

Fisher County Hospital Taxes May Increase As Much As 60 Percent In Order To Keep Doors Open

Fisher County Hospital taxes could increase as much as 60% this year, just to keep local hospital services operating at the current scaled down level, according to Fisher County Hospital Administrator Pete Hohon.

"We are going to be faced with a substantial tax increase this

year," according to Hohon. He said that Fisher County residents could be taxed as much as 45¢ or 50¢ per \$100 valuation if the ADC (average daily census) stays at the current 6 patients. The 1989 operating budget was constructed using a projected 9 ADC.

"If the ADC stays at 6, then half of the operating revenue for the hospital must come from tax revenue," said Hohon.

Fisher County Hospital currently takes in approximately \$660,000 in tax revenues. Assuming the tax valuations stay the same, and the tax rate increases

from the current .30¢ per \$100 valuation to .45¢ per \$100 valuation, Fisher County residents will kick another \$330,000 into the hospital tax kitty.

Where will the money go and what will it be used for? It will be used to pay on the yearly reduction to two sets of general obli-

gation bonds.

Fisher County Hospital District borrowed \$175,000 in March of 1981 to construct the Fisher County Doctor's Clinic. That obligation is being paid off (1988-1992) in the amount of \$10,000 a year. Bond repayment figures increase after 1992 to a high final year payment of \$40,000 in 1996.

The second set of general obligation bonds is a re-financing of the original bonds in the approximate amount of 2.8 million back in 1974. Those funds were used to construct the current Fisher County Hospital. In August of 1987 the Hospital Board re-financed the balance due on the original note, has been paying interest only for the past three years, and in 1990 begins making interest and principal payments of \$185,335.

The 1990 payments on the original hospital construction

note (re-financed) of \$100,000 principal and \$85,335 interest coupled with the \$17,192 interest and principal payment on the note used to construct the clinic totals \$202,527.00 needed to pay bond payments in 1990.

Hohon still stands by the projection that an ADC at the local hospital converts into approximately \$150,000 in revenue per year. If the hospital budget was built on 9 ADC patients and if only 6 are now anticipated that is a loss in revenue of \$450,000.

Additional funds will be needed in 1990 because of the principal payments that will need to be paid on the re-financed hospital construction bonds.

Hohon is hoping that local patients will use the hospital more and that economy cuts at the hospital and a general "tightening of the belt" will keep tax rates at a respectable level where good, sound local hospital care can be continued to be offered.

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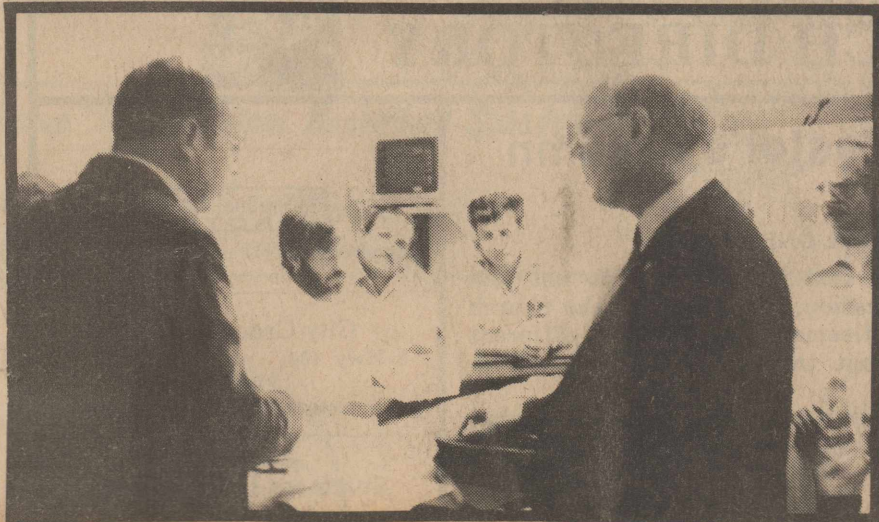
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REVIEWING INFORMATION: Fisher County Doctor Ernie Adkins, left, discusses some advantages of the new telefacsimile link-up with Texas Tech University Regional Academic Health Center director Dr. L. Carter last Monday afternoon. Fisher County is one of eleven area hospitals taking part in the system.

County Hospital Links-Up With Texas Tech Telefax System

Fisher County Hospital officially linked up with Texas Tech University Regional Academic Health Care Center at Odessa and Medical Center Hospital on Monday, January 23, 1989. Rural and city will meet to form a partnership via a telefacsimile machine. Although the word and the machine are not a new concept, it is being utilized in a new area. Health care is growing and expanding with new ideas and uses for current technology. This project will help to eliminate the overwhelming isolation often felt by hospitals in rural communities.

This project is in conjunction with the Texas Tech University Regional Academic Health Center (TTURAH), TTURAH-Library, West Texas Rural Health Education Center (WTRHEC), and Odessa's Medical Center Hospital. The West Texas Telefacsimile Project has been funded through a seed grant by the Meadows foundation, and the project has expanded through supplemental funding by WTRHEC.

The telefax project has a two-fold mission: one, TTURAH

provides support from our obstetrics/gynecology physicians when local doctors request additional support. An example would be to send a fetal monitor strip on the telefacsimile machine to Medical Center Hospital, upon receipt an ob/gyn physician would read the strip and send back a response. Second, a library contract is included in the package for the hospital. The library can provide materials, such as video, books or articles, to support inservice for the professional hospital staff, support continuing education, and update doctors about new diagnosis and treatment for out of the ordinary cases.

This grant has allowed each hospital to receive a one year contract for the use of a telefax machine, consulting with TTURAH physicians, and the library contract for a one year period at no charge. After the first year, it will be an option for the hospital to renew. Other types of uses are being created such as purchasing, communication between the rural hospitals, EKG consultations plus many other alternatives.

Rotan Chamber Of Commerce In Middle Of Membership Drive

The Rotan Chamber of Commerce has begun its annual membership drive for 1989. Chamber Directors are urging all interested parties to help maintain a positive attitude for Rotan and strive for an active working community that will attract families and new businesses.

The membership dues remain the same as last year - individuals \$25.00, small businesses \$50.00 and large businesses \$100.00. Memberships can be dropped by Black Investments or mailed to the Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 275, Rotan, Texas 79546.

The following have already pledged their support of the Chamber and its projects: Black Investments C.E. Atwell, Higginbotham-Bartlett Co., First National Bank, Milton Jensen,

Fisher County Farm Bureau, N.E. Springer, City Auto Supply, H. L. Davis & Co., West Texas Utilities, Weathersbee Funeral Home, Glen's Thriftway, Murphy Flying Service, Rumors, Farm & Tractor Service, Inc., Mr. and Mrs. Buster Wright, Smith Air Conditioning & Appliance Service, Mr. and Mrs. Clay Fowler, Summers Pharmacy, Rotan Flower Shop, Landes Furniture, Mr. and Mrs. W.D. Graham, Builder's Transport, Clinic Pharmacy, Nowlin Farm Supply, Rotan Veterinary Hospital, Dairy Queen, The Newspaper Office, Tye Harrison, Summers Spraying and Service, Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Hamric, Rotan Insurance Agency, and Gray Fuel and Chemical.

Sweetwater Jaycees Set Prices For Rattlers In Annual Round-Up

The Sweetwater Jaycees are gearing up for the 31st Annual Worlds Largest Rattlesnake Roundup. Mark Becker, President of the Jaycees, is happy to announce an increase in prize money for the snake hunters. The per pound price for Western Diamond black rattlesnake has not been released yet, but will be paying at or above market price.

As in the past, The Sweetwater Jaycees will only accept Western Diamond black rattlesnakes in good condition. Not being accepted are: non-poisonous snakes, rattlesnakes with gas burns, or rattlesnakes with damaged skins.

1989 pricing is as follows: Hunter Registration: \$15.00 each/plus \$10.00 per additional team members. Guided Hunters: \$24.00 per day per person/plus a one time

registration fee
Prize Monies: (plus trophies)
Most pounds: 1st place - \$700.00, 2nd place - \$600.00, 3rd place - \$500.00, 4th place - \$400.00, 5th place - \$300.00
Longest Snake: (100 minimum to enter)
1st - \$300.00
Longest Snake Bonus - must beat Record length 74" - \$200.00 bonus.

Admission: (Rattlesnake Roundup & Queen Pageant) Twelve and under - \$4.00; Under 12 - \$1.00
Bus Tours:
Six and over - \$3.00; Under 6 - Free
Rattlesnake Dance: (Debonnaires)
\$10.00 per person (Friday and Saturday)

FmHA Offering Communities With Loans Opportunity To Purchase

The Farmers Home Administration (FmHA), is offering rural communities with water, sewer and other essential facility loans from FmHA an opportunity to purchase their loans at a discount. FmHA State Director, J. Lynn Futch said today.

Letters explaining the purchase offer should reach borrowers throughout the State early this week, he said.

FmHA is required to raise \$584 million from asset sales this fiscal year, the third sale mandated by the 1986 Reconciliation Act. Last year, more than \$900 million was collected when borrowers bought 3,300 loans nationwide.

"We don't know what to expect in terms of purchases this year," Futch said. "But if we don't raise enough in that way, we will have to consider other approaches, in-

cluding a sale of loan assets, to enable us to meet the target."

Futch said no deposits will be required for loans purchased by March 9. For loans purchased between March 10 and May 9, a 5 percent good-faith deposit is required by March 9, and the sale must be completed by May 9.

The discount will depend on factors such as the loan's interest rate, type of financing, and maturity. Letters have been sent to the borrowers including a "pricing grid" to help borrowers determine their discount.

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Texas Leads Nation In Hospital Closures For 1988 With Nineteen

For the third consecutive year, Texas led the nation in the number of hospital closures, with 19 hospitals closing in 1988, according to the Texas Hospital Association, the industry's trade association. Since 1984, Texas has lost 72 hospitals.

Slightly more than half (37) of the closed hospitals were located in rural areas, which the hospital association defines as a county that is not part of a metropolitan statistical area. Only five of the 72 closed hospitals had more than 100 beds.

Texas Hospital Association President Terry Townsend noted that a key factor in hospital closures is inadequate payment for services rendered to the elderly and poor under the Medicare and Medicaid programs. "Congress cannot continue to solve budget problems at the expense of health care for the elderly and the disabled. Texas covers fewer of its citizens under Medicaid than any other state. Hospitals cannot continue to break-even or lose money under Medicare and Medicaid and remain open," Townsend said.

Townsend noted that rural hospitals have felt the impact of inadequate Medicare payment most acutely. "For 1986, Texas' rural hospitals' Medicare operating losses of 23.9 percent were 336 percent lower than the national average of 0.69 percent loss," he said.

In addition to financial difficulties, rural hospital are adversely affected by the difficulties in attracting and retaining physicians and other health professionals. Rural Texas has been suffering from the overall decline in the state's economy, Townsend noted.

Of the 19 Texas closures, 11 were for-profit, four were not-for-profit and four were public. In terms of size, only three had more than 100 beds.

Based in Austin, the Texas Hospital Association represents the collective interests of its members regarding public policy and serves as the advocate for legislative and regulatory issues affecting the health care industry.

HOSPITAL CLOSURES IN 1988

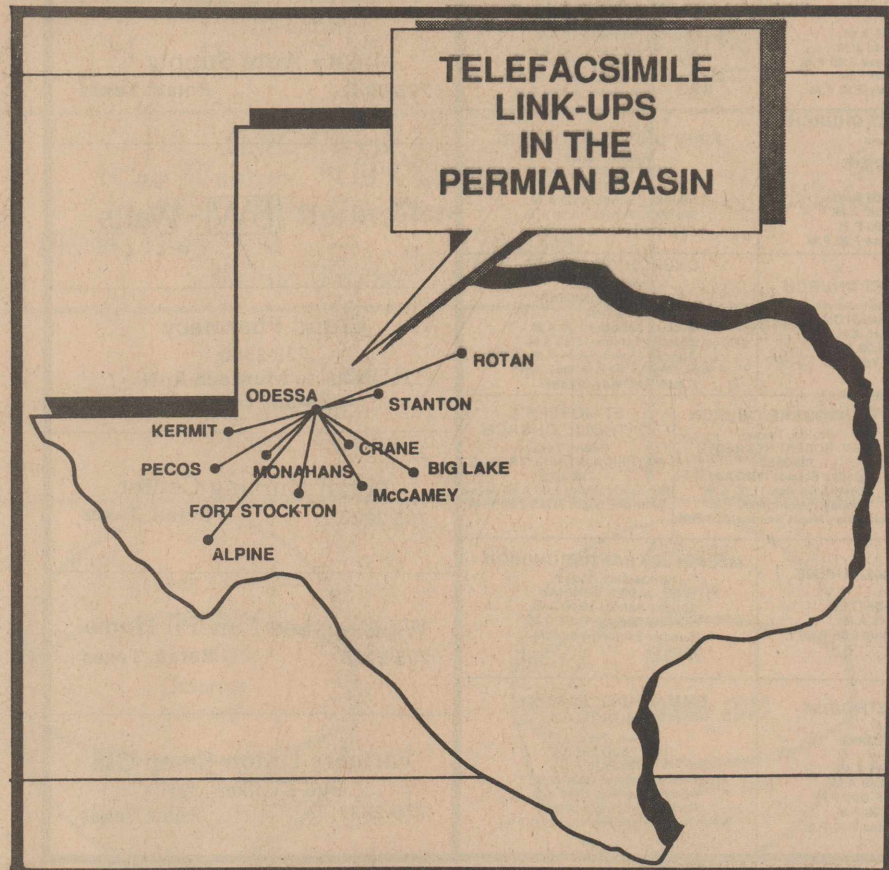
* Milam Regional Medical Center, Cameron; 71 beds; Milam County
* Horizon Hospital, Houston; 70 beds; Harris County
* Robertson Regional Medical Center, Hearne; 33 beds; Robertson County

* St. Anthony Center, Houston; 47 beds; Harris County
* Whitcomb Memorial Hospital, Grand Prairie; 13 beds; Dallas County
* Oakwood Family Hospital, Lubbock; 76 beds; Lubbock County
* Taft Hospital, Taft; 88 beds; San Patricio County
* Gaston Episcopal Hospital, Dallas; 104 beds; Dallas County
* King William Health Care Center, San Antonio; 35 beds, Bexar County
* Shiner Hospital, Inc., Shiner; 30 beds; Lavaca County
* Comfort Community Hospital, Comfort; 22 beds; Kendall County
* Teague General Hospital, Teague; 30 beds; Freestone County
* Bastrop Hospital, Bastrop; 25 beds; Bastrop County
* Flow Memorial Hospital, Denton; 166 beds; Denton County
* Golden Plains Community Hospital, Borger; 99 beds; Hutchinson County
* Omni Hospital & Medical Center, Houston; 84 beds; Harris County
* Landmark Medical Center, El Paso; 355 beds; El Paso County
* Kirbyville Community Hospital, Kirbyville; 24 beds; Jasper County
* Marion County Hospital, Jefferson; 37 beds; Marion County

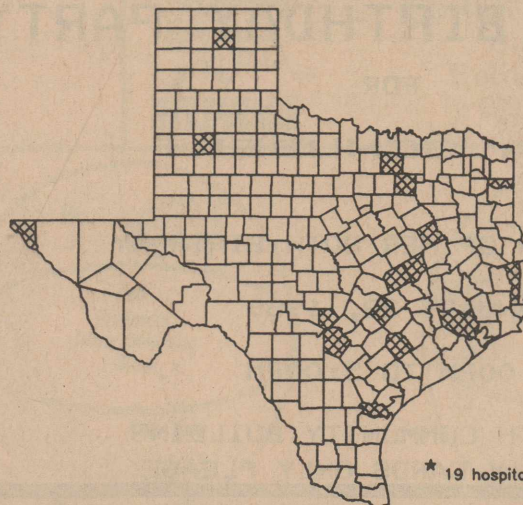
Mickey Early Names Cast Of One Act Play For Roby High School

Selections for the one act play to be performed by Roby High School students for district competition have been made. The case will consist of the following students: Jennifer Kincaid, Teresa McClure, Larry VanLiew, Kerrie Martin, Melanie Ray, Autumn Shelley and Audra Lewis. The play "I Never Saw Another Butterfly" will be directed by Mickey Early, Roby Elementary-Junior High Principal. "The play is about the Jewish holocaust and concentration camps," said Early.

