

**Kim's Korner**  
By Kim Pease

**CHEERS:** To Central Lumber in Roby. The business looks attractive - the flowers sure help decorate.

**JEERS:** To those in law enforcement who decide penalties and make it hard on beat policemen to make arrests stick.

**CHEERS:** To the thankless jobs that Rotan and Roby School Board members have. I for one appreciate your willingness to serve.

**JEERS:** To the folks who can't invest two minutes to call the person they owe an apology to and make the apology.

**FLOWER SHOP:** Emma Denton is planning on opening another one. She has decided to open a flower shop in the old Ideal Barber Shop building. Also, a local farmer's market will locate in the Denton building on the corner in the near future.

**RICK CRAIG WRITES:** Rick Craig, publisher of the *Hamlin Herald*, wrote the following.

"The classified pages of newspapers have been a great marketplace for buying and selling items and other business transactions. They have also been a source of humor as the following classified ads prove:

From the *Galena Park (Texas) Channel Press*: "Emma - please come on home. All forgiven. My upper plate is still in your purse."

From the *DeKalb (Illinois) Daily Chronicle*: "Day Nursery - Expert supervision for ages six weeks to five years. By hour or day. Unreasonable rates for unreasonable children."

*Wildwood-by-the-Sea (New Jersey) Independent Record*: "Rummage Sale - The Ladies' Auxiliary, having cast off clothes, now invite your inspection."

In the *Duluth (Minnesota) News-Tribune*: "As far as my husband not being responsible for my bills, he never was. I have always paid the bills."

In *Abilene (Texas) Reporter-News*: "\$10 reward for south-side apartment, large enough to keep young wife from going home to mother, small enough to keep mother from coming here."

*Sarasota (Florida) Journal*: For sale - Two bedroom home. Blinds and drapes go with the price."

*Cactus (Arizona) Sage*: For Sale - Occasional chair by lady with carved, clawed feet."

*Schenecady (New York) Union Star*: "Widow desires girl to share home or gentleman."

*Hilo (Hawaii) Tribune-Herald*: "Wanted - three men to install electric unit and one of-fice girl."

*Miami (Florida) Herald*: "Lost - Saturday night between 320 and 545 NW 29th Street, blue Japanese silk pajama bottom."

*Decatur (Illinois) Review*: "Wanted - Used Secretary in good condition."

*Montreal (Quebec) Star*: "Apartment wanted immediately by man expecting first baby."

*Merced (California) Sun Star*: "For Sale - Mattress, in use only a few weeks, and large diamond engagement ring."

In the same vein, from the *Racine (Wisconsin) Sunday Bulletin*: "Like new, 16 gauge shotgun for sale cheap. Also wedding dress with veil."

Baby Sitting ad in the *Palo Alto (California) Times*: "Middle-aged woman who en-

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# Rotan School Board Declines A Decision On Field House, Spends \$46,960 On Lights

The members of the Rotan School Board failed to act on accepting one of three bids on a new football field house, but they did, on a split vote of 5-2, vote to install new football field lights at a

## Rotan's Melanie Hunsaker In Scott & White

Melanie Hunsaker is a patient in Scott and White Hospital in Temple, Texas continuing to receive treatment for leukemia.

She is in Room 655, Temple, Texas 76508.

Phone number is (817) 774-3650. Her birthday is Sunday, July 18th.

## Rotan Council Meeting To Be Held Thursday

The members of the Rotan City Council will meet for their regular monthly meeting on Thursday night, July 15th at 7:00 p.m., at Rotan City Hall, according to Joe Dickson, Rotan City Manager.

The members of the Rotan City Council - Hank Day, Emma Denton, Connie McQueen, Larry Markham and Lonnie Starnes will be:

- Considering the possible purchase of a sign making machine.
- Considering the possible purchase of an employee time clock.

In addition the Rotan City Council will be hearing commission and supervisor reports on -

- Water Department, Sewer Department, Garbage Department, Parks and Recreation Departments and Street Department.

The meeting is open to the public.

## Fisher County Hospital Board Meeting Monday

The members of the Fisher County Hospital Board will meet for their regular meeting on Monday, July 19th at 6:30 p.m., at the Fisher County Hospital Cafeteria, according to Ella Raye Lovejoy, Administrator.

Some of the items to be discussed by the board include:

- Reviewing proposals on three workman's compensation proposals.
- Reviewing a proposal by Cardiology Associates of Lubbock concerning an out-reach cardiology clinic at the Fisher County Hospital.
- Reviewing a proposal by Aero Care of Lubbock.

In addition to the above items the board will discuss and review other regular items. A full agenda of all items to be discussed will be posted at the Fisher County Hospital.

## Jerry Dycus Begins Radiation At M.D. Anderson

Jerry Dycus of Rotan began a four week round of radiation treatments earlier this week at Houston's M.D. Anderson Hospital to control lymphoma (cancer of the lymph system).

His telephone number for those interested in calling is (713) 666-4035 and his address is Jerry Dycus, 7510 Brompton - Apt #632, Houston, Texas 77025 for those interested in writing him a card or letter.

It is anticipated that he will be taking the treatments Monday through Friday and will be home each weekend.

## Plans To Charge \$25 A Night

### Sheriff Pack Actively Seeking Out Prisoners

Fisher County Sheriff Gene Pack indicated to Fisher County Commissioners last Monday that he is actively pursuing attempting to land some new prisoners in the Fisher County Jail.

Pack said that he has contacted Plainview in an attempt to relieve some of their overcrowding.

He also has made contact with other area jails that are suffering from overcrowding.

Pack has agreed to house excess prisoners at a fee of \$25.00 a day - not including medical expenses.

Pack indicated that he will accept up to ten prisoners.

"We have two good possibilities at the present time", commented Pack.

cost of \$46,960.00.

Rotan School board members Vick Burk, Norvelle Kennedy, Betty Strayhorn, Ralph Riddle, Jr., and Sheila Murphree voted in favor of purchasing the lights while board members Clay Helms and David Hudnall voted against the proposal.

The bid was won by Permian Basin Lighting. That company bid \$46,960 for Musco lighting with a 7 year warranty and \$47,850.45 for Qualite with a 5 year warranty.

Superintendent Nolan Kinsey in-

**Lowest Field House Bid Received Was \$93,313.00 - Way Above The \$60,000 Anticipated By The School Board.**

formed the board that light wires got hot last year and were damaged and that he thought that light replacement would have to be done next year for sure. He stressed that with repair the school could possibly 'limp' by one more year.

Board member David Hudnall questioned adding another string of lights to the existing light poles. He indicated that he was not in favor of the purchase because \$46,960 "was an awful lot of

money for lighting the football field."

Board member Clay Helms indicated that even though the school had the money for the lighting project, the money used would have to be replaced at some point in the future in the form of tax dollars from tax payers.

The board failed to approve any of the three bids on building a new football field house. Two representatives from contractors were present last

Monday night.


Bids were received from West Texas Contracting at Hawley, Allen Culp of Abilene and Thomas Hicks of Hawley. West Texas Contracting bid \$93,313; Allen Culp bid \$113,850 and Thomas Hicks bid \$99,433.

The board was expecting bids to come in around \$60,000.

"These figures are well in excess of what we thought we would be spending", said Board President Vick Burk.

The board plans to study the field house needs further.

# Roby Star-Record



# ROTAN ADVANCE

**JULY**  
FISHER COUNTY  
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## County Commissioners Agree Not To Buy Copy Machine, Jail Talked

The members of the Fisher County Commissioners Court met last Monday morning and were presented a plan to purchase a new copy machine and a program whereby Judge Bennett would meet with department heads in the future to review budget projections for fiscal year October 1993-September 1994.

**Copy Machine Presentation**  
Commissioners were given a

presentation by a representative of Top Five Business Machines concerning the possible purchase of a new 4421 Ricoh copy machine. The machine quoted cost was \$4,996.00 allowing a \$700 trade, discount, and all extras.

Upon determining that there wasn't anything wrong with the present copies, Commissioners agreed by consensus that a new machine was not needed at this time.

**Moving Sheriff's Dispatcher**  
Commissioners discussed the cost of possibly moving the Fisher County Sheriff's Department from its present location in the court house to

the bottom floor of the Fisher County Jail.

The funds needed to make the move will come from the budget category of 'building and jail maintenance'.

**County Getting Prisoners**  
Sheriff Pack briefed commissioners on the possibility that Fisher County may be getting prisoners from other facilities in the near future. Pack said he had been in contact with Plainview and other locations offering to house prisoners for \$25.00 a day less medical expenses.

**Meetings Set**  
Judge Bennett is to meet with

department heads on Monday, July 25th for budget hearings and will meet with commissioners again on Friday, July 30th.

## Sheriff Pack Investigates Vehicle Fire

Fisher County Sheriff's Department officers investigated an incident involving a 20-year old Fort Worth resident last week, according to Sheriff Gene Pack.

Pack indicated that Jace Kinney, age 20 of Fort Worth, was released to the custody of his parents after he was taken into custody following an incident in Fisher County.

Kinney apparently drove from Fort Worth, turned off Interstate 20 onto Highway 70 and found his way to a remote area of southwest Fisher County where he managed to get his vehicle stuck. In attempting to get the vehicle free, Kinney caught the vehicle on fire. Pack indicated that no charges were filed.

## Chad Terry Gets Head Hoop Job At Sundown

Chad Terry, son of Mike and Joann Terry of Roby, has been hired as the head boy's basketball coach at Class AA Sundown.

A 1984 graduate of Roby High School, Terry received his degree from Lubbock Christian University in 1989 and was hired in the Sweetwater School system as a 7th and 8th grade boys

basketball coach in Sweetwater Middle School. He was employed in that system for the past 4 years.

