J P Phillips

Rotan Council Turns Past Due Taxes To Lawyer

The City of Rotan has approximately $43,141.00 in past due taxes on the books, and from action taken recently by the Rotan City Council they intend to make a serious effort at collecting those taxes. Council members voted to turn the past due taxes over to the firm of Perdue, Brandon, Blair Shiever & Fielden, Attorneys at Law, in Arlington, for collection. The council did exclude any past due taxes that persons are making regular payments on, according to City Secretary Kenneth Vann. The Council has authorized the placement of a 15% collection fee on all past due accounts, after they have been turned over to the law firm for collection.

In April of 1980 the past due tax list stood at approximately $47,600.00; in March of 1981 the roll had been reduces to $36,400.00 and in april of 1981, approximately $8,000.00 in current past due accounts were added to the roll. As of July 1, 1981 the past due list amounted to $43,141.47.

Vann indicated that the law firm will notify all property owners with past due accounts of the debt by letter, give them a reasonable time to pay, and if payment is not received will file a property tax law suit.

Those present for the regular meeting of the Rotan City Council that was conducted on Tuesday, July 14th, included: Mayor Lester Sescil, Jim Nowlin, Rodney Tankersley, Connie McQueen, and J.A. McClain. Jerry Marshall was absent.

In other action the council approved the placement of a 6-inch sewer line from the alley between 4th and 5th Street to Tyler Street end to north of the City Limits on 3rd Street.

Councilmen were presented a report by Police Chief Gene Pack indicating that the employment of Patrolman Roger Rainey had been terminated and that John Walker, former patrolman and Deputy Sheriff, had been hired as a full time officer on the Rotan force.

In other action Pack requested permission to use the 2nd floor of the police department building for a supervised Youth Center after the fire department vacated the building.

Councilmen passed a motion to notify the City of Roby that landfill charges would be increased from $250.00 a month to $275.00 a month beginning on May 1, 1982.

In final action, the council agreed to participate with other Texas cities opposing the Bell Telephone Company rate hike proposal before the Texas Supreme Court. Cost of the action is .03 cents per capita or $70.20 for the estimated 2,340 Rotan residents.



YELLOWHAMMER BIRD: Two members of the Rotan Booster Club were on hand earlier this week to accept delivery of the new 8 foot fiberglass Yellowhammer bird. The bird will be installed at the north end of the football field. Booster Club officers Bruce Cox, left, and Mac Weathersbee, right, will be assisting in planning the permanent placement of the bird.

Hobbs Board Lowers Tax Rate For '81

The Hobbs School Board met in regular session July 14, 1981 and conducted the following business.

Minutes of the June school board meeting were accepted as read.

All regular outstanding bills were paid.

The recommendation of the textbook committee on the supplementary materials for basal reading was accepted as presented.

The bid of the First National Bank of Rotan was accepted for Hobbs I.S.D. depository beginning September 1, 1981 and ending August 31, 1983.

The tax rate was lowered from 60 cents to 40 cents per $100 valuation on all taxable property lying in the school district. This will result in a 33 and one-third percent reduction in actual taxes from the 1980 tax amount.

Lunchroom prices were set for 1981-82 as follows: Student lunches- 35 cents, student breakfasts- 20 cents, school personnel lunches- 50 cents, other adult lunches- $1.50.

Mayberrys To Hold Reunion In Rotan Sun.

The annual Maberry Reunion will be held Sunday, July 26, in the Rotan Community Center. Bring a picnic lunch and come share in the fun. Mr. and Mrs. Henry McElyea, Jr. are in charge of this year's reunion. Favorite recipes and pictures for the scrapbook are to be brought. Everyone is invited to attend and share in the fun and fellowship.

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Jim Gruben Named New Manager Rotan Gin Co.

Jim Gruben, assistant manager at the Rotan Gin Company for the past 2½ years, accepted the position of manager last week. He is taking over the manager position vacated by Dick Edwards who is now engaged in full-time farming. Edwards was manager for the past five years.

Gruben, age 30, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Gruben of Rotan and is a 1969 graduate of Rotan High School. He graduated from Hardin-Simmons University with a B.B.A. degree in 1973.

The new manager was employed with General Electric Credit Corporation in Amarillo from 1973 to 1974; Sport Center in Lubbock from 1974-1977 and was with the United Parcel Service in Lubbock from 1977-1978. He was named assistant manager of the Rotan Gin in 1978. He is a member of the Cross Roads Baptist Church, Rotan Young Farmers and Rotan Jaycees.

"I feel very fortunate at being able to take over as manager at a time like this. The Rotan Gin is probably one of the best operations in the state and its success is due to leadership of past managers and a dedicated group of directors that are concerned and progressive plus a group of strong co-op members", said Gruben.

Gruben announced the recent employment of Wayman Leverton as a full-time gin employee in the capacity of ginner this week. "We feel very fortunate in adding Wayman to our staff of full-time employees. We feel that he will be a great asset to our organization because of his overall knowledge of the ginning operation", commented Gruben.

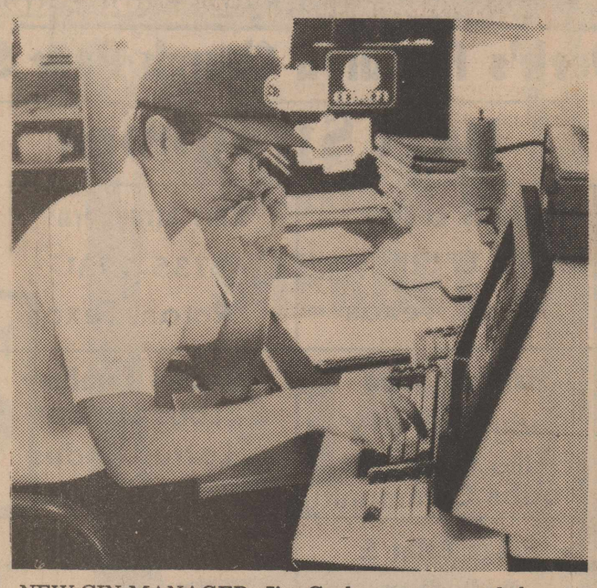
Other full-time employees include: Nick Sauceda, ginner; Lupe Alaniz, ginner; Canuto Jimeniz, ginner; Johnny Soliz, ginner; June Wallace, bookkeeper; and Paul Heathington, plant superintendent.

The Rotan Gin has added some new equipment and made improvements in preparation for the fall ginning season. Gruben indicated that the gin has installed the Lummus 158 gin stand conversions, replacing the old Lummus 128 models. "This is a more beefed-up gin stand with 30 more saws per stand which we're hoping will be a better job of ginning and still run at capacity".

Another improvement is the installation of a U.D. Press Pump Conversion. This will speed up the bale press capacity.

Current directors serving on the Rotan Gin Company board include: Stanley Nowlin, Bobby Gruben, Melvin Clements, Walter Byrd, Glen Strickland, William Cleveland and Bobby Smith

In commenting on the 1981 outlook Gruben said "I'm real optimistic about the way our crops look in this area. It certainly has good potential providing the remaining grasshoppers and other harmful insect damage can be held to a minimum."



NEW GIN MANAGER: Jim Gruben was named the new manager of the Rotan Gin at a recent meeting of gin directors.

Fisher County Hospital Directors Lower Taxes

The Fisher County Hospital District board of directors announced this week that they were lowering taxes for 1981 by 1.00 cents per $100.00 valuation. Fisher County Hospital Administrator Jerry Weatherly announced last Monday that board members voted to lower the rate from 19.5 cents, which is last years rate based on taxing on 26% of actual value at the rate of 75 cents per $100.00 valuation, to 18.5 cents per $100.00 valuation for 1981.

Even with the reduction in taxes, Fisher County Hospital Board of Directors anticipate receiving approximately $60,000.00 in additional tax money because of the increase in Fisher county oil valuations. The total tax roll, including oil, gas and mineral properties for 1980, amounted to $249 million. The total roll for 1981 is $303 million.

Weatherly anticipates the hospital district will receive approximately $529,000.00 in 1981 taxes.

The total 1981 budget is $1,354,000.00.

Weatherly anticipated that the additional $60,000.00 the district would receive would probably go toward a salary increase for personnel and to take care of a portion of the inflationary factor.

Parents Of $84,000 Baby Very Thankful

Mr. and Mrs. Cirilo Alaniz of Roby have had a stroke of "bad luck" - to the tune of $84,119.60 but in exchange for the money, they are the proud parents of a growing 4 pound baby girl.

The $84,119.60 represents the money that is owed to the Lubbock General Hospital and doctors at the Health Science Center in Lubbock for services rendered their daughter that was born several months premature weighing only 1 pound 11 ounces.

The baby, Christina Alaniz, spent a total of 112 days in Lubbock hospitals and was dismissed on July 14th weighing 4 pounds and growing.

Friends have opened a "Christina Fund" at the First National Bank in Rotan and Citizen's State Bank in Roby for those interested in helping reduce the $84,119.60 hospital bill.

Roby Firemen Turkey Shoot Set Oct 18th

The Roby Volunteer Fire Department will hold its annual Thanksgiving Turkey Shoot October 18. Details will follow at a later date.

County 4-H Members At Congress Meet

Five Fisher County 4-H members will be among those attending the State wide Texas 4-H congress in San Antonio this week.

Alan Kiker, Kip Pease and Joyce Lynn Harkey are regular delegates from Fisher County.

This year's program focus is on Health.

Mike Morrow and Gary Don Harkey, both State 4-H Council members will be involved in conducting the Congress. They left for San Antonio last week.

Fisher County Agent, Richard Spencer will be in charge of the District 3 Delegation serving as one of the Agent Chaperones.