The U.I.L. district has been divided into two Zones for the one act play competition. The North Zone consisting of Roby, Rotan, Jayton, Hermleigh and Trent will compete in Jayton on March 14. Highland, Ira, Roscoe, Lorraine and Westbrook make up the South Zone and will compete in Roscoe. The top two winning plays from each zone will then advance to District competition in Rotan on March 31.



1988 HOSPITAL CLOSURES TEXAS COUNTIES



Legend

County of Hospital Closure

County Names

Bastrop Jasper
Bexar Kendall
Denton Lavaca
Dallas Lubbock
El Paso Marion
Freestone Milam
Harris Robertson
Hutchinson San Patricio

* 19 hospitals closed in 16 counties



State Capital Highlights

By Lyndell Williams
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

AUSTIN—The eyes of Texas looked north to Washington, D.C. last week where the state's political leadership gathered to help President George Bush change the White House guard.

While there, Gov. Bill Clements attended the signing of final documents naming Waxahachie the site of the world's biggest atom smasher, the superconducting supercollider.

Meanwhile, in Austin, legislators conducted committee work and House Speaker Gib Lewis said he hopes to pass the budget bill early in the session, a break from 11th hour practice.

Lewis is touted as a shoo-in for a fifth term as speaker in 1991, since he already has enough pledges to overcome the standard 30-member turnover rate.

Barring some unforeseen political upheaval, Lewis may well retain that gavel unless Republicans create enough turnover to elect a speaker from their own party. They have 57 members now, and need 76, if votes fall down party lines.

Hightower Irks Farm Bureau

Agriculture Commissioner Jim Hightower, struggling to escape the wound inflicted when the leader of the state's largest farm group called for his resignation, says he's talking to Europe's Common Market officials about a separate trade pact for Texas beef.

Recently, Europe banned U.S. beef imports fed with growth hormones. When President Reagan retaliated with U.S. tariffs, Hightower ripped the president as insensitive to health issues.

In turn, Texas Farm Bureau president S. M. True called for Hightower to resign, saying he'd done immeasurable damage to the Texas beef market.

Bad Headlines?

Other cattle group leaders were

more restrained, but worried that Hightower's desire for headlines could cause the world to think American beef is unsafe.

They also expressed skepticism about Hightower's beef trade overtures to Europe even while the U.S. prepares for what might be a trade war.

True's tongue-lashing stung, coming one week after Hightower reluctantly gave up his planned run for the U.S. Senate, and added to Capitol perception that the party-popular populist is losing ground.

Could Feed Europe

But Hightower countered, saying Texas alone might have enough hormone-free beef to supply U.S. trade quotas to Europe.

Hightower and the Farm Bureau have long been enemies, anyway. His top deputy, Mike Moeller, is a former president of the arch rival Texas Farmers Union, and there are quite a few farmers who would prefer Moeller over Hightower.

Insurance Collapse Seen

Attorney General Jim Mattox found himself at odds with the State Board of Insurance board after he criticized their ineptness in face of what he painted as a potential collapse of the insurance industry, similar to what he said occurred in the lending industry.

Board members promptly responded by saying Mattox didn't know what he was talking about. Interest in the conflict soon faded when new campaign reports showed Treasurer Ann Richards, his probable opponent in the 1990 governor's race, raised more money than Mattox in the past six months, \$1.89 million to \$1.16 million.

Mattox, the reports show, still has more money in the bank, by about \$3.25 million to \$1 million.

The Mattox camp quickly questioned whether all of Richard's funds were legal, contending that

some donations were made to her after the cut-off date imposed by law.

Sen. Montford Critical

Meanwhile, Sen. John Montford, D-Lubbock, said the insurance board suffers from "dangerous mismanagement." But chairman Jack Smith said the senator's investigation smacked of a "witch hunt."

Montford, in releasing an 11-page report of an investigation his office began in December, accused the board of being "misinformed or uninformed of the waste, inefficiency, cronyism and patronage which apparently permeates the agency."

In a letter to Gov. Clements, Montford suggested the governor seek the resignations of all three board members.

Chair Stripped of Power

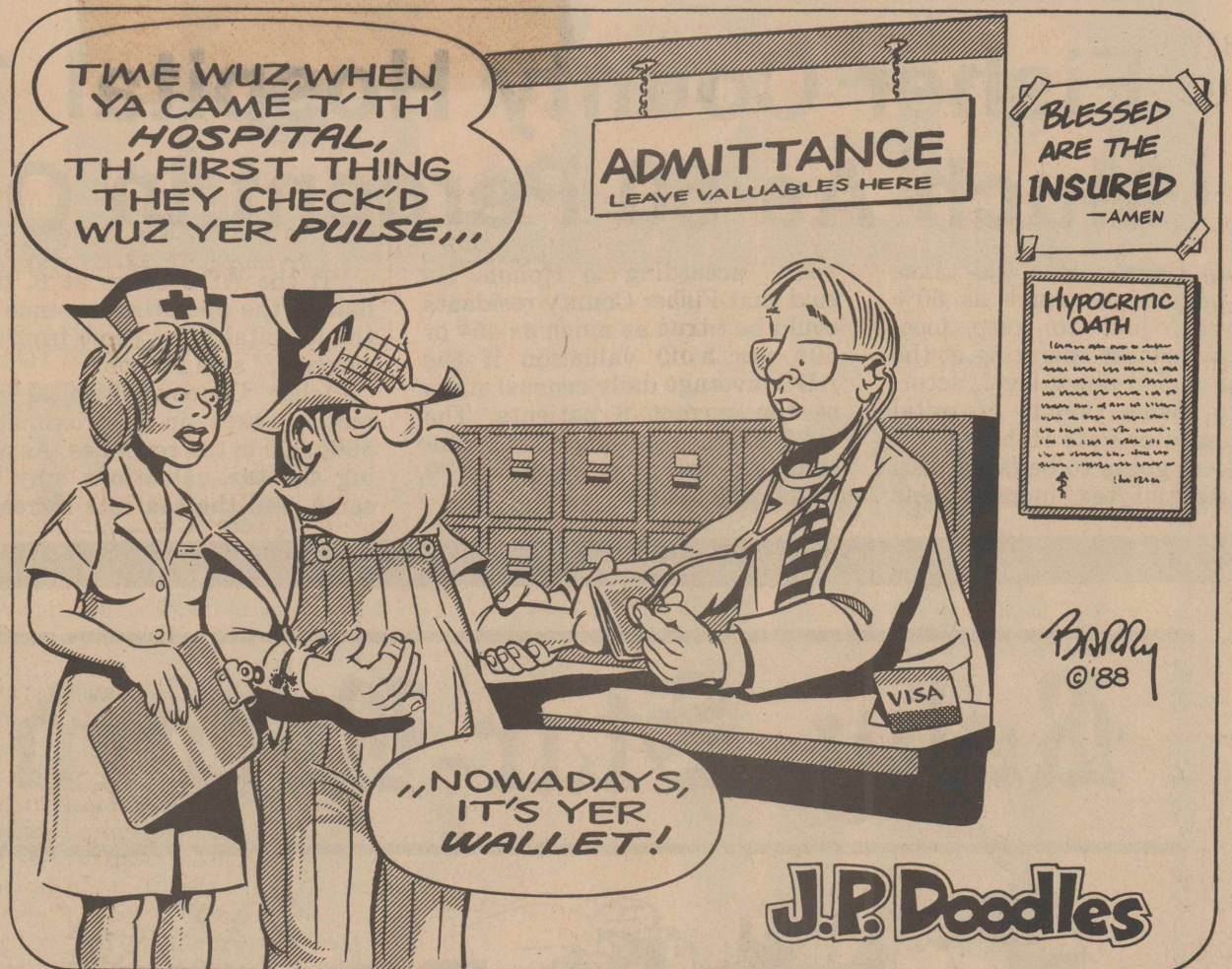
Former legislator Bob Aikin of Commerce, whose father once championed education causes in the state senate, said abuses by past chairmen, not political politics, was the reason the Democrat-controlled State Board of Education stripped its new Republican chairman of much of his power.

Others commented it was the rawest display of partisan politics since Mark White pulled down 103 last-hour appointments made by his nemesis, Bill Clements.

Budget Termed Bleak

The chairman of the Senate Finance Committee described the proposed \$43.7 billion state budget as a bleak blueprint for spending over the next two years.

"It's not a bright prospect," said Sen. Kent Caperton, D-Bryan, who heads the committee. It's pretty sobering, to say the least."



Lewis Appoints Counts To House Committee

Texas House Speaker Gib Lewis, D-Fort Worth, has appointed State Representative David Counts to the House Committees on Insurance and Human Services.

Counts, serving his first full term as a Democratic lawmaker

from Knox City was named to the committees for the 71st session of the Texas Legislature.

Lewis said, "Representative Counts has demonstrated a real concern for the issues facing the insurance industry. He has also expressed a genuine interest in

those matters involving our social and rehabilitation programs.

"Representative Counts' insight into the legislative process, as well as his strong commitment to building a better Texas will make him an effective member of these committees," Lewis stated.

From Fisher County's Past

From The Newspapers

SIXTEEN YEARS AGO

Ten members of Rotan's business community met for the first official organization meeting of the Rotan Industrial Foundation and voted to begin organizational procedures at a meeting last Thursday night.

Terri Hartman, 19-year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Hartman of Rotan, was named to the President's List at Western Texas College in Snyder, according to college officials.

Seven members of the Fisher County Hospital Steering Committee met with Representative Elmer Martin in Roby last Saturday afternoon for the purpose of discussing the pending introduction of the hospital legislation in Austin.

Mothers from Rotan and Roby will hit the streets within the next week to collect for the annual March of Dimes drive in Fisher County.

Monte Morrow, 15-year old Freshman at Rotan High School was chosen to participate in the calf scramble at the Houston Livestock Show in March.

ELEVEN YEARS AGO

The first baby of 1978 was Carmelita Munoz, born January 17, at Fisher County Hospital. Parents are Mr. and Mrs. Rodrigo Munoz. The baby weighed 7 lbs., 11 ozs.

A large group of local farmers met with Senator John Tower last Monday afternoon in Washington and from what Garland Moore of Roby indicated, "Senator John Tower is definitely a changed man from when he spoke in Rotan."

Without exception, most Fisher County farmers visiting in the House and Senate Chambers last Monday reported that they were satisfied with the impact they had made on elected officials and their aides on Capitol Hill.

LAST YEAR

The Fisher County Economic Development Commission and the County Extension Service completed a two-day strategic planning seminar on January 13 and 14. The first session was held at the Courthouse in Roby and established economic development priorities based on implementing the Resource Team report. The final session was held at the Rotan Community Center where six Task Forces were organized by Dr. Don Stebbins from Texas A & M.

Child abuse is an increasingly critical problem in the United States and around the world. Over 2,000 children die each year in the U.S. as a direct result of abuse or neglect and over one half of these children are under the age of 6. In Texas alone over 115 children die due to child abuse annually.

The Roby United Methodist Women will be observed in the Northwest Texas Conference January 31, at the morning worship. The theme will be called "To Grow."

Congressman Charles W. Stenholm of Texas introduced a bill Thursday which provides for a USDA research program to examine ag production and food processing systems.

Dr. Thomas R. Hargrove, editor and head of the communication and publications department at the International Rice Research Institute, will be honored this summer for his career accomplishments in communications.

SIX YEARS AGO

Fisher Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Executive Director Frank Mitchell indicated last Tuesday morning that "our sign-up for the new PIK (payment in kind) program and regular set-aside program has been moderate to date." He reminded Fisher County farmers that the March 11th deadline is the last day to sign up for both programs.

Two Rotan players were named to the All Tournament team last weekend as they guided their teams to consolidation wins at Roscoe. The two players were Evette Gruben, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilber Gruben, and Jerry Carter, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Carter.

A total of twelve Rotan High School students were inducted into the National Honor Society at Rotan High School last Monday. The twelve new members are Teresa Cantu, Maury Gruben, Barbara Damel, Debby Soliz, Dilana Long, Deanne Harbin, Dana Nowlin, Robin Harris, Greg Gruben, Steve Witt, Dixie Smith and Rene Silvas.

Emergency loans for farmers, ranchers or agriculture operators are available through county offices of the Farmers Home Administration (FmHA) John B. Smith, FmHA County supervisor, said today.

West Texas Utilities Co. has announced a new energy savings plan providing cash incentives to encourage its customers to purchase high-efficiency air conditioning and home heating equipment.

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FISHER COUNTY CHURCH DIRECTORY

Pastor's Column

By: Robert Kennedy
Rotan Foursquare Gospel Church

"WE ARE NOT DIVIDED, ALL ONE BODY WE."

Some people think it scandalous that all churches do not join together and form one big denomination. They look at the church pages of the newspaper, see the advertisements, for dozens of different denominations and get the idea that the church is fragmented, fighting one another.

George Bennard Shaw was once asked by a pastor's wife to what particular denomination he belonged. Shaw is said to have answered forcefully: "Madame, I am an atheist—and I thank God for it."

