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Fisher County Economic Development Commission Seeks Sources to Develop County Strength

Fisher County holds a geat wealth of potential to become a county of much power and economic strength. Fisher County already has the resources it needs both tapped and untapped in its population, and in many other areas, that are willing to aid in its efforts to become economically strengthened.

Members of the business community and elected officials in the county's two major towns, Roby and Rotan have recognized that the entire county has a single community of interest in pursuing Economic Deveolpment projects and that some sort of coordinated effort is needed to encourage growth in that area.

To members of the Economic Development Resource team the most striking feature of Fisher County is the demonstrated abilities of its residents in a number of fields. In interviews conducted with community members during the assessment period in Roby and Rotan, it was noted by team members that a number of these interviewed serve as officers in statewide trade and civic organizations. Several individuals presented innovative ideas and approaches for doing economic development research or community projects with limited resources.

The initiative displayed in these informal projects and the ability to pull together this type of hard economic imformation with local resources impressed Resource Team members and could prove attractive to industrial recruiters and others responsible for economic development projects.

Beyond the obvious ability of the citizenry is their willingness to become actively involved in community projects. The local civic groups visited by the Resource Team were active and lively as were the members of elected government bodies.

Community organizations in Rotan and Roby can plan and carry out a number of other community development projects, most of which can be funded from local sources. These projects will help to build community awareness of the economic develpment process and are necessary first steps in laying the ground work for future economic development by making the communities of the county more attractive to visitors, new residents, and new businesses.

When the local resources run out, if indeed ever they do, there is still a deeper well from which to draw.

The United States Department of Labor is one source to look to for economic development in the Fisher County area. They are the instigators of two programs, the Job Training Partnership Act and the Jobs Credit. The Job Training Partnership Act provides project grants to private employers for job training and related services. It reimburses up to 50 percent of a trainee's hourly wage rate. In exchange the business must agree to pay the trainee $4 an hour. Also the Jobs Credit program provides a federal tax credit for eligible employees from specially target populations. The maximum allowable credit is $3,000 per employee for the first year and $1,500 for the second year.

The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development has two programs that may help Fisher County in its effort to grow economically: Formula Grants- This program provides grants to state and local governments for infrastructure improvements and business loans. Funds are distributed by both an entitlement system and by competitive applications for small cities. The grants are used for a wide range of economic development projects. Rehabilitation Loans-this program provides loans for the rehabilitation of housing.

Also included in the list of loans, grants and other helpful resources for the economic development of Fisher County is the United States Department of Agriculture Farmers Home Administration. There are Water and Wastewater Disposal Loans. These project grants and direct loans are available to local governments and corporations for the installation, repair, improvement and expansion of water and wastewater systems. Projects that are funded with loans and grants include water lines, pumping stations, wells, storage, sewage treatment and collection facilities. The Community Facility loan offers both insured loans and loan guarantees for utility extensions, transportation system improvements, and other infrastructure improvements.

The list is inexhaustible. Along with National Government agencies, there are numerous state agencies and funds to be tapped into.

Fisher County is not without the resources to develop economically. Needed are people with positive attitudes and a willingness to work hard to make Fisher County a diversified place to live—a place with limitless opportunities and sources of its own to even begin to help others. Fisher county has people like that who want to help. They must now band together and work for the good of the county and its people.

Fisher County Primary Results

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Ronald Henry	55
Charles Meek	150
Tommie Jack Stuart	193

COUNTY COMMISSIONER, PREC. 3

Jay Hendon	316
Donald Gruben	248

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PRESIDENT

Alexander M. Haig, Jr.	0
Pat Robertson	4
George Bush	8
Jack Kemp	0
Bob Dole	0
Pete DuPont	0
Uncommitted	0

U.S. SENATOR

Milton E. Fox	0
Beau Boulter	5
Ned Snead	3
Wes Gilbreath	2

STATE REPRESENTATIVE, DIST. 78

Rod Walker	8

COUNTY STATISTICS:

DEMOCRATIC PARTY Total Voting	1846
REPUBLICAN PARTY Total Voting	12
ABESENTEE BALLOTS CAST:	265
MARCH 8 BALLOTS CAST:	1593

Thursday, March 10 Is First Performance Of The Wizard Of Oz

Thursday evening, March 10 the Rotan UIL One Act play *The Wizard of Oz* will be presented to the public at the Rotan High School Auditorium at 7:30 p.m.

This is the first presentation of this play before the UIL Zone Competition on March 15 in Merkel. If you miss Thursday night's performance, be sure to attend the competition in Merkel. Rotan is third on the agenda for that night and all performances begin at 7:00 p.m.

Playing Dorothy will be Carye Gruben with Cecilia Hernandez as the Tin Woodman, Shannon Boone as the Scarecrow, and Steve Dickson as the Lion. Jenny Dickson is Toto.

Lucy Stinson, Candi Hayes, Jacque Cottle, Millie Gaspar, Shannon Hall, Candy Carreon and Steve McClain make up the rest of the cast.

Cathy Carillo is the stage technician.

Mr. Floyd Garcia directs the *Wizard of Oz* as is looking forward to the Zone Competition.

Spring "Clean-Ups" Sponsored By EDC Task Force

The Fisher County Spring Cleaning campaign is now underway. Sponsoring this effort is the community improvements task force of the Economic Development Commission. The first phase of this campaign will be the controlled burn off of several unsightly lots around Fisher County. Local Firefighters are being recruited to help supervise this effort.

One Saturday of each month will be designated "Clean Up" day. A special problem area will be the focus of the task force on these days. All Fisher County residents are encouraged to help in this effort. Any groups that would like to host a "Clean Up" day are asked to contact Becky Elmore or Don Dawes for further information.

March 23 Final Deadline To File For Candidacy To May 7 Election

March 23 is the filing deadline for candidates wishing to run for Rotan City Council; Rotan Municipal Water Authority; Roby, Rotan, Hobbs, and McCaulley School Boards; and Fisher County Hospital Board. The election will be held May 7.

Those wishing to file for Fisher County Hospital Board must file at the Hospital; for School Board, at the individual schools; for Rotan City Council and Water Authority, at the Rotan City Office.

So far, four people have filed for a post on the Fisher County Hospital Board. They are Frank Mitchell, Kathryn Alaniz, Marion Reed, and Dave Williams.

Spring Break prevented any report from being made from any of the schools and so far no one had filed for a post on the Rotan Municipal Water Authority.

Ernest Armstrong is the only one at the present time that has filed for the Rotan City Council.

Rotan ISD To Take Bids For Tax Property Until March 25

The Rotan Independent School District acting as the agent for all five of the county's taxing entities will offer for sale all properties that did not sell during the recent Sheriff's sale. Inserted in this paper is a map of all properties offered for sale. These properties are blackened out for the benefit of those wishing to bid on a particular property.

Sealed bids will be taken until March 25, 1988 with the property going to the highest bidder when the bids are opened at 9:00 a.m. on March 28. There is a minimum bid on each property according to the tax owed, lawyer's fees, etc. For information on the particular minimum bid for any property contact either the Tax Office at 110 North McKinley Street, Rotan or Rotan Schools Superintendent Alton Fields. The Rotan Independent School District reserves the right to reject any or all bids that they deem not being a reasonable offer.

This sale will benefit the Rotan Independent School District, Fisher County, the Fisher County Hospital District, City of Rotan and the Water Authority by putting vital tax property back on the tax roll.

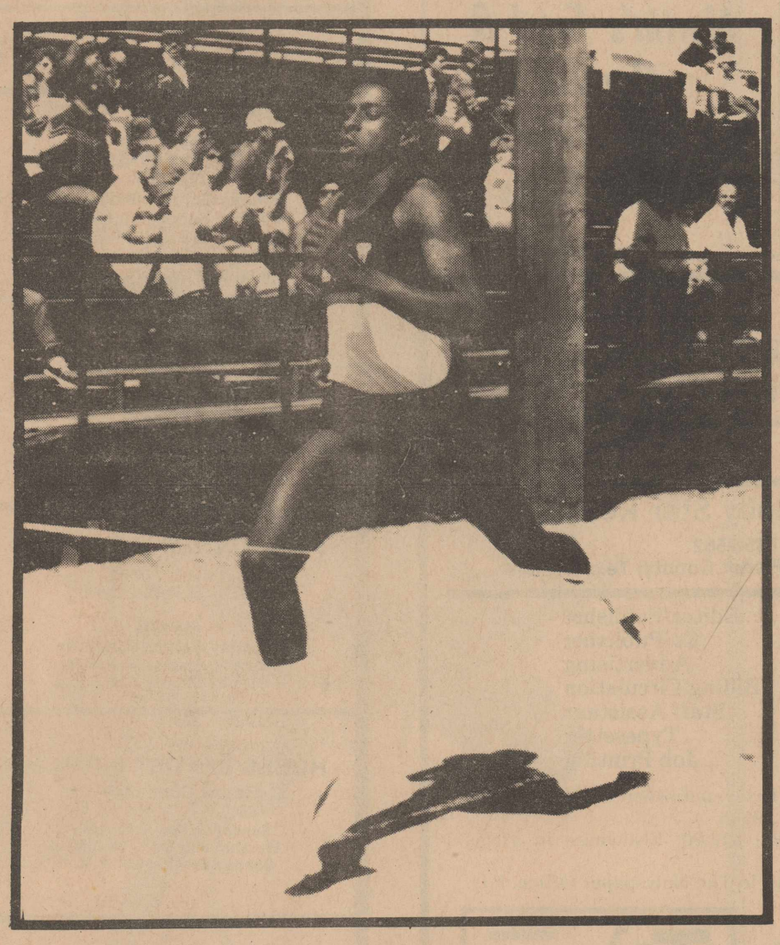
For more information contact the Tax Office at 735-2301 or Alton Fields, Superintendent Rotan ISD at 735-2332.

