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TEN PAGES

Rotan School Board Votes To Build New Weight Room

The members of the Rotan School Board met last Monday night in regular meeting and discussed adding a new room to the field house, building the football concession stand, and replacing the tile in the elementary and replacing the doors in the gym.

Board members voted unanimously to allow Rotan Superintendent Jerry Dickson to proceed in hiring personnel to start building an additional

room at the field house. The new room will be used as a dressing room as well as a weight room.

The board once again will begin taking bids on a concession stand for the football field. There will be two different types of bids one for a structure consisting of a laundry room and the other will be

without. The board also discussed some restoration of the school facilities. The board voted unanimously to fix the gym doors on the East side of the building. The board also voted 6-1, with Fowler against, to start taking bids to rattle the elementary building.

Mrs. Pat Hamric repor-

ted to the board on the Texas Assessment of Basic Skills test which was given to Rotan students in February. After reviewing the test results Dickson asked the Principals if maybe the students are missing out on writing skills because they are not asked to write their answers in essay form. This question was

brought about because there was a decline in writing skills according to the test. Other action taken by the board included the approval of the minutes, paying of the bills, and entering executive session at 9:56 and reconvening at 10:15 to discuss personnel in which no action was taken, and adjourning the meeting.

Rotan And Roby Receive Checks

The Fisher County towns of Rotan and Roby, collectively received checks from Texas State Comptroller Bob Bullock last week in the amount of \$3,113 as part of \$52 million paid out of 988 local-tax cities. The June payments reflect taxes on sales made in April and reported to the Comptroller by May 20th.

Rotan received \$2,490 while Roby \$622 for a total of \$3,113.

Rotan's comparable payment a year ago was \$1,723 while Roby's comparable year ago payment was zero.

To date in 1984, Rotan has received \$31,263 while Roby has received checks amounting to \$7,895. For the same year-to-date reporting period (1983 to 1984) Rotan through June of 1983 had received \$31,709 compared with \$31,263 for 1984. This reflects a decrease in payments of 1.41%. Roby through June of 1983 had payments of \$7,510 compared with \$7,895 for 1984 giving them a 5.13% increase.

Total 1984 payments received by other surrounding communities include: Anson-\$37,183; Hamlin-\$49,977; Hawley-\$7,082; Stamford-\$77,605; Knox City-\$33,916; Albany-\$55,335; Snyder-\$401,437; Roscoe-\$16,276; Sweetwater-\$305,250 and Aspermont-\$27,677.

Rotan Lions Club Presents Awards

Rotan Lions Club presented service awards to three Lions Club members who are community leaders. These were given at regular meeting June 5th.

J.M. Jackson set a club record of 35 years of active service. Joe D. Burk was recognized for 25 years of continuous work and James L. Springer received his certificate for 20 years of dedicated service. Rotan Lions Club International was chartered August 1st, 1947 and has been very active in all phases of civic work.

New officers will be installed by the end of fiscal year, July 3rd.

Fisher County 4-H Share The Fun Wins At State Roundup

The Fisher County 4-H'ers returned from State roundup in the winning column.

The Share-the-Fun Group won FIRST PLACE with their Yellow Rose Act. Team members were Shelly Hayes, Evette Gruben, Sharron Haggard, Deena Williamson, Rich-

ard Kamer, Michelle Burk, Lyle Hale, Mary Lee Hicks and Debbie Everett. The team was coached by Kathy Spencer.

The Livestock team consisting of Ricky Spencer, Jennifer Wright, Gary Teague and Greg Gruben took 4th place. Jennifer Wright was eight high

individual in the contest.

In the Focus on Health Demonstration, Charla Wiley placed seventh (7th) out of twenty-two teams.

The Grass I.D. Team placed ninth (9th). The team members were Rafe Hargrove, Jared Cook, and John Pease. The Range and Pasture Eval-

uation Team placed 10th in their contest. Team members were Rocky Roberts and Joe Mike Sparks. Both teams were coached by James Park.

The 4-H'ers should be congratulated on their efforts...so congratulations from the Extension Staff we are all proud of you.



TOPS AT STATE 4-H ROUNDUP: This 4-H team from Fisher County captured top honors in the Share-the-Fun contest at the 1984 State 4-H Roundup at Texas A&M University, June 5-6. They won Best Vocal Group and Best Musical and first over all out of 25 groups. Team members are Evette Gruben, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilber Gruben of Rotan; Deena Williamson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Williamson of Roby; Sharron Haggard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Shipp of Roby; Shelly Hayes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Doyle

Hayes of Rotan; Debbie Everett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Martin of Roby; Michelle Burk, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Erwin Burk of Roby; Richard Kamer, son of Jo Allen of Rotan; Lyle Hale, son of Mrs. Kathleen Hale of Rotan; and Mary Lee Hicks, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L.H. Hicks of Roby. Coach for the team was Kathy Spencer of Roby. The youth were among almost 2,000 4-H members from across Texas who competed in 40 different contests and events.