The true church—which is the body of Christ, the congregations are like the different regiments of our Army, or the various branches of the armed forces. Each has its own method of operation, but all serve under the same Commander-in-Chief. There may be petty squabbles here or there but by and large, the men and women who are born again Christians love one another, and are all seeking the same objectives: To please Christ, to obey the Bible, and to advance God's Eternal Kingdom.

Let us continue to minimize our differences and emphasize our unity. We are a spiritual body and we can maintain unity in the spirit even though we cannot yet see eye to eye on some matters. Actually the church has always been and still is the greatest unifying force in human history. When God poured out His spirit on the day of Pentecost, believers of many lingual backgrounds were brought into a spiritual oneness. Centuries before this, men's pride and disobedience brought a confusion of tongues at Babel, that divided them one from another.

On the day of Pentecost, humility and obedience brought a variety of believers to become "All One in Christ Jesus." (Gal. 3:28)

The Latin motto on our coins describes God's purpose in the church, "E Pluribus Unum"—One out of many. The Spirit makes us one. We do not all have the same color of skin, we do not all speak the same language, there are differences of cultural background and training, but as Christians, we are one united body in that great spiritual "melting pot" called the church.

"Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." (Ps. 133:1)

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MISSION BAPTISTA CALVARIO
Roby, Texas
REV. ELI SEPEDA
Sunday School-9:45 A.M.
Worship Service-11:00 A.M.
Sunday Evening Bible Study-5:30 P.M.
Worship Service-6:00 P.M.
Wednesday Night Service-7:30 P.M.

CHURCH OF CHRIST
Rotan, Texas
DON DAVIS-MINISTER
735-2344
Sunday School-9:45 A.M.
Worship Service-10:45 A.M.
Sun. Eve. Ladies Bible Class-5:00 P.M.
Worship Service-7:30 P.M.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Rotan, Texas
REV. STEVE PEACE
735-3471
Sunday School-9:45 A.M.
Worship Service-10:45 A.M.
Church Training-5:00 P.M.
Sunday Evening Worship-6:00 P.M.
Wed. Prayer Meeting-7:00 P.M.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST
McCauley, Texas
REV. LYLE REECE
Sunday School-10:00 A.M.
Worship Service-11:00 A.M.
2nd Wednesday Fellowship-6:30 P.M.

SYLVESTER BAPTIST CHURCH
Sylvestor, Texas
REV. DON KITCHENS
893-4479
Sunday School-10:00 A.M.
Worship Service-11:00 A.M.
Sunday Evening-6:00 P.M.
Wednesday Night Service-7:00 P.M.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST
Rotan, Texas
REV. TERRY LOWE
735-2334
Sunday School-9:30 A.M.
Worship Service-10:30 A.M.
Sunday Evening-6:00 P.M.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Roby, Texas
REV. ALVIN PETTY
776-2159
Sunday School-10:00 A.M.
Worship Service-11:00 A.M.
Sunday Evening Choir Practice-5:15 P.M.
Worship Service-6:00 P.M.
Wednesday Night Service-7:30 P.M.

LITTLE ZION BAPTIST CHURCH
Rotan, Texas
REV. JAMES CARRINGTON
Sunday School-9:45 A.M.
Worship Service-11:00 A.M.
Wed. Night Service-7:00 P.M.

CHURCH OF CHRIST
Roby, Texas
ERIC CUPP-MINISTER
776-2498
Sunday School-10:00 A.M.
Worship Service-10:45 A.M.
Sunday Evening-6:00 P.M.
Wed. Night-7:00 P.M.-Nov.-April
8:00 P.M.-May-October

FIRST UNITED METHODIST
Sylvestor, Texas
REV. LYLE REECE
Sunday School-10:30 A.M.
Worship Service-9:30 A.M.
Community Dinner-6:00 P.M.
On 3rd Wednesday Evenings

HOBBS BAPTIST CHURCH
Hobbs Community
REV. P.A. MITCHELL
Sunday School-9:45 A.M.
Worship Service-11:00 A.M.
Sunday Evening-6:00 P.M.

FOUR SQUARE CHURCH
Rotan, Texas
REV. ROBERT KENNEDY
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Sunday School-10:00 A.M.
Worship Service-11:00 A.M.
Sunday Evening-6:00 P.M.
Wednesday Night Service-7:00 P.M.

CROSS ROADS BAPTIST
Rotan, Texas
REV. JAMES P. (PAT) ANDERSON
735-2178
Sunday School-10:00 A.M.
Worship Service-11:00 A.M.
Sun. Evening Training Union-6:00 P.M.
Worship Service-7:00 P.M.
Wednesday Night Service-7:00 P.M.

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
Rotan, Texas
REV. CLAUDE LEDBETTER
Sunday Afternoon Worship-3:00 P.M.

McCAULEY BAPTIST CHURCH
McCauley, Texas
REV. FELIX SILVA
735-2626
Sunday School-10:00 A.M.
Worship Service-11:00 A.M.
Sunday Evening-5:30 P.M.
Wednesday Night Worship-7:00 P.M.

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH
Rotan, Texas
REV. DUTCH PARKS
735-3446
Sunday School-10:00 A.M.
Worship Service-11:00 A.M.
Sunday Evening Bible Study-6:00 P.M.
Worship Service-7:00 P.M.
Wednesday Night Service-7:00 P.M.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST
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REV. JIM HAWTHORNE
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Center Extension Homemakers Club Holds Meeting January 10th

The Center Extension Homemakers Club met at the Courthouse Annex on January 10.

New officers for this year were announced as follows: President: Mrs. Luella Waddell; Vice-President: Mrs. Elizabeth Billingsley; Sect.-Treas.: Mrs. Fay Anderson; Council Delegate: Mrs. Caroline Hawthorne.

Yearbooks were filled in with hostesses for the year and there was a general discussion of coming programs.

January has been designated by county council as a special time for a new membership drive.

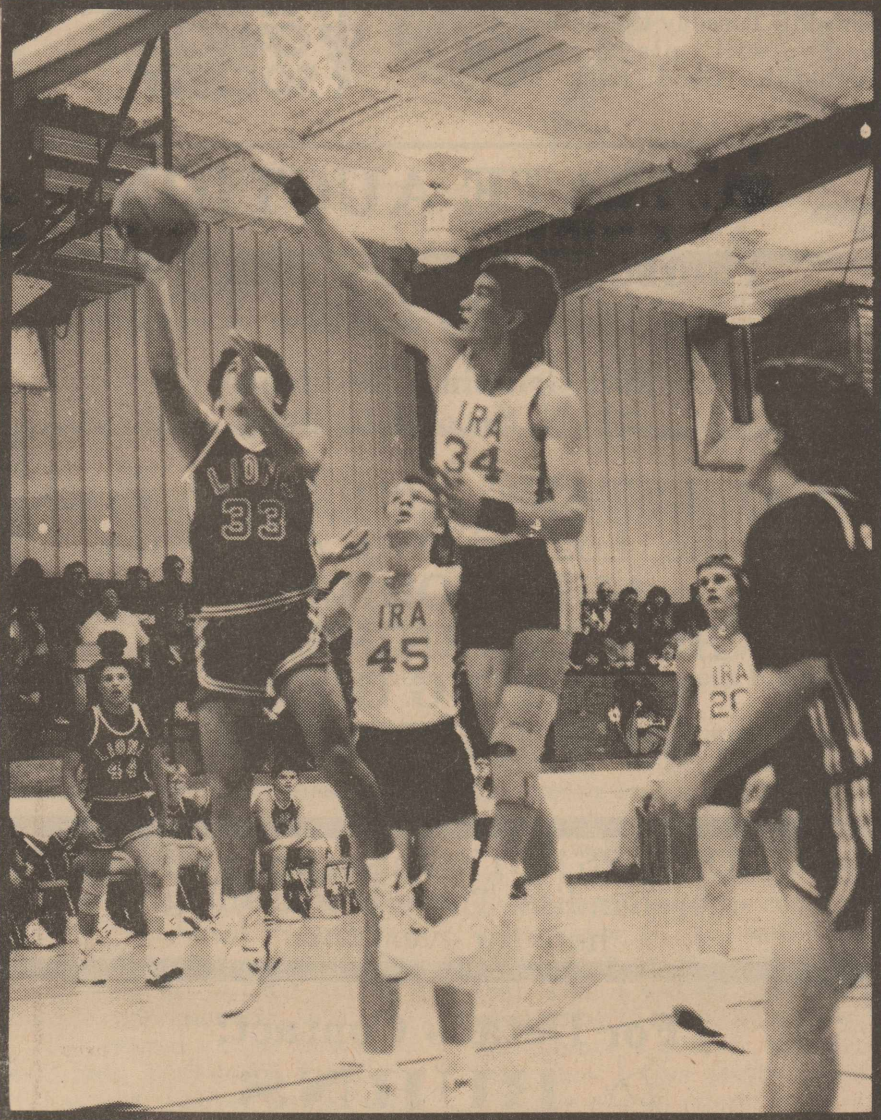
Center club will make a special effort to invite interested people

to the next meeting, which will be on January 24. Guest speaker for that meeting will be Charles Danneheim who will present the program, "Ability Not Disability."

Tentative plans were discussed for another truck load fabric sale in the month of February, definite date to be announced later.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. Anderson to Bernice Randolph, Louise Mahaffey, Betty Ehlers, Eilene Cave, Helen Thornburg, Stella Mae Mash, Hawthorne, and Billingsley.

Members give a cordial invitation to any interested person to attend or join the club. Meetings are on second and fourth Tuesdays of each month.



LAYUP: Roby Junior Michael Carrion breaks free for an easy layup in the Lions win over Ira.

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This location of distribution will be on February 11th only and will change back to the Pink Building in March.

The time is also different than the article in last week's paper. The time was changed back to regular hours of distribution.

Persons making applications for commodities must have the 1989 certification. Persons not certified at this time may sign up on the day of February 11th.



Hustling Around Hobbs

By Joy Walker

Several days this past week it has looked like it might try to rain, especially last Thursday, but that was all, and so far we haven't got any moisture. Everything is really dry and grass fires are getting to be an everyday occurrence.

We have a new President, George Bush took the oath of office, the 41st President, on Friday, Jan. 20th, and we had it all on television. Hope that he will be able to help the economy and all the other things that seem to need rectifying although compared to other countries, we are lucky to be living in the United States and must try to support our Government, be it Republican or Democratic.

Morris Hardin from Lubbock visited with his mother, Mrs. Bea Hardin Saturday night and all day Sunday. They went to Abilene on Sunday and came back by Merkel and visited with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hardin and Christopher. Mrs. Sarah Shipp and Mrs. Dono Darden from Rotan visited with Bea Monday evening.

These Ratliff, son of Tracy and Jim Ratliff of Abilene, is here spending a week with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. James Ratliff. Jim went to Los Angeles on Friday with the Dallas Maverick Wheelchair Basketball team and they played Saturday against Canada and beat them. Then they played the No. 1 team in the world and they definitely got beat that game. Jim got lots of opportunity to do some sightseeing and he really enjoyed the trip.

Mrs. Opal Phillips went to Post Monday and visited with Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Phillips. She went with Mr. and Mrs. C.J. Thornton. Glenn is really doing well after his surgery. Vida Boyer is also doing well after her eye surgery. She went back to Abilene to the doctor on Friday, Mrs. Howard Gordon and Donna took her.

Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to Alice Cave on the death of her brother, Ed Whitby, who passed away early Friday morning in San Antonio. Alice and J.C. went to Brownwood on Sunday and spent the night with the Billy Carters and then they all went to San Antonio on Monday. The

funeral was held Tuesday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Boydston went back to Abilene on Friday and Frank saw the doctor. Mrs. June Anderson went with them. Frank has to go back to Abilene on Thursday and will go in Hendrick Memorial Hospital and will have surgery early Friday. He hasn't been feeling very good for the past weeks, and we hope he will soon begin to feel very much better.

Our sincere sympathy goes out to Rosemary Bland, Diltzie and Johnnie Edmonson and the remainder of the Bland family. R.L. Bland passed away Friday at Dallas and was buried on Monday in Trent. He had been sick for several weeks and had been in the hospital in Dallas.

I went to Sweetwater Friday with Mrs. Wilber Gruben and visited with Evette Gruben and Becky Baer, also Shannon Stedham from Stephenville (and Georgetown) who was there visiting for the weekend. Greg Gruben from Midland came that evening and was here for the weekend, he judged the Eula Stock Show on Saturday. We all ate supper together Friday night and later Andy Brown from Stephenville came to visit for the weekend, so they really had a houseful. I also visited with Greg and Becky at Carol and Wilber's on Sunday for a short while before they all went their separate ways. Monday, Mrs. Donnie Gruben and I attended the funeral of R.L. Bland which was held in Merkel.

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

Three Roby Seniors Qualify For Midland Scholarships

Each year Midland College awards scholarships to the top 5% of each high school graduating class within their region. It is a pleasure to announce the seniors from Roby High School who qualify for this award.

They are Carter Edmondson, Carol Kirby and Patricia Gonzalez.

