

The Right Of Self Determination For All Patients -

Local Hospital Enters 'Patient Treatment Rights' Program

Patient-Physician Communication Vital

Effective Dec. 1, 1991, every adult admitted to a hospital will receive information on patient treatment rights and advance directives to make their

wishes known concerning the providing or withholding of medical care.

The increased focus on helping patients understand their rights is the result of a new federal law, the "Patient Self-Determination Act". The law is

aimed at improving patient knowledge about freedom of choice and at fostering better communication among the patient, family and attending physician.

Every adult of sound mind has a

right to accept or refuse medical treatment, even if refusal might prolong an illness or lead to death. This freedom is enjoyed by every adult, provided the consequences of refusal are understood and will not injure another person.

This right of self-determination allows a patient to make all medical decisions, whether they be relatively simple (an epidural during childbirth?) or extremely difficult (withholding hydration and nutrition?). But there are times when a patient may be unable to communicate treatment desires. An accident might result in a coma, or an advanced medical problem may lead to incapacitation. In times like these, an

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Mark Marshall Is Cross Country Regional Finisher

Mark Marshall, son of Dr. and Mrs. Jerry Marshall of Rotan, finished 47 in a field of 200 cross country runners last Saturday at regional competition in Lubbock, according to Coach Ted Posey.

Marshall finished with a time of 19.35 seconds, according to Posey.

"Mark Marshall is a very competitive runner and I was proud of his accomplishment. He had to run on a little different terrain and surfaces that what he was used to training on, but the course was fair for everyone", commented Posey.



CONGRATULATIONS: To the Rotan Yellowhammers. By going through the season undefeated, you have reached a level that few other teams in Texas have reached. We congratulate your accomplishment. Season starts new again, but this time one loss and you 'sit down'. Good luck.

PROBLEM PARKING: It still appears that those parents, friends and nannies dropping-off and picking-up youngsters from Rotan Elementary School are doing better with the parking. It does not seem to be as hazardous as a month or six-weeks ago. The one thing that probably contributed as much as anything to making the situation safer is the elimination of drivers just leaving cars in the middle of the street unattended. Whatever, the situation is better. Thanks again to those cooperating.

RUNAWAY COSTS: Some schools, according to Paul Burka in Texas Monthly, are reducing staffs in anticipation of what the school finance law will mean to their districts in 'real dollars'. Lago Vista School District, a small Hill Country district, plans to have just one principal and one counselor for both its high school and middle school. Plano, a Dallas suburb, is asking administrators to teach courses. Irving ISD wants to put coaches back in the classroom to teach and Carrollton plans to eliminate 57% of staff positions. Food for thought.

THANKSGIVING DINNER: Rotan School is planning a Thanksgiving dinner for the community and school on November 20th. To reserve a plate, make reservations through your child's teacher or a campus principal. Meal cost is \$2.50 for adults.

LOTTERY PASSES: The majority ruled. Texas is now in the gambling business. Two out of three people voting approved. In Fisher County the lottery amendment passed, but not by much. I won't need to buy a lottery ticket when they become available in July - operating this business from week to week, and trying to show a profit, is a big enough gamble for any one person.

RUBBING NOSES: Robert Lewis, president of the Texas Horse Racing Association, predicted before the lottery amendment election that the coalition of Texas churches against the lottery would fail to muster sufficient support to defeat the issue. He was correct. However, one prominent Fisher County minister said, "The fat lady hasn't even started to tune up".

REMINDER: Wednesday, December 4th, is the night Santa visits Rotan. Plans will include a parade, lighting of downtown lights, tour of Theatre on the Brazos building, arts and craft booths and an awful lot more. Mark your calendar.

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MAJORETTE: Jennifer Dickson, daughter of Joe & Linda Dickson of Rotan, is the 1991 featured twirler at Angelo State University at San Angelo. She is a Junior early childhood education major.



CHEERLEADER: Jerri Lynn Boone, daughter of Pat & Jerry Boone of Rotan, is a cheerleader at Lubbock Christian University. She is a Junior social services major.



CHEERLEADER & MASCOT: Julie Pease, left, daughter of Kim & Janece Pease of Rotan and Shanna Bennett, right, daughter of Marshall & Chris Bennett of Rotan, are cheerleader and mascot, respectively, for McMurry University this year. Julie is a Junior elementary education major and Shanna is a Junior marketing major.

1992 Filing Fee \$600 For County Offices, Filing Opens Dec. 3rd.

So, you interested in running for public office in 1992?

You might ought to think about the cost for running for one of the offices Fisher County residents will be asked to vote on in 1992.

'91 Yellowhammers Outscore The 1962 State Champions

The 1991 Rotan Yellowhammer football team, according to Head Coach Pat Ward, has surpassed the 1962 State Championship team in total points scored.

According to Ward, the 1991 squad has - through nine games - scored 465 points in 9 games and only allowed 23 to be scored. Ward said the 1962 State Championship team scored 420 points in ten games and gave up 88 points.

Theatre Group Selects Spring 1992 Production

The members of the Theatre on the Brazos voted recently that the groups spring production will be "The Odd Couple", male version.

Tryouts will be held after January 1st. Persons interested in trying out for a part or directing the play, can call either Jim Gruben, David Smith, Glenda Wright, Betty Jones, Beverly Rister or Charlie Kidd.

The members are in hopes that the spring production can be staged in the new home of the Theatre on the Brazos (old Lance Theatre building). There is still a lot of work to be completed. Donations of time or money can be made to any of the above people.

County offices open in 1992 include: The Fisher County Sheriff's position, currently held by Mickey Counts. Counts has indicated that he will re-file for an additional term. He is finishing 15 years and serves out his 16th year in 1992.

The Fisher County Sheriff's position pays \$22,186 a year, plus living quarters, plus social security, health insurance and retirement.

The filing fee for the Fisher County Sheriff's office is \$600. Payable to Foy Mitchell, Fisher County Democratic Chairman.

Commissioners Jay Hendon, Precinct 3 and Charlie Meek, Precinct 1 have elective terms expiring in 1992. Both Meek and Hendon have indicated that they expect to officially re-file for an additional term in the near future.

The commissioner positions in Fisher County pay \$20,968 a year plus \$2,400 meeting stipend; plus social security, health insurance and retirement. The filing fee for commissioner positions is also \$600, according to Foy Mitchell, Fisher County Democratic Chairman.

The only other offices up for election on the county level are Fisher County Attorney and Fisher County Tax Assessor Collector. Neither Rudy Hamric, Fisher County Attorney or Teddy Kral, Fisher County Tax Asses-

sor Collector would return telephone calls to The Newspaper Office. Their intentions on re-filing for an additional political term are unknown.

The position of Fisher County Attorney pays \$22,186 plus social security, health insurance and retirement while the position of Fisher County Tax Assessor Collector pays \$21,224 plus social security, health insurance and retirement. In addition, Kral receives a salary for acting as Fisher County Chief Appraiser.

The official filing period for candidates to file for elected offices is December 3rd through January 2nd at 6:00 p.m., according to Bettie Rivers, Fisher County Clerk.

The election will be Tuesday, March 1st.

