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Many Object To Giant Tax Increase

Most Surveyed Using Local Doctors

EDITOR'S NOTE: Deidra Groves, a staff member of the Rotan Advance -Roby Star Record, contacted and interviewed a total of 26 Fisher County residents and asked their opinion on a total of 6 medical related opinions and questions. This mini-survey was conducted by phone on January 31st and February 6th. We offer our appreciation to those who provided us with their information.

A total of 24 of the 26 Fisher County residents contacted in a mini-survey last week indicated that they used a local (Fisher County) doctor. Most people indicated that the reason for using a local doctor was "convenience". People also cited that they got good service from local doctors and "had always used local doctors."

The one area of the survey that was surprising after the survey was completed was the number of people who responded "no" to Question 3 -"Would you be willing to pay an additional 60% in hospital taxes." Of the 26 polled, 10 said "yes"; 15 said "no" and one "was not sure."

Question 1 - "The hospital is projected to come up some $450,000 short in 1989 of being able to pay all bills - what do you personally think the problem is at the local hospital." That question seemed to draw the widest variety of responses. A summary of answers were: (1) lack of participation by patients, (2) facility not being used enough, (3) better doctors needed, (4) occupancy over projected, (5) need new board with women on it, (6) not enough modern equipment there, have to go elsewhere, (7) doctors charge too much expecting medicare to pay, (8) the hospital personnel are over-staffed, (9) doctors don't stay on the job, (10) more patients needed (11) cuts should be made in lab people, not nursing people, (12) don't raise wages if you don't have money. Finally a good number of people did not respond to questions - 1. citing that they "didn't feel qualified to offer a solution to the problem."

Question 2 - Do you have any suggestions on a possible solution to the financial situation at the local hospital." That question drew a wide response. One person felt the solution was to convert the hospital into an emergency type outlet and another said "collect some of the back debts owed by people to the hospital." Other answers were (1) too many high priced people (2) quit all the spending and convert ambulance force to a volunteer EMS force (3) cut down on indigent care (4) too many high priced people working there (5) cut down number of people working in the lab (6) turn into intermediate care center with government grant (7) quit purchasing unnecessary equipment. Finally, as with question one - a large number indicated that they did not feel qualified to even offer an opinion on a solution.

Question 3 - "Would you be willing to pay an additional 60% in hospital taxes." Ten said yes; 16 said no and one was not sure. Of the people responding "no", most cited fixed income and elderly retired on a fixed income as a reason for not supporting a hike in taxes.

Question 4 - "Do you use a local (Fisher County) doctor? Why or Why not?. 24 said they did use a local doctor, and 2 said they did not. Convenience was the reason most cited for local use.

Question 5 - "Where do you go for care in case of an emergency." 21 said Rotan; 3 cited other locations and 2 said to the Callan Clinic - not the hospital.

Question 6 - "Can we have your permission to use your name in the article we write about the hospital." A total of 16 said "yes"' 10 said "no".

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Ideal Barber Shop
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Per Copy Price Of Newspaper Will Increase To 50 Cents Per Copy

Effective Wednesday, February 15th, the over-the-counter price of the local Rotan Advance - Roby Star Record will increase to 50¢ per copy from the current 35¢ per copy.

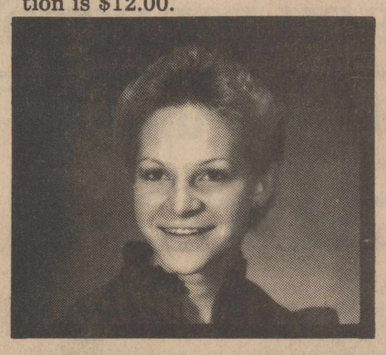
This economic move is being instituted for the purpose of better controlling wasted printing. At the current time, The Newspaper Office is distributing approximately 550 copies per week to various retail locations and convenience stores in Fisher County. Each week a certain number of returns are disposed of by the local paper which adds unnecessary cost to the paper.

"We would like to have all papers mailed to paid subscribers each week - it gives us a better handle on the correct number to print," said Kim Pease, Editor.

To that end the Newspaper Office is increasing the per copy (weekly) price to 50¢, effective February 15th.

"The increase in single copy price does not affect the yearly subscription prices," according to Pease.

Local residents desiring to subscribe by the year can write to: The Newspaper Office, P.O. Drawer A, Rotan, Texas 79546. Cost of a 1-year subscription is $12.00.



Dilana L. Long Gets BBS Degree From Hardin-Simmons Univ.

Dilana L. Long, a Hardin-Simmons University student from Rotan, has completed the requirements for a bachelor of behavioral science degree and will receive a diploma during spring commencement exercises May 6.

HSU does not hold December graduation exercises.

Long is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Long of Rotan.

Greg Worthan Featured Speaker

Annual Chamber Banquet Saturday Night

Greg Wortham of Sweetwater will serve as featured speaker at the Rotan Chamber of Commerce Banquet Saturday, Feb. 11, at 7:00 p.m. at the Rotan High School cafeteria. Wortham is legislative aide to State Sen. Steven A. Carriker (D-Roby).

A delegate to the 1988 Democratic National Convention in Atlanta, Wortham will discuss Fisher County's role in the creation of rural development policy in Texas and across the nation. Wortham led the Fisher County Economic Development Resource Team in November 1987 and the Fisher County Health Care Resource Team in April 1988.

A 1979 honor graduate of Sweetwater High School, Wortham has served as legislative aide to Carriker since August 1986. Before joining Sen. Carriker's staff, Wortham was Main Street Project Manager for the City of Sweetwater for three years. Since 1983 he was active in the effort which resulted in Sweetwater's designation as an All-America City in 1988.

Wortham was a congressional intern in U.S. Congressman Charles W. Stenholm's Washington office in 1980, and in 1985 he was named an Outstanding Young Man of America. He graduated with high honors from Rice University in 1983, and he is an elder in the First Presbyterian Church of Sweetwater.

During college Wortham spent four years as a public relations aide in the National Football League, working for both the Houston Oilers and the New Orleans Saints.

Dr. Thomas Kim, president of McMurry College, announced today that Congressman Charles Stenholm will be on the McMurry campus on Saturday, February 11th, for his annual Town Hall Meeting.

This open meeting will begin at 1:30 PM and continue until 3:30 PM in the Mabee Room of the United Methodist Campus Center. All citizens are urged to attend and meet with our representative in Washington, D.C.

"We appreciate Charlie's desire to have input from all of us. He is available at all times," said Dr. Kim.

Forty-Nine Percent Of County Comm. Road & Bridge Fund Is For Salaries

Forty-nine percent of the total actual money spent in the Fisher County Commissioner "Road And Bridge Fund" during 1987 was spent in the area of salaries and employee benefit items, according to the annual report released last December by Fisher County Outside Auditor Monte R. West of the firm of Anderson & West.

The total actual funds expended from Road & Bridge funds during 1987 amounted to $729,356.00 or $72,309.00 more than the budgeted $657,047.00, according to the report. Of the $729,356.00 spent, $359,669.00 was spent in the area of commissioner salaries, salaries for road crews, insurance, retirement, labor and social security.

After salaries, wages and benefits for commissioners and hired hands amounting to $359,669.00 the next largest item of expense was $92,075.00 paid for the purchase of new equipment by commissioners. A breakdown of the amount spent by each commissioner can be located in the chart accompanying this story.

The four Fisher County Commissioners collectively spent $58,963.00 for gasoline, diesel and oil and grease during 1987. A total of $27,624.00 was spent on gasoline; $30,293.00 on diesel and $1,046.00 on oil and grease. Tires and tubes cost commissioners $12,332.00 while tire repair amounted to $4,843.00 for the year.

Truck and pick-up repairs cost commissioners $35,045.00 while machine repair was $26,117.00. Commissioners spent $27,446.00 on parts and supplies; $24,169.00 for road materials and $17,776.00 for road and bridge supplies for the year.

FISHER COUNTY, TEXAS
ROAD AND BRIDGE FUNDS
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES WITH BUDGET COMPARISON
Year Ended December 31, 1987

	Precinct 1	Precinct 2	Precinct 3	Precinct 4	Total Actual	Budget	Actual (Over) Under Budget
Salaries - commissioners	$ 17,154	$ 17,804	$ 18,116	$ 17,804	$ 70,878	$ 62,478	$ (8,400)
Salaries - other	38,814	47,852	43,992	59,993	190,651	193,296	2,645
Social security	4,179	4,788	4,672	5,708	19,347	19,183	(164)
Hospitalization insurance	4,553	4,801	4,867	6,469	20,690	19,200	(1,490)
Retirement	4,009	4,687	4,439	5,574	18,709	17,904	(805)
Other labor	6,842	12,263	10,815	2,003	31,923	30,000	(1,923)
Travel	2,020	1,500	1,500	2,451	7,471	14,400	6,929
Lights	596	708	227	186	1,717	2,000	283
Gasoline	8,277	7,161	2,925	9,261	27,624	32,000	4,376
Oil and grease	1,018	-	28	-	1,046	10,000	8,954
Diesel	5,491	6,813	8,902	9,087	30,293	26,000	(4,293)
Barn supplies	459	1,010	22	4	1,495	1,000	(495)
Tires and tubes	2,135	4,135	2,202	3,860	12,332	11,000	(1,332)
Road materials	2,134	9,470	7,608	4,957	24,169	14,000	(10,169)
Road and bridge supplies	4,529	3,659	5,612	3,966	17,766	27,500	9,734
Truck and pickup repair	9,163	5,571	5,137	15,174	35,045	20,000	(15,045)
Machinery repair	7,414	4,312	3,009	11,382	26,117	69,443	43,326
Machine hire	7,621	3,391	3,250	4,710	18,972	3,000	(15,972)
Culverts	4,837	768	2,637	844	9,086	10,000	914
Telephone	494	273	477	-	1,244	2,000	756
Tire repair	791	2,143	354	1,555	4,843	2,400	(2,443)
Radios	996	928	872	2,007	4,803	-	(4,803)
Equipment lease	2,700	-	-	-	2,700	8,694	5,994
Batteries	266	982	693	-	1,941	1,000	(941)
Freight	-	15	13	-	28	200	172
Anti-freeze	135	63	225	116	539	500	(39)
Oxygen	108	202	168	-	478	500	22
Water	217	275	92	-	584	600	16
Propane	36	-	106	-	142	2,000	1,858
Natural gas	-	181	23	-	204	350	146
Interest	4,160	4,623	-	7,042	15,825	-	(15,825)
Advertising	7	7	17	-	31	100	69
Linen service	-	-	127	-	127	150	23
Parts and supplies	8,731	8,667	5,610	4,438	27,446	-	(27,446)
Grader blades	-	-	-	-	-	4,000	4,000
Miscellaneous	244	2,146	377	165	2,932	1,558	(1,374)
Machinery	936	936	936	936	3,744	2,000	(1,744)
New equipment	5,175	26,896	59,558	446	92,075	48,291	(43,784)
Concrete	4,233	-	106	-	4,339	300	(4,039)
Total expenditures	$ 160,474	$ 189,030	$ 199,714	$ 180,138	$ 729,356	$ 657,047	$ (72,309)



SOUTH COUNTY LANDMARK: The recent cold spell in Fisher County hasn't phased the enthusiasm of "The Old Lady of the Highway," in south Fisher County-at the Longworth cutoff. She still enthusiastically greets motorists as they pass. This week she is sporting a glove to keep one of her hands from the below freezing weather of late. The tree-stump gets a "new look" every few years. She has been a rough-neck with a hard-hat and lunch pail; has had a coat and cap and has enjoyed season attire for different holidays-compliments of a few concerned local residents. Some 12 years ago Dot Thompson, Sheree Knox and Sharon Justiss began the dressing tradition first outfitting the stump as an old woman then dressing her as an Angel for Christmas. Since then they try to keep the "Old Lady of the Highway" on the fence row of the Freddie Stuart place. Sharla Evans and Shelly Sherwitz also have been known to help in wardrobe planning.

State Capital Highlights

By Lyndell Williams
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

AUSTIN–Some of Gov. Bill Clements' Republican appointees are facing tough times from Democratic senators angry at his exclusion of minorities and women.

But this controversy is lukewarm compared to what some lawmakers want to do to his secretary of state, Jack Rains.

Incensed at what they considered Rains' partisan meddling in November elections in South Texas, three Hispanic lawmakers want his office to no longer oversee elections in Texas.

Alex Moreno, D-Edinburg, Juan Hinojosa, D-McAllen, and Renato Cuellar, D-Weslaco, want to create a three-member elections panel to oversee state elections, saying Rains has taken partisanship to new heights.

Rains, you may remember, ordered election inspectors to take a close look at South Texas boxes, orders he withdrew after Valley officials sued and charged racism.

Campaign Reform Proposed

If Rains backed away then, he's in more deeply than ever now, chairing a campaign reform panel as the governor's man.

The panel seeks to limit the size of campaign contributions for all offices, not just the Supreme Court races which brought the issue to a head amidst allegations of justice for sale.

Rains said the present system is a "daisy chain" which allows ploys of shifting and hiding money and compared it to Columbian drug money tactics.

Contributions made by political action committees give no clues as to the original contributor.

Rains seeks reforms limiting individuals to no more than $5,000 per candidate and no more than $25,000 per election. The PACs could give no more than $10,000 to any candidate.

Senators Rake Loeffler

Rains said only a couple of weeks ago that he would probably run for governor, and a potential Republican opponent, former Congressman Tom Loeffler, isn't being treated any nicer by Democratic senators.

Loeffler was raked over the coals by state senators Carlos Truan, Hector Uribe and Kenneth Armbrister in the confirmation hearing on his appointment as UT regent.

State Sen. Craig Washington, D-Houston, threatened to block Loeffler and two other regent nominees, all white male Republicans, and said he had 15 votes to back up his threat.

He and others want Clements to loosen up and make more minority appointments.

Only time will tell whether these three hostages die politically during negotiations with Clements.

Clean Air Package

Texas Land Commissioner Garry Mauro presented his clean air package to legislators, supported by a host of oil companies, labor unions and environmental groups.

One bill requires the state to convert thousands of state vehicles, school and mass transit buses, and private fleet vehicles to compressed natural gas or other clean-burning fuel.

