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Rotan School Realizes \$21,937.21 In Revenue From 14 Football Games

If you are a Rotan football fan, attended the playoff games at Mineral Wells and did a few quick calculations - you probably determined that the Rotan school was going to get rich on their part of the gate. Not so.

The largest chunk of playoff dollars came at Mineral Wells, when Rotan played Muenster and Lindsay, back to back.

The total taken in on both playoff games was \$3,963.56 - Rotan's part of the Muenster game was \$1,801.43 and Rotan's part of the Lindsay contest was \$2,162.13. Rotan Superintendent Alton Fields said that "15 percent comes off the top of the total take at the game for UIL, this is true for all playoff games. After the UIL part is deducted, expenses are backed-out for referees, ambulance drivers, gate keepers, chain-gang and police protection," he said.

The four playoff games, Paradise - \$1,244.30; Eden - \$1,707.20; Muenster - \$1,801.43 and Lindsay - \$2,162.13 provided

a total of \$6,914.06 back into the Rotan school treasury.

The ten regular season games provided a total of \$15,022.15 in revenues or an average revenue per game for the 10 regular season contests of \$1,502.22.

Total revenues from all 14 Rotan games during the 1988 season was \$21,937.21.

On the other side of the ledger sheet, the busses to the final playoff game (Lindsay) cost the school a total of \$2,210.55 while Superintendent Fields estimated it took approximately \$500.00 to feed the band and football boys.

Yellow Slash On Mail Label This Week Says Subscription Expired

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FOOT IN MOUTH DISEASE: It appears as if President Elect George Bush has a classic case of "foot-in-mouth disease" with his haunting campaign statement of "read my lips, no new taxes." That sounded great during the debates and on the campaign trails, but it may wreck us financially as a country. I'm not in favor of tax hikes, normally, but even I can see that the "read my lips statement" is going to be one that comes back and kicks George in the bo-bo. However, our Texas Governor Bill Clements isn't doing bad in the tax publicity department either. He has been quoted in the Fort Worth paper as saying that the 71st Legislature will face an even more difficult task than that which already exists. Clements said that he sees no need for a tax increase and vowed to veto any new taxes. To underscore his position, he said that he is "set in concrete" on this issue.

Governor Clements can't be expected to mean what he says though. He's the same Governor, in the 70th Legislative session who vowed he would not permit taxes to be raised and the Legislature passed - and Clements signed - the largest tax bill in Texas's history. Now, how can we take him seriously when he says anything. With that kind of attitude, I'd like to see Governor Bill - sealed in concrete. The Legislative Budget Board has said that lawmakers will face at least a \$1 billion shortfall - and possibly more - just to maintain state services at their present level. School funding is in a mess, teachers need a pay increase, prison reform, aid to mentally ill, Texas is looking at being required by the federal government to come up with increased spending in the area of welfare and Medicare programs - and we have a governor - in all his wisdom - who is set in concrete on no tax increases. What this great state needs is a governor who is at least a little open minded, only a goof-ball closes his mind to an idea before it is presented or talked about or tried. Loosen up Governor, this is not your money the Legislature is talking about spending. If they need to raise taxes to keep providing services that are essential - figure out a way to get it done fairly where we get the best value for the money we invest. I feel we are going to have to have a hike in taxes somewhere, and even though I don't personally like it, I see it coming. I'm not going to be so stupid as to say that I'm not going to pay the new taxes and, "I am set in concrete on that" - though.

FINALLY: Ol' Whistle Britches from his Shinnery Ridge Ranch at Rough Creek called us with this information.

Conclusions- Jumping to conclusions is about the only exercise some people get.

Nudists- People who quit smoking cigarettes have the same problem as newcomers to nudist camps - they don't know what to do with their hands.

Communism- The Russians have one big advantage over us. They don't have to spend half their time and money fighting communism.

Money- Saving money these days is harder than playing a trumpet from the wrong end.

Sports- There are only two groups of football coaches: those who have been fired and those who will be.

Ideas- The normal reaction to a new idea is to think of reasons why it can't be done.

Rotan Board Renews Fields Contract

The members of the Rotan School Board unanimously approved a contract extension for Superintendent Alton Fields through the 1991-92 school year, listened to building principals discuss TEAMS testing and kicked around a possible solution to a drainage problem at the new learning resource building at their meeting last Monday night.

Without exception, each of the three building principals gave the board a lengthy report on their assessment of the Texas Assessment Of Minimum Skills (TEAMS) results pin-pointing strengths and weaknesses within their respective buildings.

Primary Principal David Hargrove reviewed campus goals with board members, discussed TEAMS test results and expressed his appreciation to the primary teachers for the part they played in receiving recognition from the State Board of Education for outstanding achievement and gains in the TEAMS testing program. Hargrove indicated that they have isolated individual student strengths and weaknesses on TEAMS and CAT tests and are working to achieve even better area performances.

Junior High Principal M.T. Hill reported that a total of 11 teachers in junior high are

teaching a total of 163 students. He reviewed campus goals with board members. Junior High campus goals include having a clear understanding of goals to be achieved, maintaining an effective tutoring program and accomplishing TEAMS and CAT scores that reflect a gain.

Rotan High School Principal Jim Cain reported to the board his campus goals and shared some changes that have been implemented in the tutoring sessions available to students. New tutoring sessions have been moved to 10:25 a.m. to 10:45 a.m., Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Cain expressed concern to the board over scores of 11th graders taking TEAMS tests. He indicated that eight of the 11th graders failed to master the math portion of the test. He outlined

remedial steps and tutorial steps being taken to improve math performances on future tests.

Board members opted to get local bids on fixing a complicated tiered drainage system at the east end of the new Learning Resource Building instead of allowing Trevor Ford & Associates to complete the work. The board is hoping to get bids under \$5,000 for the drainage system which was left as-is, threatens to wash water in the new building. The board is hoping to install drains, gutters and retaining walls to divert water from the east entrance.

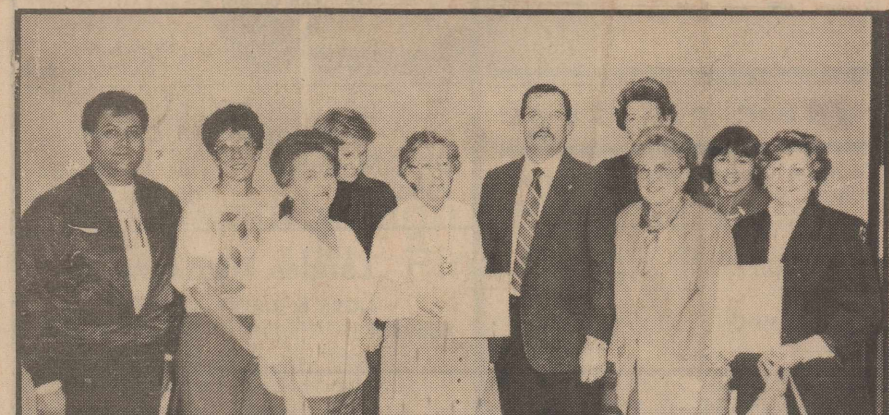
The vote to extend Fields' contract was 6-0 with Roger Blackwelder, Leo Long, Donnie Gruben, Donna Kennedy, Luther Summers and Pete Fowler voting in favor and Larry Landes absent from the meeting.

Rotan Primary Educators Awarded TEAMS Certificate At Meeting

Rotan Primary School was recognized by the State Board of Education for their exceptional scores and high gains on the TEAMS tests. The Board recognized schools where 90 percent or more of students mastered all sections of the TEAMS tests taken during the 1987-88 school year and those which recorded gains of 30 percent or more from

1986-87 to 1987-88.

Last Monday, Superintendent, Alton Fields presented Primary Principal, David Hargrove with a certificate from the State Board of Education for the exceptional gain and high scores on the TEAMS tests, accomplished by the primary school students in Rotan.



RECEIVES CERTIFICATE: The above Rotan Elementary teachers were on hand last Monday to receive state TEAMS recognition. Left to right: Floyd Garcia, Debbie Burns, Joyce Hill, Janie Fields, Fran LeBleu, David Hargrove, Principal, Mrs. Robert Witherspoon, Nita Smith, Mrs. John Cox and Pat Cox.

Fisher County Spent \$336,832 More Than Was Taken In During 1987

Fisher County spent \$336,832.00 more than they took in during 1987 - but "not to worry", they still wound up with an ending balance as of 12-31-88 of \$739,667.00, according to a combined statement of cash receipts and disbursements of all funds as prepared by the auditing firm of Anderson & West of Snyder, Texas.

Fisher County actually began the year 1987 with \$1,076,499 on hand; a total of \$3,171,164 was received into the county coffers from all funds while a total of \$3,507,966 was spent in all areas, leaving an ending balance of \$739,667.00. The ending balance

is \$336,832.00 less than was on hand at the beginning of the year.

The general fund suffered the largest decline for the year. It went from \$529,937 on January 1, 1987 to \$412,708 on December 31, 1987 - for a decline in balance of \$117,229.00.

Only four of the fifteen areas measured showed gains - from beginning balances to ending balances. Those four areas were: check collection fund an increase of \$331.00; County Clerk fund an increase of \$576.00; District Clerk fund an increase of \$7,068 and Precinct 3 J.P. Fund an increase of \$251.00.

Roby Board Members Review List Of School Goals For The Future

The members of the Roby School Board spent considerable time last Monday night discussing the long range goals for the school. Superintendent Jimmie Laurie presented the board with a list of long range goals and in making the presentation of the list informed the board that some of the items had already been accomplished. Items on the list to be accomplished in the future included: (1) an all weather track, (2) a new junior high school building, (3) installing a Ti-In network, (4) establishing a computer laboratory for the elementary and secondary school, (5) providing water to the grade school playground, (6) installing lights around the track and installing new lights at the football field, (7) performing upgrade work at the concession stand, (8) upgrading the computer electrical system, (9) the acquisition of real estate for future campus expansion and (10) the overall expansion of the physical education program on campus. Two new items were added to the long range goal list last Monday night. Board member Jeff McClure desired to have new visitors seating at the new gymnasium added as a long range goal and Dr. David Morris wanted to have the expansion of the P.E. program to include soccer added as a possible goal. Superintendent Laurie is to investigate the possibility of expanding the physical education program to include soccer and report back to the board.

Those present for the meeting last Monday night were: Andy Moore, Steve Terry, Richard

Gaona, Dr. David Morris, David Boyd and Jeff McClure. Also present were Jimmie Laurie and Alvin Petty.

Minutes were approved and the bills approved for payment.

Superintendent Laurie reported to the board that the installation of the Ti-In network should be completed in "four to six weeks" and that no reception problems were anticipated. Laurie applauded the new program as an asset to Roby schools and a big step in expanding education possibilities.

Some discussion centered around district and campus plan reports and the District-Campus Plan Committee composed of Jeff McClure, Alvin Petty and Andy Moore.

Dr. David Morris requested additional time to study long range goals, long range policies and plans in the future. Superintendent Laurie, in answer to Morris' request, informed the board that the mandated program to establish goals actually began on December 14th, 1987 and that those were the policies now being carried forward.

One final request by Dr. David Morris was that non-college bound students be given a long range look with respect to some type of program to develop skills in high school to be used after graduation.

The board discussed UIL plans. One suggestion centered around rewarding UIL students with academic trips for UIL excellence. Superintendent Laurie reviewed awards won by Roby

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Lance Ragan First Team All-State, Four Other Yellowhammers Noted

Five Rotan gridders received All-State honors for their talents on the football field, culminating a successful 1988 season that ended with the Yellowhammers going to quarter-final action.