Rotan Junior High Girls Cross Ctry. Team Is Second

The Rotan Junior High girls won the second place team title in the district cross country meet recently.

The Rotan girls participating were Laura Blackwelder, 8th; Amy Gruben, 9th; Deon Duke, 10th; Cassidy Early, 11th; Shelly Baker, 12th and Mandy Dycus, 13th.

Superintendent Price Pledges

Roby Residents Will Have Say In School Renovation, Construction

The members of the Roby School Board entered into an agreement with The Tittle Luther Partnership, Architectural firm of Abilene on a facilities

study of the Roby Elementary school building.

The board appointed a facility planning committee consisting of David Boyd, Jim Bob Haley, Roxie Herron, Leon Helm, J.T. Palmer, George Price, Gary Daniel, Mike V. Terry, Richard Gaona, David Estes, David Mims, Kay Moore, Helen Noles and Susan Griffith.

The facilities planning committee met with Jack W. Harkins of Tittle Luther last week.

"Harkins just listened to the committee members, listened to the needs as outlined by the committee members, took notes and will now begin assembling a profile needs assessment", according to Superintendent George Price.

Price further indicated that the Roby community will have the final say in what will be done with respect to renovating the old elementary facility or constructing a new building. "The community will do that through a bond election", said Price.

"We are just in a stage now where we are trying to determine needs, feasibility of various options and attempting to put on paper options so the residents of the district can express their opinion", said Price.

Price indicated that he felt it would be six to nine months before Roby residents expressed their desires on the bond election.

RESULTS OF CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

Proposition	Texas		Fisher Co.	
	For	Against	For	Against
1. Home Rule	1,364,870	313,044	721	116
2. Turnpikes	813,929	820,066	361	476
3. Land Board	905,638	578,054	450	380
4. Prison Board	1,161,132	561,603	627	238
5. Enterp. Zone	601,942	1,002,849	300	511
6. Ethics Panel	899,496	790,406	443	407
7. Retirement	602,673	1,030,436	248	592
8. Debt Issues	1,178,281	446,344	559	251
9. Clear Title	1,000,873	576,913	510	295
10. Water Ex.	871,278	576,913	511	298
11. Lottery	1,126,830	631,867	480	424
12. Water Bd.	876,988	732,581	497	332
13. Student Ln.	1,077,230	582,863	602	251

Highlights And Sidelights

By Lyndell Williams
Texas Press Association

"The people, in delegating authority, do not give their public servants the right to decide what is good for the people to know and what is not good for them to know. The people insist on remaining informed so that they may retain control over the instruments they have created." - Texas Open Records Act, Article 6252-17a.

AUSTIN - Two days after Texas voters approved more bond money to build prisons, the state's prison chief said many will never be built.

And as grumblings about the insurance industry rumble statewide, a top New York-based ratings company warned Texans to beware of the many small insurance companies in the state.

"It would be prudent to take a real hard look at these types of companies," said William O'Neil of Standard & Poor's Corporation. "Historically, the majority of failures have been among small companies."

If that's not enough to worry Texas politicians, the media is reporting another kind of complaint: voter dissatisfaction with politicians, particularly long-time incumbents of either political stripe.

Even public servant at-large H. Ross Perot, the Dallas billionaire, is spreading the word nationwide for Texans.

Like A Grocery Store

Texas has had more life insurance companies go bankrupt than any other state, partly because past law made it easy to start companies with very little capital.

During the last legislative session, industry lobbyists complained that under-capitalized companies were hurting adequate ones, first by competition, then by saddling them with their pooled losses after bankruptcy.

Told it is easier to start an insurance company than a grocery store, legislators passed a new law to require investors to put up more money.

But that doesn't address the problems caused by insurance investments in junk bonds and bad real estate mortgages.

Kim's Korner

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FINALLY: On a recent trip to New York City, Whistle Britches noticed that the Horn & Hardt Automat, a cafeteria type operation, had gone out of business. When the CEO was contacted by a former customer the CEO, after listening to all the reasons the customer thought were valid, said "when is the last time you ate with us". Hope we don't take Fisher County businesses for granted.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: November 14 - 20. November 14 - Annette Leach, Leon Helm, Oleta McNaron, Tracy Posey; 15 - Lance Greenway; 16 - Mike Cade; 17 - Georgia Ashton, Christine Martin; 18 - Vi Cockrell, Virgil Franklin, Michelle Herndon; 19 - Andrew Martinez, Lacy Day, Carol Roberts, Walter Cleveland, Jerry Dycus, Marie Van Loon; 20 - Erlene Tankersley, Marcus Franklin, Daisy Roberson, Doris Gililand.

DEBTS: If you don't go into debt these days, you're probably doing something illegal.

CRITICS: A critic is a narrow-minded old fool who finds fault without a search warrant.

DENTISTS: A dentist is a guy who is always ready to get back to the old grind.

POLLUTION: If water pollution gets any worse, walking on it will be a cinch.

SERMONS: Before criticizing the pastor's sermon, why not take a minute to consider how much it actually cost you? You might conclude that you got your money's worth.

PROFANITY: A crusty old Cowboy from Rough Creek claims to be fluent in three languages, English, Tex-Mex Spanish and Profanity.

FINALLY, FINALLY: Ol' Whistle Britches says that "Parents who have fine children usually have children who have fine parents".

Few New Prisons?

The anti-incumbent sentiment which reportedly is sweeping the country is not likely to be quelled if what the state prison chief says is true.

Seldon Hale, criminal justice board chairman, said many of the planned prisons will never be built because the state doesn't have the money to staff and operate them.

Hale, an appointee of Gov. Ann Richards, said it will take \$3 billion a year to operate the planned prison system and will require a tax increase.

Throw Them Out: Perot

If H. Ross Perot has the image of a private entrepreneur who has always served his country at its beck and call, perhaps this image and his enormous influence are well earned.

After word reached Texas ears that Perot fired up a rally of "clean house" activists last week in Florida, some lawmakers are worried he might do the same in Texas.

"It's time somebody cleaned out the barn," and threw out incumbent congressmen, Perot told 2,000 supporters of THRO - Throw the Hypocritical Rascals Out.

The high school gym was filled with cheers for Perot, including Ross for Prez posters and chants of "Run, Ross, Run!"

But Perot said he didn't want a title. "In a minute, I'd go up there to Washington and spend the rest of my life working night and day to fix it, just a private citizen," he said.

Governor's Rating Drops

Her supporters may be pushing her as vice presidential material, but the latest Texas Poll says Gov. Richards' approval rating has dropped in her home state.

The approval rating for Richards has dropped from 61 percent to 49 percent, while her disapproval rating has risen from 24 percent to 44 percent, mainly among independent voters.

The blow was softened later when a Gallop Poll reported her favorite Republican target, President George Bush, had also dropped.

Blame it on anti-incumbent fervor. Richards shrugged off the end of the honeymoon, explaining, "The reality is that, for the last nine months, we have fought some tough political battles."

And not very well, detractors add, pointing to higher taxes and insurance costs since she took office.

There's A Brighter Side

On the bright side for the governor, she was interviewed in a jazzing supportive style by TV's "Sixty Minutes," a victory for those who seek to boost her nationally.

