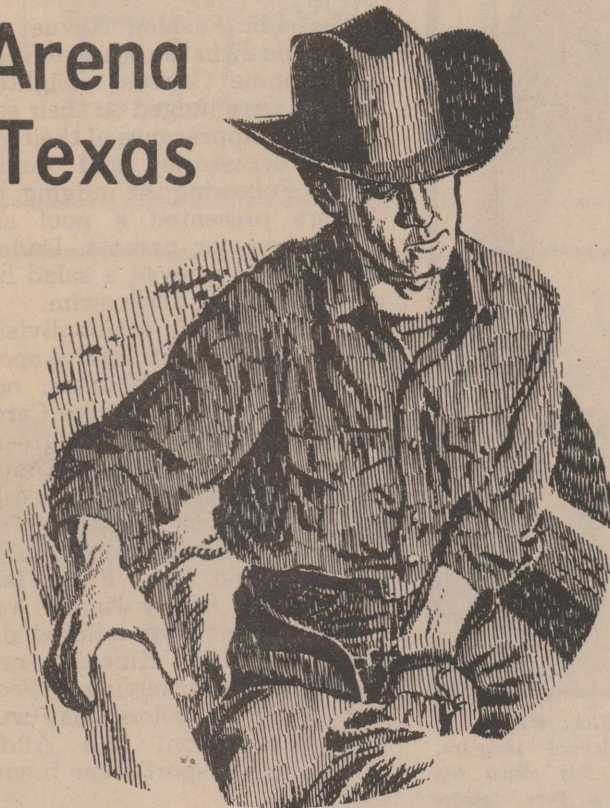
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