UMC Choirs To Present Easter Musical "Come To Calvary"

"Come To Calvary" an Easter Musical will be presented by the combined choirs of Roby United Methodist Church and Rotan United Methodist Church at two performances. The Cantata will be presented at Roby UMC. On Sunday evening March 13th, 1988 at 6:00 p.m. The Rotan UMC presentation will be at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday March 20th, 1988.

Throughout the ages men and women have in their hearts, traced the steps of Jesus to the Cross of Calvary. No other story can match the impact of what transpired there. Through the eyes and heart of the Apostle John, we can view the events leading to Calvary, and his Glorious Resurrection. All are invited to "Come To Calvary".

Thank you,
Rev. Jim Hawthorne, Pastor
Roby United Methodist Church



SET YOUR EYES ON THE GOAL: Mark Marshall, Roby Track Team, breaks the tape for a first place win in the 220 yard dash in the preliminaries Saturday in Anson. Roby had several tracksters that competed well and won in the preliminaries and in the finals for a good showing for Roby.

Rotan Post Office Will Begin Closing Earlier

Beginning on March 14, 1988, the retail windows at the Rotan Post Office in Rotan, Texas will begin closing at 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, according to Postmaster Charles Thornton.

The purpose of the closing is to comply with the United States Postal Service requirement, under the Budget Reconciliation Act of 1987, calling for the department to save approximately $1.245 billion.

Mail deposited after the 3:30 p.m. closing should be put in the outside collection boxes, according to Thornton.

Kim's Korner

By Kim Pease

WORTH REPEATING: Joe Harrison of the Texas Spur newspaper said "Was reading from a little book Bits and Pieces that crossed my desk the other day ran across this bit of philosophy used by the late Bear Bryant, the famous Alabama football coach.

"I'm just a plowhand from Arkansas, but I have learned how to hold a team together, how to lift men up, how to calm down others, until finally they've got one hearbeat together, a team. There's just three things I'd ever say:

If anything goes bad...I did it.

If anything goes semi-good...then we did it.

If anything goes real good...then you did it.

That's all it takes to get people to win football games for you.

-KK-

THE FACE OF LONELINESS: Loneliness is a solitary thing - - it can't be shared. It is a fact of life, we either live and cope with it or die with it. It is a part of the human condition, part of living and loving. Loneliness is different than solitude. Loneliness is the "inside world" and solitude is the "outside world", for example a woman who lives in a remote spot, but is never lonely.

There is not one cause for lonliness. Recent UN studies conducted through the Agricultural Research Division have shown a number of common factors associated with loneliness. They are:

..Age is a factor. The elderly are usually well-adjusted and not very lonely, neither are the very young.

..Gender is significant. Females are generally more lonely than males.

..Transportation availability or the lack of it, is an important factor.

..Self esteem plays a role. People with high self esteem are usually not as lonely as those with low self esteem.

..Friendships are a factor. The importance is ease in making friends rather than the number of friends one has.

..Happiness levels during the past year are closely tied to loneliness.

..Family relationships are important.

..Days of the week and seasons of the year are factors in levels of loneliness. Winter is the loneliest season, even in areas where Christmas is not celebrated. Sunday is usually the loneliest day followed by Saturday.

There is no sure cure for lonliness. The lonely must admit they are lonely and take a good look at themselves. Don't be afraid to reach out to other people and look inward for help.

-KK-

FINALLY:Ol' Whistle Britches from his Shinnery Ridge Ranch at Rough Creek called with a few interesting comments.

Boasting-The fellow who boasts of running things at home most likely means the lawn mower, washing machine, vacuum cleaner, and errands.

Pride-Don't let your pride become inflated-you may have to swallow it someday.

Computers- Modern science is simply wonderful. It would take fifty people twenty years to make the same mistake a computer can make in only two seconds.

Jobs-One way to deflate your ego is to read the want ads in the newspapers and discover all the jobs you're not equipped to handle.

Charity-Charity is twice blessed-it blesses the one who gives and the one who receives.

Facts-Overheard: "I wouldn't exactly call him a liar. Let's just say he lives on the wrong side of the facts."

Compromise-A compromise is a deal in which two people get what neither of them wanted.

Mothers-in-law-A man is seldom as smart as his mother thinks, or as dumb as his mother-in-law says he is.

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STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Lyndell Williams
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

AUSTIN–While Democratic and Republican candidates last week were making a final push for the Super Tuesday primary, state officials were investigating complaints of vote fraud.

Officials of the Texas Secretary of State's Office said they have received between 20 and 30 reports of irregularities in absentee voting from across the state. Many of the complaints have come from South Texas, the officials said.

Assistant Secretary of State Randall H. Erben said the complaints have involved absentee voting by both personal appearance and by mail.

Erben said election inspectors were being deployed in areas where complaints were reported.

This year, for the first time, Texas voters can vote absentee without showing cause why they cannot vote on election day. That change was expected to produce a record number of absentee votes.

Citrus Ban Lifted

While most attention was being focused on the primary elections, state agriculture officials were in federal court trying to defend their quarantine on Florida citrus fruit.

A federal judge lifted the 30-day ban the Texas Department of Agriculture had enacted to prevent Florida citrus from entering the state.

The Texas ban was imposed last month after the U.S. Department of Agriculture lifted a three-year-old federal quarantine that prevented Florida citrus fruit from being brought into states with their own citrus industry because of Florida's citrus canker problems.

The Texas quarantine was lifted by U.S. District Judge James Nowlin on the grounds that the recent federal action takes precedence over state rules.

Agriculture officials here said the ban was needed to protect this state's $65-million-a-year citrus industry. That industry still is trying to recover from a devastating freeze in 1983.

Texas officials said they now will seek an injunction against the new federal rule, which allows Florida citrus that meets certain standards of other citrus-producing states to be shipped into those states.

Racing Tax Fight

Opponents of pari-mutuel wagering lost last year's referendum on legalizing betting on horse and dog races in Texas, but they are waging a new fight to keep the state from giving track and horse owners a larger share of the betting pot.

Leaders of both Texans Who Care and the Christian Life Commission last week told members of the Texas Racing Commission that the public trust would be eroded if the state's share of betting proceeds is reduced.

Under the pari-mutuel law, the state will receive five percent of all wagering proceeds. Even though legalized betting has not yet begun, many horse owners have complained that their share of the betting proceeds is too small to attract quality horses to Texas. Racing promoters also say the track owner's share is too small.

Under the present rules, owners of successful horses get five percent of the betting pool, while track owners get eight percent. The remainder—minus the state's five percent share—is returned to bettors.

Some states with legalized betting have reduced their take on wagering to as low as 3.5 percent.

Wagering opponents told the commission that "integrity in the industry" cannot be maintained if the state's share is cut.

Any change in the distribution on betting proceeds would have to be made by the Legislature, not the racing commission.

Bullock Seeks Opinions

Comptroller Bob Bullock is prepared to seek a series of legal opinions from Attorney General Jim Mattox regarding questions he has about the Texas Racing Commission's actions in its first two meetings.

Bullock, an ex-officio commission member, is worried the commission could endanger the future of Texas racing because of procedural bumbling at the outset, a source close to Bullock said.

The comptroller did not attend the initial meetings because he has been recovering from surgery.

Meanwhile, Mattox's office admitted its lawyers erred when they failed to stop commission members from discussing details about the executive director's job during a 90-minute closed session last week.

Other Highlights

- Pattilou P. Dawkins of Amarillo was named last week by Gov. Bill Clements to be chairwoman of the Texas Board of Mental Health and Mental Retardation, marking the first time a woman has held the job.
- Kay Doughty, the City of Austin's legislative lobbyist, was named the state's first public counsel for consumers before the State Board of Insurance by Gov. Clements.

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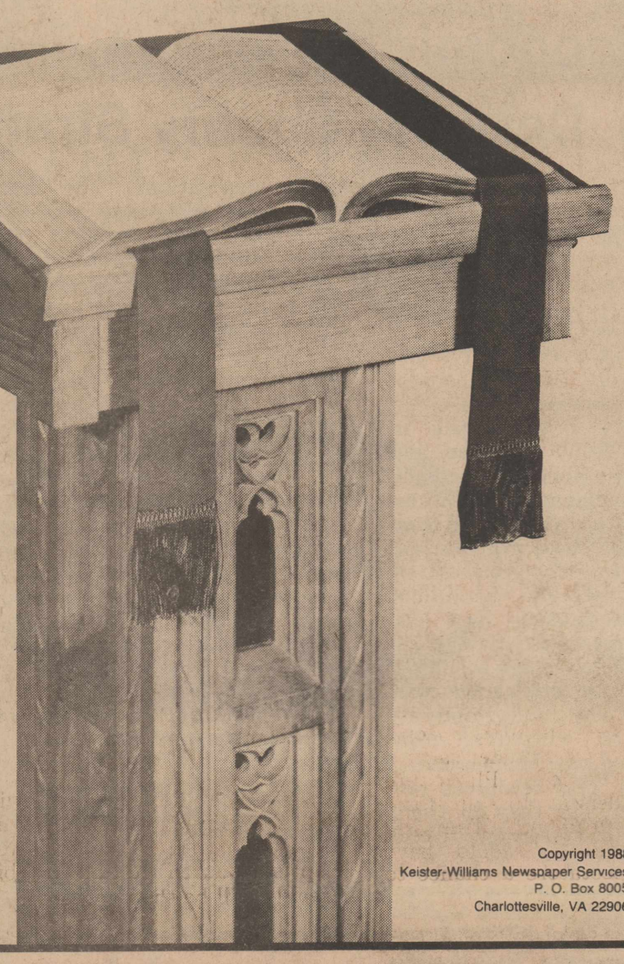

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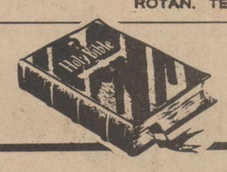

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Sunday School-9:45 A.M.
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Worship Service 6:00 P.M.
Wednesday Night Service-7:30 P.M.