All-Stars Eliminated

The Rotan Little League All-Stars, after defeating Snyder and Stonewall-Kent in the opening two games, ran into rough waters Friday night losing to Snyder but rebounded on Saturday defeating the Snyder All-Stars 8-6 to win the tournament.

In recapping the games leading to the tournament win, Rotan beat Snyder in the opening contest on Monday, July 13th by a score of 7-0. Jerry Carter struck-out 15, tossing a one hitter. Rodney Green went 1-3 at the plate and Jerry Carter was 1-3.

In the second game on Tuesday, July 14th, the Rotan All-Stars defeated Stonewall-Kent 9-1. Jeffrey Perales was the winning pitcher. He struck-out 8 and was 1-2 at the plate with 1 RBI. Rodney Green was 1-2 with 2 RBI's, Jerry Carter was 2-4 with 4 RBI's and Stacy Tucker was 2-2 with 1 RBI.

After Stonewall-Kent and Hamlin were eliminated from the tournament after two losses each, Rotan faced Snyder on Friday night and lost 5-0. Jerry Carter took the loss. Snyder scored their 5 runs on 9 hits and left 7 men on base.

Top hitters in Friday's Rotan-Snyder game were Rodney Green 1-3, Jerry Carter 1-3, Jeff Branson 1-3, George Reyes 1-2, and Stacy Tucker 1-2.

In the final game on Saturday, July 18th, Rotan won 8-6 over the Snyder All-Stars. Jeff Perales got credit for the win. The save went to pitcher Jeff BRANSON. Leading hitters were Rafe Hargrove 1-4, Stacy Tucker 1-3, Freddie Perales 1-4, Jerry Carter 1-4, Jeffrey Perales 1-4, George Reyes 1-2, Rodney Green 3-3, and Donnie Carl Gruben 1-2.

Last Tuesday night the Rotan team fell to Ballinger 1-0 and was eliminated from tournament play. Rotan had two scoring opportunities. One coming in the bottom of the 6th inning with Jeff Branson on first, Jerry Carter on second and Freddie Perales on 3rd and only one out. Ballinger scored the winning run on an error in the top of the eighth inning with two outs.

Carter pitched an excellent game last Tuesday with excellent defensive play turned in by Freddie Perales, Raford Hargrove and Stacy Tucker.

County AJRA Rodeo Set For July 30

The Fisher County American Junior Rodeo Association (AJRA) Rodeo begins on July 30 and continues for three nights through August 1st at the Roby Rodeo Arena. The events are open to all area contestants ages 8 and under and through age 19, both members and non-members of the AJRA.

Late entries for the rodeo will be accepted until July 27th. Entry blanks are available at the Fisher County Courthouse, Porter Locker Plant, The Newspaper Office and H.L. Davis & Co. in Rotan.

Additional information concerning the rodeo, events and entry fees can be obtained by contacting Mrs. Johnny Edmondson at McCaulley or by calling 776-2528 or 776-2661.

Homecoming At Johnson Chapel Sun.

The 18th annual Johnson Chapel homecoming will be held Sunday July 26th at the Johnson Chapel Church.

Everyone is invited to bring a basket lunch and come out and visit with friends.

Kim's Korner

By Kim Pease

Need An Excuse?

After reading the definition of a small town in this column a few weeks ago, my pastor Rev. Larry Ramsey, sent me a get well card - because I missed church the following week.

I was mildly amused at the below list of excuses that appeared in last week's edition of The Menard News, published by my friend Dan Feather. I hope after reading it that you don't attempt to use too many of them on your pastor.

"Dear Elders: You often stress attendance at worship as important. But I think a fellow has a right to miss now and then. I think I should be excused for the following reasons:

Christmas [It comes only once a year] - 1
New Year [I need to start off rested] - 1
July 4th [National holiday] - 1
Labor Day [The Bible commands one day of rest] - 1
Memorial Day [State holiday] - 1
School Closing [Kids need a break at the beach] - 1
School Begins [Last chance of summer] - 1
Family Reunions [1 for my family, 1 for my wife's] - 2
Out-of-town Games [We support our team] - 5
Tournaments [High school, college, tennis and golf - 1 each] - 4
Anniversary [Our second honeymoon] - 1
Sickness [1each family members] - 5
Business Trips [A fella must make a living] - 3
Vacation [Only 2 weeks, but 3 weekends] - 3
Bad Weather [Ice, rain, snow, hail, etc.] - 5
Dallas Cowboy games - 4
Unexpected Company [Can't walk out, they didn't bring church clothes] - 3
Alarm clock didn't go off [Not my fault] - 1
Time change [Spring forward, fall back, I never get that right] - 2
House and car repair [Who can afford plumbers and mechanics anymore] - 3
Special on TV [Continuing Education] - 2

This totals 50 Sundays per year. So, elders, that only leaves two Sundays per year. We will see you Easter for sure and the third Sunday in August unless providentially hindered. Signed, 'Faithful Member'.

Kelly Hook, Craig Driver Are United

Kelly Suzanne Hook and Craig Allen Driver were united in marriage in a candlelight ceremony Saturday, July 11, at First Baptist Church at 7:00 in the evening. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hook and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Driver. The Reverend James Kinsey officiated at the double ring ceremony.

BRIDE

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a formal gown of white poly sheer organza and chantilly lace. The hi-rise bodice featured a Queen Ann neckline and was overlaid with pearled lace and the full Bishop sleeves of lace had deep lace cuffs. The organza overskirt at the front was lace edged over lace tiers. The back skirt had six bouffant tiers of lace edged organza to form a cathedral train. The long veil of illusion had a pearled lace cap and had a wide lace border encircling the entire veil. The bride carried a cluster bouquet of white rosebuds, stephanotis and gypsophelia which had streamers of lace and satin ribbons. For something old the bride wore a gold wedding band belonging to th groom's great-great grandmother; something new was her wedding gown; something borrowed was a pearl necklace belonging to the bride's mother; and something blue was a garter given to her by two friends from college, Donna Boll and Cathy Huckabee.

Attendants

Kim Hook of Austin, sister of the bride, served as maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Kerrie Hook of Sweetwater, sister of the bride, and Leanna West of Trent. The bridal attendants were dressed identically, wearing floor length gowns of peach quiana. The center of the bodice featured a brocade applique with tiny spaghetti straps over the shoulders. The accordian pleated skirt began at the center of the applique and flowed to the floor . A chiffon cape over the bodice completed the dress. The bridal attendants carried a nosegay of peach carnations, white daisies and ming fern in lace edging and streamers. After guests were seated, candles at the altar were lit in unison by Vickie Rasco and Karen Hodge. Outfitted in the same dresses and the bridal attendants, they wore wristlets of daisies.

Guests were registered by Becky Rodawalt who also was dressed in the same attire as the bridal attendants. The registry table was covered with a white linen cloth and complimented by a bud vase holding a peach rose.

The bride's mother chose a carpet length dress of sea green quiana featuring a bodice of sheer organza. The groom's mother was attired in a carpet length dress of salmon taffeta with an overlay of chiffon. Both mothers wore an orchid. Each mother was presented a rose by the bride during the ceremony.

Rusty Moore of Sweetwater served as best man. Rodney Kinsey of Sweetwater and Ronnie Sanford of San Angelo were groomsmen.

The groom wore a white tuxedo with a white rose backed by an ivy leaf on his lapel. The best man and groomsmen wore light brown tuxedos with peach ruffled shirts.

Ushers were Dale Peeples, cousin of the bridegroom, David Sharrock, Mike Brown, all of Sweetwater, and Joe Little of San Angelo. They wore co-ordinating light brown tuxedos.

Decorations

In the center of the alter was a white wrought-iron candalabra arch holding fifteen candles behind a large fan-shaped arrangement of peach gladioli and asters. On each side were matching candalabras holding seven candles each and matching flower arrangements. Palms and greenery completed the background. Pews were marked with peach-toned satin bows centered with white lace loops and streamers and baby's breath.

Music

Accompanied by Mrs. Frank McDonald on the piano and Mrs. Felton Kerley on the organ, LaDaryl Price of Early sang 'Looking Through the Eyes of Love'' as the candles were lit. During the ceremony, Miss Price also sang ''I Pledge My Love'' and ''The Lord's Prayer.'' She rendered ''Longer Than'' as the bride and groom lit the unity candle.

Reception

Following the ceremony a reception was held in the Fellowship Hall of the church hosted by the bride's parents. The bride's table was laid with a white linen cloth trimmed with lace and net with a centerpiece of a silver candalabra entwined with mixed flowers in the bride's chosen colors. Crystal and silver appointments were used. The white four tiered cake with a flowing fountain was decorated in peach flowers and was made and given to the bride and groom by Mrs. Gerald Hicks of Snyder, cousin of the bride.

The groom's table was set with a beige linen cloth overlaid with an ecrue lace cloth. The brass candalabra held gold-toned flowers with greenery at the base. A chocolate cake centered the table, and coffee was served from a brass coffee service.

Rose rice bags arranged in baskets designed by Mrs. Bernice Hargrove of Rotan decorated another table for the reception. The rice bags were made by the grandmothers and an aunt of the groom. This table also held a basket of scrolls of the bride and groom and were given to the guests.

Members of the houseparty included Cathy Huckabee and Donna Boll of Andrews, Leigh Ann Rhyne, Cindy Lee, Colleen Bemenderfer, and Renee Bromeley of Sweetwater.

The bridegroom's parents hosted the rehearsal dinner at Mrs. Allen's Hostess House.

When departing from the church the bride wore a peach dress with white accessories. Her going away corsage was a single peach-toned orchid. After a wedding trip to Ruidosa, New Mexico the couple will make their home in San Angelo, Texas.

