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Rotan Council Hears Sanders Water Hike Plan

The members of the Rotan City Council last Tuesday night listened to a rate hike plan from Harold Sanders. This is the third proposal the council has entertained. The first, a council plan, called for the establishment of a four tiered system. That system would increase rates for all out of city residents The second, proposed by Mayor Marshall called for the same four tiered system but lowered charges for all the out of city residents and did not contain a plan to increase rates for in-city residents.

The plan presented by Sanders last Tuesday night called for increasing the minimum rate for out of city residents from $11.50 to $18.00 and increasing the in-city minimum rate from $11.50 to $13.00. Both of the figures include the $3.00 emergency water fee which is mandated and assessed all water residents.

Sanders only made a proposal for an increase, but the council members could vote on the proposal at the August 12th regular meeting.

A full report on all action taken on all agenda items will be carried in next week's paper.

Rotan, Roby Get $7,437.11 In Sales Taxes; All Part Of $153.7 Million Across The State

State Comptroller John Sharp sent $7,437.11 back to Rotan and Roby earlier this month, as their part of the July sales tax rebates which go to 1,086 Texas cities, a 5.7 percent statewide decrease over payments a year ago.

Rotan just about stayed the same for the reporting period. Rotan's July-97 check amounted to $6,477.03 compared to $6,487.35 for the same period 1996 which reflects a loss of 0.15%.

Roby on the other hand collected a check of $960.08 in 1997 compared to $637.90 for the same period 1996 which reflects a gain of 50.50 percent.

1997 payments to date for Rotan have been $68,554.78 compared to $66,962.76 in 1996 which is up 2.37 percent. Roby has collected $13,375.93 compared to $10,145.08 in 1996 or an increase of 31.84 percent.

*Note - Rotan collects a 2% rebate (1% to the City of Rotan and the other 1% divided between economic development and property tax reduction.

Calvary Baptist VBS Begins

Calvary Baptist Church will have Vacation Bible School next week. Theme for the school will be Adventure Zone: Bible Heroes.

Classes will be for children ages 3 through 6th grade. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday classes will meet from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. On Saturday, July 26, classes will meet for a special funday and picnic from 9:00 a.m. until noon.

Commissioners May Be Leasing The 'Pink Building' For 99 Years

The members of the Fisher County Commissioners Court will conduct a special meeting on Friday, July 18th with three items on the agenda. First, commissioners are to conduct a budget hearing, second, discuss the possibility of leasing the Pink Building to the Fisher County Fair & Rodeo Association for 99-years for $1.00 and third, to field information from Betty Mize, Fisher County Chief Appraiser, on preliminary figures for 1997 tax valuations for Fisher County.

Commissioners will be meeting at 9:00 a.m., Friday. Commissioners are to meet with a representative of the Fisher County Fair & Rodeo Association concerning the possibility of leasing the Pink Building to the association for 99-years for $1.00. The stipulations outlining the lease are to be presented on Friday. The stipulations are probably going to include the Fisher County Fair & Rodeo Association keeping the building in good repair, paying the insurance and furnishing liability insurance coverage.

Betty Mize on Monday informed commissioners that her computers were down and that she would not have certified values until the end of the week. She did inform commissioners that there was not much difference in the values.

Mize asked commissioners to adjust her 1997 budget in the amount of $121 to cover the cost of bonds. The commissioners agreed to adjust and are taking the needed funds from the line item - 'County Health Officer Fund'.

Mize said that she collected $16,190 in June in taxes.

Commissioners, in fielding information from Marty Williamson, Fisher County Treasurer, voted to spend approximately $480 on an annual basis to comply with insurance company guidelines concerning certificates for insurance coverage on employees who leave employment of Fisher County.

Commissioners approved John Branson to be on the signature card for the checking account. Branson is replacing Charles Thornton as the Fisher County Auditor.

Greg Pruitt, representing the Rotan Economic Development Corporation, requested commissioners to give consideration to helping fund a full time economic development coordinator. Commissioners are to further discuss the item at a later meeting.

Perry Thomson briefed the commissioners on replacing an air conditioner in the kitchen at the Senior Citizen's building. He also indicated that he wanted to accept bids on a loader for his precinct.

Commissioners approved the resignation of Donna Turnbow as Fisher County constable.

Walker, Harris Are Hired By Roby School Board

The members of the Roby School Board accepted the resignations of Alvaro Mandujano, teacher/coach; Kathy Carriker, 2nd grade teacher; Pam Osuna, teacher going to Rotan and Eddie Onofre, who is returning to school. Board members also hired Jerry Walker of Anson who will be a social studies teacher in junior high and assistant coach and William Harris of Lubbock, a high school science teacher.

Those absent from the meeting were Vance Lakey and Greg Meek. School personnel present were Gary Daniel, George Price and Bill Fowler. Visitors present were John Branson.

The board fielded a report from Bill Fowler concerning upgrading the computer lab. Fowler is in hopes of networking the computer system.

Gary Daniel reported on the A.P. Examination, (advanced placement) by indicating that 75% of the students taking the examination passed and passed above the national average.

Superintendent George Price indicated that there was some remodeling being done this summer at the

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Commissioners Meeting On Fri. Over Four Items

Fisher County Commissioners will be continuing their meeting of Monday, July 14th on Friday, July 18th, according to Fisher County Judge Marshal Bennett.

At the continued meeting on Friday, commissioners will discuss or act on -

1. Budget hearing
2. Discuss leasing the Pink Building
3. Chief Appraisal Report
4. Discuss air conditioning Senior Citizen's Center.

The meeting is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioner's Room.

At the Monday meeting, Commissioners voted to lease the Pink Building for $1.00 for 99 years to the Fisher County Fair & Rodeo Association, provided that they would accept the terms of lease. Commissioners Billy Henderson, Gene Terry and Charlie Meek voted in favor of the lease while commissioner Perry Thomson voted against the lease.

Commissioners are expected to receive preliminary figures from Betty Mize concerning figures for 1997 budget.

Commissioners are also expected to discuss possibilities with respect to replacing an air conditioner in the kitchen of the Fisher County Senior Citizen's Center.

David Counts May Again Face S. McLaughlin

State Representative David Counts, who was rumored to be giving consideration to running for the Texas Senate, indicated last week that he will seek another term in the Texas House of Representatives.

Scott McLaughlin, the Republican who came within 550 votes of defeating Counts in 1996 has already indicated that he will run again for the District 70 seat.

McLaughlin, a native of Big Spring, captured 16,351 votes to 16,900 by David Counts.

Counts earlier indicated that he had been approached by Abilene area and Wichita Falls businessmen to run against Senator Tom Haywood.

Others rumored to be possible challengers to Haywood, a Republican from Wichita Falls, are former Wichita Falls city councilman David Farabee, the son of former State Senator Ray Farabee, and Wichita Falls civic leader Aaron Alejandro.

Rotan School Board Hires Band Director And Two New Teachers

The members of the Rotan School Board voted to hire a band director, teacher/coach and high school science teacher last Monday night. They also accepted the resignation of Julie Langthorn and Coach C.H. Underwood. The Langthorn's will be moving to Loraine while Underwood moves to Tulia.

The board hired Drank Aue as the new band director. He is moving to Rotan from Winnsboro, Louisiana. He has seven and a half years experience.

Burt Otto, a teacher/coach moved to Rotan from Mt. Vernon, Missouri. He went to high school in Snyder. He is 26 years old, married and was the head baseball coach at Miller High School, Miller, Missouri last year. He coached the team to a 16-6 record.

Charles Williams of Anson was hired as high school science teacher. He is finishing his certification at Tarleton State University. This will be his first year to teach in public school.

Board members, on Monday night, July 14th, passed the following consent agenda items. (a.) Amend the salary stipend to 186 teacher days from 185; (b.) set the same lunch prices for the 1997-98 year; (c.) Adopt the PDAS (Professional Development Appraisal System) as the Rotan ISD teacher evaluation instrument; (d.) Adopt required policies regarding PDAS; (e.) Adopt the appraisal calendar for 1997-98; (f.) Approve interlocal agreement with Hobbs Alternative School.