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Worship Service-10:50 A.M.
Sunday Evening-UMYF-5:00 P.M.
Worship Service-6:00 P.M.
Wednesday Night Choir Practice-7:00 P.M.

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McCaulley, Texas
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Sunday School-10:30 A.M.
Worship Service-9:30 A.M.
Every 3rd Tuesday Evening
Community Dinner-6:30 P.M.

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Worship Service-11:00 A.M.
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FIRST UNITED METHODIST
Rotan, Texas
REV. TERRY LOWE
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Sunday School-9:30 a.m.
Worship Service-10:30 A.M.
Sunday Evening-6:00 P.M

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Worship Service - 10:55 A.M.
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Sunday Evening-6:00 P.M.
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Worship Service-10:45 A.M.
Sunday Eve.-Ladies Bible Class-5:00 P.M.
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CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH
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REV. DUTCH PARKS
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Sunday School-10:00 A.M.
Worship Service-11:00 A.M.
Sunday Evening Bible Study-6:00 P.M.
Sunday Evening Worship- 7:00 P.M.
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Worship Service-11:00 A.M.
Sunday Evening-Training Union 6:00 P.M.
Worship Service-7:00 P.M.
Wednesday Night Service-7:00 P.M.

FIRST PLACE 42 WINNERS: Maggie Briggs of Roby and C. G. Haggard of Sweetwater win the First Annual 42 Tournament sponsored by the Tourism Task Force of the Fisher County Economic Development Commission Saturday in Roby.

EDC Tourism Task Force Pleased With 42 Tourny Turn-Out

The members of The Tourism Task Force are delighted with the positive response to the newly formed National Domino Association's First 42 Tournament. This branch of the Fisher County Economic Development Commission was pleased to host a full day of 42 playing contestants and spectators found the Roby Community Building to be an excellent setting.

The Tournament attracted teams from all over West Texas. A total of 26 teams vied for the Championship. Spectators browsed through booths featuring hand crafted items made in Texas. The Junior Chamber of Commerce provided the concessions. Door prizes were awarded all during the day. Fisher County merchants generously donated gift certificates which were used as both door prizes and awarded the tournament winners.

The Rotan Lions Club and Rotan Chamber of Commerce donated the Loving Cup and Plaque which will be on permanent display in the Fisher County Courthouse. The team of Maggie Briggs of Roby and CG Haggard of Sweetwater will have their names inscribed on the plaque as winners of this First Tournament.

Roby's Lions Clubs donated the trophies for the first thru fourth place winners. Wesley and Virgil Redden of Sweetwater won second place with Melton and Betty Ehlers of Roby taking home third. Fourth place was earned by the Mark Jackson and James Billingsley team of of Abilene.

All trophy winners also won points towards the National Championship. Other finalists which received points are the teams of: Peeples-Williams, Mize-Campbell, Derrick-Thorman, Menshew-Orell, Nowlin-Wharton, Mahaffey-Mahaffey, Pettijohn-Day, Mrs. Sims-Mrs. Redden.

Members of the Tourism Task Force wish to thank all the people who made this tournament such a wonderful success. Plans are already underway for our First Domino Tournament. This will give all the "I should have entered" spectators a chance to play.

County Agent's Column
By Richard Spencer

A very sucessful controlled burn was carried out two weeks ago on the Harris-Black Ranch located east of Roby. Some 500 acres were in the burned pasture. The pasture was observed in the fall and received a low rating for fuel content. After considerable debate, Charlie and Wayne decided to go ahead with the burn. They definitely made the right decision.

At least 97 percent of the pasture burned. The ranchers now plan to spray the heavy pear acres with a quarter pound rate of Grazon before the mesquite leaf out. We have also received an inquiry about a Reclaim mesquite test on the burned area. A San Angelo based Extension Range Specialist has gotten good mesquite control in late April-early May with Reclaim. This has been in small plots and they want to look at the material in longer test areas. If this type spray program will work, we just might see some successful mesquite control in Fisher County and not damage to the cotton. The timing has been our problem in the past. The ideal time for treating mesquite is June 1-20 and most all pastures are located too close to cotton farms.

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The ASCS and SCS conducted a very good program last week on farm bill changes and highly erodible lands. It is a pleasure to work with Billy Don and Charlie. They want to help the producer in every way.

Pink Ladies Discuss Blood Drive To Be April 11

The Pink Ladies met for their regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, March 2. Gloria Ripperger, director for the Office of Volunteers for the American Red Cross from Wichita Falls met with us and discussed blood donations. She said that Fisher County used 90 units of blood in 1987 in the hospital and that 275 units were shipped down here just in case someone needed it.

We had 100 units of blood donated in Fisher County during the past year. Anyone can donate blood from ages 17 to 73 and blood can be donated every 56 days.

Our next bloodmobile will be Monday, April 11 at the Senior Citizens building in Rotan. We will be publishing more on this at a later date.

Pete Hohon, administrator of the hospital, also met with us and discussed the two new doctors we are going to hire. Dr. Alice Pangle and Dr. Ernie Adkins are coming to Fisher County in July, and they have each signed a five-year contract with the district.

The hospital will be having a Health Fair in May and the Pink Ladies will be helping with that. We also discussed some new ideas that Pete brought before us.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, April 6, so please make plans to attend.

Book Review Club To Meet March 15

The Book Review Club will meet Tuesday, March 15, 1988 at 3:00 p.m. in the parlor of the First Baptist Church Rotan. Bobbie Steakly will be the reviewer.

WTC Homecoming Committee Seeks Former Students

Western Texas College will celebrate Homecoming April 15-16 and is asking for help in updating its mailing list of former students.

WTC has homecoming in alternate years, so this will be its fifth Homecoming. It will coincide with the college rodeo, scheduled April 14-17 in the Scurry County Collesium.

"We would really appreciate hearing from former students or getting their present mailing addresses from family or friends so we can send them information about Homecoming," Mickey Baird, Student Activities Director, said. "They can write me in care of Western Texas College or call the Student Activities office at 573-8511.

Pastor's Column
By Rev. Alvin Petty, Pastor First Baptist Church, Roby

THE WAY TO SUCCESS

I John 4:18 says, "There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love."

When I was a freshman in Wayland Baptist University I drove up into my pastor's yard where he was washing his car. It was a beautiful spring Saturday. I got out of my car and said, "Here is another one as soon as you finish there."

Brother Wainscott immediately pulled his hose over to my car and began wiping and washing. I protested, trying to stop him, saying I had only been joking. "Shutup," he said, "and bring that other rag and bucket over here and we'll get through faster."

I did as I was told and when my car was clean and dry I again protested and said, "You did not have to do that."

Brother Wainscott answered, "Alvin, a pastor who won't serve his people in a practical way is not worth his salt and don't you forget that."

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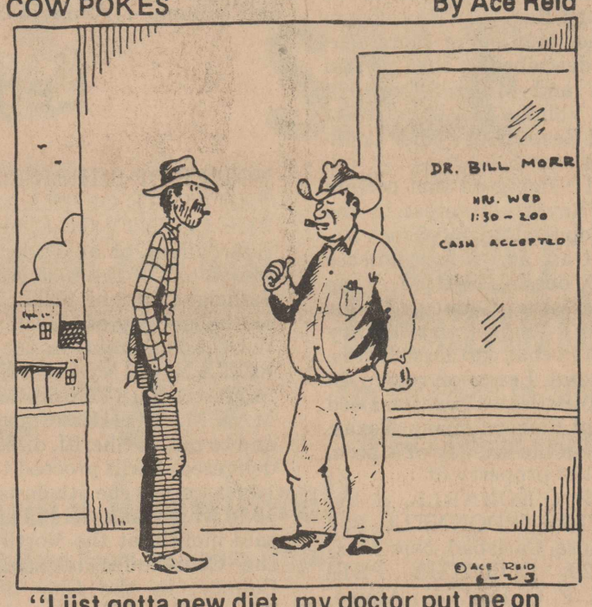
COW POKES By Ace Reid