Lance Ragan, 6'6", 245 pound senior was chosen for All-State first team laurels. He was persuaded to play football by Rotan coach Weldon Nelms only 16 months ago, and his talents became evident as he was credited with 14 blocks that lead to touchdowns and 108 other blocks during the season.

Ragan was also tapped for All-State third team as a defensive lineman. During the year he was credited with 53 solo tackles, 52 assists and four tackles resulting in losses. He also blocked five passes and a kick to help the Yellowhammers towards their winning season.

Joining Ragan on the third team is defensive back Willard Roddy, a 5'9", 150 pound senior.

Honorable mention went to three Rotan players: Brian Sheehan (center), Kenny Warren (offensive and defensive back) and Gray Fowler (defensive back).

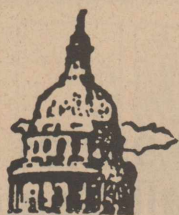


Lance Ragan

Rotan Residents Can Help With Pecan Trees At C of C Fitness Trail

Now you have the opportunity to help. If you have used the Rotan Chamber of Commerce Fitness Trail, are now using it or plan on using it in the future - you can have a tree planted in your name or in memory of a loved one.

The Rotan Chamber of Commerce fitness trail committee, headed by Luther Summers, is organizing a "plant-a-tree" project for beautification purposes. Anyone desiring to donate a pecan tree, or if anyone is willing to donate the funds needed to plant a pecan tree, contact Luther Summers for additional information.



State Capital Highlights

By Lyndell Williams
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

AUSTIN—Attorneys said poor school districts seeking school finance reform will go to the Texas Supreme Court after a lower court refused to reconsider its decision that the current system is constitutional.

The refusal keeps the funding game in the legislative ballpark, at least for awhile, where lawmakers regard it the top issue for this session.

Some 12 poor school districts, represented by counsel from the Mexican-American Legal Defense and Educational Fund, filed the lawsuit, and even some in the attorney general's office think the chances are 50-50 the present system will be found illegal.

Legislators still have time to act before the Supreme Court hears the case, probably in the fall, but possibly this spring.

The top lawyers for the Texas Education Agency predicted the Supreme Court will let the Legislature try to resolve the issue before it hears the case.

Hightower Backs Out

After four years of posturing for the 1990 U.S. Senate race, Agriculture Commissioner Jim Hightower announced he'll opt instead for re-election, a decision which derails the plans of top deputy Mike Moeller to take over his spot.

Hightower's decision not to take on Republican Phil Gramm is thought by many to be influenced by backlash from his endorsement of presidential candidate Jesse Jackson.

During the primary, Hightower was the first major white officeholder to back Jackson publicly, an act which has endeared Hightower to Texas black Democrats, but which may have hurt in other voting sectors.

Hightower said as early as four years ago he would take on Gramm next year and made himself the darling of liberal Democrats for blasting Gramm, Reagan and Bush with his ripping humor.

Meanwhile, Moeller, a former president of the Texas Farmers Union, has also quietly campaigned to replace his boss, with Hightower's support.

Moeller is well regarded by most legislators, and generally is given credit for straightening out budget and administrative problems that plagued Hightower's relationship with them.

Pro-Gambling Program

Several pro-gambling issues will come before the Legislature this session in what anti-gambling leaders have called a watershed year.

Gambling activities proposed for legislation are:

- Gambling cruise ships which take you out into the Gulf and back for the evening.
- A state lottery whereby tickets can be bought at the local convenience store.
- Televised simulcasting of horse races from one track to another across the state.
- Lowering the state tax on

parimutuel betting.

- Reforming legislation for bingo games.

Current law compels gambling ships to dock in a foreign port before returning to the Texas coast.

Probably before the session ends, pro-gamblers will take another run at legislating casino gambling for some Texas cities, approved on a local ballot.

Hobby Assails Clements

Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby last week criticized Gov. Bill Clements for his pledge to veto any tax increase passed this year, saying the governor made a "big mistake" with his latest threat.

Although stopping short of predicting a tax increase will be necessary to fund state services over the next two years, he acknowledged "enormous pressure" will exist for a tax bill.

Last month, Clements resurrected his no-new-taxes stance, saying, "I will absolutely veto any new taxes. I don't want any misunderstanding about this. I am set in concrete."

Comptroller Bob Bullock who estimates that lawmakers will have \$4.2 billion more in revenues in 1990-91 than in the current budget cycle, is expected to propose additional ways to generate money for state government.

Short Takes

- Attorney General Jim Mattox reportedly has hired several top staffers from the unsuccessful Dukakis-Bentsen campaign, presumably to lock them into his race for governor.

- Actively campaigning for the '90 attorney general race is Houston attorney John Odom, a close associate of former Gov. Mark White.

Bigger Democrats mentioned for the office but still unannounced are Land Commissioner Garry Mauro, Dallas Congressman John Bryant and San Antonio representative Dan Morales.

- The Public Utilities Commission top lawyer said earnings of Southwestern Bell Telephone in Texas are "significantly" more than they should be, a charge which company officials denied.

The PUC general counsel said excess earnings were \$90 million or more and challenged the company to disprove it.

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Minister's Message By Don Dawes Minister, Church of Christ, Rotan

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 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 Lord."

The door opens slowly and makes way for the out-stretched 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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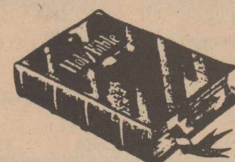
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Plans Made For Self-Care Retirement Center

Submitted By: Dr. David Morris

The announcement of plans for a privately owned, self-care retirement center in Roby, marks the completion of a major economic goal for the Fisher County Economic Development Commission.

Dr. David Morris, Chairman of the County EDC said, "a sale this week of the former Golden Haven Nursing Home, has completed a 2½ year effort to establish a regional retirement center serving senior citizens in Fisher and surrounding counties." This economic effort was begun by a committee of the Roby Lions Club, chaired by former Mayor Carl Matthies and completed by Dr. David Morris and J.T. Palmer.

The new owners are a brother and sister team from Ozark, Arkansas and Silsbee, Texas. The James Tedford's and the Robert Croft's and their children will be starting major renovations during the first week in February. At that time, they will accept applications for residents and employment. The two families will reside at the former Golden Haven in Roby during the period of restoration.

Mr. Croft is a civil engineer and his wife is a marketing specialist. Mrs. Croft's brother, James Tedford, is a plumbing and heating contractor and Mrs. Lisa Tedford owns a plumbing supply company in Altus, Arkansas.

"Our self-care, Fisher County retirement center, said Mrs. Croft, is designed to provide Big Country senior citizens a pleasant, secure, living accommodation with a caring family atmosphere. It is modeled after the family's 'Our House' retirement center in Silsbee, Texas."

Dr. Morris stated that in discussions with the Croft's prior to purchase, it was understood that the self-care retirement center would be targeted to middle income senior citizens. He said, "there are only two other

retirement centers in this region, both in Abilene and both catering to upper income seniors."

In explaining the future of the center, Mrs. Croft said, "Residents will have a choice of private or semi-private rooms, furnished or unfurnished. We will be serving three nutritious meals daily and if needed, residents will be provided physician prescribed diets. Additionally, residents will have daily maid service, including laundry."

Mr. Tedford said, "The remodeling will create beautifully appointed sitting rooms for visiting family and friends as well as specially created game rooms. Planned activities will be standard. It is our goal to assure residents and their families a secure, happy twenty-four hour environment."

Residents will be encouraged to maintain their own transportation and parking spaces will be

provided. "However," Mrs. Croft said, "for those no longer able to drive, transportation will be provided by the center."

The new owners have expressed to Dr. Morris that although this is a family owned facility, key employees will be received from within the area.

The Crofts and Tedfords said, "We as a family, feel a responsibility to make affordable living available to senior citizens, but more importantly, we want to provide a wholesome quality of life for our residents. We feel we can fulfill our obligation by developing a regional retirement center in Fisher County. We are excited about the prospects of participating in Fisher County's Economic growth. One of the reasons we chose Fisher County over other potential sites was the warm and friendly way our family has been treated."

Rotan And Roby Mayor Positions Will Be Up For Both Officials

A rare happening will occur this year in Fisher County. Both the Rotan and Roby Mayor positions come up for election. Dr. Jerry Marshall, Rotan Mayor, is finishing a three year term and is undecided about seeking the position for another term. Murray Simmons, Roby Mayor, is ending a two year term and is also undecided as to whether he will seek re-election.

The Rotan City Council members whose terms expire this year along with Dr. Jerry Marshall's are Councilmen Phil Springer and Jim McCright. Other members of the City council include C.E. Atwell, Jim Gruben and Ernest Armstrong.

Every two years the Roby City Committee members terms expire. City Commissioners Cecil

King and Jack McClure positions will be up for election this year along with Mayor Murray Simmons.

The Rotan School Board has three positions up for election - those currently filled by Roger Blackwelder, Donald Gruben and Donna Kennedy. Other Board members include Luther Summers, Larry Landes, Leo Long and Pete Fowler.

The Roby School Board has two positions up for election, one being a vacancy formerly held by June Wright who resigned last year and the other position currently held by Andy Moore. Other Board members include: David Boyd, Steve Terry, Richard Gaona, Dr. David Morris and Jeff McClure.

Positions on the Hobbs School Board held by Howard Gordon and Walt Cave are up for election this year.

Other members of the Board are: Wayne Jones, Dan Bavousett and Rickey Gordon.

The Fisher County Hospital Board has three positions up for election. Those three positions are at present held by Glen Copeland, Frank Mitchell and Billy Jeffrey. Other members of the board include: Steve Nowlin and Dave Williams.

Positions held by Bill Hardy, John Gray, and Mac Weathersbee are up for election on the Rotan Water Authority Board. Other board members include Bartlett Strayhorn and Bobby Gruben.

The election will be held on May 6th.

Roby School Board Story Continued

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students in UIL events and pointed out that Roby purchased letter jackets for everyone who won in UIL competition.

The board discussed an all awards banquet and implemented a program to reward students with t-shirts and bumper stickers who achieved the honor roll 4 out of 6 grading periods.

The resignation of Kristy Williamson, teacher's aide was accepted. She has gone to work in the Fisher County Clerk's office. She was replaced by Lisa Carey.

It was brought out that the Roby school was no longer purchasing gasoline from a Roby business and had switched to a new business. Superintendent Laurie informed the board that the switch in purchasing was for the sole purpose of saving the district money.

The board discussed the asbestos management plan and discussed the school insurance with respect to a student who had received an injury during football.

Funeral Services Held For Gladys Farrar

Gladys Farrar, 80, of Roby, died Sunday morning at Fisher County Hospital following a brief illness. Funeral services were at 2 PM, Tuesday, January 10th, at First Baptist Church in Roby. Officiating were Rev. Steve Sims and Rev. Alvin Petty. Burial was in the Roby Cemetery with arrangements by Weathersbee Funeral Home.

Mrs. Farrar was born in Fisher County, August 1, 1908, and has been a lifelong resident of the county. She married Clyde T. Farrar, January 1, 1930 in Fisher County. He died July 30, 1974. Mrs. Farrar was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church and the Fisher County Senior Citizens. She was preceded in death by 3 brothers and a grandson.

She is survived by: two daughters: Jo Ann Gann of Alvarado and Neilda Dodson of Fort Worth; a son: Johnny Farrar of Clarendon; four sisters: Stella Goodwin of Rotan, Betty McDaniel of Paramount, Calif., Nettie McDaniel of Rotan, Lynn Feucht of Arlington; 2 brothers: Allen Hull and wife, Opal of Rotan, Bennie Hull and wife, LaFern, of Long Beach, Calif.; 1 sister-in-law: Eula Mae Hull of Rotan; 9 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren.