Commissioners Accept Bid To Restore County Records

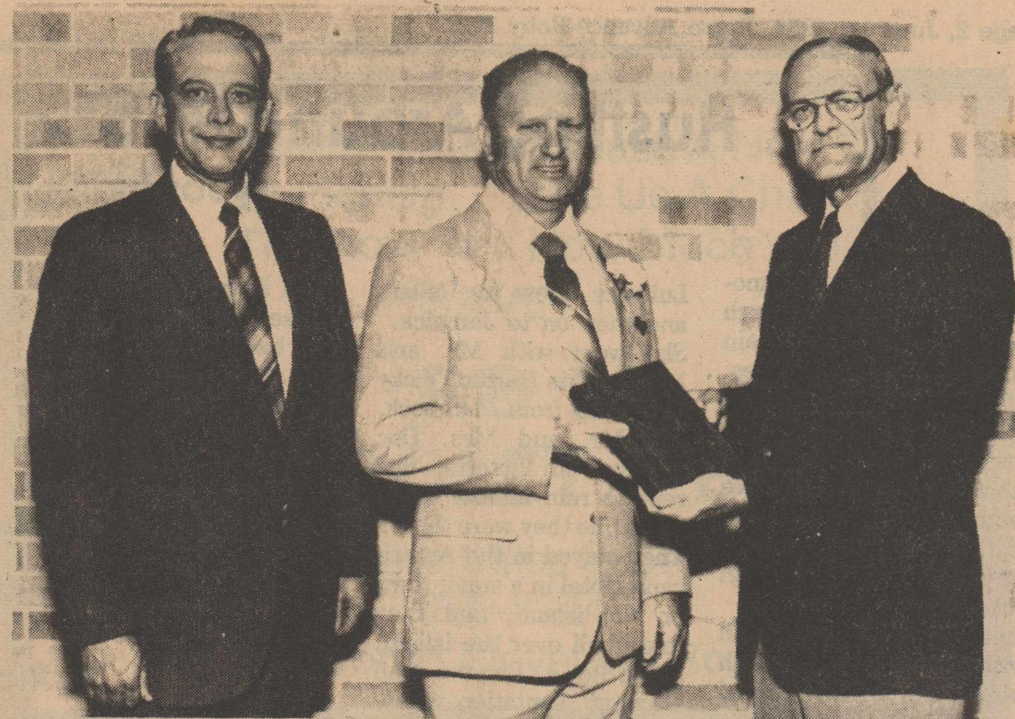
The members of the Fisher County Commissioners Court met last Monday in which they accepted a bid to restore 9 books containing county records and elected to start looking for a new form of insurance for county employees and their families.

The court accepted a bid

from Ham Bookbinding Company to rebind and laminate 9 books containing county records. The price of the restoration will be \$5,512.80 and payments will be as follows \$2,000 on the completion of the job and the rest will be paid after January the first.

The court also received a rate change proposal for the insurance covering the 50 county employees and their families. They felt that the increase was high and that other insurance companies should be contacted so that a better comparison could be made on the increase.

Other action taken by the board includes the approval of the election judges, granting permission for a bus line to enter Roby in the future, and scheduling a budget hearing for July 2.



AREA 4-H LEADERS; L to R: Dr. Zerle Carpenter, Director Extension Service, Edwin Jackson and Jim Morris-General Manager Texas Electric Cooperative, Inc., and a member of the Texas 4-H Youth Foundation.

Edwin Jackson Honored For 4-H Volunteer Service

Two area 4-H leaders were among 28 in Texas honored at the 1984 State 4-H Roundup at Texas A&M University, June 5-6.

Ossie Brown of Roaring Springs and Edwin Jackson of Roby were recognized as the top adult volunteer leaders in the Rolling Plains District of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M University System. The Extension Service is the parent organization of 4-H.

Each honoree received a special plaque provided by the Texas 4-H Foundation, the service organization of 4-H.

Brown has been a volunteer 4-H leader in the Motley County 4-H Club for 13 years. She has provided outstanding and dedicated leadership to a number of projects and activities over the years.

She was instrumental in hosting the District Adult Leaders Association meeting in Motley County in 1981 and has served on the 4-H and Youth Committee of the Motley County Program Building Committee. Through her efforts, numerous 4-H'ers have excelled in project work.

Jackson is the member service director of the Midwest Electric Cooperative. He has been a 4-H

leader in Fisher County for 10 years. He has served as a photographer for many district 4-H events and activities and has provided transportation to district and state 4-H contests.

Jackson also has served as a judge for method demonstrations conducted by 4-H members and has provided demonstration materials for electric and cooperative demonstrations.

He has become a 'best friend' of many of the county's 4-H members because he is always available and concerned with their needs. His leadership efforts have helped 4-H'ers mature.

Fisher County 4-H Leaders To Hold Meeting

Fisher County 4-H Adult Leaders will hold a special meeting on June 18 at 8 p.m. in the Courthouse Annex, Roby, to discuss the possibility of opening a Teen Center for county use on Friday nights for the remainder of the summer. Anyone else interested in this program is invited to attend.

Rotan Pony League Wins Record 7-1

The Rotan Pony League hiked their record to 7 wins-1 lost in beating Anson (Kiwanis Club) by the score of 9-1. Jerry Carreon pitched the full 7 innings and did a very good job. Outstanding plays by David Shipp and Jerry Carter helped Jerry alot! Rotan plays Hawley in Hamlin, Thursday, June 14th at 7 p.m.

Come support the team!!

Summer Reading Starts This Week At The Rotan Library

The Summer Reading Club, sponsored in part by the Texas State Library, offers a summer of reading fun to young people from kindergarten through eighth grade, and begins this week at Rotan Public Library. The theme this year is MAGICAL MYSTERIES, and participants will try to read at least ten books before the 27th of August. Some of the

books available for reading this summer include: The Day They Came to Arrest the Book by Hentoff; Borrowers Afield by Norton; Dragons, Unicorns and Other Magical Beasts by Palmer; Milton Hershey, the Chocolate King by Malone; Wild Goose, Brother Goose, by Ellis; Dear Mr. Henshaw by Cleary; and The Homecoming by Hamner. Come and see many more that are available.

