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Kim's Korner
By Kim Pease

CONGRATULATIONS: To Walter Hargrove, son of Betty Hargrove and the late Bernice Hargrove of Rotan. He was recently named head football coach at Haskell. Hargrove played on that 1970 Yellowhammer team, as a senior, that lost to Haskell 14-12 for the district championship 3A (now AA). Rotan was leading 12-0 at the end of the first quarter. Frankie Don Mullins, later Rotan head coach, was an assistant coach for Haskell that year. Some other team members - Mickey Early, Hank Day, Norvelle Kennedy, Jr., Charlie Alls and Steve Nowlin, Chico Garcia, Joe Sepeda, Stuart Nowlin, Kent Cave, Dave Springer, Randy Smith, Kent Tibbels, Eugene McKimmey, Henry Soliz, Paul Carrillo, Gary Powell and Harold Gruben.

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SPEAKING OF FOOTBALL: Rotan athletes and fans had better enjoy the final two years of Class A play. Projecting the numbers, Rotan will be going into Class AA in two years. The Yellowhammers will be one of the smaller Class 2A schools instead of one of the larger Class A schools. When alignment is recomputed Rotan will have lost this years 12th grade class - about 20 and this years 11th grade class about 25 - for a total of 45 loss. They will pick up the 8th grade class of 30 and the 7th grade class of 58 - gain 88. They will lose about 45, gain about 88 for a net gain of 43. Rotan turned in 137 kids this year and the Class A cut off number was 140 for Class A.

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SHE PAID HER TAXES: Remember Leona Helmsley, the hotel lady who supposedly made the comment that only little people paid income taxes. Well, after a tax invasion conviction last year, Mrs. Leona Helmsley wrote the U.S. Government a check for over $64 million last April. Bet the IRS smiled when they opened that return.

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SPEAKING OF TAXES: President George Bush kicked in $101,382.00 to the IRS on an income of $456,780.00. His salary as United State President is $200,000.00 a year, so he had quite a few dollars realized in outside earnings. Dan and Marilyn Quayle paid taxes last month of $25,479.00 on an adjusted 1989 gross income of $133,696.00.

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REAL LEADERSHIP: It is sad that Texas has Bill Clements as its Governor during this most visable time involving school finance and leadership in education. He is a real jerk, in my humble opinion, for not showing a little more compassion for the children of Texas. We have a great opportunity to take a real positive step for education and all Governor Bill knows how to say is "I'll veto any new tax increase." Bull, no one wants a tax increase but sometimes one is necessary. We sure don't need a leader - pig headed and non-compromising.

I have been guilty of kicking the state of Mississippi for the poor job the do overall in educating their children. Not any more - they have passed an education reform package that puts Texas to shame. Tennessee is the same - innovative education reform. It is taking place all around us. We may not be able to catch back up - once we get Clements out of office - and our children are the ones who will suffer. Texas needs the best education system in America - but we'll never have it with a Governor who is unwilling to bend.

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FACT OF THE WEEK: Who was the first United States President to travel under water in a submerged submarine. Answer - Harry S. Trumen, off the coast of Key West, Florida, in a captured German submarine (U-2513), on November 21, 1946.

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FINALLY: Ol' Whistle Britches from his Shinnery Ridge Ranch at Rough Creek is tickled pink. For two reasons, first - because the weather is warming up so he can plant his butter beans, cucumbers and okra and second because we finally did something right, in his opinion, in the newspaper. He loved the photographs in last week's paper. He commented that he felt he got his 50 cents worth.

*BOOKS: We should be as careful of the books we read as we are of the company we keep.

*OLD AGE: Old age is when it takes you longer to get over a good time that to have it.

*WOMEN: One rather hippy lady friend of mine from Royston has one main topic to her conversation. She is either telling me how thin she used to be or how thin she's gonna be.

*PROGRESS: "My father, many knew him as Thunder Britches, once told me - Begin where you are. But don't stay where you are."

*FINALLY: A friend of mine from Justiceburg, bit North of Snyder, said of the mess we're in up in Washington "Big Government Isn't The Answer - It Is The Problem."

Rotan City Offers $30,000 For Savings & Loan Building For New Office

The members of the Rotan City Council officially voted to offer $30,000 for the old savings and loan building at the April meeting. Last Monday night that offer was reviewed and City Secretary Kenneth Vann indicated that the City of Rotan had put up $2,000 earnest money to show good faith to purchase the buidling. It is not known if the building will be sold for the $30,000 offered by the City of Rotan.

Mayor Jerry Marshall, administered the oath of office to Bob Greenlee, Emma Denton and Connie McQueen last Monday.

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Roby School Board Offers Contract To Football And Girls Hoop Coach

Members of the Roby School Board met last Monday night and approved offering contracts to two coaches, one will be the head football coach and the other the girls basketball coach.

The Roby School Board voted to offer a contract to Jimmy Amaro, currently on the coaching staff at West Texas High School at Stinnett. Amaro, assuming he accepts, will be the head football coach at Roby High School. He is currently residing in Borger and is in charge of the varsity linemen at West Texas High. He and his wife Elaine, who was offered an elementary teaching job at Roby, have two children, Justin, age 8 in the second grade and Amy, age 4, in kindergarten. He coached at Borger for five years, Phillips for five years before moving to West Texas High for the past two years. He is a math teacher.

The second contract offer went to Ed Henley, currently coaching at Sudan. Henley, assuming he accepts the offer, will be coaching girls basketball. He is a history, drivers education teacher. Henley and his wife Nita, an L.V.N., have two children. The oldest, a girl, is a sophomore in college and the youngest, a boy, is stationed in Germany with the United States Armed Forces. He has been at Sudan for the past five years coaching boys basketball.

Roby Athletic Director Ron Francis, late Tuesday afternoon, had not received verbal acceptance from either Amaro or Henley indicating that they planned to take the offered positions.

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Pat Porter, D.L. Goodwin Take New Rotan School Jobs

Two new employees have accepted positions in the administration office at Rotan Independent School District, according to Alton Fields.

D.L. Goodwin, an employee of Rotan Primary in an administrative capacity, has accepted a job in the Rotan school tax office. She will replace Von Martinez who resigned to move to south Texas with her family. Ms. Goodwin begins her new job on May 21st.

Pat Porter, school secretary at Hobbs ISD, has accepted the job of administrative secretary replacing Helen Heathington at Rotan. Ms. Porter begins her new job on June 18th.

Rotan Board Narrows Field To Three For New Superintendent

For the first time in at least 20 years, the Rotan Independent School District has an interim superintendent. M.T. Hill, Rotan Junior High Principal, was asked to serve as the interim superintendent by the Rotan School Board until such time as the new superintendent is hired. Hill officially retires this summer.

Rotan School Board President Pete Fowler indicated that the board, after finishing the interview process last Saturday of the top five candidates for the job, decided to personally visit the hometowns of three candidates.

Fowler and Roger Blackwelder, board secretary, left Rotan early last Monday morning for East Texas for the first home town visit of a prospective candidate.

Fowler said the board has the final three candidates ranked in order of preference. Barring any unforseen developments, the board could act officially on one of the three candidates in the near future.

Rotan Voters Approve Tax Hike, Elect Three New City Councilmen

Rotan votes gave approval to the two ½-cent increases in city sales tax (for economic development and advalorem tax reduction) and elected three of four candidates, one a write-in, to posts on the Rotan City Council.

By a margin of 156 for and 121 against, the residents of Rotan approved the half-cent sales tax hike for economic development. By a margin of 150 to 117 the half-cent sales tax hike for advalorem tax reduction received approval.

Rotan merchants will begin using the new tax rate beginning October 1, 1990.

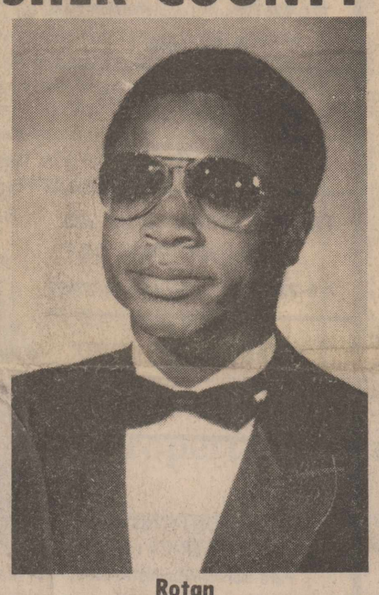
Rotan City voters overwhelmingly gave Connie McQueen a seat on the Rotan City Council by giving her the highest number of votes cast in the election. She received 185 votes. She is a former council member and announced late as a write-in candidate. The voters also gave seats to Emma Denton with 177 votes and Bob Greenlee with 148 votes. The fourth candidate, Ken Myers, accumulated a total of 131 votes in his unsuccessful attempt at a Rotan Council position.

McQueen, Denton and Greenlee were sworn-in as new council members last Tuesday night and will fill seats formerly occupied by Ernest Armstrong, Jim Gruben and Charles Atwell. Atwell however was appointed by Mayor Jerry Marshall to fill the unexpired term of Norvelle Kennedy, Jr., who moved outside the city limits and is no longer elegible to serve.

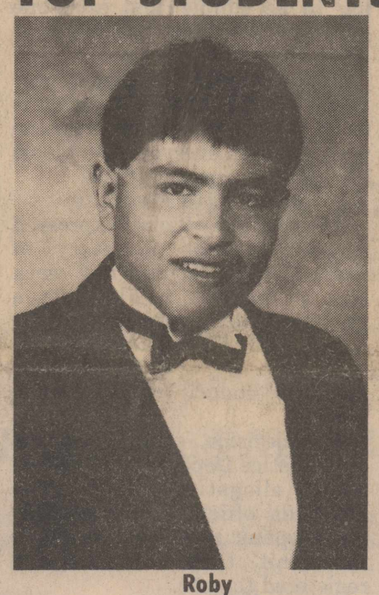
FISHER COUNTY TOP STUDENTS



Rotan Valedictorian
Candi Hayes
4.8595



Rotan Salutatorian
Kevin Smith
4.4400



Roby Valedictorian
Gilbert Carreon
94.740



Roby Salutatorian
Jennifer Pullig
93.450

1990 Top Students Named At Rotan, Roby

The valedictorian and salutatorian for the graduating classes of 1990 at Rotan and Roby have been announced by high school principals Jim Cain and George Price, respectively.

Candi Delane Hayes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R.L. Hayes, is the Rotan class valedictorian. Kevin Smith, son of Abram and Gloria Jones, is the Rotan class salutatorian.

Gilbert Carreon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frutoso Carreon, Sr., is the Roby class valedictorian. Jennifer Jo Pullig, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Pullig, is the Roby class salutatorian.

Candi Hayes had an average of 4.8595 and Kevin Smith compiled an average of 4.4400 at Rotan. Gilbert Carreon had an average of 94.740 and Jennifer Pullig had an average of 93.400 at Roby.

After graduation, Ms. Hayes plans to attend Angelo State University. While at Rotan, she has been active in student congress, a member of the National Honor Society, FFA, Spanish Club, participated in UIL at the regional and state level, was a member of the band and class officer and was a Miss RHS nominee. She received the academic excellence award, was manager of the tennis team and received the Hugh O'Brian Young Foundation Award.

Kevin Smith plans to attend Baylor University after graduation. He has been on the honor roll, an all-district football player, member of the National Honor Society, class president, a member of the student congress, Spanish Club officer, a member of

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Rotan School Board Will Sift Through 50 Coach Applications

Rotan School Board President Pete Fowler said last weekend that approximately 50 candidates have indicated an interest in the head football coaching position at Rotan High School.

The board hasn't seen any applications, but plans to look at the short list submitted by Alton Fields and will review all applications for the position to be sure the very best candidate is offered the position, according to Fowler.

Fowler indicated that the main emphasis to date has been concentrating on hiring the best candidate for the superintendent's position. "After the superintendent is hired, we'll get serious about filling the vacant principal position, vacant coaching and athletic director positions," said Fowler.

Roby School District Voters Elect Two New People To The Board

Roby Independent School District voters gave their stamp of approval to two newcomers by electing Bryan Justiss and Marie Henry to vacant board positions.

Justiss captured 96 votes, Henry garnered 83 while incumbent Richard Gaona finished in third with 81 votes. Others capturing votes were David Stephens with 71 and Marsha Smith with 37.

Nowlin, McCall And Frank Williams Get Hospital Board Nod

In the race for three Fisher County Hospital Board seats, voters returned two of three incumbents and a newcomer to board terms.

Incumbent Steve Nowlin collected 508 votes, Brenda McCall pulled in 428 and Frank Mitchell tallied 363 votes to gain terms on the Fisher County Hospital Board. Incumbent Dave Williams was defeated in his bid after only getting 297 votes.

Landes, Summers Keep Rotan School Board Seats, Rowland Strong

In the three person race to fill two vacant seats on the Rotan School Board, incumbents Larry Landes and Luther Summers narrowly amassed enough votes to return to new terms. Vote totals were 220 for Landes, 210 for Summers and 206 for Craig Rowland.

News Briefs

Food Commodities

The Roby Volunteer Fire Department will distribute food commodities on Saturday, May 12th, at the Pink Building in Roby from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m.

Slip and Shod Dance Club

There will be a meeting of the Slip & Shod Dance Club Monday, May 14 at the Rotan Lions Club building at 6:30 p.m. All members, both past and present, are encouraged to attend as this is a very important meeting.

Hunting Coop Annual Meeting

The Fisher County Hunting Coop Annual Meeting will be held Monday, May 14 at 7:30 p.m., at the Cottonwood RV Park, south of Roby.

The program will be given by Rick Wendland of Quail Unlimited. All Coop members and prospective members are encouraged to attend. Landowner and member fees are $25 a year.