The board reviewed the sale of lots and voted 4-1 not to take any other action on a grievance presented by Pat and Val Morin concerning their daughter missing an afternoon of school.

Rotan School Board Has Split Vote On Student Grievance Item

The members of the Rotan School Board, after first hearing a plea from Pat and Val Morin at the June meeting, listened again to both sides (administrative and parents) before deciding by a 4-1 split vote to take no further action on the grievance, which effectively ruled in favor of the school administration.

The issue in question centered around Pat and Val Morin's daughter missing an afternoon of school. The student went home for lunch and did not return to school for the afternoon session. The student was seen at the Rotan playoff baseball game at Crane. The student's parents claimed that the student went home sick at lunch but felt better about the time the family left for the Rotan playoff game at Crane. The parents asked the board to believe them that the child was in fact sick and that they (the parents) were at fault for not notifying the school that the child was staying home after lunch.

The school policy clearly states that the student can't leave campus without the permission of their principal or notification from a parent. The student in question did not seek permission to miss the afternoon session.

By the board ruling in favor of administration, the student will now have to make up time missed or take a grade penalty.

The board members present for the vote on the grievance were: Ralph Riddle, Sheila Murphree, Vick Burk, Neal Hargrove and Marcus Gonzalez. Norvelle Kennedy and Clay Cade were absent. The vote to rule in favor of administration was 4-1. Those voting in favor were Riddle, Murphree, Buck and Hargrove. Voting against was Gonzalez.

Election Judges Named By Fisher County Commissioners

The Fisher County Commissioners named the following as election judges during their meeting last Monday morning.

Box 1	Annex Building	Pending
Box 2	Rotan Public Library	J.A. McClain
Box 4	Roby Comm. Center	J.T. Palmer
Box 6	McCaulley Meth.	Sue Smith
Box 10	Rotan Comm. Ctr.	Janice Copeland
Box 12	Rotan H.S. Learning	Anna Mae Fleming
Box 13	Hobbs School	Louise Martinez
Box 17	Capitola Comm. Ctr.	Glenn Webb
Box 18	Longworth Comm.	Voncil Walker
Box 22	Sylvester Comm.	Jackie Gardner
Absentee	Absentee Voting	Mildred Parker

Editor's Column

By Kimball G. Pease

WHERE ARE THEY, WHAT ARE THEY DOING?: The children of **John Ross** and **Margie Hale**, formerly of Rotan, currently living in Brownwood. **John Ross** indicated that he's not that crazy about the Brownwood area. "Ya know, we complain about the mesquite trees, but you flat can't see through those oak trees down where we live." **John Ross** and **Margie**'s oldest son **Ross** lives in Comanche and is employed by Superior Cable of Brownwood. He and his wife **Joyce** have two children - **Brian**, who weighs 260 pounds and will be a Senior this year and **Jeremy**, a long distance runner, who will be a freshman. Second son, **Blake** and his wife **Sue**, formerly employed by National Gypsum and originally from Bangor, Maine, live in Harrisonburg, Virginia and are in the process of purchasing a new home. **Blake** just received a promotion and is still involved in the raising of turkeys and **Sue** is working for a company booking weekend retreats. They have two children - **Lynnsey** age 11 and **Gretchen** age 8. **Margie** is still employed at a Brownwood nursing home and **John Ross** says he works part-time helping **A.C. Snapp, Jr.**, a former Rotan resident, custom farm in the Bangs, Brownwood area.

DOZEN THINGS TO BE THANKFUL FOR: Fresh lemonade, eyeglasses that fit, the smell of peppers and onions cooking, having someone say something nice, **Lavada Jones**, roasting marshmallows and telling stories by the fire, having someone listen to your dreams, honey graham crackers and cold milk, honest tears, volunteer firemen, 100% cotton shirts and a blister on your hand from working hard.

ABOUT A LIE: "A lie has always a certain amount of weight with those who wish to believe it. - ***E.W. Rice.***

AN OLD MAN SAID IT: "When I was young, I was poor; when old, I became rich; but in each condition I found disappointment. - When I had the faculties for enjoyment, I had not the means; when the means came, the faculties were gone." - ***Mad. Gasparin.***

MORE WISE WORDS: If wisdom's ways you widely seek, five things observe with care: of whom you speak, to whom you speak, and how, and when, and where. Beware the tongue that's set on fire of hell, and flames in slander, falsehood, perjury, in malice, idle-talking, thoughtless tales, speak not too much, nor without thought; let truth in all things small or great, dwell on they lips., Remember, God hath said, "He that in word offends not, is a perfect man; while he that bridles not his tongue deceives himself and shows his faith in vain!"

FROM MY FATHER: He said that there are two kinds of people; those who do the work and those who take the credit. He said that there would always be much less competition in the first group.

OUCH: Just because a Christian smokes is not a sign that he is on fire for God.

ABOUT A LIBRARY: "Let us pity those poor rich men who live barrenly in great bookless houses! Let us congratulate the poor that, in our day, books are so cheap that a man may every year add a hundred volumes to his library for the price of what his tobacco and beer would cost him. Among the earliest ambitions to be excited in clerks, workmen, journeymen, and, indeed, among all that are struggling up from nothing to something, is that of owning, and constantly adding to a library of good books. A little library, growing larger every year, is an honorable part of a young man's history. It is a man's duty to have books. A library is not a luxury, but one of the necessities of life." - ***H. W. Beecher.***

OUCH, OUCH: If you profess to be a Christina, remember that some men are judging your Lord by you.

WHERE ARE THEY, WHAT ARE THEY DOING?: The children of **Dwight** and **Merle Lovett** of Rotan. The **Lovett's** were both born and raised in Fisher County and have been married for 55 years. **Merle** is a retired school teacher and **Dwight** is a farmer and rancher and formerly worked as a lease broker for Hunt Oil Company. They have three children - **Dinah, Helen** and **Tisa. Dinah**, age 48, lives in Austin and works for the LBJ Holding Company and serves as a personal secretary to **Lucy** and on occasion works for **Mrs. Lyndon 'Lady Bird' Johnson.** She has lived in Austin for the past year. She has one son, **Brian Upshaw**, who just graduated from Texas Tech. Second child is **Helen,** age 45. Helen and her husband, **Terry Leflar,** live in Southlake, Texas. She serves as a public relations director for the Bristol Hotel group. **Terry** is an Allstate Insurance Agent. They have three children, **Tommy** age 25, who is enrolled in computer school; **Samuel,** age 19, who attends the University of Texas and **Micah**, age 17, a Senior at Southlake Carroll. The third child is **Tisa. Tisa White** and her husband **Todd** are both attorneys and live in Rockwall. They practice law together and have one daughter **Mary Elizabeth,** age 4. **Tisa** received her under-graduate degree at Angelo State University and law degree from the Texas Tech School of Law.

IT HAS BEEN SAID: That one-third of the population has never flown in an airplane. That half the population has never eaten a bagel and that 45% of the population never goes to the movies.

COMPLETE CONTROL: One of the great blessings about living in a democracy is that we have complete control over how we pay our taxes - cash, check, or money order.

DRIVE IN EVERYTHING: Lady up on Beauregard Street said "America has drive in theaters, drive in restaurants, drive in super-markets, drive in banks. What is needed now are more drive-in parking places that aren't six blocks from the mall."

'LIFE'S LITTLE INSTRUCTION BOOK, VOL. 2': When asked to play the piano, make a talk, say the blessings - do it without complaining or making excuses. Look for ways to make your boss look good and never apologize for extreme measures when defending your values, insuring your health or watching over your family's safety.

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AMERICA IS FIRST: America leads the world in the highway distribution of empty beer cans.

WE WERE AT ONE TIME IN BETTER SHAPE: Our country was in better condition when there were more whittlers and fewer chiselers.

SECOND THOUGHTS: Can anyone guess the percentage of American teachers who say that if they could start over, they would not teach? - The figure is estimated to be in excess of 25 percent. That's about one in four - I wish someone would figure out a way to get the one in four out of the classroom and into some other profession where they would be happy. If I could I would search out the three in four who are happy teaching children and attempt to get them a raise in pay.