Fisher County Historical Commission

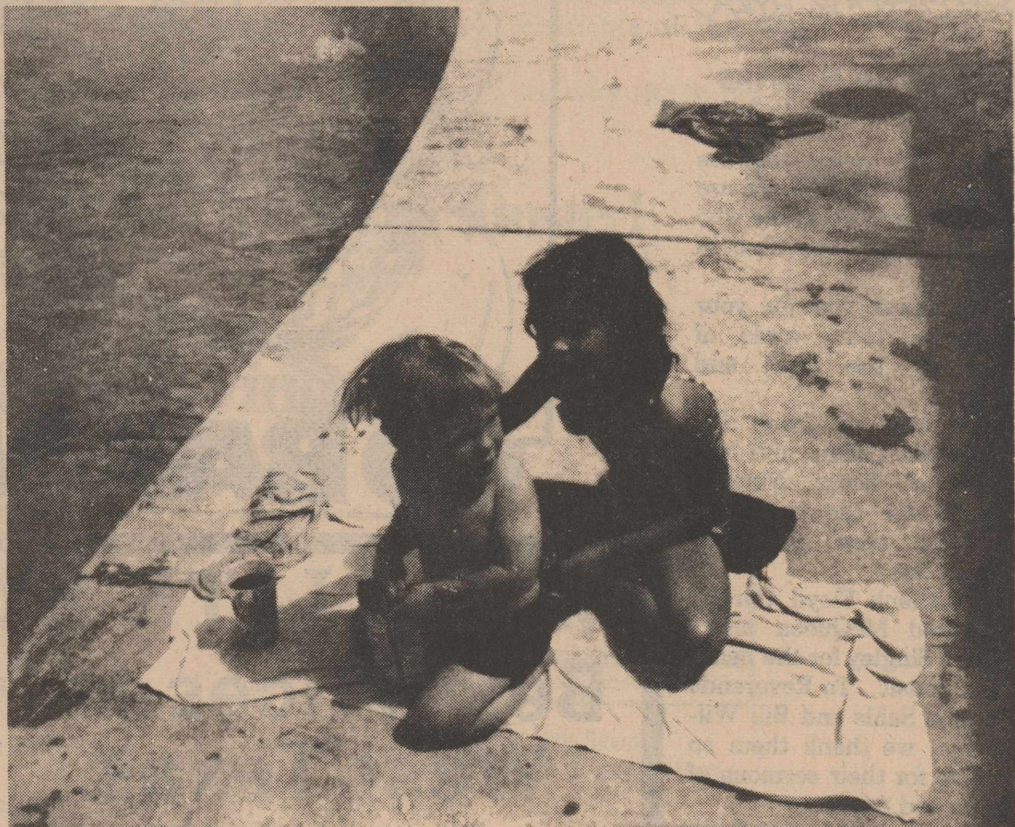
Have Books For Sale Around County

Fisher County Historical Commission has a supply of replica of the award recently presented them as their "The First 107 Years of Fisher County History" was recognized as "Best Historical Publication of 1983" in Texas. Texas Historical Commission judged all books submitted and made the award.

The replica make ideal

book place marker. The local commission want everyone who has one of the books to receive a free copy at any of the locations in the county that are handling the book. These are: Roby Flower Shop; Summers Pharmacy; Garcia's Flower Shop or Martin's Feed & Seed.

These will also be given with new sales of the book.



FUN IN THE SUN: Jeffrey Knight and Buffy Shipp enjoy relaxing by the Rotan pool. Jeffrey is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dicky Knight and Buffy is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hershel Shipp.

Hustling Around Hobbs

By Joy Walker

Well, we have had another dry week, although Tuesday night it did rain quite a bit in some places, while others had just a light sprinkle. It was really a good thunderstorm and I thought we might get a good rain out of it, but here at the house, we just got a trace. Anson got a real good rain though, but had some hail with the storm and high winds; it was very spotted everywhere, with some fields dry and the next farm had water in the field.

Mrs. J.D. Kincaid was admitted to the Fisher County hospital Wednesday of last week, and she still isn't feeling very good. She wasn't able to be at church the Sunday before last, and was sick all week. We sure do miss her and J.D. when they aren't able to be at church. We hope to hear that she is feeling very much better and will soon be able to return home.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Boydston and family from Mesquite are here visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Boydston. They all attended the Thomson reunion at Lake Stamford over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Cave went to Fort Griffin on Saturday and attended the Rankin children's reunion. They really enjoyed visiting with all the kinfolks. Mr. and Mrs. Don Cave from Farmington, New Mexico, left the J.C. Caves on Wednesday; they have been here visiting for about a week.

Congratulations to Kristi Price, bride elect of Mathew Givens III. Kristi is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Price of this community and Mathew is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Givens of Snyder. A gift tea was given on Saturday for Kristi and Mathew at the home of Mrs. B. Maxwell, Hobbs School.

Mrs. Bea Hardin has just returned from a wonderful trip to Jamaica. She left Saturday a week ago from

Lubbock, flew to Dallas, and then on to Jamaica. She went with Mr. and Mrs. Morris Hardin, Vicky and Todd from Lubbock, and Mr. and Mrs. Doc Hardin from Victoria. She reports rain almost every day while they were there. They stayed in the Americana Hotel in a small town on the island, and they toured all over the island, going to a Banana and Coconut plantation where they visited all one day. She really had a good trip and enjoyed seeing all the sights.

We are sorry to hear that Lealon Wilburn is back in the Rolling Plains at Sweetwater. He went in on Saturday and the J.W. Etheredge and the remainder of the Wilburn family are all visiting with him and Mrs. Wilburn during his stay at the hospital. Mrs. Mark (Anitra) Anderle and boys from Linden and Mrs. Walter (Lynn) Cave and baby daughter from Midland were both here visiting over the weekend. Mrs. Opal Phillips visited with the Gary Hyers and children on Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Caraway from Downey, California, visited with us Monday night, Tuesday and Tuesday night and left here Wednesday morning on their way to Stephenville to visit with Harold's kinfolks there. We all went to Anson Tuesday night to watch the Pony League baseball game, but they had to call it off as it came a pretty good rain, and the field was muddy. Heard from Melody and she and Mark were at Lytton Springs for the weekend, visiting with Mark's parents. She called to tell me that Mark had just won the Calf Roping at a big rodeo

down there, so they were pleased about that. Austin has had some rain, but they are still dry and could use some more. Maybe we will get some rain this week, as its really humid here today and the strong

winds we have been getting every day and almost every night, don't seem to be blowing quite so hard.

Well, this is about all for this week. See you next Thursday.

County Agent Report

By Richard Spencer

Elm leaf beetle larvae can now be found on the underside of the leaves of Siberian elms. These elms are often called Chinese elms. The harsh winter apparently reduced the number of overwintering beetles but some did survive. The adult beetles overwinter in any sheltered dry place that will provide some protection.

The overwintered beetles move to the elm trees as they lead out in the Spring. The females deposit masses of 5 to 25 yellowish eggs on the underside of the leaves. A single female may deposit from 400 to 800 eggs.

After hatching the black and yellow larvae feed for about 3 weeks before moving down the trunk to pupate. Both adults and larvae feed on the leaves but the larvae cause most of the damage.

Control of the larvae and pupae by birds, predaceous

and parasitic insects and diseases are usually not sufficient to prevent the elm leaf beetles from causing excessive foliage loss.

