



ROBY LADY LIONS VARSITY SQUAD: Bottom row, left to right: Kelly McWilliams, Amy Beauchamp, Lanette Teague, Leslie Stephens, Carissa Kiser. Back row, left to right: Shawna McKee, Rebecca Stearns, Karen Stearns, Coach Wood.



ROTAN LADY YELLOWHAMMER VARSITY SQUAD: Top row, left to right: Amy Blackwelder, Stephanie Hunsaker, Jody Price, Melissa Burk, Katie Kennedy. Bottom row, left to right: Mandy McKinney, Tracy Posey, Cassidy Early, Jennifer Rains, Brandi Murphree. Coaches: left to right: Coach Dennise Williams, Coach, Charles Cate.

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County Auditor Gives Commissioners Overview, Two Vehicles Sold, 85% Of 1994 Taxes Are Paid

The members of the Fisher County Commissioners Court sold two used vehicles, approved a contract for a new band depository, approved Condley & Company to do the 1993-94 audit and appointed a Fisher County grievance committee during session last Monday morning.

Commissioners listened to a verbal report by Fisher County Justice of The Peace #1 - Albert Hataway indicating that he had appointed Kathleen Hicks as the Court Clerk for his office. In her capacity she will be able to handle some of the civil cases, take information, fill out paperwork in Hataway's absence.

Maggie Briggs, Fisher County Senior Citizen's Center coordinator, was not present last Monday with a report.

New Fisher County Auditor Charles Thornton reviewed some office changes with members of the court. He indicated that he was giving thought to recommending that an updated computer system be purchased and has suggestions on other items that would help his office operate more efficiently.

Thornton wanted the commissioners to look at -

- * A better system of controlling the monthly bills.

- * A revised system where all bills came to a central location.

- * A standard policy concerning travel allowances and meal allowances for offices.

Following Thornton's verbal presentation to the board, Fisher County Treasurer Marty Williamson gave a report.

She indicated that Tammy Kiser had been hired to work as the secretary to the Fisher County Treasurer and Fisher County Auditor. She is to begin on February 23rd.

Williamson indicated that for January total collections amounted to \$563,273.07 including interest while outlay amounted to \$444,176.71 excluding payroll.

Williamson indicated that the office was experiencing a problem with their computer and that payroll had been switched to the Fisher County Treasurer's office.

Fisher County Tax Assessor Collector Betty Mize reported to commissioners that she anticipated the installation of the new computer system for the controlling of motor vehicle registrations to be in the very near future. The exact date has not been released.

Betty Rivers, as Fisher County Chief Appraiser, told commissioners that 85% of current taxes had been collected and that at this time last year 88% had been collected. She indicated that she had assigned someone from her office to take a more aggressive approach to past due taxes in the future.

Kerri Blair, Fisher County DARE officer, indicated that she was going to receive a 40% reduction in the grant funding the DARE program for 1996 and wanted commissioners to consider supplementing the grant with \$5,388 again in 1995. She hoped to get the Rotan and Roby schools to split another \$5,388 so the 40% reduction would be absorbed locally. Commissioners

agreed to continue funding the program.

Three individuals bid on two surplus vehicles from the Fisher County Sheriff's Department. Marvin Kersh was awarded a 1989 Caprice for \$751 and Danny Clawson was awarded a 1988 Caprice for \$805.50. The only other bidder was Robert Buck.

Commissioners awarded the two-year band depository bid to Citizen's State Band of Roby. Roby had the lowest bids, in the opinion of commissioners, in the areas they were going to be investing the majority of their funds.

In final action the commissioners approved Conley & Company to do the 1993-94 Fisher County audit at a cost

Rotan Chamber Sets Date Of 1995 Banquet

The Rotan Chamber of Commerce has set the date of Saturday, March 25th at 7:00 p.m., for their annual banquet.

The banquet speaker will be Nicki Harle of Baird. She is currently serving as the Executive Director of the Texas Midwest Community Network.

County Sheriff Urges Accurate Phone Dialing

Fisher County Sheriff Gene Pack is encouraging residents of Fisher County to use care and caution in making telephone calls as to not mistakenly get connected to the 9-1-1 emergency switchboard.

Pack indicated that between 300 and 400 calls a day are being received in error at 9-1-1 switchboards in the 915 area code since the dialing of 915 became mandatory to make long distance calls in the 915 area code.

"We have already had two calls this morning (Monday, February 13th) that came in to the 9-1-1 switchboard in Fisher County that were made in error," stated Pack.

Pack cautioned telephone dialers to use care and caution and to school all members of the family on how to use the new 915 dialing on long distance calls within the 915 area code.

of \$6,500 plus out of pocket expenses.

The grievance committee names consists of Shirley Driver, Sonya Hamin, Norvelle Kennedy, Jr. and Albert Williams.

Prospects Good For Cotton Crop Prices

While cotton producers ended up with a better-than-average crop in 1994, the roller coaster ride of weather threats didn't foretell such good prices and reasonable harvests. At the onset of the 1995 cotton planting season in Texas, producers are banking on the prospect that demand will stay at present levels. Extension Cotton Agronomist Dr. James Supak says across the Cotton Belt - which reaches from Mississippi through Texas and over the Southern California - production has not increased as dramatically as the worldwide thirst for American cotton. Supak says his colleague, Extension Economist Dr. Carl Anderson, did an informal survey in November that indicated there will be an increase from 5.8 million acres of cotton to 6.3 and possibly 6.5 million acres for 1995.

Candidates Holding Elective Offices With Terms Expiring in 1995.

Individuals interested in filing for a vacant position on the council or any board can begin filing on Mon., Feb. 20th.

Rotan City Council

Jerry Marshall, Mayor
Hank Day, Larry Markham, Scotty Daniel, Lonnie Starnes, Greg Rains - Councilmen

Roby City Council

Cecil King, Mayor
Archie Rivers, Milton Peeples - Councilmen

Roby School Board

Lance McWilliams, Vance Lakey

Rotan School Board

Dr. Vick Burk, Clay Helms, David Hudnall

Fisher County Hospital Board

Freddie Rasberry, CleDon Coffman

Search On For New H.S. Principal Also

Rotan Coach Resigns Post, Board Selling 'Eagle' Bus

The members of the Rotan School Board accepted the resignation of Athletic Director Jim Marsh last Monday Night. Marsh had only filled the head football coaching slot and athletic director slot for the past year.