Blind Made Broom and Mop Sale

The Roby Lions Club will be conducting their annual Blind Made Broom and Mop Sale on May 10, 1990, to raise funds for their benevolent activities as well as helping the blind and visually-impaired workers in the Lighthouse for the Blind who manufacture these products.

Buy a broom, mop or other quality product made by our blind citizens and support our Lions in this worthwhile project.

The Caravan truck and all articles will be on display at the Roby Drug Store where you may make your purchase directly, or call Larry Crumpton at 776-2308 to have your order delivered.

State Capital Highlights

By Lyndell Williams
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

A couple of weeks ago, the east coast media sniped that Texas has a weak-governor form of government.

Not the way Gov. Bill Clements plays it.

Last week, the embattled governor stood eye-to-eye with the Texas court system, and the courts blinked first.

Rather than make good a Texas Supreme Court threat to close public schools, and face voter wrath next November, the trial court gave legislators more time to re-divide public school funds.

The extension was a mini-victory for Clements, who stood like a Republican rock against pro-tax Democrats on the Supreme Court, in the Senate and House of Representatives, as well as marching teacher groups and a bevy of pro-tax Capitol reporters.

Last Through Summer?

Is it a victory that will last through the summer? Maybe.

The trial court gave lawmakers until May 31 to make the public school finance formula more fair or a special master will do the job for them.

This schedule probably helps Clements and anti-tax lawmakers more than pro-tax members.

Know this: Clements and his allies are not against fair school funding. They oppose new taxes to expand an old system which needs overhauling.

Master Can't Tax

The special court master can draw a plan to redistribute existing dollars between rich and poor districts, but he/she can't raise taxes.

The Constitution says only the Legislature can do that.

So it appears that Clements needs only his veto stamp to stop new taxes in this third special session, and a solid GOP bloc in the House to kill override attempts.

McCown Defuses Bomb

State District Judge Scott McCown is the young man who defused the political bomb.

Not bad for a 35-year-old, first-term judge presiding over bonafide landmark in Texas history.

Caught between Supreme Court Justice Oscar Mauzy's threat to close schools and Clements' veto, McCown ordered an agenda which threw cold water on hot politics and put lawmakers back on track.

"This case is not about a tax increase," he said.

Maybe not in his courtroom, but it was and will be eternally in the Legislature.

Games, Guts And Glory

Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby accused Clements of abdicating to the courts, but legislators have ample time to do the special master's work, which is their job.

Some observers feel there should be two bills: One re-dividing school funds with new taxes and one without. If Clements vetoes the bill with taxes, then he'll surely sign the one without.

The question is, can they do it?

Some veteran Capitol-watchers say this Legislature can't do it. The leadership is too frail to trim the budget, too timid to risk glory without new taxes, and too partial to playing political games.

Pitfalls Outlined

Of course, nothing is ever rosy for the Legislature, and even two seemingly simple plans contain pitfalls.

Without new taxes, the inevitable solution must involve taking from the rich school districts to give to the poor ones.

Pro-tax Democrats, led by Port Arthur Sen. Carl Parker, argue that a Robin Hood plan forces school boards to raise local property taxes to make up lost dollars.

Anti-tax lawmakers say not necessarily, if the state streamlines the cost of education and gets back to basics.

The upshot is that no plan is going to be simple, and each one generates plenty of political heat come November elections.

One campaign strategist surmised maybe the best solution is to let the special master draw the plan and then everyone can blame him on the campaign trail.

Observer to Floydada

After federal officials expressed concerns, Texas Secretary of State George Bayoud last week sent an observer to Floydada, a Panhandle town where minorities complained of harassment to keep them from voting in school board and city council elections held May 5.

The decision came after the U.S. Justice Department inquired about allegations that some Floydada officials were pressuring Hispanic and black residents to admit they had illegally registered to vote.

Hand on Bible?

McCown, a Democrat, managed a political shot at Clements before his hearing: "I don't know if the governor had his hand on the Bible when he said he would veto the legislation."

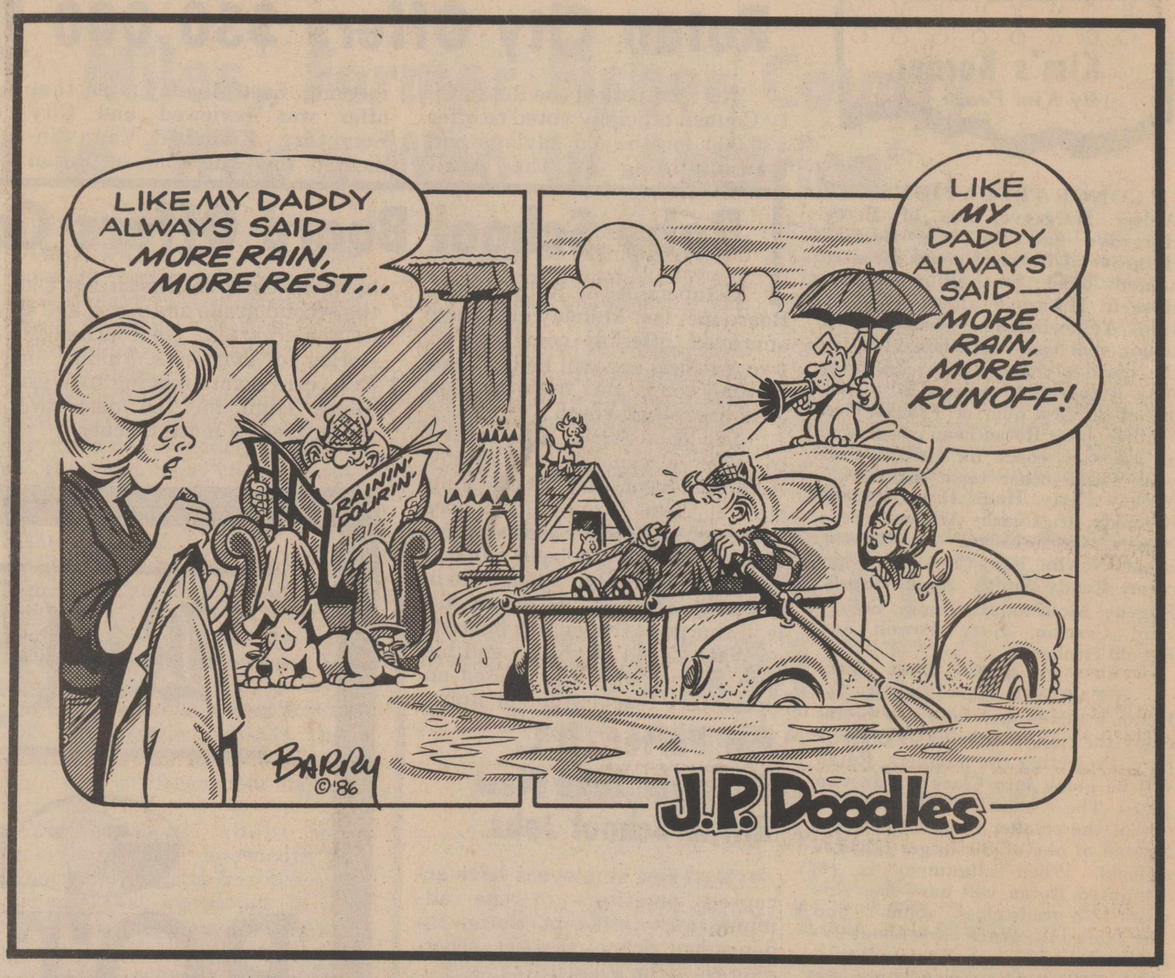
The reference was to Clements' response to his lying about the SMU board's illegal payments to football players.

Other Highlights

* The governor and attorney general are reported to be in favor of the University of Texas Law School dean Mark Yudof as special court master.

* In a surprise move, Gov. Clements gave the cash-strapped Department of Human Services $8 million from a contingency fund lawmakers wanted to tap for school finance.

* The University of Texas will confer an honorary Doctor of Laws degree on President Bush May 19 during UT's 107th commencement.



Amarillo To Host Youth Seminar

Amarillo will host the annual Texas Panhandle Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Seminar April 27-29 at the Camelot Inn. The seminar is held for outstanding sophomore students.

Representing Rotan High School is Sharilyn Murdoch.

The seminar will be conducted in 84 locations across the United States with the purpose of bringing a select group of students together with groups of distinguished leaders in business, government, education, and the professions so they can discuss present and future issues, using an informal question and answer format. The specific goals are to: seek out and reward leadership potential in high school sophomores; encourage and assist students in their quest for self-development and self-identification; introduce potential leaders to recognized leaders of today through give-and take discussions on a variety of current and critical topics; and provide through this exposure the opportunity to explore America's incentive system and our democratic process.

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Scriptures Selected by The American Bible Society

A mother's love begins before she feels the first faint flutter of life. It grows as she awaits this new individual who is developing as a unique person with his or her own distinct qualities.

A mother's love continues through endless diaper changes and sleepless nights, through report cards and puppy love. She rejoices in each triumph and grieves with each tragedy...always there...nurturing and loving.

God is like that...always there...watching over us as we learn and grow...or stumble and fall. He has created each of us as a unique individual. Yet, we share one common need...God's strong and loving care which can guide us along the paths we encounter as we travel through our lives.

Reach out to God with faith as we pray for His guidance and as we thank Him for mothers everywhere.

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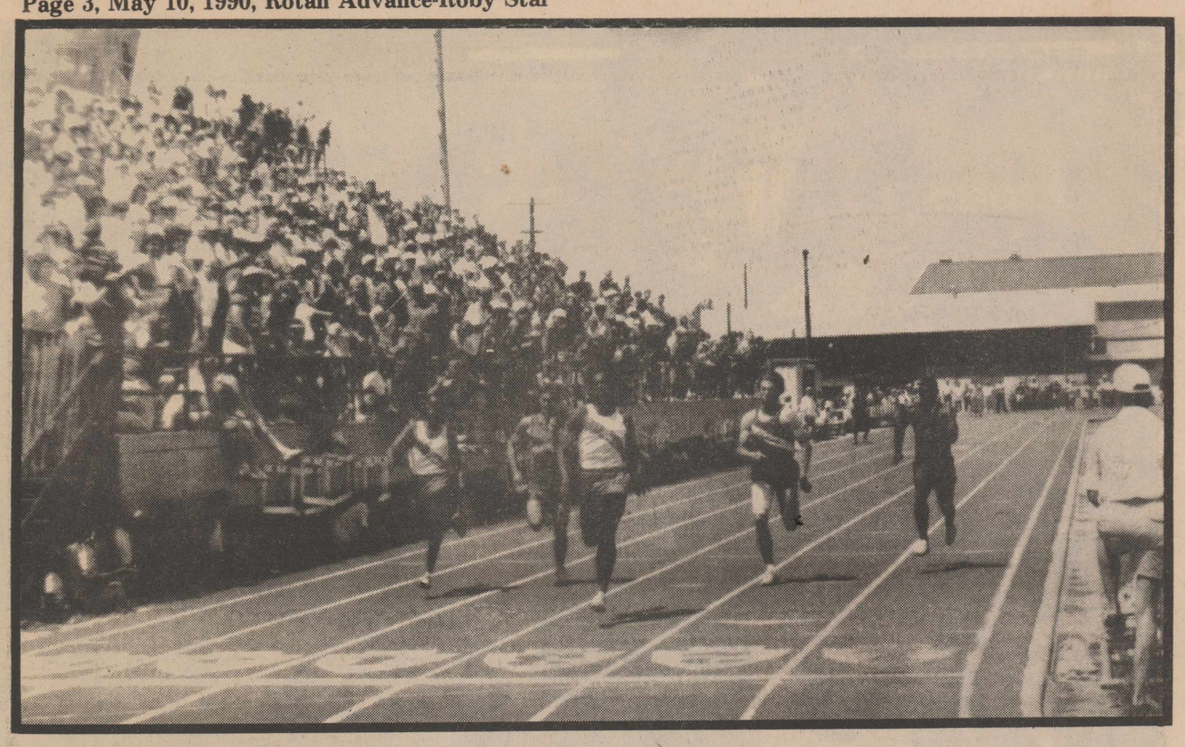
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RUNS FOR THE GOLD: Joe Huitt, Rotan's speedster, was beaten for the first time last weekend at the state qualifiers meet by a runner from AAAA Odessa. He'll be in shape this Saturday for the run for the gold at Memorial Stadium at Austin.

Open Meetings Acts Enforces Public's Right

Anytime the majority of a governing body talks about public business it has to abide by the state's Open Meetings Act, the Texas Supreme Court ruled Wednesday in a case challenging an alleged discussion in a restroom.

The lawsuit claimed two of the Texas Water Commission's three members discussed a pending case while they were in a restroom during a break in a public meeting.

The Supreme Court ruled such a discussion would be illegal.

The Open Meetings Act enforces the public's right "not only to know what government decides but to observe how and why every decision is reached," Justice Lloyd Doggett wrote in the unanimous opinion.

"When a majority of a public decision-making body is considering a pending issue, there can be no 'informal' discussion. There is either formal consideration of a matter in compliance with the Open Meetings Act or an illegal meeting," Doggett wrote.

The decision only affects discussions where there is a quorum or majority of the decision-making body present.

Nancy Monson, executive director of the Freedom of Information Foundation of Texas, hailed the ruling as "an excellent decision."

"We're really grateful that the Supreme Court upheld the people's right to know," she said.

Rotan Man Arrested By Sheriff Deputies For Attack On Lawman

Fisher County Sheriff's Department officers arrested a Rotan man after he alledgedly assaulted a peace officer on Wednesday, May 2nd while the officer was attempting to remove him from a North Garfield residence for trespassing, according to county officers.