At Sundown Terry will teach elementary physical education and will be an assistant varsity football coach, Head Boys Basketball Coach and girls varsity golf coach.

## Those Lazy Days Of Summer.....



Numerous children and adults are taking advantage of the two public swimming pools in Fisher County to cool off from 100 degree plus weather in recent weeks. Above a group of Roby swimmers play around an inner tube. The City of Rotan and City of Roby each operate pools for the enjoyment of residents. Full pool hours of operation are available from respective City Officers.

### Fisher County Ministerial Alliance WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL

Provided This Month By  
Eugene W. "Gene" Prevo  
"The Cruelist Blow of All"

Have you ever been ignored? Perhaps we all have. Being ignored is a form of rejection, and rejection always hurts. Herein lies the heartbreak of lost jobs, of broken families, and of neglected children. The Bible says that, "He heals the broken-hearted and bandages their wounds" (Psalm 147:3). God gives healing for the wounded.



Do we realize that we can ignore God, and it hurts Him? When Jesus Christ was crucified--nailed to the cross--He suffered physically, mentally, and spiritually. The physical agony was severe. He was nailed to that cross with a crown of thorns on His head (Matthew 27:29). In preparation for the cross, He had been scourged (Matthew 27:26). Being "scourged" meant He was beaten with thirty-nine lashes with a whip which was about like our "cat of nine tails". The whip had pieces of rock and metal at its ends. He had been spat upon and beaten over the head (Matthew 27:30). But the physical punishment was not the cruelist blow of all.

He suffered mental anguish which for you and me would be unbearable, but the mental suffering was not the cruelist blow of all. He suffered spiritually-- he carried the sins of the world on His shoulders, but even that was not the cruelist blow of all. The cruelist blow of all was when He was ignored. The Bible says that, "They ignored me as if I were nothing" (Isaiah 53:3, GNB). And it is a terrible thing to be treated as an abstraction-- as if you were nothing. The full quote of Isaiah 53:3 from the Good News Bible reads, "We despised him and rejected him; he endured suffering and pain. No one would even look at him-- we ignored him as if he were nothing" (Isaiah 53:3, GNB).

On one occasion when I was hurting as the result of being rejected, and I knew God had been rejected, I asked Him, "Lord, did it hurt You like it hurt me?" And He seemed to answer, "Yes, more, look at the cross to see how much it hurt me." And I looked at the cross in my imagination and I saw Jesus Christ there suffering, bleeding and dying for me, so that my sins might be forgiven and my guilt taken away. He died for me, and He died for you.

Prayer: "Dear God, I pray for the readers of the above devotional. I ask You to minister to the needs of each person. For those with broken hearts, I pray that You will mend those broken hearts. For the ones who are being ignored, I ask You to heal their hurts. In the gracious name of Jesus Christ I pray." Amen.

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joys boys by the hour; mostly at night."

**Cheboygan (Michigan) Tribune:** "For Sale - Police dog. Will eat anything, fond of young children."

**Lubbock (Texas) Avalanche-Journal:** "For Sale - Chocolate covered Chihuahua puppies. tiny size, very sweet."

**From the Ramsey Air Force Base Daily Bulletin:** "Found - Parakeet. I won a cat. Hurry. Call 555-1002."

**Delta Democrat Times (Greenville, Miss.):** "Nice two bedroom home in shady neighborhood."

**From the Tyndall (South Dakota) Tribune & Register:** "Wanted - Second hand typewriter by young lady student with wide carriage."

**Salt Lake City (Utah) Desert News:** "Shoes too short? Have toes removed to fit by an expert."

**Red Lake Falls (Minnesota) Gazette:** St. Joseph's Cemetery will be closed for the winter. Residents of this area should take due notice and govern themselves accordingly."

**Lost and Found in the Newport News (Virginia) Daily Press:** "One man's wallet with T.J. Terney inside."

**Liberty (Kentucky) Casey County News:** "To the person who is so destitute as to be forced to take two lengths of garden hose and a sprinkler from the lawn of the First Christian Church - If you will call at the pastor's study, he will give you the five-year guarantee for the hose, your dinner, and any religion that may rub off on you."

Its amazing what you can find in the classified ads.

**QUOTE OF THE WEEK:** "Never rise to speak till you have something to say; and when you have said it, cease." - Witherspoon.

**ROUGH CREEK POINT OF VIEW:** Honesty, integrity, telling the truth always, loving children, staying married to the same person are a few of the

things instilled in Rough Creek children by their parents.

**MARK TWAIN:** "The more I see of modern marine architecture and engineering the more I am dissatisfied with Noah's Ark..... Nobody but a farmer could have designed such a thing, for such a purpose." - Mark Twain.

**LITTLE KNOWN FACT:** 90% of all refrigerators in America are either white or almond.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY:** July 15 - 21. July 15th - Seth Summers; 16 - Bernard Rodgers, Patrese Bolton, Bradley Thies-sen, Marjorie Mitchell, Herbert Kennedy, Raymond Rains; 17 - Jaye Neice Clements, Joe Little, Polly Helm; 18 - Xavier Carrillo, Sunny Helms, Chris Boone, Julie Fowler, Mark McCall, Irene Smith, Richard Gaona, Billy Kenner, Shane Salazar, Irene South, Kristen Ramirez; 19 - Sandra Pullig, Annie Bruce, Lorene Lane, Hannah Rodriguez; 20 - Tammy Williams, Krystal Caswell; 21 - Shirley McHaney.

**FINALLY:** Ol' Whistle Britches from his Shinnery Ridge Ranch said he appreciated all the dead beats he comes in contact with weekly who fail to pay their bills. It takes all kinds and what a bland world it would be without deadbeats.

**DEATH:** On his examination paper a boy wrote, "A natural death is where you die by yourself without a doctor's help."

**HOME:** A large percentage of people live in all-electric homes; everything in them is charged.

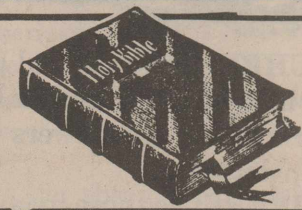
**NEWLYWEDS:** It's hard for some of these new wives to get used to being whistled for instead of at.

**CHANGE:** One way to have a clean mind is to change it once in a while.

**FINALLY, FINALLY:** Funny how time separates the best of friends, and so does money and marriage.

# Fisher County Church Directory

## Attend The Church Of Your Choice This Sunday



**First National Bank of Rotan**  
Member F.D.I.C.  
"Your Friendly, Dependable Bank Of Service"

**Cat's Meow**  
Childrens Apparel  
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235-9271  
Sweetwater, Texas

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735-2123

TCI Cablevision of West Texas  
We're taking television into tomorrow.  
735-2526  
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**Circle C Grocery**  
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Rotan, Texas.

**Nowlin Farm Service, Inc.**  
211 N. Cleveland  
735-2371  
Rotan, Texas

**WYNELLE'S BEAUTY SHOP**  
776-2233  
Wynelle Terry-Owner/Operator  
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**JOY**

**Gray Fuel & Chemical Co., Inc.**  
John & Barbara Gray  
735-2381  
Rotan, Texas

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Rotan, Texas

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ROTAN, TEXAS  
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Rotan, Texas

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Rotan, Texas

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735-2255  
Rotan, Texas

**FISHER COUNTY NURSING HOME**  
Carl Hitt-Administrator  
735-3291  
Rotan, Texas

**Citizens State Bank**  
735-2261  
Member F.D.I.C.  
Roby, Texas

**City Grocery & Deli**  
S. Hwy 180 - Roby, Texas  
776-2225  
Klefer & Aubrey Nell Cauble

**BART STRAYHORN**  
735-2231  
ROTAN, TEXAS

**CITY AUTO SUPPLY**  
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**Rotan Flower Shop**  
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Rotan, Texas

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**St. Joseph's Catholic Church**  
Rotan, Texas  
Father Austin Kittredge  
Sunday Morning 9:00 a.m. Mass  
Saturday Night 8:00 p.m. Mass

**Church Of The Nazarene**  
Rotan, Texas  
Rev. Jack Jones  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Worship Service 10:45 a.m.  
Sun. & Wed. Eve. Worship 6:00 p.m.

**McCaulley Baptist Church**  
McCaulley, Texas  
Rev. Dutch Parks  
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.  
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.

**Church Of Christ - Rotan**  
Dan Morris  
S.S. 9:45 - Worship Service 10:45 a.m.  
Sunday Night Worship 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Night 7:30 p.m.  
Ladies Bible Class - Wed. 9:30 a.m.

**Calvary Baptist Church**  
Rotan, Texas  
S.S. 10:00 a.m. - Worship 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Night Service 7:00 p.m.



## The Real Thing

In your local supermarket, you may find several facsimiles of "Grandma's apple pie." They are tasty, no doubt, but there's nothing like the real thing cooling on the windowsill.

Of course, times change and so do Grandmas. One thing about Grandmas doesn't change, however, and that is their capacity for love. It may still be expressed in apple pies or when sharing long walks and talks with their grandchildren. Some Grandmas have traded in their rustling aprons for rustling walking suits, but the benefits are nurturing. They are wise, patient, and great listeners. Those attributes are still the real thing.

God is a great listener, too. Take a walk to your neighborhood church or synagogue this Sabbath. He is waiting patiently for you to share your life with Him. Whether God is found in a country chapel or a crystal cathedral, His capacity for love is unchanging and boundless... the real thing.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Deuteronomy	Deuteronomy	2 Kings	Malachi	Matthew	Matthew	Matthew
5:1-22	6:1-9	17:24-41	2:1-9	13:1-23	15:1-20	22:34-40

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2518 AVENUE R SNYDER, TEXAS 79549 (915) 573-1992

**Little Zion Baptist Church**  
Rotan, Texas  
Rev. John L. Martin  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.