The bride graduated from Sweetwater High School in 1979. She is currently a Junior at Angelo State University majoring in Elementary Education. The groom was also a graduate of Sweetwater High School in 1979.



Kelly Driver

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Class Of 1956 Holds Rotan Reunion

The Rotan High School senior class of 1956 met at the Community Center on July 4th for their 25th class reunion.

Experiences in the last 25 years were expressed by each member of the class which was enjoyed by all. The President for the class was Jerry Black and the Secretary was Relna (Branch) Long. A new election was held for the next reunion in 1986 and President will be Wayne Rivers and Secretary will be Lanny (Posey) Jones.

The following questions were asked: (1) Who came the greatest distance? Neal Funk and Jimmy Loving. (2) Who had changed the most? Bob Sparks. (3) Who had changed the least? Jimmy Kendrick. (4) Who has the most grandchildren? Bob Sparks. (5) Who has been married the longest? D.L. (Noles) Goodwin. (6) Who has been married the shortest? Rebecca (Strickland) Tudor. (7) Who's got the most kids? Wayne Rivers and Jimmy Waddell. (8) Who has the oldest child? Peggy (Roberson) Diamond. (9) Who has the youngest child? Rebecca (Strickland) Tudor. They were each presented a whistle with a balloon and they got to toot their own horn.

Room Parents present were Mr. and Mrs. J.E. Funk, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Posey, Mr. and Mrs. Willie Waddell, Mr. and Mrs. Al Finch and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Stinson.

The following attended from out of town: Jimmy Kendrick of Lorena, TX, Rebecca (Strickland) Tudor of Dallas, Bob Sparks of Brownfield, Margaret (Gruben) Watkins from Mena, Ark., Carol (Hargrove) Justiss from San Antonio, Murlene Rivers of Arlington, Lanny (Posey) Jones, Ft. Worth, Ronnie Martinez, New Braunfels, Joan (Horton) Burch, Junction, Jimmy Loving, Monrovia, Calif., Jerry Black, Shreveport, La., Sarah (Cardwell) Harrison, Junction, Kay (Swaringen) Steward, Midland, Wayne Rivers, Bedford, Texas, Durwood McKinney, Houston, Jimmy Finch, Sweetwater, Neal Funk, Smithtown, N.Y., and Gay Nell (Ratliff) O'Brien, Eastland, Texas.

Those attending from Rotan were the following: Peggy (Roberson) Diamond, Reggie Stinson, Relna (Branch) Long, and D.L. (Noles) Goodwin.

Rotan Lions Tennis Meet Set July 30

The Rotan Lions Club will be hosting the 4th annual Rotan Tennis Open beginning on Thursday, July 30th and continuing through Sunday, August 2nd, 1981, according to Lion's Club Tournament Director Joe Dickson.

Entry deadline for the adult division, boys and girls singles and doubles division, men, women singles and doubles and mixed doubles is July 28th.

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If so, seek out an oldster and ask him how it really was, allowing a little bit for the camouflage of nostalgia.

Chances are you'll find only one thing was really different. People *did* seem to have more faith in the old days. They seemed closer to the church. Maybe that's one reason why life was tranquil, more trouble free.

It could be worth investigating.

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Deborah Price

Deborah Price Wins In Beauty Pagent

Deborah Elaine Price, 8 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Denver Price of Waco, Texas, entered the Districe Cinderella Girl Pageant held recently in West, Texas.

Deborah was chosen 1st place winner in the Mini Miss age group. She modeled a party dress and sportswear. For her talent she played a piano selection.

Deborah entered state competition in Denton, Texas June 22 through 27.

She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. E.B. Hull of Rotan, Texas, and Mr. and Mrs. A.J. Price of Sweetwater, Texas.

Leisure Lodge

We welcome Edna Taggart to Leisure Lodge. Hope Edna will be happy with us.

Many thanks to Brother Mike Dennis for the okra he brought us. We appreciated it.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Brazee and Barbara Barnard visited Elsie Carter over the weekend. Inez Purser of Merkel visited Maud Gruben on Sunday. Mrs. Louise White of Sweetwater visited Mrs. Nancy White and Mary Lee Barker. Mr. and Mrs. Duane Cunningham of Edna, Okla., visited Helen Warner over the weekend. Waylon George of Crane has been visiting the Ernest Adams. Mr. and Mrs. Odell Crawford of Odessa and Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Crawford of Arlington visited B.B. Crawford. Miss Luna Kolb and Mrs. Izetta Dial of Sweetwater visited Emily Garrett. Mrs. Calvin Danial and son David of Sweetwater visited the T.T. Shipps and Benny last week. Mr. and Mrs. James Harbin and Jamie of Snyder visited Rose Hale recently.

Many thanks to the Luther Donhams for the nice cucumbers. We appreciate them.

Verl Hallmark of Austin and Mr. and Mrs. Jess Hallmark of Gorman visited Pearl Sharp over the weekend. Mr. and Mrs. James Harbin and Jamie of Snyder visited Rose Hale. Mrs. Betty Tankersley and son of Blackwell visited the Gaines Smiths. John White of Sweetwater visited Nancy White and Mary Lee Barker. Mrs. Jane Boen of Odessa and Mrs. Jack Gallaway of Hamlin visited Mr. B.B. Crawford. Mr. and Mrs. Dan Brazel and Barbara Barnard visited Elsie Carter. Only Benton, Karen Ratliff of Wichita, Kansas, and Audie Murphree of Valley Farms, Arizona, visited the G.A. Hudnalls.

This is all our news for this week. Come See Us.

LOOK WHO'S HERE!

Sarah Elizabeth Boyd was born July 13, 1981, at 10:12 a.m. in the Rolling Plains Hospital in Sweetwater.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Boyd of Roby. She weighed 7 pounds, 1½ ounces and was 19 inches long.

Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. L.B. Boyd, Jr of Sweetwater. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Caffey of Abilene. Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. L.B. Boyd, Sr. of Sweetwater, Mrs. Dottie Thompson of Sweetwater, Mrs. H.T. Caffey of Abilene, and Mr. and Mrs. J.H. Munson of Clyde.

Card of Thanks

The family of Orval Mitchell wishes to express our thanks to our friends for their many expressions of sympathy in our loss. Your prayers, flowers, visits, cards and words of comfort were deeply appreciated.

Mrs. Thelma Mitchell
Loyd Mitchell & Family
Mrs. Ada Mitchell
Frank L. Mitchell
Mrs. Luther Donham & Family

Three From Rotan Attend CAR Meeting

Lyle Hale, Conrad Hamric, Meg Field, Melett Rowland, Mrs. Jimmy Don Hale and Mrs. Rudy V. Hamric attended the 10th annual South Central Regional meeting of Children of the American Revolution in Fort Worth Convention Center Hotel Tuesday and Wednesday.

Martah Ranken Butler, national vice-president, and Mrs. Robert Walker McKellar, senior national vice-president, were in charge of the meeting for C.A.R. Societies in Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Oklahoma, and Texas.

Lyle Hale, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Don Hale, was personal aide for the Texas State President Randy Trahan. Conrad Hamric, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rudy V. Hamric, was usher for all meetings both days.

The national packet was explained by national chairman. Contests for Moutain Schools, Publications, Membership, National Heritage, Government Studies, C.A.R. Magazine, Conservation, American Indians, Publicity, Endowment Fund, National Merit Award were outlined.

Tuesday evening after the business meeting, a popcorn theater party and a disk dance were held for C.A.R. members and adults met with Mrs. Thomas G. Burkey, senior national president, and Mrs. Porter, N.S.C.A.R. executive director.

Wednesday a "Deep in the Heart of Texas" luncheon was enjoyed. Melett Rowland won a Western Hat. The group toured Log Cabin Village, The Ft. Worth Stock Exchange, Leddy's Boot Shop, The Chili Parler and a film presentation showing the development of the famous Ft. Worth Stockyards before seeing the actual yards. Wednesday evening the meeting was climaxed with a "Six Flags Over Texas" Banquet and dance.

Priscilla Butler, Louisiana State President, extended the invitation to have the 1982 Regional Meeting in New Orleans, La.



ATTEND C.A.R. Convention in Ft. Worth: Members of the C.A.R. attending the Regional C.A.R. Convention in Ft. Worth were, left to right, Conrad Hamric, Melett Rowland, and Lyle Hale.

Services Conducted For Howard Wilson

Howard R. Wilson, 64, of Rotan, died in his home about 6 p.m. Friday. Graveside services were at 4 p.m. Monday, July 20, in Rotan Cemetery, directed by Weathersbee Funeral Home.

Mike Dennis, Church of Christ minister, officiated.

Born May 12, 1917 in Hillsboro, he had farmed and worked in a service station. A member of the Church of Christ, he had moved to Rotan 25 years ago from Amarillo.

He is survived by a brother, Johnnie Wilson of Pasadena, Calif.; and two sisters, Ella Patton of Fort Worth and Lena Lenox of Pasadena Calif.

He was preceded in death by his parents and four brothers.

Funeral Services For Gertrude Jones

Gertrude Jones, 49, of Midland, formerly of Sylvester, died Tuesday afternoon, July 14, at M.D. Anderson Hospital in Houston. Services were at 2 p.m. Monday, July 20, at Weathersbee Funeral Home Chapel in Rotan.

Robert H. Horn officiated. Burial was in Sylvester Cemetery.

Born May 7, 1932, in Grapeland, she moved to the Sylvester area from Elkhart in 1939. She lived in Midland in recent years and was a member of the Church of Christ.

Her mother and a brother preceded her in death.

Survivors include her father, Kay Jones of Sylvester; two brothers, Robert K. Jones of Odessa and Reese Jones of San Jose, Calif.; two sisters, Betty Townsend of Odessa and Ruby Lois Jones of Terrell.