Missy Turpin & Todd Coker

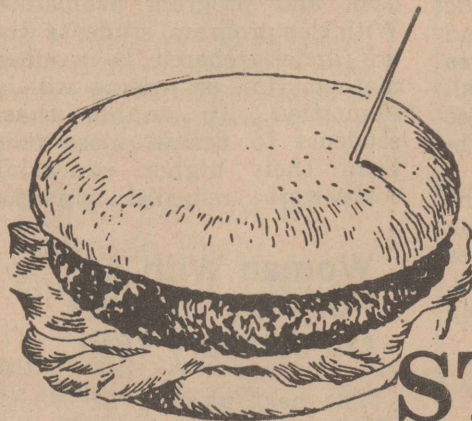
Missy Turpin And Todd Coker Plan February 25th Wedding

A February 25th wedding is planned at First Baptist Church in Roby for Missy Turpin and Todd Coker.

The bride-elect, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Turpin of Roby, graduated from Roby High School and is currently attending Stenographic Institute of Texas in Abilene. She is the granddaughter of Mrs. F.L. Turpin of

Graham. The prospective bridegroom, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Coker of Roby, graduated from Roby High School and attended Western Texas College. He is a farmer in the Longworth area. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Landers of Roby and Mr. and Mrs. D.L. Coker of Sweetwater.

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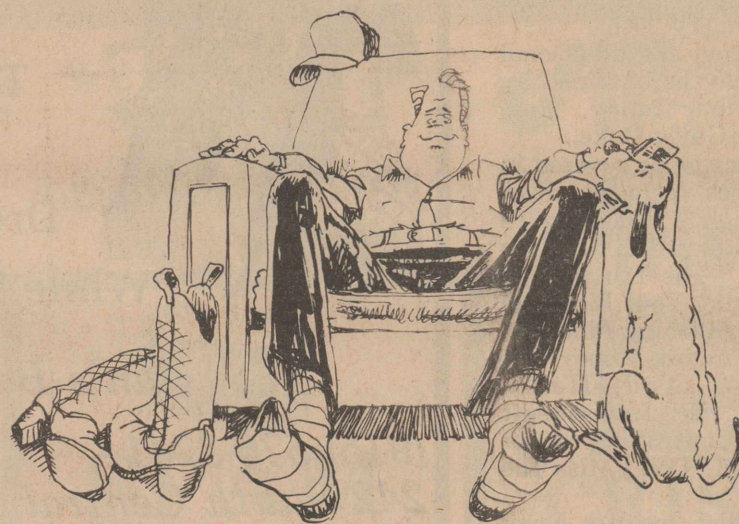
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Chrystal Church Winner Of Midwest Youth Tour

Sixteen year old Crystal Church, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Church of Hermleigh, was named the winner of Midwest Electric Cooperative's "1989 Rural Electric Youth Tour". Fifteen year old Holly Scott of Snyder, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Scott, was named as alternate for the trip. Crystal will become a part of the "Texas" Youth tour Group and will tour to Washington D.C. from June 15th to June 27th. The 70 or more participants on this years tour will see all the sights of interest in Washington, and will make stops at the Country Music Hall of Fame, or Graceland, and a visit to Lookout Mountain in Chattanooga, Tennessee while en route, and on the return trip. This year is the "25th" anniversary of the Texas Rural Electric Youth Tour program.

Legal Notices

Lots For Sale

The City of Roby will accept seal bids for Lots 1,2,&3, of Block 69 OT Roby. Bids will be accepted at Roby City Hall until 4:00 P.M., on the 7th day of February, 1989, at which time bids will be opened and considered. The City reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

City of Roby.
49:3tc

Fisher County Commissioners Court will accept bids for annual outside audit. Bids will be opened on January 16, 1989 at 9:00 a.m., in Special Session of Commissioners Court.

Marshal Bennett
Fisher County Judge

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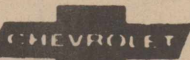
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Commissioners Accept Bid From Rotan Insurance Agency

Fisher County Commissioners accepted the bid from Rotan Insurance Agency for \$37,660 for the property and liability coverage; automobile and equipment floater. In accepting the bid of \$37,660 it was pointed out by Rotan Insurance Agency officials

that the accepted bid was \$8,623.00 less than was paid for coverage the prior year. Commissioner Wright asked why the reduction and was told by Rotan Insurance Agency owner Joe Burk that "the county had been with the same company for two

years, had established a good loss record and we (Rotan Insurance Agency) had been able to secure all the credits that were available."

Fisher County Commissioners approved the naming of Perry Thomson as the local emergency planning coordinator for Fisher County.

Commissioners named the following as members of the Fisher County Historical Commission - Mr. and Mrs. Link Adair, Alice Ballenger, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Noles, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Harris, Dr. Bennie LeBleu, Bettie Hargrove, P.M. Burnett, Joe Clark, Mr. and Mrs. W.A. Cross, Mr. and Mrs. Rudy

Hamric, Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Hodges, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Maberry, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Murphree, Mrs. Inez Ray, Mr. and Mrs. Hooper Shelton, Mr. and Mrs. Mac Turner, Connie Tutt and Violet Upshaw.

The following list of holidays were approved by Fisher County Commissioners for 1989 - New Year - Jan. 2, 1989; Good Friday - March 24; Memorial Day - May 29; Independence Day - July 4; Labor Day - Sept. 4; Veteran's Day - Nov. 10; Thanksgiving Day - Nov. 23 & 24; Christmas - Dec. 25 & 26 and New Year - January 1, 1990.

Fisher County Auditor Pat Neepers presented commissioners with a list of 1988 budgeted areas not expended and a list of areas where funds were expended but not budgeted. Commissioners approved the under/over items amounting to \$49,280.47.

Three Fisher County individuals were appointed to the Fisher County grievance committee. The ones appointed to serve were; James Carter, Jerry Bran-

son and Dorothy Decker. Billy Green was named as an alternate. Judge Marshal Bennett reviewed the possible transfer of county fire fighting equipment from the county to Rotan and Roby fire departments. No action was taken on the transfer.

Judge Bennett informed the commissioners of the meeting on Monday, January 16th at 9:00 a.m., for the awarding of the bid to do the county outside audit.

County Agent's Report By Beth Dannheim Extension Home Economist

Each year the Fisher County Home Economic Committee identifies critical issues of the county and selects one to put major educational emphasis upon. For 1989, the committee selected Improving Nutrition, Diet, and Health. During the year programs will include a letter series of the diet/exercise connection, a 12 week series of diet education and exercise, programs on food storage and pest control, Extension Homemakers Club programs on calcium and lowering your cholesterol, a food fair, a financial management clinic, series of 6 lunch and learn sessions designed for the working woman on easier ways of food preparation, exhibits for commodity food recipients, exhibit at county fair, various civic programs on the topic of diet, nutrition and health, plus class room school programs.

A special thanks goes to the following homemakers who assisted with the planning of these activities: Ilene Cave, Helen Thornburg, Louise Martinez, Bonnie Estes, Faye Anderson, Mary Alice Ramirez, Marsha Smith, Wanda Floyd, Bobbie

"Master Your Money" To Be Held At Rotan Methodist

The First United Methodist Church in Rotan is planning to hold a video series entitled "Master Your Money", according to Rev. Terry Lowe, local Minister.

The series is designed to help Christians learn how to take control of their money, become free from financial worry and experience the joy of Christian fellowship.

The series will take place on Saturday afternoon, January 28th and February 4th from 12:00 noon until 5:00 p.m.

Pre-registration is required and a \$10.00 per person/couple workbook charge for participants will be assessed. Registration deadline is January 20th.

Pre-registration and additional information may be obtained by contacting Nina Tandy, Rev. Terry Lowe or Gayle Duke.

Session topics to be covered in the video series include: "How Much Is Enough", "Planning To Be A Good Steward", "Getting Rich Slowly", "The Dangers Of Debt", "Planning Your Financial Future", "Establishing Financial Priorities", "Finding Money You Never Knew You Had", "Developing An Investment Strategy", "Controlling Your Cash Flow" and "Don't Miss The Miracle".

A covered dish meal is being planned before each video series.

McKinney, and Louise Mahaffey.

Programs scheduled for January include a 12 week Fit for Life series of lessons that are aimed at improving fitness and maintaining a healthy body weight. The lessons focus on developing a personal exercise plan and changing eating habits to promote and maintain weight loss. Two Fit for Life series will begin Thursday, January 19, one at 5:30 and the second at 7:00 at the Courthouse Annex. Wear your warm ups and join us for exercise.

A Financial Management Clinic is scheduled for Wednesday, January 25 from 12-1 (noon) in the Courthouse Annex. Bonnie Piernot, Extension Consumer Economics Specialist and I will present this program.

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

If you are a member of a civic club or church organization and would like a program in the area of health, diet, and nutrition, call the County Extension Office (776-2171) or drop by my office in the Courthouse.

All programs conducted by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, handicap or national origin.

Roby School Early Dismissal

Buses will run at 2:30 Friday the 13th of January.

Teachers will have the third of their state required four workdays on Saturday, the 14th of January.

Patsy Hamric Explains House Bill 2182 To Rotan Seniors

Patsy Hamric, Rotan counselor/librarian, met with Rotan seniors Tuesday to explain House Bill 2182 which mandated a basic skills test for students entering Texas public higher education institutions in fall 1989 or later. The Texas Academic Skills Program (TASP) is the test developed for this purpose. The TASP will also replace the Pre-Professional Skills Test for purposes of teacher education testing.

Seniors were given brochures explaining TASP.

The TASP has five components: diagnostic testing, advisement, placement, remediation, and program evaluation. With this program, students who are under-prepared in reading, mathematics, or writing will be identified. To enable these students to benefit more fully from their higher education coursework, remedial activities

will be offered to improve their levels of skills.

The TASP will be administered in 1989 on March 4, June 10, July 29, Sept. 30, Nov. 18. TSTI, WTC, ACU, HSU, and McMurry.

A person is EXEMPT from taking the TASP test if (1) that person enters or is currently in a certificate program that contains fewer than 9 semester credit hours or the equivalent of general education courses as defined by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools; and/or that person has earned at least 3 semester credit hours of college-level work prior to fall 1989.

Individuals should contact the higher education institution they are attending or planning to attend about these policies.

All full-time or part-time freshmen enrolled in certain certificate programs and all degree programs must take the TASP Test prior to gaining nine (9) or more college-level semester credit hours (or the equivalent).

For more details, contact Mrs. Hamric at 735-2128.

Women With A Purpose To Meet On January 16th

The next meeting of Women With A Purpose will be January 16th at 7 p.m. in the Roby Methodist Fellowship Hall.