The governor was also feted in New York by Glamour Magazine as one of the seven "Women of the Year," which also included Anita Hill as an honoree.

Richards denied plans for higher office, which Capitol observers insist includes the vice presidential nomination.

Other Highlights

- Calling the passage of Propo-

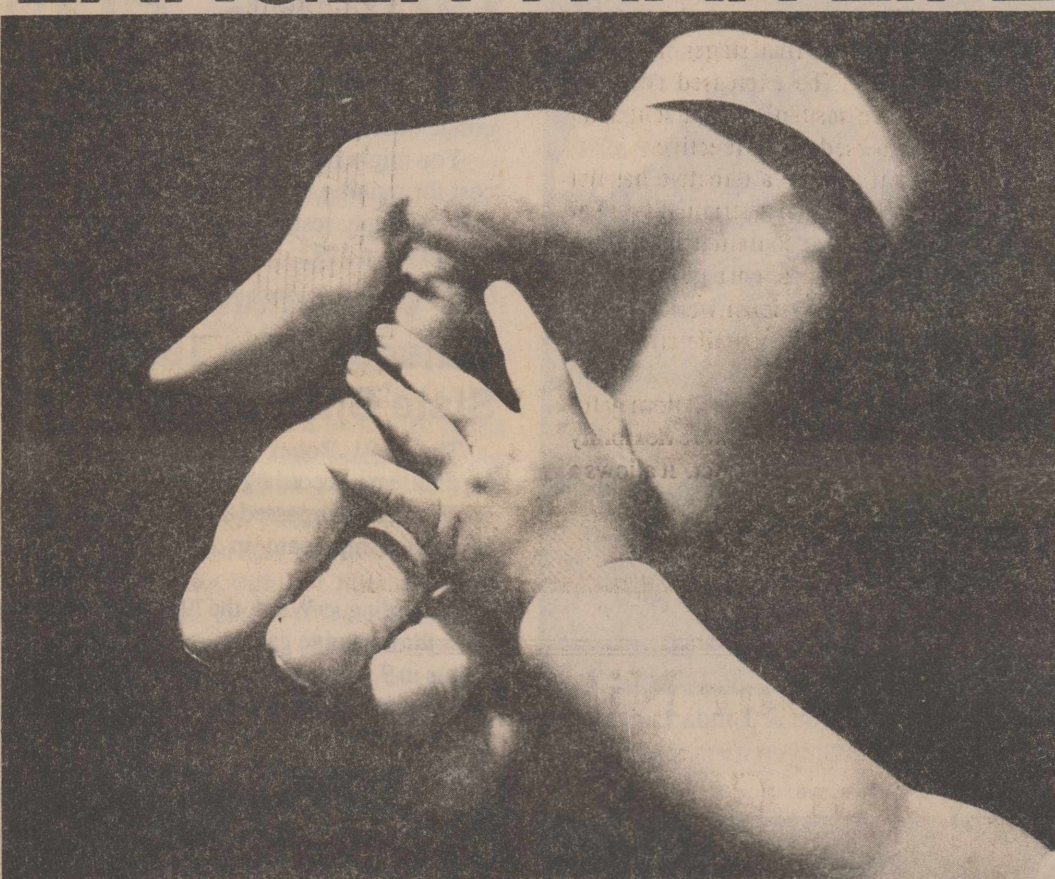
sition 8 a "victory for good government," State Treasurer Kay Bailey Hutchison said Texas voters no longer will be asked to approve state debt without knowing its amount, purpose and source of repayment.

■ The estranged wife of U.S. Rep. Craig Washington filed for bankruptcy protection to save their home from foreclosure sale. Washington, a state senator before going to Congress, claims to owe more than \$250,000 in back taxes. Texas GOP chairman Fred Meyer has suggested taxpayers are not obligated to pay the congressman's salary until he pays the back taxes.

■ Texas Supreme Court Justice John Cornyn is trying to have a Laredo lawsuit challenging the legality of his holding two state jobs moved to his hometown, Austin. Cornyn denied the issue of conflict and asked that six state district judges who double as fellow administrative judges be required to join him as defendants.

Fisher County Church Directory

LARGER THAN LIFE



Do you remember how large the world appeared when you were small? For most of us, life was always a happy adventure. Every day was exciting... carefree and fun. There was always someone there to watch over us... someone to look up to.

There still is.

God is there.

He created the world. No problem is too large for God to handle, no matter what your age or circumstance.

Accept your Heavenly Father's power and His loving care as you worship Him this Sabbath. As a child of God, there is never a need to feel overcome by the problems of the world, for God is larger than life.

As Emanuel Swedenborg wrote in *Divine Providence*, "We are, because God is."



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
John 15:18-16:4a	Romans 7:14-25	Romans 8:1-17	Romans 8:18-39	I Corinthians 15:1-11	I Corinthians 15:12-34	I Corinthians 15:35-58

St. Joseph's Catholic Church Rotan, Texas Father Austin Kittredge Sunday Morning 9:00 a.m. Mass Saturday Night 7:30 p.m. Mass	Little Zion Baptist Church Rotan, Texas Rev. John L. Martin Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Worship Service 11:00 a.m.	Foursquare Church Rotan, Texas Rev. Robert Kennedy Sunday School 10:00 a.m. - Worship 11:00 a.m. Sunday Evening Service 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Night Service 7:00 p.m.	Cross Roads Baptist Church Rotan, Texas Rev. Keith Berryman S.S. 10:00 a.m. - Worship 11:00 a.m. Worship Service 7:00 p.m. Wednesday Night Service 7:00 p.m.
Church Of The Nazarene Rotan, Texas Rev. Claude Ledbetter S.S. 9:45 a.m. Worship 10:45 a.m. Sunday Afternoon Worship 8:00 p.m.	First Baptist Church Roby, Texas Rev. Tobey Clements S.S. 10:00 a.m. - Worship 11:00 a.m. Sunday Choir Practice 5:00 - Worship 6:00 Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7:30	Hobbs Baptist Church Hobbs Community Rev. Dee Threatt Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship 11 a.m. Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.	First United Methodist Sylvester, Texas Sue Rowlett, Minister Sunday School 10:00 a.m. - Worship 9:30 a.m. Community Dinner 6:00 p.m. Each Third Wednesday Night
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.	First United Methodist Rotan, Texas Rev. Ron W. Dunaway Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 a.m. Sunday Evening Worship Service 6:00 p.m.	Church Of Christ Roby, Texas Darrell Hart S.S. 10:00 a.m. - Worship 10:45 Sunday Evening Service 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Night 8:00 p.m.	First United Methodist Roby, Texas Rev. Larry Crumpton S.S. 9:45 a.m. - Worship 10:30 a.m. Sunday Evening Service 6:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Choir Practice 7:00 p.m.
Church Of Christ Rotan, Texas Douglas Reeves S.S. 9:45 - Worship Service 10:45 Sunday Ladies Bible Class 6:00 p.m. Sunday Night Worship 6:00 - Wed. - 7:30	Baha'i World Faith Rotan, Texas Dr. and Mrs. David Morris Information Meeting Every Thursday night at 7:30. Blue Haven Motel, Roby	First Baptist Church Rotan, Texas Rev. Joe Vernon S.S. 9:45 a.m. - Worship Service 10:45 a.m. Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.	Emmanuel Baptist Church Rotan, Texas Sunday School 10:00 a.m. - Worship 11:00 a.m. Sunday Evening Service 6:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Worship 7:00 p.m.
Calvary Baptist Church Rotan, Texas Rev. Gene Prevot 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.	Mission Bautista Celvario Roby, Texas Rev. Eli Sepeda S.S. 9:45 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m. Sunday Eve 6:30 p.m. Worship 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Night Service 7:30 p.m.	First United Methodist McCaulley, Texas Sue Rowlett, Minister Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship Service 11:00 a.m. 2nd Wednesday Fellowship 6:30 p.m.	Sylvester Baptist Church Sylvester, Texas S.S. 10:00 a.m. - Worship 11:00 a.m. Sunday Evening 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Night Service 7:00 p.m.