BECAUSE IT IS THE RULE - THAT'S WHY: *Rule number 405* - Wipe off the sticky honey jar before putting it back on the shelf and *Rule number 821* - Never put a salad dressing jar back in the refrigerator that doesn't contain enough salad dressing for the next batch of tuna fish. Follow the rules.

WHERE ARE THEY, WHAT ARE THEY DOING?: The children of **Mignon** and **Jimmy Counts** of Rotan. **Mignon** and **Jimmy Counts** have been married for 35 years. They have two children - **Carmen Sparks Weathersbee** is married to **Raymond Weathersbee**, son of **Doug and Shirley Weathersbee** of Rotan. **Carmen** teaches 5th grade at Holiday Elementary School in Holiday, Texas. **Raymond** is an assistant football and baseball coach and teaches math. They have lived in Holiday for five years. They have two children - **Wade**, age 17, a senior honor student who recently made all-district as a baseball infielder. **Wade** was listed in Dave Campbell's Texas Football Magazine as a 'player to watch'. He plans on attending Texas A&M next year and becoming a civil engineer. Their second child is **Leighan**. She is 13 years old and will be attending the 8th grade at Holiday. She plays volleyball, soccer, basketball and runs track. **Mignon** and **Jimmy's** second child is **Wesley**. **Wes Counts** lives in Rotan and farms. He returned to Rotan after a year at Angelo State University.

THE WEST TEXAS SAND: Friend **Shorty Crawford** brought the below poem in the other day and asked that we share it. We normally do not publish poems, but because this one is unpublished and is 60 years old, we're making an exception. The poem is entitled "West Texas" and was written by **Odell Crawford** in the early 1930's on a toy typewriter.

"Here where I live out in the West,
The sand blows each day its very best.
It starts in early and blows until late -
It is the windiest place in all the state.

It will rain here one minute
And the next thing you know
The sky turns dark
And the sand starts to blow.

When my cotton gets up
Just enough to show,
The sand will start whirling
Right down the row.

There is no place in our states
Like this one I know
When the wind goes to rising
And the sand starts to blow."

- Odell Crawford

Ask The Question.....

QUESTION: "Is the City of Rotan still attempting to find a source to sell the recycled glass, paper and plastic that it started collecting nine months or so ago?

ANSWER: "Yes. There is not a market for those materials at the present time, but we are still looking. The recycling unit is parked about 2 blocks from City Hall at the recycling center. The unit did not cost the City of Rotan anything, it came from the West Central Texas Council of Governments by way of grant funds from the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission. *Harold Sanders, City Secretary, City Of Rotan.*

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Rotan School	.940	1.03	1.03	.435	.493	1.42	1.27	1.43	1.43
Fisher County	.595	.570	.550	.628	.730	.795	.825	.872	.895
Roby City	.490	.490	.520	.535	.535	.560	.500	.520	.520
Rotan City	581	.617	.570	.591	.616	.631	.639	.659	.692
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Fisher County Devotional Page

Seeds From The Sower

Michael A. Guido, Metter, Georgia

Little Beth visited her grandparents, and she was telling her mother about the church she attended. "There was nobody in that church I knew," she said, "except God."

Do you know God?

To know Him as your Savior is to be saved by Him. To know Him as your Sovereign is to be swayed by Him. To know Him as your Satisfier is to delight only in Him. To know Him as your Sanctifier is to be victorious over sin through Him. And the more you know Him the less you'll offend Him.

The Bible says, "Acquaint Thyself with Him, and be at peace: thereby good shall come to thee."

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Obituaries

Flora J. May

Flora J. May, 86, of Houston, died Monday evening, July 7, in Houston. Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 12, at First Baptist Church in Rotan with Rev. Thomas Jackson and Rev. Werth Mayes officiating. Burial was in the Hamlin Cemetery, directed by Weathersbee Funeral Home.

Mrs. May was born April 25, 1911 in White Plains, New York. She was the daughter of Thomas A. and Julia Bosanko. She married Parker May, September 10, 1936 in Brooklyn, New York.

She was an executive secretary for the State Department and the World Bank in Washington, D.C., the Fairfax County Police Department in Virginia and Melpar Co. in Falls Church, Virginia. She was a member of the McLean Baptist Church in McLean, Virginia where she served as a member of the church choir and hand bell choir. She also served as a youth leader and for several years was the choir director. She lived in the Washington D.C. area and in Jupiter, Florida before moving to Houston five years ago.

She was preceded in death by two brothers.

She is survived by her husband, Parker May of Houston; two daughters, Carol Anne May of Houston and Judy Elledge of Houston; two sons, Tom May of Clifton, Virginia, and Jay May of New Freedom, Pennsylvania; three grandchildren, John and Julie Elledge of Houston and Erica May of New Freedom, Penn.; and numbers nieces and nephews.

Oran Gann, Jr.

Oran Gann, Jr., 69, of Roby, died Friday, July 11, at his home. Services were held at 3:00 p.m. Sunday, July 13, in the First United Methodist Church of Sylvester. Rev. Jeff Sedberry officiated. Burial was in the McCaulley Cemetery under the direction of Weathersbee Funeral Home.

Mr. Gann was born March 3, 1928 in Longworth to Mrs. Edna Moore Gann and the late Mr. Oran Gann, Sr. He married Alice Rhoton in Roby on April 2, 1948. Mr. Gann was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Sylvester and was a retired oil field worker. He had lived in this area all his life and was a Navy Veteran.

Mr. Gann is survived by his wife Alice Gann of Roby; his mother, Edna Gann of Rotan; one son, Donnie and Becky Gann of Abilene; one daughter, Shirley and Joe Bennett of Longview; one brother, Rondall Gann of Eldorado; seven grandchildren; 4 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, Oran Gann, Sr., and one son, Richard Dale "Dickie" Gann.

AARP Members Asked To Vote Aug. 9

Texas members of the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) and other senior citizens are being urged to vote August 9, 1997 on a number of Constitutional Amendment which will be offered as a result of action taken by the 75th Legislature.

Of particular interest to homeowners will be a proposal for an increase in the school property tax homestead exemption to $10,000 and limiting the school property tax rate increases to eight cents above the rollback rate and transferring the over 65 tax freeze to a new homestead. If this measure is passed, it will apply to the tax year beginning January 1, 1997.

A related bill, Senate Bill 841, addresses concerns dealing with appraisals. Appraisal procedures are defined and voting is required for rate increases. Tax deferrals or abatements are allowed for the elderly at 8 percent interest under this measure. An annual appraisal increase may not exceed 10 percent. Public hearings are required if the effective tax rate is increased more than 3 percent, and the appraisal appeal process is simplified.

Another tax measure, SJR 43, to be voted on November 4, 1997, is a Constitutional Amendment to limit increases in appraisals and to make property tax freezes portable.

Property tax reform was a priority for AARP's state legislative committee during the 1997 session. AARP is the nation's leading organization for people age 50 and over. It serves their needs and interests through legislative advocacy, research, informative programs and community services provided by a network of local chapters and experienced volunteers throughout the country. The organization also offers members a wide range of special membership benefits, including Modern Maturity magazine and the monthly Bulletin.

Airman Stidham Graduates Basic Training School

Air Force Airman 1st Class Jeremy N. Stidham has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and customs and received special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Stidham is the grandson of Arlene Dodds of Roby and son of Lori A. Stidham of Clinton, Oklahoma.

He is a 1996 graduate of Roby High School.



Airman Jeremy Stidham

Book Signing At West Texas Poet, Sunday, July 20

West Texas Poets, Etc. will sponsor a book signing for Bertha Warren's second volume of poems entitled "And I Grew Up In The Country", Sunday July 20. The event will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. in Fellowship Hall at Lamar Baptist Church, Sweetwater.

Senior Citizen Menu Released

Sr. Citizens Menu, July 17-22, 1997.

July 17: Beef Tips/Gravy, Rice, Peas and Carrots, Milk, Bread, Butter.

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July 22: Tortilla Casserole, Beans, Salad, Corn Bread, Pudding and Cookies, Milk.