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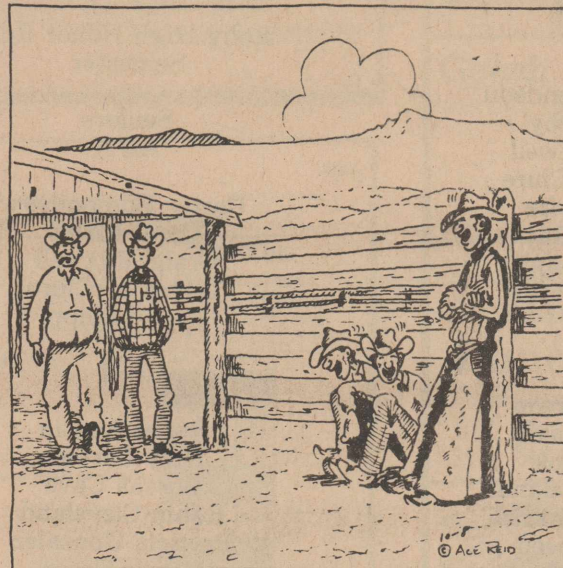
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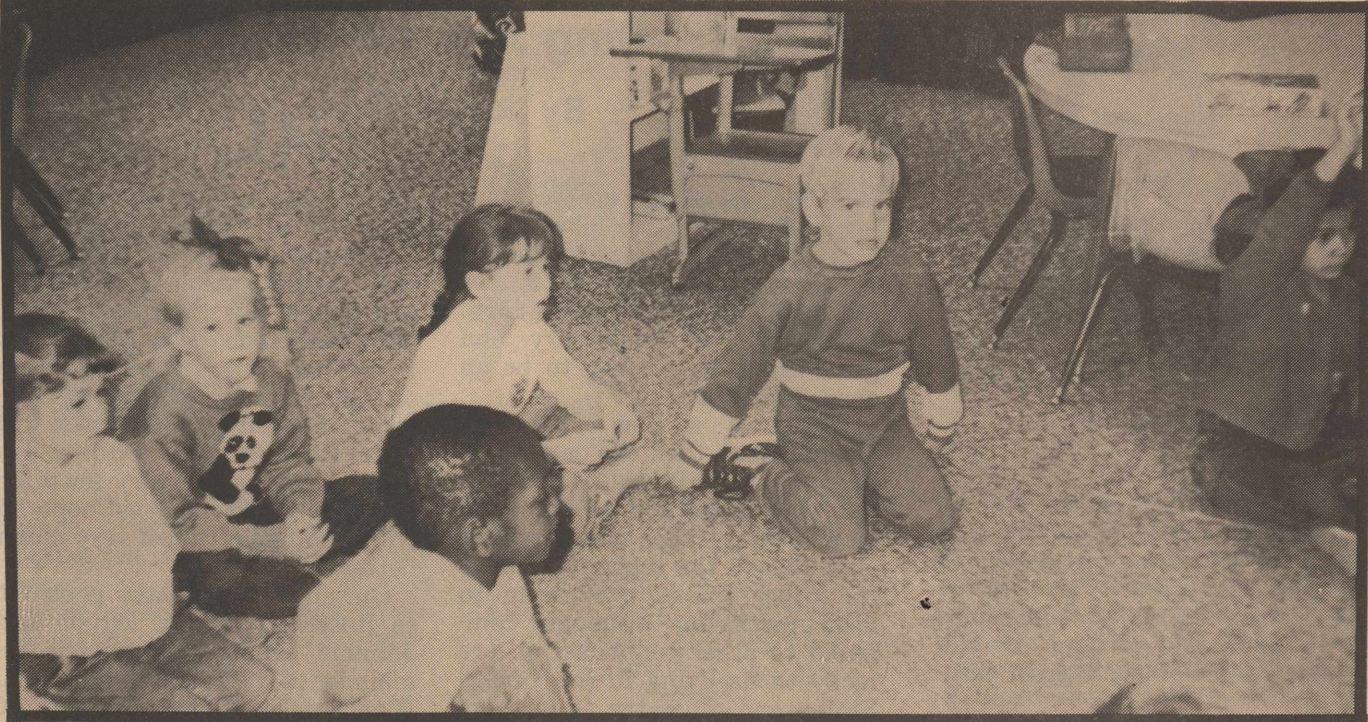
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LEARNING THE FUN WAY: Mrs. Guy Nelson's Kindergarten class at Rotan learn while gathered in a circle on the floor. Pictured above from left to right are - Kristal Martinez, Haley Helms, Jason Powell, Sara Nelms, Scott Tandy and Ashley Garza.

The Way I See It... By Steve Davis Extension Agent-Ent.

A lot has been written and discussed about wheat problems and pests lately. Several articles have appeared in print about greenbugs. True, it is that time of the year to start "worrying" about potential greenbug problems however, other than weather effects, I have not seen wheat affected by greenbugs or other insects this year. Dryland root rot and just plain hotter and dryer than normal conditions have hurt the wheat to this point. Most producers that have treated for greenbugs have also applied fertilizer in some proportion. This is the primary reason for a general "better" appearance than other untreated wheat. Those areas that have had some rain or snow have benefited from this combination.



Hammer Happenings

By Donna Turnbow

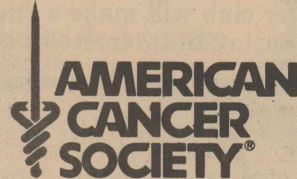


Well, hello everyone! The One Act Play crew have started rehearsing on their new play entitled, "Girl in the Mirror." One Act Play is one of many events of U.I.L. competition. Good luck to all!!

Let's go to the HOOP!!! Tuesday the girls and boys basketball teams had the home advantage against Ira. Good game teams! Friday the girls and boys basketball teams will travel to Roby to battle it out with the Lions. The following Tuesday the basketball teams will play against Hermleigh. Good Luck Hammers!!!

Just around the next corner will be District U.I.L. competition. All of the U.I.L. competitors are working hard and going to practice meets to ready themselves for District competition.

Keep on looking for more Hammer Happenings!!



Roby Honor Roll

Roby Elementary Honor Roll Semester

Third Grade
Jaycee Carey
Billy Floyd
Sonya Gaona

Fourth Grade
Damon Dickson
Christopher Gloyd
Makala Herron
Mayra Juarez
Jacob Whitaker

Fifth Grade
Ann Coats
Brandy Griffith
Rhonda Henry
Amanda Moore
Chrystal Royer

Sixth Grade
Brian Dickson
Kendra Kiser
Bryce Moore
Coby Moore

Seventh Grade
Martha Billingsley
Zachary Clark
Teddy Current
Anita Floyd

Eighth Grade
Alisa Royer
April Sutton
Becky Terry

Roby High Honor Roll 3rd Six Weeks

Seniors
All A

Carter Edmondson
Carol Kirby
Craig Maxwell
Teresa McClure
Rick Onofre
Melanie Ray
David Shipp
Larry VanLiew

A-B

Jerry Carreon
Lorena Cave
Billy Cook
Robin Cleveland
Patricia Gonzalez
Norris Green
Shari Heflin
Jay Linn Helm
Karie Martin
Kathi Mize
Tonya Moffett
Rachel Petty
Belinda Ramirez
Mike Reeves
Steve Reeves
Joey Teague

Donna Terry

Juniors
A-B

Gilbert Carreon
Michael Carrion
Jose Chavira
Rodney Matthies
Jennifer Pullig
Jerry Stuart

Sophomore
All A

Suzanne Maxwell
Jeremy Terry

A-B

Leslie Aguilar
Dale Alsup
Michelle Beauchamp
Chuck Dannheim
Shana Feagan
Daniel Hernandez
Bryan Mauldin
Eddie Onofre
Jonathan Petty

Freshmen
All A

Stephanee Frierson
Jennifer Kincaid
Norma Rogers

A-B

Lorissa Edmondson
Jennifer Elkins
Audra Lewis
Jessica Moore

Roby High Honor Roll Semester

Seniors
All A

Carter Edmondson
Carol Kirby
Craig Maxwell
Teresa McClure
David Shipp

A-B

Renee Austin
Jerry Carreon
Lorena Cave
Robin Cleveland
Patricia Gonzalez
Norris Green
Shari Heflin

Karie Martin
Kathi Mize
Tonya Moffett
Rick Onofre
Rachel Petty
Belinda Ramirez
Melanie Ray
Mike Reeves
Steve Reeves
Autumn Shelley
Sandra Strodman
Joey Teague
Donna Terry
Larry VanLiew

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Shana Feagan
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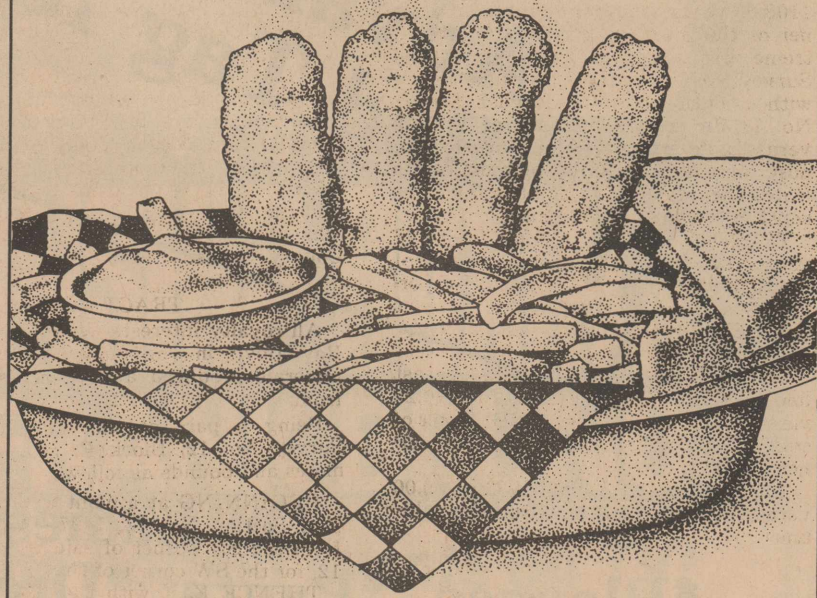
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NOTICE OF EXECUTION SALE OF UNDIVIDED INTERESTS IN REAL PROPERTY

1. By virtue of an execution issued out of the 32nd Judicial District Court of Nolan County, Texas, on a judgment which was rendered by the District Court in and for Nolan County, Texas, under Cause No. 16,417 and styled "First National Bank, Sweetwater, Texas vs. Donnie Ray Boyd" on the docket of said property situated in Fisher County, Texas, as the property of Donnie Ray Boyd, a judgment debtor:

TRACT A

All royalty interests owned by Donnie Ray Boyd in the oil, gas and other minerals produced and to be produced from:

Being 72.333 acres out of the S. J. Swenson No. 1 Survey, more particularly described by metes and bounds as follows:

BEGINNING at an iron pin in the east line of Survey for the NW Corner of the Sallie English Survey No. 11 and the SW Corner of the S. J. Swenson Survey No. 1 for the SW Corner of this tract:

THENCE N 0 deg. 28' W with the east line of said Survey No. 187 and the west line of this Survey No. 1 for 461.49 varas to an iron pipe for the extreme west SW Corner of a 185.457-acre tract surveyed this date out of the S. J. Swenson Survey No. 1 and the Sallie English Survey No. 11 for the NW Corner of this tract:

THENCE N 89 deg. 32' E with the south line of said 185.457-acre tract for 690.81 varas to an iron pipe for an inner corner of this tract:

THENCE S 77 deg. 58' E with the south line of said 185.457-acre tract for 209.00 varas to an iron pipe for an inner corner of said 185.457-acre tract and for the NE Corner of this tract:

THENCE S 0 deg. 28' E with a west line of said 185.457-acre tract for 416.25 varas to an iron pin in the south line of this Swenson Survey No. 1 and the north line of the English Survey No. 11 for the SE Corner of this tract:

THENCE S 89 deg. 32' W with the north line of the English Survey No. 11 and the south line of the Swenson Survey for 894.86 varas to the place of beginning, and being the same lands described in Field Notes of Talmadge E. Dean, Registered Public Surveyor of Texas dated July 16, 1975.

TRACT B

All royalty interests owned by Donnie Ray Boyd in the oil, gas and other minerals produced and to be produced from:

Being 185.457 acres out of the S. J. Swenson Survey No. 1 and the Sallie English Survey No. 11, more particularly described by metes and bounds as follows:

BEGINNING at an iron pipe in the east line of Survey No. 187, B.B.B. & C. Ry. Co. Survey and the west line of the S. J. Swenson No. 1 at a point 461.49 varas N 0 deg. 28' W of the SW corner of the S. J. Swenson Survey for the NW Corner of a 72.333-acre tract surveyed out of the SW Corner of the Swenson Survey and for the extreme west SW Corner of this tract:

THENCE N 0 deg. 28' W with the east line of said Survey No. 187 and the west line of this Swenson Survey No. 1 for 210.75 varas to an iron pipe for the SW Corner of a 40.005-acre tract out of the NW Corner of the Swenson Survey and for the NW Corner of this tract. Said corner being 671.76 varas S 0 deg. 28' E of the NW Corner of the Swenson Survey:

THENCE N 89 deg. 32' E parallel with the north line of the Swenson Survey at 336.20 varas past an iron pipe at the SE Corner of said 40.005-acre tract, continue same course for a total distance of 2335.93 varas to an iron pipe for the NE Corner of this tract:

THENCE S 0 deg. 28' E parallel with the West line of the Swenson Survey for 404.34 varas to an iron pipe in the north line of the Charles Gates League No. 353 and the south line of the Swenson Survey for the SE Corner of this tract:

THENCE S 75 deg. 33' W with the north line of said League No. 353 at 1108.65 varas past an iron pipe for a corner of the Swenson Survey and the extreme east Corner of the Sallie English Survey No. 11, continue the same course with a south line of the English Survey No. 11 for a total distance of 1463.08 varas to an iron pipe by old corner fence post for the NW Corner of the Charles Gates League No. 353 and for the extreme south SW Corner of this tract:

THENCE N 14 deg. 27' W for 88.26 varas to an iron pipe in the north line of the English Survey No. 11 for the SE Corner of the aforesaid 72.333-acre tract out of the SW Corner of the Swenson Survey and for the mid-SW Corner of this tract:

THENCE N 0 deg. 28' W with the east line of said 72.333-acre tract for 416.25 varas to an iron pipe for the NE Corner of said 72.333-acre tract and for an inner corner of said tract:

THENCE N 77 deg. 58' W for 209.00 varas to an iron pipe for a corner of this tract:

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TRACT C

All royalty interests owned by Donnie Ray Boyd in the oil, gas and other minerals produced and to be produced from:

Being 59.8 acres of land out of Survey No. 187, Block No. 1, B.B.B. & C. Ry. Co. Abstract No. 383, and 243.4 acres of land out of Sallie English Survey No. 12, Block E, Abstract No. 428, containing in the aggregate 303.4 acres, and bounded as follows:

BEGINNING at fence post in NBL of Sallie English Survey No. 12, Block E, 594.5 varas E of its NW Corner the NE Corner of a 100-acre tract sold to T.A. Jean:

THENCE East along said NBL 356.4 varas to a post at SE Corner of G. L. Barnett tract, the West 320 acres of Survey No. 187:

THENCE North 595 varas to stake on EBL of said 320-acre tract:

THENCE East 567.6 varas to stake a mes. brs. S 64 1/4 W 2.5 varas:

THENCE South at 595 varas cross SBL of said Survey 187 B.B.B. & C. Ry. Co. Survey and NBL of Sallie English Survey No. 12, 1801 varas to stake on NBL of M. K. & T. Ry. Co. right-of-way, base of forked mes. N 25 W 8.5 varas:

THENCE in a southwesterly direction along NBL of said right-of-way to a post at SE Corner of a 104-acre tract in the name of Dr. Terrell:

THENCE North 1768 varas to the place of beginning, and containing 303.4 acres of land, and being the same land conveyed to Thomas F. Holman, et al, by R. D. Moore by deed dated January 30, 1922, and shown of record in Volume 61, page 390 of the Deed Records of Fisher County, Texas.