INSTALL OFFICERS: Helping to install Waco officers of T.S.C.A.R were, left to right, Laurie Stems of Waco, Conrad Hamric, Mimi Chapman ofSan Antonio. They assisted Randy Trahan in the installation.

Hamric Makes Installation

T.S.C.A.R. State President Randy Trahan, Conrad Hamric T.S.C.A.R. second vice-president, and Mimi Chapman, TSCAR recording secretary, installed officers for the Alexander Breckenridge society of Children of the American Revolution in the Waco home of Mr. and Mrs. R.E. Walker on Sunday, July 7.

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Two Resign, Four Hired By Rotan School Board

The members of the Rotan School Board were given a report by Pat Hamric, school counselor, on the results of the TABS (Texas Assessment of Basic Skills) tests given to students in grades 3, 5 and 9 last year. Mrs. Hamric made her report to the board during their regular meeting last Monday night.

In commenting about the test Mrs. Hamric pointed out to board members that 9th grade students taking the test last year scored above the state average in all three categories. Of the 40 students tested in level 9, 75% mastered math; 58% mastered reading and 78% mastered writing. In grade 5, students scored higher than the previous testing year in 8 of 12 categories in math; scored higher in 4 of 11 reading categories and scored lower in all 6 reading categories tested.

Third grade students taking the test for the first time scored above the 50th percentile in 6 math categories and below in 4 areas. They scored above the 50th percentile in all 8 reading and 5 writing categories.

In discussing the TABS test program board members aired views concerning establishing a basic math program; talked of the possibility of raising the graduation requirements and agreed to study Region 14 TABS tests when they were made available.

Board members present for last Monday's meeting included: Donnie Gruben, Leo Long, Earnest Ragan, Allan Houston, Wayne Harris and Roger Blackwelder. James Carter was absent.

Board members accepted the textbook committee report and awarded the school lunchroom milk bid to Gandy's Dairies. In other action they awarded the depository contract to the First National Bank and discussed the placement of the "Yellowhammer" fiberglass bird at the football field.

Board members discussed the school insurance program for athletes. At present only high school football players are covered under the school insurance program. Board members discussed the possibility of covering junior high football players, girls athletics in high school and athletes involved in basketball, track, golf and tennis. No action was taken on the insurance program.

Superintendent Jerry Dickson announced the resignations of Mrs. Sue Branch in Title 1 reading and Mrs. Martha Alexander as high school homemaking teacher. He also informed board members of the hiring of four new Rotan teachers. They include: Carla Beames in early childhood development; Lenue Dennis, 1st grade; Barbara McCain, high school English and Kathryn Ragan, homemaking.

Board members will hold a special meeting in early August to discuss a group hospitalization program and study the 1981-82 budget.

Hospital Board Votes To Halt Merit Raises

The members of the Fisher County Hospital Board rescinded a previous motion establishing a merit pay raise system for hospital employees, and by doing so put a halt to future merit pay raises. The action came during the regular meeting of the Fisher County Hospital Board conducted last Monday night.

Board members voted to do away with the merit pay raise system mainly because of conflicts and ramifications received from employees since the system was implemented.

Board members discussed the possible purchase of additional surgery equipment for the operating room. Administrator Jerry Weatherly is to check into additional prices and report back to the board in August.

Weatherly reported to the board that the hospital cash flow is down due to the change in payment on medicare benefits. Through June the hospital district suffered a loss of $12,159.00 giving it a year to date loss of $29,412.00.

In the final action last Monday night the board agreed to discuss a possible increase in room rates at the August meeting and discuss liability insurance.

Rites Held For Albert (Ike) Dowell

Services for Albert (Ike) Daniel Dowell, 79 were June 29 at the First Baptist Church in Kingsland with the Rev. Dwight Reagan officiating. Burial followed at Lakeland Hills Memorial Park under the dilrection of Clements-Wilcox Funeral Home.

Dowell died June 27 at his residence. He was born February 18, 1902 in Rotan, the son of L. A. Dowell and the former Zapora Mondora Bradford. He was a former resident of San Antonio and had lilved in Highland Haven for 17 years. He was a Civil Service employee for 25 years and was a member of the First Baptist Church in Kingsland.

Survivors include his wife, Floye Dowell of Marble Falls, a brother, Lee Dowell of Iowa Park, a sister, Lena Brigance of Big Spring, several nieces and nephews.

Nephews were named as pallbearers.

Center Extension Meets, Views Films

Center Extension Club met July 13 in Fisher County Annex Room.

President Mrs. Thornburg presided. Mrs. James Cave introduced our speaker, Wardell Halliburton. He showed films of the Holy Lands, which was enjoyed by all present. Secretary Mrs. Lynn Randolph read minutes of previous meeting.

Mrs. Willie Lake, hostess, served drinks, sandwiches, cake, cookies, and chips to members, Myrtle Moore, Maudie Ballenger, Mrs. Howard Noles, Mrs. Z.H. Anderson, Elizabeth Billingsley, Willard Burk and three children.

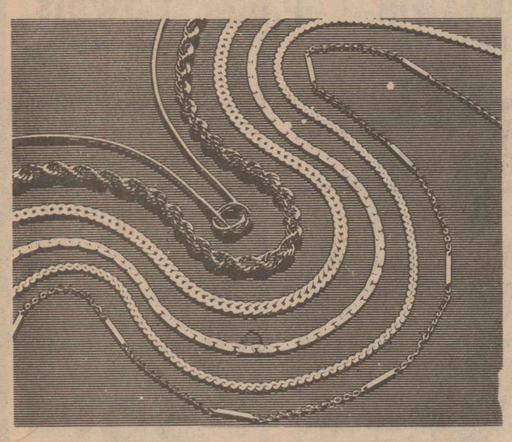
The next meeting will be July 28 in the Annex Building, with Myrtle Moore as hostess.

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Two 4-H Members Win Dress Revue

Two Fisher County 4-H members will represent the county at the District 3 and 7 4-H Fashion Revue in Abilene, July 28 according to County Extension Agent-Home Economics, Alice Ballenger.

Charla Wiley, winner of the intermediate division of the County Fashion Revue, will compete against about twenty 4-H ers from District 3.

Lori Garcia will participate in the beginner division against about twenty contestants also.

The Revue is to be in the Civic Center in Abilene. West Texas Utilities Company sponsors the luncheon and Revue. Judging is scheduled to begin around 9:00 a.m. The entire morning is taken for judging, rehearsal for the public revue and pictures to be taken.

Parents and leaders will be taken to mall of Abilene for shopping during these times.

The luncheon and public revue are scheduled for 12:00 noon.

Two former Fisher County 4-H'ers will be among the nine judges, judging the three different divisions.

Mrs. Deborah Pond of McCaulley and Mrs. Revis Bookout of Rule, both former State Fashion Revue Participants from Fisher County will be judging.



FASHION REVUE WINNERS: Two Fisher County 4-H girls will be participating in the District 4-H Fashion Revue. Left to right, Lori Garcia and Charla Wiley.

Roby Lions Club Seeking Auction Items

The members of the Roby Lions Club ask the cooperation and help of the citizens of Roby and the surrounding communities to donate anything of value to be AUCTIONED August 15, 1981.

The proceeds from the auction will be used to retire the indebtedness the Club has incurred in connection with the purchase of land and building of the the Baseball Park and Recreation Area in East Roby.

Mr. Brzezinski, who owns the building that was formerly Three Rivers Grocery, has been most cooperative in allowing the Lions Club the use of the building to house the materials and goods to be auctioned. Donations are needed as soon as possible in order to meet our August 15th auction date.

If you would like to donate anything: goods, services or anythilng that someone could use, please contact any Roby Lion Club member or call for a Lion at: Central Lumber and Building Supply-Ph. 776-2371, Midwest Electric Cooperative-776-2244, Roby City Hall-776-2271, Citizens State Bank-776-2261.

Early donations from business and individuals will help insure the success of this project.

Lion Club President Carl Matthies has appointed Lions Wardell Halliburton and J. T. Palmer to direct this endeavor and they will appreciate any help that the citizens of our area will contribute.

Rotan Council Policy Same On Comm.Center

The Rotan City Council members, at their June meeting, voted to withhold payment of $667.86 representing the City of Rotan's share of the operating deficit for May until bill descrepancies and $1,300.00 owed the City of Rotan by the Rotan Community Center is straightened out.

Rotan Mayor Lester Sescil indicated that a report for June was not presented to the Rotan City Council at the July meeting. Sescil did say however that "They (administration officials and directors of the Housing Authority) are in the process of checking past records."

"There has been no policy changes made by the members of the Rotan City Council concerning the use of the Rotan Community Center as far as the council is concerned", said Sescil.

Sescil concluded by saying, "I hope we can have a report for the council members at the next meeting".

Cindy Posey Gets Degree

Cindy Posey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Posey was one of 683 students at Abilene Christian University who received degrees during the University's 75th annual commencement ceremony in early May.

Posey was a candidate for the Bachelor of Science in Education degree.

Large Group Attends Class Of 1946 Reunion

A large group attended the Rotan Class of 1946 Reunion that was held at the Rotan Community Center last Saturday.