The board also hired Mickey Early and David Hargrove as principals, subject to assignment. It is believed that Early will be moving to junior high as principal assuming that a suitable high school principal can be located. Hargrove is expected to remain at elementary school.

In other action, the members of the board

- * Voted 6-1 not to fund the DARE program for the 1995-96 school year. All board members voted not to fund with the exception of Dr. Vick Burk, who voted against not funding. Kerri Blair, DARE officer, was asking that the Rotan school pay approximately 10% of the cost for the 1995-96 years. She had hoped Roby ISD would pay 10% and that the county would pay 20%.

- * Voted to offer the Greyhound Orange/White Eagle bus, acquired by the district in March of 1993 for sale. The board voted to advertise for bids while

16 Year Old In Jail For Firing Shots In Roby

Fisher County Sheriff's Department officers responded to a request for assistance at the Roby School last Friday night that indicated that gun shots were being fired.

Fisher County Sheriff Gene Pack, last Monday morning, indicated that his office first received notification of the gun shots being fired at 9:02 p.m. The caller indicated that the shots were coming from an area behind the old gymnasium.

Upon investigation, Fisher County Sheriff's Department Deputies determined that some 10 - 12 shots had been fired in the direction of the old Roby school gymnasium with a .22 rifle. Some shots went through the windows of the old gymnasium.

Pack said that a description of the vehicle was secured.

The Fisher County Sheriff said that a 16-year old Rotan juvenile who was not currently attending school turned himself in after learning that deputies were looking to question him. Pack said that three other juveniles, two who were in Rotan High School and one who was in Rotan Junior High, were going to be apprehended and questioned in connection with the firing of shots.

The 16-year old was charged with aggravated assault and was taken to the Abilene Juvenile Detention Center. He was scheduled to have a hearing in Fisher County last Monday afternoon at 1:30 p.m.

Rotan Board Votes Not To Fund DARE

Fisher County has been getting a federal grant for the operation of the DARE program. The grant was 100% the first year, which was 1993. It was reduced 20% in 1994 (Fisher County picked up the 20% - or approximately \$2,750), making the program possible. Each year the grant is reduced 20%. In 1995 the grant will be reduced by 40% or approximately \$10,000.

Fisher County Commissioners agreed last Monday to continue to supplement the grant with \$5,000 for 1995 after DARE Officer Kerri Blair said she was going to attempt to get the Rotan School and Roby School to pick-up \$2,500 each of the 1995 cost.

Roby made no decision, only discussed the program. They are to vote in March.

Rotan voted not to fund the grant.

Fisher County Hospital Special Meeting Feb. 16

The administrative leaders of the Fisher County Hospital District are conducting a special community meeting to discuss the needs and future services of the Fisher County Hospital.

The meeting will be at 7:00 p.m., Thursday, February 16th at the Rotan Community Center at 202 West McArthur Street.

Leaders are very interested in making sure they know the feelings of the residents of the county and want any thoughts and suggestions from any Fisher County resident.

Rotan Mayor Is In Hopes 1992-93 Audit Ready Soon

The last time the City of Rotan had an audit of city funds by an outside auditing firm was for the period October 1, 1991 to September 31, 1992 which was during the period that Joe Dickson was serving as Rotan City Secretary.

Joe Greer of Rotan is in the process of attempting to finalize the audit for the period October 1, 1992 to September 31, 1993. According to Mayor Jerry Marshall, Greer recently informed him that the audit is almost complete.

The Rotan City Council has not awarded the job of doing the October 1, 1993 to September 31, 1994 audit to anyone.

Three Rotan Business Due For Chamber Ribbon Cutting Soon

The Rotan Chamber of Commerce will be awarding three new Rotan businesses with one-year free Rotan Chamber of Commerce memberships, presenting them with plaques and giving them special recognition during special ribbon cutting ceremonies which begin on Thursday, February 16th.

The first of three businesses to be recognized by the Rotan Chamber of Commerce is the Fisher County Hospital Physical Therapy Department. This department will have an open house and ribbon cutting ceremony at 4:00 p.m., February 16th.

The formal ceremony at the Rotan Flower Shop, under new owner Tammy Nowlin, will be at 9:00 a.m., on Friday, February 24th, according to Rotan Chamber President Peggy Bilbo.

The ribbon cutting ceremony at St. Clair's Bar-B-Que is scheduled for 2:00 p.m., Friday, March 3rd.

Rotan School Board Meeting

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retaining the option to accept or reject any or all bids. It is believed that the bus purchase price was \$38,000 and that a large amount of funds were put in the bus for new parts. School officials seem to have reached the point that they no longer trust the bus on trips.

* The board approved bid specifications for a comprehensive district insurance plan. Bids will be accepted until 1:15 p.m., Monday March 20th and acted upon at the board meeting that night. The bid specifications cover property and casualty insurance coverage, general liability, personal injury liability, employee benefits liability, professional legal liability, automobile liability, boiler and machinery, building and contents and vehicles.

* Board members acted upon a request by Betty Wilfong that she be reimbursed for sick leave accumulated over the 20-plus years she was associated with the Rotan School. The request came in light of the announcement that Mrs. Wilfong intended to

retire soon as a replacement could be found. The board agreed to let Mrs. Wilfong retire and pay her for 6-days vacation carry-over from last year. Permit her to leave approximately 5 or 6 days early for accumulated leave time this year, but did not grant the request for reimbursement for accumulated sick leave. The vote was 7-0.

* Board members approved on the first reading Local District Policy DEC (local) dealing with 'compliance with the Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA).

* Board members adopted the 1995-96 Rotan School Calendar. School begins on August 15 and end on May 24th. School would dismiss for Christmas Holidays on Wednesday, December 20 and take back up again on January 8th.

* The board approved joining the Region IX Cooperative Purchasing program by a 7-0 vote.

Under the section of the agenda entitled Superintendent's Report - Wes

Hays outlined a report on Preliminary Property Values from the Texas State Comptroller and gave board members an update on the construction project.

Pat Hamric reported to the board on GED testing, indicating that she had administered the GED test to 13 in 1994 bringing the total tested since 1973 to 517.

OBITUARY

Roy L. Masters

Roy L. Masters, 82, of Rotan, died Monday (February 13, 1995) at his home following a lengthy illness. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m., Saturday (February 18, 1995) at Weathersbee Chapel in Rotan. Burial will be in the Hobbs Cemetery.