Supporters say the program saves money while it builds the natural gas industry and increases jobs.

Another bill prohibits burning fuel oil in certain utility and industrial boilers during part of the year in 21 polluted cities.

Insurance Tax Lawsuits

Some senators last week questioned whether Attorney General Jim Mattox is aggressively pursuing insurance tax lawsuits which they say is holding up $730 million in state money.

The state has the money but Comptroller Bob Bullock says lawmakers can't spend it because it is earmarked to pay pending lawsuits.

Senators want to spend it this session, and want Mattox to clear the cases, but Mattox said that may not be the best strategy. He will issue a more detailed report next week.

No School, No Wheels

High school students who drop out might find themselves losing their wheels, if a South Texas legislator's bill is passed.

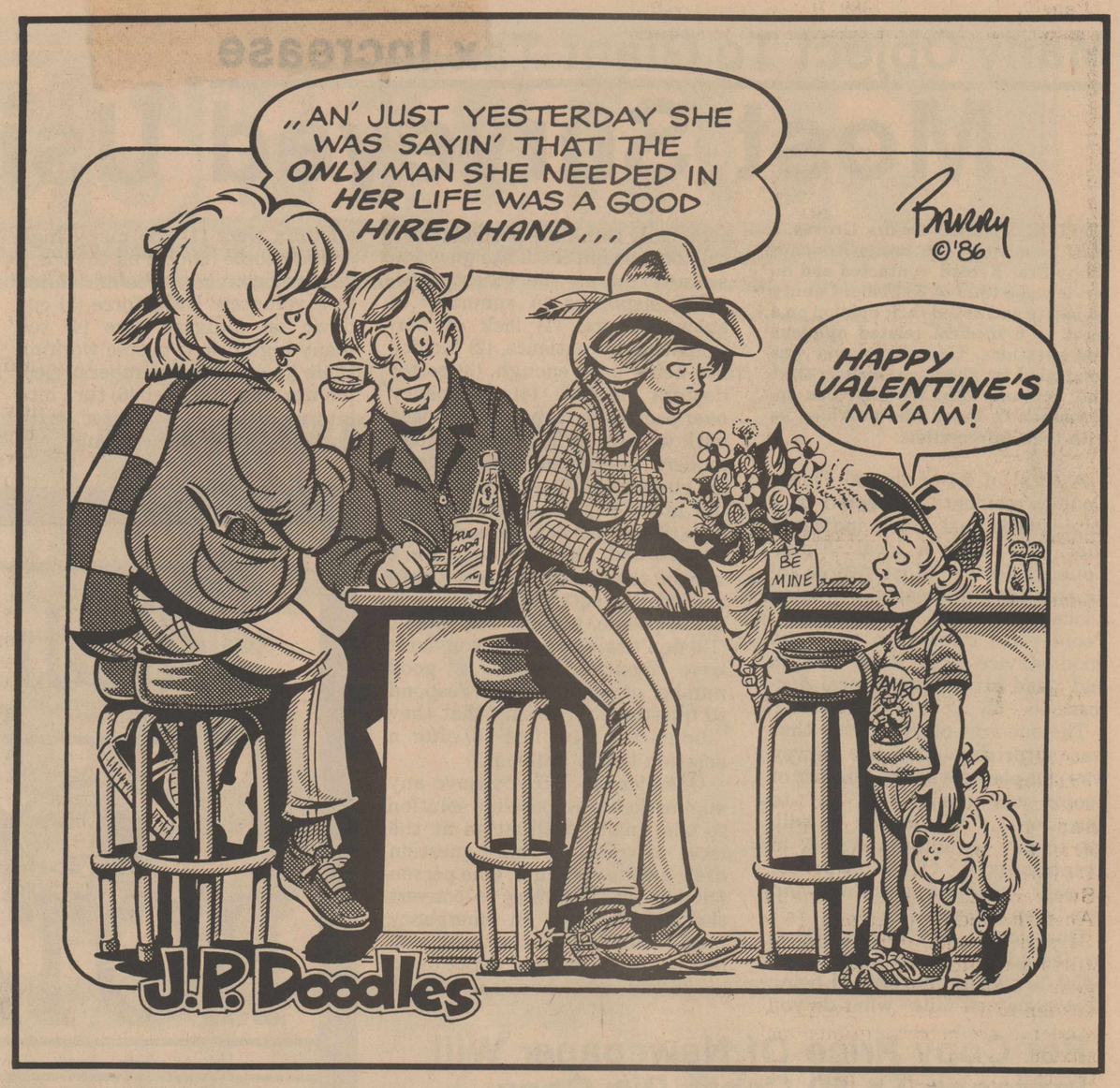
"I don't believe that public relations campaigns alone can effectively discourage students from dropping out," Rep. Eddie Lucio, D-Brownsville, said.

Under his bill, school districts would be required to notify the Texas Department of Public Safety when a student drops out. The student would have his or her driving privileges revoked for up to a year.

Lucio said he expects the bill to be amended to allow exceptions for special cases, such as students who drop out for economic reasons and must drive to work.

Other Highlights

- The comptroller's office seized six tanker trucks owned by a Livingston company for alleged failure to pay diesel fuel taxes.
- Bullock said the Texas economy continues to improve and some 90,000 jobs will probably be created this year. If that occurs, a record 6.7 million Texans will have jobs at year's end.



From Fisher County's Past

From The Newspapers

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO

A ravaging fire of unknown origin caused an estimated $300,000 in damage to approximately 650 bales of cotton as the dock at the Burlington-Northern cotton depot and everything around it went up in smoke last Monday afternoon. The fire was reported at 12:45 p.m. Monday, February 4, and Rotan Volunteer Firemen left the scene at 5:00 p.m., after working for 4 hours fifteen minutes to bring the blaze under control.

Spiraling costs on the agricultural economic scene were re-emphasized in this area when Sweetwater Production Credit Association reported its stockholders borrowed $41.7 million in 1973, $6.3 million more than in 1972.

The Roby Lions girls basketball team clinched the Championship of District 10-B last Friday with a 62-34 verdict over Hobbs. The Lions district record now stands at 11-0 with an overall record of 26-2.

Tom S. Harkey, current superintendent of schools at Loraine, was released from his contract there last week and signed a two-year contract as superintendent at Rotan. The contract was signed in the office of Dr. Jerry Marshall, Rotan School Board secretary last Saturday morning.

Rotan workers collected a total of $675.15 last Thursday as mothers in the area made their annual trek for the March of Dimes.

Once again it's Variety Show time. The theme for the 1974 show will be "Those Happy Days", featuring favorite songs from the '50's. All proceeds will be sent to the WTRC in Abilene. The show is set for March 8 at 7:30 p.m.

TEN YEARS AGO

DeLane Sparks was named both Band Sweetheart and Football Sweetheart while Fred Acorn was named as Football Hero at the annual Rotan High School Football-Band Banquet last Saturday night.

Tammy Gober, a 1978 graduate of Hobbs High School, daughter of Mrs. Maudie Gober has been named to the Dean's List at McMurry in Abilene.

Wesley L. Morrow of Rotan was among the students listed on the B honor roll at Tarleton State University for the 1978 fall semester.

The members of the Fisher County 4-H will host a talent show benefiting the McCaulley 4-H members. The program will be Saturday, February 17, at 7:30 p.m. in the Roby High School auditorium. All proceeds will go to the McCaulley Fund to help fellow 4-H members.

The Rotan Extension Homemaker Association members met in the home of Mrs. Obed Hughes on February 1. The meeting was called to order by the president Dollie Curry.

FIVE YEARS AGO

Wilma Teague, a part time employee in the Roby Post Office, was selected as the winner in a United States Postal Center (Waco) Management Sectional Center slogan contest. Her slogan "Quality is how we strive, to provide our service nationwide," has now been forward to the Regional Postal Center for entry in the Regional Slogan Contest.

Marine Sgt. Reymundo Carreon, son of Frutoso and Maria Carreon of Route 1, Roby, Texas, has reported for duty with 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing, Camp Pendleton, California.

The Fisher County 4-H'ers will be hosting a Valentine Party at the Fisher County Senior Citizens Center, February 13 at 6:00 p.m. All Senior Citizens from Fisher County are invited to come to the banquet. This will be the second annual Valentine banquet in honor of the Fisher County Senior Citizens.

A community square dance will be held at the Community Center in Rotan beginning at 8:00 p.m. on February 11th. Mike Thompson from Abilene will be the caller. The public is invited to attend.

The library will have a fine-free period until February 14th for any overdue books that may be out, no matter how long.

LAST YEAR

Fisher County Commissioner Jimmy Wright joined some 727 other judges and commissioners at the 30th Annual County Judges and Commissioners' Conference at the College Station Hilton January 26-28. The theme of the conference was "Responsible and Responsive County Government Operations: Understanding Administrative Responsibilities of Commissioners Court."

The Roby Volunteer Fire Dept. will distribute food commodities on Saturday, February 13 from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. at the Pink Building in Roby.

The members of the Rotan School Board met last Monday night and unanimously approved the contract extensions of Principals Jim Cain, M.T. Hill, Jr., David Hargrove and Athletic Director and Head Football Coach Weldon Nelms.

The Fisher County Commissioners Court in their Monday morning meeting made available to the Republican Party the Pink Building in Roby for the use of holding their Republican primary. The secretary of the Republican party Mr. Frank Moore was present to request the building.

The Fisher County Youth Chamber of Commerce will be conducting a survey for the Rotan-Roby Retail Trade Commission Trade Task Force. They will be calling citizens of Fisher County the week of February 15th through the 19th. This survey is for the purpose of identifying goods purchased out of the county and why these purchases are not or cannot be purchased in Fisher County.

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FISHER COUNTY CHURCH DIRECTORY

Minister's Column

By: Don Dawes
Minister of Church of Christ, Rotan, Texas

The counselor met the family in the waiting room just down the hall from her room. She wept silently, feeling that time had been shut down and that this was the end. She needed rest, compassion, hope, understanding, and her family.

"Sir, your wife has suffered a nervous breakdown." The words passed over his mind, never touching his thoughts. All he could think about now was his wife. Her pain. Her fears. Her needs.

"You husbands likewise, live with your wives in an understanding way, as with a weaker vessel, since she is a woman; and grant her honor as a fellow heir of the grace of life; so that your prayers may not be hindered." (1 Peter 3:7)

As I write this article my mind is filled with all the men who could read this and all the men who desperately need this. In our world we men have lost something. It is something that every child's eye searches for. It is something that every child's eye searches for. It is something that every hurt longs for. It is something that only God can restore. It is what God is. It is being a husband and it is being a father.

Because you are a male, God has given you the ability to plant seed. Your basket is full of seed for a variety of crops. You can plant a seed and be a parent. You can plant a different seed and start a philosophy. Reach into your sack and you can plant the seeds of the kingdom. You can plant faith, hope, and love. You are a sower.

But a sower needs to be a husband as well. Just planting is easy. Providing for, caring for, sacrificing for is more difficult. Jesus said, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman." A husbandman is the man who trims the dead unfruitful branches of the grape vine. He sees to the needs of the plant. He is concerned with the growth and development of the crop. Christian men must be husbands as well as sowers.

It is the husband that cares about his wife's pain, fears and needs. It is the husband who the child turns to for hope. Men, we need to take our masculinity more seriously. We need to be responsible to our families. Every household needs a head and we have been given that responsibility by God the Father who is the spiritual husbandman. Let's stand and say that "as for me and my household, we will serve the the Lord."

The door opens slowly and makes way for the outstretched arms of her husband. As they embrace, the fears, the loneliness, and the pain subside for the moment. The two who are one will stand by faith in God and by the hand of the husbandman.

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Sunday Evening Bible Study-5:30 P.M.
Worship Service-8:00 P.M.
Wednesday Night Service-7:30 P.M.

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Sunday School-9:45 A.M.
Worship Service-10:45 A.M.
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Worship Service-6:00 P.M.
Wed. Evening Bible Study-7:30 P.M.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Rotan, Texas
REV. STEVE PEACE
735-3471
Sunday School-9:45 A.M.
Worship Service-10:55 A.M.
Church Training-5:00 P.M.
Sunday Evening Worship-6:00 P.M.
Wed., Prayer Meeting-7:00 P.M.

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

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Sylvester, Texas
REV. DON KITCHENS
993-4479
Sunday School-10:00 A.M.
Worship service-11:00 A.M.
Sunday Evening-6:00 P.M.
Wednesday Night Service-7:00 P.M.

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

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

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

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Sunday School-10:00 A.M.
Worship Service-10:45 A.M.
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Sunday School-10:30 A.M.
Worship Service-9:30 A.M.
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On 3rd Wednesday Evenings

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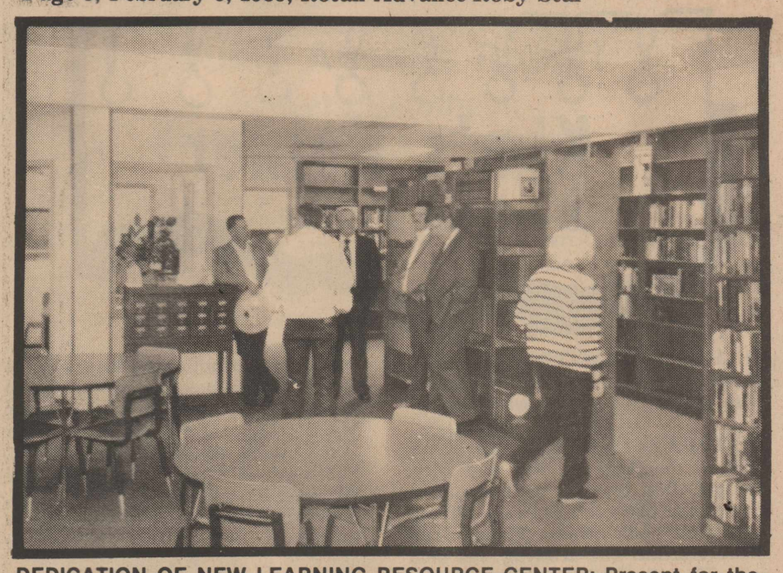
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DEDICATION OF NEW LEARNING RESOURCE CENTER: Present for the dedication of the new Rotan LRC, left to right: Pete Fowler, Jim Cain, Luther Summers, Donnie Gruben, Alton Fields, and Joy Walker.