**First Baptist Church - Roby**  
Rev. Tobey Clements  
S.S. 10:00 a.m. - Worship 11:00 a.m.  
Adult Choir 5:20 - Worship 6:00 p.m.  
Youth Choir Sunday 4:45 p.m.  
Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

**First United Methodist Church**  
Rotan, Texas  
Rev. Wesley Holland  
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday Morn. Service 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday Eve. Worship 6:00 p.m.

**We Invite You To Attend The Church Of Your Choice This Sunday**

**Mission Bautista Calvario**  
Roby, Texas  
S.S. 9:45 a.m. - Worship 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday Eve. 5:30 - Worship 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Night Service 7:30 p.m.

**Foursquare Church**  
Rotan, Texas  
Rev. Robert Kennedy  
S.S. 10:00 a.m. - Worship 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Service 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Night Service 7:00 p.m.

**Hobbs Baptist Church**  
Hobbs Community  
Rev. Dee Threatt  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.

**Church Of Christ - Roby**  
Darrell Hart  
S.S. 10:00 a.m. - Worship 10:45 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Service 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Night 7:30 p.m.

**First Baptist Church - Rotan**  
Rev. Joe Vernon  
S.S. 9:45 a.m. - Worship 10:45 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

**First United Methodist Church**  
McCaulley, Texas  
Rev. Jeff Sedberry  
S.S. 10:00 a.m. - Worship 11:00 a.m.  
2nd Wednesday Fellowship 6:30 p.m.

**Cross Roads Baptist Church**  
Rotan, Texas  
Rev. Keith Berryman  
S.S. 10:00 a.m. - Worship 11:00 a.m.  
Sun. Night Worship Service 7:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Night Service 7:00 p.m.

**First United Methodist Church**  
Sylvester, Texas  
Rev. Jeff Sedberry  
S. S. 10:00 a.m. - Worship 9:30 a.m.  
Community Dinner 6:00 p.m.  
Each Third Wednesday Night

**First United Methodist - Roby**  
Rev. Ron Kelley  
S.S. 9:45 a.m. - Worship 10:50 a.m.  
Sunday Night Worship 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Night Choir Practice 6:30 p.m.  
Wed. Night Bible Study 7:30 p.m.

**Emmanuel Baptist Church**  
Rotan, Texas  
Rev. Johnny Guzman  
S.S. 9:45 a.m. - Worship 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Service 7:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Night Worship 7:00 p.m.

**Sylvester Baptist Church**  
Sylvester, Texas  
Rev. Danny Martin  
S.S. 10:00 a.m. - Worship 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday Evening 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Night Service 7:00 p.m.



# State Capital Highlights

By Lyndell Williams  
Texas Press Association

AUSTIN — Martha Whitehead, former mayor of Longview, was sworn in last week as Texas' 24th state treasurer, succeeding Kay Bailey Hutchison who was elected to the U.S. Senate.

Whitehead, 58, said she would consider transferring some treasury functions to other agencies if she is satisfied they could perform the tasks better.

But the East Texas Democrat said she would call for shifting some investment management duties of other agencies to her office.

"We're going to make the case that we can manage investment better than other agencies, and we are going to be very aggressive about that," said Whitehead.

Gov. Ann Richards conducted the swearing-in ceremony in the House chamber.

### Deputy Treasurer Named

After Whitehead was sworn in, state Board of Insurance member Paul Williams resigned his post to become deputy treasurer.

Williams, a longtime aide to Gov. Richards, was appointed to a six-year term on the Insurance Board less than five months ago.

He has held the job of deputy treasurer before, when Richards was state treasurer.

When Richards was elected governor, Williams served as her executive assistant and then chief of staff before she named him to the Insurance Board.

Under legislation passed this past session, the three-member Insurance Board will be dissolved Sept. 1, 1994. The state insurance department will then be run by a commissioner.

Williams, a native of Temple, is a graduate of Baylor University. He is a certified public accountant.

Whitehead said she has begun raising money for the 1994 election campaign. "I view a job well done as being elected in 1994," she said.

### School Finance Appeal

More than 100 property-poor

school districts attempting to halt a new school finance law filed an appeal last week with the Texas Supreme Court.

The appeal asks the high court to overrule a trial judge who denied the school districts a June hearing on the new law, which is set to take effect Sept. 1.

The law gives property-rich school districts several options for sharing their wealth with property-poor ones.

Meanwhile, a U.S. Department of Justice pre-cleared the new school finance law, according to Secretary of State John Hannah.

The new law was submitted to the department because of provisions that could affect voting.

Stephen Rosenbaum, chief of the agency's voting section, said in a letter that Attorney General Janet Reno is not objecting to the changes made by the law. But he noted that failure to object does not bar future court challenges.

### Bribery Trial Begins

The racketeering and bribery trial of former U.S. Rep. Albert Bustamante got under way last week in San Antonio.

"You're about to learn the story about a former congressman who was on the take," prosecutor Jackie Bennett told jurors.

Bennett began the attack by calling a retired Air Force general, who testified that Bustamante threatened him while trying to land a government food service contract for friends.

Bustamante, 59, a Democrat, lost his 23rd Congressional District seat to Republican Henry Bonilla amid publicity about the federal investigation.

Bustamante's wife, Rebecca, an attorney, is on trial charged with aiding and abetting her husband.

### Insurance Chief Search

The state has launched a nationwide search for a commissioner of insurance.

"This is one of the top insurance

regulatory jobs in the nation, and we intend to recruit 'the best and brightest' to fill it," Gov. Richards said.

Under a recently passed law, the State Board of Insurance will be abolished and the commissioner will become Texas' top insurance regulator.

The Legislature has authorized a commissioner's salary of as much as \$150,000.

### Waste Dump Suit

Alert Citizens for Environmental Safety has filed a second lawsuit to block the state's plans to build a low-level radioactive waste dump in West Texas.

ACES spokesman Roy Griffin said the district court suit is meant to complement a federal lawsuit filed last month.

Griffin said the organization wants to ensure "that the governor and the Legislature are held responsible for the actions they've taken."

The Legislature voted in 1991 to put the dump in Hudspeth County. But residents say the action is illegal

because there was no chance for them to voice their opposition.

### Other Highlights

■ Texas children will receive free immunizations this month as part of a campaign launched last week by Gov. Richards and state Health Commissioner David Smith. The Legislature authorized an additional \$17 million for immunizations.

■ Although prison officials vowed in 1989 to limit furloughs to violent inmates, the practice is continuing, *The Dallas Morning News* reported last week. The newspaper said inmates are released, unsupervised, for up to seven days.

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## Editorial Comment

By Kimball G. Pease  
**Walking The Stage & Testing**

There were a few friends who 'bent my ear' recently concerning the stand I took in Kim's Korner on a few issues that, in their opinion, they felt were off-base on my part.

First, they thought I was all wet on my stand concerning graduating seniors. I said that unless a senior passes the T.A.A.S. test - he/she shouldn't be allowed to walk across the stage with classmates. I haven't changed my mind. Still think graduation is a reward for passing not a right of being a member of a class for 12 years. They disagreed.

Second, they thought state/federal mandated testing, i.e. Texas Assessment of Academic Skills test, TAAS; Texas Education of Minimum Skills, TEAMS; Norm Referenced Assessment Program, NAPT; PIEMS Reports, etc., were ridiculous. If a local district, they contended, said the child possessed sufficient knowledge to pass - why the state/federal test? I again disagree and haven't changed my mind. Testing on the state level is as close to a mini 'report card' as the public is going to get, on how well the overall school is doing in educating our children. Without the testing, we would never know how good or bad the school was doing and would have no basis for discussing improvements needed in specific areas. All children would be doing wonderfully, all would be above average in the eyes of the local school.

Yes, I think the children are being over tested at present, but the opposite is no testing and not knowing where children need help. I would rather lean on the side of caution and test.

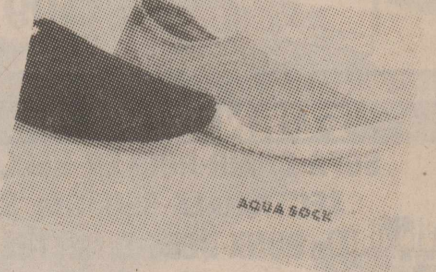
Educators don't like the tests because it holds them accountable. The public is tickled with testing. Keep telling us how good or bad we are doing.

*Kim Pease*

### THANK YOU

The family of Ellis McBeth, of Abilene, formally of Rotan, would like to thank everyone for all of the hospitality. Thanks all who brought food, served food, and for the church, First Baptist Church, on Tuesday afternoon. The funeral home was more than gracious in our time of grief. Once again thank you to everyone and all.

Sincerely,  
Louise, Larry, Chris & Sara McBeth  
& Amber Thomas



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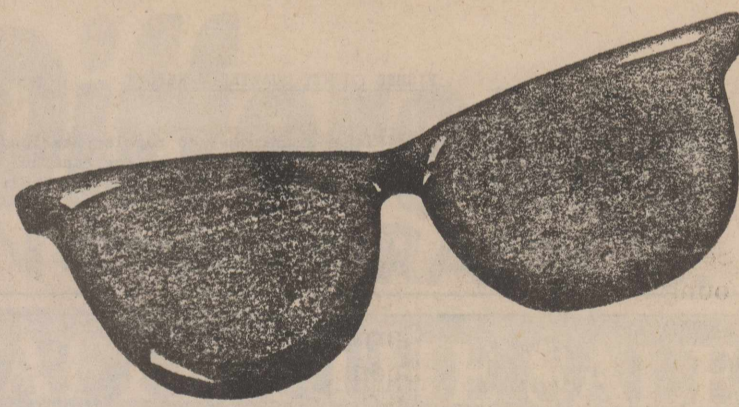
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## 9-1-1 Emergency Calls Fisher County For Week June 28-July 5, 1993

**11:42 a.m., June 28, 1993** - Call requesting assistance in removing someone from the Rotan Housing Authority Office.

**6:28 p.m., June 28, 1993** - Call informing dispatcher of an accident at the red light in Roby.

**6:07 p.m., June 29, 1993** - Call requesting assistance with a grass fire near Rotan High School building.

**9:51 p.m., June 29, 1993** - Call requesting that the ambulance be dispatched.

**3:25 p.m., June 30, 1993** - Officer requested on Forrest Street at disturbance.

**7:58 a.m., June 30, 1993** - Ambulance requested for a person that stopped breathing.

**9:05 p.m., July 3, 1993** - Fire truck requested for East 5th Street.

**1:32 a.m., July 3, 1993** - Officer requested to investigate a prowler on East 6th Street. Officer found kittens playing on roof.