TRACT D

All royalty interests owned by Donnie Ray Boyd in the oil, gas and other minerals produced and to be produced from:

Being 285.4 acres of land out of Sallie English Surveys No. 11 and 12, Block E, Abstracts Nos. 431 and 428, and all of J. R. Wright Survey, Abstract No. 1786, and a portion of Section No. 187, Block No. 1, B.B.B. & C. Ry. Co. Abstract No. 383, and described by metes and bounds as follows:

BEGINNING at a planted stone at SW Corner of S. J. Swenson Survey No. 1, and the NW Corner of Sallie English Survey No. 11, Block E:

THENCE East 1288 varas to stone planted on NBL of Chas. Gates No. 353:

THENCE S 76 1/4 W with said NBL 422.7 varas to post at NE Corner of a 40.7-acre tract known as J. R. Wright Survey:

THENCE S 13 3/4 E 501.4 varas to SE Corner of said J. R. Wright tract, and NE Corner of T. J. Nipp Survey:

THENCE S 76 1/4 W 456.6 varas to NW Corner of said T. J. Nipp Survey:

THENCE S 13 3/4 E 415.5 varas to intersection of WBL of said T. J. Nipp Survey and NBL of M.K. & T. Ry. Co. right-of-way:

THENCE S 59 W along NBL of said right-of-way 1259.5 varas to W.S. Owens tract:

THENCE North at 1206 varas cross NBL of Sallie English Survey No. 12, Block E, and the SBL of Survey No. 187, B.B.B. & C. Ry. Co. 1801 varas to stake at NE Corner said W. S. Owens tract:

THENCE East 385 varas to WBL of said S. J. Swenson Survey No. 1:

THENCE South 43.8 varas to the place of beginning, containing 285.4 acres of land, more or less. Said tract being the same tract as First Tract described in that certain deed dated June 26, 1937, from Louis H. Boyd, et ux, to Thomas F. Holman, appearing of record in Volume 109, page 242, Deed Records of Fisher County, Texas.

TRACT E

All royalty interests owned by Donnie Ray Boyd in the oil, gas and other minerals produced and to be produced from:

Being the North part of the SE/4 of Survey No. 187, Block No. 1, B.B.B. & C. Ry. Co. Abstract No. 383, and described by: metes and bounds as follows:

BEGINNING at a stone set for the NE Corner of the SE/4 of said Section No. 187:

THENCE South 340.75 varas to stake for corner:

THENCE West 950 varas to corner:

THENCE North 352.14 varas to stake for corner:

THENCE East 950 varas to the place of beginning, and containing 58.3 acres of land, more or less. Said tract is the same tract as that Second Tract described in that certain deed dated June 26, 1937, from Louis H. Boyd, et ux, to Thomas F. Holman, appearing of record in Volume 109, page 242, Deed Records of Fisher County, Texas.

TRACT F

All royalty interests owned by Donnie Ray Boyd in the oil, gas and other minerals produced and to be produced from:

Being a part of the Sallie English Survey No. 12, Block E, described by metes and bounds as follows:

BEGINNING at a point in the SBL of said Section No. 12, 1497 varas West from the SE Corner of said Section No. 12, for the SW Corner of this tract:

THENCE East with the SBL of said Section 12, 450 feet to a stake for corner:

THENCE North 322 feet to the M.K. & T. Ry. Co. right-of-way for the NE Corner of this tract:

THENCE S 58 with the SBL of said right-of-way 526 feet to corner in said right-of-way:

THENCE South 46 feet to the place of beginning, containing 2 acres of land, more or less. Said tract is the same tract as the Fourth Tract described in that certain deed dated June 26, 1937, from Louis H. Boyd, et ux, to Thomas F. Holman, appearing of record in Volume 109, page 242, Deed Records of Fisher County, Texas.

TRACT G

All royalty interests owned by Donnie Ray Boyd in the oil, gas and other minerals produced and to be produced from:

All of the SE/4 of Survey No. 187, Block No. 1, B.B.B. & C. Ry. Co. Survey, Fisher County, Texas, Abstract No. 383.

TRACT H

All royalty interests owned by Donnie Ray Boyd in the oil, gas and other

minerals produced and to be produced from:

The North 77.25 acres of the Southwest Quarter (SW/4) of Section No. Three (3), Block E, Sallie English Survey, and the South forty acres (S. 40 ac.) of the Northwest Quarter (NW/4) of Section No. Three (3), Block E, Sallie English Survey, in Fisher County, Texas, being the same land described as Fourth Tract in deed dated April 18, 1938, from Thomas F. Holman, et ux, to Louis H. Boyd, said deed being recorded in Volume 117, page 44 of the Deed Records of Fisher County, Texas:

SAVE AND EXCEPT that certain 2.07 acres of land out of the South Forty Acres (S.40 ac.) of the Northwest Quarter (NW/4) of Section No. Three (3), Block E, Sallie English Survey, Fisher County, Texas, being the same 2.07 acres described

in deed dated November 11, 1971, from Beulah Boyd, a widow, and Lu Bright to J. L. Fain, recorded in Volume 359, page 258 of the Deed Records of Fisher County, Texas.

TRACT I

All royalty interests owned by Donnie Ray Boyd in the oil, gas and other minerals produced and to be produced from:

Being 300.75 acres, more or less, being the East One-Half (E/2) of Section 57, Block 1, H.T. & B. Ry. Co. Survey, less and except 19.253 acres out of the SE Corner of said Survey.

TRACT J

All royalty interests owned by Donnie Ray Boyd in the oil, gas and other minerals produced and to be produced from:

Being all of the East Forty (40) acres of the Northwest One-fourth (NW/4) of Section No. 187, Block 1, B.B.B. & C. Ry. Co. Survey, Fisher County, Texas.

TRACT K

All royalty interests owned by Donnie Ray Boyd in the oil, gas and other minerals produced and to be produced from:

Being 240 acres, more or less, being all of the Northwest One-quarter (NW/4) of the North One-Half (N/2) of the Southwest One-quarter (SW/4) of Section 62, Block 1, H.T. & B. Survey, Fisher County, Texas.

TRACT L

All royalty interests owned by Donnie Ray Boyd in the oil, gas and other minerals produced and to be produced from:

Being all of the West One hundred Twenty (120) acres of the Northwest One-fourth (NW/4) of Section No. 187, B.B.B. & C. Ry. Co. Survey, Fisher County, Texas.

2. On Tuesday, March 7, 1989, which is the first Tuesday of the month of March, 1989, between the hours of 10:00 o'clock a.m. and 4:00 o'clock p.m., at the courthouse door of Fisher County, Texas, located in the City of Roby, Texas, I will offer for sale and sell at public auction for cash all of the right, title and interest of Donnie Ray Boyd in and to the real property or interest in real property described above.

DATED on January 12, 1989.

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50:3TP



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49:3tc

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Public Notices

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF FISHER

By virtue of an Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable 32ND Judicial District Court of Fisher County, on the 3RD day of JANUARY, 1989 by the Clerk thereof, in the case of FISHER COUNTY VS. S. L. ROBERTSON;

Cause 4240 and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell, at 10:00 A.M. on the 7th Day of FEBRUARY, 1989 which is the first Tuesday of said month, at the NORTH door of the Courthouse of said Fisher County, in the City of Roby, Texas, the following described property, to wit:

Being all that certain .007812 Royalty Interest in the Witt "B"/Walsh & Watts, Inc. Oil, Gas and Mineral Lease No. 3758, out of the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 191, Block 1, BBB & C. Ry. Co. Survey, Fisher County, Texas, and being more particularly described in that certain Royalty Deed of record in Volume 98, Page 457 of the Deed Records of Fisher County, Texas, including all revenues and proceeds attributable to said property which have accrued and which have been taxed by Fisher County Hospital District and Fisher County, Texas, upon which said accrued taxes and tax sale are based.

Levied on the 3 day of JANUARY, 1989 as the property of S.L. ROBERTSON, if living;

to satisfy a judgment amounting to \$1,462.91 with interest from the 18th day of November, 1988 at 10 per cent, per annum, and all costs of suit in favor of FISHER COUNTY, ET AL.
GIVEN UNDER MY HAND THIS 3 day of JANUARY, 1989Mickey A. Counts
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49:3tc

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By virtue of an Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable 32ND Judicial District Court of Fisher County, on the 3rd day of JANUARY, 1989 by the Clerk thereof, in the case of ROTAN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT VS. EMMA RUSSELL,

Cause 4188 and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell, at 10:00 A.M. on the 7th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1989 which is the first Tuesday of said month, at the NORTH door of the Courthouse of said Fisher County, in the City of Roby, Texas, the following described property, to wit:

Tract I: Being all that certain Block 92 of the Original Town of Rotan, Texas, and being more particularly described in that certain Deed of record in Volume 56, Page 217 of the Deed Records of Fisher County, Texas.

Tract II: Being all that certain Lot 2 in Block 17 of the Richardson Addition to the Town of Rotan, Texas, and being more particularly described in that certain Deed of record in Volume 69, Page 84 of the Deed Records of Fisher County, Texas.

Levied on the 3 day of JANUARY, 1989 as the property of EMMA RUSSELL, if living; C. WEISSER, if living; The unknown heirs, executors, administrators and legal representatives of the ESTATES OF JAMES BURTON DAVIS and LANCE M. DAVIS, both Deceased; NANCY STELL GRUBER, if living; RITA WHITE ODEN, if living; TREASURE BARBER, if living; JAMES C. GRAY, if living; JOSEPH L. STRICKLAND; AUDREY WHITE HEDGES, if living; JOHNNIE WHITE CROWDER, JOE T. GOODWIN, 1902 Maid Marion Drive, Denton, Texas; JAMES BRADFORD ZACHARY, if living;

to satisfy a judgment amounting to \$358.25 with interest from the 18th day of November, 1988 at 10 per cent per annum, and all costs of suit in favor of ROTAN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL.
GIVEN UNDER MY HAND THIS 3 day of JANUARY, 1989
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49:3tc

Rotan High School Hosts UIL Meet

Rotan High School hosted its sixth annual UIL Math/Science meet last Saturday. Westbrook High finished first overall with 1323 points. Childress High finished second with 1176 points and Rotan came in third with 1044 points. The local Science team finished second in the science team competition.

Individual winners for RHS were: Randel Clawson (1st-12th gr. Science), Jeff Cave (3rd-12th gr. Calculator, 2nd-12th gr. Science), Candi Hayes (3rd-11th gr. Calculator, 2nd- 11th gr. Science), Ester Guerra (5th-11th gr. Science), Kevin Smith (6th-11th gr. Calculator), Paul Carrillo (4th-9th gr. Number Sense, (6th-9th gr. Calculator, (5th-9th gr. Science). Also competing for Rotan was Sherri Conner.

Rotan Chamber To Hold Second Annual Banquet February 11th

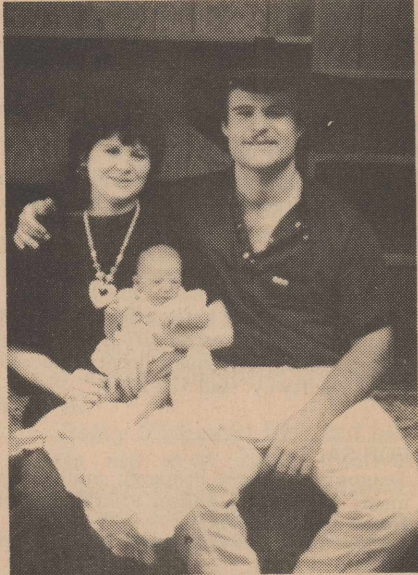
The Rotan Chamber of Commerce will hold its Second Annual Banquet February 11, announced Chamber President Don Dawes. "We would like to extend an invitation to the public to attend the banquet," said Dawes. The

Rotan Varsity Boys Lose To Jim Ned

The Rotan boys varsity basketball team lost to Jim Ned 67-71 last Friday night. High scorer for the Yellowhammers was Jorge Montoya with 20 points. Others scoring were: Lane Landes 7, Billy Wayne Speck 17, Willard Roddy 11, and Joe Huitt 12. Other team members include: Aaron Porter, Chris Kennedy, Mike Garcia and Brian Sheehan.

Rotan Varsity Girls Lose To Jim Ned

The Rotan girls varsity basketball team lost to Jim Ned last Friday night with a final score of 53-59. Sherri Conner, Lucy Stinson, and Denise Powell contributed 11 points each for high pointers. Others scoring were: Shanna Bennett 10, Terrie Johnson 8, and Lynette McQueen 2. Other team members include: Shannon Boone, Tiny Carrión, Shawna Speck, Vanessa Peek, Terrye Warren, Elizabeth Jones and Debra Martinez.



FIRST BABY: The first baby born in Fisher County in 1989 was a girl. Natasha Brooke Sherman, daughter of Danny and Phebe Sherman of Hamlin was born on January 11 at the Fisher County Hospital. She was born at 6:02 a.m. and weighed 7 pounds and 7 1/4 ounces.

Public Notice

Fisher County Commissioners Court will receive proposals for County Bank Depository, to be reviewed in regular session of Commissioners Court February 13, 1989, at 9:00 A.M.

Marshal Bennett
County Judge

51:2cl

Chamber Directors are in the process of finalizing details on the Banquet to be announced next week.

Rotan And Roby Jr. High To Play In Roscoe Tournament

The Rotan and Roby Junior High boys and girls basketball teams will play in tournament hosted by Roscoe on January 26-28. The boys teams will compete against each other on Thursday at 7:00 p.m. in the new gym, and the girls teams will compete against each other on Thursday at 5:30 in the old gym.

Secret Pal Club Holds Meeting

The Secret Pal Club met at the Senior Citizen building January 18, 1989. Bingo was played, a covered dish was brought by each, gifts were received.

Members present were: Lillie Herron, Opal Burch, Bessie Eaton, Oma Long, Treasa Dycus, Virgie Weems, Chris Rackley, Dean Reeves, Hazel Hudnall, Gay Henry, Aurora Martinez, Maggie Briggs, Roxie Haggard, Helen Thornburg, Maudie Anderson, Wanda Kiker, Lenora Streetman, Florene Beard. Visitor was Gary Eaton.

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TRAPPED: Lady Lion Kathi Mize, number 14 has her Ira Lady Bulldog opponent trapped. Also pictured is number 45 Kim Justiss.

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I would like to express my gratitude and thanks to the persons who helped me celebrate my 89th Birthday.

The Birthday Party, and all the thoughtfulness at this time meant so much to me.

A special thank you goes to the Sheriff's Department, the Department of Public Safety, Marvin Kersh, retired Patrolman, Kennith Hardin, retired Chief of Police, and to Marie Van Loon, Justice of the Peace, Precinct 3.

Many thanks for making my birthday so special. Ernest Roberts

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Obituaries

Ted Loving

Ted Loving, 66, of Midland, formerly of Rotan, died at 2:30 P.M. Thursday in the Midland Memorial Hospital. Services were at 2 PM Saturday in the First Baptist Church with Rev. Steve Peace officiating. Burial was in the Rotan Cemetery under the direction of Weathersbee Funeral Home.