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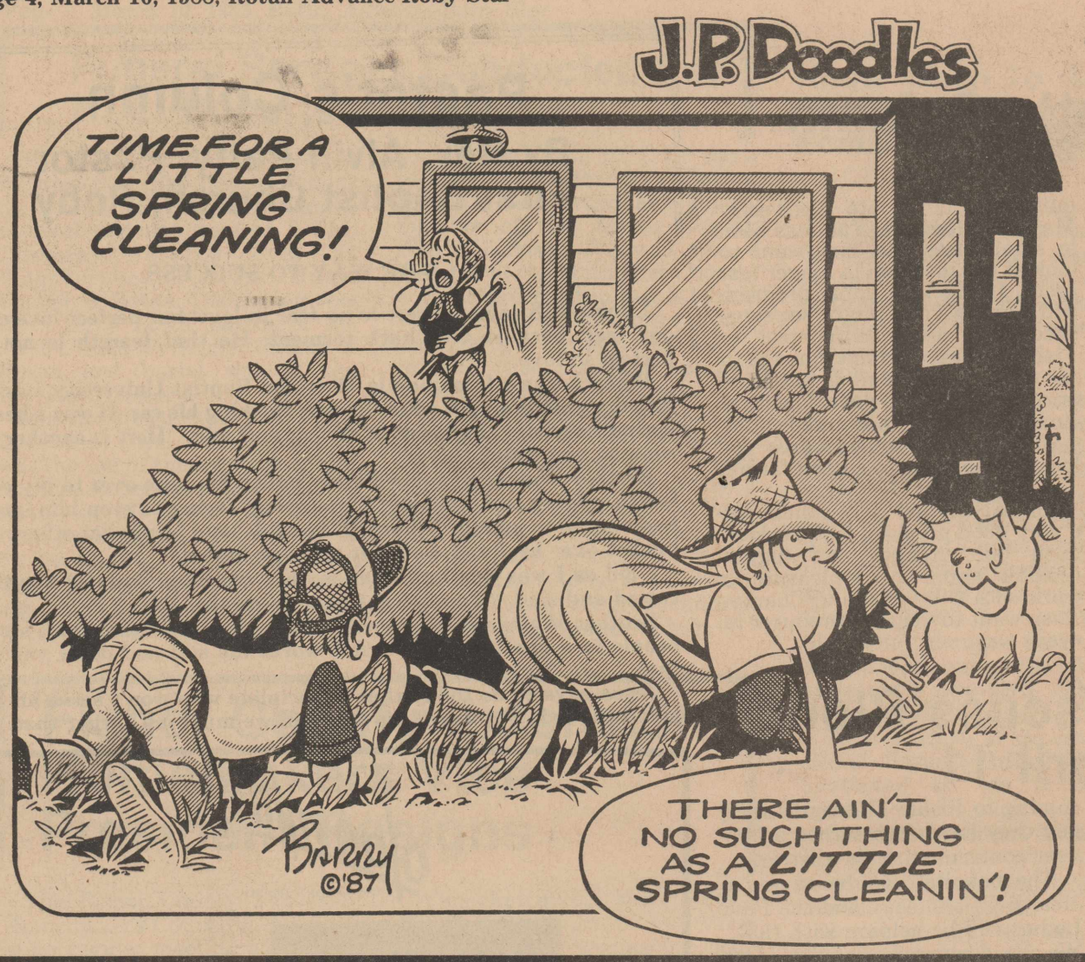

Playday Committee Elects 1988 Officers For Summer Playdays

The Fisher County Playday Association had its first meeting of the year on March 1 at the Fisher County Courthouse Annex.

New officers elected were President Alvin Smith; Vice President Linda Callan; Secretary-Reporter Tonia Fowler; and Treasurer Tempie West.

The Fisher County Playdays will be held on the second and fourth Saturdays in June and July and first and third Saturdays in August. The playdays will begin at 7:00 p.m. each night.

Age groups consist of 6 and under; 7-10; 11-14. The 15-19 age group will be Jackpot. These are the ages of the children as of January 1st that classifies them into age groups.

We will have the concession stand during the barrell racing and roping series at the Roby Arena March 13, 20, and 27.

CANDLELIGHT CELEBRATION: Tammy Waters mother of newborn Taylor Samuel Waters celebrates the birth of her son with husband in a new tradition at Fisher County Hospital.

Fisher County Hospital Serves Candlelight Dinner To New Parents

The proud parents of newborn Taylor Samuel Waters were served the first (and soon to be traditional) candlelight dinner for new parents at the Fisher County Hospital on March 1.

Mr. and Mrs. Waters were served steak, baked potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, salad and cherry pie on a pink tablecloth with a flower arrangement and two candles, to celebrate the birth of their second son.

The Waters are not new to Fisher County Hospital as they had their first son, Timothy Scott there in May of 1984 under the supervision of Dr. Maurice Callan. The Waters are presently living in Levelland.

Fisher County Hospital has begun this program for the new parents as a way of saying thank you to them for choosing Fisher County Hospital as their hospital.

Having a baby is one of the most rewarding and important times of a married couple's life and it should be celebrated with some elegance. Fisher County Hospital is striving to help new parents enjoy to the fullest the experience of giving life to a new being.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE
THE STATE OF TEXAS
THE COUNTY OF FISHER

By virtue of an Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable 32nd Judicial District Court of Fisher County, on the 2nd day of March, 1988 by the Clerk thereof, in the case of SWEETWATER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT VS. PYRO ENERGY CORPORATION; Cause # 4136 and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell, at 10:00 a.m. on the 5th day of April, 1988, of said Fisher County, in the City of Roby, Texas the following described property to wit:

Tract I: Being all those certain Lots 1 through 12, both inclusive, in Block 2 of the Original Town of Eskota, Texas, and being more fully described by that certain Deed of record in Volume 184, and 515 of the Deed Records of Fisher County, Texas.

Tract II: Being all those certain Lots 1, 2, 3, 10, 11, and 12 in Block 3 of the Original Town of Eskota, Texas, and being more particularly described by those certain Deeds of record in Volume 184, Page 515 of the Deed Records of Fisher County, Texas.

Tract III: Being all those certain lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 23, and 24 in Block 9 of the Original Town of Eskota, Texas, and being more particulary described by those certain Deeds of record in Volume 37, Page 488, Volume 6, Page 218 and Volume 47, Page 432 of the Deed Records of Fisher County, Texas.

Tract IV: Being all those certain Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 in Block 10 of the Original Town of Eskota, Texas, and being more particularly described by those certain Deeds of record in Volume 24, Page 499 and Volume 21, Page 425 of the Deed Records of Fisher County, Texas and by that Plat of record in Volume 1, Page 77 of the Plat Records of Fisher County, Texas.

Levied on the 3rd day of March, 1988 as the property of KELLY HOGG, if living; S.M. MOORE, if living; W. S. CROWDER, if living; J. S. MOORE, if living; R. A. MOORE, if living; LAMOIN MOORE, if living; W. M. BRIGHT, Deacon of the Eskota Baptist Church and his unknown successors in office, each if living; The unknown Deacons, Trustees, Members, Officers, Directors, Transfers, Successors or Assigns of the ESKOTA BAPTIST CHURCH; G. A. CALGROW, if living; GEORGE E. STEPHENS, if living; W. H. DUNNING, if living; W. A. LYNCH, if living; C. T. WELLS, if living; G. W. CATCHINGS, if living; MRS. A. M. KENNON, if living; M. J. DIAL, if living; MRS. EUGENE BAGGETT, if living; B. J. PARKS; LAVADA PARKS; to satisfy a judgement amounting to $2,196.38 with interest from the 20th day of January, 1988 at 10 per cent, per annum, and all costs of suit in favor of SWEETWATER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND THIS 3RD DAY OF MARCH, 1988, Mickey A. Counts, Sheriff, Fisher County, Texas.

5:3tc

Legal Notice

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THE COUNTY OF FISHER

By virtue of an Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable 32nd Judicial District Court of Fisher County, on the 2nd day of March, 1988 by the Clerk thereof, in the case of ROTAN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. EUGENE O'DONNELL; Cause # 4168 and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell, at 10:00 a.m. the 5th day of April, 1988 of said Fisher County, in the City of Roby, Texas, the following described property, to wit:

Tract I: Being all that certain .001302 Royalty Interest in the Norma F. Conway Oil, Gas and Mineral Lease No. 962, out of the J. M. Yopp Survey, Fisher County, Texas, and being more particulary described in that certain Oil, Gas and Mineral Lease of record in Volume 148, Page 293 of the Deed Records of Fisher County, Texas.

Tract II: Being all that certain .001302 Royalty Interest in the Round Top (P. P.) Unit, Tract No. 17, Oil, Gas, and Mineral Lease No. 4160, out of the J. M. Yopp Survey, Fisher County, Texas, and being more particulary described in that certain Oil, Gas, and Mineral Lease of record in Volume 148, Page 375 of the Deed Records of Fisher County, Texas.

Levied on the 3rd day of March, 1988 as the property of EUGENE O'DONNELL, if living; VICTOR O'DONNELL, 307 N. Mesquite, Carlsbad, New Mexico 88220; DOROTHY PERRYMAN, P. O. Box 741, Alpine, Texas 79880; ALBERT O'DONNELL, if living; ROBERT W. O'DONNELL, if living; J. A. O'DONNELL, JR., if living; FRANCES O'DONNELL, if living; SOPHIA O'DONNELL, if living; to satisfy a judgement amounting to $593.06 with interest from the 20th day of January, 1988 at 10 per cent, per annum, and all costs of suit in favor of ROTAN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND THIS 3rd DAY OF MARCH, 1988. Mickey A Counts, Sheriff, Fisher County, Texas.

5: 3tc

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THE STATE OF TEXAS
THE COUNTY OF FISHER

By virtue of an Order of Sale issued out of the honorable 32nd Judicial Court of Fisher County, on the 2nd day of March, 1988 by the Clerk thereof, in the case of ROTAN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT VS. NORMAN MATTHIES; Cause # 3916 and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell at 10:00 a.m. on the 5th day of April, 1988 which is the first Tuesday of said month, at the North door of the Courthouse of said Fisher County, in the City of Roby, Texas, the following described property, to wit:

Being all that certain West 20 Feet of Lot 5 in Block 95 of the Original Town of Rotan, Texas, and being more particulary described in that certain Deed of record in Volume 391, Page 275 of the Deed Records of Fisher County, Texas

Levied on the 3rd day of March, 1988 as the property of NORMAN MATTHIES, 501 E. Burnside, Rotan, Texas 79546; JESSE MONTEZ, 607 E. 8th, Rotan, Texas 79546; to satisfy a judgement amounting to $924.67 with interest from the 20th day of January, 1988 at 10 per cent, per annum, and all costs of suit in favor of ROTAN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND THIS 3rd DAY OF MARCH, 1988 Mickey Counts, Sheriff, Fisher County.