Mr. Masters was born October 9, 1912 in the Hobbs Community and has been a lifelong resident of Fisher County. He was the son of the late Edward Lee and Mary Lee (Wright) Masters. He attended Hobbs schools and by occupation was a farmer. He married Alice Hoggard in January 1937 in Fisher County.

He is survived by his wife, Alice Masters of Rotan; two sons- Le Roy Masters of Bedford and Larry Masters of De Sota; 8 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by a son, Richard Masters, in January 1993 and by a brother, Lonnie Masters.

Kim's Korner

By Kim Pease

CONGRATULATIONS: And thanks go to Attorney Gary Harger for the invitation. He, on behalf of the Rolling Plains Softball Association, has asked Rotan and Roby to place teams in the girl's softball association. Ages are from 7 - 18. Last year there was a little disagreement over teams from outside Sweetwater being a part. Congratulations to Harger for managing to mend some bridges since last year Gary Harger has more information if anyone is interested. Thanks for the invitation - on behalf of the folks in Rotan and Roby.

TRAINING SESSION: Randy Murphree of Murphree Flying Service will hold a WPS - Pesticide Handler Training Session on Wednesday, March 1, beginning at Noon. Noon is a bar-b-que meal for all growers and handlers. For more information see the quarter page ad in this week's paper.

MEETING: The Big Country Cancer Coalition for sub-region 2 will meet on Monday, February 20th at Rolling Plains Memorial Hospital, 200 Arizona Street in Sweetwater.

AMIGOS COOKING AGAIN: The Amigos will be cooking meat and beans for a Benefit Barbeque for the Robert Martin Fund and Lester Greenway. Fed will be Saturday, February 18th at the Fisher County Senior Citizen's Building from 5:30 p.m., until 8:00 p.m. Those who plant to attend are asked to bring a side dish and a donation. The Amigos do good work.

FEW FARM FACTS: Provided by Texas Farm Bureau - Texas ranks first in the value of farm real estate (million dollars) at 64,146 ahead of California at 51,152. Texas ranks first in the number of farms and ranches at 130,000 ahead of second place Montana with 59,900 and Kansas with 47,800. Texas ranks second in receipts for all commodities (million dollars) with 12,617 behind California with 19,850.

PAT ON THE BACK: Think Judge Weldon Kirk and the four Fisher County Commissioners did a good job in selecting Charles Thornton as the new Fisher County Auditor. He will do a good job.

THANKS: Got a letter and certificate of appreciation from the Fisher County 4-H Ambassadors last week for running their publicity. Your welcome.

FISHER COUNTY REVIVAL: Sunday night, February 19th the Fisher County Revival moves to Roby, then to McCauley on February 26th and finishes up in Roby on March 6th.

In the twenty year period between 1975 - 1994, there have been a total of 10 head coaches at Rotan. The door to the Athletic Director/Head Football Coach's office has averaged revolving once every two years, and that period includes a five year stint by Don Mullins from 1976 to 1980.

SEARCH ON AGAIN: Rotan again undertakes the task of search-

ing for a coach. In the past six years, the Rotan School Board has entered the search five times.

Looks like we could finally get a good fit. Looks like the law of averages would be with the school board. Looks like by accident we could get someone who would be willing to stay or who the board wanted to stay that could bring some stability to the pigskin program in Hammer Land.

I am not putting the blame on past coaches or the board, I just wish we could offer the next coach a three year no-cut on either side contract. So the sophomores of 1995 could be under one coach for three years.

Again, no blame. No criticism from this writer as to why or what happened - I'm looking ahead hoping the next head coach after unpacking his stuff - has the guts to throw away the cardboard boxes and rent a Landes Storage compartment for 3-years.

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In his inaugural address to Congress, our first President proclaimed his belief in the omnipotence of God. As to whether young George chopped down the fabled cherry tree, some say it was part of a fictitious attempt to bridge an historically hazy childhood.

Irregardless, it is a fact that George Washington was a firm believer in honor, as was demonstrated throughout his life. A tall and handsome man, "his movements and gestures graceful, his walk majestic," his compassion and humility prevailed so that even his slaves seldom attempted escape.

Yes, though George Washington became a man of great knowledge, wealth, fame, and power, he gave the greatest power to God. As we celebrate Washington's birthday, may we remember the wisdom of the man who was "first in war, first in peace, and first in the hearts of his countrymen."

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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Lions Defeat Robert Lee Forcing Playoff To Determine District Champs

The Roby Lions moved one step closer to post season action as they defeated the Sterling City Eagles on Tuesday, February 7 on the Eagle home court. The contest proved to be physical as the Eagles sent the Lions to the charity stripe for 39 attempts. The Lions managed to connect on 26 in route to claiming an 84-73 victory.

Roby's Chad Dannheim got the Lions off to a good start scoring 8 of his 29 points in the opening minutes. The Lions led 22-17 entering the 2nd quarter. A minor field goal drought produced only 15 for the Lions while the Eagles posted 16 and closed the gap to 37-33 at halftime.

The Eagles continued to chip away at the Lion lead in the 3rd behind the inside game of Bryan McDaniel. Roby carried a 55-52 margin into the final stanza. The Lions took advantage of the Sterling City foul problems and nailed 17 of 24 free throws down the stretch to claim an 84-73 victory.

Chad Dannheim led the Lions with 29; Shea Feagan and Robert Onofre each had 14; Jason Osuna, 10; Coby Moore, 8; Brian Dickson, 4; Chris Terry, 3; Mike Counts, 2.

Not any empty seats in the house was a fitting commentary for the Friday, February 10 meeting between District 27-A rivals Roby and Robert Lee.

The Lions and the Steers gave fans their money's worth as the two teams battled in the all important district contest. When the dust clears, the Lions reigned victorious on their home court edging the Steers 86-80 and forcing a playoff to determine the district champion and runner-up.

The final score was quite a surprise to both schools as the initial 8 minutes ended with a meager 12-10 score. The Lions moved ahead courtesy of Jason Osuna's layup with 3 seconds ticking down in the first. That bucket broke the 10-10 tie and proved to be the point of no return for the Steers as they played catch up the remainder of the game.

The Lions roared in the 2nd behind the offensive play of Jason Osuna. Osuna rallied the Roby squad pouring

in 16 of his game high 24 points in the 2nd and moving the Lions to a 44-30 lead at intermission.