The individual, Clemmie Johnson Wickware, age 22, of Rotan was arrested and charged with assaulting a peace officer. He alledgedly assaulted Jerry 'Cotton' Clawson, while Clawson was attempting to remove him from the North Garfield residence.

Wickware was charged with aggravated assault (felony), arrested, and remains in the Fisher County Jail at press time.

Rotan All Sports Banquet Set For Cafeteria On May 21st

The Yellowhammer All-Sports Banquet is set for 7:00 p.m., May 21st in the school cafeteria.

This is a chance for everyone to show their support for the athletes and recognize their accomplishments for another successful year. For Further information, contact any active booster member.

South Fisher County Residence

Three Children, Mother Die In Early Morning Blaze Last Friday

Three children and their mother died in an early morning fire on Friday, May 4th in far south Fisher County, according to Fisher County Sheriff Mickey Counts. The fire was at the home of Sherry Mahoney who lived on Highway 70, approximately 5.8 miles North of Sweetwater.

Sweetwater and Fisher County fire departments responded to the call at approximately 5:15 a.m., Friday morning.

Although the exact cause of the fire is unknown at this time, it is believed that the fire started in the middle of the residence and burned toward the outer walls. Fisher County Deputy Sheriff Gene Pack, last Tuesday morning said, "the family had a kerosene stove, but we don't know the cause of the fire and won't know until the State Fire Marshall's office in Lubbock and other state agencies have completed their investigation." Pack indicated that expert state agencies are routinely called to assist in fire investigations where there are deaths and especially multiple deaths.

Perishing in the fire were: Sherry Mahoney and her three children - Lindsey Bromley, age 10; Melissa Mahoney, age 7 and Matthew Mahoney, age 5. Another child, Heather Bromley was not home at the time of the fire.

Pack indicated that the fire is still under investigation.

Duke, Whitefield Pass Correctional Officer Training Held At WTC

William Leon Duke of Rotan and Tommy R. Whitefield, Jr., of Roby were among the 25 graduates of the fifth Correctional Officer Training course at Western Texas College on Tuesday (May 8).

The graduates received certificates in a program at 7 p.m. in the Fine Arts Theatre. Guest speaker for the program was Jerry Hodge, a member of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice board. Certificates were presented by Leslie Woods, warden of the Price Daniel prison unit near Snyder, and Michael Thornton, director of Adult Education at WTC.

WTC offers the 120-hour Correctional Officer Training course in day and evening classes. Information about the program can be obtained by calling the Continuing Education office at 573-8511, extension 240 or 390.

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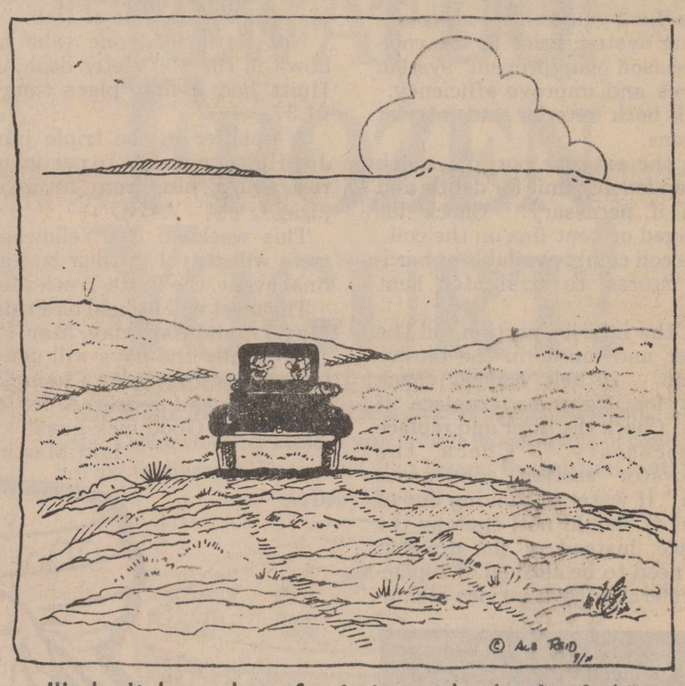
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Written by
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AGE 55 - RESIDENCE SALE

The federal income tax law allows you to sell a residence and pay no income tax on up to $125,000 of gain, if you meet certain qualifications. In addition to being at least 55 years old before the sale, you or your spouse must have owned and used the property as your principal residence for a total of at least three out of the last five years. You may elect the $125,000 exclusion only once in your lifetime.

Note that the exclusion is on $125,000 of gain, and not $125,000 of sales price. In other words, a residence purchased for $100,000 and sold for $225,000 would go untaxed (if you qualify).

You are also entitled to use this age-55 exclusion in conjunction with the replacement-of-residence tax provision. This is very useful for older people who want to sell their larger family residence and purchase a smaller home.

The following example illustrates how a residence that you purchased for $50,000 can be sold for $200,000 without creating a current tax liability.

Example:
Selling price of residence: $200,000
Less: Fees and expenses: $12,500
Amount realized (adjusted selling price): $187,500
Less: Cost of residence: $50,000
Gain realized: $137,500
Less: Over-55 exclusion: $125,000
Gain recognized (taxable): $12,500

The $12,500 of gain will not be taxed if you purchase a new residence for $62,500 or more ($12,500 gains plus $50,000 cost of old home) within two years.

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Daniel, Ray, Alls And Huitt Hit Sprint Time Of 42.5 At Abilene

Last week, Coach Posey and his boys traveled to Abilene to participate in the State Qualifiers Meet.

The meet was held at Abilene Christian University's Elmer Gray Stadium.

Successful as always, the 'Zone' running relay (400 m. relay) had a first clocking time of 42.5.

The 'Zone' running splits were: David Daniel, 11.45; Maurice Ray, 10.84; Brandon Alls, 9.79; Joe Huitt, 10.28.

In the 100 meter dash, Joe Huitt placed second against Dallas Cowen, a 5-A runner in his heat. Joe's clocking time was 10.4. Maurice Ray placed first in his heat with a time of 10.8.

Not letting anyone take him down in the 200 meter dash, Joe Huitt had a first place time of 21.37.

A qualifer in the triple jump, Joe Huitt chose not to participate restraining him from future injuries.

This weekend the Yellowhammers will travel to their last and final event, the State Track Meet.

The meet will be held on Friday, May 11, and Saturday, May 12.

Hopefully the boys will defend their class 1-A State Championship title and repeat it for the 1990 year. Good luck guys!

Lori Martinez

County Agents Report

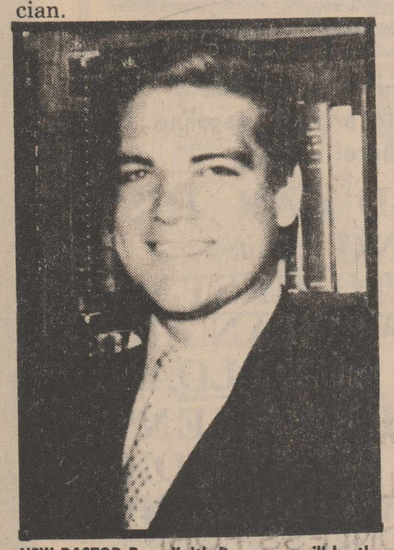
By Beth Dannheim
Extension Home Economist

AIR CONDITIONER MAINTENANCE FOR SUMMER...

Checking your central air conditioning system prior to the cooling season can prevent system failures and improve efficiency. Check both exterior and interior portions.

On the exterior portion, check the condensing unit for debris and clean if necessary. Check for damaged or bent fins on the coil. Use a coil comb, available at hardware stores, to straighten bent fins.

On the interior portion, oil the blower and motor in the blower section. If belt driven, check belts for tightness; replace if worn. Check the filter and replace if necessary. Check the evaporator section condensate drain If water is running out of places it should not, such as the furnace, instead of the drain it may need to be cleaned or replaced preferably by a service technician.



NEW PASTOR:Rev. Keith Berryman will be the new Cross Roads Baptist pastor. His first Sunday in the pulpit will be June 3rd. He and his wife Connie have two sons Timothy and Daniel and come to Fisher County from North College Avenue Baptist Church in Snyder.

NOTICE

FOR SALE: 500 gallon fuel trailer located at Hobbs Co-op Gin, Route 1, Rotan, Texas. Come by and see and place your bid. Bids must be turned in by 5:00 p.m., May 31, 1990. The board reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

13:2tc

Roby Elementary Fifth Six Weeks Honor Roll Released

THIRD GRADE: Wesley Arnold, Sarah Boyd, Autumn Daniel, Kelli Field, Richard Gaona, Joshua Griffith, Cassie Terry.

FOURTH GRADE: Jaycee Carey, Billy Floyd, Sonya Gaona, Wendy Harwell, Jenny Knox, Mandy Taylor, Misty Taylor, Ty West.

FIFTH GRADE: Damon Dickson, Christopher Gloyd, Makala Herron, Robert Onofre, Jacob Whitaker.

SIXTH GRADE: Patrick Buckner, Ann-Marie Coats, Rhonda Henry, Kelly McWilliams, Amanda Moore, Jo Ellen St. Clair, Jeremy Stidham.

SEVENTH GRADE: Leo Campa, Jeremy Curlee, Chad Dannheim, Brian Dickson, Suzanne Elmore, Rhonda Goodwin, David Hohon, Kendra Kiser, Bryce Moore, Coby Moore.

EIGHTH GRADE: Martha Billingsley, Melanie Faglie, Anita Floyd.

Roby High School Fifth Six Weeks Honor Roll Released

FRESHMEN ALL 'A': Becky Terry.

'A&B': Jake Carriker, Tim Hohon, Jeriami St. Clair.

SOPHOMORE ALL 'A': Lorissa Edmondson, Jennifer Elkins, Jennifer Kincaid.

'A&B': Margaret Gonzalez, Brandon Justiss, Audra Lewis, Jessica Moore, Kashaun Morris, Joe Rivas, Michelle Romero, Dolores Zapata, Jerry Johnson.

JUNIOR ALL 'A': Michelle Beauchamp, Chuck Dannheim, Shana Feagan, Jonathan Petty, Jeremy Terry.

'A&B': Dale Alsup, Jennifer Blaine, Angie Brzezinski, Linneah Funk, Daniel Hernandez, Bryan Mauldin, Suzanne Maxwell, Eddie Onofre, Janie Zapata.

SENIOR ALL 'A': Margaret Billingsley, Annika Boivie, Gilbert Carreon, Myra Hohon.

'A&B': Michael Carrion, Candy Castillo, Jose Chavira, Rudy Gonzalez, Luis Juarez, Rodney Matthies, Tina McClure, Jennifer Pullig, Jerry Stuart.

Rotan Nursing Center News

We would like to welcome a new resident into our home. His name is Cecil Donaghy.

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Ira Haile. Mr. Haile passed away Monday morning in the Snyder hospital.

Remember Sunday, May 13th is Mother's Day. Be sure to remember mother on her special day.

The week of May 13th through May 19th is National Nursing Home Week. We would like to encourage everyone to visit their local nursing homes.

We appreciate all of our volunteers for giving us your time.

Our movie of the week was donated by Show Time Video. Our open house will be on Friday, May 11 and you are encouraged to attend.



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NEW ROBY CHEERLEADERS: The above six Roby High School girls will be cheerleaders for the 1990-91 school year. Identified (l to r) Carolyn Atkinson, Monica Pullig, Angie Brzezinski, Suzanne Maxwell, Lorissa Edmondson and Linneah Funk.

Final Rites Are Conducted For Don Ray Pope Of New Mexico

Don Ray Pope, 56, of Milan, New Mexico, died Wednesday evening at an Albuquerque N.M. hospital after a lengthy illness.

Funeral services were Saturday at 2 p.m., at Grant's Mortuary Chapel with Chaplain Betsy Montano officiating. Burial was at Grant's Memorial Park with the Scottish Rite graveside service

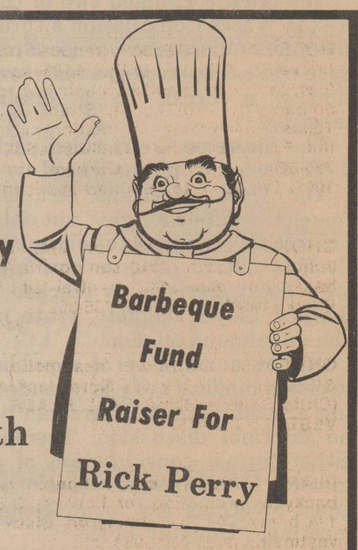
Mr. Pope served in the U.S. Army and was a member of the Masonic Animas No. 15 in Farmington, N.M. He was also a member of the York Rites Scottish Rites and a Shriner, and also a member of the First Baptist Church of Bloomfield, N.M.

He was a graduate of Texas A&M University and Sooner Mechanical Trade School in Oklahoma City, Okla.

Mr. Pope is survived by: His wife: Carolyn White Pope of Milan and formerly of Roby and Rotan; a son: Monty R. Pope of El Paso, Tex.; two daughters: Jane Knipp of Hutchinson, Kan., and Sharon Newkirk of Canyon, Tex.; his mother: Mrs. Myrtle Pope of Plainview, Tex.; two sisters: Jane Irwin and Joyce Grant of Amarillo, Tex.; five grandchildren. Mr. Pope was preceded in death by his father, C.T. Pope.