Attending the Reunion were: Glen and Billie Gruben, Rotan; Mac and Carolyn Weathersbee, Rotan; Nora (Ashton) and Buck Buckingham, Canutillo, TX.; Bernice (Sparks) and Roy Leeman, San Antonio; Carl and Mary (Carter) Singley, Rotan; Odell and Janie (McSpadden) Rains, Rotan; Jo Nita (Warren) and Les Gordin, Dimmitt; Bill and Ann Arrington, Garland; John and Beverly Taylor, Big Spring; Norma (Dry) and Haldean Cave, Rotan; Joe and Fran Burk, Rotan; Byrle Martin, Rotan; Neva Phillips, Grand Falls, TX.; Charlie Joe and Betty Helms, Rotan; David Hellums, Houston; Dwight and Irene Nowlin, Rotan; Billie Whitside (Robertson), The Woodlands, TX.; Wanda (Watson) and Eddie Robinson, Ft. Worth; Robert Lee and Ruth Martin, Rotan; Gene Day, Fort Stockton; Betty Jameson, Dumas; Lena Beth (Adams) Tucek, Arlington; L.D. Weems, Yerma, California; Nancy Tandy, Rotan; Glenna (Ashley) Denton, Hobbs, N. Mexico; Inez (Wiley) and Larry Bowen, Odessa; Bobbie (Johnson) and Gerald Paden, Lubbock; Morris and Edith Forgy, Grand Prairie; William and Maxine Rogers, Odessa; Louise (Medrano) and Rudolph Martinez, Rotan; Lewis and Mary John Edson, Dallas; Jackie Teague, Rotan.

Attending the Open House were: Lon Weems, Roy Kingsfield, J.D. and Ila Burk, Tennie Kennedy Cade, Shirley Weathersbee, Mrs. Dewey Dry, Darrel Underhill, Wendell Morrow, Jeff Cave, Kathy Cave Murphree, Brent and Chad, Luther Summers, Helen Albert Noles, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Arrington, Norvelle, Donna and Katie Kennedy, Maury Gruben, Lois Sparks. Mrs. Bill Parker.

Four At Rotan Attend San Angelo Band Camp

Four students from Rotan participated in the seventh annual Angelo State University Band Camp which attracts junior and high school students and band directors from across the state.

Attending from Rotan are Robin Harris, Dilana Long, Jerilyn Marshall and John Underhill.

Nearly 700 persons are attending this year's camp which offers clinic sessions in conducting, theory, ensembles, drum majoring, twirling and others.

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Three In County Win With 4-H Record Books, State Bound

Winners in the Texas Agricultural Extension Service Rolling Plains-3 4-H Record Judging were selected July 15 when screening groups met at the Texas A & M University Research and Extension Center at Ver -non, according to Thelma Wirges and Ed Garnett, District Extension Directors for the twenty-one Rolling Plains counties.

From the 90 Senior Records entered for judging, first place winners were named in twenty-eight various programs Three individuals from Fisher County among the winners are as follows: Jill Posey, Food Conservation and Safety, Kip Pease, Range Management, and Mike Morrow, Santa Fe.

First place district records willl be submitted for State judging, where they will compete for thousands of dollars in educational trips to the National 4-H Congress, as well as other various scholarships and awards.

Approximately 243 junior records also were scored in thirty-seven different subject matter areas.

"These records were placed in blue, red, and white groups with no specific winners in first place categories," said Miss Wirges and Mr. Garnett.

Card Of Thanks

Words are difficult to put together to express our sincere love and appreciation to all our many friends who have shown in so many ways their love and respect to us during Tommie's illness from the very beginning when he had surgery last November 12 on through this year and at his passing. He loved every one of you along with Leon, Dorothy and I. We hope we can be of help to each of you as much and to all other whom we might come in contact with in the years ahead.

We feel like we live among some of the finest people on earth right here in our own Fisher County.

We wish to personally thank the Pallbearers, some of you have known Tommie since he was a young man and you were little boys. He had always loved you and it was sweet of you to come so far to be a part of his service. This we cannot forget.

The delicious food that was brought in, the local and long distance phone calls, the beautiful flowers were simply great. The beautiful organ music, the Methodist choir and the beautiful solo was out of this world, to you we are grateful. We want to express our many thanks to the nurses and staff of Fisher County Hospital for the tender care rendered the few days Tommie spent in the hospital.

Especially do we want to thank Dr. Carandang and Dr. Simpao for the medical interest shown in Tommie. Also for the personal visits they made to see Tommie in our home on their off-duty hours. Tommie loved you and appreciated that of you two Doctors. For that we too say thanks.

We too want to thank Rev. Loren Gardner for the comforting message he brought.

Now last, but not least, we want to thank the Weathersbee Brothers for their perfect job and tender touch they seem to have for all.

Thank you, Sheriff Counts, the ambulance driver and the nurse who came to our house. Also a big thank you to Mrs. Neva Chandler for services rendered.

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Ogden - Gruben Hold Summer Reunion

Descendants of the late Geo and Maggie Ogden and Mr. and Mrs. Rent Gruben met with relatives in the Captola Claytonville Community Center for their annual reunion with lots of visiting, eating and fellowship enjoyed by: Mr. and Mrs. Geo Watkins of Mena, Ark., Mr. and Mrs. Willie Gruben, Mr. and Mrs. Davie Gruben, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sawyer, Mr. and Mrs. Wilber Gruben, Gregg & Evette, Mr. and Mrs. Valton Gruben, Mrs. Maud Gruben, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Gruben, Laura, Tod & Tony, Mr. and Mrs. Billie Joe McCombs, Glen Gruben, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Ogden, Sweetwater, Mrs. Francis Sawyer & Kim, Pat Sawyer, Steven Andrews, Mr. and Mrs. Dayn Walker, Sweetwater, Mr. and Mrs. James Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Gruben, Kendra & Kendon, Hamlin, Evelyn Lee, Susan Griffith & Joshua, Mrs. Carl Matthies & Keith, Roby, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Martin, Shandi, Deann & Stacie, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Grunden, Melva Migham, Ft. Worth, Jennette Seaton, Mr. and Mrs. Tim Seaton, Jayton, Larry Ogden, Penny, Shelly & Amanda, Floydada, Ginger Warren & Misty, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Ogden, Floydada, Charles Ogden, Dallas, Andrew Pearce, Odessa.

Nazarene Church Bible School Fri.

The Church of the Nazarene in Rotan will hold their Vacation Bible School program Friday, July 24, at 7:00 p.m. Rev. Joe Norton, pastor of the church, reports that interest and attendance have been good, and invites everyone out to enjoy the program.

Hustlin' Round Hobbs

Joy Walker

Still having these very hot days, and I am sure its good on the cotton, but sure makes you want to stay close to the house, and the air conditioning. The grasshoppers are still working hard, and really seem to like the young cotton.

Congratulations to Tonya Porter and Wayne Jones on their marriage Thursday night at Crossroads Baptist Church. They will be living in Snyder.

Also congratulations to Lisa Hardin and Mark Nowlin who have announced their engagement and approaching marriage September 5th at the First Baptist Church in Rotan. Lisa is the daughter of Ralph Hardin of Houston and Francene Evans of Portland and the granddaughter of Mrs. Bea Hardin. Mark is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Nowlin.

I got such a nice letter from Mrs. Carolyne Roach who now resides in Abilene. She tells me Rotan was her home for 51 years; she is now 92 years old. She said how much she enjoyed the Rotan Advance and the Hobbs news. Her letter was really appreciated; its so good to receive letters like hers.

Mrs. Opal Phillips attended the wedding of her great grand-daughter Tonya Porter and Wayne Jones on Thursday. Mrs. Neva Phillips from Grand Falls and Don Phillips from Trent visited with Opal on Sunday. We have really been watching some good baseball games this past week. Watched Snyder All Stars play Hamlin Tuesday night and Rotan All Stars play Stonewall-Kent. Rotan won 9-1. Melody came home for a short while Wednesday and brought Mac with her as he is still crippled and she can't run him. Dorothy Davidson accompanied her. They went back to Stephenville late that evening. I attended the wedding of Tonya Porter and Wayne Jones Thursday night and it was sure a pretty wedding. Then we went to watch the Stonewall-Kent-Snyder baseball game which was played at Rotan. Friday night we watched another good game between Rotan and Snyder and we lost, so had to play another game Saturday night. It was the best game of the Tournament or so we thought; maybe we are a little bit prejudiced. Rotan beat Snyder 8-6 and now will advance and play Ballinger Tuesday night at Rotan. I also attended a Wedding Shower for Mary Grace Martinez and Hoss Carrillo on Saturday evening at the home of Mrs. Donnie Gruben. It was such a lovely shower with so many guests attending. Both Mary Grace and Hoss got so many gifts; they are getting married 1st of August at Rotan.

Melody went to Austin for the week-end and visited with Mark Parrish and his parents. She went with Mark's sister, PattyParrish, from Fort Worth. They went to a roping all day Sunday, and Mark roped both in the calf roping and the ribbon roping.

Brian and Trina Warren, children of Mr. and Mrs. Gil Warren, from Snyder spent last week visiting with their grand-parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Martinez. Mr. and Mrs. Gil Warren from Snyder ate supper with the Rudolph Martinezs Friday night and then they went to watch the Snyder-Rotan baseball game. Jennifer and Kimberley Martinez from Rotan are spending the week with their grandparents this week, so they have sure been busy. Jennifer and Kimberley are the children of Mr. and Mrs. Rudy martinez.

Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Etheredge went to the Snyder rodeo Saturday night which was held in the Snyder coliseum. David Etheredge and Debra Teel were both in the wedding of Tonya Porter and Wayne Jones on Thursday; Debra was bridesmaid and David was best man.

Mrs. Eugene Leathers and son from Abilene, and a friend and her two children, also from Abilene, spent Friday visiting with Mrs. Bea Hardin.

Mr. and Mrs. J.D. Kincaid went to the El Paso church, southwest of Roby, Saturday night and attended a Revival which was held by Bro. Jack Walton of Marshall, Texas. They visited with him and his wife. Bro. Jack and his family used to live out here in the Hobbs community and he preached at Hobbs Baptist Church at one time.

Well, this is all for this week. Have a good week and don't get too hot. See you next Thursday.