The Lions couldn't relax as the Steers came out hot in the third hitting 24 points to the Lions 16 and diminishing the Lion's comfortable lead to 60-54. The Lions and Steers battled to a 26-26 4th quarter production and that was enough to clinch an 86-80 victory for the Lions.

Jason Osuna led the Lions with 24 points. Mike Counts netted 13 points and hauled in nine rebounds. Robert Onofre also contributed 13; Shea

Feagan, 10; Chad Dannheim, 9; Kelly Heflin and Coby Moore, 6; Brian Dickson, 3; and Chris Terry, 2.

The Lion win places them at 21-4 on the season and 7-1 in district play and a tie with the Steers. A one game playoff will be necessary to determine post season seedings. The Lions and Steers play Tuesday, February 14 at 7:00 p.m. in Coahoma to crown the district champion and runner-up.

The Lions will meet either Highland or Trent in bi-district play on Friday, February 24 at 6:00 p.m. in the Scurry County Coliseum in Snyder.

Lady Lions Close Out Season With Loss To Robert Lee

by Bryce Moore

Roby Lady Lions lost a close district contest to the Sterling City Eagles Tuesday night by the score of 45-42. Roby started out slow only scoring 4 points in the first quarter compared to 15 for the Lady Eagles. The Lady Lions responded quickly in the second quarter out distancing Sterling City 11-4, leaving the Eagles with a slim 16-15 half-time lead. Sterling City upped their lead to 2 points entering the final quarter out scoring Roby 13-12 in the third quarter. The Eagles dominated the fourth quarter to take the win. Shawna McKee led Roby with 21 points. Rebecca Stearns, 12; Karen Stearns, 4; Lanette Teague, 2; Carissa Kiser, 2; and Amy Beauchamp, 1.

The Lady Lions played their final game of the season Friday night, losing to Robert Lee 68-51. Roby started out hot out scoring the Lady Steers 20-18. The Lady Lions cooled off in the second quarter as Robert Lee outscored them 16-8, to own a 34-28 half time lead. Roby came out strong in the third quarter out hustling the Lady Steers 11-8. Robert Lee owned a slim 42-39 lead entering the final quarter. The last quarter belonged to Robert Lee as they scored 26 points, while only allowing Roby 12. The win gave Robert Lee the

district title. Shawna McKee led Roby with 21 points, Lanette Teague, 9; Rebecca Stearns, 6; Amy Beauchamp, 5; Karen Stearns, 4; Leslie Stephens, 3; and Carissa Kiser, 3.

Roby finishes out the season at 10-17 and 2-6 in district play. Several Lady Lions are now preparing for the upcoming track season.

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These FFA and 4-H exhibitors compete in one of two divisions of the Houston Livestock Show - the junior show division. The other division, the open show, attracts its exhibitors from the world's agricultural industry, who are primarily professional breeders and ranchers.

Local entrants include:
Brad Atkinson- Market Barrow- Roby FFA

4-H Members:
Jacob Dickson- Market Steer
Mikya Dickson- Market Steer
Brandon Jeffrey- Market Steer
Tye Jeffrey- Market Steer
Lester Maberry- Market Steer
Randell Maberry- Market Steer
Bryce Moore- Market Steer
Coby Moore- Market Steer
Lance Moore- Market Steer
Cory Rains- Market Steer, Beef Heifers
Katrina Rains- Market Steer, Beef Heifers
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As you are all well aware the EPA - Worker Protection Standard has gone into effect as of January 1st and affects everyone in the Ag. Industry. To help you, our valued customer we at Murphree Flying Service are sponsoring a WPS - Pesticide Handler Training Session to certify all who attend. All those attending will receive a serial number registered EPA card for Pesticide Handlers. This training is required for anyone who through their job duties could come in contact with chemicals (mixing, loading, application, etc.) or with chemical residues. The training will be in English and Spanish. Only EPA approved training material will be used. \$25 fee for training course only.

We at Murphree Flying Service hope that this will aid you in complying with WPS.

This class will be held on March 1st, 1995 beginning at 1:30 p.m., but we want to serve all growers and handlers a Bar-B-Que Lunch beginning at Noon on Wednesday, March 1, 1995.

All growers attending the lunch will be permitted to register for a shot-gun that will be given away. The growers only who attend the lunch will be permitted to register for the shot-gun to be given away immediately following the meal.

Handlers and growers are invited to the Bar-B-Que lunch.

Only handlers need to stay for the Pesticide Handler Training.

The event begins at Noon Wed., March 1, 1995
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Rotan Mustangs New Football Team In Abilene Contact League

A total of 9 Rotan players from a team slate of 17 will be playing for the Rotan Mustangs in the new Abilene Independent full-contact football league.

The four team league is set to play the first game on Sunday afternoon, March 26th at Curly Hayes Field in Abilene.

The league is currently made up of four teams - the Abilene Knights, Texas Outlaws, Abilene Edge and Rotan Mustangs.

The local team is made up of 17 players - the nine from Rotan are Glenn Lawler, Sean Lee, Steve McClain, Charles Williams, Ruple Weems, Antwaine Owens, Nick Saucedo, Larry Messick, and Henry Williams. From

out of town - Troy Wallace and Allen Reed of Rochester, Jeff Hollingsworth of Sweetwater and Philip Guitier, Steven Warren, Will Thompson, Herman Savala and Michael Stokes of Abilene.

The first game for the Rotan Mustangs will be Sunday, March 26 when they play the Abilene Edge.

The regular season runs through the 21st of May with the league playoff set for May 28th.

Cost of playing is approximately \$185, which includes \$100 for a uniform and \$85 league fee for insurance, use of the field and referees.

The local team practices each Wednesday and Sunday and is coached by Troy Wallace of Rochester, who also serves as the Quarterback.

Rotan Resident Gets May Kay Pontiac Grand Am For Efforts

After just 17-months as a member of the Mary Kay Cosmetic Company, Rotan's Annie Laurie Henderson is driving a new 1995 Pontiac Grand Am for her selling and recruiting efforts.

Annie Henderson joined the Mary Kay family in September of 1993. She was introduced to the opportunity by her daughter Lynda (Henderson) Nelson of Milano, Texas.

Lynda is now devoting full-time to Mary Kay products and has achieved the level of director.

Annie is a full time employee of the First National Bank of Rotan.