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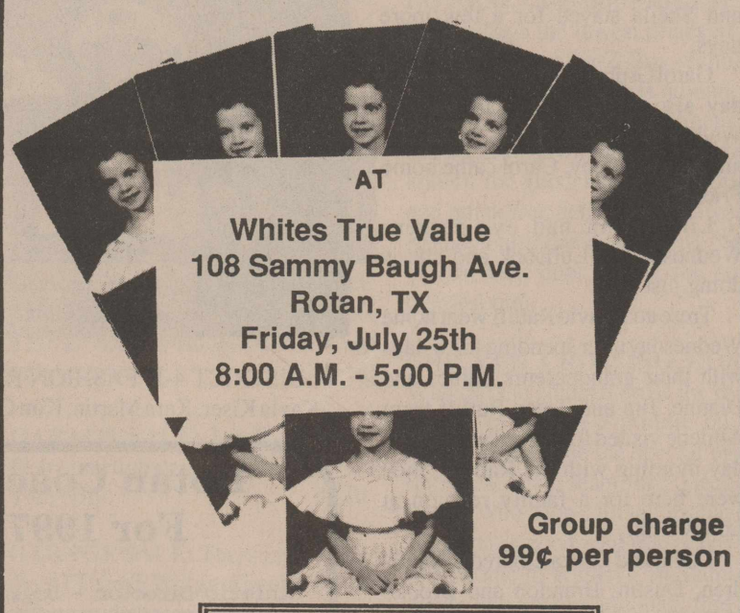
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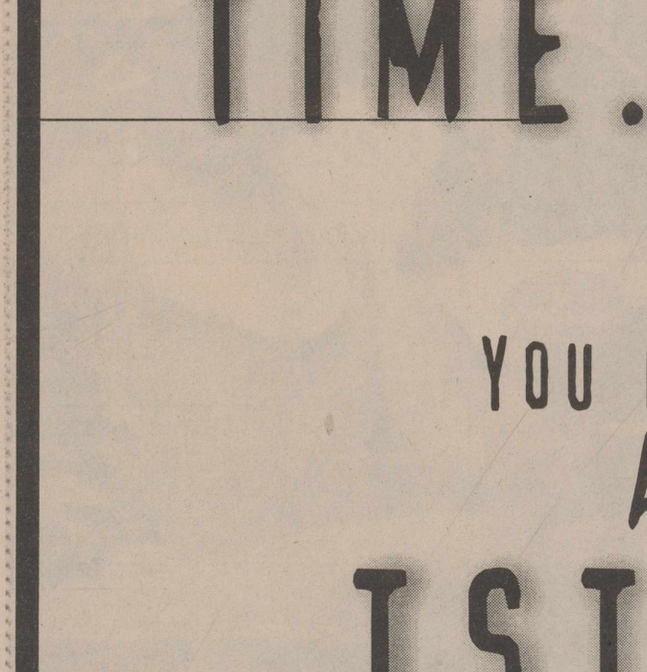
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Fisher County Round-Up, By Joy Walker

We are finally getting that hot weather that comes with July and August, although we had another thunderstorm Thursday night and some folks got a lot of rain, but here I just got a good shower. The cotton is really growing now and looks so good, hope there aren't too many bugs this year.

Congratulations to Carye and Robert Odom of Frisco, Texas, who are the proud parents of a baby boy, born Wednesday 9th of July at Presbyterian Hospital in Dallas. They named him Hunter Blake and he weighed 8 lbs. 5 ozs. Both Carye and the baby are doing fine. Sheila and Donnie were there when the baby was born as they went Tuesday. Donnie returned home early Friday and Sheila stayed for a few more days.

Garol Gruben went to Dallas Tuesday also and visited with Evette. Wednesday they went to see Carye and the new baby. Carol came home Friday.

Lila Guinn had eye surgery Wednesday at Lubbock and she is doing just fine.

Trese and David Ratliff went home Wednesday after spending a few days with their grandparents, James and Dianne. Jim and Tracy Ratliff from Abilene visited for a short while Sunday morning with the Ratliffs, they were here for a family reunion at Longworth.

David and Debra Etheredge's children, Dustin, Brandon and Brooke are here visiting with their grandparents, LaNelle and Jackie Wayne Etheredge. Their grandchildren from Durango, Colorado are also here visiting. They are Chase, Skyler and Samantha, and their parents are Todd and Suzanne Etheredge. Cody and Randi Marie Etheredge are also going to be visiting, so Jackie Wayne and LaNelle are going to have a busy time. Sunday, Mrs. Lealon Wilburn and LaNelle went to Colorado City to visit Mrs. Wilburn's sister, Pearl Keathley, who is in the hospital there.

Frances Kemp broke a small bone in her ankle Wednesday, but is home and on crutches.

Murray Simmons had surgery in Abilene last week, but is home now and doing fine. He and his wife, Virginia, have moved back to Roby.

Jerry Burk from Carlsbad, New Mexico, was here visiting his mother, Mrs. Audie Burk, during the week.

Gary Rackley and his wife, Maryanne, visited with Christine Rackley over the 4th. They are from Austin and they stayed until Sunday.

Bro. Dee, Diana, Tabitha and Timothy Threatt and Diana's parents, Wilma and John Bullock, are back from their vacation. They went to California and really enjoyed their trip. We were pleased to have them back at Hobbs Church on Sunday.

The family of the late Mr. and Mrs. Frank O'Briant are planning their 39th reunion for the 25th, 26th, and 27th of July. It will be held at the RV Camp, south of Roby, and they will be serving Barbecue brisket and all the trimmings. There will be lots of games and fun for all ages. They will also be having their annual auction for the children and also one for the grown-ups. See you there.

Happy Birthday to Mrs. Ricky (Peggy) Williams whose birthday is Friday, 18th July.

I attended the reception for Dr. Maurice Sunday which was held at the Church of Christ in Rotan. There was a big crowd there and everyone had a good time visiting. I got to visit with Janet (Callan) Branch for a short while. It was so good to see her again. She lives at Aspermont with her husband, Robert, and their two children.

There are still so many folks away on vacation or gone to family reunions, but know this is the time of year for things like that.

See you next week.

County 4-Hers In 'Summer Is Sew Fun'

"Summer is Sew Fun" in San Angelo, as over 100-plus 4-H'ers modeled their fashion creations during the Annual District 7 4-H Fashion Show July 10.

Young tailors and seamstresses from across the District's 23 counties were featured at the show held at Southland Baptist Church. West Texas Utilities and the Texas Agricultural Extension Service have sponsored the popular event for 42 years.



DISTRICT 4-H FASHION REVUE PARTICIPANTS: Left to right, Kayla Kiser, Kera Martin, Kim Garcia, Tara Carey, and Cody Etheredge.

Five 4-H members from Fisher County competed in the event: Kayla Kiser, Kera Martin, Kim Garcia, Tara Carey, and Cody Etheredge.

District competitors had to win in their division in their home county to compete in the district show. Juniors and intermediates competed in two separate categories- Daywear and Sportswear, Buying Division or Construction Division.

First and second place winners in the garment category of construction and buying division earned rosettes from West Texas Utilities.

Cotton garment winners in the Construction Division received cash awards from the Sweetwater Rolling Plains Cotton Compress. The First State Bank of Paint Rock also gave the wool and mohair garment entries cash awards.

Winners included Kayla Kiser and Kim Garcia, semi-finalist and Tara Carey, reserve champion.