He was born Nov. 4, 1922 in Fisher County and was the son of the late Don J. and Tennie Crite Loving, pioneer ranchers of the area. He attended public schools in the Dowell Community of Fisher County. He was a Navy veteran of WW II and served in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War. He married Bernice Hendon Graham in 1960. She died in 1979. He married Margaret Stevens in Odessa in 1982. He had lived in Midland the past 9 years and was a retired auto salesman. He was a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the First Baptist Church.

The family has requested that memorials be directed to Hospice, Inc., P.O. Box 2621, Midland, Texas 79702.

Survivors include: His wife: Margaret Stevens Loving of Midland; one son: Larry Graham, Lubbock; three sisters: Donnie Walker, Rotan, Katherine Bruce, Rotan, Georgie Flint, Colgate, Okla.; 2 grandchildren: Gary Wayne Graham, Lubbock, Truett Allen Graham, Lubbock.

Pallbearers were: Loyd Messick, Clay Fowler, Bill Day, Joe Dale Burk, Yoke Fleming, Jay Hendon and Blair Berry.

Merrena Babb

Merrena Babb, 74, of Sylvester, died at 4 PM Thursday at her home in Sylvester after a brief illness. Services were at 4 PM Saturday in the Sylvester Baptist Church with Rev. Rick Adkinson, officiating, assisted by Rev. Don Kitchens. Burial was in the Newman Cemetery under the direction of Weathersbee Funeral Home of Rotan.

She was born Dec. 25, 1914 in Comanche County and was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Edwards. She moved to Fisher County 71 years ago from Comanche County. She married Richard Babb in Sweetwater Feb. 23, 1946. She was a member of

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the Sylvester Baptist Church. Survivors include: Husband: Rev. Richard Babb, Sylvester; one brother: W.C. Edwards, West Columbia, Texas; several nieces and nephews.

Marcos Rodriguez

Marcos Rodriguez, 76, of 1942 Victoria in Abilene, died Sunday night at Hendrick Medical Center. Funeral services were at 2:30 p.m., Wednesday at Emmanuel Baptist Church in Rotan with Rev. Charles Maciel and Rev. Felix Silva officiating. Burial was in the Belvieu Cemetery of Rotan under the

Lions And Hammers To Meet For First Game Of Season Friday Night

By: Cliff Vlasin

Coffee shop bragging rights will be at stake Friday night when the Rotan Yellowhammers travel to Roby to meet the Lions in the Roby gym.

The night has been set aside for recognition of Lion and Lady Lion parents. Roby players and coaches are asking fans to wear red, bring their rally rags, and "jam the gym" as they continue on their quest for their fourth consecutive district championship.

In reality, no hype is needed to get fans stirred up for a Roby - Rotan matchup as Roby Lady Lion coach Jon Curry was quick to point out. "It's always a big rivalry whenever the two teams meet," he said. "They could be playing chess or checkers and they'd still have a full house."

"People just want to see these kids play against each other."

Curry's counterpart, Lady Hammer coach Danny Diggs fully agreed. "The good thing about it is, our kids know their kids and there are some friendships there," he said. "It's not a bitter rivalry, it's just good competition."

Both the boys' and girls' matches are expected to be hotly contested with a "leg up" in the District 25-A standings the prize for the victor.

Both boys' coaches expect a genuine fan-pleaser with plenty of end-to-end action. "I look for it to be a high-scoring game, said Lion mentor Mickey McCarty. "I think they like to run and we do too."

"We're going to have to play awful well," McCarty continued. "I'm not sure they don't have more talent than we do, they're one of the most talented teams I've seen and, of course, I know they'll be up for us."

Hammer coach (Bruce) Merrell agreed that his team's strength was in its speed, but pointed out that the Lions had some quickness of their own. "We've got to try to control their quickness, have good ball movement, pick our shots, and play decent defense," Merrell said.

"We've got about seven kids that are average players that play real well together. They have a lot of playing time together and that helps."

Merrell also pointed out the importance of this Friday's game in determining a district champion. "I feel like Roby, us, and Ira are the top three contenders," he said. "I watched them last Tuesday night and they play well together, they've got three outstanding kids."

"They are definitely the team to beat, we'll just have to play real well," the Rotan coach continued. "I just hope it turns out that it's a good game for both teams."

The Lions will enter this week's play with a 17-3 record and were scheduled to meet Hermleigh on Tuesday while the Hammers were scheduled for another important district matchup with Ira on Tuesday.

The girls' contest looks to be equally competitive and will carry no less importance in deciding the

direction of Weathersbee Funeral Home.

Mr. Rodriguez was born in Bastrop, Texas, August 5, 1912. He was the son of Santiago and Felicitia Rodriguez. He married Juanita Lopez in 1947 at Rotan. They made their home in Rotan until moving to Abilene in 1985. He was a member of Emmanuel Baptist Church. He was a farm laborer. He is survived by:

His wife: Juanita of Abilene; a daughter: Sarah Franklin of Rotan; two sisters: Isabel Rodriguez of Houston, Francisca Arrellano of Rosenberg; one brother: Tito Rodriguez of Rockport, Texas; three grandchildren.

eventual district champ.

"Roby's got a real good ball club and they're playing real good right now," Lady Hammer coach Diggs said. "We'll have to play real well to beat them."

"We'll try to rely on our speed more than anything else."

Lady Lion coach Curry was equally complimentary of the opposition. "They've got a good ball club, they've got some good athletes and if they're hot, we'll have to play some good ball," he said.

The Lady Lions entered the week with a 10-9 record after easily handling Rule last Friday while the Lady Hammers were 11-6 after suffering a narrow defeat at the hands of a talented Jim Ned team.

Recognition of the Lady Lion varsity and junior varsity players and parents will take place at approximately 6:30 p.m. immediately prior to the girls' varsity game.

Lions' varsity and JV players and parents will be recognized prior to the boys' varsity game.

Fisher County Nursing Home News

We still have some sick folks, Dove Blevins is not feeling well. Roy Cummings was in the hospital but is now back home. Bessie Boldin is in the FC Hospital.

We have two new residents. They are Juanita Sepeda and Thelma Rains. We hope to make their stay here comfortable.

Kathryn Alaniz is our new Director of Nurses. She started her job last week and we are all looking forward to working with us.

We have started an Employee of the Month this year and Jim Frausto got it in December and Helen Gaona got it in January. Our administrator, Mr. Wheeler, picks someone who has worked extra hard and who is worthy of this honor. They get \$25 and their name on a plaque. We are all proud of these two people.

We had lots of visitors. Mrs. Yanez's visitors were Frances Alvarado, Lino and Carol Yanez, Tomas Yanez, Carlotta Molano, Elsa Yanez, Patsy Yanez and Nikki Yanez. Mrs. Trejo's visitors were Rita Martinez, Elida Carreon, Carolyn Flores, Yolanda and Grable Martinez, Felix Silva, Mrs. Asencion Perales. May Hurst and Ruth Brown visited Mrs. Whitten.

Our birthday party was given by the Agape Class of First Baptist Church. Marion Able and Marie Hendon served cake and punch to all residents and staff. Our January birthdays are Louise Ashley, Henry Starnes and Dove Blevins. They all celebrated their birthdays on January 8th.

Hope to see everyone back visiting us soon.

Reyna Garcia

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Lions Roar As Edmondson Leads As High Pointer

By: Cliff Vlasin

The Roby Lion roster lists senior post Carter Edmondson at 5'11", but you would have had a difficult time convincing the Ira Bulldogs of that last Tuesday.

Despite the fact that no less than three of Ira's starters had at least three inches on Edmondson, he was the dominant inside player, blocking seven shots and leading all scorers with 23 points in the Lions' District 25A opener at Ira.

The end result was a one-sided 79-45 Roby victory as the Lions came out fired up in defense of their district title.

"At the first of the year, they kept talking about how they were going to beat us," Edmondson said. "It's district now and this is it for the seniors, this is our last year. We just came out here tonight ready to play and ready to prove that we deserve where we are."

Edmondson was a long way from being alone in his fight, however. The entire Lion team came out of the dressing room with fire in their eyes thanks, for the most part, to an inspired group of seniors, according to Roby coach Mickey McCarty.

"When I went in there (to the Lion locker room), I didn't have to say a word," McCarty said. "The seniors just took it, they had already talked to them. I think the seniors realize this is it."

They're showing the kind of leadership we're wanting the seniors to show."

The inspiration of the Roby seniors seemed to infect the entire team as four Lions scored in double figures and eight Roby players contributed points.

Jerry Carreon was second to Edmondson with 15 points while Michael Carrion chipped in 12 and Jonathan Petty added 11.

Also scoring for the Lions were Rick Onofre with six, David Shipp and Eddie Onofre with five each, and Mike Reeves with two.

McCarty felt that the play of his bench, especially Petty and Eddie Onofre, was one of the big differences in the game. When the Bulldogs put their defensive emphasis on the Lions' big three of Edmondson, Carreon, and Rick

Onofre, the rest of the team took advantage of the situation.

"I think we showed that Michael (Carrion), Jonathan (Petty), and David (Shipp) have to score, too," McCarty said. "We're not necessarily just a three-man team."

"They can't go off and just forget about the others, I don't think. I feel good about it, we're going to have to have those kids to go very far."

The game got off to a rather slow start, thanks to a very deliberate Ira attack with the score tied at only six apiece halfway through the first quarter. A pair of Edmondson buckets and a Michael Carrion fast break put the Lions up by six, however, and they were never challenged again.

The first period ended with the Lions up 18-12 and they opened the second quarter with 15 unanswered points to take command. The half ended with Roby up 43-17.

The Lions then picked up right where they left off, dominating a much taller Rule team 86-53, (6'6", 6'4", 6'2"), Friday night in Rule.

Once again it was a team effort with Michael Carrion (11 points), and David Shipp (nine points) get-

ting "attaboys" from their coach for their play.

Edmondson was again the scoring leader, ripping the nets for 27 points, 19 in the first half alone, as the Lions fired out to a 28-4 first-quarter lead.

Carreon was next, pouring in 23 while the fifth Roby starter, Rick Onofre added eight.

Petty and Reeves contributed a bucket each.

Roby J.V. Boys Squad Defeats Ira, Finishes With 9-4 Record

Roby J.V. ran their record to 9-4 for the season by beating Ira 56-40.

Roby had four players scoring in double figures: Johnny De Los Santos- 11 points, Jeremy Terry- 11 points, Jamie Amador- 14 points, and Kenny Hefflin- 10 points. Also scoring was Laramie Collier- 8 points and Jose Chavira- 2 points.

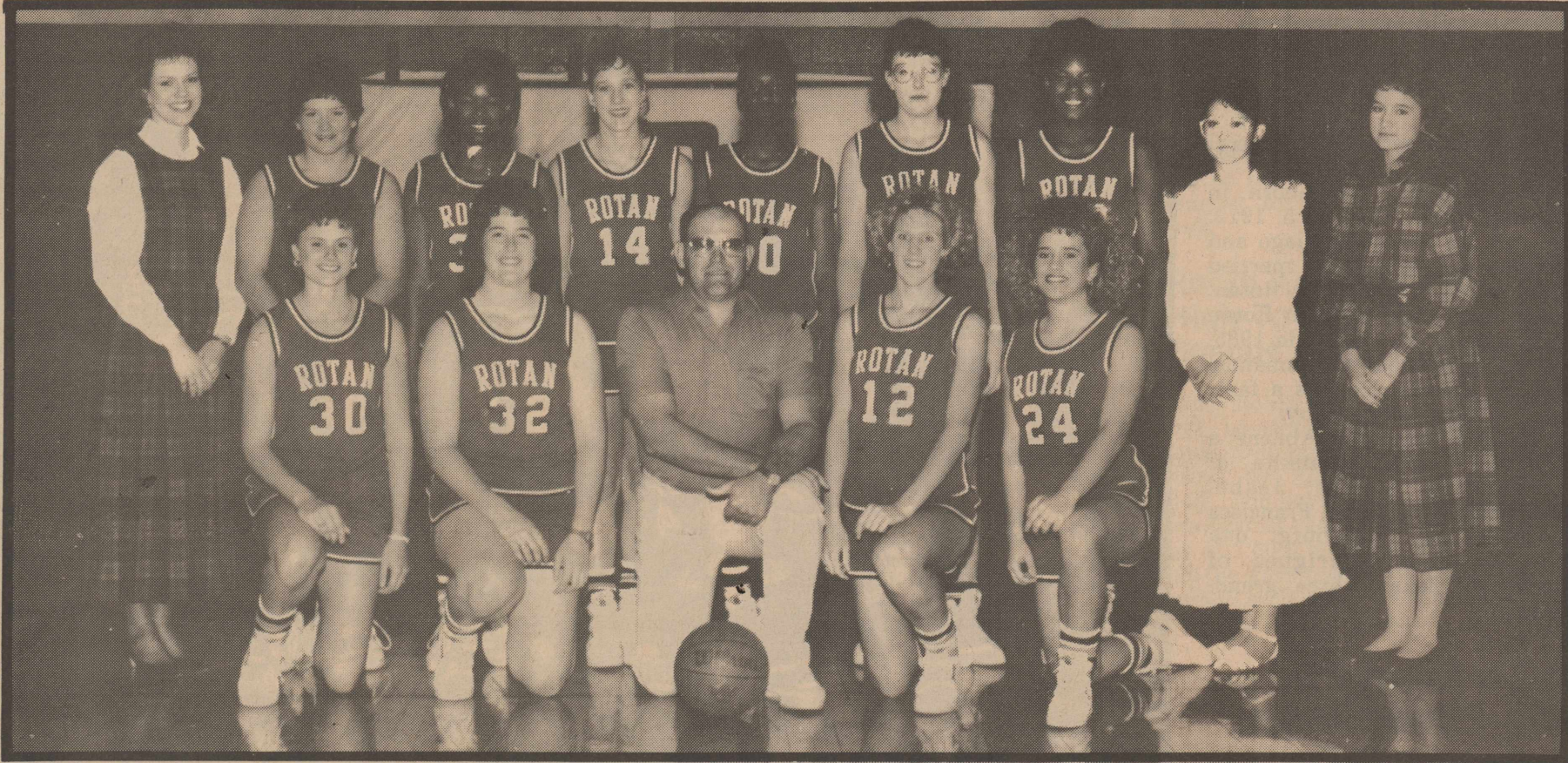
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MEMBERS OF THE ROTAN GIRLS VARSITY SQUAD: Kneeling from left to right; Shanna Bennett, Lynette McQueen, Coach Danny Diggs, Jerri Lynn Boone, Lucy Stinson. Standing: Manager Julie Pease, Shawna Speck,

Denise Powell, Shannon Boone, Sherri Conner, Cherry McQuire, Terri Johnson, Christy Parr, Manager, Kristi Martinez, Manager.