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advance directive helps physicians prescribe treatment based on patient desire. By using a directive, a person can indicate what kinds of life-sustaining procedures he wants withdrawn or withheld in the event of terminal illness.

In Texas, methods for preparing advance directives are established through the Natural Death Act and the Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care Act.

The new federal law will help disseminate information about patient rights and encourage individuals to exercise options for preparing advance directives.

The federal patient Self-Determination Act requires that hospitals and other Medicare providers give all adult patients written information on patient rights and hospital policy:

Patient Rights: This written information outlines freedom of individual choice under state law, including a person's right to accept or refuse medical treatment. In Texas, hospitals will provide information on the Natural Death Act, which allows a person to request the withdrawal or withholding of medical care in the event of terminal illness, and the Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care Act, which allows the naming of a person to make even routine medical decisions, should the patient become incapacitated.

Hospital Policy -- Written information must detail the hospital's policies with regard to implementing patient rights under state law. This policy will outline methods for providing information to patients; a method of documenting in the patient's medical record whether or not advance directives were issued; a statement assuring that execution or non-execution of an advance directive will have no effect on patient care; assurances that each of the provider's facilities are complying with state law regarding advance directives; and provisions to educate hospital staff and the community on advance directive issues.

The Patient Self-Determination Act does not prohibit a caregiver from refusing to implement an advance directive on the basis of conscience, if this refusal is allowed under state law. In Texas, the Natural Death Act allows a physician to refuse compliance with

'Patient Care Rights' Program

directives, and it protects the physician from civil or criminal liability if reasonable efforts are made to transfer the patient to another physician.

According to the new federal law, all adults, whether competent or incompetent, must receive the information when admitted as an inpatient to the hospital.

The Natural Death Act allows the withdrawal or withholding of medical care to be requested by a competent adult who is suffering from a terminal illness. This directive, often referred to as a "living will", may include instructions for a physician not to use mechanical or other artificial means of support when the only purpose of those measures is to postpone the natural dying process.

A directive outlining a patient's desires may be prepared at any time, but does not become operative until the patient is terminally ill.

There are specific guidelines for drafting a directive under this state law. The directive must be signed by the patient and witnessed by two persons, with severe restrictions placed on who may serve as witnesses. The directive may be verbal or drafted via another non-written means of communication, but must be done in the presence of the attending physician and two eligible witnesses.

The patient issuing a directive must be a competent adult. An advance directive may be prepared on behalf of someone under age 18 by that minor person's adult spouse, parents or legal guardian.

Before a directive may be carried out, the terminal illness must be confirmed and certified by two physicians. The directive may be revoked at any time, even in the final stages of a terminal illness. The expressed desire to receive life-sustaining treatment at all times supersedes the directive.

In times where a directive has not been executed and a terminally ill patient is unable to communicate, family members or the patient's guardian and the attending physician work together to make decisions about life-sustaining treatment.

The Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care Act offers more flexibility than the Natural Death Act. It allows a

patient to name another person to direct medical decisions, even routine procedures, in the event of incapacitation. Unlike the Natural Death Act, use of the durable power of attorney is not restricted to life-death treatment questions involving a terminally ill patient.

In preparing a power of attorney under the Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care Act, specific procedures must be followed. The document must be signed by the patient and two qualified witnesses, and it must be affirmed that the patient appeared to be of sound mind, was aware of the nature of the document, and signed voluntarily and while free of duress. The person given power of attorney for health care may exercise authority only if the patient's attending physician, follow-

ing specific guidelines, judges that the patient lacks the capacity to make health care decisions. The transfer of power is revoked if the patient regains decision-making capabilities.

The person making medical decisions on behalf of the patient is responsible for following the patient's wishes, based on either guidelines in the power of attorney or using the best assessment of the patient's desires. There are, however, five areas where authority cannot be transferred from the patient: voluntary inpatient mental health services, convulsive treatment, psychosurgery, abortion and discontinuing care intended to provide for the patient's comfort.

For further information, contact Reva Jo Harbin at 735-2256.

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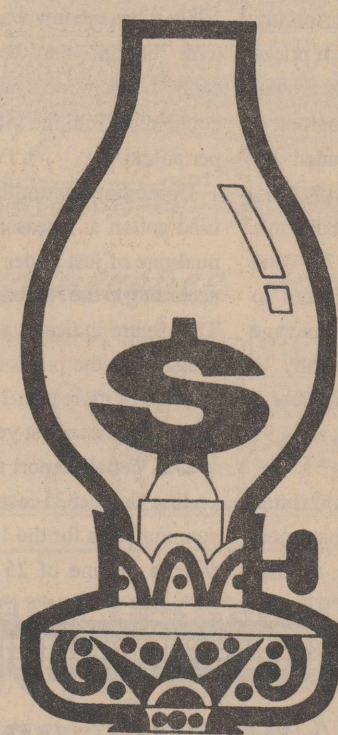
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Commissioners Discuss 9-1-1, Vacations, Re-naming Highways

The members of the Fisher County Commissioners court met last Tuesday morning and approved a 9-1-1 information committee; canvassed votes in the amendment election; discussed a problem with a voting location at the Rotan School and met with Sheriff Mickey Counts concerning vacations, compensation time and a vacation

schedule for Sheriff's Department employees for 1992.

The meeting was opened with Judge Bennett informing the commissioners that they had received a bill for \$1,200 from the City of Sweetwater for assistance from the fire department fighting a fire in Fisher County. Judge Bennett said that he had repeatedly written let-

ters asking that Sweetwater only respond to Fisher County fire calls when requested by a Rotan or Roby Fire chief. Bennett said that Fisher County did not intend to pay the bill.

Judge Bennett appointed Jerry Marshall, Cecil King, Mickey Counts, Jimmy Price, Joe Dickson and Kim Pease to a 9-1-1 information commit-

tee.

Commissioners rejected an offer from Executone on a Maintenance agreement on 33 phones, 18 phone lines for a cost of \$1,927.80.

Commissioner Billy Henderson informed the court of a problem he had with continuing to use the hallway at the school for a voting location. He indicated that it was disruptive, not very accessible and not the place that the county should agree to continue to use for a voting location. The election had, until this month, been held in the old Rotan High School library. Commissioners asked Judge Bennett to meet with Superintendent Nolan Kinsey and reach an agreement on a location for the future.