Bentsen Introduces Legislation To Correct Medicare

Senator Lloyd Bentsen, Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, introduced legislation Tuesday designed to correct an inequity in Medicare reimbursement that threatens the survival of rural hospitals.

Bentsen was joined by Senate Republican Leader Robert Dole in offering the Equity For Rural Hospitals Act of 1989.

"This bill provides urgently needed short-term relief for the escalating problems faced by rural hospitals and long-term structural reforms as well," Bentsen said in remarks accompanying his legislation.

"In 1988, 43 rural hospitals closed across the United States, 19 of those in my home State of Texas. Hospital administrators surveyed recently by Touche Ross suggest that as many as 600 hospitals could close their doors in the next five years."

Bentsen said inequities in Medicare's prospective payment system (PPS), which was inaugurated in 1984, are a big part of the problem. Under PPS, reimbursements to hospitals are no longer based on individual costs but on a system of average costs. In 1987, half the rural hospitals in the U.S. lost money on their Medicare patients.

Because rural hospitals have historically incurred lower average costs than city hospitals, their Medicare payment rates are currently 12-13 percent lower than the payments received by their urban counterparts.

Under the Bentsen bill a new uniform reimbursement will be phased in, beginning in 1991, to insure equity for rural hospitals. During the interim, Medicare will guarantee that rural hospitals with large numbers of elderly patients and 100 beds or less receive reimbursement for their full costs.

The Bentsen bill also creates a special review board to look into complaints by "border" hospitals -- located near cities -- that they are unfairly treated by Medicare; increases funding for the new "transition grant" program which helps rural hospital administrators improve services; expands a demonstration program under which teaching hospitals are encouraged to send resident physicians to rural areas for training; and adds new demonstration programs which encourage students to enter the nursing profession.

"Rural hospitals are the cornerstones of health care delivery systems in their communities. Without them, people residing in small, often isolated areas can be denied vital health care services. This is particularly true for older Americans enrolled in Medicare. The elderly comprise 12 percent of the nation's population as a whole, but 25 percent of the population of rural areas," Bentsen said.

"I encourage my colleagues to join in supporting this effort to give rural hospitals a new lease on life by assuring them of equity under Medicare," Senator Bentsen said.

ASSE International Student Program

ASSE International Student Exchange Programs (ASSE) is seeking local families to host boys and girls from Scandinavia, France, Italy, Spain, Germany, Holland, Great Britain, Switzerland, Japan, Canada, Australia and New Zealand, 15 to 18 years of age, coming to this area for the upcoming high school year. These personable and academically select exchange students are bright, curious, and anxious to learn about this country through living as part of a family, attending high school and sharing their own culture and language with their newly adopted host family.

The students are fluent in English and are sponsored by ASSE, a non-profit, public benefit organization, affiliated with the Swedish and Finnish Departments of Education. ASSE also cooperates with the Canadian Provincial Ministries of Education and is approved by the Australian and New Zealand Departments of Education.

The exchange students arrive from their home country shortly before school begins and return at the end of the school year. Each ASSE student is fully insured, brings his or her own personal spending money and expects to bear his or her share of household responsibilities, as well as being included in normal family activities and lifestyle.

The students are well screened and qualified by ASSE. Families may select the youngster of their choice from extensive student applications, family photos, and biographical essays. Students and families are encouraged to begin corresponding prior to the student's arrival.

ASSE is also seeking local high school students to become ASSE exchange students abroad. Students should be between 15 to 18 years old and interested in living with a host family, attending school, and learning about the lands and people of Scandinavia, France, Spain, Germany, Holland, Britain, Switzerland, Canada, Australia or New Zealand. Students should have a good academic record and desire to experience another culture and language through living with a warm and giving volunteer family.

Academic year and shorter term summer vacation programs are available.

Persons interested in obtaining more information about becoming a host family or becoming a student abroad should contact ASSE's local representative: Sequoyah Reynolds, Box 392, Knox City, TX, 79529 at (817) 658-3945 or call Toll-Free to (800) 333-3802.

Fine Arts Day To Be Held At WTC

The Western Texas College Fine Arts Department invites high school students, parents, counselors and teachers to attend Fine Arts Day on Feb. 18.

Over $12,000 in scholarships will be awarded by the Fine Arts Division for the 1989-90 school year and seniors interested in applying for scholarships can get application forms at Fine Arts Day. The Music and theatre departments will require on-campus auditions for scholarships and the art department requires that students submit a portfolio of their art work. Students may arrange for auditions or arrange to submit art work during Fine Arts Day by making arrangements in advance.

"We realize there are many questions involved in planning a college course of study and we hope we can assist students and those interested in their welfare in making decisions," said John Gibson, Fine Arts Division chairman. "We are planning brief discussions about career opportunities in art, music and theatre and a general overview of the classes offered in the arts department at WTC."

Fine Arts Day will begin with registration from 9-9:30 a.m. in the Fine Arts Building. A general information meeting, campus tour, and presentations by Fine Arts faculty members will follow, ending at noon. Information about Fine Arts Day can be obtained by writing or calling Gibson at 915-573-8511.

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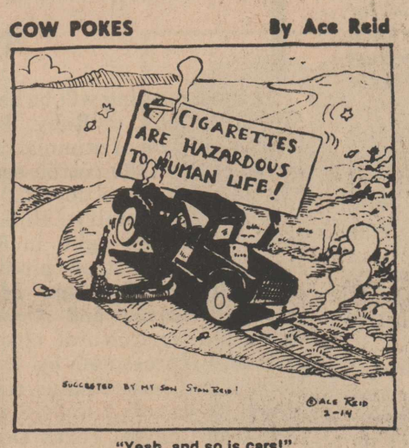


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MEMBERS OF ROBY JUNIOR VARSITY TEAM WITH COACH MCCARTY

Roby Lions Cruise Past Ira And Hermleigh Ranked 7th In State Pursuing The Playoffs

By: Cliff Vlasin

The Roby Lions got an opportunity to take a break from the normal intensity of their basketball schedule last week, cruising past Ira and Hermleigh in their final two home games of the season.

The seventh ranked Lions entertained Ira on Tuesday, pummeling the Bulldogs 94-44 for their 20th win of the year.

This game was a carbon copy of the first match-up between these two teams with Roby hitting the floor running, pulling to a 25-10 lead in the first quarter.

Lions Coach Mickey McCarty used it as an opportunity to work his bench as 11 Lions contributed points.

Seniors Jerry Carreon and Carter Edmondson, despite playing sparingly lead the Roby route 33 and 17 points respectively. The other three starters accounted for twenty-six more points with Rick Onofre pumping in 11, Michael Carrion scoring 9, and David Shipp adding 6.

Jeremy Terry was the top bench scorer with 5. Also scoring for Roby were Craig Maxwell with 4, Jonathan Petty 3, Eddie Onofre 2, Kike Reeves 2 and Jamie Amador 2.

The Lions then followed on Friday with an equally lopsided 91-43 win over the Hermleigh Cardinals.

The fans braved the deep-freeze conditions to attend the game and were treated to an enjoyable evening of basketball. The two teams put on a demonstration of high school athletics as we would all like to see, playing for the sheer enjoyment of the game.

The Cardinals had no delusions of defeating the multi-talented Lions, but that did not stop them from enjoying the competition. For Roby, it was another oppurtunity for McCarty to get all of his players with time on the floor as 12 Lions scored.

Roby also took time to honor its seniors as Joe Paul Barrera, Mike Reeves, Craig Maxwell, David Shipp, Rick Onofre, Jerry Carreon and Carter Edmondson played on the hometown hardwood for the last time.

Edmondson led all scorers with 28 points while Carreon hit 23 and Rick Onofre tipped in 11. Carrion added 6, Petty and Reeves scored 4, Shipp, Eddie Onofre and Johnny DeLosSantos tipped in 3; and Maxwell, Amador and Kenny Heflin each contributed a bucket.

Carreon set the stage for the one-sided victory early, scoring Roby's first 8 points on a pair of 3 point buckets and a layup. The Lions scored 19 points before the Cardinals finally hit their first bucket with only 3:26 left in the first quarter. From that point, the Lions used a variety of combinations with all 13 players seeing plenty of action.

After Friday's finals at Rotan, the Lions will travel to Spur next Tuesday to meet Lorenzo in a warm-up for the playoffs. Lorenzo is 21-7 on the season. Tip off is scheduled for 8:30 in Spur.

County Agent's Column
By Richard Spencer

The last of four short courses designed to help farmers and ranchers use their computers for record keeping and accounting will be held Feb. 22-24 at the Texas State Technical Institute (TSTI) campus in Sweetwater.

The three-day course will be taught by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service with the cooperation of TSTI. It will teach basics of financial statement preparation, double versus single entry accounting, and cash versus accrual financial records.

It will emphasize establishment of a computerized accounting system in a typical farm and ranch situation, processing typical transactions and handling special problems. Part of the program will assist in making computer purchase decisions and evaluating possible accounting software.

Participants will gain hands-on experience with a full featured double entry accounting software package which is commercially available.

Course enrollment will be limited to 15 to insure the opportunity for hands-on computer use and a high staff participant ratio. The $125 fee will cover educational materials, four meals and refreshments.

Persons interested in enrolling should contact their local county extension agent or telephone Dr. Jackie Smith at the Texas A&M University Agricultural Research and Extension Center in Lubbock, (806) 746-6101.

"Sound financial management is essential for business profit and survival on the farm or ranch." Volatile commodity prices and the continuing cost-price squeeze create circumstances which reward correct decisions and penalize poor decisions.

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Texas spends less than $8 per year on each 4-H member. It costs almost $25,000 per year to keep one juvenile delinquent in a Texas training school. Most Texas 4-H'ers excel in some place of the program. 4-H tax dollars are well spent. Research backs up this point.

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Avoid buying grapefruit with a soft and tender peel that breaks easily with finger pressure.

Kim's Korner
By Kim Pease

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY: Remember someone on February 14th with a token of appreciation.

-KK-

CONGRATULATIONS: To Lacy Callan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Callan. She was the recent winner of the $25 cash drawing offered by Family Inn owners Tommy and Reva Harbin. The drawing was held in conjunction with a photography promotion.

-KK-

MAKES PERMANENT MOVE: Dr. Bryan Cave, optometrist, who previously only practiced in Snyder two days a week has made the move to Snyder and will be devoting full-time to work there. He is a native of Rotan and son of Haldean and Norman Cave.

-KK-

TALK TO THE GOVERNOR: Well, maybe not the Governor - but someone from his office. Last month 836 Texans cut through bureaucratic red tape with the innovative Citizens Assistance Hotline in Governor Bill's office. From 8 a.m., to 5 p.m., weekdays, hotline staff members provide information to anyone who calls 1-800-252-9600. The department helps people obtain information or assitance on a variety of topics ranging from obtaining the address of legislators to obtaining a birth certificate.

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SPEAKING OF NUMBERS: If you need assistance in the form of a question answered about income tax - Call 1-800-424-1040 and the Internal Revenue Service will either confuse you or help you. To order forms call 1-800-424-FORM.

-KK-

APPRECIATION DAY: Roby sports fans should consider bestowing some honor or award on Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Vlasin, for the work they have done with Roby athletics during football and basketball season. Cliff Vlasin is a school teacher at Colorado City where he teaches English. He mentioned the other day that he would like to locate in Fisher County to be nearer relatives. Thanks from Roby sports backers for all the good press given the Lions.

-KK-

NO COMMERCIAL: Every once in a while I see a good movie and can't resist the temptation to blab about it. This season it is the Rainman with Dustin Hoffman and Tom Cruise. Although there are a few objectionable parts in the movie, overall, the acting by Hoffman is superior...Best Actor Oscar...type superior. You'll miss a good one if you don't see Rainman.

-KK-

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS: The Fisher County Commissioners meet at 9:00 a.m., Monday, February 13 for their monthly meeting. Roby School Board and Rotan School Board meet Monday night, February 13th; Rotan City Council meeting Tuesday night, February 14th and Fisher County Hospital Board meets Monday night, February 20th. They are all open to the public.

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WILL MAKE RACE: Murray Simmons, Mayor of Roby, announced today that he intends to make the race for a full term as Mayor of Roby. Simmons moved to the Mayor's seat after the death of Carl Matthies.

-KK-

WATER LEAKS: Got a call from Jack Aaron last Monday morning at 1:30 a.m., informing me that a line behind the office had broken and informing me to shut off the hot water heater. Jack said, "I'd rather you get mad at me now (1:30 a.m.) than later when you have to replace that hot water heater. Only in a small town would the Water Superintendent give a hoot...Thanks Jack.

-KK-

ARE WE MAKING PROGRESS: When the residents of Fisher County voted bonds in the amount of $1,750,000 for the construction of the hospital back in 1973 then voted another $190,000 for the construction of the Fisher County Doctor's Clinic back in 1976 - those figures totalled $1,940,000 without interest figured. Last week it was pointed out that the hospital district now owes $1,941,277.00 (interest included) on the bonds. The hospital district is making the same progress that my banker and I are making in paying off the loan on my car.

-KK-

FINALLY: Ol' Whistle Britches from his Shinnery Ridge Ranch at Rough Creek called with these few words of wisdom.

Capital Punishment- The death penalty may not eliminate crime but it stops repeaters.

Kisses- A kiss is what a husband struggled for before marriage and what his wife struggles for after marriage.

Pride- You can't give a man pride, but you can rob him of it.

Discipline- Discipline yourself so others won't have to.

Promises- The promises of God are certain, but they don't all mature in ninety days.

Pleasure- Two vastly underrated pleasures are scratching and sneezing.

Taxes- If our President wants to abolish poverty, he can do it by abolishing the IRS.

Embarrassment- Real embarrassment is when you tell a girl her stockings are wrinkled when she's not wearing any.

Attention Cotton Producers
By Steve Davis

An open meeting will be held on March 9, 1989, in Roby, Texas, for the purpose of stimulating interest in the 1989 cotton season. Meeting time is set for 8:30 a.m. at the Community Building, south of the red light, in Roby. All interested cotton producers are welcome. Sponsors of the meal are Dupont and American Cyanamid agricultural chemical divisions represented by Gerald Hobson and Jesse Rollins, respectively.