News From Down South

By Bertha Warren

We now have a new President and Vice President. I watched most of it on T.V. The ceremony was very impressive and I enjoyed the speakers and the prayer Billy Graham had for the nation and our leaders and now all we can do is hope and pray they remember the oath they took and we can have a government for the people and by the people.

Sunday was Max and Melba Ratliff's 37th Wedding Anniversary. They had friends from Cimarron, N.M. spend a few days with them last week. Bob and Helen Ratliff of Hamlin spent the weekend visiting with them and with Dot and F.A. McCain.

Charlie and Thelma Smith of Roby along with Opel Davison and Grace Bonner of Sweetwater attended funeral services for Cecil and Lucille Bean Friday. The Beans were killed when their house blew up and burned. They were Thelma's, Opel and Grace's cousins. Tuesday morning Thelma received a call that her aunt Velma (Cavitt) May of Phoenix, Arizona had passed

Meeting For Schedule Of New Rotan Gym Set For February 2nd

There will be a meeting February 2, at 1:30 p.m. in the Superintendent's Office to schedule the use of the new gym. Anyone interested in using the new gym on a regular basis or running the concession stand needs to attend this meeting.

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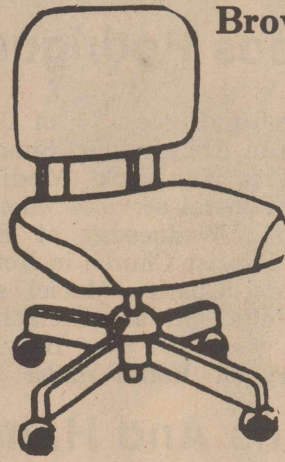
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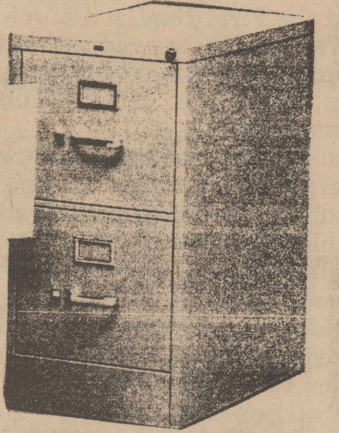
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GO GET 'EM GUYS: Coach Bruce Merrell [right] and Coach John Cox [center] talk to the Rotan Varsity boys during a time out break. Seated on the bench are Joe Huitt, Jorge Montoya and Lane Landes.

Lady Lions Take Victories With Kirby High Pointer

Martha Goodrum's eight-foot jumper hit both sides of the rim and bounced out as the final seconds ticked off the gym clock in Ira last Tuesday night.

Had the ball found its mark, every player in a Lady Lion uniform would have scored in the 76-41 Roby romp over the Ira Lady Bulldogs.

Carol Kirby's game-opening tip went directly to Lorissa Edmondson who fed Shana Feagan for a fast-break layup and the Lady Lions were off in their run for a district championship.

"We played a super first half," said Lady Lion coach Jon Curry. "That first quarter we had them 25-2. The first time I looked up at the clock it was 16-2 and I hadn't realized we had scored that many."

"This is the first game we've had since the Hamlin ball game when we've been able to go out and do the things we want, get a big lead early, and get everybody a chance to play, and everybody just has a real good time doing it."

Kirby led all scores with 27 points, with Feagan pumping in 15 and Edmondson adding 12.

Rounding out the long list of Lady Lion scorers were Kathi Mize with 6 points, Stephene

Frierson and Shari Heflin with 4 a piece, and Myra Hohon, Kim Justiss, Tina McClure, Autumn Shelley, and Rochelle Elkins with 2 each.

Following their game plan, the swarming Lady Lion defense completely shut down the Ira attack.

"We were seeing if we couldn't set a defensive goal on points given up and see if we could hold them down to it," said Curry. "We let them score four more than what I wanted them to; we were going to try to hold them to nine points a quarter but, other than that I was pretty pleased with the overall effort."

Although this was a district game, it provided to be more like a practice session for Curry and the Lady Lions.

"It gave us a chance to work a lot of combinations," said Curry. "In case we get somebody hurt or somebody in foul trouble later on,

we got a chance to look at some different combinations tonight to see how they'd work. That was what I really wanted to work on more than anything else."

Roby 76 Rule 38

The Lady Lions traveled to Rule Friday where they continued winning, bringing home an impressive 76-38 victory.

Once again it was a strong opening for the Lady Lions as they stacked up a 21-9 first quarter lead.

Roby senior Carol Kirby scored 23 points, all in the first half, to lead all scorers. Thanks in part to a 9-of-11 showing from the free throw line, Lorissa Edmondson netted a total of 19 points, with Shana Feagan adding 17. Also scoring for the Lady Lions were Myra Hohon with eight points, and Shari Heflin and Stephanie Frierson with two each.

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COUNTS QUESTIONNAIRE

As the State Legislature begins to get down to business in Austin, our local representative, David Counts, is seeking input from local constituents so that he can better represent the people of the 78th district.

Here are a few questions that Representative Counts would like your views on:

1. Should "no-pass/no-play" be amended from 6 weeks to 3 weeks? YES NO
2. Should the term of the school year be extended? YES NO
3. In view of the difficulty with the local school acquiring adequate health insurance, should public school health insurance be under the state program? YES NO
4. Should there be a state lottery? YES NO
5. Should the holder of another office be allowed to run for vice president or president and his current office at the same time? YES NO
6. Should homestead holders be allowed to take a second mortgage on their home? YES NO
7. If it became necessary in order to maintain services at their current level, would you favor a sales tax increase? YES NO

As an alternative, which of the following would you prefer?

- _____ broadening the sales tax base
- _____ make permanent the temporary fees imposed in the 1987 legislature
- _____ a corporate income tax

Workers' compensation is the no. 1 issue of the session. The following questions deal with workers' compensation.

8. Should employers be required to carry workers' compensation insurance? YES NO
9. Should the Industrial Accident Board be expanded and given more authority? YES NO
10. Should there be a liability cap on the amount an injured party can sue for? YES NO

We strongly encourage all registered voters to answer the above questions by circling YES or NO, and then send your reply to Representative Counts' office in Austin. The mailing address is: Representative David Counts, P.O. Box 2910, Austin, Texas 78769

Social Security Administration Makes Available New "Personal Earnings And Benefit Estimate Statement"

Now that the Social Security Administration has made available a new "Personal Earnings and Benefit Estimate Statement" for young workers, too, it is easier for them to make plans for their future financial security. But, it is important for the workers to understand the Social Security program before they start planning their retirement. For instance, you should know what you get from Social Security, how the program works, how your benefits will be affected by other income and earnings, the rate of reduction you will have in your benefits based on your age at retirement, etc.

Knowing these facts will help you plan your retirement. It is especially helpful to have an idea of what your benefits will be as a base on which to build your retirement income.

Bonnie Piernot And Beth Dannheim To Hold Clinic Jan. 25th

Bonnie Piernot, Extension Consumer Economics Specialist and Beth Dannheim, Fisher County Extension Agent will present "Financial Management Clinic", January 25, 12-1 (Noon) in the Fisher County Courthouse Annex.

The session is designed for the working woman; bring your lunch, drinks will be furnished, and spend your lunch break learning how to better handle your finances.

To get an estimate of the amount of benefits you may expect is very easy. All you have to do is to call Social Security and ask for SSA Form 7004, "Request for Earnings and Benefit Estimate Statement," or write to: The Consumer Information Center; Department 55; Pueblo, Colorado 81009

Once you get the form, you should complete it with your name, address, Social Security number, and other information required. After you have mailed it back to Social Security, you will receive:

- * A total of your earnings from 1937-1950.
- * An annual breakout of earnings from 1951 to the present with an estimate of the Social Security taxes you have paid.
- * Estimates for retirement benefits at a reduced age, full retirement age, and age 70.
- * Estimates of survivor and disability benefits.

To make the estimate more realistic, the worker's anticipated future earnings and recent unposted earnings are used, as well as projected real wage growth. And, the statement also shows the number of credits you need to be insured for each type of benefit and the credits you currently have on your record.

When you complete the form, you should provide information about your recent earnings (which are not yet on record), your expected future earnings, and the age at which you plan to retire. This information is used in calculating the benefit estimate.

With all this information, you may decide to increase your retirement income with savings, investments, or insurance. Income coming from sources other than work doesn't reduce the amount of benefits.

The next thing to decide is your retirement age. At 62, your benefits are reduced 20 percent; 13-1/2 percent at 63; and 6-1/2 percent at 64. There is no reduction at 65.

You can call Social Security any time you have questions about the subject or your anticipated earnings change to get a new estimate or benefits.

F.C. Hospital News

Patients admitted to the Fisher County Hospital January 17, 1989 through January 23, 1989: Oma L. Lee, Tomie Paske, Mary Hawkins, Bessie Bolden, Woodrow McDaniel, Pearl Price, Jimmie McCright, Roger Smith, John Nabors, Luterio Yanez, Homer Beard, all of Rotan. Gladys Holcomb and Florence Peter of Roby, and Velma Cave of Jayton.

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Thanks to all of you who called, visited, sent cards or gave words of encouragement.

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Harvey Strickland

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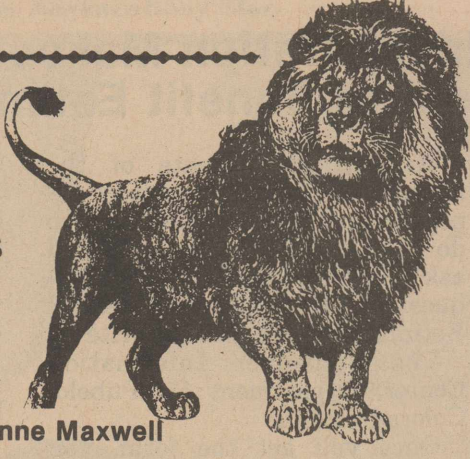
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1. Cash and balances due from depository institutions						
a. Noninterest-bearing balances and currency and coin			400	1		
b. Interest-bearing balances			1,090	1		
2. Securities			9,192	2		
3. Federal funds sold and securities purchased under agreements to resell in domestic offices of the bank and of its Edge and Agreement subsidiaries, and in IBFs						
a. Federal funds sold			1,420	3		
b. Securities purchased under agreements to resell						
4. Loans and lease financing receivables						
a. Loans and leases, net of unearned income			5,099	4		
b. LESS: Allowance for loan and lease losses			090	4		
c. LESS: Allowance for transfer risk reserve						
d. Loans and leases, net of unearned income, allowance, and reserve (item 4 a minus 4 b and 4 c)			5,009	4		
5. Assets held in trading accounts						
6. Premises and fixed assets (including capitalized leases)			008	7		
7. Other real estate owned			015	7		
8. Investments in unconsolidated subsidiaries and associated companies						
9. Customers' liability to this bank on acceptances outstanding						
10. Intangible assets						
11. Other assets			409	11		
12. a. Total assets (sum of items 1 through 11)			17,543	12		
b. Loans deferred pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 1823 (j)						
c. Total assets and losses deferred pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 1823 (j) (sum of items 12 a and 12 b)			17,543	12		
LIABILITIES						
13. Deposits:			15,855	13		
a. In domestic offices:						
(1) Noninterest-bearing			2,025	13		
(2) Interest-bearing			13,830	13		
b. In foreign offices, Edge and Agreement subsidiaries, and IBFs:						
(1) Noninterest-bearing						
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14. Federal funds purchased and securities sold under agreement to repurchase in domestic offices of the bank and of its Edge and Agreement subsidiaries, and in IBFs:						
a. Federal funds purchased						
b. Securities sold under agreements to repurchase						
15. Demand notes issued to the U.S. Treasury						
16. Other borrowed money						
17. Mortgage indebtedness and obligations under capitalized leases						
18. Bank's liability on acceptances executed and outstanding						
19. Notes and debentures subordinated to deposits						
20. Other liabilities			179	20		
21. Total liabilities (sum of items 13 through 20)			16,031	21		
22. Limited-life preferred stock						
23. Perpetual preferred stock (No. of shares outstanding)						
24. Common stock (No. of shares authorized)			500			
b. Outstanding			500			
25. Surplus			150	25		
26. Undivided profits and capital reserves			550	26		
27. Cumulative foreign currency translation adjustments			617	27		
28. a. Total equity capital (sum of items 23 through 27)			1,517	28		
b. Losses deferred pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 1823 (j)						
c. Total equity capital and losses deferred pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 1823 (j) (sum of items 28 a and 28 b)			1,517	28		
29. Total liabilities, limited-life preferred stock, equity capital, and losses deferred pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 1823 (j) (sum of items 21, 22, and 28 c)			17,543	29		
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by Suzanne Maxwell

Attention Parents: Friday night is Parents Night during the basketball game. We urge every parent to attend. So if you haven't made it to a game to see your kid, here is your chance! You don't want to miss it!!

Lions: Yes, I believe that the Lions are ready to show the Yellowhammers the real way to play basketball! Don't you?

Student Body and Supporters: We would like for everyone to wear red or black Friday. Do you know where you put your rally rag? Well, better find it before Friday. Bring 'em to cheer the

WTU Receives Permission To Recover Cost Of Replacement Fuel

West Texas Utilities Co. today received permission to recover the cost of a replacement fuel contract at its Rio Pecos Power Station. The station near McCamey Texas is one of nine power stations operated by the utility. The plant has been burning the higher-priced replacement gas since late December.

"A residential customer using 1000 kilowatt hours of electricity a month will see his average bill go from \$78.42 to \$82.77," WTU local manager Garvis Hinson said. The actual increase in a customer's bill will vary depending on usage level, the customer group and time of year.

The company has different summer and winter rates as directed by the Public Utility Commission of Texas. The PUCT regulates utility rates in Texas, and it was this state agency which authorized today's actions.

Although the average cost of fuel on the company's many fuel contracts has not changed significantly, the replacement costs on this pre-oil embargo gas contract were nine times higher

Lions to another victory. We can do it, so let's show some s-p-r-i-t!

UIL: Don't forget the UIL meet at Stamford Saturday. I wish everyone the best of luck in their competition.

Reminder: Do you know what I mean by Campus Cleanup? Well, all I am saying is...if you see trash on the school grounds pick it up. Please! It is our school and we should be proud of it. Let's keep it lookin' great!

That's all for now. But, as always, watch for more Lions Tracks in the future.

than the old price. The old contract at 22 cents per million BTUs had saved customers \$350 million over its 20-year life.