Her and her husband Billy, who have been married for 37 years, are the parents of two children. The oldest, an architect, is Mark He and his wife Patti (Weathersbee) have three children - Morgan, Haley and Julie and live in Maple Valley, Washington. The youngest Lynda, a Mary Kay Director, is a former school teacher and is married to Guy Nelson. They have one son Andrew and are expecting another child.

Clark Wins Showmanship Award In Reeves-Loving Livestock Show

Courtney Clark, daughter of Gary and Judy Clark of Pecos, won show-

manship in the Reeves-Loving County Junior Livestock Show with her Hereford Steer. She placed first in the light weight medium wool class with her lamb. Her brother, John Marvin, placed 4th in the light weight medium wool class. Courtney is 11 years old and John Marvin is 8 years old. They are the grandchildren of Jimmy and June Wright of Roby.

Legal Notice

No. 10,320
RINGO DRILLING CO., INC.
V.
AMERICAN CASCADE ENERGY, INC.
IN THE 39TH DISTRICT COURT
IN AND FOR HASKELL COUNTY,
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WRIT OF EXECUTION
TO ANY SHERIFF OR ANY CONSTABLE WITHIN THE STATE OF TEXAS:

On the 19th day of July, 1994, Ringo Drilling Co., Inc., recovered a Judgment in the 39th Judicial District Court of Haskell County, Texas against American Cascade Energy, Inc., which Judgment is recorded in Volume 29, Page 70, of the Records of said Court and a verified copy of the bill of costs is attached to this Writ and made a part hereof.

Said Judgment is for the sum of \$32,898.05, of which \$32,898.05 is actually due, with interest thereon from the 19th day of July, 1994, at 10% per annum together with the sum of \$183.00, costs of suit taxed against American Cascade Energy, Defendant in execution.

THEREFORE, YOU ARE COMMANDED that out of the property of American Cascade Energy, Inc., Defendant in execution, subject to execution by law, you cause to be made the sum of \$32,898.05 with interest thereon from the 19th day of July, 1994, at the rate of 10% per annum, together with the sum of \$183.00, costs of suit, and the further costs of executing this Writ.

You shall execute this writ according to its terms, and according to law, and have the said sums of money, together with this Writ, showing how you have executed same, before said Court, at the Courthouse in the City of Haskell, in Haskell County, Texas, within 90 days from the date of this Writ.

WITNESS, Carolyn Reynolds, Clerk of the 39th District Court of Haskell County, Texas.

GIVEN under my hand and seal of said Court at office in the City of Haskell, in Haskell County, Texas, this the 28th day of December, 1994.

ATTEST:
Carolyn Reynolds
Clerk of the 39th District Court
Haskell County, Texas
24:31c

Notice

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NEWS BRIEFS

Gym Use

There will be a meeting for Spring semester use of the gym for any outside organization at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 27 in the Rotan High School. For information, contact Mickey Early at 915-735-3041. This will include any volleyball, little dribblers or outside basketball.

Fisher County R.V. Club

The Fisher County R.V. Club will meet February 18 at Cottonwood R.V. Park recreation hall, Roby, to make plans for 1995.

Recertification Training

There will be a commercial, non-commercial, and private applicator recertification training offered on Tuesday, February 21, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., at the Rotan Community Center in Rotan, Texas. The cost is free. There will be a meal catered by St. Clair's Barbeque at 12:00 noon sponsored by American Cyanamid and Gray Fuel and Chemical. There will be a 3 CEU's offered in this training: for Worker Protection Standard (WPS)- 1.0 ceu, Calibrating Equipment- 1.0 ceu, and Laws and Regulations - 1.0 ceu.

F.C. 4-H Shooting Sports Group

The Fisher County 4-H Shooting Sports Group will meet Sunday, February 19th at 1:00 p.m. at the Courthouse. Everyone interested should bring \$10.00 registration fee. For more information, contact Jerry Hearn at 776-2412 or the Extension office at 776-2171.

Gamma Tau Chapter Of Delta Kappa Gamma Holds Meeting

The Gamma Tau Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma met Sunday, Feb. 5 at the Fisher County Courthouse Annex in Roby. Present were fifteen members and two guests- Coach Christian, Roby High School football coach and State Representative David Counts. After being introduced by Kathy Carriger, program chairman, Rep. Counts congratulated Christian on Roby's district and area championship. He then presented certificates of appreciation for each member and one for the school.

Addressing the program theme, "Legislation", Rep. Counts discussed attempts by the legislature to recodify the educational system to allow teachers to get back to teaching by eliminating many distractions that use valuable classroom time and placing responsible child-rearing with the parents. He also discussed satellite teaching for advanced courses, teacher pay raises-particularly for the thousands of retired teachers who now live below the poverty level- and the legislature's view of the Teacher Retirement System.

Joan Menn, president, led the business meeting. Moment of mediation, was brought by Jimmie Smith; minutes were read by Marie Collins, secretary. Approved as read. Treasurer's report omitted, due to absence of treasurer. Joanne Hairgrove, World Fellowship chairman, reported the Christmas Fellowship Fund donations and Dixie Haggard, Scholarship Chairman, reminded interested members to submit their applications by March 1.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. Hostesses were Patsy Hamric, Zelma Hulse, LaVerne Kennedy, Marie Collins, Dixie Haggard, and Joanne Hairgrove.

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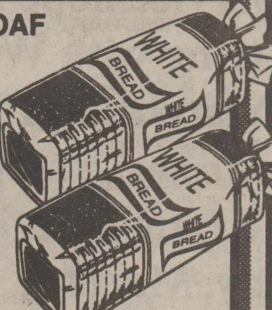
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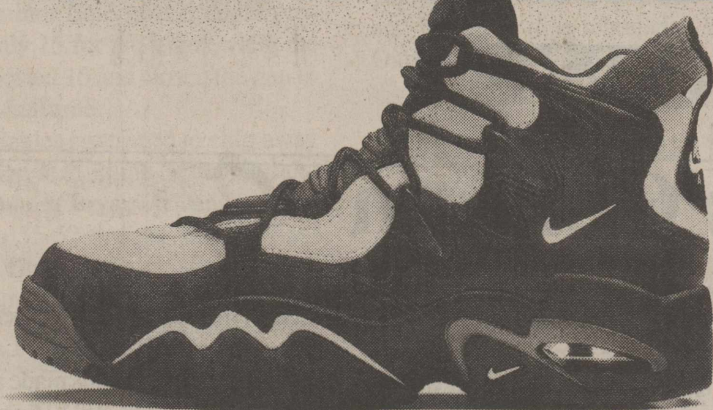
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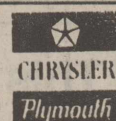
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February 20-24, 1995

MONDAY: Burritos/Chili & Cheese, Buttered Corn, Lettuce & Tomato Salad, Pineapple Tidbits.
TUESDAY: Steak Fingers & Gravy, Whipped Potatoes, Green Beans, Hot Rolls, Chocolate Pudding.
WEDNESDAY: Chicken Nuggets, Tater Tots, Vegetable Salad, Texas Toast, Cherry Cobbler.