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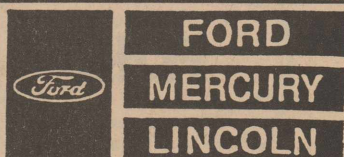
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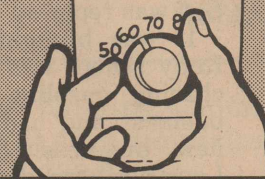
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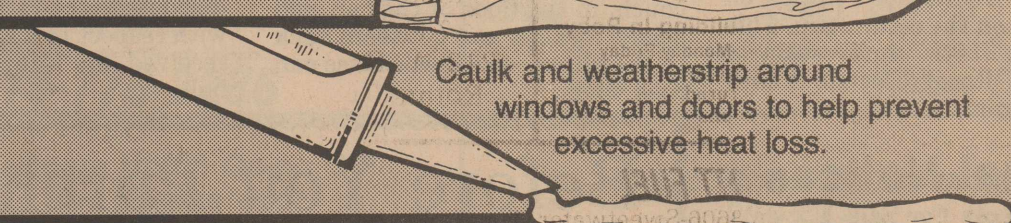
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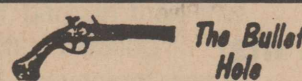
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TAX PLANNING

Written By
Richard E. Rodgers, CPA



In 1776, our country's forefathers thought it wise to have a Bill of Rights to protect the civil liberties of its citizens. Now over two hundred years later, Congress has decided to pass a "Taxpayer Bill of Rights" to assist citizens in their dealings with the IRS. This new law is part of the 1988 Technical and Miscellaneous Revenue Act ("TAMRA").

The "Taxpayer Bill of Rights" covers situations between the taxpayer and the IRS from the moment of contact through (if necessary) the sale of a taxpayer's property to pay a delinquent tax.

At the initial stage of contact by the IRS, a taxpayer must be given Publication No. 1, "Your Rights As A Taxpayer," which details a taxpayer's rights and the IRS's obligations in audit, appeals, refund and collection matters. Only in the case of a formal summons is a taxpayer required to be present during an audit, if the taxpayer wished to halt the process at any time, he or she may do so for purposes of consulting a tax advisor. A taxpayer has the right to make an audio recording of the audit interview, as does the IRS.

If the audit process fails to resolve the tax delinquency and the collection division gets involved, there are new rules that deal with liens and levies. First, the taxpayer's personal residence is generally no longer subject to levy, and the amount of other personal property and wages exempt from levy are increased.

Second, before the IRS can begin proceedings to sell a taxpayer's property for tax deficiency, it must now give a full thirty days notice in place of the former ten days notice. Last, the taxpayer may appeal to the IRS for a release of lien. In the event that the IRS fails to release a lien (where the tax is paid or bond is posted), the taxpayer may sue for damages.

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The First Baptist Church of Rotan will be having their annual "January Bible Study" beginning Sunday, January 15th through Wednesday, January 18th. The book that will be studied is the Gospel of John. Bro. Tommy Culwell, pastor of Belmont Baptist Church in Abilene will be the teacher. It will begin during the Church Training time this coming Sunday evening, at 6:00 p.m. and

the evening worship time at 7:00 p.m. Monday through Wednesday evenings, a meeting will take place at 7:00 p.m. for two sessions each night. There will be a break between sessions each evening and light refreshments will be served. Meetings will be held in the fellowship hall. There will be a nursery provided each night. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend.

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Lizzie Underwood
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Lizzie Underwood celebrated her 91st birthday last week and in the celebration a total of 43 area guests registered their attendance at a party honoring her birthday.

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Sign Up For Medicare Medical Insurance Deadline March 31st

People in the Big Country area who dropped their Medicare medical insurance coverage or declined it when they were first eligible have another chance to sign up for it now, Glyn Hammons, Social Security manager in Abilene, said recently. Between now and March 31, there is an annual open enrollment period to get coverage, which goes into effect July 1.

Many people who thought Medicare medical insurance was not for them might want to take another look at it this year, Hammons said. More extensive services will be covered, starting January, 1990, because of recent legislation.

Among the items of improved coverage are regular mammography screenings and increased days of home health care. A cap is set on the total expenses an individual would have to pay in Medicare-approved charges. In 1990, that cap is \$1,370. Coverage of out patient prescription drugs will be phased in over 4 year-period, beginning January 1, 1990. In 1990, Medicare will cover home IV therapy and immunosuppressive drugs. Coverage of all other prescription drugs will begin January 1, 1991.

To pay for these services, Medicare medical insurance premiums will also be increasing to \$31.90 per month in 1989, Hammons noted. In addition, all people eligible for hospital insurance will pay an annual supplemental premium based on their income tax liability and collected as part of their income tax. For tax year 1989, the rate will be \$22.50 for each \$150 of income tax liability, up to a maximum of \$800 per person.

Anyone with questions about coverage can call a special toll-free Medicare phone number, 1-800-888-1998. Questions about the supplemental premium

should be directed to the Internal Revenue Service. For a free IRS publication, available January 1989, which explains the Supplemental Medicare Premium; call toll-free, 1-800-424-3676 and ask for Publication 934.

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WTC Spring Registration Jan. 16th & 17th

Western Texas College will hold registration for spring semester classes on Jan. 16 and 17. Classes for day and evening students will begin on Jan. 18.

Sophomore students will register on Jan. 16 and freshmen on Jan. 17.

Dormitories will open at 10 a.m. on Jan. 16.

Information about courses on the spring schedule and registration can be obtained by calling the college at 915-573-8511.

Senior Citizens Hold Salad Supper At S.C. Building

A salad supper was held Tuesday night Jan. 3rd at the Senior Citizens building. Due to illness, attendance was down.

Mr. Carroll Hodges gave the blessing and then everyone enjoyed the many good salads and desserts.

Mr. Hodges presided over the business meeting in the absence of the President and Vice President.

Mrs. Coy Stuart called the roll and read the minutes.



TRAPPED LADY: A Jayton Lady Jay finds herself trapped between a pair of Lady Lions, Shari Hefflin, left, and Myra Hohon, right during action in the Roby-Jayton game.

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Hammer Happenings

By Donna Turnbow



Well, I'm back. This week was filled with plenty of work for the students at Rotan High. Today and tomorrow are the test days for final exams. This marks the end of the first semester.

HOOP!!! This past weekend the girls and boys basketball teams traveled to Ira to participate in a tournament that started Thursday and ended Saturday. The girls played three games, out of those three games

the girls won two. Good Going Girls!!! The boys also played three games, they also won two of the three games they played.

The teams are really going good this year. Tuesday there will be no game but Friday the basketball teams will play Munday. Go Get'Um Big O!!!!

The Rotan band is working hard on their new concert music. They are back in that concert mood.

Roby Lions Going Strong As District Play Nears On Jan. 17

By Cliff Vlasin

The Roby Lions came up just a few seconds short last Friday, dropping only their third decision of the year against 14 wins.

Just like their previous two losses, both to highly-rated 2A Hawley, this game could have gone either way; and just like those two losses, it came at the hands of a much larger school, this time to the 3A Colorado City Wolves.

The game appeared to most to be headed for overtime when Roby senior Rick Onofre's jumper knotted the score at 73 with only nine seconds remaining. Colorado City called time out, however, and got a layup off the hands of Chris Perkin, who accounted for only six points on the night, to take home the victory.

It was the second meeting of the year between the two schools with each team, ironically, winning on the other's floor. The Lions had returned from their holiday break with a pair of easy victories, blasting Roscoe 78-52 December 29 and easily handling Aspermont for the third time this season, 88-56.

In Friday's contest with Colorado City, it was obvious that the Wolves remembered the damage done to them from the three-point line in their earlier matchup. They were able to hold the Lions to only two of the long-range shots, but had to give something up in exchange.

While the Wolves were harassing Roby's outside shooters, the Lions were doing an effective job of taking the ball inside, with Roby post Carter Edmondson leading the Lion attack, pumping in 31 points on the night.

Jerry Carreon, who hit the Lions only two three-pointers, added 23 points to the Roby cause while Rick Onofre chipped in 13. Eddie Onofre, Michael Carrion, and Jonathan Petty each provided two points.

This game was much like the two teams' earlier meeting with the Lions surging to an early lead only to see the Wolves come scrapping back to make it close.

The first quarter featured a basketball clinic by Jerry Carreon as he scored 14 of Roby's 22 points including a seven-for-seven showing from the free-throw line. The Lions streaked to an early 9-2 lead and extended it to 22-12 with just under two minutes left in the quarter, but Colorado City came scrambling back, scoring the final six points of the quarter to cut it to 22-18.

The Wolves continued on their rampage, tallying the first six points of the second half, working to a 24-22 lead. The two teams then exchanged leads until the Lions ended the first half with eight in a row on a pair of Edmondson layups sandwiched between long-range bombs by Eddie and Rick Onofre to take a 36-30 advantage.

The Lions again appeared to be taking command midway through the third period as they extended to a 48-40 lead on six straight free throws, two from Carreon and four from Edmondson. But Colorado City came back again, scoring nine straight to take a 49-48 lead at the 2:40 mark. The two teams then battled back and forth for the remainder of the third quarter with an Edmondson layup giving Roby a slim 55-53 lead entering the final eight minutes.

The Lions led through much of the fourth quarter and held on to a 66-61 lead with only four minutes left. Ironically, it was three-point buckets by the Wolves' Pat Ridge that kept them in it. Colorado City took its first lead of the fourth quarter at the 1:56 mark, scoring six in a row for a 71-68 advantage.

A Rick Onofre free throw and a

Carreon layup knotted the score once again at 71 with 44 seconds left, but the Wolves retaliated with a short jumper eight seconds later to lead 73-71.

The final seconds featured an exchange of buckets with the Wolves scoring last.

Roby had one last desperation try with three seconds on the clock, but a long downcourt pass was cut off by Colorado City as they celebrated the win.

Roby 88, Aspermont 56

The Lions began the week with their third win of the year over the Aspermont Hornets, 88-56, with eight Roby players contributing points.

Roby's talented trio of seniors, Edmondson, Carreon and Rick Onofre, once again paced the Lions with 20, 22, and 19 points respectively while Michael Carrion added 12.

Eddie Onofre and David Shipp each tossed in five while Mike Reeves chipped in four and Jonathan Petty two.

The Lions established their dominance early, jumping to a 21-11 first-quarter lead and extending it to 42-27 by halftime and cruising to the easy win.

Paced by 23 points from Edmondson and 19 from Carreon, the Lions hammered the Roscoe Plowboys for the second time this season, blowing the game open in the second half to take a 78-52 win.

Also in double figures for Roby were Rick Onofre (13) and Michael Carrion (12). Rounding out the scoring were Shipp (4), Reeves (3), and Petty (2).

The game remained close in the early going with Roby holding on to a slim 33-27 lead at halftime. A 19-10 third quarter put the game away, however, giving Roby a 52-37 lead.

The Lions extended the lead with 26 fourth-quarter points to win going away.

Roby will have only one more game before opening district play at Ira January 17 as they begin a four-game road stint in Jayton January 13.

J.V. Boys

The J.V. beat Aspermont 71-30 and then lost to Colorado City 57-50 making their record 6-5 for the season. The J.V. team is still undefeated against 'Class A' teams. All of their losses have been to higher classification.

They probably had their best game of the year in the Colorado City loss. 'I was very pleased with our play against Colorado City, especially the first half when we built up an eight point lead,' said Coach Mickey McCarty. The J.V. hit 8, three pointers to help their cause, as Johnny Joe DeLosSantos pumped in five of them.

'I believe this game showed that Roby has potential to have a good team for the next three years. They have shown great improvement over the season. Even though their record is not that impressive they have improved their play by playing a tough schedule,' stated McCarty.

There will be no J.V. games at Ira next week.

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Hustling Around Hobbs

By Joy Walker

Again we have had so much wind and no moisture at all and things are sure getting dry. Thursday was the worst day with so much sand blowing, you would have thought it was March. But it was warm and for several days last week, it was almost like Summer with temperatures in the 70's, but then Sunday it turned off much colder and was dull all day and really looked rainy, but that was all. This morning (Monday) the temperature was 20 so it was pretty cold but it is supposed to warm up again this week.