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Basketball - head - girls	Ruben Osuna
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Basketball - girls - JH	Jonathan Haseloff
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Football - JH & HS	David Oldham
Football - JH & HS	Bert Otto
Football - JH & HS	Jonathan Haseloff
Football - JH & HS	Cody White
Golf	Bryan Wood
Tennis - boys & girls - HS	Ruben Osuna
Tennis - boys & girls - JH	Ruben Osuna
Track - head - boys	Bryan Wood
Track - head - girls	Brandy Wood
Track - boys - JH	Cody White
Track - girls - JH	Jonathan Haseloff
Volleyball - head	Ruben Osuna
Volleyball	Brandy Wood

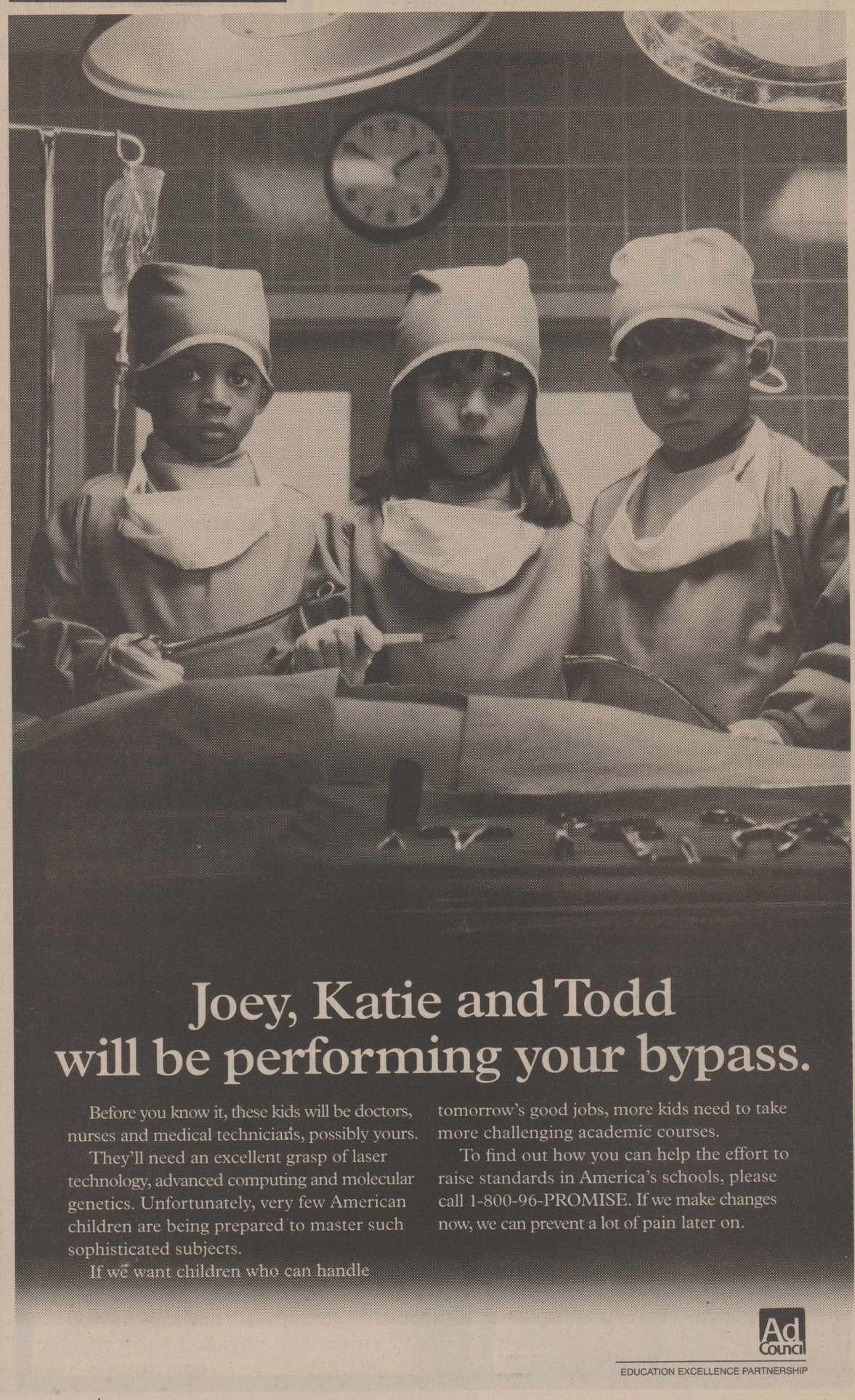
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Bill and Lewana Graham

Thank You

The family of Junior Gann wants to thank everyone for their prayers and phone calls, visits and flowers during Junior's illness and to the Sylvester Methodist Church and friends in Fisher County for the food brought. God Bless you all, it is wonderful to live where so many caring people live.

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Stenholm Urges Support for U.S. Dairy Industry

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The announcement was made after Congressman Charlie Stenholm called on the Administration to use every tool at its disposal, including DEIP, to stabilize declining milk prices.

"As dairy prices continue to slide, it is more important than ever that we use every available resource to stabilize dairy prices," said Stenholm. "Full use of the DEIP program will allow us to address the problem of price instability in the short term, while providing a solid foundation for future market growth."

According to the USDA, the DEIP program will be carried out at the maximum level allowed under international obligations. This means that for the coming year, 137,446 tons of U.S. dairy products will be exported.

Stenholm sponsored provisions in the 1996 Farm Bill that made important changes to DEIP, focusing the program on market development and requiring maximum use of the program consistent with obligations under the World Trade Organization (WTO).

Stenholm serves as the Ranking Democrat for the House Agriculture Committee.

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Hammer Cheerleaders At Camp

Rotan Yellowhammer Cheerleaders Attend UCA Camp at Tech

On June 17, eight Rotan cheerleaders attended the Universal Cheerleading Camp at Texas Tech University. There, they learned updated techniques in cheerleading elite stunts, a couple of dances, and new cheers and sideline chants.

At the four day camp, the Rotan squad received a spirit stick every day, including an evaluation each evening on learned cheers and chants of the day.

Overall awards brought home were: spirit stick, 2 excellent ribbons, 5 blue superior ribbons, 4 gold superior ribbons, and a 1997 Superior Trophy.

Cheerleaders for the 1997-98 school year are Katy Cade, senior; Tracy Posey, senior; Andrea Miranda, junior; Stacy Morrow, junior; Crystal Early, sophomore, head cheerleader; Jennifer Fowler, sophomore; Dayme Mullins, sophomore; Haley Helms, freshman. There is no Yellowhammer mascot this year.

Accompanying the cheerleaders to camp was cheerleader sponsor, Lydia Miranda.



ROTAN CHEERLEADERS: Left to Right, Top Row: Tracy Posey, Crystal Early, Jennifer Fowler, Stacy Morrow. Front row, Andrea Miranda, Katy Cade, Dayme Mullins, and Haley Helms.

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library.

In the absence of Coach Perry Graves, Price gave a report (1.) On the success of the summer league basketball program; (2.) Two a days workouts beginning on August 6th and (3.) The status of the new scoreboard at the Roby Football Field.

Price also reported that there had been some new basketball goals installed in the old school gym and that the floors in both the old gym and new gym were going to be sanded this week.

Price reported that Graves purchased approximately $5,000 in surplus weight equipment from Texas Surplus Properties for $480. Price also indicated that the board discussed the crowded condition of the weight room.

George Price indicated that he shared a report with board members concerning the 1996 total tax valuation findings based on Proposition #9 failing and passing. If the proposition passes the value would be $48,230,972 and if it fails the value would be $51,076,631.

Consent agenda items that were approved were:

(A.) Approval of the annual HOBBS interlocal agreement for 1997-98.

(B.) Approval in changes in lunchroom prices. Teacher lunches and breakfasts goes from $1.50 to $2.00; visitors lunch and breakfast from $2.00 to $2.50. Extra milk - .25 cents and ice cream .75 cents.

Board members approved Roby Handbook and Discipline Management - Student Code of Conduct changes. There were only minor changes in the grading system and policy concerning the use of the school gym.

Gandy's was awarded the milk bid for 1997-98 and Scott Fuel was awarded the fuel bid.

West Texas Ranch For Christ Singing

Sunday, July 20, a singing of all denominations will be held at the West Texas Ranch for Christ. The Ranch is a beautiful oasis, a place of beauty and quiet, where Billy Graham has prayed and stayed. The Ranch is run by the International Evangelism Association, Billie Hanks Jr. Salado, Texas is president.

J.D. Taylor of Blackwell asks everyone to bring a sandwich to church to eat on the way, and be there around 1:00 p.m. to do some touring and picture taking, bring lawn chairs and a camera. There is a seating capacity for 50 or 60 people. The singing will start at 2:00 p.m. and end at 4:30 p.m.