Hensons Hold Family Meet At Llano, Tex.

The family of the late Mr. and Mrs. W.L. Henson met at the Llano County Community Building on July 10, 11 and 12 for their annual reunion. There were 70 present. Those registering were: Mr. and Mrs. Carl Johnson, Pecos, Mr. and Mrs. J.N. Henson, Odessa, Mrs. Beulah Thompson, Big Springs, Lisa Holaday, San Angelo, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Thompson, Sweetwater, Mr. and Mrs. Ardis Stephens, Roby, Mrs. J.R. Cross, Mrs. Leon Gardner, Mrs. Dan Thomas, John and Laura, Sylvester, Mr. and Mrs. R.D. Cross, Mrs. Jack Bland, Mrs. Jim Porter, Jennifer, Kimberly and Jason, also Terry Bland and friend, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Thompson and Traci, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Johnson, Eric and Chad, all from Abilene, Mrs. Jean Sledge, A.W. and Kathy, DeLeon, Mrs. James Sledge, Weatherford, Mr. Garry Johnson, Michael and Chris, Ft. Worth, Mr. and Mrs. B.J. Richardson, Reagan, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Hunter, Marlin, Mrs. Alma Birk, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Birk, Brandee and Kenda, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Branham, Jr., and Joy, and Nellie Castrel, all of Llano. Mr. and Mrs. Rex Williams, Eunice Douglass, Jessie Gore and grandson, Brownwood, Mr. and Mrs. A.L. Littleton, Georgetown, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Elmore, J.T. and Suzanne, LaGrange, Rev. and Mrs. J.W. Thompson, Richard, Sherae, and Christi, Marthlyn Birk, Vickie Henson, and Louise Smith, all from Houston.

Golden Haven Home News

Wardell Halliburton gave our devotional on sunday with 12 members of the congregation present.

We want to say Welcome to our new resident, Maude Harris of Sylvester. We are so happy to have her and hope she enjoys being with us.

Letha Meek has returned to the home after spending several days in the Fisher County Hospital. Welcome Home, Mrs. Meek.

Visiting this week were: Mr. and Mrs. John Leach of Rotan visiting Maebell Ogden. Mrs. Marvin Mann and Mrs. Obid Hughes of Rotan visited with Dana McReyolds, Helen Weems of Crosbyton visited Annie Bettis. Georgia Powell and Martha Williams of Sylvester visited Bessie Scott. Cora Roberts of Sylvester and Kathryn Hogan of Sweetwater visited Ezell Whitten. Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hayes of Hamlin and Carol Floyd of Roscoe visited Lora Stephens. Mrs. Sue Lewis and children of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Hood and children of Snyder, Lynn and Misti Hilliard, Don Elan of Abilene, and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Elan of Kansas City visited Carlie Butler.

Judy Havenhill, Tim and Kimberly of Ft. Meade, Maryland, and Mr. and Mrs. Lea Jones of Sweetwater visited Virginia Melton. Leander Johnson of Ft. Worth visited Guy Johnson, Judy Justiss of Sweetwater, Jeff and Nancy Justiss of Houston, Charles, Norma, Mike and Greg Meek of Sylvester visited Letha Meek. Lena Comeaux of Abilene visited Martha Headstream. Edna Arnold of Canyon, Missy and Michelle Arnold of Amarillo, Susie Burkham of Plainview. Lynn and Misti Hilliard of Hamlin visited Lois Henry.

Fisher County Nursing Home

The Agapa Class of the First Baptist Church hosted the birthday party this month. Those honored were Johnnie Mulanox and Rector Brown. Thank you so much ladies, for the delicious refreshments. The party was enjoyed by all.

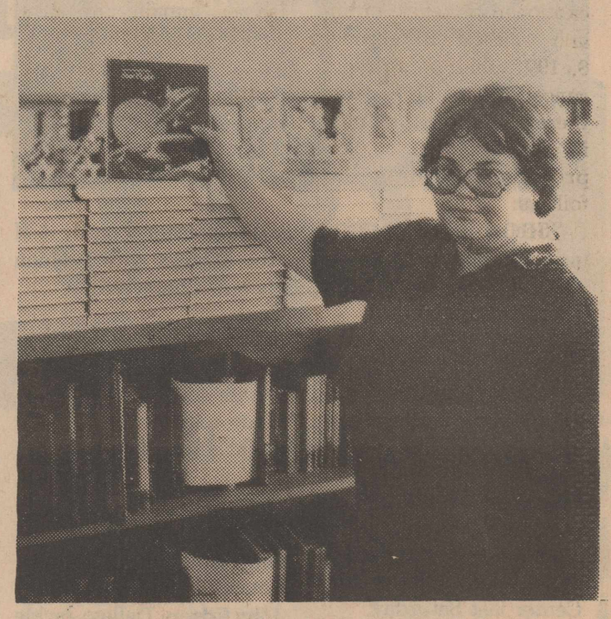
Visiting this week were: Mr. and Mrs. Ross Douglas of Sylvester visiting Hob Reed, Barbara and Billy Dickworth of Snyder, Loveda Wiley, Jerry Wiley and Nancy Cornier ofOdessa visited Emma Howard, P.W. Cummings of Roby visited Jewel Cummings. Aletha, Niki and Jennifer Moyers of Houston, Linda, Shaun and B.J. Clark of Pecos visited Ollie Shipp. Jane Devers of Dallas visited James Hudnall. Janell Berry of Ft. Worth visited Jean Camden, Mickey Williamson of Olympia, Washington, and Obie Rackley of Royston visited Martin Rackley. Lena Beth Tucker of Arlington visited Mary Gram.

Would like to say Thank You to Louise Upshaw for the plums and to Erma Carreon for the squash that they brought to the home.

Elizabeth Hale's family had a birthday celebration for her at the Longworth Community Center. They celebrated her 92nd birthday. Attending the celebration were Mr. and Mrs. Armond Hale of Lamesa, Mr. and Mrs. Covert Hale of Longworth, Vera and Joe Jennings of Throckmorton, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Hale of Roby, Geneva Perkins of Roby, Mark Turner of Arlington, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Hale, Kyle and Beth of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Ed Hale of Sweetwater, Janice Hale of San Angelo, Mrs. Hazel Smith and Mary Ann Rodriquez of Roby. Virginia Melton, Maebell Ogden, Elizabeth Hale and Guy Johnson attended the church services held in the new sanctuary of the Methodist Church Sunday Morning.

Hospital News

Patients admitted to Fisher County Hospital July 14 through July 20, 1981: ROTAN-Curtis McQueen, Lois Counts, Pearly J. Harrison, Matilda Hammond, Casey Green, Tim Carrillo, Carl Huitt, Geneva Polk, Clarence C. Huckaby, Loretta Daniel, Jamie Slusher. JAYTON-Paul Morales. SWEETWATER-Gay Cade, Noralyn Roberts, Julia Rosas. ROBY-Nina Cave, Fannie Kincaid, JoAnn Terry, Sandra Pullig, Kidd Waddell. GIRARD-Marie Brooks.



NEW BOOKS ARRIVE: Jan Coats, custodian at Rotan Junior High, helps arrange some of the 47 boxes of new books received recently.

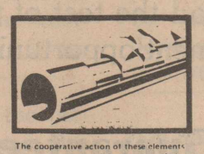
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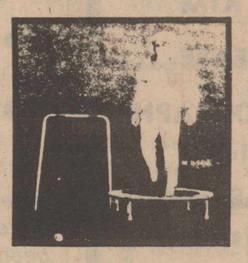


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NOTICES

ORDINANCE NO. 126

An Ordinance amending and changing a franchise ordinance enacted by the City of Rotan, Fisher County, Texas, on February 9, 1971, and being partly styled, "An ordinance granting to Lone Star Gas Company, a corporation, its seccessors and assigns, a franchise to furnish and supply gas to the general public in the City of Rotan, Fisher, Texas"; and providing for a modification of the definition of the terms "Service Lines" and "Yard Lines" referenced in section 4 thereof.

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Rotan, Texas:

Section 1. As of the effective date of this amendatory ordinance, and upon acceptance by Lone Star Gas Company of the provisions hereof, Section 4 of the aforesaid captioned franchise ordinance enacted on February 9, 1971, shall be stricken, cancelled and nullified and there shall be substituted in lieu thereof a new provision reading as follows:

"Section 4 - In addition to the rates charged for gas supplied, the Company may make and enforce reasonable charges, rules and regulations for service rendered in the conduct of its business including a charge for services rendered in the inauguration of natural gas service, and may require, before furnishing service, the execution of a contract therefor. Company shall have the right to contract with each customer with reference to the installation of, and payment for, any and all of the gas piping from the connection thereof with the Company's main in the streets or alleys to and throughout the consumer's premises. Company shall own, operate and maintain all service lines, which are defined as the supply lines extending from the Company's main to the customer's meter where gas is measured by Company. The consumer shall own, operate, and maintain all yard lines and house piping. Yard lines are defined as the underground supply lines extending from the point of connection with Company's customer meter to the point of connection with consumer's house piping."

Section 2. Enactment of this amendatory ordinance shall in no way ever be construed so as to diminish or impair any consumer's ownership interest in service lines (or portions thereof) installed prior to the effective date of this amendatory ordinance.

Section 3. The terms and provisions of this amendatory ordinance shall be deemed to be severable, and if the validity of any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this amendatory ordinance should be declared to be invalid, the same shall not affect the validity of any other section, sentence, clause or phrase of this amendatory ordinance.

Section 4. Except as heretofore and hereinabove changed and amended, the terms, provisions, conditions and requirements of the aforesaid franchise ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 5. This amendatory ordinance shall become effective as of August 8, 1981 if the Company files its written acceptance of the provisions of this ordinance within sixty (60) days after its final passage and approval by this City and upon acceptance, the provisions hereof shall be binding upon City and Company, their successors and assigns.