Chemical control measures with materials such as carbaryl (Sevin (R)), methoxychlor and acephate (Orthene (R)) are needed to keep the beetles from causing excessive foliage loss. When larvae are present one or two applications in late May and early June and an additional application in August will keep most of the foliage on the trees but there will be some damage. To keep damage to a minimum the trees should be inspected at two week intervals starting in early May and control measures applied when small larvae and eggs are observed.

The services of a commercial applicator with high pressure equipment will be needed to protect tall trees.

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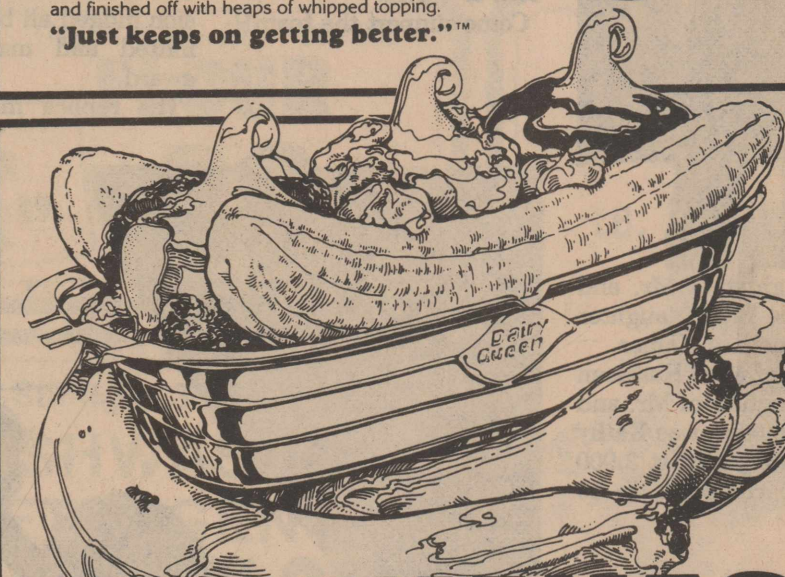
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—John 3:8 (niv)

IMAGINE Nicodemus on a balcony speaking to Jesus. The moonlight outlines them. The shadows form changing patterns as clouds scud across the sky, fleetingly blotting out the moon. Then the wind increases, rustling the leaves in the trees. Jesus says to Nicodemus, "Listen to the wind. It comes and goes. . . . So it is with everyone born of the Spirit."

The Holy Spirit cannot be contained within the confines of our minds. This is why we find it hard to draw up neat doctrines concerning Christian beliefs. God moves in many ways for many people and cannot be limited to moving only in ways we approve of or understand. God does not set one universal formula for being a person of faith; God asks only that we grow.

The Holy Spirit dwells in us as we do these things:

- Acknowledge our need by confessing our sin,
- Ask Christ to be our Savior, and
- Listen to the "wind of the Spirit" in prayer and Bible study.

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Wed. Night 7:30 P.M.

Rev. Derrell Monday-Pastor

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Sunday Evening-Church Training 5:00 Worship 6:00
Wed. night 7:30

Rev. Paul Cheatham-Pastor

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735-2178 Rotan, Texas
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Sunday Evening-Training Union 6:00 Worship 7:00 P.M.
Wed. Night 7:00

Rev. Mike O'Neill-Pastor

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Wed. Night 7:00
Rev. James Carrington-Pastor

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Sunday Evening 5:00 UMYF 6:00 Worship
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Barbara Gammeter-Pastor

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Sunday Evening 6:00
Wed. Morn. Ladies Bible Class 9:30
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Mike Dennis-Minister 735-2344

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Sunday School 10:00 Worship 10:45
Sunday Evening 6:00 P.M.
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Sunday School 10:00 Worship 11:00
Sunday Evening 6:00
Wed. Night 7:00
735-2553

Nondenominational

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Worship 6:00
Wed. Night 7:30
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Thanks to all the people of Rotan for donating to our ladies softball team.

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Card of Thanks

We can never express how very thankful we are for each and everyone who helped us in our time of sorrow.

We thank you for your prayers, your words of comfort, the food, and flowers.

We want to thank Dr. Maurice Callan and the staff at Rotan Nursing Home for the care and concern they gave our loved one.

We thank Floyd Garcia, Mildred McQueen and Mary Singley for the beautiful music. To Reverends Bubba Sahls and Bill Williams, we thank them so much for their sermons of love and comfort.

We thank Mac and Doug Weathersbee for the support they gave and the beautiful service.

To each and all of you, our heartfelt thanks. May God Bless.

The Richard R. Herron Family
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Tax Planning

by
By Gerald Rodgers
CPA



WHO NEEDS PERSONAL COMPUTERS?

You've heard the sales pitch, "A home personal computer can simplify your letter writing, balance your checkbook, organize your recipes-do almost everything but wash the windows."

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New Born

Russell and Stoni Brooke Riggan are proud to announce the arrival of their baby brother, Tyler Tate Riggan. Born June 4, 1984 at Snyder, Texas. He weighed 7 lbs. 4 oz. and was 19½ inches long.

Parents are Tim and Diana Riggan of Snyder. Grandparents are Billy and Thana Terry of Roby and Murrell and Willie Mae Riggan of Trent. Great Grandmother is Mrs. Lizzie Young of Roby.

Gayle Morgeson, who recently joined the Financial Services Firm of Edward D. Jones & Co., will begin meeting the people of the Big Country.

Gayle Morgeson's initial plans include calling on all businesses and residents of the area to introduce himself, explain the conservative investment philosophy of Edward D. Jones & Co., and offer financial planning and investment services.

"We are pleased to extend the Services of our firm to this area of West Texas," said John Bachmann, managing partner of Edward D. Jones & Co. "For many years we have sought to fill the financial planning and investment needs of intelligent investors throughout the country who have worked hard for their income, do not

Gayle Morgeson, New Representative For Edward D. Jones & Company

wish to speculate, but are looking for a return on investment to keep pace with inflation and taxes."

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"I look forward to meeting the business community and residents of the area," stated Gayle Morgeson.

The firm takes pride in having been able to improve the position of many investors, particu-

larly in relation to bond issues. After realizing that bonds are generally designed with the institutional investor in mind, Edward D. Jones & Co. is continually persuading a large number of corporations to restructure their bond issues with the needs of the individual investor as the primary consideration.