The ranch is 22 miles south of Sweetwater on Highway 70 and 3-1/2 miles east, or 6 miles north of Blackwell , the road is paved from Highway 70 to the ranch. W.A. Hickman of Blackwell and Garden Barnes own the first two ranches, they have many cattle and you are asked to drive slowly, also, the West Texas Ranch for Christ has many goats and cattle.

For further information call J.D. Taylor at 282-2756.

Notice Of Sale Of Property

Rotan Independent School District

Rotan Independent School District is taking sealed bids on the following properties owned by the district. Sealed bids should be received in the Superintendent's office by 5:00 p.m., Friday, August 8th, 1997. The board of trustees shall take formal action at their regular meeting scheduled at 7:30 p.m., Monday, August 11th, 1997. The property shall be bid separately as listed, by item number. The bid should be placed in a sealed envelope with the name, address and telephone number of the bidder, and the amount of the bid. The outside of the envelope should be clearly marked with the item number, block number, lot number and description, as they appear below. The Rotan Independent School District reserves the right to reject all bids, and to act in the best interest of the school district. A map showing the location of the property is on display at the superintendent's office at 102 N. McKinley, Rotan, Texas.

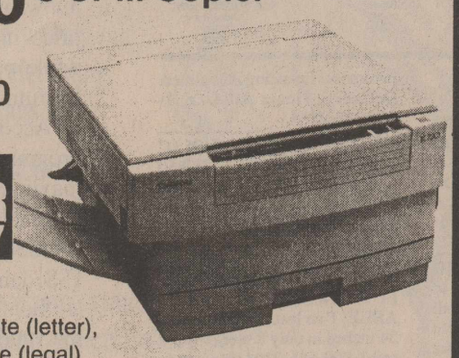
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3	Block 318, Lot 4	Inside	6 MONTHS
4	Block 214, Lots 7&8	Inside	6 MONTHS
5	Block 279, Lots 7&8	Inside	6 MONTHS
6	Block 17, Lot 2	Richardson	EXPIRED
7	Block 17, Lot 11	Richardson	EXPIRED
8	W 100' NW/2 Blk.18,Lots 5&6	OT	EXPIRED
9	Block 18, S/100' SE/4	OT	EXPIRED
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11	Block 44, Lot 4	OT	EXPIRED
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15	Block 92, All Lots	OT	EXPIRED
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19	Block 122, Lot 3	OT	EXPIRED
20	Block 123, Lot 1	OT	EXPIRED
21	Block 123, Lot 14	OT	EXPIRED
22	Block 129, Lots 5,6&7	OT	EXPIRED
23	Block 130, Lots 2,3,4&5	OT	EXPIRED
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26	Block 130, Lot 10	OT	EXPIRED
27	Block 130, Lot 12	OT	EXPIRED
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29	Block 145, W/3 of NW/4	OT	EXPIRED
30	Block 145, M/3 of S/2	OT	EXPIRED
31	Block 152, W/3 of SE/4	OT	EXPIRED
32	Block 153, W/3 of SW/4	OT	EXPIRED
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34	Block 169, W/75' of NE/4	OT	EXPIRED
35	Block 171, E/3 of SW/4	OT	EXPIRED
36	Block 185, Lot 1	Inside	EXPIRED
37	Block 185, Lots 4&5	Inside	EXPIRED
38	Block 185, Lot 6	Inside	EXPIRED
39	Block 190, Lot 7	Inside	EXPIRED
40	Block 190, Lot 12	Inside	EXPIRED
41	Block 202, Lot 7	Inside	EXPIRED
42	Block 209, Lot 9	Inside	EXPIRED
43	Block 235, Lot 4& E/2 of 5	Inside	EXPIRED
44	Block 240, Lot 3&4	Inside	EXPIRED
45	Block 246, Lot 7&8	Inside	EXPIRED
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47	Block 254, Lot 9	Inside	EXPIRED
48	Block 254, Lot 10&11	Inside	EXPIRED
49	Block 254, Lot 12	Inside	EXPIRED
50	Block 282, Lot 1	Inside	EXPIRED
51	Block 282, Lot 2 & E/2 of 3	Inside	EXPIRED
52	Block 287, Lot 3	Inside	EXPIRED
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57	Block 312, Lot 8	Inside	EXPIRED
58	Block 337, Lot 9&10	Inside	EXPIRED
59	Block 339, Lot 4&5	Inside	EXPIRED
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Fisher County 4-H/Ag/Home Ec News

By: Justin Hansard & Beth Dannheim
Fisher County Extension Agents

4-H Fun Day: All youth (grades 3-8) are invited to a new summer event, 4-H Fun Day, July 23, at Rotan Community Center, 9:00 a.m. Activities will be varied and include workshops, outdoor activities, crafts, and lots of fun. About noon we will adjourn to Sheila Grubens for picnic and swim. Bring your own picnic lunch and drink. Have your Mom/Dad pick you up at the Grubens at 3:00. Remember, this is for boys and girls we will have fun.

4-H Club Managers Planning Session: All club managers from the 96-97 year are asked to meet, Wednesday, July 16 at 5:00 in the Annex. Plans will be made for the 4-H Awards Banquet, Thursday, August 7, Roby School, help new agent get acquainted, and work out details for club managers next year.

High School Youth: All high school youth (Roby and Rotan) are invited to a hamburger supper and get acquainted party., Friday, July 25, at 7:30 p.m. in the home of Kathy and Richard Spencer. Any high school youth interested in joining 4-H Can do so at this time.

Texas 4-H Youth Voices and Action: On July 17, Jaycee Carey and Mindy Mahaffey will be attending a workshop for 4-H Youth at the Texas 4-H Center. The workshop will be in conjunction with upcoming 4-H commercials on television. The two youth will be responsible for helping in this campaign by offering community support.

State 4-H Horse Show: July 20-26 in Abilene will be this years State 4-H Horse Show. Fisher County will be represented well by Ashley Smith. She was high point judged individual at District 7 Horse Show in Sweetwater on June 16. Please congratulate her and wish her good luck at the State Show.

Beef Cattle Short Course-August 11-13: Consumers want better beef, and cattle raisers can learn how to give it to them at this year's beef Cattle Short Course at Texas A&M. Extension beef cattle specialist Dr. Larry Boleman says drought, low beef prices and high feed cost sent many cattle raisers in search of more profitable pursuits. But he says the cycle is on the upswing. This year Boleman expects another large crowd at the annual Beef Cattle Short Course. He says quality control and consistency are the buzz words. Cattle producers will get advice on how to breed and raise calves to produce a better and more consistent product that will have more appeal to consumers. The Beef Cattle Short Course is set for August 11th through 13th on the Texas A&M campus. The cost is 60 dollars if you register early. To do that, contact Fisher County Extension for further information.

Fighting Off Chiggers: Chiggers, red bugs...if you've been bitten by them, you have an even more descriptive name for them. They target the areas where your clothes are tightest..like under the elastic of a sock or around your waistline. Extension entomologist Dr. Roger Gold recommends loose fitting clothing and less of it. And he suggests avoiding tall grass in shady areas. He says insecticides that contain the ingredient DEET work fairly well in fending off chiggers. You should also shower as soon as your come in. Soap and warm water help wash them away. After that, all you can do is treat the bite. The chigger will live about a day and a half in your skin. Gold says some people use petroleum jelly, nail polish or other commercial products to try to suffocate the insect. Cortisone cream will help stop the itching.

Summer Snacks: Mommy, I'm hungry! How often do parents hear that during the summer break? Because they have smaller stomachs, children need to eat more often. Snacks low in sugar, fat and salt are recommended. Setting out fruits and vegetables is just as easy as giving them a bag of chips. The child's age should be taken into consideration. Some are too young for raw vegetables such as carrots because they can't chew them well. On the other hand, older children will be less likely to over-eat when they have to chew their food well. Try getting the children involved in planning their snacks. Snacks should make up for the lack of fruits, vegetable, fiber and dairy products in meals. Whole grain crackers, cheese, pudding, even ice cream make good snacks.

Rotan FCE News

Rotan Family and Community Education Club met in the home of Marrianne Craver on July 3, at 10:00 a.m.