Beltran Chavez, Texas Department of Agriculture, will be present to discuss and take questions pertaining to the "Right to Know" Law. Emory Boring, district 3 extension entomologist, and "Al" Alexander, district 3 agronomist, will discuss agronomic problems associated with Rolling Plains cotton production. Steve Davis, county entomologist, will present Pest Management strategies for 1989 and program results for 1988 for the Fisher-Jones-Kent-Stonewall Pest Management Association. Also, beneficial insects in cotton will be discussed.

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"Rural Hospitals Threatened By Financial Problems"

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following article titled "Rural Hospitals Threatened By Financial Problems" was given this editor by a local resident. It appeared in a nationwide medical journal and points out the financial problems facing all rural hospitals in the 1990's.

Washington - Hundreds of rural hospitals may be forced to close over the next few years because of financial pressures that are due in part to Medicare, according to a recent study on rural health care released here by the Senate Special Committee on Aging.

"The findings of this report shock even those most familiar with the rural health care problem," said Sen. John Melcher (D-MT), chairman of the panel on aging. "The report paints a sad, but true picture of the crisis rural America is facing in maintaining quality health care. And it details a crisis that must rank high on the agenda of the 101st Congress when it convenes in January."

Findings of the study include:

Federal Medicare reimbursement policies require rural hospitals to demonstrate that their costs equal those of urban hospitals, rather than requiring urban hospitals to justify higher payments.

More rural hospitals than urban hospitals closed between 1986 and 1987; and as many as 600 hospitals face the prospect of closure over the next few years.

Eighty-three percent of the hospitals that lost money during the first three years of Medicare's prospective payment system were located in rural areas.

The average small rural hospital (with a maximum of 50 beds) lost money on Medicare patients in 1988; 10% of those rural hospitals lost at least 45% on such patients.

Rural primary care facilities were short almost 1,800 doctors in 1988. Estimates indicate that as many as 25% of rural physicians may retire or leave rural medicine within the next five years.

The nationwide nursing shortage is being exacerbated in rural America by an inability to pay bonuses to attract nurses.

The population growth in rural America has decreased while migration to urban areas has increased to its highest point in three decades. This trend causes a declining patient base in rural hospitals.

The elderly, which comprise 12% of the U.S. population, account for more than 25% of the population in rural areas.

The report details additional factors that trigger health crises in rural communities, and includes congressional recommendations for improving such crises.

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Drought Only Part Of The Story

Many Texas farmers and ranchers will remember 1988 as the year of the "big drought." But, more importantly, it was a year of contrasts--one that boasted large doses of both "good and bad."

The drought would have been even more devastating had it not been for reasonably good soil moisture over much of the state at the start of the crop season. Sprase rainfall during the growing season impacted heavily on crop and forage production in many areas, and those dry conditions continued through the year.

As 1988 drew to a close, rainfall deficits were prominent in many locations, particularly in southern, southwestern, central, eastern and coastal regions. Some locations logged amounts of rain that were only 40 to 50 percent of normal. A good example was College Station, which annually receives just over 39 inches of rain. It came up more than 21 inches for 1988.

DROUGHT ONLY PART OF STORY

The drought was only part of Texas' agricultural history in 1988. Strangely enough, while the traditionally high-rainfall areas were suffering, the normally arid areas of western Texas and the plains were having a rare year of surplus rain.

Amarillo, for example, finished the year with about 6 inches more rain than its yearly average. Plainview logged more than 7 inches of above normal rain while Fort Stockton and El Paso had "wet" years with rainfall of about 3 inches above average.

With that kind of scenario for the state, 1988 tested the mettle of most farmers and ranchers. Crop planting got off on schedule in most areas although some farmers waited for rain to plant. In many southern counties, though, those rains never came and crops languished. Some corn and sorghum did not yield enough to pay for harvesting costs, so farmers cut the crops for hay or silage or turned their fields over to cattle to salvage the remnants.

GREEN GRAZING FOR CATTLE

In a few years, withered crops provided the only "greens" grazing that cattle had during the course of the year. Others had to be satisfied with prickly pear once ranchers burned off the thorns. This lack of forage on pastures and ranges in many areas caused sizeable reductions in cattle herds and also limited hay production.

Because of extremely short hay supplies in many counties, the Texas Agricultural Extension Service initiated a weekly report to monitor the volume of "for sale" hay on a county-by-county basis to help hay-deficit producers. Generally, enough hay was produced in Texas to meet demands, but distribution proved to be a major concern. Hay surpluses abounded in many western areas as well as in some north central and northeastern counties.

As far as crop production is concerned, yields as a whole were only slightly off average levels. Of course, averages can be misleading--and certainly were in 1988. Some crops in South Texas yielded next to nothing while bumper yields were the norm over much of western Texas and the plains.

Somewhat higher market prices took some of the pain away from farmers who experienced low yields although cotton prices were down some due to large supplies. Also, participation in government programs provided farmers some security.

Newcomers Perspective

A NEWCOMER'S PERSPECTIVE OF WEST TEXAS
By: Robbie Willhite, Rotan, Texas

I can't tell you a lot about the cold months in West Texas as I have not yet been through a winter here. But someone told me there is nothing between you and the North Pole save a barbed wire fence, and it's broken.

The land and the weather may be hard, but sometimes you must take a second look at things to see the beauty. Like the rolling hills or a lone mesa in the distance. Like a million mud martins living on the cliff of a riverbed. Or canyons you come upon all of a sudden that take your breath away.

The animals here rival those of any zoo. A roadrunner comes to sit on your porch swing and scolds if you haven't filled the dog's water dish so that he can have a drink. Ground squirrels play tag with cars and always have one end sticking straight up every time you see them. Big hawks sit on fenceposts; they stare at you as much as you stare at them, and if you're not careful you will begin to feel decidedly inferior. And the snakes. I have seen more snakes here in the past two months than I have seen in my entire life.

God planted a crop of survivors here. They are rugged, tenacious people who live on horseback, on tractors, and in pickup trucks. They work hard in all kinds of weather and don't get much in return. But these people always have a smile for you. They have a firm hand to shake and always will help you if they can.

You can see many years of hard work and hard weather etched on an oldtimer's face. Yet, when you see one with his boot resting on a fence rail watching a rodeo or looking over a herd of cattle, you know you could never get him to live anywhere else. Nor would he ever willingly end his days in a rocking chair.

Taken from February issue of *Progressive Farmer*

Legal

NOTICE OF SHERIFFS SALE

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF FISHER

By virtue of an Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable 32ND Judicial District Court of Fisher County, on the 6th day of February, 1989 by the Clerk thereof, in the case of

ROBY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT VS. ARNOLD R. KRAKOWER; Cause 4246 and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell, at 10:00 a.m. on the 7th day of March, 1989 which is the first Tuesday of said month, at the NORTH door of the Courthouse of said Fisher County, in the City of Roby, Texas, the following described property, to wit:

Tract I: Being all that certain .062500 Mineral Interest in the Dozier/Frank White Oil, Gas and Mineral Lease No. 1050 in Block 35, James Leggett's Subdivision of the A. J. Long Pasture out of Bastrop County School Lands, Leagues 322 and 323, Fisher County, Texas, and being more particularly described in that certain Mineral Deed of record in Volume 173, Page 28 of the Deed Records of Fisher County, Texas, including all revenues and proceeds attributable to said property which have accrued and which have been taxed by Roby Independent School District, Fisher County and Fisher County Hospital District in Fisher County, Texas, upon which said accrued taxes and tax sale are based.

Tract II: Being all that certain .0625000 Mineral Interest in the Dozier/Frank White Oil, Gas and Mineral Lease No. 1050 in Block 35, James Leggett's Subdivision of the A. J. Long Pasture out of Bastrop County School Lands, Leagues 322 and 323, Fisher County, Texas, and being more particularly described in that certain Mineral Deed of record in Volume 206, Page 523 of the Deed Records of Fisher County, Texas, including all revenues and proceeds attributable to said property which have accrued and which have been taxed by Roby Independent School District, Fisher County and Fisher County Hospital District in Fisher County, Texas, upon which said accrued taxes and tax sale are based.

Levied on the 6th day of February, 1989 as the property of ARNOLD R. KRAKOWER, if living; KATHLEEN WINSOR PORTER, if living;

to satisfy a judgment amounting to $681.48 with interest from the 16th day of December, 1988 at 10 per cent, per annum, and all costs of suit in favor of ROBY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL.

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Mickey A. Counts
SHERIFF FISHER COUNTY, TEXAS
1:3tc

Weekly School Schedule Disrupted

The weekly school schedule in Fisher County was disrupted earlier this week with the school closing for "gas curtailment", but Superintendents Alton Fields at Rotan and Jimmie Laurie at Roby are attempting to work-out some contingency plans for school.

One area already worked-out was the schedule to make up the cancelled basketball games from Monday and Tuesday. The junior high schedule will be played on Thursday and the Tuesday high school schedule will be played on Friday, February 10th.



Hammer Happenings

By Donna Turnbow

It was a busy Saturday last week. The Math/Science team traveled to Westbrook for a Math/Science meet. All of those who went placed. Randel Clawson was first in Science; Jeff Cave placed fifth in Science. They participated at 12th grade level. Candi Hayes placed 1st in Science and 4th in Calculator and Ester Guerra placed 2nd in Science. They participated in 11th grade level.

The Math/Science team brought home 1st place over all in Science.

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Yeah! Both girls and boys basketball teams are in the playoffs. GOOD JOB!!

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Yuck! It's time for the Freshmen to take the TEAMS test. TEAMS test will be taken this week.

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Keep looking for more Hammer Happenings to come.

Big Country Tumblers Participate In Tumbling Meet Held In Jayton

The Big Country Tumblers recently participated in the Tumbling meet in Jayton.

Placing from Roby were: Keshia Stidham - 1st place in the 6-7 2A girls; Mychal Carrillo - 1st place in the 2-3 1B boys; Jacob Dickson - 2nd place in the 4-5 1B boys.

Also competing from Hamlin were: Mandi Morrow - 2nd; Louri Rodgers - 2nd; Ria Frye - 3rd; Misty Morrow - 3rd; Nakia Barnett - 4th.

Their next competition will be March 4th in Rotan. This will be the District meet in which competitors qualify for State to be hosted in Abilene in May.

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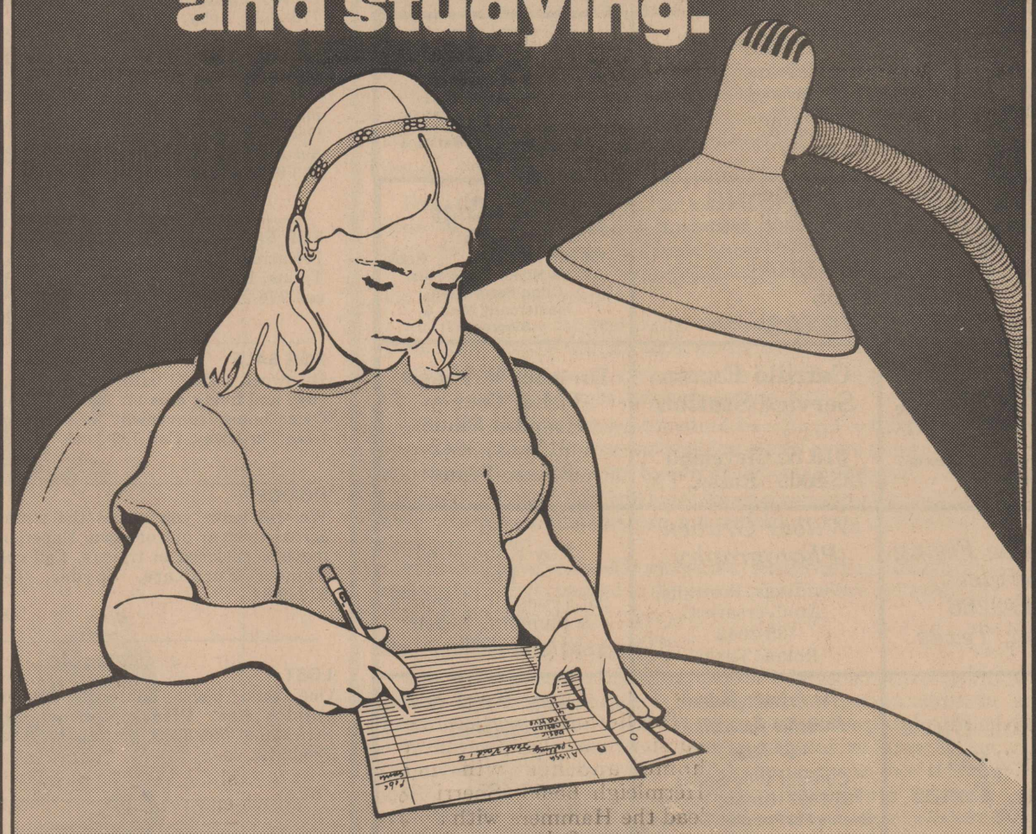
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Tax Planning
By Gerald Rodgers CPA



HOW TO CUT YOUR TAXES

There have been three new tax laws in the past three years. So don't be surprised if you find yourself wondering what deductions and credits are still available to cut your taxes. Use this checklist of deductions, credits and elections to review some often overlooked tax-cutters you can still use (though some have limits).

*** Your job - You can deduct job hunting, travel and telephone expenses, employment agency fees, job counseling fees, resume preparation costs, union or professional association dues, special clothing worn on the job, small tools used at work, professional journals, job skill improvement classes including travel to them, and job-related moving expenses. You can also get a credit for child care expenses while you work or go to school.**

*** Your home - You can deduct mortgage points on a new home loan, expenses of a home office (strict limits), a home safe for storing investment assets, and home improvements done for medical reasons to the extent home value isn't increased. You can also defer the tax on a home sale when you replace it at equal or greater value, and you may be able to exclude tax on $125,000 of gain in a home sale if you're 55 or older.**

*** Your retirement - Don't miss IRA or Keogh plan contribution deductions if you qualify. Don't miss the deadline for electing the exemption from the new 15% penalty tax on excess distributions from your retirement plan. The election is available to individuals who had $562,500 or more in a retirement plan on August 1, 1986. The deadline for the election is the due date of your 1988 tax return.**

IRS studies show that one in ten taxpayers overpays his or her taxes. Don't be one of them. See your tax advisor for assistance.