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The firm began in St. Louis, Mo., in 1871; and the home office today is located in Maryland Heights, Mo., about 20 miles northwest of St. Louis. In

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in Mexico, Mo., and later another office was opened in Pueblo, Co., 800 miles west of St. Louis. Today this network extends to nearly 750 branch offices in 33 states.

Hospital News

Patients admitted to the Fisher County Hospital from May 5 thru May 11 were: LaRue Vann, Rotan; Robert Almanza, Jr., Rotan; Lucy Kincaid, Rotan; Ella Stone, Rotan; Lewis Cleveland, Rotan; Jessie Wortham, Rotan; Robert Yantis, Rotan; Ramona Saucedo, Rotan; Truman Gilliland, Rotan; Odell McQueen, Rotan; Joe Martinez, Rotan; Bobbie Carey, Roby; Alan Bolten,

Roby; Juanita Neves, Roby; Eunice Daniels, Jayton; R.L. Stanch, Breckenridge; Albert Eivens, Sweetwater; Alva Jones, Hamlin; Ida Abernathy, Hamlin; Christine Long, Hamlin; O.O. Hobbs, Stamford; Roberta Jeffrey, McCauley; Charles Scott, Sylvester; Barbara Vickers, Hearne; Lesie Harrison, Odessa; Marcia Overman, Graham; Francis Hill, Aspermont.

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Extension Homemakers Report

By Alice Ballenger

Sewing at home has become more popular in recent years as ready-to-wear becomes more expensive. Also, home sewing is easier than it once was. With many of the new patterns designed to be made quick, much sewing equipment is made to speed home sewing and we are constantly learning "short-cut" methods, sewing is easier today.

In the next two weeks I will be conducting clothing construction workshops for 4-H'ers 14 years and over in preparation for county 4-H Fashion Show. Some of the participants include Michelle Burk, Evette Gruben, Mary Lee Hicks and Charla Wiley. Several other 4-H'ers have indicated an interest, but have not confirmed that they will participate. These 4-H'ers will do most of the construction at the workshop. I am pleased that these teenagers have an interest in sewing and learning new techniques at this age.

Many people think they can't sew. Others decide they can construct simple garments, but will not get into something very complicated. Actually almost anyone can learn to sew. Like many skills we learn to do with our hands, it is something that first you have to learn to do and enjoy doing. Then practice and continuous learning new skills is the secret to becoming accomplished in home sewing.

Several studies have found that people sew to be creative and out of interest in their personal appearance and not to save money. Cost is important, however, as home sewn clothing is about two-thirds less expensive than comparable ready-to-wear.

Sewing takes a personal investment of money, time, effort and creativity. That's why it pays to shop selectively before you begin to sew. Some advance planning can help eliminate problems and keep the fun in sewing the "perfect" garment.

Start your selective shopping by going through the fashion and sewing magazines to see what's fashionable and right for you. Then go to the ready-to-wear departments of your favorite stores and look at the fashions you like. See how they are influenced by the fabrics that they're made from and how they drape and tailor. Observe how different print designs affect the total look and how textures add interest. Try on different looks to observe their appearance.



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Select a pattern similar to the design you prefer.

Having selected a pattern and shopped the stores and magazines, you should already have some idea of the type of fabrics you'll need. Read both ends of the fabric bolts or hangtags for information that can help you choose among different fabrics. The labels will tell you such important things as: Brand name. A recognized name is often a clue to quality.

Fabric name. Consider what you know about it and try to remember if you have seen it on ready-to-wear hangtags.

Fiber contents. Consider whether you want a care-demanding fiber or those that are more likely to be easy-care. Also consider the look and feel that different types of fiber will give you.

Required care. Read the manufacturer's claim carefully. Look for performance finishes like permanent press or soil release.

Finally, before you buy any fabric, take it in hand and face the mirror. Make sure that it flatters you. With just a little extra care in selection you can get the fabric that's just right for you and the garment you plan to sew.

Old Rotan Gym Open To Public

The Rotan High School old gym will be opening starting June 18 according to Head Coach Richard Gorman. The gym will be open on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. and is open to the public.

West Texas Utilities Company has filed for an increase in its electric rates for retail customers.

Local Manager Garvin Hinson, said the application was filed Friday June 8, a full year since WTU's last rate application, and is a systemwide request for higher rates. Simultaneous filings were made in all incorporated towns and with the Public Utility Commission of Texas at Austin for an increase in rural areas, unincorpora-

ted towns and in 21 municipalities which have ceded jurisdiction over electric rates.

The proposal would produce an annual increase in total retail revenue of \$30,845,695. This amounts to 12.4 per cent.

Hinson said the additional revenue is necessary to carry out WTU's current heavy construction program, which includes a new coal-fired power plant at Oklaunion near Vernon. "By the time these rates

Jennifer Wright To Compete In Contest

Jennifer Wright, daughter of Jimmy and June Wright of Roby, Texas will be among the candidates competing for the title of Miss Teen of Texas to be held in Austin, Texas June 15-17th, 1984. Miss Teen of Texas will receive a \$1,000 scholarship as well as a host of merchandise awards and will join the title holders of the remaining 49 states in an all-expenses paid trip to the National Miss Teen of America Pageant. Miss Teen of America will receive nearly \$20,000 in awards, including a \$15,000.00 scholarship to the college or university of her choice.

Prior to arriving in Austin, the candidates are all judged on scholastic record, service and achievement to school and community, and personal development. While at the Miss Teen of Texas Pageant, all candidates take a

written test designed to measure their general awareness of the world around them. A panel of judges will also score the girls in the areas of personality and poise and appearance in formalwear.

The Pageant Finals will be held at 4:30 P.M. on Sunday, June 17th at the Berger Center located at 3200 Jones Road in Austin, Tx. Pageant Headquarters will be at the Austin-Hyatt-Regency.

The American Heary Association is the official chairty of the Miss Teen of Texas Pageant. Candidates are currently raising pledges and donations in the form of a Scavenger Hunt. The official Host Group of the Pageant are the Austin Jaycee Women.