We were pleased to have Kent and Debbie Gibson at church on Sunday, they live out in the community now in Walter Nash Mier's house.

We have really got lots of sick folks out this way, maybe it's the dusty weather we have been having. Lila Guinn was not able to be at church on Sunday as she has had a bad sinus infection. Mrs. Lorena Henderson also wasn't able to be at church as her arthritis is bad and she doesn't feel at all well.

James Nettleton is also sick and wasn't able to come to church; he also has had bad sinus.

We hope that all of these folks will soon be feeling very much better.

Frank Boydstun has been feeling very bad and he is going to see a specialist in Abilene on Friday. We hope that they will be able to find out what is wrong and that he will soon feel very much better.

Rudolph Martinez is going to Lubbock on Monday to St. Mary's hospital. He went to Lubbock last Thursday for some tests and they are planning to do Angioplasty surgery Tuesday morning. We hope that Rudolph will have good results. Mrs. Berta Babbitt from Plaquemine, Louisiana is flying to Abilene Monday and will be going to Lubbock from there. Also Rudy Martinez from Rotan and Mrs. Steve (Tachi) Warren from Snyder will be going for the surgery.

Happy Birthday to Mrs. Lizzie Underwood who celebrated her 91st birthday on Saturday with a party. There were 43 friends and relatives present and she really enjoyed the day. We hope that she will enjoy many more birthdays.

Mrs. Sarah Shipp came out to Bea Hardin's Friday and took Bea to Rotan. Morris Hardin from Lubbock spent Sunday with his mother, and Mr. and Mrs. Jay Lynn Hardin from Abilene came Saturday evening, spent the night and all day Sunday. They all visited with Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Hardin in Rotan on Saturday night.

Jim Ratliff, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Ratliff, who lives in Abilene, left Friday morning and flew to Gainesville, Florida, with the Dallas Maverick Wheel Chair basketball team. They played in a tournament there and placed third. The first game they played Richmond, Virginia and Jim scored 19 points and they won. The second game they played Jacksonville, Florida, and Jim scored 15 points but they lost. The third game they played Tampa Bay and they won; Jim scored 17 points in that game. He also made two three pointers, several free shots and had a good game of rebounding.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Cave and Mrs. Howard (Judy) Gordon took Mrs. Vida Boyer to Abilene on Friday to see an eye specialist.

Vida has to have eye surgery at Abilene on Thursday, and we all hope that she will get along just fine. Mr. and Mrs. Jackie Cave and Mrs. Rodney Cave all from Farmington, New Mexico, visited with Vida Saturday night.

Randy, Vicky and Cody Etheredge visited with the J.W. Etheredges on Sunday.

Alice Cave went to Abilene on Thursday for a check up on her eye and everything looked good. Mr. and Mrs. Jackie Cave and Mrs. Rodney Cave, their daughter-in-law, and a granddaughter Kiva, all from Farmington, New Mexico, came to visit the J.C. Caves Thursday and they stayed until Sunday morning. We heard from George Maule and he said the doctor's report on his eye was good and we hope that he will continue to improve.

Mrs. Opal Phillips is feeling pretty good and she spent last weekend in Post with her son and his wife, Glenn and Ginger Phillips. This weekend Opal spent with Mr. and Mrs. Gary Hyer as Mrs. Louise Lemons, who stays with her, was at a reunion in Abilene. Five of Louise's sisters and one brother were there, so she really enjoyed getting to see them all.

Mrs. Donnie Gruben and I went to Snyder and Abilene on Tuesday and then that night we went to the ballgame and watched Rotan play Paint Creek, both boys and girls. I went to Sweetwater on Thursday with Mrs. Wilber Gruben and visited with Evette Gruben and Becky Baer. Friday night Carol and I went to Roby and saw the Roby girls and boys play Colorado City. Two good games. Saturday the wind was blowing again and that night Mrs. Donnie Gruben and I and Carye and Tyler, Coby and Parker Morrow, who Carye was baby-sitting, all went to Ira to watch the Rotan girls play Roscoe for the Championship in the Ira Tournament. Rotan girls lost, but played hard. Then Rotan boys played the Ira boys for the Championship, and Rotan lost but it was a good game, although the Rotan boys didn't shoot as well as I have seen them shoot. But we enjoyed the games and the little boys were so good.

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

Rotan Girl's Varsity Team Take Second Place Victory

The Rotan Girl's Varsity won second place in a tournament last weekend in Ira. On Thursday, the girls beat Roscoe's Junior Varsity 64-25. High pointer for the Hammers was Sherri Conner with 15 points. Others scoring were: Shanna Bennett 8, Shannon Boone 6, Terrie Johnson 6, Lucy Stinson 8, Lynette McQueen 5, Denise Powell 10, Debra Martinez 2, Vanessa Peek 4, and team member Cherry McGuire.

The Hammers second game, played on Friday, was against Trent Varsity. With a final score of 46-42 the Hammers advanced to the Championship game. High pointer was Denise Powell with 14 points. Others scoring were:

Shanna Bennett 12, Shannon Boone 2, Sherri Conner 7, Terrie Johnson 7, Lucy Stinson 2, Lynette McQueen 2. Other team members include: Debra Martinez, Vanessa Peek and Cherry McGuire.

The championship game was not so good for the Hammers, losing to Roscoe Varsity the Hammers took second place with a final score of Rotan 37, Roscoe 63. High pointer was Sherri Conner with 8 points. Others scoring were Shanna Bennett 6, Shannon Boone 6, Lucy Stinson 7, Lynette McQueen 4, Denise Powell 4, Vanessa Peek 2 and team member Debra Martinez.

Funeral Services Held For Imogene Howard Lane Of Lubbock

Imogene Howard Lane, 90, of Lubbock, died Thursday, January 5th, at Methodist Hospital in Lubbock. Funeral services were 2 PM, Sunday, January 8th, at First Baptist Church in Rotan with Rev. Vernon Gee of Trinity Baptist Church in Lubbock officiating. Burial was in the Belvue Cemetery with arrangements by Weathersbee Funeral Home.

Mrs. Lane was born February 21, 1898 in Fisher County to early day pioneer residents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Howard. She married Otis Lane in 1921 at Fort Worth. He died in 1945.

Mrs. Lane moved to Lubbock in 1951 from Rotan and was employed in the Lubbock County Tax Office until her retirement a few years ago. She was a member of Trinity Baptist Church in Lubbock.

She is survived by: two daughters: Martha Sullivan of Breckenridge and Dorothy Foster of Lubbock; 4 grandchildren: Rudy Foster of San Antonio, Pat Foster of Dallas, Sandra Foster

of Plains and Mike Sullivan of Blackville, South Carolina; 4 great grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by: 2 brothers: Lannon Howard and Joe Howard; 6 sisters: Truly Swann, Mary Howard, Irene Howard, Emma Howard, Hattie Belle Howard and Sybil Howard.

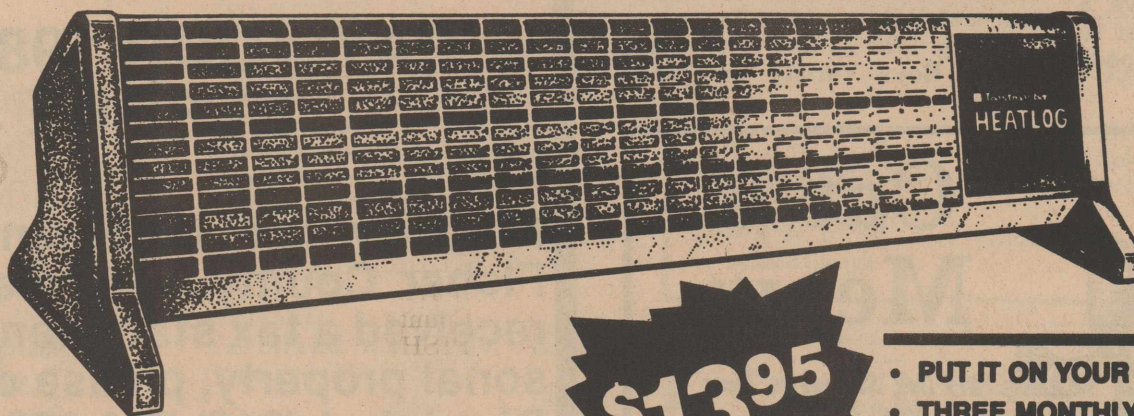
Services Held For Herbert Clint Rivers

Herbert Clint Rivers, 74, of Springtown, Texas, passed away January 5, 1989 at an Azle Hospital. Funeral arrangements were made by White's Springtown Funeral Home.

Mr. Rivers was born February 1, 1914 at Denton County, Texas. He was a member of the Church of Christ. He had worked for National Gypsum Company in Rotan before retirement.

Survivors include his wife: Mary Gordon Rivers of Springtown, Texas; two daughters: Julia Aaron of Springtown, Texas and Mary Frances Box of Lake Dallas; one sister: Marie Phillips Thornton of Rotan, Texas; seven grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.

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Colorado City Lady Wolves Defeat Lady Lions

By: Sandra Vlasin

It may have been a warm night in January, but the Lady Lions were ice cold Friday night in the Roby gym. The Colorado City Lady Wolves took advantage of Roby's cold hands with a 60-53 victory.

The Lady Lions were coming off two exciting games, an overtime win, 75-68, against Aspermont and losing a close one, 50-46, to Roscoe.

In Friday's game against Colorado City, Carol Kirby led Roby scoring with 20 points, followed by Shana Feagan with 14, and Myra Hohon with 10. Lorissa Edmondson contributed five points while Stephanie Frierson and Shari Heflin each added two points.

It appeared to be all Colorado City in the first half as the Lady Wolves held Roby scoreless for the first four minutes of the second quarter and built an 11-point lead.

The Lady Lions fought back, however, with a Hohon jumper for two, a pair of freebies from Heflin, and five points from Kirby to end the half only six points down.

During the third quarter both teams traded scores until Colorado City's Carla Hammond hit a jump shot with one second left to give the Lady Wolves an eight-point lead.

The Lady Wolves then spread their offense with three minutes left in the game after the Lady Lions again had clawed back from 13 points down.

Being content to exchange

buckets with Roby during the last minutes of the game, a tired Colorado City team walked away the winner.

Lorissa Edmondson's three pointer in the last three seconds tied the game at 66 and sent the Lady Lions and Lady Hornets into overtime Tuesday night in the Roby gym. Roby then outscored Aspermont 9-2 in overtime to defeat them 75-68.

Edmondson led all scorers with 29 points followed by Carol Kirby with 23. Also scoring for Roby were Shana Feagan (9), Stephanie Frierson (7), Rochelle Elkins (4), Myra Hohon (3), Shari Heflin (2),

Kim Justiss (2), and Lorena Cave (2).

The Lady Lions held a seven-point lead at the half, but this proved to be the hardest of the three victories over the Lady Hornets this season.

The Roby Lady Lions ended the year 1988 with a disappointing four-point loss to the Roscoe Plowgirls December 29 in Roscoe.

Neither team was able to take command of the game which was tied at 35 at the end of the third quarter. The Plowgirls were only four points better in the fourth quarter and the final score.

Carol Kirby and Shana Feagan

National Domino Association Finals To Be Held Jan. 28th

Thirty seven of the 74 people invited to participate in the National Domino Association (NDA) National Finals on Saturday, January 28, are Fisher County people. The other participants come from Abilene, Clyde, Sweetwater and the counties of Scurry, Kent, Stonewall and Jones.