"We would like to have kept those prices and not changed any of our fuel costs to customers, but the contract expired," Hinson said. The local manager added that WTU has lowered its fuel factor five times since 1985, and had six refunds totaling almost \$50 million as the result of other contract changes.

Fuel is burned at power stations to produce electricity. It makes up approximately 36 percent of the cost of electricity. They are passed through directly to the customer, Hinson said, with the utility making no profit on fuel costs.

WTU customers will see the increase starting on February bills. The company in September initially asked for permission to change the fuel factor portion of the bill. This provided four months for regulatory review before the higher fuel charges were needed.

Extension Homemakers Club Meets

Extension Homemakers Club of McCaulley met Thursday, January 17 in the home of Jesydean Tabb at 1:00 p.m. Eddie Pearl Brigham, president, presided. New officers for the next two years were installed. They are:

Eddie Brigham- Pres., Bonnie Estes- Vice Pres., Dorothy Decker- Sec., Alice Brigham-Reporter.

A business meeting followed the installation of officers. The creed and purpose of the club was read by the President.

Fisher County Agent Beth Dannheim, will give the program on "Stretching your wardrobe with scarves", Feb. 21 at 2:00 at the Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. There will also be a tea. This is a campaign for new members. All ladies are invited.

Ten members were present. They include: Eddie Brigham, Dorothy Decker, Jesydean Tabb, Bessie Decker, Addie Maberry,

Rotan Extension Homemakers Club Holds Meeting

The Rotan Extension Homemakers Club met with Hazel Hudnall Thursday, January 19th. There were ten members and three visitors present.

Bobbie McKinney presided, led the recreation time and led the program. Wanda called the roll. The program had to do with what you can do with bandanas.

Refreshments were served to the guests: Stella Garcia, Irma Carreon, Hope Granada, Beatrice Hargrove, Gaynell Henry, Wanda Floyd, Oma Long, Eda Bickerstaff, Nell Park, Effie Murphree, Bobbie McKinney, Hilda Rollins, hostess Hazel Hudnall.

The next meeting will be in the home of Oma Long, February 2.

THANK YOU

We would like to thank the citizens of Fisher County for their spiritual and material help during Kathy's surgery.

The Alvin Petty Family

Obituaries

N.E. (Peck) Springer

N.E. (Peck) Springer, 86, of Rotan, died at his home Saturday morning. Private graveside services were at 10 A.M. Tuesday in the Aspermont Cemetery. Memorial services were at 2:30 P.M. Tuesday in the First United Methodist Church in Aspermont with Rev. Elmer Ward and Rev. Ron Colwell officiating.

Mr. Springer was born July 1, 1902 in Stamford and was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. A.W. Springer. He moved to Aspermont in 1904 from Stamford. He graduated from high school at Oklahoma A & M Academy and then attended Oklahoma A & M Junior College. He traveled south Texas for a time with the Gerstal Medical Co.'s Traveling Medical Show. He owned and operated a drug store in Albany before moving to Aspermont in 1936 where he owned and operated the Aspermont Funeral Home for 25 years. In 1961 he moved to Abilene where he was in the Real Estate Business. He moved to Ft. Worth in 1974 and was the Area Broker for the FHA. He moved back to Abilene in 1977 and to Rotan in 1985 where he was associated with the Abilene Memorial Co. He was a Mason for over 50 years

and belonged to the Aspermont Masonic Lodge. He was a Shriner for over 40 years. He was a member of the Wichita Falls Mascot Temple. In 1987 he received his 60 year consecutive service award from the American Legion. He was a member of the St. Paul Methodist Church in Abilene.

Mr. Springer married Lena Henrietta (Sis) Alford Sept. 1, 1929 in Clovis, N.M. She died May 19, 1981.

Survivors include: Two sons: Eddie of San Antonio, Andy of Dallas; 6 grandchildren; 4 great grandchildren.

(Sparks)

Rolling Plains Hospital Sunday morning at 10 AM. Services were at 2 PM Monday in Weathersbee Chapel in Rotan with Don Dawes officiating and Gary Hyer assisting. Burial was in the Rotan Cemetery under the direction of Weathersbee Funeral Home.

She was born Oct. 19, 1908 in Knox City and was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Henry Clayton Sutton. She married Odis M. Sparks June 16, 1928 in El Paso. Mr. Sparks died May 26, 1975.

Mrs. Sparks moved to Stonewall County in 1928 and later to Fisher County. She had lived in Sweetwater for the past 12 years, moving there from Rotan. She had lived the past 4 years in the Holliday Retirement Center. She was a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include: Two daughters: Bernice (Mrs. Ray)

Leeman, San Antonio, Peggy (Mrs. George) Poe, Sweetwater; two sisters: Jane Sparks, Rotan, Maurine Hyer, Rotan; 5 grandchildren: Kip Poe, Austin, Jack Poe, Lubbock, John Poe, Hamlin, Joe Poe, Ft. Worth, Jay Poe, Arlington; 4 great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son: Jack Clay Sparks in 1959.

Pallbearers were: Jack Poe, Jay Poe, John Poe, Joe Poe, Dancy Hager, Lawrence Wayne Sparks.

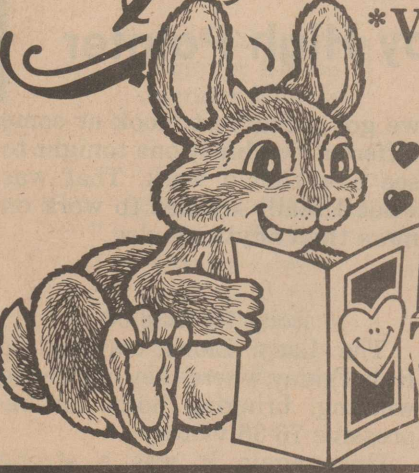
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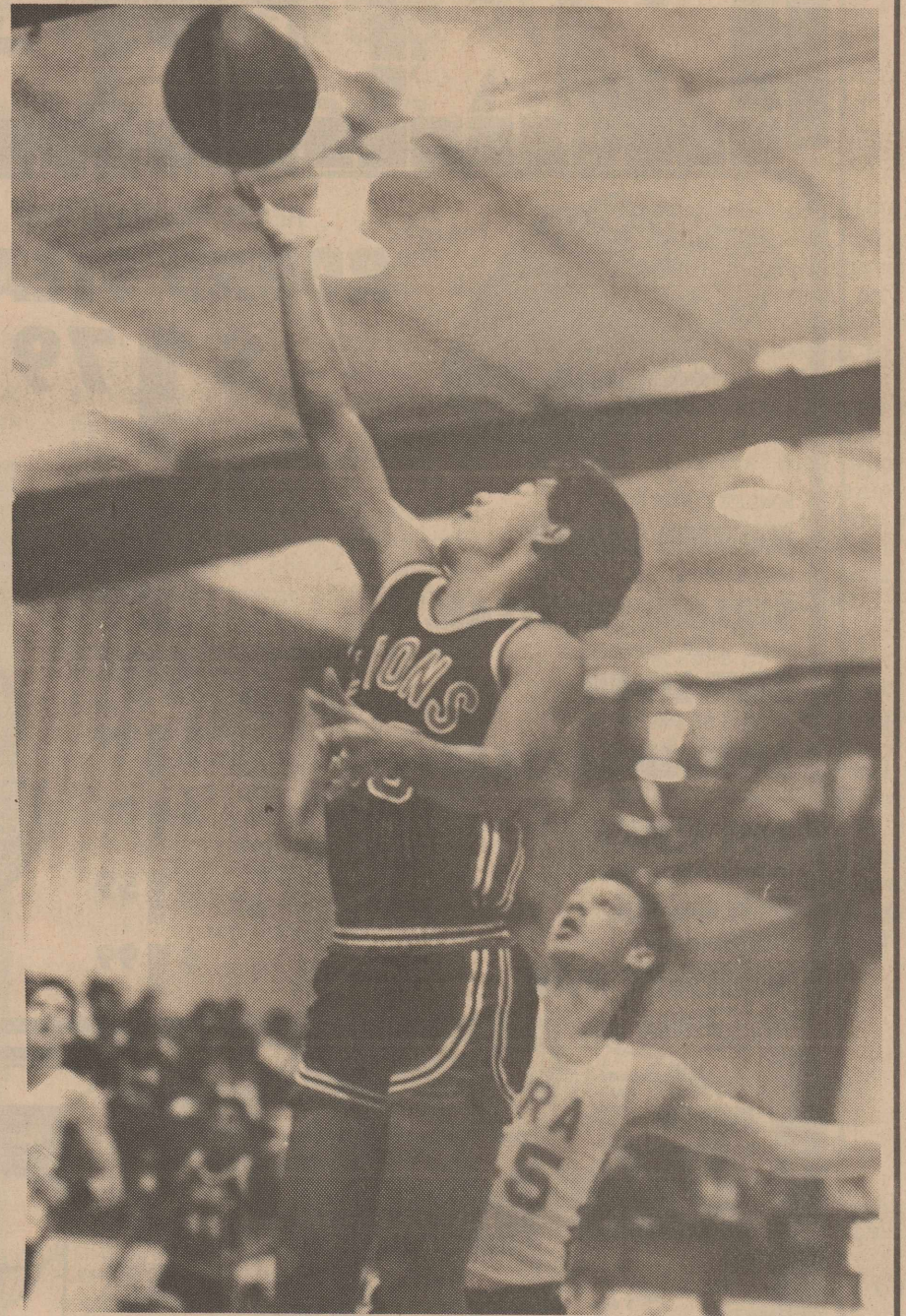
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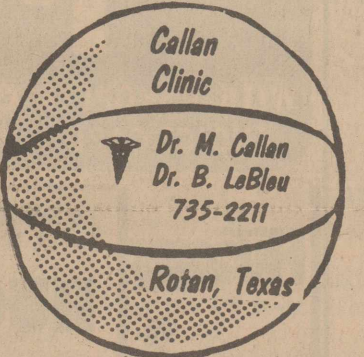
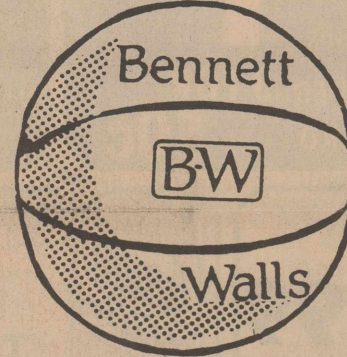
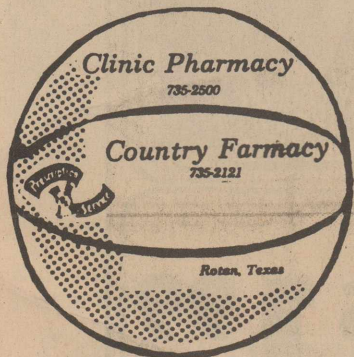
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Jan. 31-Hermleigh-There-6:30-V-G&B



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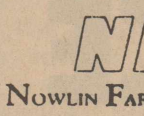
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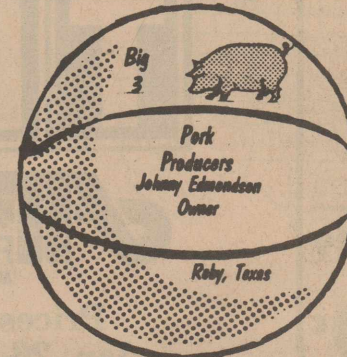
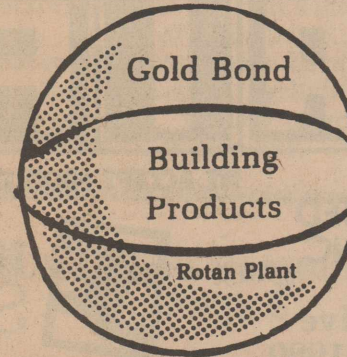
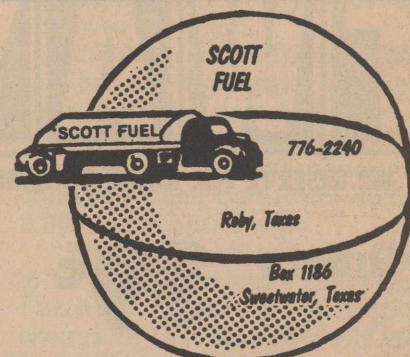
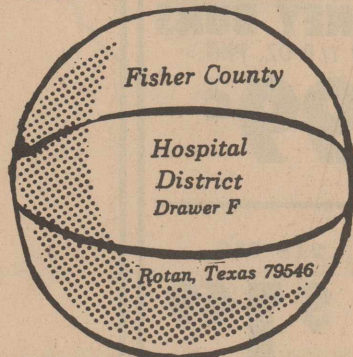
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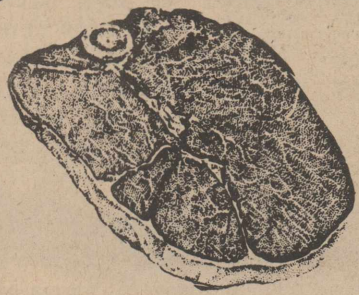
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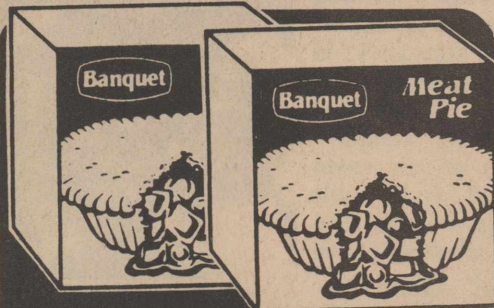
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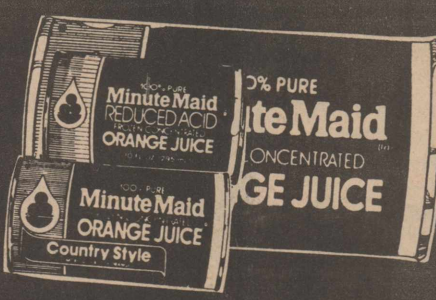
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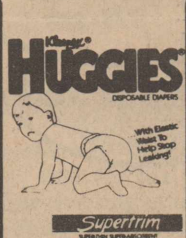
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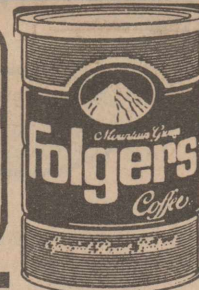
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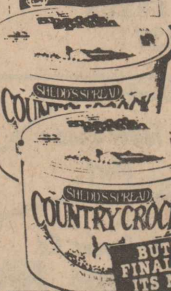


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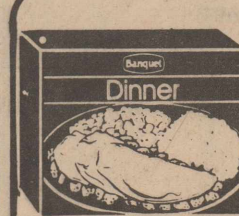
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