THURSDAY: Bean Chalupas & Cheese, Buttered Corn, Shredded Lettuce, Chopped Tomatoes, Jello.
FRIDAY: Hamburgers, French Fries, Shredded Lettuce, Sliced Tomatoes, Pickles & Onions, Rosy Applesauce, Sugar Cookies.

ROBY SCHOOL MENU

February 20-24, 1995

MONDAY: Steak Fingers & Gravy, Cream Potatoes, Corn, Fruit, Hot Rolls, Milk.
TUESDAY: Hot Dog w/Chili, French Fries, Pork & Beans, Chocolate Chip Cookie, Bun, Milk.
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Round - Up

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by Joy Walker.....

We really have had two days of miserable weather, so cold and not much moisture to speak of. I did get 6 tenths of an inch Saturday, but it wasn't near enough. Sunday it was so very cold with a little freezing mist early in the morning. Hope everyone had a very happy Valentine's Day, and Mrs. Norma Lou Parks celebrated a birthday that day, so happy birthday to Norma.

We have so many sick folks, I don't know where to begin, but nearly all of them are really sick or have been.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cleveland went to Lubbock for the weekend and visited with Wayne Cleveland and his family, and with Charlie Cleveland and his family. They also visited Lester Greenway who is in University Medical Center in the Bum Unit. They said he seems to be gradually improving, and we hope to hear that he will soon begin to get very much better.

The benefit bar-be-que for the Robert Martin Fund and Lester Greenway will be held Saturday night at the Senior Citizens Building in Rotan. Everybody is asked to bring one dish and a donation.

Mrs. Winnie Kingsfield is in Fisher County Hospital; she had a heart attack. We hope to hear that she is improving. Donald Hull is going back for a check-up at the hospital in Lubbock on Wednesday, and we hope that he gets a good report.

Tommy Harbin is in Methodist Hospital in Lubbock, and is scheduled to have an Angiogram Monday morning. We hope that he will get a good report also.

Windle Cave, son of Dale and Doshia Cave, had a heart attack Wednesday, and was transferred from Cogdell Memorial Hospital in Snyder to Methodist Hospital in Lubbock. He had angioplasty performed in Lubbock, and has really been sick. At last report he seemed to be gradually improving, and we hope that he will continue to improve.

Mr. and Mrs. Buck Hughs and Floy Jim Hughs went to Plano this weekend to visit with Floy Jim's daughter, Jackie.

Mrs. Allen Morton is still at home recovering from her surgery, and we hope that she is improving.

Mrs. Guy Kemp (Frances) from Roby is under the weather and is not feeling well. We hope that she will soon be much better. Anne and Wendell Barrett went to Lubbock and spent two days with their daughter, Taina. While there they visited with Tommy Harbin, and also saw some of the Greenway family. They also visited with Roy Adams who is in the hospital there, and with Janiece (Cave) Stephenson from Abilene who was there to be with her brother, Windle.

Howard and Beth Faught went to Austin for the weekend to visit their children.

Mary Singley has been in the Fisher County Hospital; was there Saturday night until Wednesday. Roy Singley from Dalhart spent Tuesday and stayed until Saturday with his mother.

Lynette McQueen moved back to Rotan from Plainview, and is now nursing at Fisher County Hospital. Welcome back, Lynette.

Rodney Tankersley was scheduled to go to the hospital in Lubbock on Monday for some tests.

Oran Shelly is back in the hospital in Lubbock, and we hope to hear a good report from him.

Carol Murphree is now home from the hospital and is doing real well.

Kristi, Ben and Zach Givens from San Angelo came and spent the day

Sunday with the George Prices. They also visited with the Dono Terrys.

Carol and Wilber Gruben met Greg Gruben who is from Crane on Saturday; he was on his way to a calf sale in Hawley. He goes to the San Antonio Stock Show Tuesday.

I told you we have lots of sick folks, and I hope that by this time next week, everybody will be feeling better.

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Fisher County

Agricultural News

County Agents Column

By Richard Spencer

Area Agronomist Randy Boman of Vernon says that many of the wheat fields in the Rolling Plains are yellowish in appearance, which indicates a lack of nitrogen. The mild winter coupled with considerable forage production removed by cattle grazing has resulted in the nitrogen deficiency. The fall was fairly dry, but timely rains over the area resulted in excellent wheat pasture growth. Removal of wheat forage by grazing cattle will increase the need for nitrogen fertilization.

Much of the wheat is nearing the jointing stage, and yield potential will be quickly determined. Some earlier planted wheat has jointed due to the mild conditions encountered this year. Those producers who are grazing their wheat fields should be concerned about the stage of growth of their crop and pull the cattle off prior to jointing. Nitrogen fertilizer should be applied as soon as possible in order to get the maximum grain yield benefit, and the window of opportunity is rapidly closing.

Wheat fields that were lightly fertilized in the fall and had high forage production should greatly benefit from topdressed nitrogen, if adequate rainfall is received after application. In general, stocker cattle remove approxi-

mately 10 pounds of forage for each 1 pound of gain. Ten pounds of forage contain 0.4 pounds of nitrogen. In other words, 0.4 pounds of nitrogen are removed for each 1 pound of beef gain. The amount removed by the cattle can be applied as a spring-topdress treatment.

When cattle are removed before the wheat joints, and conditions indicate a favorable production year, the nitrogen removed by grazing can be replaced by spring fertilization and increase grain yields. Nitrogen fertilizer needs can be determined by estimating nitrogen removal by grazing, and considering grain yield potential. Much of the wheat in the Rolling Plains area is needing precipitation, and nitrogen fertilization.

Deciduous fruit trees like peaches, usually break their dormancy and begin to set fruit once they've achieved enough chill hours, or hours below 45 degrees. Extension horticultural fruit specialist Dr. Calvin Lyons says chill hours are dangerously low this year. And while that won't wipe out a crop, it can misshape the fruit and reduce the overall quality. The more hours an orchard lacks, the more misshapen the fruit will become. Febru-

ary is still at hand, and is often cold, but Lyons says fruit growers usually look to average January temperatures as a basis for good fruit set.