The court briefly discussed re-districting to meet guidelines before meeting with Sheriff Counts concerning walkie talkies. Counts asked for direction in either repairing walkie-talkies or purchasing new units.

Counts also informed the court that

Kerry Blair resigned to accept the position as the Juvenile Officer in Sweetwater. She replaces Alvin Petty.

Jerry "Cotton" Clawson is being moved from a part-time deputy to full time deputy replacing Blair.

Commissioners reviewed vacations, vacation scheduling and allocated their 2,219 votes for appointments to the Fisher County Appraisal Board. Receiving votes were Jay Hendon - 887;

Clay Fowler - 222; Leo Long - 222; Stuart - 444 and Gene Terry - 444.

The Fisher County commissioners has a total of 23,219 votes to cast; Rotan school 1,385; Roby School 1,162; Rotan City 164 and Roby City 70.

In final action the commissioners met with an individual seeking employment to re-number the Fisher County roads in preparation for the 9-1-1 implementation in 1992.



JR. HIGH YELLOWHAMMERS: Coach Ted Posey has a talk with his Jr. High players as he prepares them for more action. The Jr. High team has completed their season very successfully and will now support the Varsity team as they are State hopefuls after winning District.

TELCOT[®] Report

A WEEKLY SUMMARY OF COTTON MARKETING NEWS

For The Week Ending November 7

A world-wide cotton price war appears to be building as a result of intense competition for export markets. Compounding this situation is a world textile economy that may be much worse than observers had realized.

Another factor weighing on the market is the growing realization that the world cotton crop may be larger than forecast earlier. Cash and futures prices have dropped dramatically in recent days. The new adjusted world price (AWP) for the week ended November 14 is 48.79 cents per pound, a decline of 140 points from the previous week.

The price plunge may have shaken some foreign mill executives, forcing them to the sidelines to see how far prices will go. At this time, indications are the decline is nowhere near bottoming out.

Daily volume of cotton traded on TELCOT this week declined sharply from a high of 3,677 bales on November 1 to a low of 897 bales on November 7. Total volume was 9,093 bales, compared to 10,969 the previous week. The average price received dropped dramatically to \$2.20 cents per pound on November 7 after posting a high for the week at \$4.99 two days earlier.

The continuing decline in world cotton prices makes the government loan more attractive for some producers as they

market their crops. Other producers preferring to forego the loan can sell now and receive a producer option payment (POP), currently 198 points effective through November 14. The POP is calculated by subtracting the official AWP from the base loan rate.

Repeated new contract lows dominated cotton futures trading this past week, leading to what some traders consider an oversold condition for prices. The nearby December contract finally dropped below the key 60 cents per pound level, a downward price objective in the market for some time. Prices for nearby futures this week have not been this low since March, 1989, when the low was 57.90. A near-term bottom may be closer to 58.50 cents, but some analysts anticipate prices could slide into the vicinity of 55 cents per pound.

Domestic textile mills in the last quarter used cotton at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of just under 9.1 million bales, according to the National Cotton Council. That figure indicates a slight increase in usage from the previous quarter, and an increase of more than 200,000 bales from the same quarter last year.

U.S. cotton export sales for the week ending October 31 increased a net 83,100 running bales for the 1991-92 marketing year, a decline of 25 percent from the

previous week when sales increased a net 114,700 bales. Total commitments now stand at almost 4.6 million running bales. Japan, Indonesia and South Korea were featured buyers during the week.

The sales to South Korea are notable in light of recent reports that South Korea's textile industry is being pinched by poor economic conditions. Sources currently estimate cotton consumption there will drop more than 250,000 bales from a year ago to 1.75 million bales.

Increased domestic availability of higher quality cotton may cut China's import requirements for the current year, according to a report from the U.S. agricultural attaché in Beijing. On the other hand, sluggish demand for Chinese cotton may reduce the country's exports this year, the attaché noted.

Texas cotton producers had harvested 36 percent of the state's crop as of November 3, according to USDA's weekly crop progress update. A year ago, the crop was 38 percent harvested, and the average is 30 percent. In Oklahoma, 16 percent of the crop is off the stalk, compared to 37 percent in 1990; however, this year's progress is only slightly behind the average of 18 percent.

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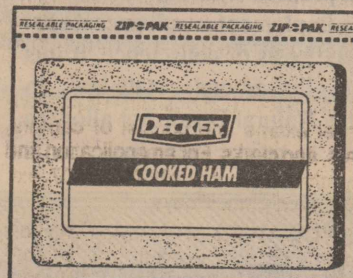
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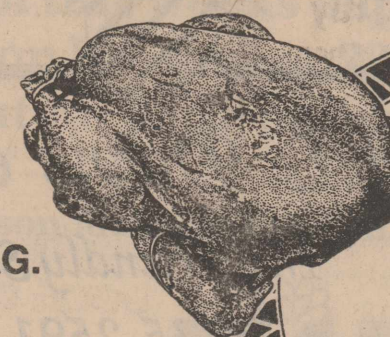
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GARAGE SALES

GARAGE AND BAKE SALE: Neil Park, South Roby Avenue, in Rotan. Friday, November 15th from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. 41:1tp

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NOTICE: Rotan Gin Co., is now accepting sealed bids on a model 650 Ford tractor. Bids will be opened at noon on November 15th. Rotan Gin reserves the right to refuse all bids. 40:2tc

FOR SALE: Fertilized hay, small square bales \$3.00, large round bales \$35.00, call 735-2308 or 735-2066. 47:tf

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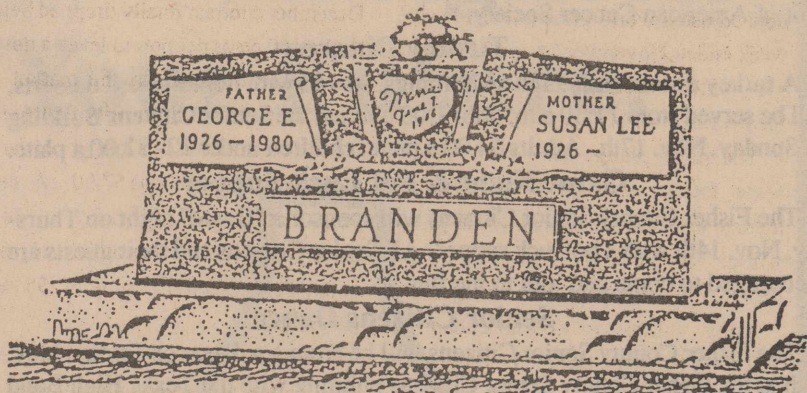
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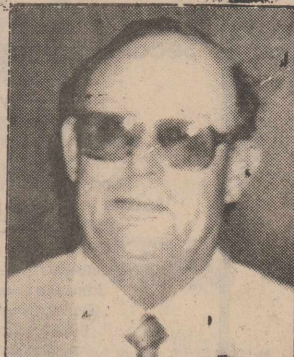
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4-H'ers To Participate In Rolling Plains District 3 Contests

4-H club members from Fisher County will compete Saturday, November 16, at Seymour in Rolling Plains District 3 contests in Livestock, Horse, Soils, Wool, and Consumer Decision Making. The competition will determine individuals and teams in the Senior Division of the Livestock, Horse, Soils, Wool, and Consumer Decision Making Contests to represent the District in the Texas 4-H Roundup next June at Texas A&M University.