**8:29 a.m., July 4, 1993** - Investigation at house in Roby. Contact made.

**7:08 p.m., July 4, 1993** - Caller wanted contact with Roscoe Fire Department not Fisher County Dispatcher.

**9:48 p.m., July 4, 1993** - Grass fire on North Cleveland in Rotan.

**10:04 p.m., July 4, 1993** - Grass fire on North 3rd Street in Rotan.

**10:26 p.m., July 4, 1993** - Roby fire Dept. on grass fire. by trailer house.

**11:16 p.m., July 4, 1993** - Rotan called to same fire that Roby is working on.

**3:19 p.m., July 5, 1993** - EMS dispatched to East 3rd Street for assistance with a wasp sting.

**Phone Calls Made On 9-1-1 Can Be Traced Back To The Phone Calling. Only Emergency Calls Should Be Made Over 9-1-1. Non Emergency Calls Should Be Made By Calling 776-2273.**

Please Cooperate with the Sheriff's Department and keep 9-1-1 for emergency use only.

### Hospital News

Patients admitted and dismissed to the Fisher County Hospital during the week of July 6 - 12, 1993 were as follows:

#### ADMITTED:

San Juana Sepeda - Rotan; Mandy Campbell - Roby; Delia Hardin - Rotan; Lonnie Heffernan - Sweetwater; Oma Lee - Rotan; S.L. Etheredge - Rotan.

#### DISMISSED:

A.J. Kidd - Rotan; Joseph B. Gilbert - Rotan; Lonnie Heffernan - Rotan; Delia

Hardin - Rotan; Mandy Campbell - Roby; LaVera Burkhardt - Rotan.

### Thank You

Thanks to everyone for all the concern, prayers, cards, phone calls, flowers and visits while Willie was in the hospital in Abilene. We are so thankful everything turned out okay and he is on the road to recovery. Thanks again!  
THE WILLIE A. MARTIN FAMILY

## Five 4-H Record Books Advance To State Level

Winners in the Rolling Plains-3 District 4-H Record Judging were selected July 7, when screening groups met at the Texas A&M University Research and Extension Center at Vernon.

There were 106 Junior records, 50 intermediate records, and 60 Senior records scored in 31 different subject matter areas. Juniors received blue ribbons, and Intermediate records were placed in blue, red, and white groups, with no specific winners in first place categories. First place Senior records will be submitted for State judging,

### Roby High School Boys Athletic Physical July 24 At Gym

All Roby High School boys, grades 9-12, that will be involved in athletics this coming school year, need to report to the gym by 8:00 a.m., Saturday, July 24. Coach Thiessen will be mailing out the physical forms that need to be filled out and signed by the parents. If you do not receive a physical form by mail, you can pick one up at the school.

### Baby Boy Born To Danny Terrys

Bryant and Tresley Terry would like to announce the arrival of their brother, Landon Bradley. Landon was born June 16, 1993, weighing 8 lbs., 7 ozs., and was 21 inches long.

Proud parents are Danny and Michelle Terry. Maternal grandparent is Sue Austin from Hamlin. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Terry from Roby. Maternal great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Joe Rash of Aspermont and paternal great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Thurman Terry of Roby.

where they will compete for thousands of dollars in educational trips to the National 4-H Congress, as well as other various scholarships and awards.

4-H is the youth development and leadership program of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, as part of the Texas A&M University System.

Following is a list of the results of the District Record Judging for Fisher County:

Senior Division: Mike Counts, Agriculture, 1st place; Matt Counts, Agriculture Achievement, 2nd place; Anita Floyd, Citizenship, 1st place; Kelly McWilliams, Clothing, 1st place; Melissa Burk, Home Economics Achievement, 1st place; Chad Dannheim, Santa Fe, 1st place; Justin Smith, Horse, 5th place, and Christy Willett, Sheep, 6th place.

Intermediate Division: Jaycee Carey, Foods & Nutrition, blue ribbon; Ty West, Sheep, blue ribbon; and Katrina Rains, Beef, blue ribbon.

Junior Division: Kyle McWilliams, Beef, blue ribbon; Klay McWilliams, Beef, blue ribbon; Lance Moore, Beef, blue ribbon; Tara Carey, Foods & Nutrition, blue ribbon; Ashley Smith, Horse, blue ribbon; and Shelly Burk, Sheep, blue ribbon.

### THANK YOU

To all who knew our mother, San Juana, or to whom she touched in some way in her lifetime; we would like to "thank you" for the kindness you showed by being the thoughtful, caring friends and family-in-Christ. The food, flowers, calls, visits and especially the prayers are all deeply and sincerely appreciated. We would like also to say a special thank you to Dr. C.M. Callan for all his care during her illness.

The E.L. Sepeda Family  
The Castillos & Families



**ROBY LIONS CLUB INSTALLATION:** The Roby Lions club held an installation of new officers on June 24 at the Silver Star Cafe. District Governor-elect, C.A. "Mac" McCown of Snyder was present to swear in new president George Price and the other Roby Lions Club officers. Present at the installation were (l to r) Horace Curlee, George Price (president), Milton Peeples, Zana Branham (secretary/treasurer), Kiefer Cauble (1st vice-president), Fredda Buckner (Tail Twister), Judy Streety (Lion Tamer), Jimmy Price, Perry Thomson, Zanna Anderson (2nd vice-president) and J.T. Palmer.

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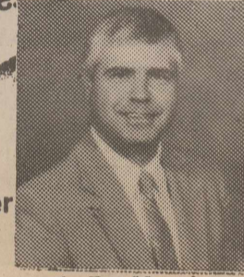
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July 12, 1993, the Commissioners Court of Fisher County met in regular session, examined and compared the Quarterly Report of Ilene Hale, County Treasurer, for the quarter ending June 30, 1993, and found the same correct and respective amounts to have been received and paid out during the quarter.

FUND	BALANCE 4-1-93	RECEIVED LAST QTR	IN	TRANSFERS OUT	PAID OUT LAST QTR	BALANCE 6-30-93
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R&B OPER. PREC. #1	76 161.09	22 172.61	-	-	31 740.22	66 593.48
R&B OPER. PREC. #2	71 438.86	21 683.33	-	-	44 675.79	48 446.40
R&B OPER. PREC. #3	101 152.54	21 910.78	-	-	63 372.60	59 690.72
R&B OPER. PREC. #4	56 697.78	22 237.10	-	-	44 318.98	34 615.90
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**WANTED:** The Rotan ISD needs July 20, 1992 Time; Dec. 21, 1992, February 22, 1993 and March 29, 1993 of the U.S. News And World Reports; and the July 1992 and May 1993 of Good Housekeeping. These issues were lost en route to the bindery and are desperately needed so all bound magazines will be on the shelf for August 16. Anyone wishing to donate these to the LRC please call Patsy Hamric at 735-2128 or 735-3370. She will be happy to pick them up or if you prefer, you may drop them with Mrs. Porter in the Supt. Office. 24:1tc

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## Question Of The Week.....

**QUESTION:** "How much does it cost Fisher County to keep their fleet of Fisher County Sheriff's Department vehicles on the road for an average month?"

**ANSWER:** "I just recently received a report that indicated that the total approximate expenses for the first five months of 1993 amounted to \$6,400. That figure includes gas, oil, tires, repair on a total of six vehicles in the fleet. Broken down by the month, computes to a total expense of \$1,280 monthly or \$213.34 per vehicle." - *Sheriff Gene Pack, Fisher County Sheriff's Department, Roby, Texas*

If you have a question you would like to have answered. Submit the question in writing to News Question, P.O. Drawer A, Rotan, Texas 79546 and we will, if possible, attempt to get a timely answer. Please sign your News Question request, and include your phone number, we will not print your name with the question.

## 4-H'ers Return From Trip To Missouri Attractions

Twenty-five Fisher County youth and six adults departed Saturday, July 3, for a 4-H exchange trip to Paris, Missouri. The first stop was Eureka Springs, Arkansas where they saw The Great Passion Play. Sunday and Monday they spent in Branson, Missouri; sights included a Brooks and Dunn concert, Shaji Tabuchi concert, and sight-seeing. Tuesday they traveled to Paris where they took a canoeing trip down the river. Wednesday included a

swimming party, whole hog barbecue, and hayride. Thursday the group toured Hannibal, the home of Mark Twain and took a riverboat cruise. Friday was a free day concluded with a farewell party. The group returned to Texas last Saturday.

The group stayed with the Missouri 4-H'ers that visited in the county in early June.

One of the requirements of each 4-H'er traveling is that they give 10 hours of community service in exchange for the support that the county gives the youth. A total of 2500 hours have been given this past year in community service activities by these youth. Some of these have included: Jerry Lewis Telethon, carved and delivered Halloween pumpkins for shut ins, Senior Citizen Valentine Banquet, holiday baskets for Clothes Closet volunteers, cleared highway, yard work for Senior Citizens, prepared and served lunch for Ag Day, collected food, clothes, health items and toys for needy, worked at Clothes Closet, Food Pantry, and library, taught Vacation Bible School at various churches and numerous other activities.