It was stated the forest from Jamestown to the Mississippi was cleared by pioneers who had fewer tools than are stored in the typical modern garage. Roll call was answered by members telling what tool they liked best for doing yard work.

Ardell Floyd read the minutes of the previous meeting and gave the treasurer's report in the absence of Wanda Floyd. After a short business meeting Doshia Cave taught how to make beautiful flowers from plastic spoons.

Lunch was served to Ozella Rivers, Effie Murphree, Ardell Floyd, Nan Arnett, June Anderson and guest Doshia Cave, by the hostess.

Next meeting will be on banking by Ardell Floyd in the home of June Anderson, July 17 at 2:30 p.m.

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Tax Planning
By Gerald Rodgers, CPA

SMART TAXPAYERS AVOID REFUNDS

This year about 70 percent of American taxpayers received refunds, which averaged about $1,375 each. While most Americans happily accept their checks, smart taxpayers understand that refunds actually cost them money. Here's why:

The government pays no interest on refunds. Kept in your hands, those dollars could have been productive. For example, invested in equity mutual funds, the money could have earned fifteen percent or more over the course of a year. If the money had been added to a 401 (k) plan, tax would have been deferred on both the investment and its earnings. Even better, your employer might have matched all or part of your investment, increasing its potential.

Inflation zaps purchasing power. Even three percent inflation would have shaved about $20 off the average refund. While you might not worry about $20, you could have kept that money.

Refunded cash is not available for use until actually received. Even though most taxpayers get their checks promptly, circumstances or errors can delay (or stop) a refund.

To prevent losing money on tax refunds, consider reducing your withholding or estimated tax payments. For most taxpayers, withholding must equal either the prior year's tax or 90 percent of the current year's liability. If your annual income changes little, it's relatively easy to avoid over-withholding. Determine the amount withheld so far this year, then subtract that number from last year's tax liability. Divide the difference by the number of pay periods remaining this year. Then ask your employer to withhold that amount each period.

For taxpayers with fluctuating income or multiple sources, the problem is more complex. The IRS provides a worksheet with the withholding statement (Form W-4), but many people find the form very complicated. If you'd like assistance adjusting your withholding, contact our office.

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Notice To Bidders

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Fisher County Commissioners Court is accepting bids for a new 4-wheel drive, ruber tire loader with equivalent of 3 yd. bucket. Request trade-in of Cat 953 track loader. For specifications contact office of County Judge Marshal Bennett.

Bids will be opened in special session of Commissioners Court meeting July 30, 1997 at 9:00 a.m.

Fisher County Commissioners Court reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids.

Marshal Bennett
County Judge
47-2tc

Legal Notice

The Rotan Independent School District is accepting applications for the following position:

Elementary Teacher

For an application and information concerning the referenced position, please contact either of the following:

Jim Copeland, Superintendent 915/735-2332

David Hargrove, Elementary Principal 915/735-3182

Rotan Independent School District, 102 North McKinley Avenue, Rotan, Texas 79546.

Rotan ISD is an equal opportunity employer and welcomes all applicants regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, religion or political belief.

Jim Copeland
Superintendent
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Senior Citizen Dance Friday

The Senior Citizens will have their dance Friday night, July 18, at the Senior Citizens Center. All Seniors and their guests are welcome.

All Seniors are welcome to attend the Center for meals and activities. The group plans to start craft projects but need people interested to attend. A bus is available for anyone needing a ride.

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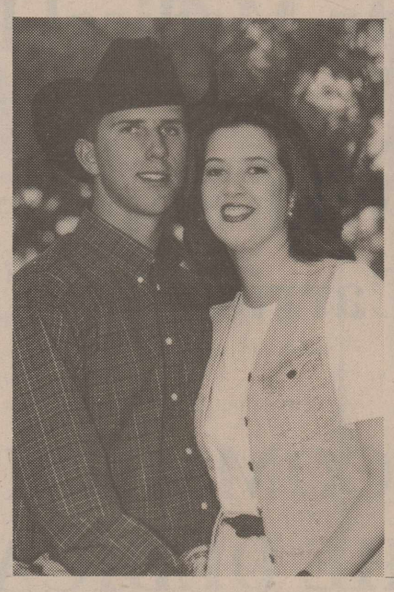
Rotan VFW
STEAKS ARE BACK
Come Join Us!

Stephanie Louise Williams And Riley Wade Carver Are Engaged

Mr. and Mrs. Craig Williams of Knox City announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Stephanie Louise to Riley Wade Carver.

Riley is the son of Craig and Susan Carver of Knox City and grandson of Roy and Mary Adams of Rotan.

The couple is planning an August 22 wedding.



Stephanie Williams, Riley Carver



FIVE GENERATIONS AT REUNION: Five generations at the June 21st and 22nd Shipp Family Reunion - (l to r) Rachel, holding Tracer, Vollie, Charles and Sarah Shipp.

Egly And Wilson Advance To The Ponderosa Finals

Karla Egly and Margaret Wilson who make up the country music duo "Fancy Free" has advanced to the finals in the first annual Big Country Showdown held at the Ponderosa Ballroom in Abilene.

"Fancy Free" will compete with finalists from shows held the 20th and 27th for cash prizes to be held in the final round August 3, starting at 7:30.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON FISHER COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT BUDGET

The Fisher County Appraisal District will hold a public hearing on a proposed budget for the 1998 fiscal year.

The public hearing will be held on August 12, 1997 at 8:00 a.m. in the District Court Room, Fisher County Courthouse.

A summary of the appraisal district budget follows:

The total amount of the proposed budget is $188,999.00.

(List major budget categories and amounts.)

The total amount of increase over the current year's budget is $17,304.00.

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

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

The appraisal district is supported solely by payments from the local taxing units served by the appraisal district.

If approved by the appraisal district board of directors at the public hearing, this proposed budget will take effect automatically unless disapproved by the governing bodies of the county, school districts, cities and towns served by the appraisal district. A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection in the office of each of those governing bodies.

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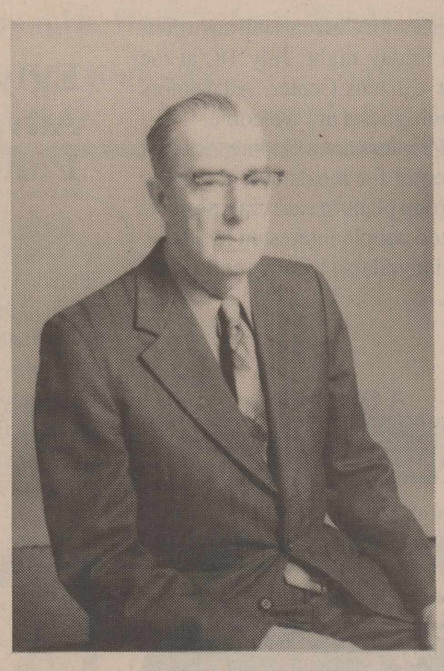
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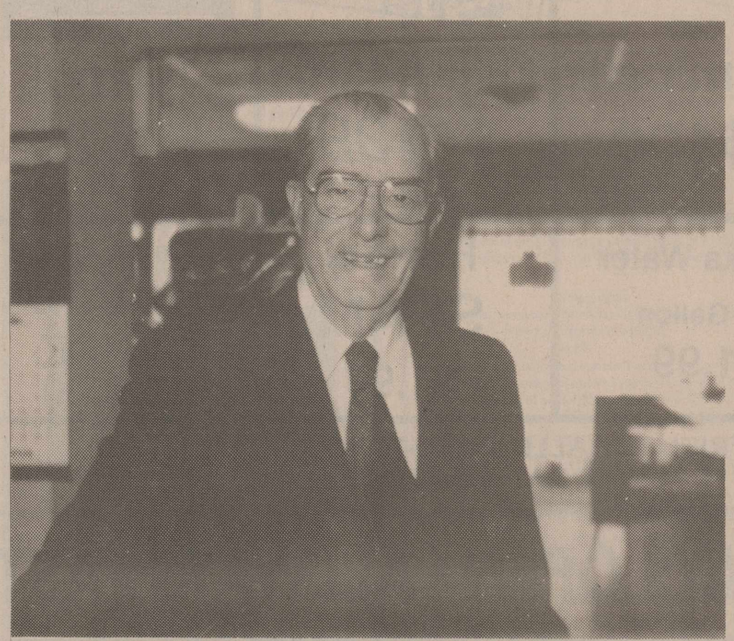


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STILL TRYING TO LIVE UP TO REPUTATION

'Outstanding' Country Doctor Well

BY E. D. ALEXANDER.