Contestants will check in at 8:45 a.m. Livestock, Horse, Soils, and Wool Contests will be conducted at the Agri-Pavilion and the Consumer Decision Making Contests will be at the First Baptist Church.

Awards will be presented around 2:00 p.m. or immediately following contests at the contest locations. The

contests are sponsored by Texas Agricultural Extension Service, a part of the Texas A&M University System. 21 county youths will put their skills against youths of 20 other counties as they select top beef cattle, sheep, swine, horses, wool, meat and determine ideal soil makeup. The Consumer Decision Making contest is designed to teach 4-H'ers shopping skills to stretch their dollars.

Representing Fisher County in the district events will be: Junior Consumer Decision Making, Jaycee Carey, Makala Herron, Amanda Moore, Ashley Smith, and Karen Carriker. Senior Consumer Decision Making, Jennifer Kincaid. Junior Livestock Judging Cory and Katrina Rains, Brandon Jeffrey, Cassie Terry, Autumn

Daniel, Billy Floyd, Lance Moore, Matt Counts, Carissa Kiser, and Kelly McWilliams. Senior Livestock Judging Bryce and Coby Moore, Chad Dannheim, Anita Floyd and Mike Counts.

The Facts Behind The "Notch"

By Patty Brandt, Social Security Representative, Vernon, Texas Office

by Patty Brandt, Social Security Representative in Vernon

Should the U.S. Congress authorize billions of dollars out of the Social Security Trust Funds to pay higher benefits to beneficiaries born between 1917 and 1926? Attempts to answer this question have led to a great deal of misinformation and misunderstanding.

Although some people sincerely believe an injustice has been done, the fact is that people born between 1910 and 1918 are receiving an unintended "windfall" from Social Security. A "notch" in benefit rates was created when Congress took action to bring those rates back to their proper levels.

The situation arose about 20 years ago when Congress first provided for annual benefit increases that would ensure Social Security benefits kept pace with inflation. However, the method for computing the annual increases was incorrect, and benefits actually rose faster than the rate of inflation. These Social Security beneficiaries received an unintended windfall of benefits, and the mistake needed to be corrected.

In 1977, Congress corrected the situation, and the Social Security Administration (SSA) began to apply the new, corrected method to benefit computations for those born in 1917 or later. Congress decided not to reduce benefits for those born between 1910 and 1916 -- the group already receiving

windfall benefits -- because they had been relying on the "higher" benefits they were receiving and a reduction in that amount could have resulted in financial hardship for them.

Because of the new, and correct, computation formula, it is true that some people receive Social Security benefits that are less than their neighbors or coworkers who had similar earnings but who were born a year or two earlier. However, the so-called "notch victim"

is receiving the proper Social Security benefits, while the neighbor or coworker is getting the unintended windfall.

Congress already acted fairly and reasonably in correcting the mistake in how Social Security benefits are computed. A number of legislative proposals have been introduced in this Congress addressing the "notch" issue; cost projections for these bills range from \$25 billion to more than \$800 billion over the next ten years.

Fisher County RV Club Meets At Cottonwood RV

The Fisher County RV Club met at Cottonwood RV Park November 8-9-10 with eleven trailers.

Saturday night at their pot luck supper they had special guests, Mark, Mary, Mindy and Misty Mahaffey and 9 boys from Ben Richey Boys Ranch of Abilene.

Sunday morning, Maurice Callan and Norman Pond brought their devotional.

Those attending were Monk and Bill

Herron, Norman, Deborah, Matt, and Megan Pong, Melvin and Odessa Clements, Armond and Sue Smith, Earl and Nelda Davenport, Tommie and Vonzell Walker, Carlton and Dorothy Burrow, Cullen and Alline Terry, Maurice and Ruth Callan, J.T. and Louise Mahaffey and Dorothy and Thurman Terry.

Their next meeting was February 22, 1992 at Cottonwood R.V. Park.

Thank You

Words cannot express our sincere gratitude for all the acts of love and kindness shown us during Richard's long illness and his recent passing.

We wish to thank relatives, friends and neighbors for their prayers, help, food, flowers, cards and memorials. May God bless you all.

In loving appreciation,
The family of Richard R. Ray

THANK YOU

We want to express our thanks for your kindness and sympathy shown to our family in the illness and death of our dear Mother, Grandmother, Great Grandmother and Great-Great Grandmother, Lillie V. Adams (Mrs. T.C.).

Especially we want to thank Mac and Doug for the special touch they always give to a service, Phillip Goodrum for the sweet message, Bobby Gruben and Carolyn Weathersbee for the beautiful music and the Minister of Music for the poem "Mother," and a special thanks to the ladies of First Baptist Church for the delicious lunch they served us, and to the pallbearers our appreciation also.

Thanks to all our friends and relatives in the Rotan Community for their prayers, flowers, cards, memorials, love and to Aunt Vera for sharing her home with us.

Your many acts of kindness will always be remembered.

God Bless You All,
Louise, Charlie, Doris, Maureen, Ruby, Gerald, Herman
And The Adams Families

NEWS BRIEFS

Bazaar & Cake Sale

The Foursquare Church of Rotan will be having a bazaar and cake sale on Saturday, November 16 starting at 9:00 a.m., at 612 E. Forrest.

American Cancer Society

The American Cancer Society will have a Chili and Stew Supper on Saturday, November 16 from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. at the Rotan Fire Hall. Adults: \$3.00; children under 11 \$2.00. Proceeds will go to benefit the Fisher County Unit of American Cancer Society.

Turkey Dinner

A turkey dinner with all the trimmings, served with home-baked desserts, will be served from 11:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m., at the Senior Citizens Building on Sunday, Nov. 17th. Adults \$4.00 a plate; children under 12- \$2.00 a plate.

Game Night & Pot Luck Supper

The Fisher County Senior Citizens will sponsor a "Game" night on Thursday, Nov. 14th with a pot luck supper. All Senior Citizens and their guests are encouraged to come and join in the fun.

Senior Citizens Dance

The Fisher County Senior Citizens will be having a dance on Friday, Nov. 15th at the Fisher County Senior Citizens building with the Texas High Band playing from 7:30 p.m. til 10:30 p.m.

Roby FFA Selling Fruit

The Roby FFA is selling fruit. They are selling apples, oranges and mixed variety. They will be taking orders until Nov. 15th. Members will be out taking orders or you may call 776-2221 to place an order.