Total numbers of sheep and lambs in the United States on January 1 declined nine percent from a year earlier decline to 8.9 million head. That was 18 percent below two years ago and a record low for the second consecutive year.

Breeding sheep inventories were at the lowest level ever recorded. The 1994 lamb crop was also a record low, as was the number of and sheep operations.

Texas goat numbers declined one percent. Angoras off 17 percent but meat goat numbers up 53 percent.

Breeding sheep inventories in the U.S. decreased 11 percent to 6.33 million head on January 1. The tally a year ago was 7.23 million head. Ewes one year old and older were down nine percent to 5.3 million head compared to last year's previous record low of 5.8 million. Replacement lambs were pegged at \$78,000 head with year-ago numbers not available. In Texas, replacement lambs were off 34 percent to 195,000 head.

Market sheep and lambs in the U.S.

totaled 2.46 million head, 96 percent lambs and four percent ewes. Lambs weighing over 105 pounds made up 25 percent of the supply, 85-104 pounds 33 percent, 65-84 pounds 18 percent and under 65 pounds 35 percent.

The 1994 lamb crop was down seven percent to 5.9 million head. This compares to the previous record low of 6.38 million a year ago. The 1994 lambing rate was 102 percent of the ewes a year old or older. The 1993 rate was 98 percent.

The number of sheep operations during 1994 was down six percent to 87,350. Only one state, Vermont, showed an increase in numbers, while 11 states stayed unchanged. All of those were in the East except Idaho.

Goat numbers in Texas totaled 1.95 million head on January 1, Angoras at 1.23 million and meat goats 720,000 head. Angora goat numbers in the five major producing states totaled 1.39 million head, down 20 percent.

The value of U.S. sheep and lambs was down two percent to \$664 million, with an average per head value up seven percent to \$74.70 U.S. Angora goat values totaled \$60.3 million. Total Texas goat value was \$85.8 million with Angoras representing \$54.1 million and meat goats \$31.7 million.

County Home Extension Agent News

By Beth Dannheim

Last week in my column I discussed ways to reduce and reuse household waste. This is two of the five ways we can be enviroshoppers -- making environmentally aware decisions about products purchased. The other items to consider include recycling, rejecting, and responding.

Recycle

Recycling is an important part of our waste management strategy. Some states are passing laws to reduce the solid waste through recycling. Recycling saves energy. Producing packaging material from recycled stock takes less energy than making it from new raw materials.

Aluminum yields the greatest energy savings. In fact, if every day for a year each member of a family of four saves one can, they would save the equivalent energy in gasoline to drive a 30-mile-per-gallon car about 2,000 miles. We cannot afford to waste either the aluminum or the energy.

What kind of packages can you

recycle? Aluminum and glass are recyclable. Some paper and some plastic containers can be recycled. Steel or "tin" cans are recyclable. Single material packages, rather than a mixture of two or more in one package, are easier to recycle.

Closing the Loop

For recycling to succeed, it depends on you. You have to provide used materials to be collected and reprocessed. But that is only the beginning of your role in recycling. No material is really recycled until you buy it again after it is made into something new. It is up to you, as an Enviroshopper, to buy recycled materials whenever you can. Look for the recycled symbol on packages you buy.

Reject

Enviroshoppers reject materials and products that cannot be reduced, reused or recycled. For example, reject packaging that is wasteful and purposeless. You have the most powerful

tool in our economy -- your wallet. If you buy products and materials that are wasteful, harmful to the environment or of poor quality, you are sending a message that you want these to be produced. On the other hand, if you do not buy them, you are also sending a message. The marketplace will listen, either way.

Respond

There will be times, however, when you will not have a choice. A product you want to buy may not be available in a package that is recyclable or reusable. Perhaps the package of your favorite brand has been redesigned to incorporate several types of materials rather than one. Maybe your grocer doesn't stock concentrates.

In each of these cases, it is time for the fifth "R" of Enviroshopping: Respond. Start with your local store manager. Let him know you are concerned about the solid waste problem. Ask him to stock refills and concentrates and loose produce. Encourage

him to consider source reduction and recyclability in the products he offers for sale.

Contact the manufacturer of products in which the packages are not recyclable or are obviously excessive. You can request that manufacturers reduce the toxicity of their packaging through changes in design and use of non-toxic inks, for example. You will find the name and address of the company on most packages.

Many companies offer a toll-free telephone number. Look on the package or contact your local consumer affairs office or local library to get telephone numbers for major companies. It takes only a few letters or phone calls for manufacturers to consider changes in their products.

Encourage local government officials to initiate or expand a recycling program in your community. Suggest that government regulations be revised to allow for the purchase of recycled materials for municipal supplies.

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Roby Board Extends Contract To Daniel, Fowler And Christian

The Roby School Board voted to extend contracts to Gary Daniel, High School Principal, Bill Fowler, Elementary Principal, and Head Coach and Athletic Director, Mike Christian during their regular meeting last Monday night. All board members were present with the exception of Billy Don Atkinson and Gregg Meek.

In other action the board approved Gladys McKay to the lunchroom substitute list, and set the Board of Trustee election for Saturday, May 6, 1995 for the purpose of electing school trustees.

Kirk Williamson, Fisher County Deputy, appeared before the board on behalf of the D.A.R.E. Drug Program. The board didn't take any action as to whether to fund the program, but stated they would vote at the next meeting if they would in fact attempt to help fund the program at a cost of approximately \$2,500. The board wanted to review the

cost factor to see if the program would be cost effective before taking further action.

The board also appointed the Roby C.I.S.D. Planning Committee to look into the possibilities of the new Elementary Building. Members of the Committee are: Elementary teachers, Karen Counts, Roxie Herron, Kay

Moore, Sandy Pullig, Board Members, Steve Terry, Britt Stuart, Vance Lakey, Residents, Jeff Upshaw, Richard Gaona, Parker Wetsel, Manuel Valdez, Linda De La Santos, High School Principal, Gary Daniel, Bill Fowler, Elementary Principal and George Price, Superintendent.

Bill Fowler, reported an enrollment of 223 in Elementary school and that students from the 5th grade and up are now participating in the U.I.L. program.