NDA president, Alvin Petty, stated that the National Domino Association is very proud to have reached out geographically as far as they have their first year of existence. "We have even had some folks come from Midland to play in some of our tournaments," Petty said.

Beautiful plaques will be given to the "42" champion team and the "heads up" domino champion. There will also be at least \$300.00 in cash given to the winners in prize money.

Petty reported that the NDA will continue to promote "42" and domino tournaments in 1989. "And we will continue to grow

the amount of prize money that we have to give away."

All players in the National Finals must be present by 9:30 a.m. Saturday, January 28 at the Roby Community Center on Highway 70 in Roby. Finals competition will begin at 10:00 a.m. in both dominos and "42". Those qualified to participate in both divisions of play will be allowed to do so. The entry fee will be \$5.00 per player. Players must bring their own dominos and playing table.

The public is invited to watch the tournaments. There will be a \$1.00 admission fee for the public. Surplus funds made by the NDA are applied to the building of the National Law Enforcement Memorial Gardens, a hoped for National Monument which is a project of the Fisher County Economic Development Commission.

Funeral Services Held For Ruby McClain

Ruby McClain, 58, of Sylvester, died Wednesday, January 3rd, at a hospital in Kerrville. Funeral services were at 2 PM, Saturday, January 7th, at Weathersbee Chapel in Rotan. Officiating was Rev. Floyd Miller and Rev. J.C. Mayes. Burial was in the Sylvester Cemetery.

Mrs. McClain was born near Elkhart in Houston County. She was the daughter of Kay and Callie Jones. The family moved to Sylvester in 1941 from Houston County and she has made her home there since. She was a member of the Church of Christ. She married Robert Lee McClain and he died in 1985.

She is survived by: a son, Walter Reese McClain of Odessa; her father, Kay Jones of Sylvester; a sister, Betty Townsend of Odessa; two brothers, Walter Reese Jones of Tye and Robert Kay Jones of Marlin; one grandchild.

led the Roby scoring with 18 and 14 respectively. Also scoring for Roby were Myra Hohon (6), Stephanie Frierson (4), and Lorissa Edmondson (2).

The Lady Lions now have one week to prepare for their rematch against the tall, talented Jayton Lady Jays. This game will be the final warmup for district play which opens January 17 in Ira.

Nerissa E. Hardwick Receives Degree From Texas Tech

Nerissa E. Hardwick, daughter of Mrs. Bobbie L. Hardwick of Sylvester, received her Bachelor of Arts degree from Texas Tech University December 17, 1988. She plans to pursue a career in Social Work, her chosen field.

Out of town guests attending her graduation exercises were; Mrs. Pat Thompson and Robin Cleveland of Roby, Mr. and Mrs. Low Zientek and Zachary Zientek of Abilene, Wenzal Hardwick of San Angelo and Mrs. Hardwick of Sylvester.

Legal Notice

Fisher County Commissioners Court will accept bids for purchase of (1) 5 ton truck with 5th wheel. For specifications contact Jimmy Wright, Commissioner Precinct 4. Bids will be opened in special session of Commissioners Court January 27, 1989, at 9:00 A.M. The Court reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids.

Marshal Bennett
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Failure to receive a statement does not excuse you from paying taxes. If your 1988 property taxes are not paid by January 31st, you will be charged penalty and interest fees.

For Tax Information, Call Or Visit:

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Roby, Texas

County Agent Report

By Richard Spencer

Anyone interested in Texas weather data needs to make only one phone call or personal visit -- to the office of the State Climatologist at Texas A&M University.

Dr. John Griffiths serves in that position -- and he has a wealth of Texas weather information to share with anyone who wants to listen or to pore over pages and pages of weather data. It's all there -- for all Texas counties as well as specific locations in those counties.

Weather data is useful in so many ways, particularly as it relates to agriculture in Fisher County. It provides a historical perspective of what has happened and therefore gives some insight and predictability of what may happen in the future.

Farmers and ranchers rely heavily on weather information to plan certain operations. The same holds true for builders and developers and those in public service sectors, such as utilities and health care. And, of course, the general public as well as numerous organizations and agencies are interested in weather data.

The Office of the State Climatologist has been linked to Texas A&M University since 1973 when federal budget cuts in the National Weather Service closed the office. The office is part of A&M's Department of Meteorology, which boasts one of

the largest meteorology faculties in the U.S.

Essentially, the office has three main functions:

--Acts as a repository of available climatological data for Texas stations plus station histories, together with many special publications concerning Texas climate.

--Prepares special publications on the Texas climate, including "Climatology of Texas," single sheet items covering various weather events; "Agroclimatic Atlas of Texas" and "Engineering Climatic Atlas of Texas," booktype series; and a special series on "100 Years of Texas Weather, 1880-1979;" "Climates of the 254 Texas Counties."

--Answers questions from the public, industry, organizations and state agencies.

The Office of the State Climatologist is located in Room 1017 of the Oceanography and Meteorology Building at Texas A&M. The telephone number is 409-845-5044.

Fisher County Hospital Dietician Report

By: Kathryn Farrier, R.D./L.D.
Fisher County Hospital Dietician

Q: I've been hearing about some new vitamin called betacarotene. What is it for?

A: Beta-carotene (bay-tuh-carro-teen) is not new, it's as old as the carrots it comes from. The reason the vitamin manufacturers are putting it in pills lately is that scientists keep making new discoveries to help us with our nutrition.

For a long time, we have known how important it is to get enough vitamin A for healthy skin and eyes among other things. Unfortunately, consumers sometimes think that "if a little is good, alot must be better" which is definitely not true, especially with vitamins. Recently, it was discovered that taking too much vitamin A can be very harmful, even fatal. However, our bodies will turn beta-carotene into vitamin A if we need it. If we already have enough vitamin A, taking extra beta-carotene won't hurt us, and may even help prevent or cure certain cancers.

Beta-carotene is not only found in pills and carrots, it also comes from sweet potatoes, winter squash, greens (such as spinach and turnip greens), broccoli, peaches, apricots and most other yellow or green fruits and vegetables. Unless you have a special need, it is always best to get your nutrition from foods rather than from pills.

Hospital News

Patients admitted to the Fisher County Hospital January 3, 1989 through January 9, 1989 were:

Rotan: Mozell M. Acker, Marcos Basquez, Jr., William R. Cornelius, George H. Arrington, Harvel Strickland, Winnie M. Herring, Ludora Neeley, Lon Weems.

Roby: Margie Upshaw, Gladys R. Holcomb, Gladys Farrar. McCauley: John Ed Reed, Jewell Hicks.

Hamlin: Al Longorea Round Rock: Raquel Medrano

Legal Notice

Fisher County Commissioners Court will accept bids for sale of (4) 5 yd. '73 & '74 model C60 dump trucks. For further information contact Jimmy Wright, Commissioner Precinct 4. Bids will be opened January 27, 1989, at 9:00 A.M. in special session of Commissioners Court. The Court reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids.

Marshal Bennett
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R&R Acrostars T Have Exhibition

The R & R Acro Stars will have an exhibition on Tuesday, January 17th at half-time of the Rotan Boys Varsity basketball game.



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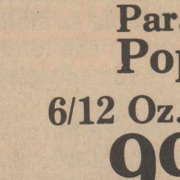
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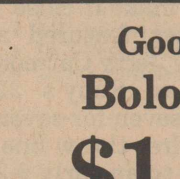
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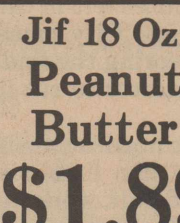
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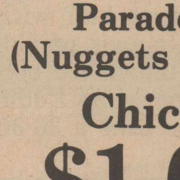
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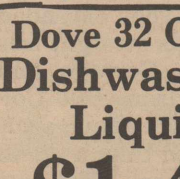
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Mr. & Mrs. Lowell Thornburg

Mr. & Mrs. Lowell Thornburg To Celebrate 50th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Thornburg of Roby, Texas will be celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary January 22, 1989, hosted by their children and grandchildren at the Roby Community Center from 2-4 p.m.

Mr. Thornburg was born December 6, 1913 at Mingus, Texas. Mrs. Thornburg was born August 18, 1916 in Seymour, Texas. They were married on January 22, 1939 in Sweetwater, Texas.

During their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Thornburg lived in Snyder, Texas for 25 years. While living in Snyder, Lowell was a member of the Scurry County Rodeo Association and a member of the Scurry Masonic Lodge 706 and a member of the Northside Baptist Church. Helen was a member of the Scurry County Home Demonstration Club, a member of the Northside Baptist Church.

Karan McClure & Donna Chapman Certified State Soccer Referees

The United States Soccer Federation has recently certified Karan McClure and Donna Chapman as certified Texas State Soccer Referees. Karan and Donna are registered with the North Texas Soccer Association and will be refereeing in the Double Mountain Soccer Association of our area.

Then they moved to Roby and have lived there for 25 years. They are both members of the First Baptist Church of Roby. Lowell is a member of the Fisher Masonic Lodge 703, Eastern Star 25. Helen is in the Fisher County Home Demonstration Club, Eastern Star 25, Secret Pal Club and Quilting Club.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Thornburg planning to attend this celebration are: Barbara Scrivner of Snyder, Texas, Gayle Carter and husband Marion of Hereford, Texas, and Eddie Thornburg and wife Andi of Pecos, Texas.

The Thornburgs have three grandchildren: Gwen (Scrivner) Thompson, Snyder, Texas, James Alan Carter, Hereford, Texas, Linda Carter, Hereford, Texas; and one great grandchild: Tyler Thompson, Snyder, Texas.

Karan is the wife of Jeff McClure and has one son, Chance. Donna is the wife of Curtis Chapman and has two children, Shaun and Lacey. Karan and Donna are both involved in coaching and coached a championship team this season which was undefeated and unscored on.

Fire Reports Presented To Roby City Council

In the absence of Mayor, Murray Simmons County Commissioner Jack McClure presided over the regularly scheduled meeting of the Roby City Committee on January 3rd. Others attending the meeting were Cecil King, County Commissioner; Jimmy Price, City Manager; Bobby Beauchamp, City Secretary; and J Donham, representing the Roby Volunteer Fire Department.

Donham presented the summary below consisting of the different jobs responded to by the Volunteer Fire Department. The document was viewed and discussed, having no qualm about the report the meeting moved on to the next item of business. Two bids were turned in to City Hall for the four lots in the east part of Roby, (lots 4, 5, 6, and 7, Block

76, Original Town of Roby) Terry Gin's bid of \$2,100.00 and Greens Concrete Construction's bid of \$1,300.00. Having the highest bid the lots were sold to the Terry Gin.

City Manager, Price noted in his report the need of a replacement to the Board of Fireman's Relief and Retirement Fund

Trustees for Don Bolton who has moved and held an unexpired term. After brief discussion the committee appointed Jeff McClure to fulfill the position. Before adjourning, the committee discussed the possibility of the sale of three more lots belonging to the city and decided to accept bids on them sometime in February.

From Fisher County's Past

From The Newspapers - 1977, 1982 & 1987

'1973'

The Rotan Chamber of Commerce met for their first meeting in 1973 last Tuesday morning and discussed at length the new proposed organization of the Rotan Industrial Foundation.

When the curtain goes up on "Rehab '73", television viewers throughout a large area of Texas and Oklahoma will be front row center for a six hour television spectacular to benefit the West Texas Rehabilitation Center in Abilene.

The Rotan Volunteer Fire Department held the annual election of officers at the first Department meeting of 1973 last Monday night. A.B. Parker was elected Fire Chief, Archie Neeley was re-elected Assistant Chief.