5:3tc

THANK YOU

The families of Fawn Wiley wish to thank the many friends and neighbors for their help, sympathy and prayers in the death of our Sister. Also we wish to especially thank the ladies of Calvary Baptist Church for the lovely dinner they prepared and served and to Rev. Parks and also Weathersbee Funeral Home.

J.B. & Fran Burdett
Paul & Inez Foreman
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THANK YOU

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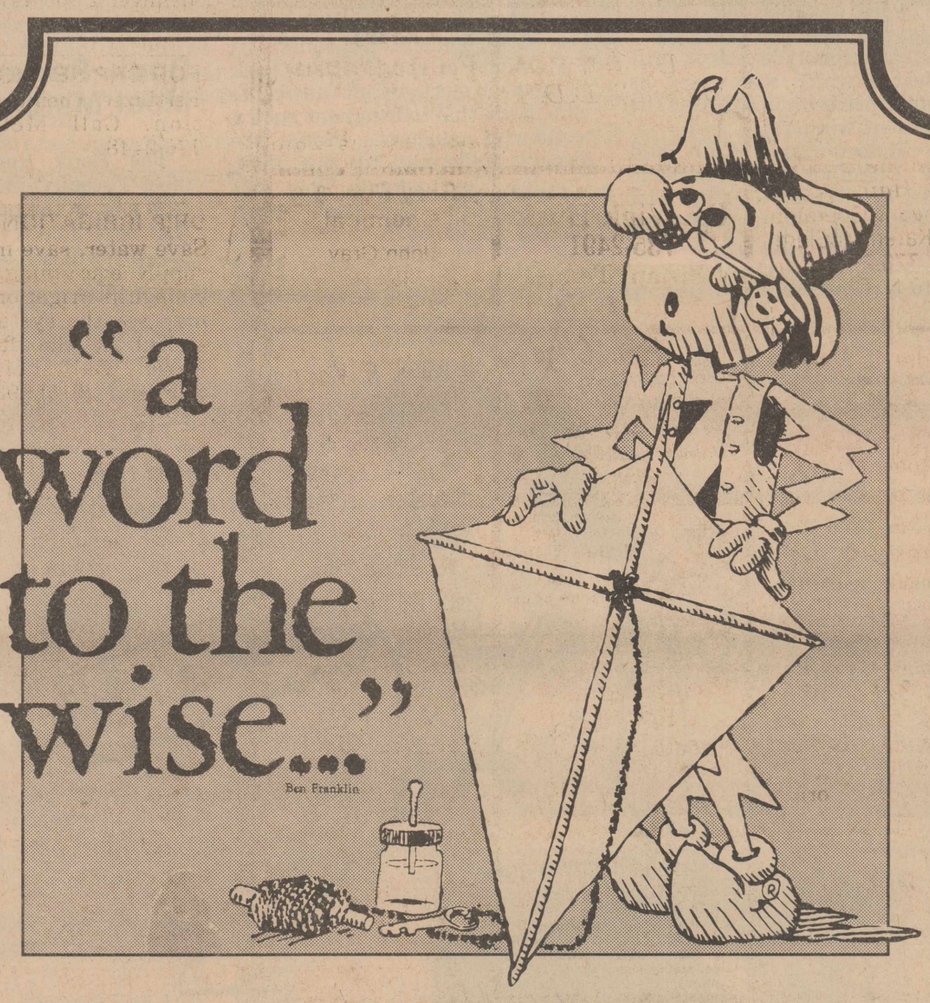

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51:tfc

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51:tfc

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BID NOTICE

Fisher County Commissioners Court will accept bids for sale of 2 used typewriters. Typewriters may be seen at the Courthouse. Bids will be opened March 14, 1988 at 9:00 a.m.

Marshal Bennett
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Legal Notice

The Rotan Independent School District is now taking applications for custodian. For further information contact David Hargrove (735-3182) in the Elementary Principal's office or Alton Fields (735-2332) in the Superintendent's office.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Fisher County Commissioners Court wil accept bids for lease of grassland at the airport. Copy of lease agreement will be available at office of County Judge. Bids will be opened in regular session of Commissioners Court, March 14, 1988, at 9:00 a.m.

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News From Down South
By Bertha Warren

We had some snake hunters out Thursday and Friday and they found 4 or 5 rattlesnakes on the creek behind our house. Sure hope they got all of them.

Blandon Rembert from San Angelo spent the weekend with his grandparents Burt and Ilene Hale and his brother David Shane Rembert. Clyde and Frances Clark of California and Odessa Ammons and Nellie Jardon of Lubbock drove around the Capitola-Claytonville area looking over the old home place and visited with the E.M. O'Donalds on Thursday. Mary Etta and her mother Carrie McCain attended the birthday party for Easter Jones at the home of Winiford and Frances Jones. Happy Birthday Easter.

Charlie Smith is on the puny side again. Hope he is feeling better soon.

Wayne's aunt Josie (Middleton) White of Abilene died Sunday, the 29th of Feb. and was buried Wed., March 2 at Elmwood Memorial Park in Abilene. She was born in Sylvester. She and her husband Frank moved to Abilene in 1953. Survivors include her husband, two sons Frank Jr. of Abilene and Ray of De Sota, four daughters; Kay Taylor of Abilene, Fern Taylor of Eastland, Kathryn Farley of Spring and Betty Mayberry of Denton; 17 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

Amy Hodges of Snyder spent the weekend with her dad Jerry Hodges and family.

Floyd Warren of Yuma, AZ. had a boating accident and broke his hip and had to have surgery. He may get to go home this week if all goes well.

Carol and Lena Hodges attended the Association Musical Festival at the Trinity Baptist Church in Sweetwater as well as Ollie Ogden, Jewell Ratliff and myself and a standing room crowd Sunday night. They were choirs and soloist from the First Baptist of Sweetwater. The First of Trent, Greater Zion of Sweetwater, Champion of Larmer Street, First Roscoe, Nolen and Maryneal didn't get to participate because of illness. The program went so smoothly and we enjoyed a lot of beautiful music.

The Fisher Co's first 42 tournament and arts and craft show was a great success. There was a large turn out and we saw the Crafts of a lot of talented Fisher Co. people. Everyone is looking forward to the next one. Sue Dulin slipped and fell at work Tuesday and was in the hospital at Colorado City until Saturday. Call and let us know what's going on in your world.

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Homemakers Choose Delegates For April Convention

The Fisher County T.E.H.A. Committee met to elect delegates to the upcoming Spring meeting of the District 3 Texas Extension Homemakers Association which will be in Vernon April 12th.

Bobbie McKinney, County Texas Extension Homemakers Association Chairman presided.

Delegates elected were Caroline Hawthorne, Bobbie McKinney and Shirley Byrd, with alternate being Karen McClure.

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Dr. Campolo has a reputation for delivering a message with sharp wit, piercing logic, and complete honesty. True to form, in this book, stuffy psychologists, ivory-tower intellectuals and phony Christians cannot escape the penetrating message that problems of guilt, poor self-image, and lack of direction in life cannot settle by the social sciences, but only by a radical commitment to Christ.

In conclusion, one is convinced that while the world meets out its "Fridays" of gloom and doom, the resurrection is in the last phrase..."but Sunday's coming."

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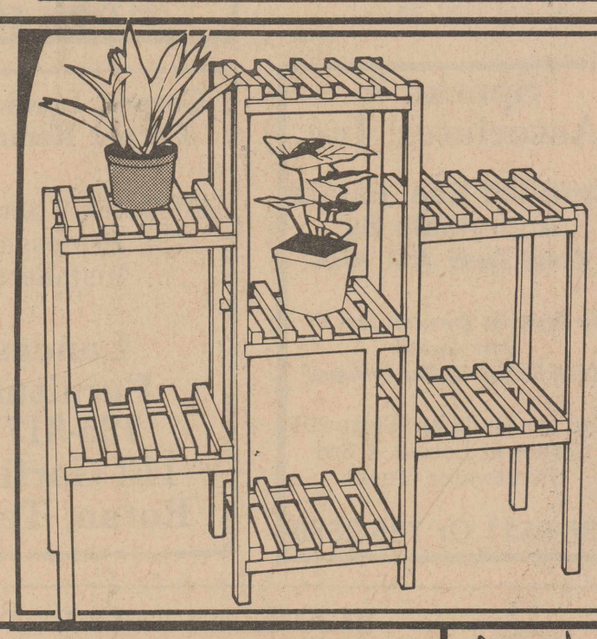

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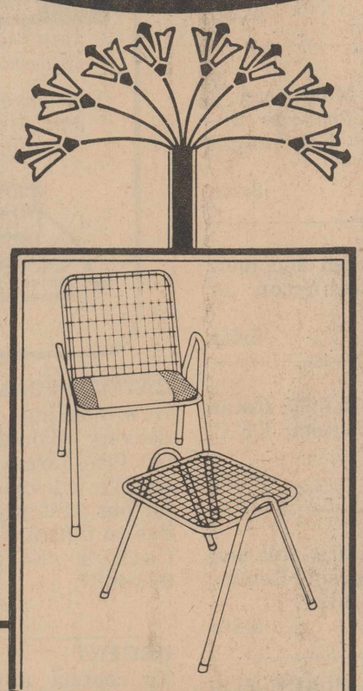