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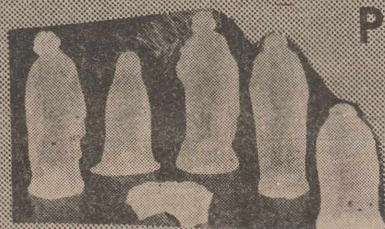
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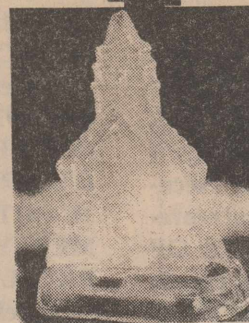
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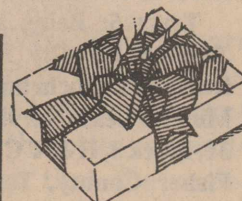
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By virtue of an Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable 32ND Judicial District Court of Fisher County, on the 4th day of November, 1991 by the Clerk thereof, in the case of ROBY CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT vs. J. E. Vaeth; Cause #4429 and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell, at 10:00 a.m. on the 3rd day of December, 1991 which is the first Tuesday of said month, at the NORTH door of the Courthouse of said Fisher County, in the City of Roby, Texas, the following described property, to wit:

Tract 1: Being all that certain .000445 Royalty Interest in the Raymond Cochran Oil, Gas and Mineral Lease No. 952 and Lease No. 20006 out of Section 30, Block 3, Section 47, Block 3 and Section 31, Block 3, H & T C Ry. Co. Survey, Fisher County, Texas, and being more particularly described in those certain Royalty Deeds of record in Volume 144, Page 536 and Volume 147, Page 486 of the Deed Records of Fisher County, Texas.

Tract 2: Being all that certain .000849 Royalty Interest in the Raymond Cochran Oil, Gas and Mineral Lease No. 952 out of Section 31, Block 3, H & T C Ry. Co. Survey, Fisher County, Texas, and being more particularly described in those certain Royalty Deeds of record in Volume 144, Page 536 and Volume 147, Page 486 of the Deed Records of Fisher County, Texas.

Tract 3: Being all that certain .000849 Royalty Interest in the Raymond Cochran Oil, Gas and Mineral Lease No. 952 out of Section 31, Block 3, H & T C Ry. Co. Survey, Fisher County, Texas, and being more particularly described in those certain Royalty Deeds of record in Volume 149, Page 10 of the Deed Records of Fisher County, Texas.

Tract 4: Being all that certain .000424 Royalty Interest in the Raymond Cochran Oil, Gas and Mineral Lease No. 952 and Lease No. 20006 out of Section 30, Block 3, Section 47, Block 3 and Section 31, Block 3, H & T C Ry. Co. Survey, Fisher County, Texas, and being more particularly described in that certain Royalty Deed of record in Volume 149, Page 20 of the Deed Records of Fisher County, Texas.

Tract 5: Being all that certain .000708 Royalty Interest in the Raymond Cochran Oil, Gas and Mineral Lease No. 952 out of Section 31, Block 3, H & T C Ry. Co. Survey, Fisher County, Texas, and being more particularly described in those certain Royalty Deeds of record in Volume 147, Page 485, Volume 147, Page 486 and Volume 444, Page 19 of the Deed Records of Fisher County, Texas.

Tract 6: Being all that certain .000707 Royalty Interest in the Raymond Cochran Oil, Gas and Mineral Lease No. 20006 out of Section 30, Block 3 and Section 47, Block 3, H & T C Ry. Co. Survey, Fisher County, Texas, and being more particularly described in those certain Royalty Deeds of record in Volume 149, Page 18 and Volume 149, Page 20 of the Deed Records of Fisher County, Texas.

Tract 7: Being all that certain .000509 Royalty Interest in the Raymond Cochran Oil, Gas and Mineral Lease No. 952 and Lease No. 20006 out of Section 30, Block 3, Section 47, Block 3 and Section 31, Block 3, H & T C Ry. Co. Survey, Fisher County, Texas, and being more particularly described in those certain Royalty Deeds of record in Volume 149, Page 18 and Volume 149, Page 20 of the Deed Records of Fisher County, Texas.

Tract 8: Being all that certain .000708 Royalty Interest in the Raymond Cochran Oil, Gas and Mineral Lease No. 952 out of Section 31, Block 3, H & T C Ry. Co. Survey, Fisher County, Texas, and being more particularly described in that certain Royalty Deed of record in

Volume 444, Page 19 of the Deed Records of Fisher County, Texas.

Tract 9: Being all that certain .000708 Royalty Interest in the Raymond Cochran Oil, Gas and Mineral Lease No. 20006 out of Section 30, Block 3 and Section 47, Block 3, H & T C Ry. Co. Survey, Fisher County, Texas, and being more fully described in that certain Royalty Deed of record in Volume 444, Page 19 of the Deed Records of Fisher County, Texas.

Tract 10: Being all that certain .000708 Royalty Interest in the Raymond Cochran Oil, Gas and Mineral Lease No. 952 out of Section 31, Block 3, H & T C Ry. Co. Survey, Fisher County, Texas, and being more particularly described in that certain Royalty Deed of record in Volume 503, Page 40 of the Deed Records of Fisher County, Texas.

Tract 11: Being all that certain .000708 Royalty Interest in the Raymond Cochran Oil, Gas and Mineral Lease No. 20006 out of Section 30, Block 3 and Section 47, Block 3, H & T C Ry. Co. Survey, Fisher County, Texas, and being more particularly described in that certain Royalty Deed of record in Volume 503, Page 40 of the Deed Records of Fisher County, Texas.

Tract 12: Being all that certain .001698 Royalty Interest in the Raymond Cochran Oil, Gas and Mineral Lease No. 20006 out of Section 30, Block 3 and Section 47, Block 3, H & T C Ry. Co. Survey, Fisher County, Texas, and being more particularly described in those certain Royalty Deeds of record in Volume 144, Page 533, Volume 148, Page 48 and Volume 147, Page 485 of the Deed Records of Fisher County, Texas.

Tract 13: Being all that certain .001698 Royalty Interest in the Raymond Cochran Oil, Gas and Mineral Lease No. 952 out of Section 31, Block 3, H & T C Ry. Co. Survey, Fisher County, Texas, and being more particularly described in those certain Deeds of record in Volume 144, Page 533, Volume 148, Page 48 and Volume 147, Page 485 of the Deed Records of Fisher County, Texas.

Levied on the 4th day of November, 1991 as the property of J. E. VAETH, if living; W. R. SMITH, JR., if living; W. H. STRONG, if living; The unknown heirs, executors, administrators and legal representatives of the ESTATE OF MYRON A. SMITH, deceased; ELIZABETH SLEEPER, INDIVIDUALLY AND AS ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF MYRON A. SMITH, if living; D. M. GRUBBS, if living; W. R. BERGER A/K/A W. R. BERGER, if living; W. R. BERGER, JR., if living; LEE V. BERGER, if living; JULIA SMITH BERGER, if living; CORNELIA CUMMINS BLAKE, if living; C. W. SANDERS, if living; to satisfy a judgment amounting to \$57.55 with interest from the 3rd day of October, 1991 at 10 per cent, per annum, and all costs of suit in favor of ROBY CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND THIS 4th day of November, 1991
Mickey A. Counts
SHERIFF/FISHER COUNTY, TEXAS

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NOTICE OF SHERIFFS SALE
THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF FISHER

By virtue of an Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable 32ND Judicial District Court of Fisher County, on the 4th day of November, 1991 by the Clerk thereof, in the case of ROBY CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT vs. DOMINGO FLORES; Cause #4222 and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell, at 10:00 a.m. on the 3rd day of December, 1991 which is the first Tuesday of said month, at the NORTH door of the Courthouse of said Fisher County, in the City of Roby, Texas, the following described property, to wit:

Tract I: Being all that certain 1 acre tract of land out of a 168 acre tract of land in Section 23, Block 2, H & T C Ry. Co. Survey, Fisher County, Texas, and being more particularly described in that certain Deed of record in Volume 244, Page 337 of the Deed Records of Fisher County, Texas.