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10:5tc

HOUSE FOR SALE IN ROBY: Small 3 bedroom, 308 Orange Street. Will sell for $8,000.000 Cash. Call (915) 573-2714.
11:4tc

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

FOR SALE: Malouf Estate in Rotan, very large 12 room house, formal dining, storage buildings, water well, 3 lots, needs some work. Good investment. Owner will carry. $45,000 as is. United Farm Real Estate Agency 776-2131 or 776-2626.
28:tfc

REAL ESTATE FOR SALE: Free Master List and brochures on area residential, commercial, farms and ranches, Black Investments, 107 N. Garfield, Rotan, Texas, (915) 735-3091.
45:tfc

HOUSE FOR SALE: New reduced price, bricked, 3 BR, 1½ baths, 1186 square feet, central heat and air, chain link fenced backyard. 509 East 6th Street, Rotan, Texas. For furthur information contact the Farmers Home Administration at 735-3600 or 111-B N. Garfield, Rotan. 100% financing to qualified applicants.
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13:2tc

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14:1tc

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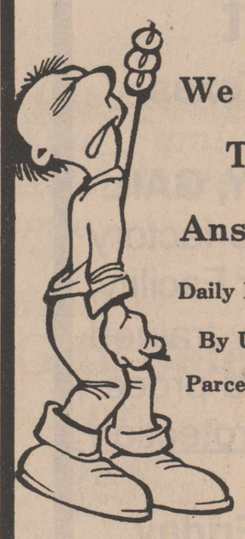
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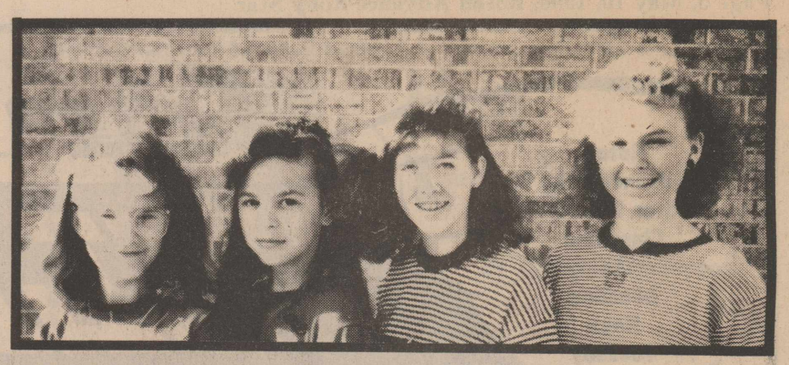
JUNIOR VARSITY CHEERLEADERS: The four Rotan Junior Varsity cheerleaders for 1990-91 are: (l to r) Tina Daniel, Shana Schooley, Kelli Weaver and Janet Martin.

Rotan Junior High Band Members Presented With Annual Awards

At the Awards assembly Monday, May 7th, the following students at Rotan Junior High received awards in band. Joe Gonzalez and Brandi Thomasin received All-District Band awards. Kristina Sims received a I-Superior Rating at UIL Solo Contest, Christ Boone was awarded an II-Excellent Rating at UIL Solo Contest and Elaine Soliz received a Solo Award.

Outstanding musicians and marchers in the 8th grade were named. They were Kristina Sims and Joe Gonzalez, Outstanding Musicians; and Elisha White and Mark Marshall, Outstanding Marchers.

Named Outstanding 7th grader was Brandi Thomasin, Outstanding 6th grader was Christy Willett, Outstanding 5th grader was Katie Kennedy and the Most Improved Award in Junior High went to Erlinda Natividad.



JUNIOR HIGH CHEERLEADERS AT ROBY: The four Roby Junior High cheerleaders are: (l to r) Carrissa Kiser, Kelly McWilliams, Amy Beauchamp and Kendra Kiser.

Texas Tech Health Science Center Playing Active Part In Local Medicine

Neurologist Joseph B. Green and other specialists at the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center (TTHSC) are going the extra mile -- 44,000 extra miles to be exact --to help rural doctors.

The specialists are covering that distance in weekly satellite broadcasts from TTHSC to six rural hospitals in West Texas as part of the institution's MEDNET Program, which is demonstrating how telecommunications technology can benefit rural health care delivery.

Through modern communications, 44,000 miles -- the distance a broadcast signal is sent to space and back by satellite -- can be closer in terms of convenience than 44 miles down the road.

The problems of rural physicians are diverse, but many of them have roots in the isolation of these doctors from other medical practitioners and in the distances between their communities and larger cities where more services are available, said MEDNET Director J. Ted Hartman, M.D.

"With physicians in short supply in West Texas," Hartman said, "many cannot leave town to attend a seminar without leaving their communities at risk. Without a large medical community it is difficult for them to have back up when they need to leave town and it is hard for them to stay current on the ever-changing medical knowledge without regular contact with other physicians."

Further, the high cost of medical technology has helped isolate rural physicians even more because neither they nor their communities can afford the equipment and services found in the large cities.

"Though technology is part of the problem," Hartman said, "we think it is part of the solution because telecommunications can help overcome that isolation."

A case in point was Dr. Green's presentation, broadcast during a Thursday lunch hour when winter weather made travel less than ideal. Physicians at hospitals in Alpine, Canadian, Dumas, Fort Stockton, Hale Center and Rotan were able to stay near their patients and yet update their knowledge on neurology.

Green used case symptoms to discuss the warning signs of various neurological disorders rural physicians were likely to encounter, including epilepsy, dementia, severe headaches and neurovascular and neuromuscular problems. When Green was done, the physicians were able to ask questions related to their own patients.

"Having someone to ask questions," said Dr. Bart Pate who saw Green's presentation in Alpine, "is like having that person give a lecture at your hospital. Sure, there are a lot of videos out there, and they have their place, but it's not the same when you can't get answers to your questions like this."

Pate, who has practiced in Alpine since 1971, is a board-certified family practitioner who specializes in obstetrics and gynecology. Even though Green's neurological topic would not apply to 90 percent of the patients he sees, Pate still is subject to treating patients with neurological disorders when he is on call or has emergency room duty.

"It's a hundred and fifty miles from here to the nearest large hospital," Pate said. "I could not afford a day -- and that's what it would have taken with travel back and forth -- just for an hour lecture. With MEDNET, I was in my office in the morning, had a medical education conference at noon and was back in my office in the afternoon without having to leave town."

MEDNET Director Hartman said the project aims to bridge that gap between the limited options available to rural practitioners and the more numerous options to urban physicians. Common urban options include convenient consultations, advanced pathology and radiology services, accessible continuing medical education and computerized medical records and patient billing.

MEDNET technology is providing the following services: (1) satellite transmission of continuing medical education programs like Dr. Green's from TTHSC to rural hospitals; (2) telefacsimile transmission of abnormal fetal monitorings to TTHSC obstetricians in Odessa for immediate medical consultants; (3) digital transmission of X-rays by telephone line from rural sites to radiologists for analysis; (4) interactive video between rural sites and TTHSC to serve a variety of clinical needs; and (5) electronic medical records for small clinics and rural physician's offices.

MEDNET is funded by a $1.9 million grant from the Department of Health and Human Services and from matching donations from the health sciences center.

"Rural hospitals could not have afforded to develop these services on their own," Hartman said. "By the time we are through demonstrating their viability, we want them to feel they can't afford not to pay for these services."

County Sheriff's Dept. Sends Employees To TSTI Security School

The security department of Texas State Technical Institute recently hosted a training class for area police and sheriff's departments, as well as its own officers.

Chief Ronnie Howington explained that new laws have mandated that all agencies with peace officers have to provide 40 hours of extra training every two years. The new statutes also state that three specific classes must be taught as part of the 40-hour requirement. Those classes include Recent Changes in Criminal or Civil Law, Family Violence, and Basic Child Abuse Investigation.

The child abuse class was taught at TSTI on Jan. 10 and 11.

State law requires these classes to be pre-approved and to be taught by a licensed instructor. The class was taught by Carolyn Putnam of the West Central Texas Council of Governments and Ray Carnathan, an investigator with the Sweetwater Police Department.

Officers attending the class were instructed concerning things like characteristics of abusive parents, physical indications of abuse, how to develop probable cause for an arrest, priorities in investigating abuse cases, the effects of abuse on a child, and other areas.

Howington said that officers attended from a number of departments, included Roby Sheriff's Office.

Final Rites Are Conducted For Frank McCain Of Rising Star

Frank McCain of Rising Star formerly of Sweetwater passed away Saturday, May 5th in the Brownwood Hospital. Services were at 10:00 A.M., Tuesday at McCoy Chapel of Memories with the Rev. F.E. Healer officiating. Burial was in the Hobbs Cemetery.

He was born in Linden, Texas on December 31, 1922. He married Dorthy (Ratliff) in Bossier City, La., on December 18, 1943. They lived in California many years before retiring in Sweetwater because of bad health. They moved to Rising Star three years ago.

Survivors include: His wife; 2 daughters: Ouida Robinson and Frankie Allen both of Salmar, Calif.; one son: LeRoy McCain of Lancaster, Calif.; eight grandchildren and one great granddaughter; one sister: Juanita Blue of Atlanta, Texas.

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Roby High School Conducts Drum Major And Twirling Tryouts

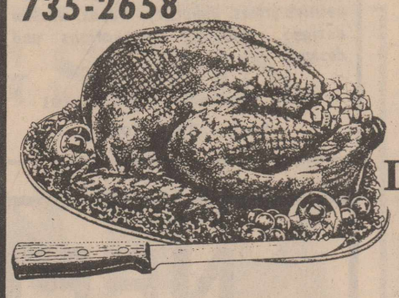
On May 2, Roby High held its Drum Major and Twirling tryouts. Drum Major candidates were judged on marching ability, direction, vocal presentation, salute, and oral questioning. Twirling candidates were judged on their routine, tempo accuracy, smile, poise, and fundamentals like 2, 4, and 8 finger twirls (horizontal and vertical), Little Joe flips, time tosses (left and right), figure eights (left and right, front and back), toss-up turn-arounds and military salute.

Ms. Linda Johnson, who has had extensive twirling training and who is the band director from Aspermont, was the judge.

Leading the band for her second year and as a senior will be Jennifer Blaine. Anita Floyd will begin her freshman year as a twirler, while Audra Lewis and Jessica Moore(head) will begin their junior year as second year twirlers. These ladies are planning to attend camp at Texas Tech University later this summer.

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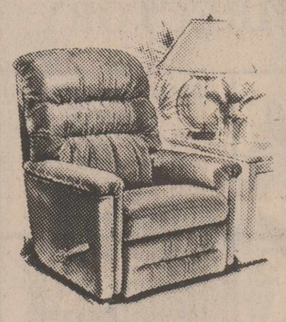
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Roby School Board Offers Contracts, Hear Suggestions From Pete Hohon Elects David Boyd New President And OK's McCaulley As Co-Op Site

Members of the Roby School Board, offered contracts to a head football coach and girls basketball coach, named David Boyd as the new Roby Board President replacing Andy Moore and agreed to make the McCaulley School buildings available to a cooperative interested in establishing an alternative learning school at McCaulley, last Monday night.

To open the board meeting, Pete Hohon addressed the board seeking clarification on the number of days and costs that would be paid by the Roby ISD for the three Roby students who will be participating in state events in Austin this weekend. Hohon, angry that his name was not placed on the agenda, made several requests. He (1) wanted a clarification on rules governing where and when the agenda was posted. He (2) felt the three athletes taking part in state athletic.events at state should be entitled to attend the two day meet and should not have been informed that 'if they lost they would come home early.' He (3) wanted a written policy outlining district, regional and state, food alotments, lodging alotments and length of stays for the events. He (4) wanted an explanation on whether or not a student aide is given credit for assisting teachers and was told they were not given credit. Finally, (5) he wanted the board to address the suggestions and problems outlined by the Roby Parent's Group and start taking some action and giving some serious consideration to the items outlined.

The board approved the payment of all bills after briefly questioning a $799.10 bill from an Abilene attorney. The attorney had been employed by the district to represent the district's interests in a contract involving an employee.

The board canvassed the election and voted 7-0 to name David Boyd as the new Roby School Board President. Boyd replaces Andy Moore. Jeff McClure was named board vice president and Lance McWilliams was elected board secretary. Jimmy Price was named as the board recording secretary.

Dr. David Morris made a motion to name George Price as the records management officer and custodian of records to comply with a directive.

Ben Merkel, Region 14 Computer Center, addressed the board concerning computers. He discussed the technology plan for Roby the direction Roby hoped to go with computers in the classroom and informed the board that by the year 2000 there would be one computer for every two children in Texas schools. "Don't wait too long to implement a solid computer program for the school but go into any program slowly," said Merkel.

The Roby School Board authorized the administration to enter into negotiations with the cooperative schools interested in establishing an alternate learning school at McCaulley.

Principal Mickey Early outlined a language report from San Antonio involving a 12-book series that he is looking at implementing at Roby. He also informed the board of a May 17th meeting with McAllen Schools involving a program of "high expectations and self esteem" that he will further study. He told the board that he is investigating the possibility of implementing a Spanish course in 5th, 6th and 7th grade and outlined the Herman Method reading program to board members as a potential program for Roby.

The board was briefed on several deficiencies for handicapped access at the new gymnasium. The deficiencies are to be more specifically addressed and corrected at a later time.

Board members briefly discussed the TEAMS test results and will study them further in June.

In final action, Dr. David Morris requested that the board give consideration to observing April 30th as Texas Thanksgiving Day by observing it as a school holiday. George Price indicated that the state mandated holiday observances and school calendars.

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Rotan City Story

Each having been elected to terms by Rotan voters. Mayor Marshall also gave Charles Atwell the oath of office as he fills the unexpired term of Norvelle Kennedy, Jr.

Mayor Marshall reported that Ernest Armstrong will be the pool operator for the 1990 season. Pool use fees have been set at 75 cents for children 11 and under and $1.25 for everyone 12 and over. Season passes are $15.00 for 11 and under and $25.00 for 12 and over. The season pass fees are up $2.50 each. Marshall reported that the pool will open on Tuesday, June 5th.

Those present for the council meeting last Monday night were Connie McQueen, Jim McCright, Emma Denton, Charles Atwell, Bob Greenlee and Mayor Jerry Marshall. Also present were Kenneth Vann, Robert Hoffman, Lone Star Gas; Jack Aaron and Sandra Underhill.