PASSED AND APPROVED ON THIS THE 9th day of June, 1981.

ATTEST:
S/ Kenneth Vann
City Secretary

S/ Lester A. Sescill
Mayor
City of Rotan, Texas

23-1tc

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PUBLIC NOTICE
ORDINANCE NO.

An ordinance amending and changing a franchise ordinance enacted by the City of Roby, Fisher County, Texas, on June 21st, 1971 and being partly styled, "An ordinance granting to Lone Star Gas Company, a corporation, its seccessors and assigns, a franchise to furnish and supply gas to the general public in the city of Roby, Fisher Co., Texas"; and providing for a modification of the definition of the terms "service lines" and "yard lines" referenced in section 4 thereof.

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Roby, Texas:

Section 1. As of the effective date of this amendatory ordinance, and upon acceptance by Lone Star Gas Company of the provisions hereof, Section 4 of the aforesaid captioned franchise ordinance enacted on June 21st, 1971, shall be stricken, cancelled and nullified and there shall be substituted in lieu thereof a new provision reading as follows:

Section 4 - In addition to the rates charged for gas supplied, Company may make and enforce reasonable charges, rules and regulations for service rendered in the conduct of its business including a charge for services rendered in the inauguration of natural gas service, and may require, before furnishing service, the execution of a contract therefor. Company shall have the right to contract with each customer with reference to the installation of, and payment for, any and all of the gas piping from the connection thereof with the Company's main in the streets or alleys to and throughout the consumer's premises. Company shall own, operate and maintain all service lines, which are defined as the supply lines extending from the Company's main to the customer's meter where gas is measured by Company. The consumer shall own, operate, and maintain all yard lines and house piping. Yard lines are defined as the underground supply lines extending from the point of connection with Company's customer meter to the point of connection with consumer's house piping."

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Section 4. Except as heretofore and hereinabove changed and amended, the terms, provisions, conditions and requirements of the aforesaid franchise ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 5. This amendatory ordinance shall become effective as of June 2, 1981 if the Company files its written acceptance of the provisions of this ordinance within sixty (60) days after its final passage and approval by this City and upon acceptance, the provisions hereof shall be binding upon City and Company, their successors and assigns.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this the 2nd day of June, 1981.

ATTEST:
S/ Billie L. Wetsel
City Secretary

S/ W.C. Matthies
Mayor
City of Roby, Texas

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NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION
THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF FISHER
TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF Hobbs Independent School District of Fisher County, Texas:

TAKE NOTICE that an election will be held on the 8th day of August, 1981, in the Hobbs School Building FOR THE PURPOSE OF: Determining whether the Hobbs Independent School District shall be abolished, effective at the end of the 1980-81 school year, or remain in existence.

Polls will be open between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

ABSENTEE VOTING will be held at the Hobbs School Building during regular office hours BEGINNING July 20, 1981 and ENDING August 4, 1981.

Marshall Bennett
County Judge
22-2tc

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Notice is hereby given that the Board of Equalization of the Rotan Independent School District will meet on Monday, August 3, 1981, at 7:00 p.m., school office, 110 N. McKinley, Town of Rotan, for Real and Personal Property. All persons having business with the board are invited to make an appointment to appear. By order of the Board of Trustees, Rotan Independent School District.

Betty Wilfong
Tax Assessor-Collector
23-2tc

To obtain the basics that you can't afford to buy new for the next year or so, get good-quality, secondhand furniture from thrift shops, garage sales or family hand-me-downs.

Card Of Thanks

Thank you all for the calls, visits and prayers. A special thank you to D.L. Goodwin and Ruby Lang who prepared and served our lunch, to Evelyn Nowlin for the beautiful song service, to Bro. Gardner for the comforting message and to the Weathersbee families who were all so kind during the recent loss of our sister and aunt, Lou Dan Stephens.

May God Bless You,
Mrs. Bert Rushing
W.D. Rushing
Vernie Coan

Teri McKinney Gets Degree At Tex. Tech.

More than 2,000 students at Texas Tech University received degrees in commencement exercises at the conclusion of the 1981 spring semester.

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REPORT OF CONDITION

Consolidating domestic subsidiaries of the

First National Bank (Name of Bank) of Rotan (City)

In the state of Texas, at the close of business on June 30, 1981

published in response to call made by Comptroller of the Currency, under title 12, United States Code, Section 161.

Charter number 8693 National Bank Region Number 11

Statement of Resources and Liabilities		Thousands of dollars
ASSETS		
Cash and due from depository institutions		1 898
U.S. Treasury securities		3 672
Obligations of other U.S. Government agencies and corporations		3 549
Obligations of States and political subdivisions in the United States		3 926
All other securities		9
Federal funds sold and securities purchased under agreements to resell		1 350
Loans, Total (excluding unearned income)	8 906	
Less: Allowance for possible loan losses	151	
Loans, Net		8 755
Lease financing receivables		none
Bank premises, furniture and fixtures, and other assets representing bank premises		188
Real estate owned other than bank premises		none
All other assets		4
TOTAL ASSETS		23 351
LIABILITIES		
Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations		4 762
Time and savings deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations		14 599
Deposits of United States Government		10
Deposits of States and political subdivisions in the United States		1 711
All other deposits		none
Certified and officers' checks		67
Total Deposits		21 149
Total demand deposits	5 204	
Total time and savings deposits	15 945	
Federal funds purchased and securities sold under agreements to repurchase		none
Interest-bearing demand notes (note balances) issued to the U.S. Treasury and other liabilities for borrowed money		none
Mortgage indebtedness and liability for capitalized leases		none
All other liabilities		41
TOTAL LIABILITIES (excluding subordinated notes and debentures)		21 190
Subordinated notes and debentures		none
EQUITY CAPITAL		
Preferred stock — No. shares outstanding	none	(par value) none
Common stock — No. shares authorized	1 000	
No. shares outstanding	1 000	(par value) 100
Surplus		200
Undivided profits and reserve for contingencies and other capital reserves		1 861
TOTAL EQUITY CAPITAL		2 161
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY CAPITAL		23 351
MEMORANDA		
Amounts outstanding as of report date:		
Standby letters of credit, total		none
Time certificates of deposit in denominations of $100,000 or more		1 039
Other time deposits in amounts of $100,000 or more		295
Average for 30 calendar days (or calendar month) ending with report date:		
Total deposits		20 812

We, the undersigned directors attest the correctness of this statement of resources and liabilities. We declare that it has been examined by us, and to the best of our knowledge and belief is true and correct.

Directors

Francene McKinney
Name
Vice President
Title

of the above-named bank do hereby declare that this Report of Condition is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Francene McKinney
Signature

July 20, 1981
Date

WTU Seeking Efficient Energy Production

Research and Development are two of the biggest words in the energy business, Glen D. Churchill, president and chief executive officer of West Texas Utilities Company, declares.

In an interview with a reporter, Churchill said research and development, commonly referred to as "R&D," ranks at the top of priorities for companies involved in producing the power needed to keep America running. Nowhere is this more true than in the electric utilities area, he said.

"We're not 'just' interested in new sources of energy, we're 'vitally' interested," the WTU president said in discussing his company's R&D activities.

Churchill said that when a new, practical source of energy for conversion to electricity, or a new economically feasible method is developed, it will be done by, or at least welcomed by, the investor-owned electric utility industry.

The interest of electric power companies in new energy sources didn't develop overnight. A look at the record shows the great amount of time, money and effort which has gone into research and development since Benjamin Franklin executed his kite-and-key experiment in colonial America.

If it seems more intense today than ever before, that's because it is more intense. There just isn't as much time left for the world to continue without new sources for developing power and energy to meet its needs, it is generally agreed. Even if the nation hasn't reached the "crash program" point as yet, today is no time for foot-dragging in the view of energy experts.

WTU's interest in new energy sources didn't develop overnight, either, the Company president explained. Long before the perceived fuel crisis developed in the early 1970s, electric companies, including WTU, were seeking the most efficient and least costly methods of producing and distributing energy. WTU, for example, developed its generating system logically by using low-priced West Texas natural gas as boiler fuel for its power plants.

The Company's power plants (it has eight major stations) were located throughout the 52 county service area, near load centers and near the natural gas pipelines. Gas was extremely cheap, Churchill recalls, and for many years electric rates went down instead of up.

The fuel adjustment provision, though long authorized to allow the utility to pass fuel cost increases to customers, never had to be utilized. Both the customers and WTU were doing well under those conditions.

But the honeymoon ended in the mid-1970s as the fuel crisis began. With gas shortages viewed as inevitable, the Texas railroad Commission ordered utilities to begin phasing out natural gas as a boiler fuel. The state order was lifted later, but a rule under the Federal Fuel Use Act still calls for eliminating gas fired plants by 1990 unless exceptions are made. WTU's current plants apparently qualify for exemptions, but it can build no new gas-fired plants.

"So, we were forced to turn to other fuels for future generation," Churchill explained. Until something better comes along, coal and nuclear are the only options, but nuclear actually is no option for WTU for several reasons. There are no suitable sites in the area, and the cost of an optimum-size plant is out of the question for a company as small as WTU, Churchill said.

Coal, then is the answer for WTU in the foreseeable future. Planning of the company's coal-fired Oklaunion plant near Vernon is complete, and actual construction is slated to start next year.

Fortunately for WTU and its customers, two other members of the Central and South West System will be partners in the huge Oklaunion plant, which would have been too large for WTU to build alone. Under the agreement, WTU will own 350,000 kilowatts of the first 640,000-kilowatt unit, Central Power and Light Company will own 115 and Public Service Company of Oklahoma 175. The fourth CSW company, Southwestern Electric Power Company, will not participate.