4-H'ers involved in the exchange program include: Kelly McWilliams, Kasey Greene, Anita Floyd, Christy Willett, Shelley Baker, Erin Hart, Amanda Moore, Melissa Burk, Stephanie Hunsaker, Monica Pullig, Kendra Kiser, Carissa Kiser, Amy Beauchamp, Coby Moore, Bryce Moore, Timothy Moore, Chad Dannheim, Mark Marshall, Brad Atkinson, Mike Counts, Matt Counts, Michael Hull, Steven Estes, Joey Valdez, Mario Barrera, and Jason Gruben. Adults include Jerry Marshall, Mike Hull, Jennifer Kincaid, Kay and Bob Moore, and Kathy Spencer.

## Hustling Around Hobbs

by Joy Walker...

Due to my stay in the hospital (Humana) in Abilene since last Tuesday, the news will have to be short this week.

Weather-wise it's been the same all week, nothing but gusty winds and still no rain. They told me the cotton still looks good, but everyone needs a nice rain. The floods they are having in various parts of the country are so bad and by the t.v. reports, the damage has been enormous. We don't need that!

I read in the "People" magazine that our own Barry Tubb from Snyder gave Julia Roberts away when she married Lyle Lovett. I have known Barry and his family for years and he has really made a name for himself in the movie industry.

People have been so nice about calling to check up on me, and I've had lots of visitors. Also all my flowers and gifts are wonderful. I came in for one surgery on Tuesday and then had to have a second (but not nearly so bad) surgery on Thursday. Melody, Mark and little Kassie were here Tuesday and Wednesday and Tess and Tatum Williams were also here, so we had a motel room full of little ones Tuesday. Mark and Melody and Kassie went back to Austin Wednesday late. They have had so much rain, Melody said their lawn has to be mowed several times a week. Everything is so green where they live, and their yard is beginning to really look good. With a new house, yard work is one thing that has to be done and it's sure hard work but pays off in the end.

Well Monday was my lucky day as the doctor said I could come home and I am so glad. Everything and everyone were so nice here but it will be good to be at home. In a little get well book that Kathy and Gary Daniel brought me it says "a hospital should also have a recovery room adjoining the cashier's office". Think that is very appropriate. See you next week.

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# Fisher County Agricultural News

## County Agents Column

By Richard Spencer

Crops in Fisher County could use a rain. The Midwest and Delta areas are all flooded so we are in better shape than these areas. All reports are that cotton insect activity has lightened up due to the hot, dry winds. Everyone would have thought that the winds would have stopped in late June, or early July, but this is West Texas. If you don't like the weather now, it will change at some point in time.

The editors of Better Homes and Gardens magazine, sorting through myths and facts about cattle production

in relation to the environment, note that cattle can be a positive force.

The editors point out that "cattle are actually very efficient at turning rough forage into nutritious food for humans. Nearly all the land used for grazing is too arid to support wheat, corn or other food crops. And cows eat crop by-products such as cornstalks...Careful grazing has been shown to improve marginal rangelands." The magazine also corrects misconceptions about cattle and beef in the U.S. as related to such issues as rainforests, methane and possible global warming.

A University of Florida Professor recently estimated that for each \$1 invested in the beef checkoff program since it began in 1986, producers are receiving \$5.80. In addition, a recent producer attitude survey about the checkoff showed that 80 percent are pleased with the program.

Total cattle numbers will increase 2 to 3 percent a year through the mid-1990s. Beef production, up 1 percent in 1992, will increase by 2 percent to 23.4 billion pounds in 1993. Average consumption will be up slightly from

1992 at 66.8 pounds and may climb to 69 pounds by 1995.

Mexican demand for beef if the North American Free Trade Agreement is approved, will increase from 25 percent of the population to 60 percent.

The food service industry accounts for 35 to 40 percent of beef consumed in the U.S. In terms of dollar sales, the food-service market is even more significant because restaurants buy a substantial share of more expensive beef steaks.

## County Home Extension Agent News

By Beth Dannheim

### Use Applesauce To Cut Fat

Use applesauce to replace all or part of the fat or oil in baked products. The texture may not be the same, not as fine a crumb or light, airy texture, but some consumers may be willing to sacrifice texture for fat savings. According to the Processed Apple Institute, substitution is one for one. And for better texture in baked goods, use applesauce products with finer consistencies rather than those chunky products.

### Pregnant Women Beware of Lead From Mugs

A recent report in the FDA Consumer suggests that pregnant women may want to choose glass or plastic mugs rather than ceramic mugs when

drinking hot acidic beverages on a dairy basis. There is concern that there may be risk to a developing fetus from lead leached from lead-glazed ceramic cups or mugs. Acidic beverages such as coffee or tea cause the greatest leach risk. It should be noted, however, that occasional use of these such ceramic items may not pose such a risk.

### Grilling Meats -- Consider Food Safety!

Grilling meats outside is a favorite warm weather activity. Follow safe food handling practices to assure that meat is safely prepared and safe to eat. Cook ground meats to a well-done stage; meats should be brown throughout. Cook chicken until juices run clear;

fish until it flakes easily with a fork. Use a clean serving plate and utensil to pick up and serve cooked meat. Never use the same ones that held raw meat or marinade mixture without washing them first. Any item that was in contact with raw meat may carry bacteria that cause illness. Keep everything clean, including containers, utensils, hands, and any surfaces that come in contact with meat.

### Canning Guidelines

Each canning season we receive many calls for information in the Extension office. Questions usually concern proper procedures on canning and freezing, problems with canned products, etc. We recommend any canning

materials older than 1988 be discarded and replaced with New Guidelines. We have excellent publications with guidelines for canning, freezing and drying available free of charge.

It is recommended that all pressure canners with dial gauges be checked annually for accuracy. This is a very simple procedure that takes a few minutes. The lid with the gauge is all that is needed for the check. The United States Department of Agriculture recommends gauges measuring more than 1 pound off need to be replaced.

If you would like to have your canner tested please call 776-2171 to set up a time. The test is done free of charge.

# Don't Let Texas Summers Leave You Itching, Burning ... Or Worse!

Summertime is when the livin' is easy -- or so said a famous American composer. But when you take it easy with family and friends, it's wise to take precautions, too. If you don't, a Texas summer can leave you itching, burning, or worse.

Here are some hazards to watch for, with tips from Texas Safety Association:

**Food poisoning:** A picnic is a great way to relax. But remember that food can spoil quickly on a hot day. Cold air flows downward, so put the most perishable items at the bottom of your cooler, with ice or gel packs on top. Frozen juice boxes can do double duty as "ice blocks" to keep other foods chilled. Serve cold items at 40 degrees or less, and return them to the refrigerator or cooler as soon as possible after the meal.

If you're barbecuing, be sure your meats are thoroughly cooked. Don't

put cooked meat on the same plate you used to carry the raw meat to the grill!

**Bees and Wasps:** A sting can ruin anyone's afternoon. For people with severe allergies, it can be life-threatening. Picnic away from garbage cans and fallen fruit, which can attract these insects. Avoid perfume and heavily scented soap. If someone does get stung, an ice pack will reduce the swelling, and baking soda paste can relieve the pain. If the victim is known to be allergic, don't wait for a reaction -- get the person to a hospital right away!

**Bites and Rashes:** Lyme disease, transmitted by ticks, is a growing threat in eastern Texas. Bites from mosquitoes, chiggers, and fire ants are less serious, but they can make you miserable. Repellents will discourage some of these creatures, but it's best to wear protective clothing in places where they're known to be a problem. The same goes for poison oak and ivy. Af-

ter being outdoors, wash your clothes and inspect your body for ticks. Remove them with tweezers, tugging gently but firmly until the tick lets go. The sooner you get it off, the less likely it is to transmit Lyme disease.

**Water:** Swimming and boating will help you beat the heat, but caution is in order. Make sure there's a life jacket for each person on your boat, and have children under 12 wear them at all times. Never leave small children unattended in swimming areas, and remember that alcohol and water don't mix.

**Weather:** Thunderstorms come up quickly in summer. If lightning starts while you are swimming or boating, get off the water immediately. Seek shelter away from trees, metal fencing, golf courses, or other large open areas. If you're far from home, a closed metal vehicle may be the safest place. Its frame will deflect lightning charges to

the ground.

When skies are fair, don't overdo it. Texas heat is no laughing matter. Drink plenty of water and save strenuous activities for early morning or late evening.

**Sunburn:** Too much sun can cause short-term discomfort, premature aging, or even skin cancer. Children are especially vulnerable. When working or playing outdoors, wear a sunscreen with a protection factor of at least 15. Reapply after swimming. Use hats, long pants and long-sleeved shirts to block the rays.

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## Rotan Nursing Center News

By Elya Mae Decker

Look this way! Click! Smile again would go that box camera. Going Kodaking was the "in thing" to do during the courting days of yours. There is this picture of one of our honorees and her "beau" at this windmill pretending they were fishing. Their poles were just limbs, plus no fish in this water trough. But how would they know as they had eyes for just each other, but wait, that special looking did pay off. Their wedding date was set. So much to do. As back in them days married children always tried to settle near their parents. Our honoree was born December 18, 1897, the first of her family to save the family nest, where she was raised and the first to marry. So with that in mind, their first home was ready for their wedding date August 20, 1916. With their first house south west and then south they were ready for their family of 6 children, 14 grandchildren, 24 great grandchildren and 3 great great grandchildren. This makes 5 generations. Their home was always open and welcome to all.

Our other honoree will have a birthday July 25th. Now let's pick out some more from that which makes them special to our other honorees. One was born at Boston, Mass., 2 grandchildren in Rotan, 3 great grandchildren born in Longview and Waxahachie.