The council named Connie McQueen as the new Mayor Pro Temp, replacing Jim Gruben. McQueen will be responsible for guiding the administration commission as well as presiding over the council in the absence of the Mayor.

Vann gave councilmen a water report, sewer report and reported that the garbage department was running well.

Vann told councilmen that new flags and new cups had been purchased for the golf course.

McQueen made the suggestion that Rotan City mowing crews refrain from getting their equipment on the jogging trail at the golf course. She had noticed ruts in the trail from equipment.

Mayor Marshall reported that the Rotan Lions Club had taken on the project of painting the outside of the pool building on May 19th. The City of Rotan will purchase the paint. New paint color will be a sand tone color.

Bob Greenlee made the council aware of a potentially dangerous situation involving the citing of snakes in the far northeast corner of the golf course. Greenlee suggested installing another light pole so early morning and late night jogging trail users could have better lighting. Mayor Marshall was to check into the additional light.

The council authorized Van to pay current and necessary bills including the deficit at the Rotan Community Center. That exact deficit figure was unknown at the council meeting due to illness on the part of an employee.

Mayor Marshall made the following commission appointments for the new Rotan Council. Police and Fire Commission members will be Charles Atwell, Bob Greenlee and Connie McQueen. Street and Alley Commission members will be Jim McCright, Emma Denton and Bob Greenlee. Water, Sewer and Trash Commission members will be Emma Denton, Jim McCright and Charles Atwell. Park, Pool, Golf and Cemetery Commission members will be Charles Atwell, Jim McCright and Connie McQueen and Administration Commission will be Mayor Jerry Marshall and Connie McQueen.

Mayor Marshall reported on a meeting in Lubbock for mayors and councilmen on June 29 to July 1. He also reported on the revised sewage discharge permit recived by the City of Rotan. The new permit allows the City of Rotan to operate the sewage plant for a period of 10 years providing it adhears to all rules and regulations by the state of Texas.

In final action Kenneth Vann indicated that residents disposing of dead animals in dumpsters should refrain from the practice. He cited strict fines on cities disposing of dead animals at landfills in an area other that one designated for dead animals. Rotan City residents desiring to dispose of dead animals should call Rotan City Hall for instructions. In most instances City employees will pickup the dead animal and dispose of them for residents.

Roby Council Approves Opening Of Pool, Brashears Is Manager

Good news for Roby. The pool is going to open, street numbers for houses are going to be assigned and July 4th has been set as the date to dedicate the new Roby historical marker.

Action on all the items took place on May 1st at the regular monthly meeting of the Roby City Commission.

City Manager Jimmy Price informed commission members that the pool would tentatively open during the first week of June. Ada Jo Brashears will be the manager.

The meeting for the hearing on the City of Roby's intention to continue taxing personal property has been set for June 1st at 4:00 p.m. at Roby City Hall.

The date for the dedication of the Roby historical marker has been set for July 4th. The marker will be set in the park area, north of the West Texas Utilities building in Roby.

In final action City Manager Price indicated that he was in the process of assigning numbers to all homes in the Roby city limits in preparation for the implementation of the 9-1-1 emergency notification system in Fisher County.

Letter To The Editor

It is important for the people in the Big Country area to know when to contact Social Security, Glyn Hammons, Social Security manager in Abilene, said recently.

A person should contact Social Security:

* To obtain a Social Security number for a child. Children age 2 and older must have a number to be claimed as a dependent on the parent's tax return. Be sure to apply for a number at least 2 weeks before it will be needed. There is no charge to obtain a Social Security number.
* After a death in the family, to see if survivor benefits can be paid.
* When someone in the family is disabled, to find out if disability benefits can be paid.
* At retirement--at 65 for full rate benefits or as early as 62 for reduced benefits. Sign up for Medicare 2 or 3 months before 65 even if there are no plans for retirement.
* Any time there is a question about Social Security. When a person calls Social Security, the people there can tell him or her:
* How much work credit is needed to be insured for benefits.
* Who can get benefits.
* How to replace a lost Social Security or Medicare card.

Top Students Story

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the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, received the DAR Good Citizen Award and active in sports.

Gilbert Carreon, following Roby High Schol graduation, plans on attending Baylor University. He has been a member of the FFA, was named FFA Greenhand, Star Chapter Greenhand and President of the Future Farmers of America. He was the FFA treasurer and FFA Double Mountain District President. Carreon was elected to several class officer positions, a member of the National Honor Society, participated in UIL and was awarded the Bausch and Lomb Science Award. He is listed in Who's Who Among American High School Students and was named Most Likely To Succeed at Roby High School.

Jennifer Pullig has plans to attend Texas Tech University following graduation. She has been a member of the Roby Band, named Outstanding Band Member; participated in basketball was in the National Honor Society, Future Homemakers of America, held several class officer positions, was Senior editor of the Annual Staff and was a 'Best All Around Girl' nominee. She received the English Award, Spanish Award, World Geography Award and Homemaking Award.

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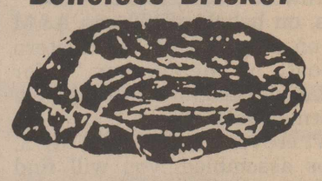
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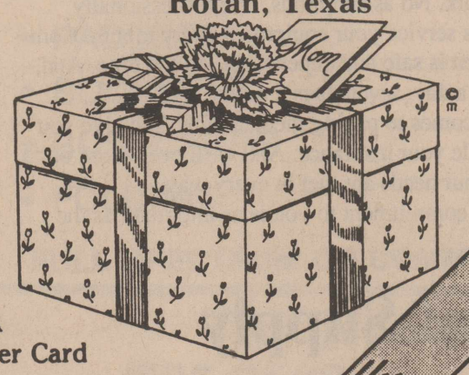
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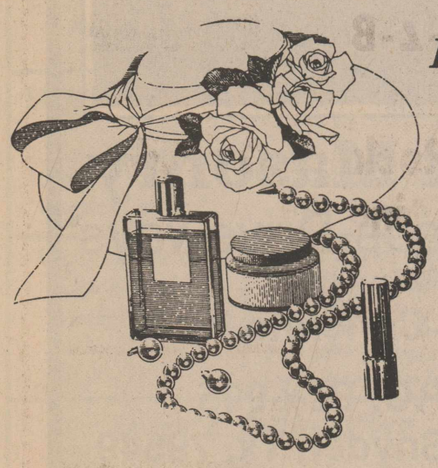
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Former County Resident One Of Handfull At Malinta Aggie Muster

Twenty-one graduates of Texas A&M University held an Aggie Muster deep in Malinta Tunnel on battlescarred Corregidor 22 April 1990. It was 48 years after a historic wartime Muster on the island fortress that guarded Manila Bay. The Muster also commemorated Texas Independence Day.

Among the 21 A&M graduates who answered a "Roll Call for the Absent" for 20 Aggies who died defending Corregidor in 1942 was Dr. Thomas R. Hargrove, Class of 1966. Hargrove is a 1962 graduate of Rotan High School and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hargrove, farmers near Rotan.

Texas Aggies, worldwide, have mustered yearly, since 1883. The event is on or near 21 April, the day that, in 1836, Gen. Sam Houston and his Texas Volunteers defeated the Mexican Army at San Jacinto and established the Republic of Texas.

The Texas Aggie Muster tradition gained national recognition when 25 A&M graduates, mostly young lieutenants and captains, mustered in the vast Malinta Tunnel complex on 21 April 1942. Corregidor was isolated, the last U.S. outpost resisting Japanese forces in Asia. Gen. George F. Moore, a 1908 A&M graduate and commander of the 10,000 U.S. and Filipino troops on Corregidor, was Muster leader.

Japanese bombs and shells pounded the rocky island as living Aggies answered for dead comrades. The Roll Call was substantial. The 1942 Muster was after Bataan's fall, and 10 of the 35 A&M graduates on "The Rock" had already died.

The 25 Aggies who mustered were dead or prisoners of war when Corregidor had to surrender 15 days later. All 20 A&M graduates who died on Corregidor were officers. Only one Aggie who mustered in 1942 is known to be alive today.

The 1990 Roll Call, like that of 1942, was at the mouth of Gen. Moore's lateral tunnel, next to tunnels of Philippine President Manuel Quezon and Gen. Douglas MacArthur. Living Aggies answered "here" for the Corregidor defenders, and for deceased Aggies from their own classes. Many answered for friends among the 111 A&M graduates killed in the Vietnam war.

Gen. George F. Moore was the 1990 Muster speaker -- even though he died in 1949. The Aggies played a message that Gen. Moore recorded in the Philippines for radio broadcast in Texas on the eve of the 1941 Thanksgiving Day football game between A&M and Texas University.

Gen. Moore thanked the 1941 Southwest Conference champions, on behalf of "Texas A&M men on duty in this Far Eastern outpost of democracy," for dedicating the game to Aggies in the armed services.

"Wherever there are U.S. troops assembled...you will find A&M men carrying on in a manner that reflects well of Texas A&M," General Moore said.

On 5 September 1942, this cable from the commander of Allied forces in the Pacific came to the 'Houston Post':

Texas A&M is writing its own military history in the blood of its graduates...Texans daily emblazon the record with outstanding feats of courage on land and on the sea and in the air. No name stands out more brilliantly than the heroic defender of Corregidor, General George F. Moore. Whenever I see a Texas man in my command, I have a feeling of confidence.

MacArthur

The 1990 was the fifth held on Corregidor. At least four A&M graduates jumped with the 503rd Parachute Regiment on 16 February 1945 to retake Corregidor. The 1945 Muster was held as Japanese snipers were still firing.

A 1946 Muster drew 150 Aggies.

Gen. MacArthur, in a special 1946 message read to "Sons of Texas A&M on Corregidor," wrote:

In this hallowed soil lie the mortal remains of many men who here died that liberty might live. Among the bravest...are twenty officers, sons of Texas A&M, unable themselves to answer this year's annual Muster. It is for us...to do so for them...to answer in loud and clear voice...Dead on battleswept Corregidor where their eternal spirit will never die but will march on forever...

Twenty-two A&M graduates mustered in Malinta Tunnel in 1986. Profits from that Muster put a brass plaque, commemorating the A&M men who died on Corregidor, by Gen. Moore's tunnel.

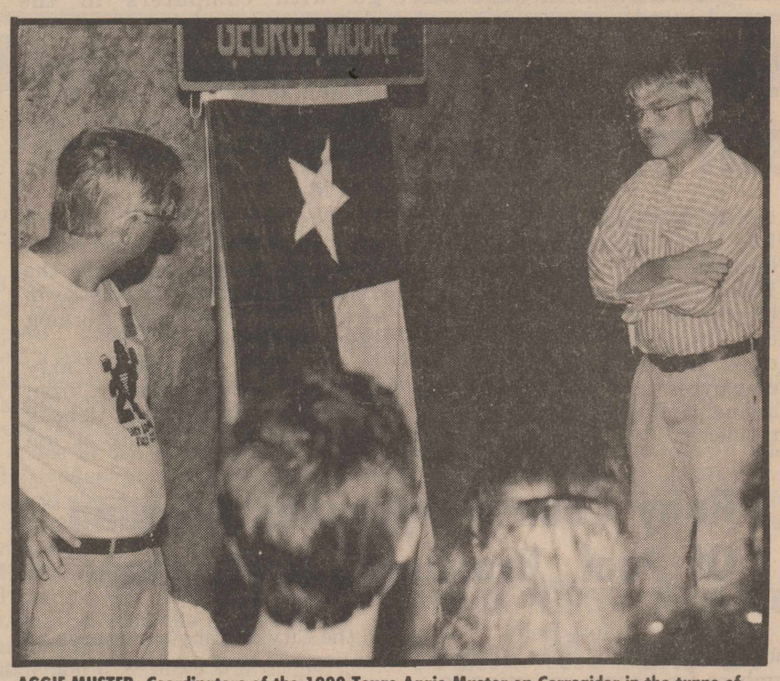
The 21 Aggies and 80 guests chartered a ship from Manila for the 1990 Muster. After a Texas barbecue, the group toured battle ruins of what was once known as "the Gibraltar of the Far East," including the destroyed Ft. Mills, Mile-Long Barracks, and Battery Geary. Corregidor historian James Black and his three sons were volunteer guides. A party was held as the ship cruised back to Manila.

Coordinators of the 1990 Muster were Hargrove and Russell Large, class of 1969, from San Antonio. Hargrove is head of communications at the International Rice Research Institute, which is known for developing the high-yielding varieties that launched the "Green Revolution" in rice. Today, half a billion people, mostly in Asia, are fed by the new rice technology. Large is manager of the Clark Air Force Base Aero Club.

The Aggies hope to use 1990 Muster profits to put a memorial plaque for the A&M men who died on Corregidor on the College Station campus. Aggies with additional, information about A&M's role on Corregidor should contact Hargrove, IRRI, Box 933, 1099 Manila, Philippines.

In World War II, 20,000 Texas Aggies served in the U.S. armed services. Texas A&M, not West Point or Annapolis, was America's largest source of officers.

Today's Texas A&M has 42,000 students and is the seventh-largest university in the USA.



AGGIE MUSTER: Coordinators of the 1990 Texas Aggie Muster on Corregidor in the tunne of Gen George F. Moore. (l to r) Russell Large, class of 1969 of San Antonio and Thomas R. Hargrove, class of 1966 of Rotan.



BACK IN 1946: The 1946 Texas Aggie Muster drew 150 A&M graduates.

Final Rites Are Conducted For Dove J. Blevens, 93 Of Rotan

Mr. Dove J. Blevins, 93, of Rotan died at 2 P.M., Wednesday, May 2, 1990, at Fisher County Nursing Home in Rotan. Graveside services were conducted at 10 A.M. Friday, at Belvieu Cemetery in Rotan with Rev. L.D. Parks.