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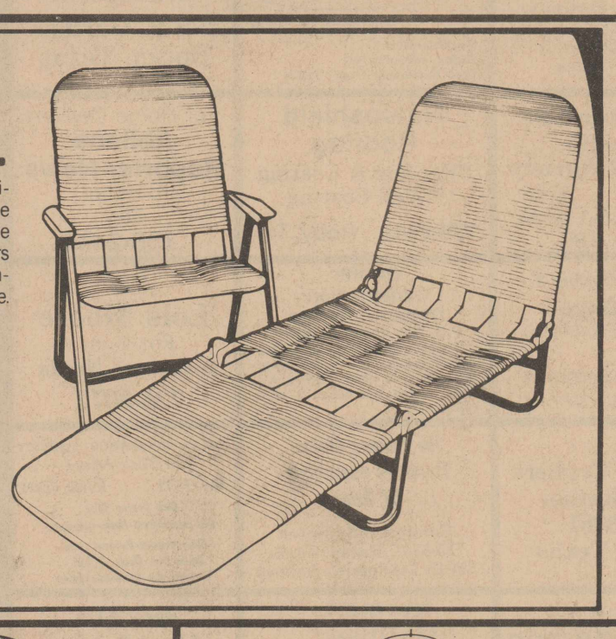

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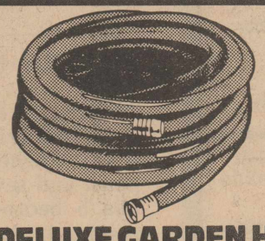

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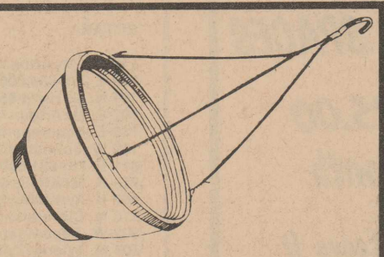

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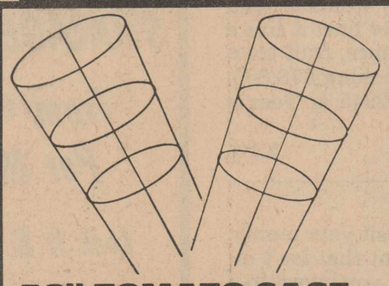

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Some corporations qualify to make an "S" election. S corporations are treated very much like partnerships in that the earnings and losses are passed directly to the shareholders' individual tax returns.

Here are three significant reasons why a partnership may be a better tax entity than an S corporation. First, the partners in a partnership may agree to a special allocation of income and deductions. Second, if a partner is liable for the partnership debt, he or she is able to deduct losses in excess of the amount of cash or property contributed to the partnership.

The third item which makes the partnership attractive is that the liquidation of a partnership is normally nontaxable. Because of death, disability, or disagreement, most closely-held business ventures will terminate sooner or later. The ability to get out of a joint venture with little or no tax problems is attractive.

Because of the tax and nontax considerations, seek professional assistance before deciding which form of entity you want to use for your business.

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Rotan Extension Homemakers Meet

The Rotan Extension Homemakers Club met with Wanda Floyd March 3. Alice Ballenger our county agent was with us and brought the program. Wanda Floyd presided. Gaynell Henry was in charge of Recreation Time. Wanda Floyd called the roll and Ardell Floyd gave a council report and read the by-laws for 88 voted on and accepted by the club.

The program Alice presented was on Self-Esteem- a reflection of the internal self. It was very interesting and we enjoyed the program.

Those present for refreshments and fellowship were Beatrice Hargrove, Effie Murphree, Ardell Floyd, Gaynell Henry, Nell Park, Hilda Rollins, Eda Bickerstaff, Oma Long, Maude Anderson. Our guest was Alice Ballenger. Our hostess was Wanda Floyd.

Hospital News

Patients admitted to the Fisher County Hospital are:

Maria Chavez, Rudolph Martinez, Jesus Chavez (New Born), Ada Mitchell, Brenda McCall, Justin McCall (New Born), Henry Starnes, Jimmie McCright, Pamela Vaughn, Brian Vaughn (New Born) and Annie Paske all from Rotan. Henry Ellis from Roby. Tammy Waters, Taylor Waters (New Born) from Levelland. Cora Roberts from Sylvester, Sylvia Trevino, Stephanie Trevino (New Born) from Jayton.

The Retail Trade Task Force would like to take this opportunity to thank the Fisher County Youth Chamber of Commerce for completing the recent survey. You have done a very good job and we appreciate your hard work. Results of the survey will be published soon.

Addie Markham
5:1tc

County High Schools Have Good Showing At Anson Track Meet

Tracksters from Roby and Rotan High Schools attended and participated in the Anson Tiger Track Meet Saturday, in Anson.

Rotan runner Donnie Carl Gruben was the 1st place winner of the 1600 meter run with Roby runner Mike Reeves coming in second. Gruben was the only Rotan track team member in Anson.

Mark Marshall was second in the long jump with a jump of 20 feet, 7½ inches, only one inch short of the first place jump by a long jumper from Spur. Marshall held 1st place in the 200 meter run but did not run in the finals.

Greg Meek placed 1st in the 400 meter dash and 2nd in the 200 meter dash.

James Gantt won 1st place in the 3200 meter (2 mile) run and placed 2nd in the 100 meter dash.

Also running at the meet were Roby tracksters Matt Cave (1600 meter run), Chance Vaught and John Cross (discus), Laramie Collier ran the 400 meter run and Jerry Carreon pole vaulted and ran the 200 and 400 meter dashes.

Barrell Racing And Roping Will Be Held March 13

Barrel Race and Roping- Roby Arena Sunday- March 13 and for the following Sundays in March. Saddle to be awarded to the top money winner at the last roping which will be in April (date not known). This is a series of 5 and to be eligible for the saddle you must participate in 3 of the 5 ropings.

This is for "C" ropers only. The "C" division is for the average roper and the stockman makes last decision as to classification.

Entry fee is 3 for $16.00 progressive after 1. The barrel race begins at 1:00 and roping follows at 3:00 p.m.

Concession stand is available and those desiring to eat can do so between 1-6 p.m. The Fisher County Playday Club is providing the concession. Admission free.

Fisher County Cancer Unit To Meet March 15

The Fisher County Cancer Unit will meet March 15 at 6:30 p.m. at the City Savings building for its monthly meeting. Plans are under way for the residential drive in early April. Manpower is desperately needed for this *very* vital and most necessary drive.

Please make plans to donate a few hours of your time to this cause. We need all citizens of Fisher County to get involved and do their part, especially those who have lost a loved one to this disease. Help the fight to conquer cancer. Please come, we need volunteers. For more information call 735-2683 or 735-3067.

Little League Gears Up For Spring Play

There will be a Little League organization meeting tonight, March 10, beginning at 7:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at City Savings and Loan. Anybody interested in helping should attend.

Laurie Rosiers Inducted Into Phi Theta Kappa

Earl and Jackie Rosiers of Roby are proud to announce that their daughter, Laurie has been made a member of the Phi Theta Kappa Fraternity at Howard County College in Big Spring. She was inducted on Sunday, March 6th.

Laurie is majoring in Accounting.

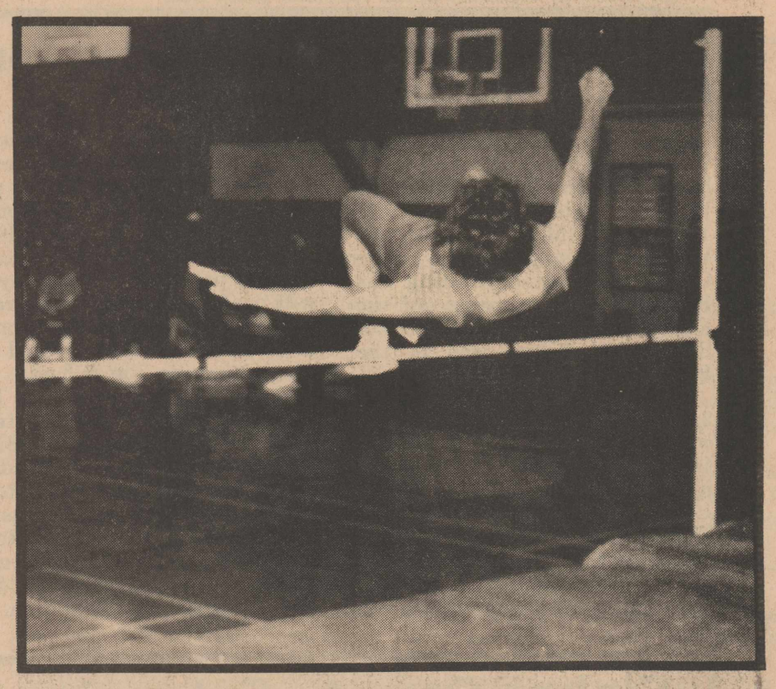
Laurie is a 1985 graduate of Roby High School.

Roby 3rd And 4th Grade 4-H Discusses Severe Weather

The Roby 3rd and 4th grade 4-H Club met Thursday, March 3 in the Courthouse Annex. The topic for discussion was tornadoes as it was severe weather awareness week.

Those present were the meeting were: Carissa Kiser, Leslie Stephens, Rhonda Henry, Kelly McWilliams, Timothy Moore, Shea Feagan, Kye Lamm, Travis Clark, Bradley Atkinson, R.J. Lewis and Justin Smith.

Refreshments were served by R.J. Lewis.



FOLSBURY FLOP: Rotan high jumper clears the bar for a clean jump in the Lubbock Christian University Invitational Indoor Track February 19

Area Brownies Participate In Girl Scout Cookie Sale

In observance of Girl Scout Week, Brownie Troop 224 of Roby, would like to recognize the Brownie Girl Scouts who participated in the annual Girl Scout cookie sale.