The Fisher County Adult Leaders Association met Thursday, December 21, at 7:30 p.m. in the Pink Building in Roby, according to Richard Spencer and Alice Ballenger, extension agents.

The Annual Fisher County Jr. Livestock Show will be held on Saturday, January 13, at 9 a.m. at the Fair Grounds in Roby.

'1978'

Texas Senator John Tower was greeted by one of the largest tractor-cades in this area of the state last Tuesday afternoon as he spoke to a group of farmers estimated at close to 400.

The Health Clinic, sponsored by the Roby Lions Club, will be January 9th, at the Roby Fire Hall, according to Ivin Martin, Lions Club President. The Health Clinic offers tests for Diabetes, Anemia, T.B. Skin Tests, and checks blood pressure.

Fisher County Judge D.L. Lovett has authorized this newspaper to announce his intention to seek reelection to the post of Fisher County Judge.

Perry Thomas was named as the new Fire Chief of the Rotan Volunteer Fire Department at the annual election of officers last Monday night.

The Annual Fisher County Jr. Livestock Show will be held Saturday, January 7, at 9:30 a.m. at the Fair Grounds in Roby, according to Richard Spencer, County Agent.

'1983'

The members of the Fisher County Appraisal Board, in a gesture of cooperation and unification, have asked the taxpayers of Fisher County to make an attempt to be present at their next meeting of the Appraisal Board on Monday, January 10th at 8:00 p.m. at the Fisher County Courthouse.

Rotan Patrolman John Walker, a member of the Rotan Police Department for the past 5 years, has resigned his position effective January 8th, according to Rotan Police Chief, Gene Pack.

Dana Nowlin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Nowlin of Rotan, showed her 1,235 pound steer to grand champion honors last Friday at the annual Rotan Junior Livestock Show. A total of 14 steers were entered in the competition.

Joe Dickson of Rotan, former Assistant Manager of Thriftway Grocery with a degree from West Texas State in criminal justice, has been hired as the new Fisher County Juvenile Officer, announced Steve Lahon of the 32nd District Juvenile Board in Sweetwater.

The City of Rotan expects to have the new containerized trash collection installed and ready to use in the next week to ten days according to projections by City Secretary Kenneth vanu last Tuesday.

The Fisher County resource team report will be presented to local residents at a 2:00 p.m. press conference on Wednesday, January 13 at the Fisher County Courthouse District Courtroom. U.S. Congressman Charles Stenholm of Stamford and Texas State Representative Steve Carriker of Roby will present the report developed during the November rural development study.

The Rotan Lions Club committee, established for the purpose of improving the appearance of the vacant lot west of Casa Morales, will meet on Monday, January 11th at 7:30 p.m., at the Lions Club Building.

Fisher County should end the current 1987-88 cotton ginning season with approximately 54,400 bales of projections by the six Fisher County gin manages holds true.

Troy F. Gruben, a lifelong resident of Fisher County has authorized this newspaper to officially announce his intention to seek the elected office of Fisher County Sheriff.

Rotan School To Dismiss Early On January 13th

The Rotan Independent School District will dismiss school at 2:30 on Friday, January 13. This early dismissal day reflects the end of the first semester of school and semester exams. There is teacher workday on Saturday, January 14. Buses will run at 2:30 on the early dismissal day.

Roby Volunteer Fire Department Summary For 1988

Total Alarms	88
Avg. Number Of Fireman Per Alarm	8
Avg. Time Working Alarm Per Fireman	1 Hr. 12 Min.
Total Time Trucks Used	176
Total Mileage	1,748

ALARMS INSIDE CITY LIMITS

Structure	4
Trailer House	1
Auto	2
Grass	3
Other	1
Total 10	

Avg. Number Of Fireman Per Alarm	8
Avg. Time Working Alarm Per Fireman	44 Min.
Total Time Truck Used	22
Total Mileage	11

ALARMS OUTSIDE CITY LIMITS

Structure	2
Trailer House	1
Auto	6
Grass/Pasture	55
Rescue	2
Standby	2
Weather Watch	1
Cotton Trailer-Burrs-Bales	5
Other (Hay)	2
Total 76	

Avg. Number Of Fireman Per Alarm	8
Avg. Time Working Alarm Per Fireman	1 Hr. 15 Min.
Total Time Trucks Used	154
Total Mileage	1,734

ALARM BREAKDOWN FOR COMMUNITY

Busby 4, Claytonville 8, Cannon 2, Hobbs 4, Longworth 8, McCauley 7, North Roby 5, Palava 3, Sylvester 6, Out Of County 3.

Roby helped on three large grass fires outside the county in 1988, these fires are not figured in the preceeding averages.

1-18-88-Nolan County-13 fireman with 3 trucks, worked 5 hours, estimated 100 miles traveled.

3-10 & 11-88-Shackleford County-5 fireman with 1 truck, worked 15 hours, estimated 200 miles traveled.

3-28 & 29-88-Kent County and North Fisher County, 9 fireman with 3 trucks, worked 14 hours, estimated 125 miles traveled.

TRAINING SCHOOLS

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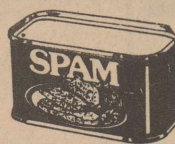
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January Happenings

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
9	10 1130 My Guide I 10-1	11 234 Serge 10-1	12 Terri Debolt of Dallas Purse Class AM-PM Collars, Cuffs-Noon	13 Sweater Class 10-1 Free w/130 Pur	14 French Sewing 10:00 a.m.
16	17 1130 My Guide II 10-1 1130 Class I 1:30-3:00	18 334 Serge 10-1	19 Designer Pullover Top by Jan Bresman 10-7	20	21 Bernina Club 10 a.m.
23	24	25 Hems Free Demo 10 & 1	26	27 Beginning Sewing I 10-1	28 1130 My Guide I 10 a.m.
30	31 1130 My Guide III 10-1 1130 My Guide II 1:30-3				

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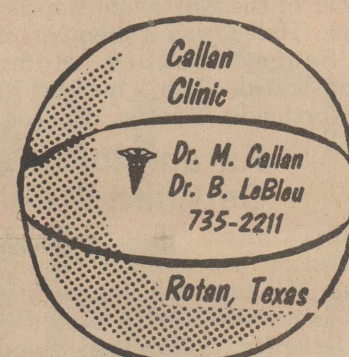
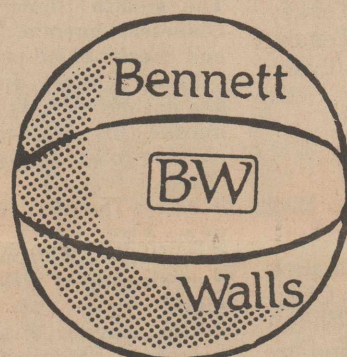
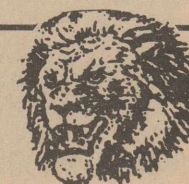
Rotan Yellowhammer Basketball Schedule

Jan. 13-Highland-There-5:00-JV-G-V-G&B
Jan. 17-Hermleigh-6:30-Here-V-G&B



Roby Lions Basketball Schedule

Jan.- 13-Jayton-There-4:00-JV-G&B-V-G&B
Jan. 17-Ira-There-4:00-JV-G&B-V-G&B



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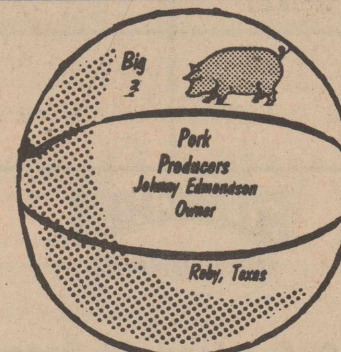
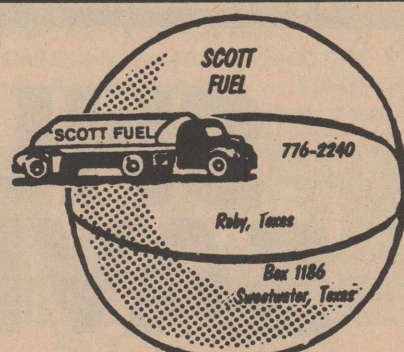
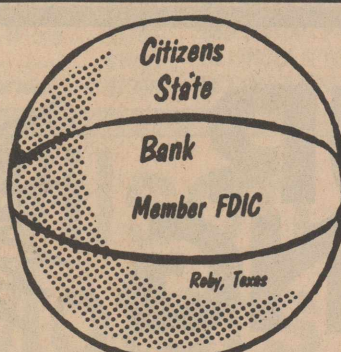
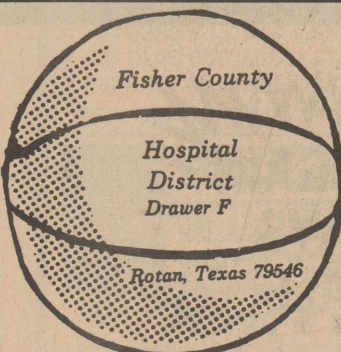
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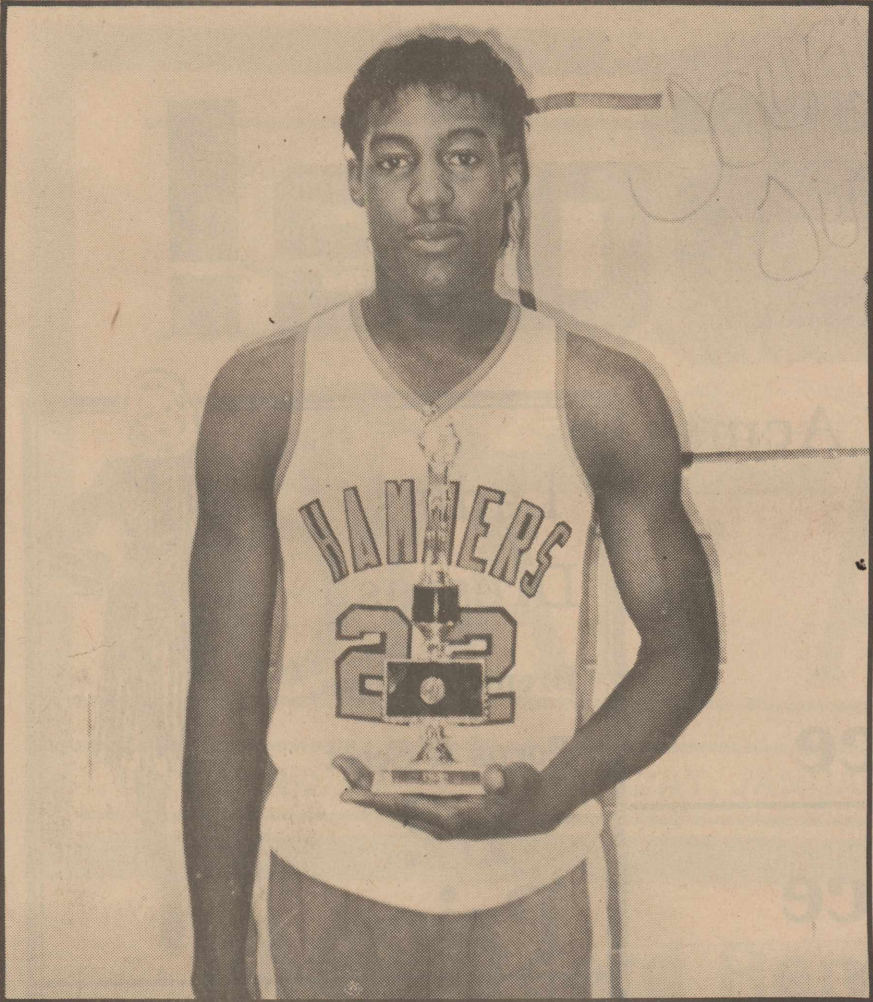
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ALL TOURNAMENT PLAYER: Joe Huitt won the honors of being All Tournament Player At the Ira Tournament held last weekend.