This branch of the honoree's family did scatter as years went by. Our honoree was manager of the Blue Bonnett Hotel and then to the Baker Hotel, because of illness had to retire. Her hands were kept busy with arts and crafts, sewing, so much talent with her hands. This unique fact about this honoree. Her grandmother and step grandpa for 18 years. Then these 18 years had a step grandmother and grandpa too. Families of these two honorees have touched our lives in a special way. Watch next week for the names of these special people.

## New Volunteer Program Helps The Environment

Did you know that the United States produces 50% of the world's waste but only has five percent of the world's population? Did you know that Texans throw away enough trash every two weeks to fill the Astrodome?

As part of Senate Bill 1340, Texas has set a goal of 40% recycling rate by 1994 making it imperative that we in Fisher County do our part.

Education can be a powerful tool for changing attitudes and habits and ultimately helping us reach that goal. That's where the EnviroSmart Master volunteer program comes into play.

"If you are serious about making a difference in Fisher County," said Beth Dannheim, Fisher County Extension Agent, "the EnviroSmart Master volunteer program is a good place to start."

The EnviroSmart Master Volunteer Program, a new volunteer program offered by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service (TAEX), promotes responsible solid and hazardous waste management through 50 hours of volunteer service.

Trash Camp '93, scheduled for October 15-17, 1993, at the Texas 4-H Center, will kick off this timely program.

Volunteers will be trained in such areas as solid and hazardous waste management, recycling, source reduction and composting by some of the top

Texas experts in the field.

This is a great opportunity for concerned citizens to get Fisher County on the right track to meeting that 40% goal.

If you would like to know more about becoming an EnviroSmart Master Volunteer, call Beth Dannheim at 776-2171.

## County Historical Group Holds Monthly Meeting

by June Anderson

At the Fisher County Historical Commission's July meeting, 20 members were present and we were happy to have Frank and Mary Healer from Sweetwater join our organization. Though we have no dues, Frank asked if we would accept a donation. Guests were Bill and Barbara Flippo from Reno, Nevada; Don Brock and Byron Murphree from Sweetwater. Don Brock who is a son of one of the famed triplets, Faith, Hope and Charity offered F.C. H.C. any pictures they may want from five albums he has. The three sisters are now 94 years old and reside in the Holiday House retirement home in Sweetwater.

It was with great regret that F.C.H.C. accepted the resignation of W.A. and Faye Cross from their offices. They emphasized that they weren't quitting the organization; they just intend to spend more time fishing. Obie Gene Kelley was elected co-chairman and Marjorie Mitchell will be treasurer.

A brochure announcing the fifth annual National Cowboy Symposium and Celebration to be held September 9th through 12th at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center was distributed for

members to think about and at our August meeting will decide whether or not to go to it as a field trip.

Marjorie Mitchell reported that 19 more names have been paid for; among them a man from Seattle, Washington sent \$40.00 for his grandfather's name to be added to the Civil War Veteran's list. Marjorie also suggested for our booth at the fair, the still that belonged to Deadman Cockran that is now in the possession of Obie Gene Kelley be set up with water to illustrate how "white lightning" was made in the early days. We're not advocating the practice, but it was part of our early history in many communities.

Frank Healer reported that the government has furnished a headstone for his and Don Brock's grandfather who served in the Civil War. The Confederate Organization headed by David Pilgrim is to have a dedication ceremony for Thomas W. Cardwell at a future date.

Link Adair brought, showed and told about many artifacts found on his farm over the years, some as old as 40,000 years. He is very knowledgeable when it comes to Indian artifacts. Connie Tutt said that when they dug a silo on their farm several years ago, they found a tool exactly like one Link brought to show us.

F.C.H.C. is open to anyone interested in helping to preserve and learn about our early history. We meet the first Tuesday of each month in the coffee room of the Courthouse.

## Rotan Students Take TAAS Test

Rotan students took the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills test at the Rotan LRC. Students were required to take only the test(s) they had not passed previously.

The TAAS writing test was Tuesday, the reading test Wednesday, and the math test Thursday.

This is an excellent opportunity for students to complete this graduation requirement before the school year starts.

Anyone having questions should call Mr. Early at 735-3041 or Mrs. Hamric at 735-2128.

## OBITUARIES

SanJuana Sepeda

SanJuana Sepeda, 61, of Rotan, died Wednesday, July 7th at Fisher County Hospital. Funeral services were at 10 a.m., Friday, at First Baptist Church with Rev. Elias Sepeda officiating. Burial was in the Belvieu Cemetery of Rotan.

Mrs. Sepeda was born at Ralls, Texas, March 23, 1932. She was the daughter of Desiderio and Katarina Reyna Castillo. She married Espiridion Sepeda at Sweetwater in 1949.

She was a homemaker and a member of the Emmanuel Baptist Church. She moved to Rotan from Ralls 53 years ago.

She is survived by: Her husband- Espiridion Sepeda of Rotan; six daughters- Maria L. Moreno of Lubbock, Mary Felix Martinez of Sweetwater, Kathryn Alaniz of Zapata, SanJuanita Flores of Abilene, Angie Sepeda of Roby and Mary Ann Sepeda of Rotan; four sons- Jose Luis Sepeda of Sweetwater, Jose Angel Sepeda of Rotan, Rev. Elias Sepeda of Weatherford, and Dion Sepeda of Sweetwater; six brothers- Julian Castillo of Texas City, Eusebio Castillo of Odessa, Encarnacion Castillo of South Beloit, Illinois, Johnny Garcia of Sweetwater, Desiderio Castillo of Odessa, and Manuel Castillo of Dickens; 26 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren.

Casket bearers were Augustine Soliz, Jr., John Soliz, Joe Paul Soliz, Jesus DeJesus, Shawn Lee and Rudy Garza, Jr.

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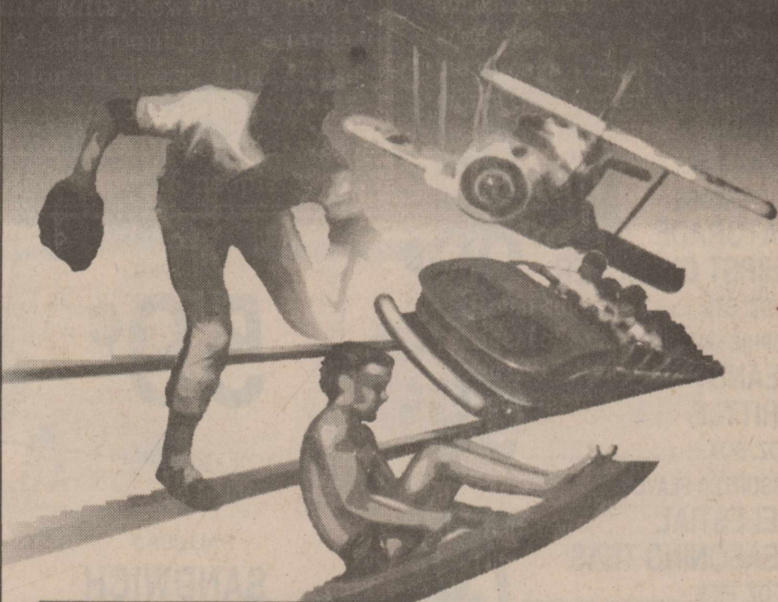
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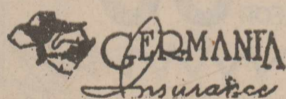
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There seems to be a natural attraction between kids and swimming pools. The good news is that a pool represents good fun, especially in warm weather. The bad news is that about 300 children under 5 drown in pools each year.

An increasing number of states are mandating four-sided fences or the installation of a motorized pool cover around new in-ground pools. In Phoenix, the law extends to existing pools if there is a child under 6 in the home.

Pool alarms are of limited use, say researchers at the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission: they sound too many false alarms or don't go off—and when they do, the child is already in the water.

The basic pool safety rule is to watch children at all times. You cannot assume a child who has had swimming lessons is safe; toddlers do not have the thinking skills to swim to the edge and climb out. If you need to leave the pool area, take the child with you.

Talk to us about pool safety. Then we'll talk about liability coverage, too, at Germania.

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# Roby School Board Postpones Roofing Decision

The members of the Roby School Board met in regular session last Monday night and decided, in fairness to all bidders, to table action on repairing the roof on the gymnasium and auditorium because one bidder, the low one, bid a different type of roof.

Those bidding were Barr Roofing - \$43,540; Lydick-Hooks Roofing - \$44,317; Pinkston-Hollar Inc., - \$57,211 and Booe Roofing - \$23,550. The Booe bid of \$23,550 was the reason for tabling all bids since Booe's bid was submitted using different type specifications.

Tanya Thiessen appeared before the board concerning a request that she be considered eligible for career ladder

funds. She felt that she had a verbal agreement with Roby that after three years she would be on the career ladder. When she completes her three years at Roby, (end of 1993-94 year) career ladder funds will have been frozen. No action was taken on her request. The board is expected to study the entire ramifications of the career ladder on Roby teachers.

- Board members accepted the Fisher County Tax Collector and County Education District report.

- The board approved the Education Service Center Region 14 contract.

- Approved the student insurance plan with the Leon Petty firm for 1993-94.

- Did not take action on a change in textbook bonding in accordance to Senate Bill 7 because the form was not received.

The full board approved a recommendation from the Board of Trustee Committee appointed to study the McCaulley property disposition. That recommendation called for the McCaulley Recreational Development Corporation to receive a 99 year lease on the property for \$1.00. Other stipulations call for the Vo. Ag. building to be

deeded to the McCaulley Volunteer Fire Department.

The committee also recommended a 5% pay increase for para professional and auxiliary workers.