Brownies names are as follows: Jeannie Barrera, Stacy Barrera. Sarah Boyd, Autumn Daniel, Ashley Douglass and Meggan Herron.

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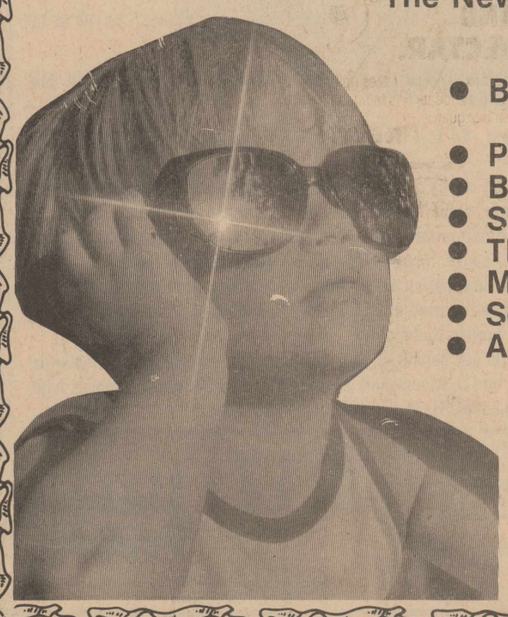
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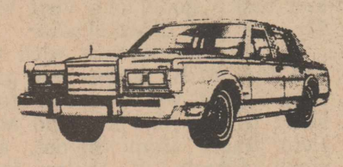
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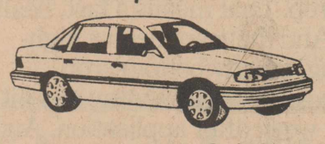
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Funeral Services Conducted For H. L. Robertson March 8

Mr. H. L. "Herb" Robertson, 79, died Saturday (March 5th) at his home in The Woodlands. Funeral services were at 2 PM, Tuesday (March 8th) at Weathersbee Funeral Home Chapel in Rotan. Officiating was Rev. Terry Lowe, pastor of the First United Methodist Church of Rotan and burial was in the Belvieu Cemetery.

Mr. Robertson was born April 2, 1908 at Blackwell, Texas, and was the son of the late Homer and Minnie Robertson. He married Kathleen McCombs in March 1926 at Sagerton. They lived in Fisher County until 1951 where Mr. Robertson was active in farming activities. In 1951 they moved to Pecos and he managed a cotton gin there until 1976. He was a past director of the Texas Cotton Ginners Association and a past member of the Reeves County Sheriff's Posse. He was also a member of the Methodist Church.

He is preceded in death by his wife on June 1, 1976, and a grandson, Herbert Lewis Robertson II, in 1963. Also, a brother and two sisters precede him in death.

He is survived by a son, Don Robertson of Grandfield, Oklahoma; a daughter, Billye Whitesides of The Woodlands; a brother, E. H. Robertson of Roby; four sisters, Hazel Adams of Pampa, Faye Woolsey of Roby, Nita Rinkerof Roby, and Dorothy Clay of Odessa; six grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

Fisher County Extension Homemakers Vice President Resigns

The Fisher County Extension Homemakers Council met recently for regular meeting with chairman Mrs. J.T. Mahaffey presiding. Mrs. Lynn Randolph directed recreation. Roll call and minutes were by Jan Clark. Treasurer, Mrs. Julius Decker gave her report.

Mrs. Fred Waddell, program chairman reminded clubs that suggestions for 1989 yearbook should be brought to Council throughout the year.

Vice-chairman, Mrs. James Brigham resigned as Vice-chairman. The nominating committee was asked to have a nominee to present in April Council.

Agent, Alice Ballenger gave each member present a copy of Council Standing Rules adopted in January. Also she discussed clubs participating in the County Food Pantry. Compliments went to three clubs for having new members join since January 1.

Hustling Around Hobbs

By Joy Walker

Well, Tuesday afternoon it really looked like we might get a good rain, and some folks did, but we only measured just a little over ¼ inch, and what little we got helped for a little while. Some folks reported hail and high winds, but the wind blew most of our clouds away. Then on Thursday we had a bitter cold day and we saw just a light trace of snow. I wonder if it froze long enough and hard enough that night to kill the fruit trees which were almost in full bloom everywhere, sure hope not. After Thursday it warmed up and we had some pretty nice days, although we had a good stiff breeze almost every day.

Mrs. Ann Hooker and her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Tommy Koonce from Clyde, visited Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Cave. They ate dinner and visited most of the day.

Mrs. Louise Coppedge from California is here visiting Mr. and Mrs. James Nettleton. She is Katherine Willingham (Morrow's) sister and is Marguerite Nettleton's aunt. We were so pleased to have her at church on Sunday.

Rudolph Martinez has been in the Fisher County Hospital. He was there Monday through Thursday. He is feeling very much better now, and we hope that he will continue to improve. Sunday the Martinez' visited with Mr. and Mrs. Steve Warren and girls in Snyder.

Mrs. Lisa Nowlin and Mrs. Bea Hardin went to Sweetwater and Abilene on Wednesday, and then Sunday they went back again to Sweetwater.

Mrs. James Nettleton and her aunt, Mrs. Louise Coppedge visited with Mrs. Opal Phillips on Friday. Sunday, Opal went to lunch at Mr. and Mrs. C.J. Thornton's.

Michael Porter was here visiting with all the Porters and Phillips and with Blackie Clawson.

Buddy Burnett had more eye surgery at Temple on Tuesday. He seems to be doing as well as can be expected, but it will take time for him to recover. He came home from the hospital on Sunday and is staying with his son, Max Burnett in Waco. We hope that Buddy will continue to improve and that he will recover full sight of his eye.

Heard from Melody and she ended up placing fifth in the first go-round of the PRCA rodeo at Houston, so was sure pleased about that. She was also placing third at the PRCA rodeo in Victoria - she rode there Wednesday.

Jim and I went to Abilene early Saturday morning, and then that afternnon we came back by Anson and watched the track meet there. The wind was sure cold, but it didn't blow all the time, thank goodness. Sunday after church we went to Ennis Creek and had a good long visit with Mr. and Mrs. Blake Walker.

We also got to visit with Mr. and Mrs. H.B. Walker and girls from Snyder, who were there for a short time. Also Mr. and Mrs. Pete Rasco from Snyder, and some friends of theirs from Alabama, and Mr. and Mrs. Doug White and son. Sure had a good day.

Today (Monday) is another sandstorm and the wind is really blowing out this way, as are the fields. The weatherman is predicting thunderstorms again today and tomorrow, so sure hope that he is right and that we will get a good rain. See you next week.

Know When To Get In Touch With Your Local Social Security Office

It is important that the people in the Big Country area know when they should get in touch with Social Security, Glyn Hammons, Social Security manager in Abilene, said recently.

Not knowing when to contact Social Security could mean lost benefits which could never be recovered, Hammons said.

A person should contact Social Security for the following reasons: Before getting a first job a Social Security number must be obtained. This is required so that the person will get proper Social Security credit for earnings. People who change their names should also contact Social Security to get a new card. Allow two weeks for the new card.

After a death in the family the Social Security office must be contacted to see if survivor benefits can be paid.

Contact the Social Security office when someone in the family is disabled to find out if disability benefits can be paid.

Social Security should be contacted at retirement—at 65 for full-rate benefits, or as early as 62 for reduced benefits. A person should sign up for medicare two or three months before 65, even if there are no retirement plans.

Contact Social Security any time there is a question about Social Security.

When a person does contact the office of Social Security the people there can tell that person the following things:

How much credit is needed to be insured for benefits; who can recieve benefits; how to replace a lost Social Security or Medicare card; how to get a free statement of the earnings reported to the person's Social Security record; and what documents a person needs to apply for benefits.

Most all Social Security business can be conducted by telephone. The number for the Abilene Social Security office is 698-1360. The office is located at 142 S. Pioneer.

120 BOXES SOLD: Each of these Rotan Girl Scouts sold 120 boxes of cookies or more during the week of March 7-12. L-R Back Row: Buffy Shipp, Claire Denton, Lynde Martinez, Tracy Posey, and Andrea Carrillo. Front Row L-R: Andrea miranda, Anneka Aguirre, and Diedra West. Not pictured are Julie Grisham and Katy Cade.

Get Entry Forms Now For "Our Little Miss" Pagaent To Be Held April 2

The fourth annual Big Country OLM Pageant will be staged at the Stamford High School Auditorium on Saturday, April 2, 1988. We are proud to announce that four or more State and World Royalties will be present to entertain.

The pageant is open to young ladies ages birth to seventeen. The age groups are as follows: Baby Petite- Birth to 2 years; LaPetite- 3 to 6 years; Our Little Miss- 7 to 12 years; Ideal Miss- 13 to 17 years.

The competition will consist of modeling evening wear or party dress, sports-wear, personal interview, and optional talents for 7-17 age groups.* Talent can include: ballet, tap, acrobatic, gymnastics, jazz, novelty (includes character, comedy dance & pantomime), vocal, instrumental (includes piano), dramatics, baton, etc.

*Talent is not required when entering Universal Beauty only!

For more information and entry forms, please contact: Local Director Carrie White, 602 Potomoc, Stamford, Texas 79553; (915) 773-2428 after 5:00 p.m.

Funeral Services For Severo Palomino

Severo Palamino, 79, of Rotan, died at 1 PM Sunday in the Rotan Nursing Center after a lengthy illness. Graveside services were held at 4 PM Tuesday in the Rotan Cemetery with Don Dawes, Minister of the Rotan Church of Christ, officiating.