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

The overall appearance of wheat has improved since the late January rains. Amounts ranged from .5 to 1.75 inches in the five county area. All was welcome with most folks wishing for more.

Wheat still may look yellow or light green due to the dry weather this winter, but should improve greatly if rain is plentiful this spring. The wind we have experienced in the last week hasn't helped at all.

Winter weeds are plentiful in most wheat fields. Most are members of the "mustard" family and are very easy to control with herbicides while in the small stages. MCPA and 2-4-D are very effective in low rates at this stage. The larger weeds (in two to three weeks) may be harder to control with high rates of herbicides, if they can be controlled at all. Grain fields should be seriously scouted for weed presence and density. An average of one tansymustard plant/sq. ft. may reduce yields by as much as 15-20%. Before using herbicides, be sure to read the label to get optimum performance from the chemical. Wheat needs to be treated prior to jointing or a multiplicity of problems may occur.

Wheat fields scouted in the Ft. Phantom, Potosi, Ericksdahl, Avoca, Old Glory, Aspermont and Swenson areas on January 31 and February 1 had very little, if any greenbug numbers and no Russian Wheat Aphids were found.

Fields examined in Kent County on February 1 with Pete Flores, County Extension Agent, did contain Russian Wheat Aphids. These aphids were winged which indicates a population explosion or migration into the field. "Mummies" or parasitized aphids were found which indicates beneficial aphid parasites had been present at one time. Cold weather this past weekend will or should eliminate beneficials and will have little, if any, effect upon aphids. Fields that were checked with grazing cattle had very few aphids even though signs were evident of past feeding.

It looks as though we could have a good wheat year after all if "Mother Nature" smiles on us. However, without effective scouting practices for insects and weeds, nothing will be gained.

Rotan Chamber Seeking Memberships

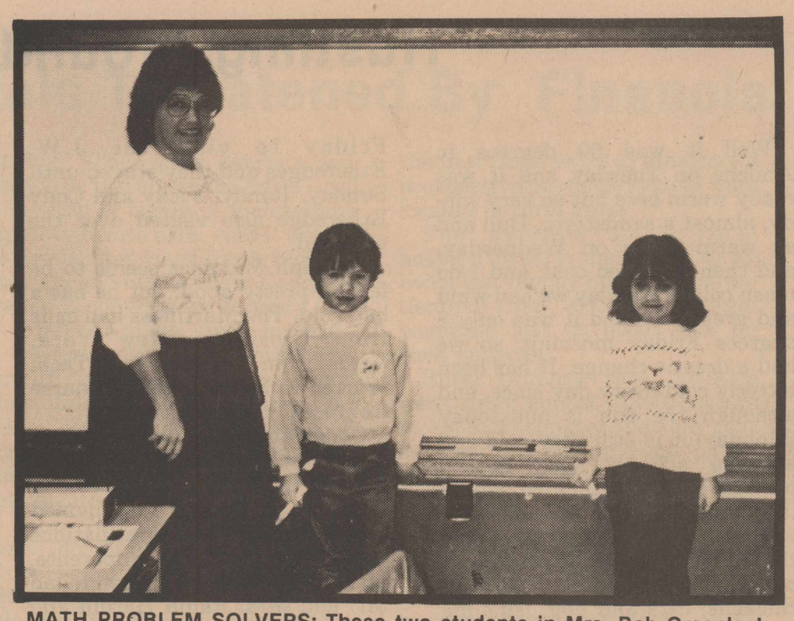
The Rotan Chamber of Commerce is still actively seeking memberships for 1989 in order to fund planned projects for the new year. Memberships are: $25.00 (individual) or $50.00 (small business) or $100.00 (large business). Mail check to Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 275, Rotan, TX 79546 or deliver to the Black Investments office.

In addition to those published last week, the directors are proud to announce the following recent memberships: Rheta Thomson Beauty Shop, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Merrell, Video Village, Dr. and Mrs. Bennie LeBleu, United Cable Service, White's True Value, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Webb, Dr. and Mrs. Maurice Callan, Rotan Housing Authority, and Southern Styling.

Do Rotan a favor and join the Chamber! With your support, the directors can continue its scholarship program, maintain all completed projects, and fulfill future goals for the community - A Genuine Texas Town!!

Rotan Varisty Girls Defeat Hermleigh

The Rotan Yellowhammer girls varsity basketball squad brought home another win beating Hermleigh 65-53. Sherri Conner lead the Hammers with a total of 17 points. Others scoring were: Shanna Bennett 4, Shannon Boone 4, Terri Johnson 12, Lucy Stinson 14, Lynette McQueen 4, Denise Powell 10 and team member Shawna Speck.



MATH PROBLEM SOLVERS: These two students in Mrs. Bob Greenlee's class at Hobbs turned out to be math problem solvers as they practice their math on the blackboard and are taught by Mrs. Greenlee. The students are Brandon Byerly and Emily Yanez.

Tickets For "The Troll And The Elephant Prince" On Sale At Anson Opera House

Tickets for "The Troll and the Elephant Prince" are on sale now at the Anson Opera House.

The play will be presented at 7 p.m., Friday, Feb. 17, by Hardin-Simmons University's Department of Theatre.

Reserved seating tickets are available in advance at $4 for adults and $2 for children ages 12 and under. All tickets at the door will be $5.

The Opera House lobby will be open 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. weekdays for ticket sales. Contact Virginia Linley, 823-2226, or Mercy Torres, 823-3648, after 5 p.m. for more information. Tickets also can be purchased by sending check or money order to Opera House Tickets, c/o Anson City Hall, 1202 Commercial, Anson, TX 79501. Indicate the number of child or adult tickets desired.

Advance purchase is advised, as seating in the renovated theatre is limited. Tickets sold out early for the Opera House Christmas production, allowing no gate sales.

The HSU play is part of the "sneak preview" series at the Opera House leading up to the grand opening, date to be announced later. The next event will be a performance by country-western musicians, 7-10 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 25.

"The Troll and the Elephant Prince" is directed by Lisa Ribble, HSU graduate assistant. The play was staged in Abilene last week and is traveling to Anson by special arrangement with Ms. Ribble and Dr. Patricia McAdams, chairman of the HSU Department of Theatre.

Fisher County 4-H'ers To Participate In Houston Livestock Show Feb. 16 Thru March 5

Twenty-one 4-H members from Fisher County will be joining other 4-H and FFA members from throughout the state for showring competition at the upcoming Houston Livestock Show, Feb. 16 through March 5 at the Astrohall.

These 4-H and FFA exhibitors compete in one or two divisions of the Houston Livestock Show - the junior show division. The other division, the open show, attracts its exhibitors from the world's agricultural industry in the form of professional breeders and ranchers.

Entries in both the open and junior shows combine with horse show entries to make the Houston Livestock Show the world's largest.

Showing in the Market Steer Division will be David Shipp, David Bond, Jerry Carreon, Shana Clift, Anita Floyd, Billy Floyd, Carissa Kiser, Rodney Matthies, Bryce Moore and Coby Moore of Roby; Cody Smith, Johnny Smith, Tim Bob Smith and Ryan Jeffrey of McCaulley; and Lane Landes of Rotan.

Exhibitors in the Market Swine Division will be Timothy Moore, Shawna Speck, Billy Wayne Speck, and Jessica Moore of Rotan; and Joey Teague of Roby.

Showing in the Beef Heifers Division will be David Shipp, Joey Teague and Carissa Kiser of Roby and Makala Herron of Sylvester.

In the Beef Scramble competition will be David Shipp and Joey Teague of Roby.

Representing 817 Texas 4-H clubs and FFA chapters, the junior show is expected to exceed 12,000 entries this year. A variety of animals are shown in the junior show division: market steers, market swine, market sheep, market poultry, beef and dairy heifers, breeding sheep, goats, commercial steers and breeding rabbits.

The four market animal categories represent animals raised by the exhibitor as food sources. Top animals in each of these categories are eligible for their individual market auctions. Total money paid in 1988 at the four junior show auctions exceeded $4 million.

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Theatre On The Brazos Holds Monthly Meeting, February 2nd

The Theatre on the Brazos members met Thursday, February 2nd for their monthly meeting.

Memberships are due and can be paid to Jaye Neice Clements. Anyone interested in joining of supporting the theatre may contact Jaye Neice. After the meeting, parts were assigned for the upcoming play. If you are interested in helping with the play, see Gerald Guest or Joe Dickson. The next monthly meeting will be March 2nd at the Rotan Community Center. Play rehearsals are on Mondays and Thursdays at the Community Center at 7:00 p.m.

News From Down South
By Bertha Warren

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Mable Warren had talked to Leta Jones at Kermit this week and everyone up that way was doing fine.

I had a long conversation with Betty (Kidd) Monday and they were all excited about their upcoming family reunion they have every year in August at a different location. This year it will be in Oklahoma hosted by Margie Flint and family. Everyone is busy making crafts to take with them. She will let us know the place and all the neat things Margie has planned for them later.

Alma Blythe along with Jimmy and Verl Bennett and Val Earl spent a part of the cold weekend visiting and playing 42.

Erna Lee Jones had a letter from Calvin and Ginger Jones in Virginia and Calvin had had an infection and took some penicillin and had a very bad reaction to it. As he is allergic to Benaderyl he had to rely on lotion to help with the rash caused by the reaction. Ginger has been sick with the flu. Hope both of them are feeling better by now. They had been to Washington to visit the Vietnam war memorial. They were both amazed and moved by the five ft. one half mile wall. They found the name of one of our own Fisher County soldier Calvin D. Maberry son of Norma Maberry of Sylvester and brother of Mike of Sweetwater. They took pictures of his name and sent it to Erna Lee and she in turn gave them to the Maberrys. It was very thoughtful of them and appreciated by the family.

Congratulations are in order for Melissa C. Hodges of Snyder as she was selected Outstanding High School Student of America. Melissa is the daughter of Camille Fisher of Snyder and Jerry Hodges, and granddaughter of Carrol and Lena Hodges all of the Claytonville Community. Another granddaughter of the Hodges from Lubbock, Rachel Hodges visited with them over the weekend. Bobby and Frances Morgan celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary Sunday dining out in Abilene. None of their children were able to come home for the event although they all called to send their love and wishing them many, many more.

I know I am not always thankful for small favors - but last Thursday night I was greatful for the caboose or the end of the train. I was returning home from work around eight thirty and it was very cold and so dark it was like being in a vacuum when I saw the red lights of the rail road crossing and knew I had to stop. There's something about being on a country road waiting for a train to pass that's kind of scary, so I reached over and pushed down the button to lock all the doors. Now - when it's cold, the door locks sometimes, makes a popping noise like they are being unlocked, well three things happened at the very same time, the door lock popped. I hit the gas, went across the tracks and the caboose passed by. I don't know in what order these things happened, but know I'm thankful it was the end of the train.

Everyone's staying pretty close to home during this cold weather, so not much news this week. Call and let us know what's going on in your world.

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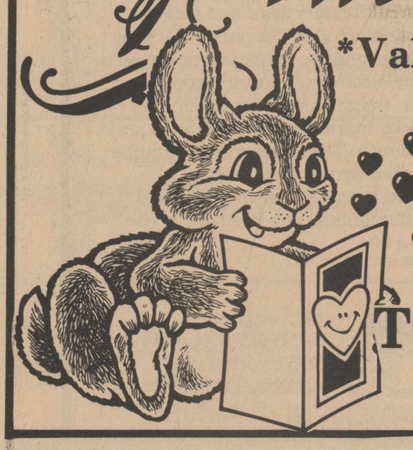
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To Dr. Bennie LeBleu, Dr. C.M. Callan, their staff, the hospital staff and nurses, and the ambulance personnel for the many kindnesses extended to Jimmie during her illness. We would also like to thank Bro. Steve Peace, Donnie Harbers, Kay Kennedy, Floyd Garcia, Mac and Doug Weathersbee for the beautiful memorial service.

For the many kind expressions of sympathy, for your prayers, the food, memorials and flowers, to help during our time of sorrow, we thank you. May God Bless and keep you.

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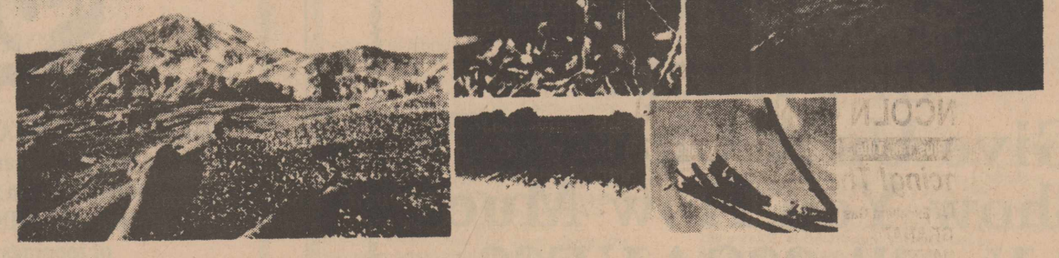


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ORGANIZERS AND MEMBERS OF FISHER COUNTY CRAFT CO-OP: The above ladies of Fisher County are the organizers and members of the Fisher County Craft Co-op Store now located on W. Hwy. 180 across from the office of the City Hall in Roby. Left to right are: Robbie Wilheit, Aubry Nell Cauble, Bobbie McKinney and Tempie West.

Members Of The Fisher County Craft Co-op Hold Meeting

Members of the Fisher County Craft Coop met recently to make decisions which would affect the coop in the new year.

The Coop has moved to a rock building one and one half blocks west of the traffic light in Roby. Members also decided to continue keeping the Craft Coop open after the new year begins. This is to learn if it will prove to be successful year round rather than seasonal, as had been publicized during the Christmas season.

The Craft Coop was organized by the Recreation and Tourism Committee with Rev. Alvin Petty chairman. This committee is a part of the all volunteer countywide Economic Development Commission organized in 1987. Anyone in Fisher County desiring to become a member of the Coop should contact Tempie West, Aubrey Nell Cauble or a member of the Coop, to get an agreement to sign and learn more about requirements. If you do any type of arts or crafts that you would like to market you are welcome to join.