ROTAN, Oct. 1.—In case you ever wondered what became of the "outstanding country doctor of America for 1948," this is a report to the nation that Dr. Chester Uri Callan of Rotan is doing quite well, thank you.

He's still trying to live up to the reputation gained in 1948 when the Saturday Evening Post featured him as the model for all America.

The doctor was 44 when the magazine, with the co-operation of the American Medical Association, hailed him as the model country doctor.

About the only difference now is that the doctor is 12 years older, has educated two sons as doctors and gained three grandchildren.

* * *

IT WAS A momentous occasion in 1948 when Steven M. Spencer, associate editor of the Post, and a member of the American Medical Association interviewed Dr. Callan in Rotan.

Then, after the article was published, Rotan citizens had an appreciation day program for Dr. Callan. Two thousand persons came to hear praises expressed in a celebration in the middle of Rotan's wide main street.

Dr. Callan was asked last week if there were any possibility he might cease to be a "country doctor." There isn't a chance, he replied. He is going to keep right on working in Rotan, but he doubts if he can live up to the reputation of being a "model."

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DR. CALLAN isn't old enough to be a pioneer doctor but he comes from pioneer stock. His father, Dr. Walter W. Callan, was a real pioneer in medicine.

He was 19 when he started to school in the fourth grade, wearing cowboy boots, in Hopkins County in East Texas. The father later taught school and saved his money for a medical education in the old Fort Worth Medical College.

The elder Dr. Callan, as a young man, loaded all his worldly possessions into a boxcar and migrated to West Texas.

He halted at the little town of Tuxedo near Stamford in 1907, got off the old Texas Central Railroad train and looked around.

"The end of the line can't be any worse," the pioneer doctor was quoted as saying.

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SO, THE PIONEER continued the journey to Rotan, end of the line, where he found a tent city. He tacked up his "M.D." sign and went to work as a country doctor.

Dr. Callan died at the age of 58 in 1928—a victim of overwork who often went for weeks with little sleep or rest.

Dr. Chester Callan first thought he would be a lawyer and then switched to medicine so he might follow the footsteps of his father.

He was graduated from Abilene Christian College in 1925 and received his medical degree from the University of Texas in 1929, a year after his father died.

In 1930 Dr. Chester Callan took over the offices of his late father. Five years later he was elected mayor of Rotan.

The streets were paved and lighted during his 2½ years in office and the city even built a swimming pool as a WPA project.

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DR. CALLAN'S pet peeve was the fact the city wouldn't let him build a hospital. He felt that his venture into politics had been an expensive one for himself.

He felt that he either had to build a hospital or confine his practice to that of a practical nurse. He wanted to do surgery as well as general practice and he needed a hospital.

Dr. Callan resigned his office of mayor in 1938, went to Chicago for postgraduate work and then returned to Rotan, where he built a 17-bed hospital, which now has been expanded into a 50-bed institution which he and Dr. J. Frank Johnson own.

The third generation of the Callans in medicine is represented by Dr. Chester Maurice Callan, 29, who joined his father after graduation from the University of Texas Medical School at Galveston in 1956.

Like his father, he is content to stay in Rotan and be a "country doctor," though there is a thought that the modern hospital operation in the growing little city of Rotan makes the doctors more than just "country doctors."

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MEDICINE SEEMS to run in the Callan family. Dr. Chester V. Callan has a younger son, Dr. Jack Callan who is a veterinarian in Abilene.

His uncle, Dr. George Callan, is retired and lives between Fort Worth and Dallas. A brother, Dr. Weldon K. Callan, is a dentist in Spur.

Dr. Chester V. Callan is dedicated to the work of providing better medical service for rural areas. For six or seven years he was a member of the rural health and doctor distribution committee of the Texas Medical Association.

"There is more need for country doctors now than when I started practice," Dr. Callan explained. "Most of the small towns are losing population, making it more difficult for a doctor to earn a living.

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"SOME COMMUNITIES are large enough to support one doctor, but not two. The result is that the one doctor has to work himself to death.

"The national average is one doctor for 750 persons, but in some rural communities one doctor must serve 3,000 persons."

Dr. Callan is a member of the American Academy of General Practice and was president of the Texas Academy in 1953, receiving from that group a plaque for "outstanding service."

In 1959 he received a certificate from the American Cancer Society, Inc., for 10 years service in the control of cancer.

Father of three children, Dr. Callan's daughter, Charlotte Ann, is a freshman this year at Abilene Christian College.

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DROP INTO THE doctor's office some morning on the ground floor of the Callan Hospital for a look at a busy place. It looks more like a doctor's office in a city with patients patiently waiting.

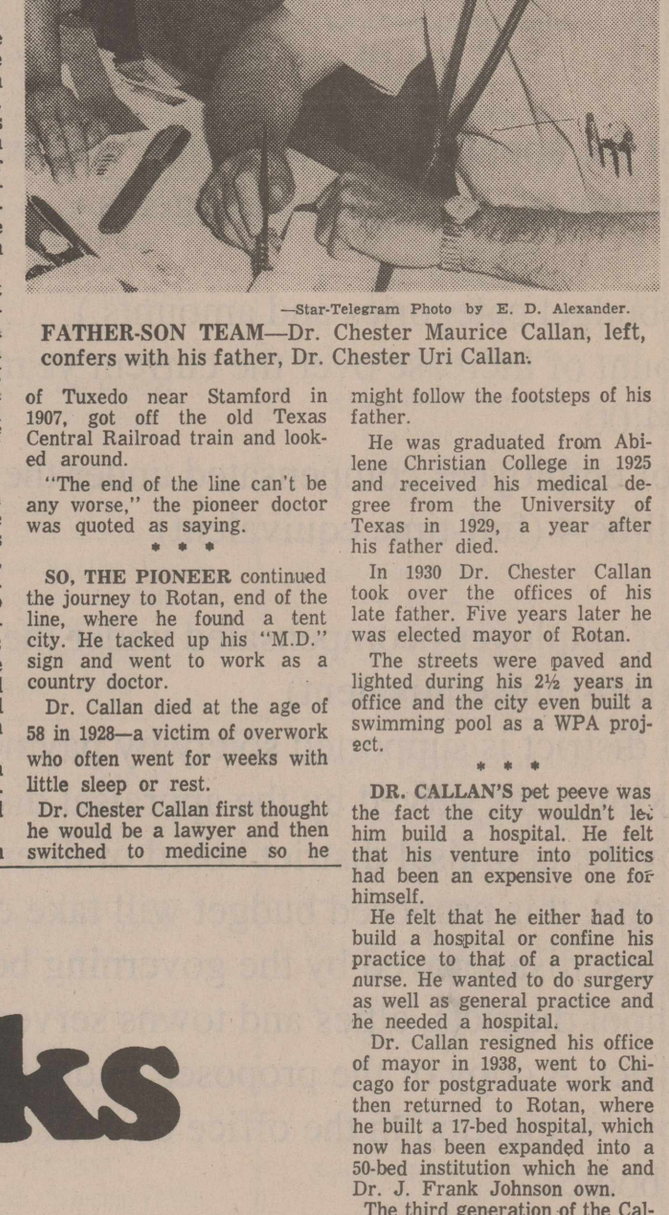
Fall is especially busy season at the Callan Clinic because it is cotton-picking time in West Texas.

The cotton pickers, migratory Latin Americans, swamp the office with their ailments.

There are four doctors on duty to handle the big practice—the two Callans, Dr. Johnson and Dr. Bennie LeBleu.

Dr. Chester Callan does find time for fishing and hunting.

When the telephone rings, it may be George Field, a friend downtown, calling to urge "let's go fishing."



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FATHER-SON TEAM—Dr. Chester Maurice Callan, left, confers with his father, Dr. Chester Uri Callan.

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