Beyond coal, WTU is taking part in a number of studies and research projects aimed at developing new energy sources at feasible costs.

Historically, it is typical for an idea to take about 30 years to go from its initial stage to large-scale commercial reality, Churchill said. This is why most researchers hold out little hope for a real contribution from any of the exotic energy sources before the turn of the century.

But this hasn't stopped the Abilene-based company from exploring these potential sources.

For the past several years, conservation "has been preached in our advertising, brochures, by our speakers, etc.," Churchill said. This, of course, is a way to save energy. And at least for the present it is a necessary, if somewhat negative, way to improve the energy outlook.

Other major efforts toward improving the overall outlook for future fuel to generate electricity for the Company's wide service area are positive in nature Churchill listed a number of these.

Gasification research in which WTU is involved is being done at the LaPalma Power Station in South Texas to produce gas from coal and/or heavy oil in order to use gas-fired boilers without conversion.

Success in this field would be a major gain for WTU since its existing plants are gas-fired. This research is being done in cooperation with other companies which form Central and South West Corporation, the parent firm of WTU.

The Abilene-based firm is involved in geothermal exploration in South Texas and in the Big Bend region. Again it is a joint venture with other CSW companies. A team of professors from the Un-i-versity of Texas at El Paso also are participating in exploration into this unique area of energy research.

Solar experiments are being planned for the Paint Creek Power Station.

A proposal has been prepared for Department of Energy to convert one unit of the plant to solar heat through the use of mirrors, storage facilities and other technology already known.

The project is being undertaken in cooperation with Rockwell International and others, Churchill said.

West Texas Utililties is participating in fusion nuclear research through the Texas Atomic Energy Research Foundation and the University of Texas. Because of the tremendous cost of building nuclear plants for the foreseeable future the WTU efforts in that direction will be joint basic research only.

There have been some beneficial spinoffs from the research including organization of the Texas Energy Science Symposium for high school students.

National research by the industry is being done by the Electric Power Research Institute and WTU is a regular participant in the ilnstitute's program.

Churchill and his West Texas Utilities team are convinced that they will continue to met the challenge of the future in providing all of the power needed for home, business and industry in the 52 West Texas counties the company serves.

Joe Little Has Birthday Party

At the Joe Littles there was a great deal going on. Friday was Joe's birthday. He had a nice birthday dinner at his table with lots of good eating. Saturday their daughter, Janel Little Holcomb, and her husband, Wayne Holcomb, and children from Midland came and took everyone out for a treat at the Hatahoe with a family table fixed for all ten. This included Mr. and Mrs. Joe Little and Loran.

Then Saturday night everyone went to the Holcomb Reunion at Roby.

Saturday evening Joe got wishes from their daughter, Gayleta Little Pugh, and Bob and Robert Gray Pugh of Sanger.

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Fisher County Quarterly Report

On July 13, 1981 The Commissioners Court of Fisher County met in regular session, examined and compared the quarterly report of Inez Stephens, County Treasurer, for the quarter ending June 30, 1981 and found the same correct and the respective amount to have been received and paid out during the quarter.

Fund	Balance 4-1-1981	Received Last Quarter	Transfers in	Transfers out	Paid Out Last Quarter	Balance 6-30-1981
JURY FUND	13 685 54	284 66	5 191 59	4 000 00	4 653 65	10 508 14
GENERAL FUND	141 908 95	70 908 61	209 986 64	193 500 00	122 816 43	106 485 77
ROAD & BRIDGE, OPERATING PREC.#1	40 850 57	15 501 41	41 341 13	39 000 00	33 713 33	24 979 78
ROAD & BRIDGE, OPERATING PREC.#2	25 903 11	15 501 47	10 287 39	10 000 00	28 502 66	13 189 31
ROAD & BRIDGE, OPERATING PREC.#3	36 540 22	15 566 10	10 287 39	10 000 00	25 020 83	27 372 88
ROAD & BRIDGE, OPERATING PREC.#4	30 733 07	15 501 47	10 287 39	10 000 00	25 102 96	21 418 97
SOCIAL SECURITY	4 552 88	12 540 18	-0-	-0-	12 835 90	4 257 16
COURTHOUSE CERTIFICATES OF OBLG.	1 925 00	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	1 925 00
LATERAL ROAD FUND, PREC. #1	2 767 48	-0-	-0-	-0-	2 767 48	-0-
REVENUE SHARING FUND	25 948 45	14 479 00	-0-	-0-	6 447 43	33 980 02
	324 815 27	160 282 90	287 379 53	266 500 00	261 860 67	244 117 03

On Deposit With County Depository Banks — 244 117 03

SECURITIES OWNED BY THE COURTHOUSE CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION

Series 1972

1 Certificate of Deposit, The Citizens State Bank, Roby, Texas No. 2255, 6% interest due 3-4-82 annually		24 871 97
1 Certificate of Deposit, The first National Bank, Rotan, Texas No. 13007, 14.383% interest due 9-4-81		42 731 63
1 Certificate of Deposit, The First National Bank, Rotan, Texas No. 13243, 8% interest due 11-22-81		10 265 36
1 Savings Account, #010499, The first National Bank, Rotan, Texas, 5.25% interest due quarterly		78 03
		77 946 99

INVESTMENTS

JURY

1 Certificate of Deposit No. 2349 6-1-81, The Citizens State Bank, Roby, Texas 17.250% interest due 60 days	2 000 00	
1 Certificate of Deposit No. 13271 6-1-81, First National Bank, Rotan, Texas 15.925 % interest due 60 days	2 000 00	
	4 000 00	4 000 00

GENERAL FUND

1 Certificate of Deposit No. 2349 6-1-81 The Citizens State Bank, Roby, Texas 17.250% interest due 60 days	123 000 00	
1 Certificate of Deposit No. 13271 6-1-81 First National Bank, Rotan, Texas 15.925% interest due 60 days	70 500 00	
	193 500 00	193 500 00

ROAD & BRIDGE PRECINCT #1

1 Certificate of Deposit No. 2349 6-1-81 The Citizens State Bank, Roby, Texas 17.250% interest due 60 days	10 000 00	
1 Certificate of Deposit No. 13271 6-1-81 First National Bank, Rotan, Texas 15.925% interest due 60 days	29 000 00	
	39 000 00	39 000 00

ROAD & BRIDGE PRECINCT #2

1 Certificate of Deposit No. 2349 6-1-81 The Citizens State Bank, Roby, Texas 17.250% interest due 60 days	5 000 00	
1 Certificate of Deposit No. 13271 6-1-81 First National Bank, Rotan, Texas 15.925% interest due 60 days	5 000 00	
	10 000 00	10 000 00

ROAD & BRIDGE PRECINCT #3

1 Certificate of Deposit No.2349 6-1-81 The Citizens State Bank, Roby, Texas 17.250% interest due 60 days	5 000 00	
1 Certificate of Deposit No. 13271 6-1-81 First National Bank, Rotan, Texas 15.925% interest due 60 days	5 000 00	
	10 000 00	10 000 00

ROAD & BRIDGE PRECINCT #4

1 Certificate of Deposit No. 2349 6-1-81 The Citizens State Bank, Roby, Texas 17.250% interest due 60 days	5 000 00	
1 Certificate of Deposit No. 13271 6-1-81 First National Bank, Rotan, Texas 15.925% interest due 60 days	5 000 00	
	10 000 00	10 000 00

	266 500 00

FISHER COUNTY PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND INVESTMENTS

25 Haskell County, Texas Water Improvement District, Waterworks Revenue and unlimited tax bonds 66-90 4½% interest due $5 000.00 each year, 11-1-1986	25 000 00
1 U.S. Bond No. 268D, due 8-15-1992/87 interest 4½% due 2-15 and 8-15 each year	1 000 00
12 Tobasco Independent School District Bonds, Series 1961, No.s 536-547, 4.40% interest due 1-1-1982/76	12 000 00
21 Harris County, Texas Water Control and Improvement District No. 48 Waterworks Revenue Unlimited Tax bonds, series 1961, Nos. 6-40 and No. 48, 5% interest due 4-1-1981, 4-1-1984	21 000 00
1 Certificate of Deposit, The Citizens State Bank, Roby, Texas issued 5-27-76, due 5-27-81, 5½% interest , No. 1075	1 000 00
1 Certificate of Deposit, The Citizens State Bank, Roby, Texas 1-1-79, due 1-1-82, 5½% interest No. 1557	8 266 46
1 Certificate of Deposit date 4-11-80 No. 1912 due 10-11-82 11.75 % annually Citizens State Bank, Roby, Texas	5 000 00
1 Certificate of Deposit No. 1943 date 5-19 10½% due semi annually for 30 months Citizen State Bank, Roby, Texas	3 000 00
1 Certificate of Deposit No. 2306 4-13-81 due 182 days 14.033% Citizens State Bank, Roby, Texas	10 000 00
	86 266 46

FISHER COUNTY BUILDING FUND WARRANT INDEBTEDNESS

	Original Issue	Redeemed Prior Years	Redeemed This Year	Outstanding 6-30-1981
Courthouse Certificates of Obligation	357 000 00	240 000 00	40 000 00	77 000 00
Precinct #1 & Precinct #2 Warrant Indebtedness	84 500 00	-0-	7 500 00	77 000 00

W.A. Cross, Commissioner, Precinct #1

Billy Henderson, Commissioner, Precinct #2

Marshal Bennett, County Judge

Jay Hendon, Commissioner Precinct #3

Jimmy Wright, Commissioner Precinct #4

Notary Public, Fisher County, Texas

Subscribed and sworn to this 13 day of July, 1981