Mr. Palamino was born July 1, 1908. He moved to Rotan 13 years ago from Big Spring and he was a member of the Rotan Church of Christ.

There were no known survivors.

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Fisher County Nursing Home News

We appreciate the Calvary Baptist Church for our services Sunday evening. Some of the ones who came and signed the book were Dutch Parks, the minister, Irene Montez, Connie Martinez, Mrs. F.H. Sawyer, Mrs. Ferris and Ed Price. The residents really enjoy the piano and singing.

Mrs. Ashley is still in Abilene following a fall here in the home. She is doing better.

Jesse Salazar our new resident celebrated his 78th birthday Sunday at his daughter's house with a cookout. He reported there were over 50 people present during the day.

Betty Mauldin visited her father Nash Miers and also visited J.D. Kincaid, John Sharp and Aleene Smith. Nash hasn't been feeling well lately.

Margaret and David Arp visited Ruby Rains and took her out for a drive and treat as they always do.

Pat and Joyce came to see Verona Cross. Doris, Ryan and Ashley Branch came to see Lucy Wright and Judy Branch. Lorena Darden also visited Branch. Vera Weems visited with Tennie, Aleene and some others. Pete Polk stopped by to chat with Dove Blevins. T.D. Whitten visited his mother Ezell Whitten, he lives in Midland, Texas.

Eunice Arp came to see J.D. Kincaid. Roy Cummings visitors were Carole Green, Geri Parker and Mrs. Wortham. Mrs. Turnbow and Lynn came by Monday morning and Roy was sure tickled to see them.

Jesse Salazar's visitors were Dora Lucero, Mary Riojas from Abernathy. Mrs. Lupe Calenie, his sister from Big Spring. Jesse Jr. and Maggie Salazar, George and Delta from Abernathy and Sylvia Lucero and Bea Sanchez from Lubbock.

Reyna Garcia.

Roby NHS Participates In MD Shamrock Drive During March

Seven area Key Clubs and the Roby National Honor Society are selling Shamrocks for Jerry's Kids. The students are participating in the "Shamrocks Against Dystrophy" program. Last year five high school groups participating in the program raised over $800. This year's goal is $1,200.

The students will be asking for $1 donation for the 8" green shamrocks. All proceeds will go to the Muscular Dystrophy Association. Donors will receive a metal lapel tag to wear showing their support for MDA. The program continues through St. Patrick's Day, March 17.

Clubs participating are: San Angelo Central High School Key Club, Brownwood High School Key Club, Early High School Key Club, Coleman High School Key Club, Abilene Cooper High School Key Club, Breckenridge High School Key Club, Eastland High School Key Club, and the Roby National Honor Society.

Individual students raising $35.00 or more will receive a Shamrock against Dystrophy T-Shirt. Each group raising $175 or more will receive a plaque, and the group raising the most money will receive a trophy. Last year's top money raiser was the San Angelo Central High School Key Club.

Funds from the Shamrocks program, and others like it, are used to provide the nearly 100 MD patients in this area services, treatment and equipment. Part of the funds are also used in worldwide research programs attempting to find cures and treatments for the 40 neuromuscular diseases under MDA.

Rotan Honor Roll

Rotan High School 5th Six Weeks Honor Roll

9th Grade- None.

10th Grade- Candi Hayes.

11th Grade- Jeff Cave, Jennifer Dickson, Carye Gruben.

12th Grade- Jan Posey

Commodities Will Be Distributed March 12 At Roby Pink Building

The Roby Volunteer Fire Department will distribute commodities on Saturday, March 12th at the Pink Building in Roby. Anyone needing more information may contact Tommie Jack Stuart at 776-2684.

County Menus

Rotan

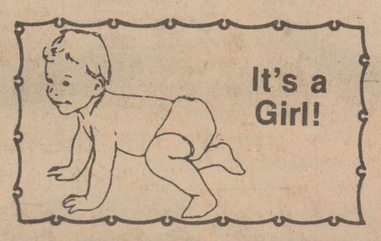
Monday: Muscle Building Chicken, Bright-eyed Mixed Vegetables, Fitness Rice, Quick Energy Rolls, Milk, Body Pleasant Fruit.

Tuesday: Space Age Pizza, Galaxy Salad, Booster Rocket Corn, Planet Milk, Astonaut Ice Cream.

Wednesday: Steak Bytes, Software Potatoes, High-Tech Green Beans, Basic Milk, P.C. Fruit Bars, Graphic Rolls.

Thursday: Future Burger, 21st Century Burger Salad, Orbit Potatoes, Cosmic Milk, Time Travel Cobbler.

Friday: Visionary Fish Nuggets, Astronomy Broccoli W/Cheese, Star System Pasta Salad, Vegetable Dippers, Space Explorer Cornbread, Milky Way Milk, Fortune Cookie.



Mr. and Mrs. Armando Montez of Rotan announce the birth of their daughter Brittany Michelle. She was born February 28th at Hendricks Hospital in Abilene. She weighed 5 lbs., 7½ oz. and was 19 inches long.

Proud grandparents are Becky Montez and Jesse Montez of Rotan.

Four Volunteers From Fisher County Attend American Cancer Society Meeting

American Cancer Society volunteers from eight counties, including four from Fisher County, attended the 1988 Crusade Kickoff for American Cancer Society District 16 in Abilene on Saturday, March 5.

Jerry Marshall, Donna Springer, Gayle Duke and Karen Gruben of Rotan represented the Fisher Unit at the kickoff which featured the theme, "You can make a difference". The annual meeting serves as the first official function of the crusade--the educational and fund-raising drive sponsored by American Cancer Society volunteers each spring.

The 1988 goal for the Fisher County Unit was announced as $5,250.00. According to Dr. Jerry Marshall, Crusade Chairman, these funds will be used to continue the Society's three-fold attack on cancer through research, education, and patient services. The American Cancer Society is second only to the federal government's National Cancer Institute as a source of cancer research funds.

In Texas alone, more than $7 million is currently invested by the American Cancer Society in 13 major hospitals and research institutions throughout the state.

"And all these funds will be raised by volunteers," added Marshall.

The American Cancer Society also emphasizes the educational aspect of its drive, according to Marshall. "Our focus for this year's drive will be the early detection of breast cancer through mammography" he said. A highly curable rate form of cancer if detected early. Marshall said breast cancer will be the feature of our literature that will be reviewed by volunteers door-to-door at as many homes as possible during April. April has been designated as Cancer Control Month.

For more information about the Crusade of the American Cancer Society, please call Jerry Marshall or Donna Springer- residential crusade chairman.

PACES HIMSELF: James Gantt of the Roby track team won the two mile race Saturday at the Anson Tiger Track Meet. He also came in second in the 100 meter dash proving that he has speed as well as endurance.

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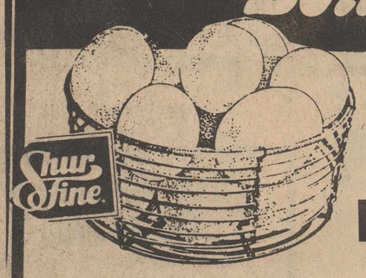

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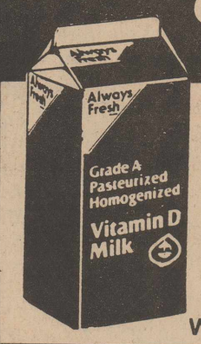

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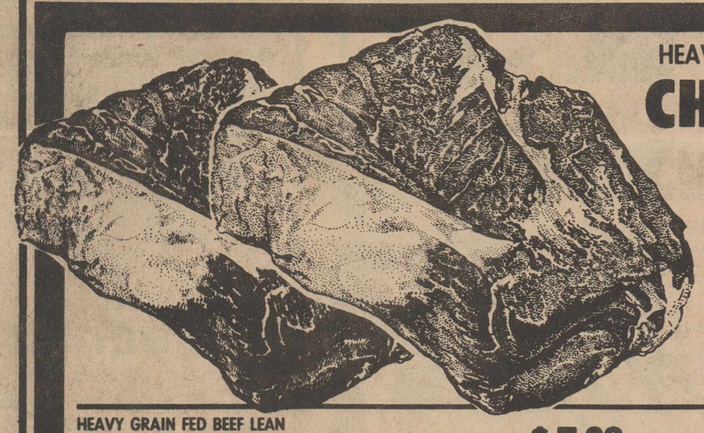

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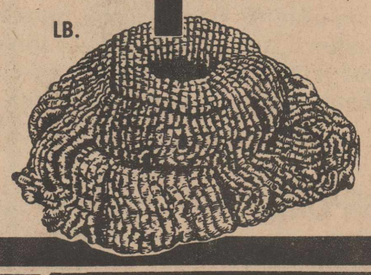

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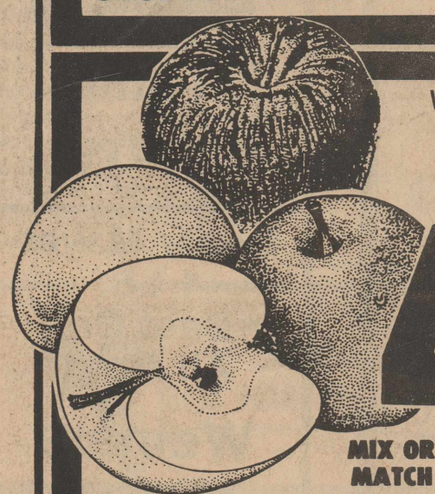

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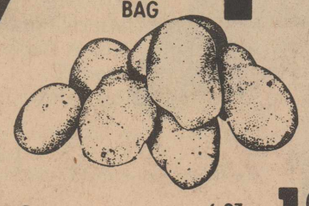

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