The board discussed the policy on selecting valedictorians and salutatorians as outlined in the student hand-

book. A change was made to read that to qualify a student had to attend school in Roby for two years and have attended grades 9 - 12 at some school.

The recommendation to split classes in grade school was approved. Kinder-

garten, grades 1, 2 and 4 will be divided into two classes each. Selections as to where students will be placed will be made by a random drawing after ethnic balance is taken into consideration.

The board hired Terry Orr to teach

in elementary school.

A report indicated that 10 elementary, 5 junior high and 7 high school students were enrolled in a summer program on TAAS enrichment on a voluntary basis.

## Rotan School Awarded T.S.T.C. Grant Of \$935

Texas State Technical College in Sweetwater made a one time gift of \$935.00 to the Rotan School for the purchase of software, according to Dr. Nolan Kinsey, Superintendent.

The TSTI steering committee made notification of the cash award on June 18th with the stipulation that the money must be spent for the purchase of either Lotus 1-2-3 or dBase IV.

The software is to be used for a program that was recently entered into between T.S.T.C and Rotan ISD involving a technology preparation program.

## Nazarene's To Open Rotan Church, July 25

The Church of the Nazarene at 701 North McKinley in Rotan is scheduled to re-open on Sunday morning, July 25th, according to Rev. Shawn Fouts, Pastor.

The church has not had regular Sunday services in about three weeks.

Rev. Fouts also pastors the Nazarene Church in Snyder.

Beginning on Sunday, July 25th, worship services will be at 9:00 a.m., followed by Sunday School.

Rev. Fouts indicated that nursery facilities will be available, and that he will practice New Testament style services, open worship, open sharing and open ministry.

Shawn Fouts is 28 years old, married and the father of two children. A third is expected at any time.

He and his wife Brenda are both graduates of Nazarene Bible College in Colorado Springs, Colorado. He is finishing a second degree in religion at MidAmerica Nazarene College.

A work day is planned for Saturday, July 17th and possibly another on July 24th, according to Fouts.

## Football Players Will Receive Physicals July 31

Rotan football players in grades 7 through 12 need to report for health physicals at 8:00 a.m., Saturday, July 31st at the field House, according to Steve Warren, Head Coach.

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# Letters To The Editor

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** The following article appeared in *The Star-News* in February, 1993 and features an interview by writer Tom Dougherty of Jack Dale Smith, former Fisher County resident, who's mother Lela M. Peel resides in the Fisher County Nursing Home.

"The Bridge on the River Kwai" was a good film, but it was wrong about at least one thing.

"We never whistled while we worked," says Jack D. Smith of Chula Vista, referring to the film's opening scene in which prisoners whistled while entering a prison camp.

Weakened by overwork, starvation, malaria, cholera, dysentery, leg ulcers and frequent brutal beatings at the hands of Japanese guards, the prisoners of war didn't have the strength to whistle the Colonel Bogie March or anything else.

Smith ought to know. The retired Chula Vista building inspector was among about 360 survivors from the USS Houston who helped build the 250 mile Burmese railroad, made famous by the 1959 Academy Award winning motion picture.

Born in Plasterco, Texas, 35 miles northwest of Abilene, Smith joined the Navy on June 19, 1940. He went through basic training at the Naval Training Center in San Diego and was assigned to the USS Portland, in Honolulu, before being transferred to the heavy cruiser Houston in November, 1940.

"The Portland was coming back to the United States and she (Houston) was going to Asia," Smith says. "I joined the Navy to see the world and I wanted to do that."

Once known as President Franklin D. Roosevelt's "private yacht" because of the trips the chief executive took on the Houston, the ship was sent to the Philippines to relieve the USS Augusta as flagship of the Asiatic fleet.

For about two months after the outbreak of war between the United States and Japan, the Houston escorted con-

voys to Australia and the Dutch island of Java. The ship's first encounter with enemy forces came on February 4, 1942, when a 500 pound bomb from a Japanese aircraft exploded alongside the number three turret.

Smith was in the ammunition handling room when he felt the blast.

"I saw smoke," he says. "I kicked the flash door, turned on the sprinklers to pour water into the ammunition hoist and reported the fire."

Despite the loss of its aft turret, which rendered the ship vulnerable to attacks from astern, the Houston was sent back into action.

The Houston was part of an Allied task force, with two Dutch cruisers, the British cruiser HMS Exeter, the Australian cruiser Perth and a handful of WWI era destroyers when they were jumped by a superior Japanese force on February 27. Only the Perth and the Houston survived the Battle of the Java Sea, as the engagement became known. And on March 1, 1942, both ships were sunk by Japanese guns and torpedoes in the Sunda Strait, between Java and Sumatra.

As the 600-foot-long Houston turned over on its side shortly after midnight, Smith dove head first into the inky water, still wearing his white hat, and swam toward the mountains silhouetted against the night sky in the distance.

When he was close enough to the island of Java to hear the surf breaking on the beach, Smith was picked up by Japanese sailors on one of the landing barges participating in the invasion of the island.

"I heard the boat going by and I hollered 'Ahoy!' When I realized that they were Japanese I tried to escape by swimming underwater, but they had a .30 caliber machine gun pointed at me," he said. "It was then that I realized how tired I was and when one of them pulled me in with a boat hook I didn't have the strength to resist."

With the other survivors of the 1,064 man crew, Smith was taken to Serang, Java, where 500 Allied prisoners were held in a gutted movie theater. Later they were moved to Batavia, later named Djakarta. From there they went by ship to Singapore, where they boarded a two-ship convoy headed for Rangoon, Burma.

In Batavia, the Houston survivors were joined by 500 members of the Second Battalion of the 131st Field Artillery, the so-called "Lost Battalion", who had been taken prisoner with all their equipment intact.

The Japanese allowed the soldiers to keep their uniforms, and their paymaster distributed back pay of \$10 among the Houston's men.

Smith used his money to buy a blan-

ket, which he still had at the end of the war.

"It was a little thin," he says.

The men who reached the 18 Kilo camp in Burma found that their troubles had just begun.

Working 10 to 12 hour shifts in the sweltering heat with only one canteen of water, the barefoot men moved one cubic meter of earth a day, using only picks, shovels and straw baskets. Those who were too sick to stand were forced to work lying down.

With no medicine or doctors to treat them, the work crews were decimated by malaria, beriberi, elephantiasis, dysentery and tropical ulcers. Every mile of the 250 mile railroad claimed the lives of an estimated 400 of its builders,

including 90,000 Burmese natives and about 11,000 Allied soldiers, sailors and airmen. Only 292 of the 360 Houston survivors who came to Burma survived their captivity.

The six-foot-four Smith says that his weight dropped from 175 to 125 pounds during his imprisonment.

"They didn't feed us too good," he says.

After the railroad was finished, Smith and the others who remained alive rode a train to Thailand on the road bed that they had leveled with their sweat. After spending several months in what Smith calls a "rehabilitation" camp 20 miles south of Bangkok, he was moved to Saigon where he was repatriated on VJ Day.

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## Reflections "The Blasted Wind" by Jennifer E. Hicks

In case you haven't noticed, the wind has been blowing a heck of a lot lately. The sunflowers all face north and look as though they are bowed in prayer, praying for a front to come chase away this blasted wind. Clouds, if they dare to venture into this wind-swept region or if they are sucked in by glutinous air currents, quickly move on, ragged and dissolving. This wind envelops you with sandy overtones and more than likely you too are beginning to feel a little ragged.

Maybe it even grvels you a bit, this incessant gust. You go outdoors and are very warmly greeted by a grainy blast from the south-southwest. You go to sleep at night listening to the wind breathe life into the shutters -- or more appropriately for the nineties, the vinyl siding. As Ivan Doig put it so well, "Having the wind forever trying to blow harmonica tunes through your rib cage just naturally wears on the nerves." (If you are really lucky, these tunes wailing from your torso will be Willie Nelson's greatest hits.)

But believe it or not, as worn as you are by this non-stop wind-athon, there are a few things this summer bluster is good for.

**Hair Styling-** Fashion in the nineties dictates "anything goes". This applies to hair as well as other fashion statements, and where hair is concerned, the windblown look is in. Normally, to acquire the windblown look you would have to choose one of two options: 1) take the top off the ol' Jeep and cruise around at high speeds until the desired look is attained or 2.) zap your hair with the hair dryer while standing with your head between your knees. These days the windblown look is much more easily accomplished; simply walk outside and presto! perfectly windblown hair.

**Facials-** Each time you venture into the gusty great outdoors you get a facial scrub a la dirt. No gritty chemical substances you squeeze from a tube-- what could be more natural than dirt? Okay, okay, so it is more like a facial scouring and you think Ajax and a Brillo pad would be less harsh on sensitive skin. But you have to admit that sand beating at you in twenty and thirty m.p.h. winds is a surefire exfoliate.

**Fuel Economy-** When out on the road, drive only north, northeast, or northwest. Your vehicle will get fabulous gas mileage. Hey, someone should invent a wind-powered car.

**Hassle-Free Pet Grooming-** Tired of brushing and brushing to minimize your cat and dog's summer shedding? In this wind just put your pet out in a nice open, particularly breezy place. Pour yourself a nice tall glass of iced tea, pick a cozy window seat, and in the comfort of your own home sit and watch the hair fly.

**Personal Hygiene-** This gritty wind certainly is an incentive to clean out your ears more often.

Now see the great things the wind can do for you! If you think about it for a second, you can probably come up with some great ideas yourself for using the wind to your advantage. So get out there in the gale and enjoy yourself!

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4. On this mountain the Philistines won a victory over the Israelites.

Answers: 1. Mt. Tabor, Judg. 4:6, 12, 14, 2. Mt. Carmel, Isa. 35:2, 3. Mt. Moriah, Gen. 12:6, 7, 4. Mt. Gilboa, 1 Sam. Judg. 7:1.