Everyone is invited to come by and see what is going on with this group. You will likely be surprised at the talent Fisher County residents have.

Rotan Extension Homemakers Club Meets In The Home Of Oma Long

The Rotan Extension Homemakers Club met in the home of Oma Long February 2, with Bobbie McKinney as cohostess. Twelve members were present and two guests, Betty Kiker and Beth Dannheim.

Bobbie McKinney called the meeting to order. Wanda Floyd called the roll and gave a financial report. A short business meeting followed.

Beth Dannheim brought a very interesting program on stretching your wardrobe with scarves, and illustrated many ways, about forty ways to perk up you and your wardrobe. She had some of the ladies modeling the scarves.

After the program refreshments were served followed by fellowship. Those present were Bobbie McKinney, Hazel Hudnall, Beatrice Hargrove, Gaynell Henry, Effie Murphree, Nell Park, Wanda Floyd, Betty Sanders, Hilda Rollins, Oma Long, Eda Bickerstaff and Ardell Floyd. Charles Dannheim will be the guest speaker at the next meeting in the home of Oma Long on February 16.

Yellowhammer Booster Club To Meet Feb. 9th

The Yellowhammer Booster Club will hold a meeting on Thursday evening, February 9th at 7:00 p.m. at the TI-IN room at the High School.

The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss finances and plan the upcoming All-Sports Banquet. Everyone is urged to attend.

Annual Senior Citizen Valentine Banquet February 13th

The Annual Senior Citizen 4-H Valentine Banquet will be Monday, February 13 at 6:00 p.m. at the Fisher County Senior Citizen Center. All Senior Citizens in Fisher County are invited. The 4-H Jr. Leaders will present the program and the 4-H Club members will bring the following: Jr. leaders & Adult Leaders -- Meat Dish; 3rd, 4th, & 5th graders Rotan & Roby -- Vegetables; 6th, 7th, & 8th Rotan -- Salads; 6th, 7th, & 8th Roby -- Desserts.

Melissa C. Hodges Outstanding High School Student

Outstanding High School Students of America is pleased to announce Melissa C. Hodges has been selected as a new member because of outstanding merit and accomplishment as an American high school student. Melissa is the grandchild of Mr. and Mrs. Carrol Hodges, Sweetwater, TX. Melissa is a student at Snyder High School.

Childrens Movie Time To Be Held February 11th

Childrens movie time will be this Saturday, Feb. 11 from 2:00 -4:30 p.m. at the Courthouse Annex in Roby.

Admission will be $1 per child which includes movie and refreshments. All children in the county are welcome to attend.

Hustling Around Hobbs

By Joy Walker

Well it was 80 degrees in Abilene on Tuesday and it was really warm here but so very windy, almost a sandstorm. Dull and so warm again on Wednesday, and then it turned cold, and I do mean cold. Thursday we had wind and grey skies and it was only 8 degrees Friday morning, so we had a drastic change. It has been bitterly cold every day since, and although the sun is out today (Monday) it is still very cold and all the schools were closed because of the weather. Hopefully it is going to warm up before the weekend. I like cold weather, but this is a little on the extreme, and carrying warm water to the chickens, cats and dog, isn't my favorite thing to do when it's so cold. It was Ground Hog Day on the 2nd and I sure don't think he saw his shadow here as it was dull and overcast all day. It's just a myth really, and although they said he saw his shadow in Pennsylvania where the little creature is supposed to come out of hibernation, and if he sees his shadow, he decides that Spring is still another six weeks away, and crawls back to sleep for another 6 weeks. Maybe they will have another 6 weeks of winter and we won't, although by the way things are going old Punxsutawney Phil knew what it was all about, and after all we are going to have 6 more weeks of winter, although I hope it's not going to be as bad as it was Saturday and Sunday, when the wind chill factor was 20 below.

Tuesday's air crash of the KC 135 Stratotanker in Abilene touched so many lives; 19 crew members and passengers went up in the tanker and none survived the devastating fiery crash. Our thoughts must ultimately turn to how lucky it was that no one on the ground was injured; the crash of a loaded fuel tanker in a populated area would have been even more catastrophic. Most of the people on board were from K I Sawyer Air Force Base at Marquette on Michigan's upper peninsula. We reach out to the folks in Marquette and Sawyer and hope they know they do not grieve alone.

Mr. and Mrs. David Etheredge and Dustin from Levelland came Friday to visit the J.W. Etheredges and they stayed until Sunday. Randy, Vicky and Cody Etheredge also visited over the weekend.

Rudolph Martinez seems to be feeling pretty good, but he has a bad cold. The Martinezs had calls from Gloria in New York, Veronica in Houston and Tachi Warren in Snyder, and of course from lots of their friends.

Congratulations to Mark and Lisa Nowlin who are the proud parents of a baby boy, born in Lubbock on Friday. They named him Pecos Cole. Congratulations also to the proud grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Nowlin and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hardin and Mr. and Mrs. Ed (Francene) Evans and to Mrs. Bea Hardin, who is one of the great grandmothers. Mrs. Jim Noles of Marble Falls and Mrs. Hughes of Roby are also the great grandmothers. Bea Hardin went to Sweetwater on Monday with Lisa Nowlin, and Kennith and Wes Hardin visited with Bea on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Artie Boydstun from Peacock spent Tuesday afternoon with the Frank Boydstuns. Artie is Frank's brother. Frank is feeling pretty good and we hope that he will continue to improve. Mr. and Mrs. Don Cave from Farmington, New Mexico, and Kenneth and Michael Cave from Sundown, and Kenneth's daughter, Stevie, who is also from Farmington, came to the J.C. Caves Thursday evening and they all stayed until Saturday. So they all had a good visit.

Jim Ratliff, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Ratliff, flew to Lexington, Kentucky, Friday night and he played with the Dallas Maverick Wheel Chair Basketball team there; they won two games and lost two. They flew home on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Anderson have been to see their son and his family, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Anderson, they live in Tenaha, Texas. They left on January 26th and returned home February 1st.

While there they saw their grandson, Joe, who is a sophomore and 6 ft. 4 inches tall, play in two basketball games Friday and Tuesday nights. They also visited with a former preacher from Hobbs who now live in Fort Worth, Wanda and Edgar Rivera and Wanda's mother, who is from Florida. Wanda and Edgar have a new baby boy, born January 14th and they sent out the cutest announcements I have ever seen. The announcement says "Just a line to let you know that I am doing just fine. Mother was so concerned over my arrival today at 11:45 a.m. that she lost 6 lbs. 9 ozs. Consequently we stayed at the hospital for a few days, but I have her home now and she is feeling much better. Love, Joshua Luis Rivera. P.S. Daddy is feeling fine too." Isn't that cute? Edgar started a Mission (sponsored by Anglo and Mexican churches) with just 5 families and it has grown to over 50 members now. Our prayers are with Edgar and Wanda and the new baby Joshua, as they go about the Lord's work.

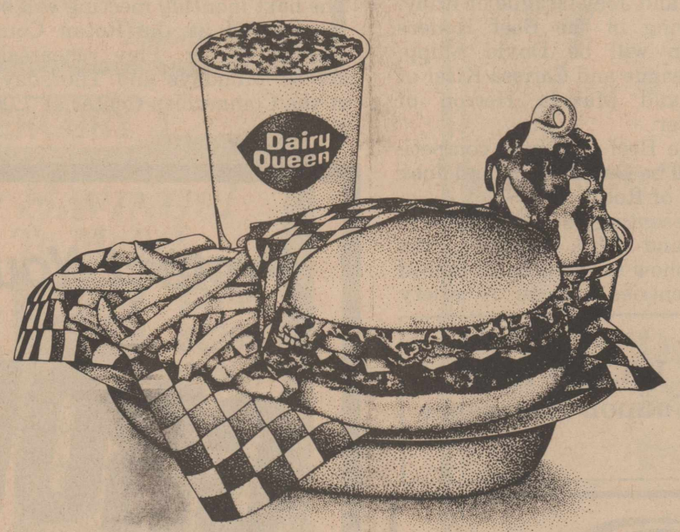
I went to Sweetwater on Saturday with Mrs. Wilber Gruben and we visited with Becky Baer at the apartment and with Evette Gruben who was working at the new Merle Norman shop in Sweetwater. Saturday was their opening day, and although it was so cold, they had a number of customers.

Lots of kids will be pleased about the schools closing, but they will have to make up those days, and it will probably be on a lovely day and a Saturday at that.

The weatherman has just announced that we will have 42 degrees Friday so that will seem like summer. I wonder how many burst pipes there will be after the thaw sets in. I hope not many. Have a happy Valentine's Day. See you next Thursday.

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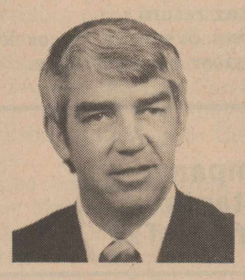
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So let's talk about "Texas First" and how it impacts you, your friends, your community, your state — and your telephone company.

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Texas has a lot going for it. Good roads, good people, plenty of space, and a quality of life that is the envy of most other states.

These are the assets that also attract new industry and create new jobs. But there is another ingredient — a new "must" for economic development — and it's state-of-the-art telecommunications. It's the ribcage in our infrastructure that often separates the "have's" from the "have-nots."

In years past, the difference between old and new telecommunications technology weren't all that significant. Calls went through either way. Expectations were a lot simpler.

Today's needs are more high tech. We depend much more on getting and sending information, at faster and faster speeds. In fact, almost half of all the "traffic" that flows over our telephone network is data and computer talk. And it's not just happening in our metro cities. It's going on everywhere — well, almost everywhere.

Southwestern Bell Telephone in Texas has plowed millions of investment dollars into new telecommunications technology over the last decade. The new technology is focused in our major metropolitan areas — and for Texas, that's not good enough. We won't be satisfied — and our customers and regulators won't be satisfied — until all Texas communities, large and small, metro or remote, have access to advanced telecommunications technology. Other states are moving full steam ahead to modernize their networks, like California and Florida — Texas' two toughest rivals for economic growth.

Thus, "Texas First" was born.

From the start, we knew we had to come up with a proposal that made sense for the communities we serve in competing for new jobs, made sense for our customers, and made sense — economically — for us.

Under our "Texas First" proposal, Southwestern Bell has proposed the following five elements:

- Replace over a five-year period older switching facilities in some 190 Texas communities with the most modern digital technology available.
- Phase out four-party service over the same five-year period, and eliminate mileage charges outside base rate areas.
- Provide some 21 "fringe" communities adjacent to the state's four largest metro cities with an optional "expanded metro service" that would eliminate toll charges to their neighboring metro city.
- Reduce charges paid by long distance companies to access our local networks, so that they can, in turn, reduce long distance rates to their customers.
- Freeze for five years all business and residence basic local rates — rates that haven't changed in five years, rates that are well below the national average.

So, what's the catch?

Why is Southwestern Bell willing to do all this modernization and rural service upgrade, reduce rates to the long distance carriers, and still freeze local rates for five years? What's in it for the telephone company?

We have presented our "Texas First" proposal to the Public Utility Commission as something we can do for the economic good of Texas and Texans. In return, we must have a more flexible "range" of permissible earnings — 11 to 13% on investment — that will allow us to take the risks described above — and be rewarded for those risks if they pay off.

Currently, the PUC places a ceiling on earnings. This means if you're getting close to that ceiling level, the incentive isn't there to further invest in technology that could trim costs or provide new revenue sources for the company for fear of bumping over the "allowed" level. In that scenario, there is little reason to take investment risks that could bring "information age" services to the "have-nots" of the world.

We have proposed a "share-the-success" formula that would return half of our earnings above the 13% level directly to our customers in the form of credits, with the remaining earnings retained by Southwestern Bell that could be plowed back into the business to provide new products and new services. "Texas First" does not contain any "share of the loss" — the risk is ours.

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In future "Let's Talk" commentaries, we will further examine the need for regulatory change and its relationship on our ability to carry out our "Texas First" plan, and to provide high-quality, multi-optional telecommunications services you and all Texans want and deserve.

In short, with "Texas First," Southwestern Bell Telephone is willing to incur great financial risks, if given the chance to reap some rewards. We're betting that we can improve the Texas economy, improve the quality of telephone service statewide, freeze basic rates, lower toll rates, and still improve our earnings by marketing new products and services. We're betting that the economy in Texas will grow — thanks in some part to "Texas First" — and that we will grow with it.

We think "Texas First" is a good investment for us and for Texas. We'd be interested in knowing your thoughts. If you have any comments or questions, please drop me a line.

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County Agent's Report

By Beth Dannheim
Extension Home Economist

Microwave Clothes Dryer--Soon you the consumer will be able to microwave your clothes dry. Startup Micro Dry, Inc. has designed a machine that dries clothes with the same energy that millions of Americans use to cook foods quickly. The company claims the machine will dry clothes 30 percent faster than a traditional dryer. The microwave dries the cloth from the inside out. Traditional dryers dry from the outside in. Not only will the new appliance use up to 40 percent less energy, but it will also prevent wrinkles and shrinkage.

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Put some spark in your life! Join in and experience Spring Fling for four exciting days at the Texas 4-H Center on Lake Brownwood. An Extension sponsored affair for mature adults 55 and over, Spring Fling offers educational and recreational activities along with fellowship and entertainment you will relive until next year. Great sophistication in food, comfortable living facilities and a qualified, professional staff await your arrival. Take advantage of this stimulating opportunity. Call me, today for details at 776-2171.

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You know th cycle of losing a few pounds, then gaining them back. You probably hate dieting: it's stressful and it's not very successful. If losing weight has meant that you've been eating non-nutrition foods, taking diet pills, or not eating enough food, then you've been doing yourself more harm than good.

There is no magic formula for losing weight. Though there are over 25,000 diet books, programs, medicines, and gimmicks on the market, "fad diets" are not safe over a long period of time. A sensible approach to weight control has three elements: 1., reducing your calories; 2., increasing your energy output (exercise); and 3., making certain changes in lifestyle. It's a program that works. It's easier on both you and your family than any "fad diet" plan, and your weight loss can be maintained--for the rest of your life.