ALL TOURNAMENT GIRL: Shanna Bennett received the All Tournament Player at the Ira Tournament.

Commodity Sign Up To Be Held January 12th, Pink Bldg., Roby

Fisher County residents who have not yet signed up for the Commodity recertification for the 1989 year may do so today, January 12th from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Pink Building in Roby.

Eligibility is based on family size and total gross income. If the household receives AFDC, SSI or food stamps they are automatically eligible, but they must provide verification.

The following forms are sufficient for providing verification:

Food stamps - Form 1009, A.F.D.C. - SSI Medical Assistance Only - Forms 3087, 3088, and 1027. Proof of residence is also needed such as a utility bill, Driver's I.D. or any valid document showing name and current address.

For further information, contact Judge Marshal Bennett's office at 776-2151. Commodities are sponsored by the Roby Volunteer Fire Department in cooperation with Fisher County Commissioners Court.

Funeral Services Held For Sybil Howard

Sybil Howard, 74, of Rotan, died at 2:15 AM, Wednesday, Dec. 28th in the Fisher County Hospital. Services were at 10 AM, Friday in the First Baptist Church with Rev. Steve Peace officiating. Burial was in the Rotan Cemetery under the direction of Weathersbee Funeral Home.

She was born Oct. 27, 1914 in Rotan and was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. E. Howard. She was a graduate of Rotan High School and attended Greenville Womens College which is now Furman University in Greenville, S.C. She was a veteran of WW II serving in the Women's Army Corp. She moved back to Rotan several years ago after retiring as an employee of the Small Business Administration. She was a member of the First Baptist Church.

Survivors include several nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to the First Baptist Church or to the Belvieu Cemetery Fund.

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SECOND PLACE: The Rotan girls basketball team took second place at the Ira tournament last weekend. Left to right: Shanna Bennett, Lucy Stinson, Lynette McQueen, Terrie Johnson, Debra Martinez, Denise Powell, Sherri Conner, Vanessa Peek, Shannon Boone and Coach Danny Diggs.



PLAYS FOR CHAMPIONSHIP: The Rotan boys basketball team won second place at Ira last weekend. Left to right: Lane Landes, Joe Huitt, Billy Wayne Speck, Brian Sheehan, Jorge Montoya, Mike Garcia, Aaron Porter, Scooby Roddy.

Rotan Boy's Varsity Squad Brings Home Second Place Trophy

The Rotan Boy's Varsity brought home a second place trophy from the Ira Tournament last weekend. The first game against Ira Junior Varsity was a breeze for the Hammers with a final score of 97-50. High score honors went to Willard Roddy with 32 points. Others scoring were Lane Landes 16, Joe Huitt 27, Aaron Porter 2, Chris Kennedy 10, Mike Garcia 8, Brian Sheehan 2, and team member Jorge Montoya.

Friday's game against Osborn resulted in a win and the Hammers advanced to the Championship game. High pointer for the

Hammers was Jorge Montoya with 20 points. Others scoring were: Lane Landes 9, Billy Wayne Speck 16, Willard Roddy 17, Joe Huitt 10, Chris Kennedy 1, Mike Garcia 1, Brian Sheehan 1, and team member Aaron Porter.

Losing to Ira Varsity 56-68 the Hammers took second place. With 16 points, Billy Wayne Speck took honors of high pointer. Others scoring were: Lane Landes 6, Willard Roddy 10, Joe Huitt 9, and Jorge Montoya 14. Other team members include: Aaron Porter, Chris Kennedy, Mike Garcia and Brian Sheehan.

F.C. Unit Of American Cancer Society To Meet January 17th

The Fisher County Unit of the American Cancer Society will meet at 5:30 Tuesday, January 17th, at the Lions Club building in Rotan. Most of us have been enjoying the holidays, celebrating the most joyous season of all, but Cancer does not slow down or respect season. We invite all per-

sons who would like to see Cancer conquered in our lifetime to join the Fisher County unit and learn how you can help. Volunteers are needed.

Kathy Petty Fund Still Receiving Gifts At Citizens Bank

The Kathy Petty Hospital Fund at the Citizen State Bank in Roby is still receiving gifts.

Mrs. Petty is the wife of Reverend Alvin Petty, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Roby. Uninsured, major surgery has prompted the need for the fund. The Pettys' are active participants in the County's Economic Development projects.

Fisher County Nursing Home

After all the hustle and bustle of the Christmas holidays and the beginning of a brand new year, we are all settling down and beginning to relax a little. We have a number of staff who have been ill. Also the residents and some of their families have been sick.

Lottie Rushing was in the hospital for a few days and is now back home but still not completely well. Roy Cummings and Dove Bleivins are not feeling well at this time.

Our home was really blessed with gifts of fruit, candy and other things by caring volunteers of our community during the holidays.

Summers Drug, First Baptist

Church, Methodist Church, Church of Christ, the fifth grade class of Rotan Jr. High with Mrs. Hargrove, Mrs. Leigh Nowlin and Mr. Hill, the Fisher County Singers, Rotan Flower Shop, Catholic C.Y.O., Calvary Baptist Church, Jim and Jean Huckaby, Glen and Billie Gruben, Mayreen Morrow, Helen Hughes, Al and Carola Seaton and so many others brought us many things for the staff and residents. I wish I could name them all but there are so many.

Lots of visitors also brought us many hours of companionship. We thank them all for the many hours they come to be with us.

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News From Down South

By Bertha Warren

I have had some folks ask if I have noticed the change in the late Howard and Joyce Noles house since Charles and Beth Dannheim have moved in and I had seen some things going on like all the rose bushes removed from the front and other changes. While visiting with Beth she was telling me they dug the roses up, cut them back and planted them on the east side so they wouldn't be exposed to the hot west sun we have. She also explained to me how they had dug up all the bulbs and rearranged them in the flower beds so they would bloom each row a different color. She is really excited about the different plants she is planting and can't wait till spring when they start blooming and invites anyone to stop by for a look.

Rudolph Martinez entered the St. Mary's Hospital in Lubbock Monday and the doctors will use the balloon technique to open the arteries from the heart Tuesday. Our thoughts and prayers are with Rudolph and his family.

So many folks are sick with the flu or have a bad cough they can't get rid of. Hope everyone is feeling better next week.

Mary Etta O'Donald had eye surgery the 21st of December in Abilene. She is doing real good and can see so much better out of that eye. About the same time she was having surgery, her sister Edith Ashlock had surgery on her arm. She broke her arm about two years ago and it wouldn't heal so they did a hip bone graft on it and hopefully this will work. Mary Etta and Edith spent a couple of hours visiting Ronnie O'Donald and family at Wiley when they went to Dallas for Edith's checkup.

Ed and Ollie Ogden's guests last week were George, Carolyn and Allen Ogden of Brownwood. Also Greg and Becky Ogden and boys Tylor and Brian of Midland. Wednesday they had a nice surprise as Ollie's nephew Frank and wife Faye Wilson came by and spent the day with them. They went on to Wink to visit Frank's folks. Frank is a C.W. 4 pilot in the army and is being sent to Lawton, OK. for a year then he will go to Honduras for a year. Faye will stay in OK.

Lowell and Helen Thornburg's daughter, Barbara Scrivner and granddaughter Gwen, and Eddie Thompson and son Tyler all of

Snyder spent Sunday with them.

Mable Warren has spoken with her daughter Lita Jones and she said Bessie Jones was doing very well. She had been staying with Bill and Lita some at night. She spent Christmas with Mary Lou and Truett Eaton in Ft. Stockton.

Barrie Hendrix is still having a lot of pain resulting from the auto accident a few months back. He is Mable's grandson. Another grandson Max Hendrix is in the Navy and in Orlando, Florida now but will be going to Italy soon.

Harvie and Celo Davis took Chris to San Antonio to meet his parents Kathy and Russel Gee last week so he could start back to school. We miss Chris when he's not here as he answers the phone sometimes and is so polite and easy to talk with.

The Quilting meeting was called off last Thursday as their were some of the ladies sick but will have it this week.

Viola Brazee visited Jewell Ratliff Monday. They did some shopping while she was here. Jewell hasn't been feeling very good this week. Talked with Erna Lee and she has had the flu, she reported her mom Georgia Ratliff was feeling much better.

I'll sign off for now. Call and let us know what's going on in your world.

Kent County To Conduct Medical Training Course

Kent County Emergency Medical Service will conduct a training course to recertify Emergency Medical Technicians and to train others who want to become Emergency Care Attendants. The eighty hour course will begin on Tuesday night, 17th of January at 6:30 p.m., at the Kent County Community Center in Jayton. The course will be taught by EMT-Paramedics and by EMT-Special Skills personnel.

Sessions will be taught two nights a week and will include lecture, demonstration, and practice on airway care, resuscitation, cardiopulmonary skills, bandaging and splinting, shock, bleeding, injuries, emergency childbirth, extrication and rescue procedure. Trainees will be tested regularly during the course and must successfully complete a Texas Department of Health written examination to qualify and to become certified.

The Kent County EMS is a voluntary organization of county citizens who offer emergency service and transportation to area residents by operating the ambulances in a county not served by a resident doctor nor a county hospital.

Anyone interested is asked to attend the organizational meeting of the class on the 17th of January, at 6:30 p.m., in the Kent County Community Center. Additional information is available from Alta Rider, Kent County Tax Office.

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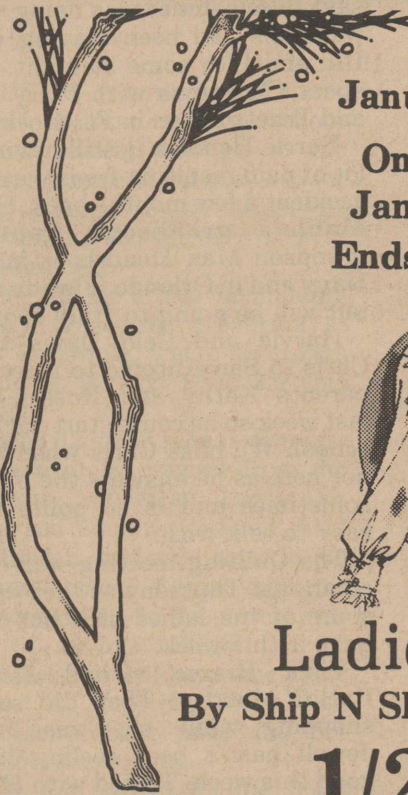
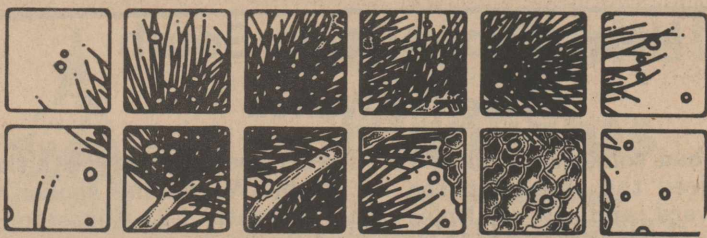
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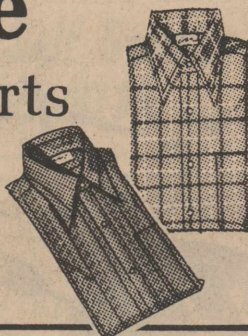


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