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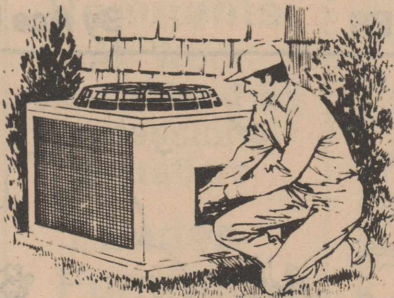
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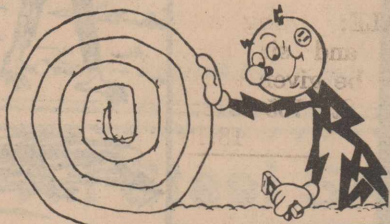


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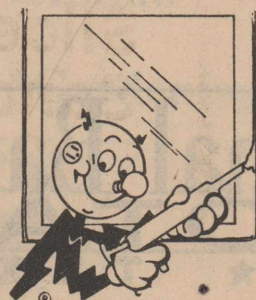
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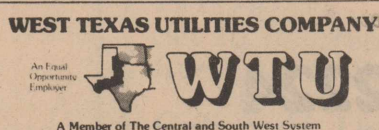
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become effective, we will have spent \$167 million on the Oklaunion Power station and related projects," Hinson said. "Our last rate increase was not enough to carry us through this construction program, which is essential to continued reliable electric service to our customers."

WTU had requested an increase of \$26.6 million in its filing in June, 1983. A hearing in that case was held at Austin in September, and the final PUC order granting about half the requested amount became effective January 4, 1984.

The Oklaunion plant will be completed in late 1986, almost 10 years after WTU's newest existing generating unit was completed at Fort Phantom Power Station near Abilene.

Citing a "light at the end of the tunnel," Hinson said WTU's spending should taper off as the construction program nears completion. Also, since coal is much cheaper for generating electricity than natural gas or oil, the

fuel cost should be more stable after the new plant comes on line.

No major changes in rate structure are included in WTU's proposal. The requested rates would mean that a residential customer using 600 kilowatt hours a month would pay \$7.55 more each month for electricity. A commercial customer using 1,700 kWh would pay \$19.37 more. These

amounts include fuel costs.

WTU serves customers in 161 separate communities, 82 of which operate as active incorporated towns. The rate case filings were made in 61 towns, while information on the rate case was made available to the 21 incorporated towns which have ceded jurisdiction, to two inactive municipalities and to two unincorporated towns.

The 21 towns which have

ceded jurisdiction and now rely on the PUC to decide their cases are Albany, Chillicothe, Dickens, Eldorado, Goree, Hedley, Lakeview, Matador, McCamey, Mertzon, Moran, Paint Rock, Presidio, Roaring Springs, Robert Lee, Roby, Rotan, Rule, Shamrock, Trent, and Weinert.

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The wind must have been blowing strong in May when we let our balloons go. Palamino got a letter from a little girl in Wheeler, Texas, that found his balloon. Her name is Melissa and she wrote him a letter telling him about her and her brother. We had to get a map to find where Wheeler is. It is about 200 miles west of Rotan, 30 miles north of Sweetwater, Oklahoma. We are hoping to hear from some of the other balloons we let go.

We are going to have Open House for Father's Day Sunday 17th from 2:30 to 4:30. We hope everyone will come by and wish all our Father's a Happy Father's Day.

Visiting Lottie Schick this week was Carrie Allen by Roby and LaVeta Allen of Midland. Mr. and Mrs. Amado Martinez of Ennis and John Lopez of Stamford visited Johnnie Trejo. Jim and Jean Huckaby, Heather and Melanie Knous of Big Spring visited Clarence Huckaby.

Funeral Services Held For James R. Herron

James Richard Herron, 67, of Rotan, died at 11 a.m. Thursday (June 7), at the Rotan Nursing Center in Rotan. Funeral services were at 2 p.m. Sat., June 9 at Weathersbee Funeral Home Chapel. Rev. Charles Stahl, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church and Rev. Bill Williams, retired Baptist minister of Abilene, officiated. Burial was in the Belieu Cemetery.

Mr. Herron was born December 25, 1916, at Brownfield. He was the son of Sarah and James William Herron. He married Lillie Wilcher, March 21, 1961 in Aspermont. He moved to Rotan in 1955 from Shallowater and had

also lived in Portland, Oregon and Sweetwater. He was an employee of Roby Hydro, Inc.

He is survived by his wife, Lillie of Rotan; 4 sons; Wayne of Seattle, Washington, Steve of Abilene; Dale and Jerry Don both of Baird. 1 step son; Delbert Wilcher of Abilene; 2 step daughters; Bobbie Dickson of Rotan; and Ava Williams of Pecos. 1 brother, John Herron of Merkel; 2 sisters; Esther Davis of Floyd, New Mexico; and Nola Rogers of Mineral Wells; 15 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren. He is preceded in death by 3 brothers and a sister.

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Brownwood, Buster and Faye Hart of Hamlin, Vera Hopper of Ft. Worth visited Jack Daniel and Hazel Smith. Visiting Ed Roberts-Jiggs Roberts of Sylvester. Visiting Willard Tillotson-Ruby Hollad of Dallas. Visiting Janet Conley-Judge and Mrs. John Purifoy of Ballenger. Visiting Elizabeth Hale-

Tommy Ed and Betty Hale of Sweetwater, Joe and Vera Jennings of Throckmorton. Visiting Ezell Whitten-Ruth Brown and May Hurst of Sylvester, Ivy May Early of Abilene. Visiting Mary Burrows-Claudine Stephenson of Rotan.