Mr. Blevins was born January 8, 1897 in Fisher County and had lived all of his life in the Rotan area. He was the son of early day settlers, Jack and Ella Pearl (Latham) Blevins. He had been a telegraph operator for the M.K. & T. Railroad and was a Baptist.

He is preceded in death by 3 brothers and 2 sisters.

He is survived by a sister, Hallie Pearl Stephens, and a brother, O.B. Blevins, both of Elmore City, Oklahoma.

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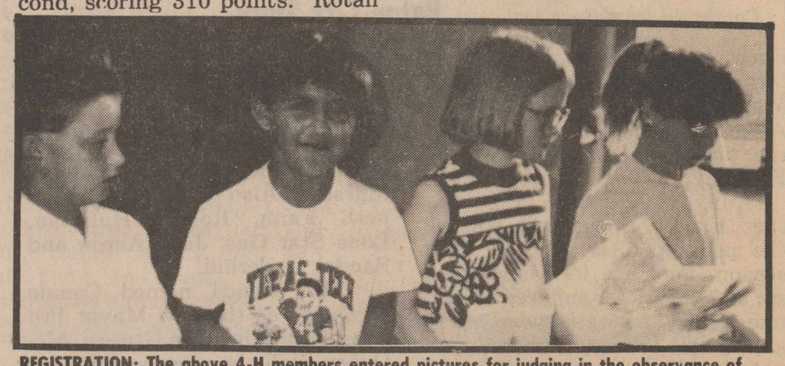
Lion Tracks

by Christie Anderson

Statebound!! Myra Hohon placed first at the State Qualifiers Meet at ACU on May 4. She threw 120 feet and 5 inches on the discus. In tennis, Nick Dickson and Brandon Justiss are going to state in doubles. Good luck!!

The junior high UIL meet was held at Roby last week. First place went to Jayton, scoring 319.5 points. Roby placed second, scoring 310 points. Rotan scored 285 points, placing them in third place. The Roby junior high kids did extremely well competing high on the list!

Sergeant Lee Reed of the Abilene Police Department will be conducting a seminar on satanic cults on May 15 for the school. If you have any questions please contact Mickey Early, the elementary school Principal.



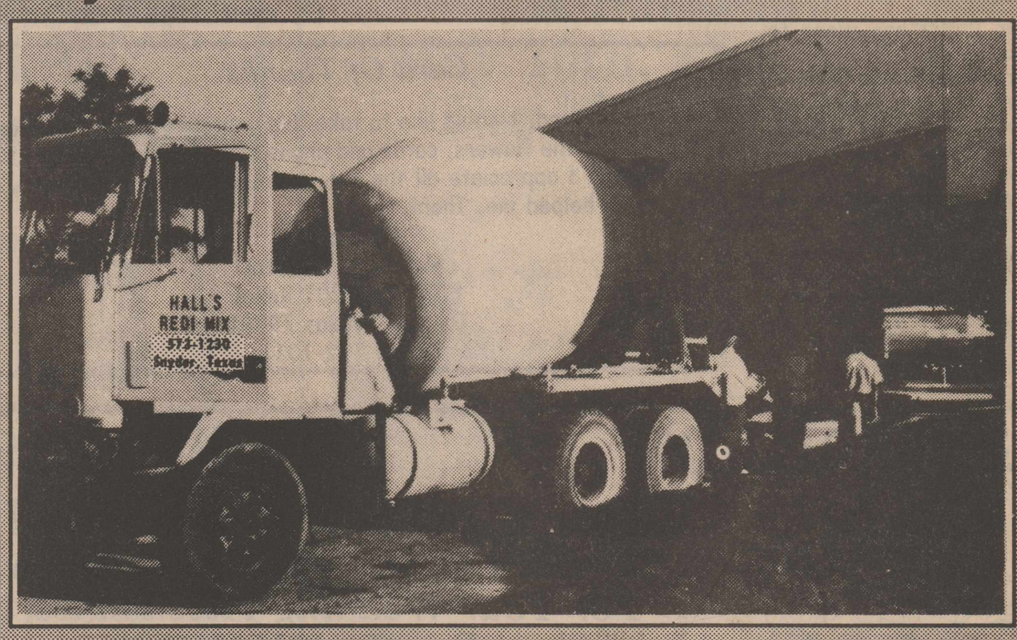
REGISTRATION: The above 4-H members entered pictures for judging in the observance of National Pet Week recently. 4-H members (l to r) Ryan Branch, David Garcia, Shelley Burk and Holly Hunsaker.



WINNERS IN CONTEST: Rotan 3rd graders Mikya Dickson, left was the first place photo contest winner and Ryan Branch, right, was the first place coloring contest winner in the recent National Pet Week observance by the 4-H club.

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Hammer Happenings ...



By: Melinda Weidler

TRACK: The student body would like to wish the tracksters going to state, "Good luck!" The meet will be Friday and Saturday, May 11 & 12 at University of Texas, Austin.

NHS: Wednesday, May 16, the National Honor Society will be inducting new members.

REMINDER: Registration for Extension courses is May 30. If you would like to register, contact Mrs. Hamric.

Also, the June test dates are the last days for the ACT & SAT until the fall, so if you need these tests, hurry and register!



MASS SEED PLANTING: Members of the Rotan 4th grade planted flower seeds to beautify their school. Teachers are Debby Burnes and Floyd Garcia.



GOING AFTER SNOW CONES: the above two young ladies took a break from the warm weather to get a snow cone at the stand open in Rotan. Stand owner is Margie Quintanilla.

Fisher County Nursing Home

May is a big month for us here at the Home. Mother's Day is upon us, and we have big plans to honor our mothers. We have a party planned to celebrate, on Friday at 2:00 p.m. We also have a Mother's Day service scheduled for Sunday at 2:30 p.m.

We also have a trip to the Abilene Zoo scheduled for Friday, the 25th. And a homemade ice cream party planned for Memorial Day. All of this is just icing on the cake, with all our other regular scheduled activities.

However, we are still in need of volunteers. After this month we will not have any volunteers. If you have just a couple of hours a week that you can spare, then you can make someone's life richer and fuller. Please consider being a volunteer. Also, we would like to express our appreciation to the ladies at the Roby Methodist Church for making us some more bibs.

Robin Kennedy
Activity Director

Southwestern Bell Foundation Has New Scholarship Program Partner

The Southwestern Bell Foundation has announced a new scholarship program in partnership with Abilene Christian University, Hardin-Simmons University, McMurry University and 27 other schools associated with the Texas Independent College Fund (TICF).

The foundation will award a $4,000 scholarship to a student at each of the 30 TICF schools to recognize outstanding minority students in education.

The scholarships are to be used for educational expenses during the junior and senior year for students planning to pursue a career in education in Texas upon graduation.

"At Southwestern Bell we believe education is the cornerstone of our future," said Tom Brunner, vice president-Public Relations. "We must attract more outstanding minority students to the teaching profession to become role models for others to follow."

Each TICF member school will select a scholarship recipient from student applicants. Students may apply through different TICF schools, but an application must be filed with each school.

Students interested in applying for the scholarship may contact the financial officer at the local schools or one of the other TICF schools: Austin College (Sherman), Baylor University (Waco), Concordia Lutheran College (Austin), Dallas Baptist University, East Texas Baptist University (Marshall), Houston Baptist University.

Howard Payne University (Brownwood), Incarnate Word College (San Antonio), Le Tourneau University (Longview), Lubbock Christian University, Our Lady of the Lake University (San Antonio), Rice University (Houston), St. Edward's University (Austin), St. Mary's University (San Antonio), Schreiner College (Kerrville), Southern Methodist University (Dallas).

Southwestern Adventist College (Keene), Southwestern University (Georgetown), Texas Christian University (Fort Worth), Texas Lutheran College (Seguin), Texas Wesleyan University (Fort Worth), Trinity University (San Antonio), University of Dallas, University of Central Texas (Killeen), University of Mary Hardin-Baylor (Belton), University of St. Thomas (Houston) and Wayland Baptist University (Plainview).

Farmers Home Administration Is Extending Guaranteed Loan Plan

The Farmers Home Administration is extending its guaranteed loans to community program projects, thereby expanding its lending ability, FmHA State Director, Neal Sox Johnson, said today.

Until now, all of FmHA's loans for water and sewer systems, fire stations, health clinics and other community facilities, have been direct loans from the agency to the borrower.

"With the addition of guaranteed loans, we can now assist communities that are able to qualify for commercial loans with the support of an FmHA guarantee," Johnson said.

Under this program, FmHA guarantees a loan made by a bank, savings and loan, insurance company, Federal Land Bank or other qualified lender against a certain percentage of loss. Since the mid-1980's, guarantees have become the major component of FmHA's farm loan program, accounting for more than 50 percent of all farm loans.

The 1990 fiscal year appropriations bill authorizes $74.5 million in guaranteed loans for water and waste disposal loans and $23.9 million for other community facilities on a national basis.

Prospective borrowers and lenders interested in the program should contact the Farmers Home Administration State Office at 101 South Main, Suite 102, Temple, Texas 76501 (817)-774-1306).



WINNERS: The above three Rotan students were winners in the UIL Solo Ensemble Contest and will compete at state on June 4th in Austin. (l to r) Jerry Gauna, qualifying in bass clarinet; Kristina Sims, qualifying in clarinet solo and Vanessa Peek, qualifying in twirling.

Social Security Numbers Are Paying Off For Internal Revenue

Now that the Internal Revenue Service requires social security numbers for dependents on tax returns, the strategy appears to be paying off for the IRS. Seven million dependents "disappeared" between 1986 and 1987 tax returns, suggesting that not all dependents that had been claimed (when social security numbers were not required) were bona fide dependents.

Tax audits have resulted in an average additional tax owned of more than $2,000 per return. The IRS will target for audit the tax returns that showed seven dependents or more in 1986 and listed fewer for 1987. The IRS estimates that about three billion dollars of extra tax revenue will be collected when fewer dependency exemptions are claimed by taxpayers.

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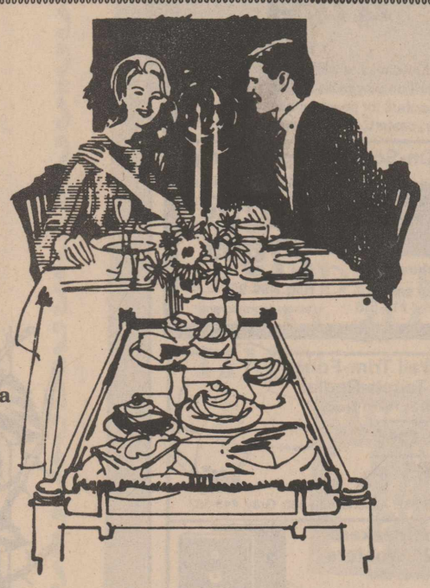
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GIVEN APPRECIATION PLAQUE: Jimmy Laurie, Roby School Superintendent, was presented an 'Appreciation Plaque' by the Roby School Board members last Monday night. Making the presentation is Board President Andy Moore. Laurie is retiring after 36 years in the teaching profession. Laurie came to Roby in 1954 from Lamesa where he taught for one year. He served as ag teacher from 1954 until being named superintendent in 1978. Laurie officially retires at the end of the month.

Candi Hayes Named To Receive Texas Governor's Recognition Award For 1990

Candi Hayes was selected to receive the Governor's Recognition Award. Mrs. Patsy Hamric, Rotan counselor received notice from Mack C. Adams, assistant commissioner for student services, of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, of Candi's nomination.

Candi will receive an official certificate from Governor William P. Clements, Jr. which was created by the state of Texas to recognize high school students who show high levels of academic achievement. The award has no monetary value, but is a public recognition that the student is one of a select few students in the state with exceptionally high academic credentials.

Candi is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Hayes. Candi has a 4.8595 average and will receive the Academic Diploma on May 25. She ranks first in her class of 38 seniors. She plans to attend Angelo State University.

Final Rites Are Conducted For Edith Strickland, 75

Edith Strickland, 75, of Rotan, died Friday, May 4th, at Fisher County Hospital following a lengthy illness. Funeral services were at 3 P.M., Sunday, May 6th, at First Baptist Church with the pastor, Rev. Steve Peace, officiating and Rev. Phillip Goodrum assisting. Burial was in the Belvieu Cemetery with arrangements by Weathersbee Funeral Home.

Mrs. Strickland was born August 21, 1914 in DeLeon and was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Martin Oscar Boren. She moved to Fisher County as a child and attended the Dowell School northeast of Rotan. She married Truett Strickland Oct. 18, 1932 in Rotan. She was a member of the First Baptist Church.

Survivors include: Her husband: Truett Strickland, Rotan; 1 daughter: Charlene Graham, Lubbock; 3 sons: Harvey, Rotan, Glen, Rotan, Gary, Lubbock; 3 sisters: Irene South, Rotan, Bonnie Brown, Grandbury, Gladys Shuart, Houston; 7 grandchildren; 3 great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by 1 son, Ted, in 1954. The family lists as favorite charities the First Baptist Church, The West Texas Rehab Center, or the charity of your choice.

Thank You

All of us want to take this opportunity to express our deepest thanks to all of you who were so kind to Edith and to our family during this most difficult period in our lives. Words cannot express how much we appreciate your visits, prayers, beautiful flowers and wonderful food and any other acts of kindness. Without our dear friends, these past few weeks and months would have been so much more unpleasant. We feel we are truly blessed.