The Extension Home Economics Committee is implementating this sensible weight control program in Rotan. Fit For Life will be conducted each Tuesday night beginning February 14 at 5:30 at the Rotan Community Center. I will teach sessions in reducing your calories and developing an exercise program and Bobbie McKinney and Betty Sanders will conduct the weekly exercise. All women are invited to wear your warm-ups and join us for weight control. Because this series is a building process, one weeks education builds upon the other, persons can enroll only February 14 and February 21. For more information call me at 776-2171.

Rotan Nursing Center

We would like to invite everyone to our Valentine's party Feb. 14 at 6:30. We would like to invite everyone to stay for family council after the party. The nursing home is helping with the Arthritis Telethon. Beverly Enterprise is giving away a 1989 Oldsmobile Cutlass Ciera Brougham, donations are $1.00 per ticket and can be bought from employees of the home.

We have not had many visitors this past week. Most people are staying in with the weather being so cold. Visitors were Hazel Neves of Roscoe visiting Foy Neves. Odie Thomason visited Mr. Finch and Minnie Zimmerman. Sandra Powell visited Willie Garrett and Pearl Price. Nina Soliz visited Dottie Reid. We had several visitors that come by regularly to visit that came. Maurine Mitchell is in the hospital and we hope she will be back with us soon. Jewell Willingham is back from the hospital again and doing better.

Lora Cleveland

Roby Lions And Lady Lions To Begin Warming For Playoffs

The Roby Lions and Lady Lions will begin warming up for the playoffs with a Tuesday night game in Spur.

Both teams will play Lorenzo. The girls game is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m., immediately following a game between Spur and Munday.

The Lorenzo girls are currently 19-9 and in second place in their district after a tough 55-54 loss to Whiteface last Friday.

The Lions are to meet a 21-7 Lorenzo team currently undefeated in district play. The boys game is scheduled to start at 8:30.

Both Roby teams must first defeat their cross-county rivals from Rotan, however.

A Rotan win in either game would force a playoff Tuesday night for the District 25A championship.

Rotan Boys Defeat Ira Squad 73-57

The Rotan Yellowhammer varsity boys basketball team beat Ira last Friday night with a final score of 73-57. Jorge Montoya lead the Hammers to their victory with a total of 22 points. Others scoring for the Hammers include: Lane Landes 6, Billy Wayne Speck 12, Willard Roddy 14, Joe Huitt 17, and Mike Garcia 2. Other team members include Aaron Porter, Chirs Kennedy and Brian Sheehan.

Roby Lady Lions Defeat Ira And Have A Forfeit From Hermleigh

By: Sandra Vlasin

The Roby Lady Lions virtually had the week off with an easy defeat of the Ira Lady Bulldogs, 74-29, and a forfeit from Hermleigh.

In the Ira game, the core of the Roby offense again was made up of the trio, senior Carol Kirby, sophomore Shana Feagan, and freshman Lorissa Edmondson.

Kirby led all scorers with 17 points, followed closely by Edmondson with 16, and Feagan with 13. Also scoring for Roby were Stephanee Frierson and Kathi Mize with six; Shari Heflin with five; Myra Hohon adding four; Belinda Williams contributing three; and Martha Goodrum and Autumn Shelley with two each.

Despite the fact that the Lady Lions could have used the work, coach Jon Curry found some positives in the week's lack of activity.

"(The Ira game) gave us a chance to look at some different combinations again to get some idea of what we're looking at for next year," he said.

Although the Lady Lions may not have been tested much by Hermleigh, the forfeit may also prove to be beneficial.

"We had a bunch of them sick with the flu and it gave us a chance to get healthy," said Curry.

The playoff picture is cloudy at press time, but here are some possibilities.

If the Lady Lions defeat the Lady Hammers Friday night, they will meet the District 26-A runnerup, currently Highland, in a bi-district game, next week.

A Lady Hammer win would mean the two teams will meet for a one-game playoff to determine the District 25-A champion.

The Lady Lions are scheduled to meet Lorenzo in Spur on Tuesday, February 14. This game, however, would be superceded by a Roby-Rotan playoff, if necessary.

Got it???????

Fisher County 4-H'ers In Fort Worth Show

Fisher County 4-H'ers placed 7 steers and 2 barrows at the Ft. Worth Show held last week.

Ryan Jeffrey won 2 Exotic Cross classes. He was the winner of class 5 and class 12.

Johnny Smith placed 10th in the lightweight Angus class. David Bond placed 4th in the middleweight Angus class. Coby Moore placed 7th in the heavyweight Angus class.

Bryce Moore placed 18th in the heavyweight Hereford class.

Shana Clift placed 12th in class 7 of the Exotic classes while Cody Smith placed 18th in the class 8 of the Exotics.

This whole group of steers were bred in Fisher County. 4 steers were sold in the premium sale from $1 to $2.10 a pound.

Jeremy Terry placed 9th in the heavy Berkshire barrow class and 6th in the middle Poland class.

Fisher County 4-H'ers will travel to San Antonio this week for their show.

Rotan Girls Defeat Ira Girls 52-31

The Rotan girls varsity basketball team stomped Ira last Friday night with a final score of 52-31. Leading the Hammers with 17 points was Denise Powell. Others scoring were Lucy Stinson 12, Sherri Conner 8, Terri Johnson 7, Shannon Boone 4, Shanna Bennett 3, Shawna Speck 1, and team member Lynette McQueen.



TAUGHT BY COMPUTER: Chassity Tankersley, watches intently as the computer shows what it can do in the classroom.

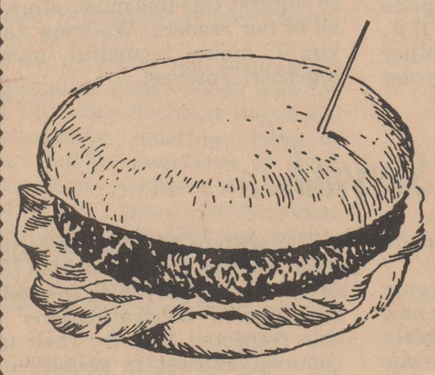
Rotan Lions Club Moves Annual Pancake Supper To February 10th

The Rotan Lions Club has moved the annual pancake supper from last Tuesday night to Friday night, February 10th at the Rotan School Cafeteria.

All the pancakes, bacon, sausage, coffee and milk for $3.00 adults and $2.00 children.

The proceeds from the pancake supper will go to the Crippled Children's Camp in Kerrville and to the Eye Bank in Lubbock.

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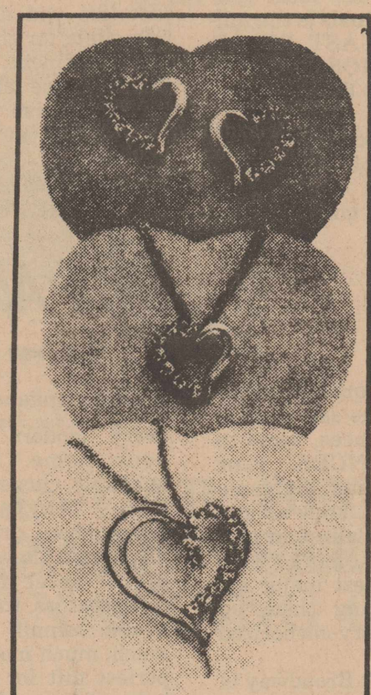
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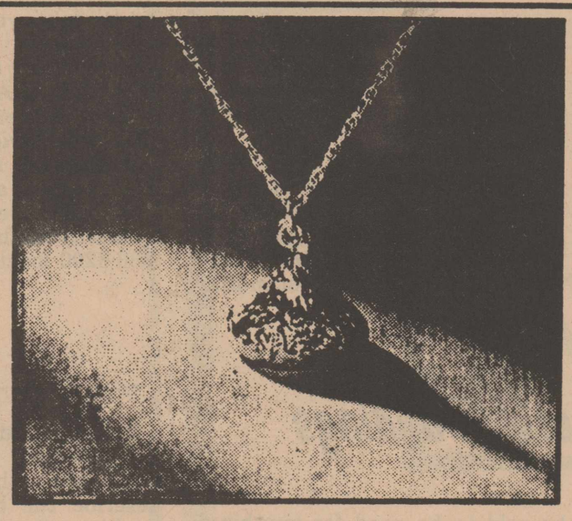
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Sonic Drive-In

America's Favorite Drive-In
Tim Miller-Owner/Manager

You could just stop in for a quick soft drink, but HAPPY EATING and GOOD TIMES are the bywords of the SONIC DRIVE-IN in Sweetwater. They're located at 1225 E. Broadway, so when you're in a hurry, just stop by for a delicious meal at a surprisingly low price. They feature several combinations of their mouth watering extra-large hamburgers and cheeseburgers, and are glad to fix them in any combination you prefer.

Nothing is cooked ahead of time to get cold or soggy at the SONIC DRIVE-IN, so you are assured of the freshest, hottest meal in town.

Be sure to order some of their WORLD FAMOUS onion rings, prepared daily in their own spotless kitchen, or their golden-brown french fries. For a delightful variation, try their fantastic extra-long coneys with fresh chili and if you like, cheese.

Top off your meal with one of their fine dairy desserts, triple-thick shakes, sundaes, or ice cream in a cup.

All this, along with soft drink to round out your dinner or after movie snack will prove to you, as we the editors already know, that you will always enjoy HAPPY EATING at the SONIC DRIVE-IN.

For even faster service, call ahead phone 235-9042. Your order will be ready to carry-out when you get there.

Caldwell Music Company Inc.

Gary DeShazo-Owner
Gil DeShazo-Manager

The leading music shop in the area just has to be the CALDWELL MUSIC COMPANY INC.! Here you can find everything you need for any type of music.

Located at 221 Grape in Abilene, phone 677-2471, this quality-minded store features all types of band and orchestra instruments including brass, woodwinds, strings, percussion and others. Brand names are featured of course, and there's even a rental/purchase plan for the beginning student.

Electric and acoustic guitars, keyboards and bass guitars are on display here with an amazing selection of units in all price ranges. Amps, speakers, P.A. systems, drum sets and other equipment for the modern group is likewise shown in great abundance.

Many other services are also offered by this "quality minded" music store.

The writers of this 1989 New Year Business Review are proud to suggest this fine music store to all of our readers. We know that you'll make beautiful music together! Forever!

Williams Plumbing Service

The personal service plumber. That's what they call WILLIAMS PLUMBING SERVICE! This is one firm where the personal touch is not forgotten and the customers appreciate it!

Located on West Alabama in Sweetwater, phone 235-1826, this well known firm specializes in all phases of plumbing repair and installation.

From a simple drain unclogging to a complex installation to a new hot water heater to a complete remodeling or addition, this is one company which will work with you, to insure that the work is done to your satisfaction.

The writers of this 1989 New Year Business Review would like to take this opportunity to extend our sincere congratulations to this respected firm for their uncommon interest in people. It's refreshing to find a company which knows that the customer must come first. WILLIAMS PLUMBING SERVICE truly does!!!

East Ridge Veterinary Hospital

Jerod Peek-D.V.M.

Taking care of the local resident's pets and animals is the full-time job of the EAST RIDGE VETERINARY HOSPITAL in Sweetwater at 2110 E. Broadway, phone 235-4812.

This clinic provides treatment for the disorders of all types of animals, large and small. From the time they're born, YOUR animals need regular attention just like you do. Take them to this clinic for their shots and for any treatment necessary when they become ill or are injured. They'll receive professional care every time at this veterinary hospital.

You can leave your animals at this facility for treatment if necessary and they offer bathing and dipping with complete boarding facilities available for your pets. Trust them to take professional care of YOUR animals!

The writers of this 1989 New Year Business Review are pleased to be able to recommend this veterinary clinic to all of our readers.

Bill's Appliances

Bill & Terrye Sellers-Owners

When you want quality, value and service after the sale in electric and gas appliances, come to BILL'S APPLIANCES, your Maytag, Amana and Sylvania dealer. This well known and respected firm specializes in providing their customers with nothing but the finest major appliances and backing them up with their own factory-authorized service department.

Located at 113 W. Broadway in Sweetwater, phone 235-4349, this leading appliance center features every modern convenience for your home. With financing available, choose from gas or electric Maytag ranges, dishwashers, dryers, washers and disposals. They also have a complete selection of Amana refrigerators, freezers, microwave ovens, small appliances and much, much more. You'll find the perfect gift for that very special lady who spends so much of her time in the kitchen, too! For your entertainment pleasures, BILL'S APPLIANCES carries a fine selection of stereos, VCR's and Sylvania T.V.'s, with the option of rent to own on all appliances they sell.

In compiling this 1989 Business Review of leading businesses in the area, we, the writers, are proud to be able to recommend BILL'S APPLIANCES.

A-1 Auto Parts

When the people of Sweetwater area need used auto parts, they usually head straight for the A-1 AUTO PARTS at W. IH 20, phone 235-2420. Here they can be assured of getting the part they need and something that's unusual these days: courteous service and low prices!

With acres of wrecks in their yard, this prominent firm has been serving the area with the best used and new parts and a thorough knowledge of the automotive industry. More often than not, the part you want is easily located, and, once installed, will yield years and years of practical service.

The A-1 AUTO PARTS also offers 24 hours towing as an additional service to the area's motorists, with full repair and mechanic on duty. If your car is damaged beyond repair, they'll buy it for cash.

The writers of this 1989 Business Review suggest that all of our readers do something for the ecology as well as their pocketbooks and buy "recycled" parts from this outstanding wrecking yard.

Steve Mahaffey Construction-Metal Buildings

Steve Mahaffey-Owner

STEVE MAHAFFEY CONSTRUCTION, located on FM 419 N. (3 miles north) of Sweetwater, phone 235-2868 are authorized dealers and erectors of quality metal buildings. They offer the most modern answer to building construction in the last century. These metal buildings give you economy with versatility. They can construct a building of permanence in any length or width you desire without changing construction or building detail.

It can truly be said that STEVE MAHAFFEY'S metal building is "America's best building buy." They are non-combustible, wind resistant, provide economical storage space for crops, machinery, vehicles, bulk, box and stacked goods. It might be said to be good for anything that has to be housed. And don't forget the greater savings in insurance rates.