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## Fisher County Senior Citizens News

By Wanda Acker

The Fisher County Senior Citizens will have their monthly dance on Friday, July 16 from 7:30 til 10:30 p.m. The Texas High Band will furnish the music.

The Center is open Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 8:30 a.m. til 1:00 p.m. Come join your friends or make new ones.

## NEWS BRIEFS

Rotan H.S. Summer Band

Rotan High School summer band will begin August 2nd at 7 p.m. Registration will be held at this time.

Rotan H.S. Band Parents Meeting

Rotan High School band parents will have a meeting August 5th at 7:00 p.m. in the band hall.

County Fair Catalogues

County Fair Catalogues have been revised and are ready for distribution. Copies can be picked up in Rotan at Davis Department Store, Main Street Flower Shop, and the City Library. In Roby they can be picked up at the Flower and Gift Shoppe or the County Extension Office.

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# Former Resident Tells Story About War

*Editor's note: This is a letter to the editor that was sent to the Texas Monthly.*

Dear Texas Monthly,  
It was with some anger, and some humor, I read your article on Steve Carriker as the "Worst of the Worst" State Legislators. I always knew Steve would be famous!

You say Senator Carriker is the least trusted member of the Senate, and that "trust is as essential as a heartbeat". Do you mean the kind of trust LBJ felt for RFK? Or the trust between President Clinton and Senator Bob Dole? Or, maybe the kind of trust the voters had for John Connally and Ronald Reagan to stay life-long Democrats? And, of course, there's the deep and abiding trust for Richard Nixon and his cronies who knew nothing about Watergate. Politics have never been conducive to abiding trust.

You say he "snookered" Senate heavyweight John Montford in 1991. For someone to "snooker" a heavyweight is pretty high acclaim. I guess that makes Senator Carriker a heavyweight as well. How did he do that, anyway? Did it take special skill? Did he have to "do his homework"? Doesn't it take study, time, and effort to get your side shown against a "heavyweight"? I venture a guess it might even take a little intelligence.

And just imagine trying to amend an agricultural program -- especially when he comes from a farming, ranching area -- and even farms himself! Could he possibly have been trying to help his constituents? Imagine trying to help the Texas farmer, when everybody knows we don't need them anyway! After all, steak and hamburger come from the store, milk is in a carton at the store, and cotton is that stuff in our jeans -- but farmers have nothing to do with getting it there. And you failed to mention what problems his amendment caused for Rick Perry's office. I am assuming here that Rick Perry was another "heavyweight", and Senator Carriker had no business questioning his actions. Imagine, a guy from Roby, Texas having the gall to "snooker" the "big guys"!

You say Governor Bullock had worked out a plan on drawing lots for the re-election of senators in 1994 and 1996. Senator Carriker asked for the attorney general's opinion. Isn't that asking if the proposal was legal? What's wrong with that? If the proposal could "hold water", as you imply, then surely a second opinion would cause no harm. Anyway, it would seem Senator Carriker was once again trying to fight the "big boys", and simply forgot his place.

You mention a civil service bill with a change in it for municipal employee unions. You mean he tries to help not only those horrible farmers, but blue collar workers, too? Throw the bum out!

An anonymous senator (or did you just fail to mention his name?) says, "When he gets a bill, anything goes", and "You've got to have some credibility or you're dead". To the anonymous senator: We know Senator Carriker is credible, but we don't even know who you are! And, if anything goes when he gets a bill, one has to assume that means he's open minded, and can be reasonable when things are discussed intelligently.

You've probably guessed by now that I may know Senator Carriker. He's

been a dear friend all my life, and we grew up in Roby together. There is nothing sneaky about Steve. In fact, he's pretty likely to tell you if he thinks you're a fool. He'll also sign his name to his opinions -- unlike your anonymous sources.

Because of Senator Carriker, many rural hospitals are still open. More doctors are coming to rural areas because of his care and concern for his constituents. He has also saved the average Texan a great deal of money by cutting out unneeded programs through the Sunset Commission.

Senator Carriker is very intelligent, and cares a great deal for all of the "little guys" of Texas. By "little guys", I mean the family farmer, the blue collar worker, the minimum wage earner, schoolteachers, small town folks, etc. I know that's not fashionable right now, and isn't popular with many politicians. But if you "big boys and heavyweights" can't stand the heat, then quit whining and just get out of the kitchen!

Thank you for your time, and for giving me the opportunity to express the "other side". It is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,  
Barbara Mitchell Swan  
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### Letter To The Editor:

Just a note to let you know I really enjoyed the recent interview with Denny Ivy and his memories of Rotan's early Little League teams. Brings back lots of memories as my three "little brothers" played on some of those teams. I recall they would often plow in the fields all day and then go play Little League at night. Those brothers were:

1. Radell Hammit - died in auto wreck in 1965. Had just been discharged after serving 4 years in the Air Force.

2. Earl D. Hammit - is now an orthodontist in Conroe, Texas.

3. David Hammit - is an attorney living in Madisonville, Texas.

I thought this might interest a few people in as much as Denny's article interested me.

Thanks for the news in the Advance. Keeps me in touch with "home". My brothers, sisters and I still own the home- place in the Dowell Community.

Jolinda Hammit Perryman  
Ruidoso, N.M.

P.S. There used to be a LL team called "Prune Peddlers" sponsored by a local grocery.

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Dear Kim,  
I love Rotan! It's so neat to be able to live in a small town where people wave and smile and ask "How are you?" and mean it. I've learned that all the stores may not have all the choices or varieties that a larger place may have but that usually we can either do with-

out that choice or improvise with something else. When we first moved here, I sometimes went where the choices were and I got to thinking that if everybody did that then someday down the road when we really needed hometown stores that they might not be here. We need to support each other in every way we can everyday.

There are many things I'm still learning about Rotan. One of the areas I need more information on is the hiring policies of our school administration. I assumed that local people were given first chance when they were qualified for a particular teaching job opening. These local people would further illus-

trate "doing business at home". I would like to think that we hire our own neighbors and friends because they have an interest and concern that an "outsider" possibly wouldn't have. Do you know if these local people are interviewed and given first chance at working where they live and pay taxes and support their communities? If they are not given this opportunity then perhaps the school board ought to check into the hiring practices of the administration. I would like to think that all the teachers who drive to other places to work could be working here at home.

Thanks,  
Jan Markham

## McCaulley Group To Discuss Plans To Obtain Old School Building

The McCaulley community is one step closer to obtaining possession of the abandoned McCaulley school buildings and land. McCaulley Recreational Development, Inc., will meet at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, July 15, to discuss the latest development.

MRD, Inc., is the group of local residents forming a non-profit organization to redevelop the McCaulley school for community use. On June 29, the Roby Consolidated Independent School District board committee agreed to recommend to the full board that the school district lease the McCaulley school buildings and other school property to MRD, Inc., for 99 years.

## Bridge Story continued from page 9

He took 90 days leave and then returned to duty. Smith left the Navy in 1953 because of a medical problem caused by his captivity.

Although 50 years have passed since Smith parted company with the Houston, he still keeps in touch with his former shipmates. He says that he has attended seven or eight reunions in Texas during the last eight or nine years.

Smith belongs to the Lost Battalion Association, made up of former Houston crew members and veterans of the Second Battalion, 131st Field Artillery, whose men worked alongside the sailors on the Burma railroad. According to the 1992 roster published by the Association, there are now about 149 Houston survivors still alive.

Framed newspaper clippings, books and other mementos of his naval career decorate the den of Smith's Chula Vista home and keep his memories alive.

"When the war started," he says, "I wanted to be in the action, and I got it - bombing, torpedoes, shells. Then I wanted to make it back to the States."

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## HEALTH NEWS

### Food and Medication

*Provided by Methodist Hospital*

Have you ever wondered why some prescriptions should be taken with food and others on an empty stomach? According to Patrick Pritchett, Director of Pharmacy at Methodist Hospital, food can alter the effectiveness of common prescriptions and over-the-counter medications.

"Having food in the stomach can delay the absorption of many drugs," said Pritchett. "For the majority of drugs, it's best to take them with a full glass of water on an empty stomach." However, some drugs are better absorbed or less irritating to the stomach when taken with food. Food and drug interactions vary according to a person's age, sex, overall health and the dose of the drug.

Pritchett offers the following suggestions for taking medication:

- \* Always read the prescription label- Ask for written instructions on taking medications, if not provided. Ask whether medication should be taken with meals or on an empty stomach.
- \* Read all warnings, directions and interaction precautions- This information is printed on packages of over-the-counter medications. It includes precautions concerning food and drug interactions and interactions with other drugs.
- \* Take medication with a full glass of water- this promotes the absorption of the medication and allows it to begin working faster.
- \* Don't take medication with alcohol- Alcohol and certain drugs, such as antihistamines, are a dangerous combination causing drowsiness and slowed reaction time.
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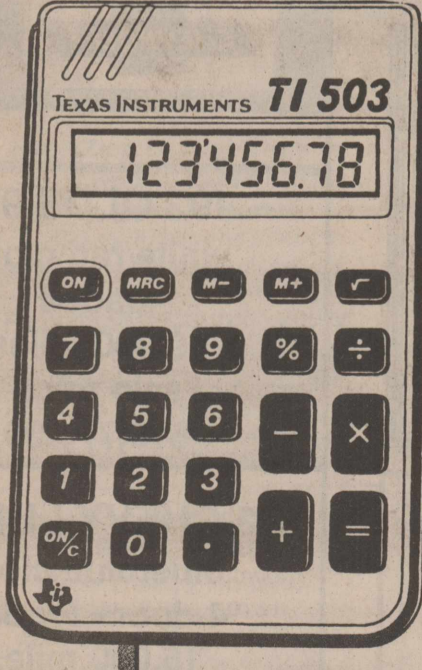
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