Truett Strickland
Harvey Strickland & Family
Glen & Betty Strickland & Family
Larry & Chareene Graham & Family
Gary & Jan Strickland & Family

Fisher County Historical Comm. Conducts Regular Monthly Meeting

The Fisher County Historical Commission had its regular monthly meeting in the coffee room of the Courthouse Tuesday, May 1, 1990, with Hooper Shelton presiding. Sandy Walters, a guest of Link Adair was recognized.

The Commission voted to observe San Jacinto Day again next year. Connie Tutt gave a report on her trip last year to the San Jacinto monument for that memorial service and told how impressive it was. She shared with the group how she got to meet Sam Houston's granddaughter.

The group found out that Fisher County was named for General Fisher, whose picture hangs in the Battleship Texas which is now being refurbished.

The Courthouse lobby will soon hold a picture of the governor's Christmas tree with many of the Texas counties' balls. This will also include an insert picturing our ornament with the old Courthouse and the artist, Lucille Adair.

Other items discussed were the 18 Ranch marker, work on Old Fisher Cemetery., the fulsom site on the Link Adair place, water system used by Indians in Bird Nest Canyon and the possibility of another field trip in the near future.

Members present were: Hooper and Mayme Shelton, Glenn and Violet Upshaw, Pete and Hilda Etheredge, Albert and Geneva Maberry, Connie Tutt, Violet Gilley, Link Adair, and Clarence and June Anderson.

TSTI Sweetwater Campus Releases Honor Roll Of County Students

The Sweetwater campus of Texas State Technical Institute, the technical college of Texas, has announced its honor rolls for the recently finished fall term. These lists include both part-time and full-time students from the Sweetwater campus and the Abilene Extension.

In order to qualify for the President's List, a student must maintain a 4.0 grade point average for the term. The Dean of Instruction's List requires a 3.5 to 3.99 grade point average in order to be eligible.

Rotan- Rosa Almanza, Donna Gaspar and Terri Whitefield, Roby- Ricky Romine, have been named to the President's List.

Alice Montemayor of Rotan, Texas has been named to the Dean of Instruction's List.

An accredited two-year college which offers programs of study leading to either certificates or associate degrees, TSTI is the only state-supported technical college in Texas. As such, the college has a state-of-the-art curriculum designed to meet the growing and changing needs of the students, industry, and the state's economic future.

Letter To The Editor

LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

Although our County Newspaper did not see fit to include pictures of these Fisher County Students in the Newspaper, McCaulley Independent School District had several students participate in the University Interscholastic League activities at Roby on May 1st and 3rd.

Students participating were: Storytelling 2 & 3: Petey Nichols; Spelling 3 & 4: Amber Kelly, Kristi Bond, Jay Jeffrey; Number Sense 5 & 6: T.J. Flanagan, Ronnie Andrews, Steven Estes, Laura Gilliland, Alternate; Listening Skills 5 & 6- T.J. Flanagan, David Bond, Ronnie Andrews; Oral Reading 5 & 6- Amy Riggs, Laura Gilliland; Calculator 6, 7 & 8-Steven Estes, T.J. Flanagan, Mickey Kelly, Ronnie Andrews, Alternate; Spelling 5 & 6- T.J. Flanagan, Aurora Rivera, Lonnie Green, David Bond, Alternate; Ready Writing 5 & 6- Lonnie Green, David Bond, Laura Gilliland, Aurora Rivera, Alternate; Number Sense 7 & 8-Mickey Kelly, Brian Hunter, Brenda Flanagan, Eva Espinoza, Alternate; Oral Reading 7 & 8-Bevin Hunter, Eva Espinoza, Jill Lincoln; Science 7- Brenda Flanagan, Bevin Hunter; Science 8- Mickey Kelly, Jason Kiser; Spelling 7 & 8-Jason Kiser, Brenda Flanagan, Mickey Kelly; Ready Writing 7 & 8- Eva Espinoza, Jill Lincoln.

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Roby School District Children Eligible For Kindergarten Sought

All children living in the Roby School District who will be five years old on or before the 1st of September are eligible for the Roby Kindergarten program. May 14, 15 & 16 from 8:30 - 11:00 a.m., will be registeration time. Please bring your child's birth certificate, shot records, and Social Security number to the Kindergarten room.

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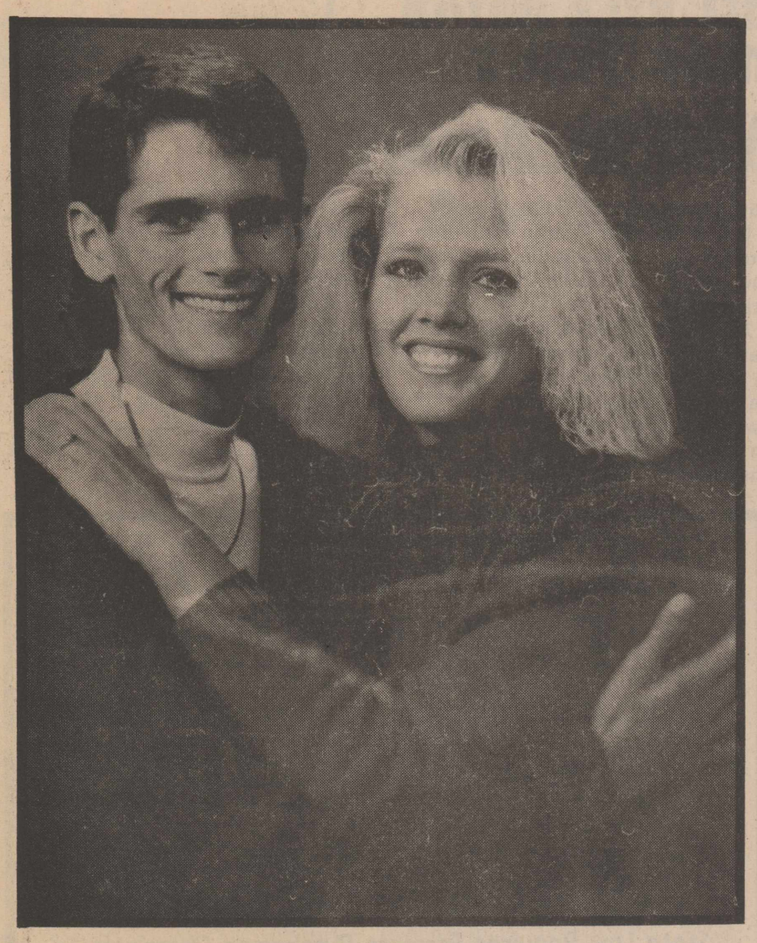
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Kristi Faye Phillips, Shayne Teichelman Announce Engagement

The engagement of Kristi Faye Phillips to Shayne Randal Teichelman is being announced by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Phillips of Borger.

The groom-elect is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Teichelman of Panhandle.

The wedding is scheduled for June 9 at 2 p.m. in the Church of Christ in Fritch.

The bride-elect is a 1989 graduate of Panhandle High School and attended Amarillo College. She is currently employed by Adams Tank and Equipment in Borger.

The groom-elect is a 1987 graduate of Plainview High School and attended Texas Tech University. He is currently employed at United Supermarket in Amarillo. After the wedding, the couple plans to reside in Fritch.

Rotan Students Take Part In State Solo Ensemble Contest

Receiving a I-Superior Rating and qualifying for State Solo Ensemble Contest were Vanessa Peek in Twirling and Jerry Gauna on a bass clarinet solo. The two students will compete in the State Contest on June 4 in Austin.

Also earning a superior rating was Kristina Sims on a clarinet solo. Chris Boone earned an excellent rating on tuba solo. Priscilla Gonzalez, clarinet, and Stephanie Long, flute, and Marcie Soliz, clarinet, also earned a division II excellent rating.

County Home Economist Discusses Stress In Kids

COUNTY AGENTS REPORT
By: Beth Dannheim
Extension Home Economist

Are dance lessons, pre-school tumbling and piano lessons helping Johnny and Susie grow up or stress out? Many parents, in their attempts to give children an edge on life, have pushed their tiny tots into a world of activities and achievement. But pushing too hard can cause children to burn out instead of blossom.

Some reasons parents give for saturating children with formal lessons instead of waiting for them to develop their own interests include the following:

* A complex world. There's more information to know. Kids who learn more at an earlier age have a better chance of being a "success."
* Extra edge. Early education is one way to get a jump on the "competition."
* Child-care extender. Lessons and activities often help fill the gap from the time child-care ends until parents get home from work.
* Older parents. Many feel that, having delayed parenthood, they should be able to give their children everything.

To avoid burnout in your child, make sure he is not involved in too many structural activities. Ask yourself whether the activities represent something in the child likes to do, or something you like for him to do. One or two organized activities a week is enough for most children. Even better may be for the parents and children to spend time together, learning about life.

Children experiencing too much pressure often develop many of the same symptoms of stress that adults do. Be alert to stress indicators like:

*headaches; * stomachaches; * changes in eating patterns; * bed-wetting; * sleeping problems; * aggressive behavior; * unwillingness to take part.

KEEP CIGARETTE LIGHTERS AWAY FROM CHILDREN...

Do you know that your 3-year-old child may be capable of lighting your cigarette lighter?

About 200 deaths each year are associated with fires started by cigarette lighters. Of these, an estimated 140 deaths are the result of children playing with lighters; most of the victims are less than 5 years old. Children who survive such fires are often severely burned, resulting in disfigurement for life and emotional adjustment problems. Many of these tragedies are avoidable.

Cigarette lighters, particularly disposable ones, are fascinating to many children. They---are colorful, - fit easily into a small hand, - have a wheel that turns and emits sparks, and - produce a small flame.

This is a recipe for disaster. Children less than five years old are twice as likely to die in a fire as older age groups and this is largely because of fires started by children playing with matches or lighters. Children as young as two or three years are known to have ignited these fires. When a fire occurs, children frequently run and hide rather than informing an adult or trying to escape.

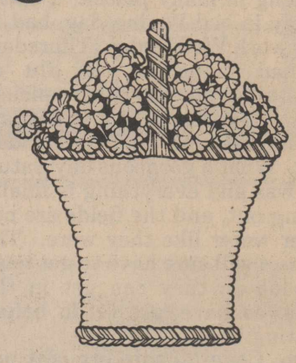
Mark your calendar now and make plans to attend the last in a series of programs on promoting meat but cutting the fat. Pork: Meeting Consumer Demands will be presented Tuesday, May 8 at 12 noon in the Annex in Roby. The program presented Dr. Vavy Griffin, Extension Meat Specialist, is sponsored by the Extension Home Economics Advisory Committee. There will be a $1.00 charge to cover expenses. Door prizes of pork will be given.

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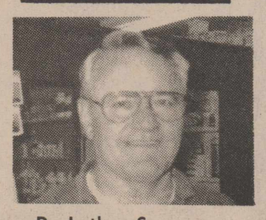
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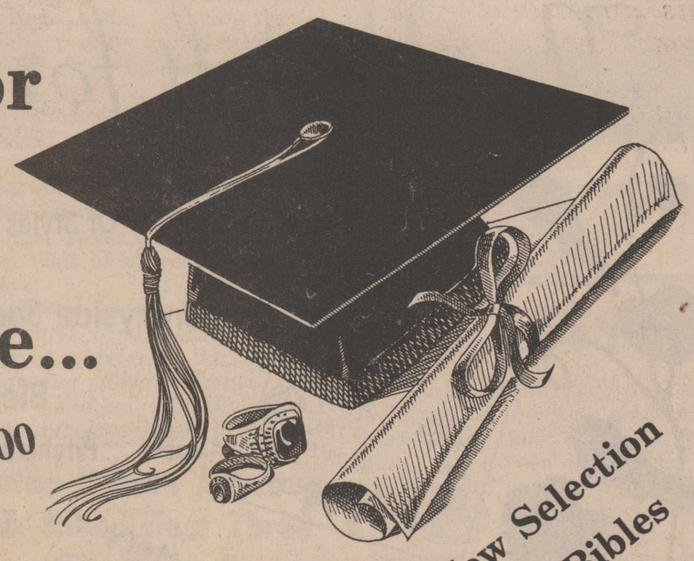
By Luther Summers

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Small nodular swellings in the neck or armpits are usually caused by an infection. This is nature's way of fighting the infection-the lymph nodes enlarge while producing an anti-toxin to kill the infection. The lymph nodes return to normal when the infection is overcome. If the lymph nodes remain enlarged, and perhaps tender, for some time - this is the danger signal of a serious infection and you should see your doctor immediately.

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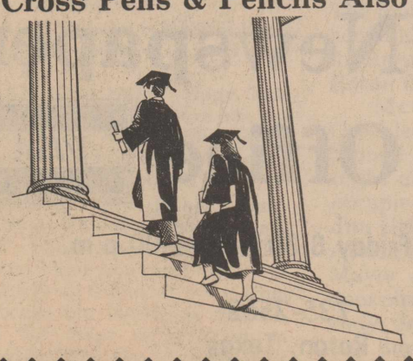
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Property Tax Protest and Appeal Procedures

The law gives property owners the right to protest actions concerning their property tax appraisals. You may follow these procedures if you have a concern about:
*the value placed on your property;
*exemptions that may apply to you;
*cancellation of agricultural appraisal;
*whether your property is taxable;
*which local governments should be taxing your property; or
*you think the appraisal district has done something else that adversely affected you.

Informal Review: Taxpayers are encouraged to make an appointment with an appraiser to discuss their property value. This may be done by calling 776-2733. They should bring information to substantiate why they feel that their property value is incorrect. The appraiser will discuss their property and may reccommend an adjustment to the Appriasal Review Board. If the taxpayer is satisfied with the adjustment, he does not have to appear before the ARB.

Review by the Appraisal Review Board: If you can't resolve your problem informally with the appraisal district staff, you may have your case heard by the appraisal review board.