Our bingo winner this week was Eva Chapman. Tempie West



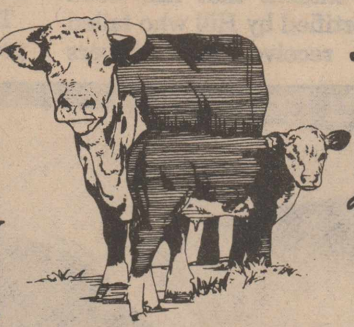
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NEEDED: electric stove, kitchen supplies (pots, dishes, etc.) filing cabinet, bookshelves, baby beds, playpens, high chairs, play kitchen, kids tables & chairs, toys, books, outdoor play equipment. Please contact Susan Griffith if you have anything you'd like to sell or donate to the new Day Care Center opening soon in Roby. 776-2403 or 776-2377. 17:1tc

FOR SALE: Lots 5 & 6 in block 221 (inside addition) to the town of Rotan. These lots are at the corner of Johnston and Genevieve. Asking \$3,200.00 and terms are available. For more information contact Walter Russell in Mendard, Texas at (915) 396-2532. 9:1tc

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M. T. Hill, Rotan Drivers's Education Instructor For 18 Years

By Kip Pease

Most adults don't plan on spending their summer telling 16 year old kids they can't drive on the left hand side of the road and that when the light is red that they must stop. Well, M.T. Hill, Rotan Driver's Education instructor has spent the last 18 years

doing just that. Hill was approached by K.C. McCasland former superintendent at Rotan in 1966 requesting that Hill start teaching drivers education because there was not a certified teacher in Rotan at the time. In order for Hill to become a certified drivers education instructor, he was required to

take classes that were offered by the state for his certificate.

Hill, in the 18 years that he has been teaching drivers education, has only had two students which he has not certified to take their test, but the statistic that is really remarkable is that there has never been a student that has been certified by Hill who failed to receive their drivers

license. He attributes this to the fact that the students that take drivers education have motivation to get their drivers license.

Hill estimates that he has taught some 550 students to drive. He presently has 27 students in his class that have already completed the class room work and have started driving. The drivers education program is offered to stu-

dents in Rotan who are at least 15 years old. There is, of course, a fee of \$50 which is really quite low according to Hill, because completion of this course will lower the students insurance rates. Other advantages of the course include a better understanding of defensive driving and being aware of the laws when driving. A driver's education student

spends 32 hours in class where they study a textbook and handbook extensively, then they spend six hours driving where they can practice on stops, land changes, parallel parking, etc. The cars students drive are provided by Rotan Motor Company and F & M Chevrolet-Buick. Up until just a few years ago the cars were provided free but due to rising

interest rates there is now a \$4 a day charge which just about covers the interest. The car is no different than any other car except it has a brake on the passenger side which from time to time is needed, although according to Hill, he has never been involved in an accident while riding with a student. When asked which he would rather have an experienced or an inexperienced driver Hill commented he prefers a student that has a little experience and a good attitude and not one that has been driving long enough to develop a bunch of bad habits. Hill said "the main problem students have is that they are not aware of the speed factor when stopping such a heavy vehicle, but other than that they handle the driving as well or better than people who have

been driving for some time. Anyone who has had Hill for a driving instructor knows and has probably heard his "pet peeves" a hundred times. Hill feels very strong about the poor attitude that people as a whole have about driving and feels that if everyone would just slow down, drive right and abide by the laws we would not have the high number of casualties that plague our highways.

M.T. Hill has been teaching driver's education for eighteen years which is longer than the students in his class this year have been alive. In this day and time with everything changing so rapidly it is nice to know that there are still some things that one can depend on. And every summer one can depend on seeing M.T. Hill riding shotgun in the Driver's Education car.



INSTRUCTION: Rotan Drivers Education Instructor M.T. Hill gives instructions on parallel parking.



PROCEDURES IN DRIVING: Drivers Education Instructor explains driving procedures to students in Drivers Education Class.

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Christi Parr

Christi Parr Selected Finalist In Pageant

Miss Christi Denise Parr, age 10, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Danny Parr has been selected as a finalist in the 1984 Miss North-west Texas National Pre-Teen Pageant to be held at the Holiday Inn Civic Center, Lubbock, Texas on June 29th and 30th, 1984. Contestants will be competing for cash awards, savings bonds, tiara, banner and trophy along with sponsorship to the Miss Texas National Pre-Teen Pageant in Dallas. The Miss Texas National Pre-Teen Pageant is the Official State Pageant for the Miss National Pre-Teen

Pageant to be held in November 1984 in Lehigh Acres, Florida. Miss Parr is being sponsored by Garcia's House of Flowers, Casa Morales Restaurant, Southern Styling, F & M Chevrolet-Buick, Kinsey Book-Keeping & Tax Service for the two-day event, during which she will participate in rehearsals and meet other contestants around the state. Girls will be judged on talent 1/4, appearance 1/4, poise-personality 1/4, and personal interviews with the judges 1/4. Included will be a stage appearance in a party dress where contestants will be escorted by their fathers.

Affiliated with the nationally televised Miss National Teen-Ager Pageant, the Miss National Pre-Teen Pageant is the only page-

ant for girls 8-12 in which 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands are represented. The Miss National Pre-Teen Pageant is now in its fourth year. More than \$100,000 in cash prizes are awarded to the state contestants in 1983. In 1984 Miss National Pre-Teen, as a winner of the national pageant, will receive a 7-day cruise for herself and her parents with all meals, entertainment, accommodations and round trip airfare to the port of embarkation included. In addition, she will receive a cash award, a color portrait and many other gifts.

The Miss National Pre-Teen Pageant is a member of the United States Chamber of Commerce and the Fort Myers Chamber of Commerce.

Troy Horace Adams

Troy Horace Adams, 59, of Kermit, passed away Thursday, June 7, at 10:10 a.m. at Memorial Hospital in Kermit. He was born July 15, 1924 in Stonewall County Texas. He was a truck driver and a veteran of World War II. He was a Baptist and had lived in Kermit for 24 years, moving from Snyder. He married Empress Allene Rives, February 21, 1946, in Rotan, Texas.

Survivors include his wife, of Kermit, 3 daughters, Mrs. Rylene Bell, Mrs. Judene Willhelm, and Mrs. Carol Ann Hagood, all of Kermit, his mother, Mrs. T.C. Adams of Plainview, 3 brothers,

Charles W. Adams, of Snyder, Gerald N. Adams, Midland and Herman Adams of San Marcos. 5 sisters, Mrs. Louise Johnson, Abilene, Mrs. Doris Metcalf, Tulia, Mrs. Mildred Hopper,, Bangs, Mrs. Maureen Lay, Odessa, and Mrs. Ruby Neves, Snyder. 7 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild.

Services were held Sat., June 9th at 2 P.M. at the First Baptist Church in Kermit with the Rev. J.R. Manning officiating. Burial was in the Kermit Cemetery.