George Price, Superintendent stated they were still waiting on the voting status of the State Legislation to see if they will authorize different options to the at-large system of voting, and also

stated that the next Board Meeting would be held on March 6th due to spring break which will be March 13-16.



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Left Over Comments

By Kimball G. Pease

The comments here are probably better suited elsewhere, but time and space got the best of me this week. Here are a few left-overs.

First, Congratulations to the Rotan Yellowhammer boys basketball team and the Roby Lion boys basketball team on advancing to the playoffs. Roby lost to Robert Lee 75 - 69 Tuesday night (giving the Steers a 2-1 series edge, but the Lions still advance as the district runner-up. Rotan defeated Anson last Tuesday night and advances for the first time in years and years. Congratulations.

Second, Joe Dickson, former Rotan City Secretary who resigned about a year and a half ago was fired as City Manager at Leander a week or so ago, according to an article in the Austin American Statesman.

Third, the City of Rotan received a \$42,000 bill recently for water in 1994 and only has about \$11,000 in the fund to cover the underpayment. Rotan paid \$1.10 per 1,000 gallons when the actual cost of water for 1994 figured \$1.42. They are thinking of increasing water rates at the March council meeting.

Finally, so there is no misunderstanding read into the headline on page one this week about the Rotan Coach Resigning and A Search On For A New High School Principal - Mickey Early has requested that he be re-assigned. The board and administration are just attempting to grant his request. Early is not being re-assigned for any other reason.



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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed proposals shall be received in the office of Wes Hays, Superintendent of Schools, 102 North McKinley Avenue, Rotan, Texas 79546 by 1:00 p.m., Monday, March 20, 1995. Each proposal received shall be in a sealed envelope plainly marked "Insurance Proposal". Proposals shall be opened in the office of Wes Hays, Superintendent of Schools, at 1:15 p.m., Monday, March 20, 1995. The board shall consider the proposals and take appropriate action at a public meeting on Monday, March 20, 1995 beginning at 7:30 p.m., in the Rotan ISD Cafeteria. Additional information may be obtained from Wes Hays, Superintendent of Schools at (915) 735-2332.

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Rotan Chamber Accepting Nominations

The Rotan Chamber of Commerce has begun accepting nominations for the following Distinguished Service Awards: Pioneer Family, Senior Citizen, Business, Student and Individual. An explanation should accompany each nomination entered stating why that nominee should receive the award. Nominations may be turned in to Peggy Bilbo or Sherry Rodgers. The deadline for submitting nominations is March 10th.



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AVISO DE CAMBIO EN METODO DE ELIGIR CONCEJALES DE LA CIUDAD DE ROTAN

Varios meses pasados, un pleito fue traído a la corte Distrita de los Estados Unidos para la Distrita del Norte de Tejas, Division de Abilene contra la ciudad de Rotan por la Liga de Unidos Latino Americanos Ciudadanos (LULAC). La esencia de la queja es que el metodo de elegir concejales "at large" (a-lo-suelto) esta en violacion de Seccion 2 del Acto Federal de Derechos de votar. Los demandantes se han puesto de acuerdo en donde la ciudad cambiara su metodo de elegir concejales de a-lo-suelto a un metodo de votacion acumulativo.

Aunque se han puesto de acuerdo, la ciudad es requerida a someter una copia del plan proponido de votacion acumulativo a la Seccion de Derechos de Votar del Departamento de Justicia en Washington, D.C. para predespacho. Esa sumision fue hecha en septiembre de 1994 y una copia de la sumision esta registrada en la casa municipal de la ciudad de Rotan para inspeccion. En respuesta a Solicitud del Departamento de Justicia, un Arreglo Modificado de Acuerdo fue entrado entre la ciudad de Rotan y los demandantes en diciembre de 1994, una copia de ese arreglo esta tambien registrado en la casa municipal de la ciudad de Rotan, para inspeccion.

Debajo del Arreglo Modificado de Acuerdo, el concilio de la ciudad de Rotan no sera elegido, como siempre por periodo de dos anos escalonados, pero todos seran elegidos al mismo tiempo por un periodo de cuatro (4) anos. Todos los miembros del concilio seran elegidos por voto de pluralidad y el alcalde mayor sera elegido como antes. Tambien, la ciudad esta en acuerdo de emprender un programa de educacion para los ciudadanos de Rotan proposito a preparar todos los votantes de Rotan proposito a preparar todos los votantes de Rotan que voten en la eleccion de Mayo 1995. En el treinta y uno de enero (31), 1995, este plan de eleccion fue predespachado por el Departamento de Justicia de los Estados Unidos.

En Alcalde Mayor y Abogado de la Ciudad seran disponible a hablar con cualquier iglesia, grupo civico, profesional o de ciudadanos. Favor de llamar la casa municipal de la ciudad de Rotan para hacer arreglos para uno de estos hombres a juntarse con su grupo o organizacion por llamando 735-2251.

NOTICE OF CHANGE IN

METHOD OF ELECTING ROTAN CITY COUNCILMEMBERS

Several months ago, a lawsuit was brought in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas, Abilene Division against the City of Rotan by the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC). The essence of the complaint is that the City's method of electing councilmembers "at-large" violates Section 2 of the Federal Voting Rights Act. An agreement was reached with the plaintiffs whereby the city would change its method of electing its City Council from "at-large" to a method of "cumulative voting".

Even though an agreement was reached, the City was required to submit a copy of the proposed cumulative voting plan to the Voting Rights Section of the Department of Justice in Washington, D.C. for preclearance. That submission was made in September of 1994 and a copy of the submission is on file at Rotan City Hall for inspection. In response to a request by the Justice Department, a Modified Settlement Agreement was entered into between the City of Rotan and the Plaintiffs in December of 1994, a copy of that agreement is also on file at Rotan City Hall for inspection.

Under the Modified Settlement Agreement, the Rotan City Council will no longer be elected for staggered two-year terms, but will all stand for election at the same time for a period of four (4) years. All Councilmembers will be elected, plurality vote and the mayor will be elected as he has been. Additionally, the City has agreed to undertake an education program for the citizens of Rotan designed to prepare all Rotan voters to vote in the May 1995 election. On January 31, 1995, this plan for election was precleared by the U.S. Department of Justice.

The Mayor and City Attorney are available to meet with any church, civic, professional or citizen's group. Please contact the Rotan City Hall to make arrangements for one of these men to meet with your group or organization by calling 735-2251.