The writers of this 1989 New Year Business Review highly recommend this concern and their products to all our readers because of our knowledge of their ethical business practice, quality and fine workmanship they offer.

Charles L. Burnett

Dirt & Paving Contractor

The CHARLES L. BURNETT DIRT & PAVING CONTRACTOR, located at 1100 W. Broadway in Sweetwater, phone 235-5321, are contractors for all types of asphalt paving, including driveways, streets, etc.

When you have paving laid, you want it to be durable and last for years. There is a great deal of skill required to lay paving properly and when you contract with this well thought of contractor to do any work you can be assured of an expert job and only the best in materials.

If you have a dirt driveway or parking lot that is always muddy when it rains, and hard to get in and out of, call them for an estimate to have it laid with paving that will last. They will complete their contract in the shortest time possible and you need not be inconvenienced in having to wait a long time in getting your work done.

In this 1989 Business Review, we, the editors, take great pleasure in highly recommending the CHARLES L. BURNETT DIRT & PAVING CONTRACTOR to all our readers. When you need a first class paving contractor, be sure to call this reputable contractor!

Steve Mahaffey Construction

Steve Mahaffey-Owner

When you need qualified work on a new well site, an existing well that needs completing or an old one which requires a workover...call in the pros! STEVE MAHAFFEY CONSTRUCTION specializes in all types of oil well service including new wells, workovers and completions. Call them first, whenever you want the absolute best service that's available.

Dependable well service is always available 24 hours a day from this well known concern. Their crews and equipment are ready to go throughout the year, so you never need to wait when there's oil to find. Phone 235-2868 or drop by their offices on FM 419 N. (3 miles north) of Sweetwater to discuss YOUR needs with the professionals! They offer shop and oilfield welding, backhoe work, 15 ft. crane, roust-about truck, vacuum truck and fabricating shop.

The writers of this 1989 New Year Business Review are pleased to be able to recommend this outstanding contractor and we feel that YOUR oil projects will go a lot smoother with STEVE MAHAFFEY CONSTRUCTION on the job!

Renfro's Muffler Shop

Billy Renfro-Owner

When it comes to quality, many leading automobile experts recommend RENFRO'S MUFFLER SHOP for all muffler and shock absorber needs.

With complete shop facilities located at 1310 E. Broadway Ave. in Sweetwater, phone 235-9864, this reliable concern has been serving motorists for many years. They feature mufflers, shocks and all types of exhaust systems.

Why pay for inferior quality when the best costs no more? At this professional shop, your new muffler can be installed quickly, professionally and economically, because RENFRO'S MUFFLER SHOP has the proper tools and know-how to do a top notch job.

Tail pipes, exhaust systems and headers are all featured here and this reliable shop will also recommend an exhaust system which will allow your car to run smoother and more economically.

In compiling a profile of leading business firms throughout this area, we, the writers of this 1989 New Year Business Review, feel that it would not be complete without prominent mention of this firm.

Stanley Morris Engineering & Survey

If you're like most land owners, you may have some questions regarding just where your property line ends and your neighbor's begins. Many times, an accurate determination is necessary in order for you to build a fence or begin any type of new construction on your property. You may need the services of an experienced surveying firm such as STANLEY MORRIS ENGINEERING & SURVEY.

Located at 907-D E. Broadway in Sweetwater, phone 235-8616, this is a professional surveying company and they specialize in service to the individual land holder. Whether it's merely a property line determination or a detailed map of your land for legal purposes, this is the firm to consult. They don't try to give you a brief course in engineering terminology...they just do the best job for you in the shortest possible time AND at the least expense.

The editors of this 1989 New Year Business Review would like to commend this reliable surveying firm for their honest and straightforward service dedicated to the people of this area.

Joe Liners Women's Shoes & Apparel

Smart Apparel & Accessories

The lady of today is a selective creature...accustomed to living their own life...in their own way. They want to feel and look their best at all times, and their choice of apparel reflects their mood and lifestyle. Maybe that's why discriminating ladies in this area go to JOE LINERS WOMEN'S SHOES & APPAREL at 213 Oak in Sweetwater, phone 235-2535, for quality shoes and clothing that "speak their language!"

This is one store where the lady of today can find footwear and clothing which measures up to their high standard of quality. The management of this fine shop realizes that the latest styles, a perfect fit, and outstanding good looks are the things that ladies want in apparel and...the price is right! No wonder that more and more of the area's community leaders are making JOE LINERS WOMEN'S SHOES & APPAREL their "personal store!"

The editors of this 1989 New Year Business Review urge ALL fashion-conscious ladies to shop this distinctive store for all of their clothing needs!

Sweetwater Ready-Mix

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SWEETWATER READY-MIX, located at 105 W. 12th in Sweetwater, phone 236-6200, offers you prompt and dependable service in ready mixed concrete.

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The best of service is provided the public of this community. No matter whether you have a large or small amount of concrete work to be done, you will find it more convenient and far more economical to use SWEETWATER READY-MIX.

The writers of this 1989 Business Review wish to say that this firm has more than justified its existence, as its service in this field has proven to be an essential necessity to this community. Call 236-6200 for details.

Becker & Becker General Contractor

Ken & Mark Becker-Owners

Got a BIG Construction job? In the Sweetwater area, there's one good outfit to call and we're talking about the BECKER & BECKER GENERAL CONTRACTOR: the "big job" contractors!

Located at 1113 Lamar St., phone 235-1435 or after 5:00 and weekends, 235-4239, this is one construction company with the skill, equipment and men to get the job done right! Years of experience and many outstanding completions serve as their first recommendations. They will be proud to show you their referral list of satisfied customers.

Just give them a call and their trained estimator will be happy to submit that 'low' bid that you've been looking for! This company's reputation rides on every job they undertake and they strive to complete YOUR project to your satisfaction!

The editors of this 1989 New Year's Business Review suggest that you don't plan ANY new construction without checking with the BECKER & BECKER GENERAL CONTRACTOR.

Remember: There's no job too large or too small.

Burns-Hutson Auctioneers

Do you have a surplus of merchandise, equipment and machinery that you would like to sell? Call the BURNS-HUTSON AUCTIONEERS, one of the area's best known auctioneer firms and have your entire stock liquidated in a professional (and profitable!) manner.

Located at 1806 E. Broadway in Sweetwater, phone 235-9639, these respected auctioneers WILL get a fair price for all of your goods. Many people in this area have had the pleasure of attending an auction held by these reputable men and they know that both the buyer and seller will be well represented.

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Estates, antiques, cars, machinery and most anything else can be sold quickly and efficiently when you have these bonded auctioneers conduct the sale. The writers of this 1989 Business Review remind you that everyone likes to go to an auction held by BURNS-HUTSON AUCTIONEERS!

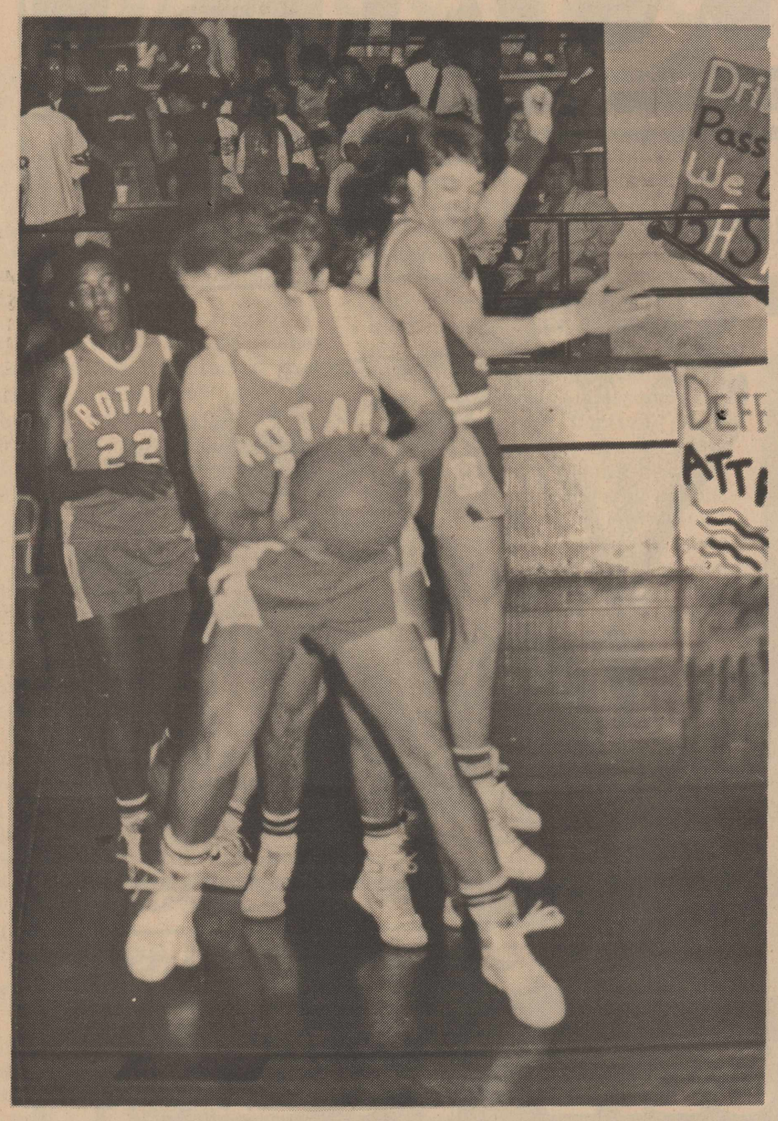
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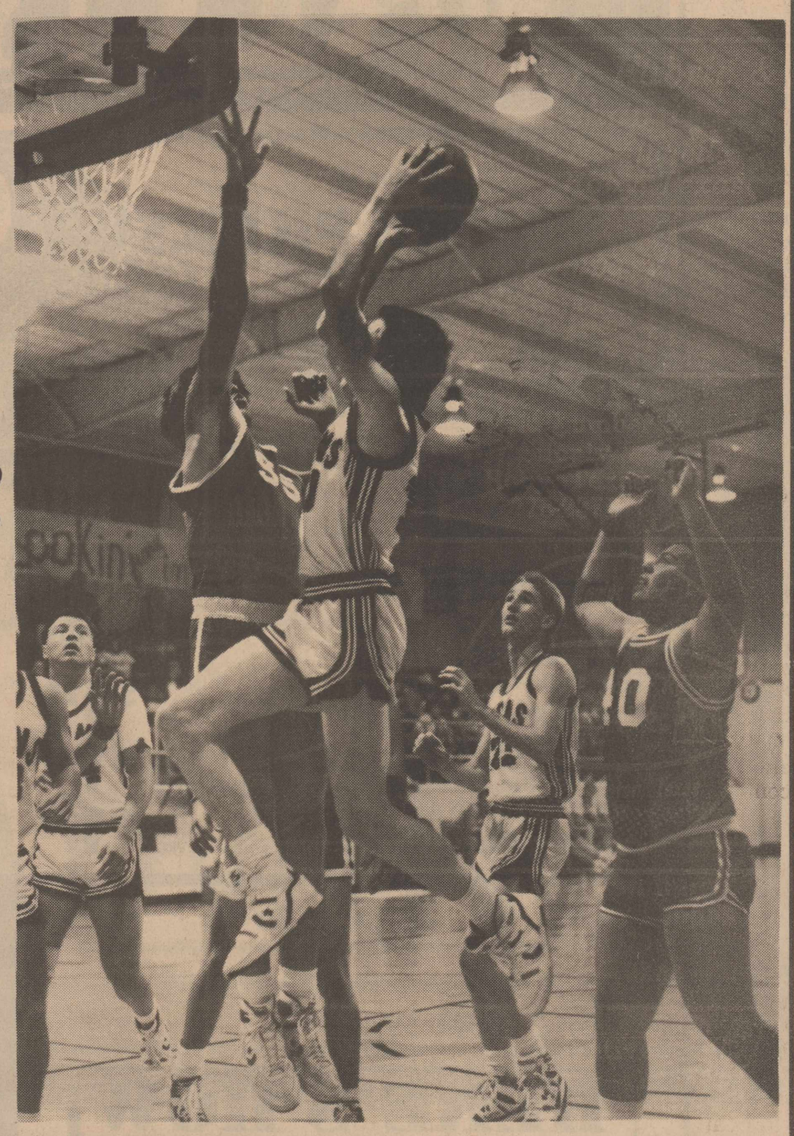
We, the writers of this 1989 Business Review, give our highest commendation to the AMERICAN STATE BANK at 3610 College Ave., in Snyder, phone 573-4041. We urge all local residents to place their trust in this leading financial center.



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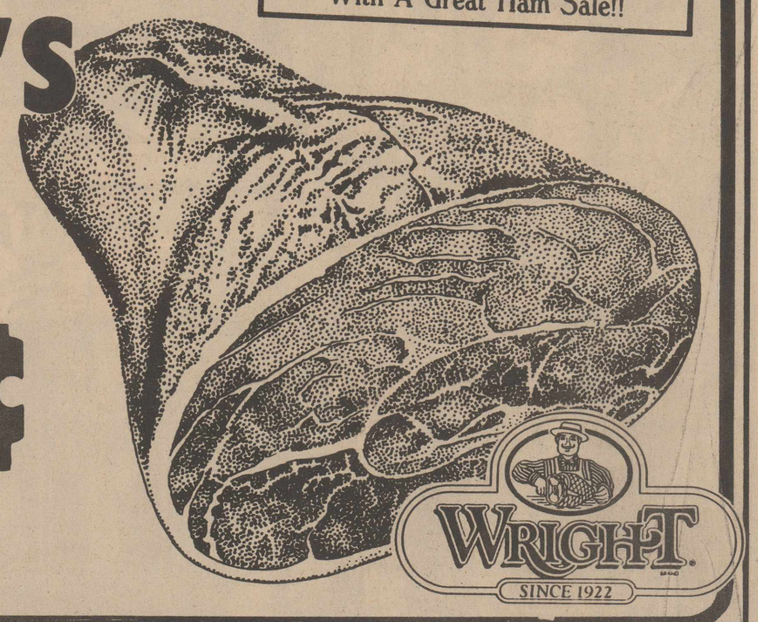
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