Pallbearers were nephews: Randy Rives, Devan Adams, Toby Neves, Nicky Neves, Mike Metcalf and Wes Lay.

Air Force Has Openings

The United States Air Force has limited openings for pilots, navigators, engineers and technical positions (weather and computers), according to Master Sgt. Stucke, Air Force Recruiting Supervisor here.

This is the first time in over a year that many of these positions have been open. Time is extremely critical as these choice positions will fill rapidly. There are openings for both male and female applicants in most of these jobs. The competition for these select positions is intense. Minimum requirements

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WTU had requested an increase of \$26.6 million in its filing in June, 1983. A hearing in that case was held at Austin in September, and the final PUC order granting about half the requested amount became effective January 4, 1984.

The Oklaunion plant will be completed in late 1986, almost 10 years after WTU's newest existing generating unit was completed at Fort Phantom Power Station near Abilene.

Citing a "light at the end of the tunnel," Hinson said WTU's spending should taper off as the construction program nears completion. Also, since coal is much cheaper than generating electricity than natural gas or oil, the

fuel cost should be more stable after the new plant comes on line.

No major changes in rate structure are included in WTU's proposal. The requested rates would mean that a residential customer using 600 kilowatt hours a month would pay \$7.55 more each month for electricity. A commercial customer using 1,700 kWh would pay \$19.37 more. These

amounts include fuel costs. WTU serves customers in 161 separate communities, 82 of which operate as active incorporated towns. The rate case filings were made in 61 towns while

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Monica Ransberger & Michael Henington United

Monica Ransberger and Michael Dale Henington were united in a double ring ceremony June 2, at the Longworth Baptist Church in Longworth, Texas, with the Rev. Rex Bland, officiating.

Parents of the couple are Mrs. Linda Ransberger and Mr. and Mrs. Billy Ransberger, of Sweetwater and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Henington of Plainview and Mr. and Mrs. Olen Dennis of Roby.

Maid of honor was Portia Ransberger, sister of the bride. Ringbearer was Reese Stanley and flower girl was Amanda Henington, of Plainview, sister of the groom. The bride was given in marriage by her father.

Alan Harris of Sweetwater, was best man. Ushers and candlelighters were the brides cousins, Perry and Cary Sellers of Sweetwater. Dana Harris registered guests.

Wedding songs performed by Mrs. Tonya Bland of Abilene. The selections were sung by Richard Stanley, step brother of the groom and Todd Keller of Plainview.

A reception was held at the church following the ceremony. The rehearsal dinner was hosted by the groom's parents, Mrs. Olen Dennis of Roby and Mr. Jim Henington of Plainview at the Silver Spur Cafe in Roby.

After a wedding trip to San Angelo, the couple will make their home in Sweetwater.

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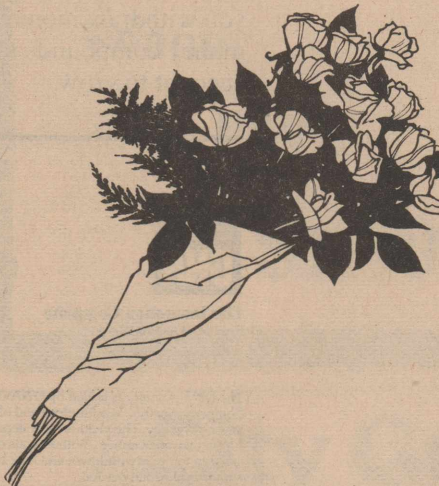
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Jenice Weatherman & Jay Greenway Exchange Vows

Under a floral arch of pink, lavender, and blue, Jenice Weatherman and Jay Greenway joined hands and were united in marriage by Brother Darrell Monday, Saturday afternoon, June 2 1984 in the First Baptist Church in Rotan. The bride given in marriage by her father, Larry Weatherman, wore a long full circle wedding gown with tiers of venice lace accented with embroidered roses, that reached the floor. The bodice was sheer detailed with a lace ruffle, sequins and pearls. The neck of the gown was accented with embroidered roses. Her leg of lamb sheer sleeves were detailed with embroidered roses and went into tight sheer wrist detailed with ruffles of lace. Her hat was covered with sheer nylon lace with a white rose at the back holding her long flowing veil that fell to the floor. Her white satin shoes completed the bridal attire. She carried a bridal bouquet of silk flowers, net, and ribbon carrying out her colors of pink, lavender, and blue.

The brides sister, Judy, Mrs. Rodney Sanderson, of Colorado City, was Matron of Honor. She wore a long off the shoulder garden dress of blue dotted swiss, ruffles detailed the shoulders and at the bottom of the full circle skirt. On her head she wore a blue beaded headpiece with blue silk flowers. The brides cousin, Kathy Hartsfield, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Hartsfield of Lubbock, was her bridesmaid. She wore off the shoulder garden gown of lavender dotted swiss. She carried a bouquet of lavender flowers. Her headpiece was a lavender beaded with lavender silk flowers nestled in white net. The brides sister-in-law, Laura, Mrs. Jimmy Weatherman of Rotan, attended the bride by playing music throughout the wedding. She wore a lavender off the shoulder street length dotted swiss dress. On her shoulder was a corsage of lavender silk flowers.

The flower girls, Amanda and Melissa, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Sanderson, wore identical garden dresses of pink dotted swiss. They carried flower baskets of lace with roses petals in them. On their heads were headpieces of pink beads and silk flowers.

The groom, Jay Greenway, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Greenway, wore a white tuxedo with a blue boutonniere. His best man, his brother, Brian Greenway and his brother, Lance Greenway, were his attendants. Rusty Goodwin, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Dean Goodwin, was ring bearer. His usher and candle lighters were Perry Thomson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Perry Thomson and Jimmy Weatherman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Weatherman. All wore two toned blue linen tuxedos.

The brides mother, Mrs. Larry Weatherman, wore a blue linen jacketed dress, and the groom's mother, Mrs. Lester Greenway, wore a pink dress of Crepe De Chine.

Following the wedding, the reception was held in the Fellowship Hall of the First Baptist Church. The brides table had a lace tablecloth with a lavender underlay. The wedding cake was decorated with pink, blue and lavender ribbons and detailed with white doves and flowers.



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