The appraisal review board (ARB) is an independent board of citizens that reviews problems with appraisals and other concerns listed above. They have the power to order the appraisal district to make the necessary changes to solve problems. If you file a written request for an ARB hearing (called a notice of protest) before the deadline, the ARB will set your case for a hearing. You'll receive written notification of the time, date, and place of the hearing. The hearing will be informal. You and the appraisal district representative will be asked to present evidence about your case. The ARB will make its decision based on the evidence presented. You can get a copy of a protest form from the appraisal district office at the Fisher County Tax Office, Roby, Texas. Note: You shouldn't try to contact ARB members outside of the hearing. The law requires you to sign an affidavit saying that you haven't done so before the ARB hears your case.

Review by the District Court: After it decides your case, the ARB must send you a copy of its order by certified mail. If you're not satisfied with the decision you have the right to appeal to district court. If you choose to go to court, you must start the process by filing a petition within 45 days of the date you receive the ARB's order. If the appraisal district has appraised your property at $1,000,000 or more, you must file a notice of appeal with the chief appraiser within 15 days of the date you receive the ARB's order.

More Information: You can get more information by contacting your appraisal district at The Fisher County Tax Office, Roby, Texas.

You can also get a pamphlet describing how to prepare a protest from the appraisal district or from the State Property Tax Board, 4301 Westbank Drive, Building B, Suite 100, Austin, Texas 78746.

Deadline for filing protests with the ARB

(the deadline is postponed to the next business day if it falls on a weekend or holiday)

Usual deadline:	On or before May 31 (or 30 days after a notice of appraised value was mailed to you, whichever is later.)
Late protests(If you miss the usual deadline for good cause. Good cause is some reason beyond your control, like a medical emergency. The ARB decides whether you have good cause.)	Before the day the appriasal review board approves records for the year. Contact the appraisal district for more information.
Special deadlines:	
Change of use (If the appraisal district has informed you that you are losing agricultural appraisal because you changed the use of your land)	Before the 30th day after the notice of the determination was mailed to you.
ARB changes (If the ARB has informed you of a change that increases your tax liability and the change didn't result from a protest you filed)	Before the 10th day after the notice of the determination was mailed to you.

If you believe the appraisal district or ARB should have sent you a notice and did not, you may file a protest until the day before taxes become delinquent (usually February 1). The ARB decides whether it will hear your case based on evidence about whether a required notice was mailed to you.



ROTAN CHAMBER PRESENTATION: The Rotan Chamber of Commerce presented a new business membership to Linda's Flower And Gift Shop last week. Making presentation was Monte Morrow, Chamber Vice President, left, Linda Martin, center and Chamber President Tommy Harbin, right.

Jackie D. Miles, Former Fisher County Resident In 'Who's Who In America'

Most people would be content to be listed on "Who's Who in America" just once. But Jackie D. Miles, a long ago resident of Rotan, is included several times in the annuals of the many biographical titles currently published by Marquis' "Who's Who in America".

Miles' name is listed in the 20th and 21st editions of "Who's Who in the West", consisting of the 13 most western states, including Hawaii and Alaska and three of the canadian provinces.

His name also appears in the 24th, 25th and 26th editions of "Who's Who in Finance and Industry", whose editors present comprehensive coverage of many North American and international professionals who are of current business reference interest.

He is also listed with Marquis' 8th edition of "Who's Who in the World", which contains substantial biographical information on important individuals from every nation.

Miles' name also appears among the regional and topical listings of the 44th and 45th editions of "Who's Who in America".

The persons sketched in these "Who's Who" volumes represents virtually every important field of endeavor. Included are executives and leaders in business, finance, banking and education, construction, engineering, science and medicine and many other professions, vocations and trades.

These sketches are profiles of men and women who influence the nation's development and thus make them subjects of widespread reference interest and inquiry.

Miles is the second child of 12 children born to Mr. and Mrs. A.O. Miles, formerly of Snyder and Rotan.

He was born in Oklahoma and moved with his family to Snyder in 1938.

He attended school in Snyder his first 11 years then moved with his family to Rotan where he graduated from Rotan High School with the class of '52.

The Miles family lived on farms as tenant farmers in Scurry County for many years before they moved to Rotan where his father acquired a Blacksmith and Welding shop.

With such a large family, Miles recalls his early life as a time of very hard and considerable poverty. He remembers "chopping cotton" and "pulling bolls" in many parts of Scurry County and Fisher County.

Miles also worked during his high school years as a "sack boy" and "clerk" at the B&B Supermarket in Snyder and at the Piggly Wiggly Store in Rotan. His typical school day began at seven a.m. at the store and from 9:30 to 2:30 he attended classes then returned to the store until ten p.m., plus a fifteen hour day on Saturday.

When asked about his background and knowledge in finance and industry he replies, "I garnered that knowledge in the cotton fields and supermarkets of Snyder and Rotan, Texas."

After high school he served four years with the U.S. Air Force, was discharged as a non-commissioned officer and accepted a position with the federal government where he worked for 9 years in California. During those years he attended college part time at Solano College and Sacramento State College.

Miles married Wilma Holcomb from Roby, in December 1952 and they have two children and two grandchildren.

He established his first company in the construction industry in the mid 1960's and since then has built several companies of his own as well as being a consultant to other companies. His endeavors have been in land development, general contracting and home building, electrical contracting, retail, manufacturing and real estate.

Miles currently resides in Green Valley, California and is now retired. He enjoys "motor homing" across the United States. A big delight is visiting in the West Texas and Scurry and Fisher County areas to reminisce about the "tough 'ol days"!



Jackie Miles

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Hustling Around Hobbs

By Joy Walker

May 1st seemed more like February as it was so cold. Then the rains came again, and it rained and it rained and was a terrible day Wednesday. I measured 1 and 8-tenths of an inch here at the house, but lots of places, including Abilene, got too much and there was widespread flooding in many places. I spent all day in bed Wednesday, had to miss work Wednesday, Thursday, as had sinus or the flu or something, anyway I sure picked a good day to stay in Wednesday, as it rained off and on all day long. What a gorgeous day Saturday was and everything is finally drying out, and the fields are not under water like they were. The farmers will sure have to get busy as soon as they can get in the fields, as have lots to do before planting time.

Bro. Cone Merritt brought our messages at church on Sunday. He is from Snyder, and he preached early on Sunday morning, as was going to the 100th anniversary of the Dunn Baptist Church just south of Snyder that day for dinner and a celebration.

We were so pleased to see J.C. Cave back at church on Sunday. Mrs. Billy Carter from Brownwood came Tuesday and brought J.C. home from the hospital and then Mr. and Mrs. Don Cave from Farmington, New Mexico, spent part of the week with him. So he has had lots of company and he seems to be feeling okay. We hope that he will continue to feel good.

Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Martinez attended the District 8 VFW Convention in Stamford on Sunday at the VFW Hall. Bea Hardin is feeling pretty good, but she stayed on the heart monitor for several days and had an angiogram. She is going to start her physical therapy again in a few days. We hope that she will continue to improve.

Michael Porter, son of Terry and Cindy Porter had knee surgery in Lubbock on Friday. He isn't feeling very good although he is home, but has to go back to see the doctor on Monday. We hope that he will soon begin to feel lots better and that his knee will be fine.

Marcus Medrano reports having kin folks visit from California.

Mrs. Martin Mijares, Mr. and Mrs. Bernea and daughter, Mary, visited with all their kin folks here, including Frank Mijares in the rest home and with relatives in San Angelo. Everyone enjoyed seeing them.

Not too much news this week, as I missed some of you and so will catch up next week. So many folks tood advantage of the beautiful weather we had Saturday and Sunday, without any wind, so you were probably out working in your yard or were gone.

See you next week.

Rotan Junior High 4-Hers Hold Meeting And Observe Pet Day

The Rotan Junior High 4-H'ers met at the Rotan Lions Club building and hosted the Pet Day for the 3rd and 4th grade 4-H'ers. They held a coloring contest and a picture contest. Ryan Branch got 1st in the picture contest. The prizes were donated by the Rotan Veterinary Hospital. All 4-H'ers would like to express their appreciation to them for these prizes. On Friday, May 4, the Rotan Jr. High Share-The-Fun group left to head for Wichita Falls to perform for District. They are happy to announce they got 2nd place. They would also like to congratulate the Roby-Rotan Senior 4-H'ers for getting 2nd and going on to State.

Congratulations also goes out to all the Fisher County participants in Method Demonstration that placed. The Rotan Junior High 4-H'ers would also like to express their appreciation to Pat Porter, Debbie Hull, Pat Boone, and Becky Burk for their help and patience with the Share-The-Fun group.

Zachary Reyes Announces Arrival Of New Brother, Zane C. Reyes

Zachary Reyes would like to announce the arrival of his new baby brother, Zane Colter Reyes, born on May 3rd at 2:08 p.m., at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene. Zane weighed 7 lbs. 12 ozs., and is 20½ inches long.

His parents are George and Leticia Reyes. Grandparents are Ruben and Janie Reyes of Rotan and Larry and Beverly Landes of Rotan. Great grandparents are Hortencia Yanez, Loys and Dorothy Landes, Zed and Maudie Randolph all from Rotan and Mr. and Mrs. Juan Reyes of Temple, Texas.

Jerry Gauna Earns Chair At Bi-State Honor Band Gathering

Jerry Gauna has earned a chair in the McMurry Bi-State Honor Band. Students from Texas and New Mexico submit an audition tape in March which is judged during the month of April.

Students are then notified and will compete for chairs June 10 at McMurry. The students will stay at McMurry for seven days, June 10-16 and will rehearse together and give 2 or 3 concerts throughout the week.

Thank You

The family of Fay McClure would like to express our appreciation for your concern in the loss of our loved one.

To all who helped in taking care of her, the ones who prepared the food, sent flowers, sent donations to different funds, you all have helped in so many different ways, and we sincerely thank you.

The Counsins,
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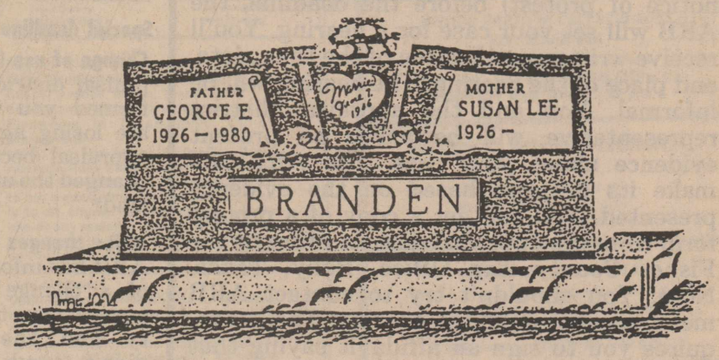


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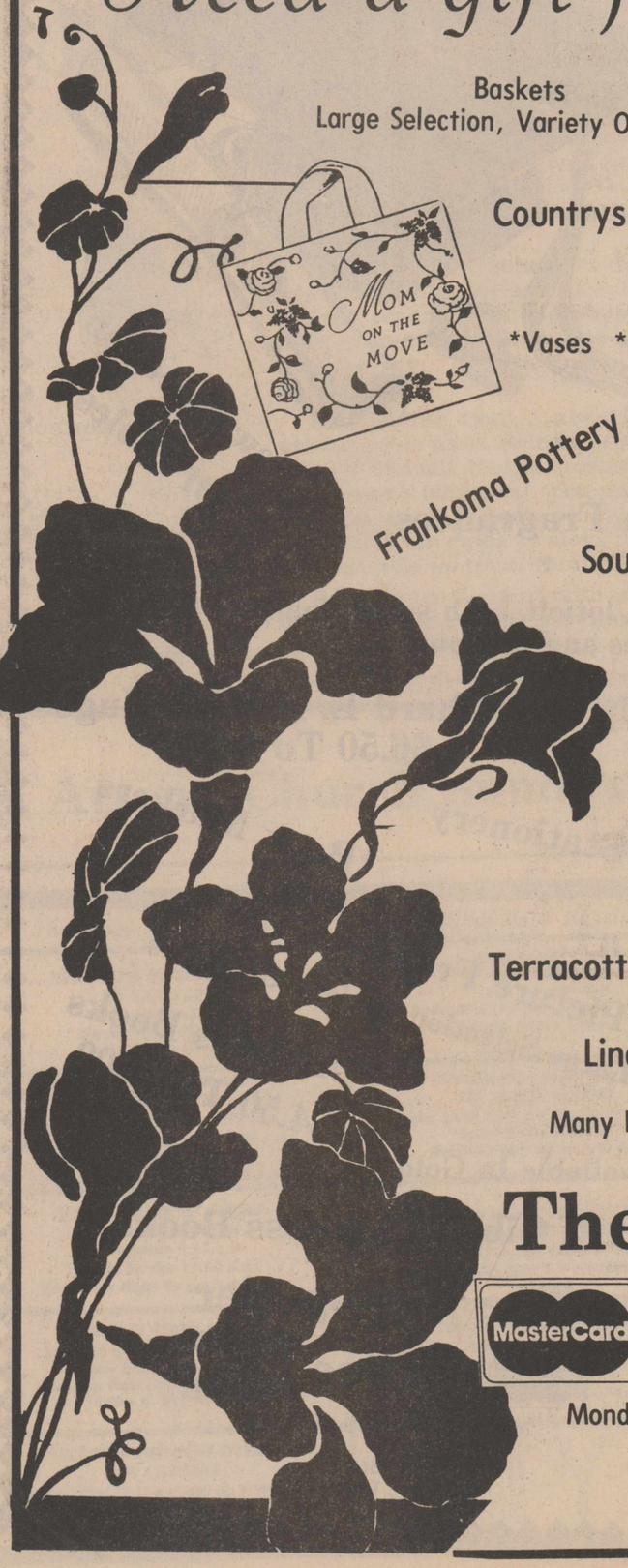
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