Tract II: Being all that certain 162

acre tract of land out of a 168 acre tract of land in Section 23, Block 2, H & T C Ry. Co. Survey, Fisher County, Texas, and being more particularly described in that certain Deed of record in Volume 244, Page 337 of the Deed Records of Fisher County, Texas.

Levied on the 4th day of November, 1991 as the property of DOMINGO FLORES, P. O. Box K, Route 1, Box 190, Roby, Texas 79543; to satisfy a judgment amounting to \$6,473.17 with interest from the 3rd day of October, 1991 at 10 per cent, per annum, and all costs of suit in favor of ROBY CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL.

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NOTICE OF SHERIFFS SALE
THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF FISHER

By virtue of an Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable 32ND Judicial District Court of Fisher County, on the 4th day of November, 1991 by the Clerk thereof, in the case of CITY OF ROBY vs. BILL MCCORMICK & SONS OIL COMPANY, INC. Cause #4042 and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell, at 10:00 a.m. on the 3rd DAY OF DECEMBER, 1991 which is the first Tuesday of said month, at the NORTH door of the Courthouse of said Fisher County, in the City of Roby, Texas, the following described property, to wit:

Tract I: Being all that certain Lot 10 in Block 1-A out of the Memorial Addition Annex to the Town of Roby, Texas, and being more particularly described in that certain Deed of record in Volume 587, Page 51 of the Deed Records of Fisher County, Texas.

Tract II: Being all those certain Lots 2 and 3 in Block 7 of the Original Town of Roby, Texas, and being more particularly described in that certain Deed of record in Volume 501, Page 619 of the Deed Records of Fisher County, Texas.

Levied on the 4th day of November, 1991 as the property of WAYNE PRESLEY, INDIVIDUALLY AND D/B/A R & W TRUCKING, if living; JUANITA LEE COCHRAN FORMERLY KNOWN AS JUANITA PRESLEY, Route 1, Box 118, Hermleigh, Texas 79526; WEST TEXAS WELDERS SUPPLY, INC. (IN REM ONLY), a Corporation, by serving its Registered Agent, E. Pat Baker, 3810 Old Christoval Road, Box 5350, San Angelo, Texas 76902; to satisfy a judgment amounting to \$5,266.09 with interest from the 3rd day of October, 1991 at 10 per cent, per annum, and all costs of suit in favor of CITY OF ROBY, ET AL.

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NOTICE OF SHERIFFS SALE
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By virtue of an Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable 32ND Judicial District Court of Fisher County, on the 4th day of November, 1991 by the Clerk thereof, in the case of ROBY CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT vs. SUE BARRERA; Cause #4245 and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell, at 10 a.m. on the 3rd DAY OF DECEMBER, 1991 which is the first Tuesday of said month, at the NORTH door of the Courthouse of said Fisher County, in the City of Roby, Texas, the following described property, to wit:

Tract I: Being all that certain North 54 Feet of Lots 7,8 and 9 in Block 68 of the Original Town of Roby, Texas, and being more particularly described in that certain Deed of record in Volume 319, Page 422 of the Deed Records of Fisher County, Texas.

Levied on the 4th day of November, 1991 as the property of SUE BARRERA, Box 315, Roby, Texas 79543; JOHNNY BARRERA, if living; to satisfy a judgment amounting to \$1,151.38 with interest from the 3rd day of October, 1991 at 10 per cent, per annum, and all costs of suit in favor of ROBY CONSOLIDATED

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL.

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NOTICE OF RATE CHANGE REQUEST AND STATEMENT OF INTENT

Notice is hereby given that MIDWEST ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. (the "Utility") intends to change rates for electric utility service effective November 27, 1991, or as soon thereafter as may be permitted by law. The Utility has not had a general rate increase since 1986. Based upon a test year ending December 31, 1990, the increase requested over actual test year revenues is \$1,518,446 or 15.75%. Of this amount, \$482,193, or approximately 5%, is attributable to an increase in the cost of wholesale power purchased by the Utility from Texas Utilities Electric Company which the Utility already has authority to charge to its customers. The increase requested over test year revenues adjusted for annualization of this test year wholesale power increase is \$1,036,253 or 10.3%. The changes are applicable to all areas, all customer classes, and all customers served by the Utility.

Implementation of the proposed changes is subject to approval by the appropriate regulatory authority. A statement of intent including the proposed revisions of tariff and schedules and a statement specifying in detail each proposed change is available at the general office of the Utility located at U.S. Highway 180 West, P. O. Box 518, Roby, Texas 79543.

Persons who wish to intervene or otherwise participate in these proceedings should notify the Commission as soon as possible. A request to intervene, participate, or for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, 7800 Shoal Creek Boulevard, Suite 400N, Austin, Texas 78757. Further information may also be obtained by calling the Public Utility Commission Consumer Affairs Division at (512) 458-0223 or (512) 458-0227, or (512) 458-0221 teletypewriter for the deaf.

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Tract I: Being all that certain .001978 Royalty Interest in the D. O. Huddleston "A" Oil, Gas and Mineral Lease No. 1430 out of the North Half of Section 11, Block 19, T & P Ry. Co. Survey, Fisher County, Texas, and being more particularly described in that certain Deed of record in Volume 127, Page 69 of the Deed Records of Fisher County, Texas.

Tract II: Being all that certain .002969 Royalty Interest in the D. O. Huddleston "B" Oil, Gas and Mineral Lease No. 1440 out of the South Half of Section 11, Block 19, T & P Ry. Co. Survey, Fisher County, Texas, and being more particularly described in that certain Deed of record in Volume 129, Page 361 of the Deed Records of Fisher County, Texas.

Levied on the 4th day of November, 1991 as the property of FREDAN. HUDDLESTON THESZ, 13826 North 42nd Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85032-5355; to satisfy a judgment amounting to \$1,565.53 with interest from the 3rd day of October, 1991 at 10 per cent, per annum, and all costs of suit in favor of SWEETWATER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL.

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Mickey A. Counts
SHERIFF/FISHER COUNTY, TEXAS

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NOTICE OF SHERIFFS SALE THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF FISHER

By virtue of an Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable 32nd Judicial District Court of Fisher County, on the 4th day of NOVEMBER, 1991 by the Clerk thereof, in the case of SWEETWATER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT vs. ALBERT M. GARZA; Cause #4314 and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell, at 10:00 a.m. on the 3rd day of DECEMBER, 1991 which is the first Tuesday of said month, at the NORTH door of the Courthouse of said Fisher County, in the City of Roby, Texas, the following described property, to wit:

Being all that certain 1 acre tract of land, more or less, out of Section 20, Block 21, T & P Ry. Co. Survey, Fisher County, Texas, and being more particularly described in that certain Deed of record in Volume 301, Page 410 of the Deed Records of Fisher County, Texas.

Levied on the 4th day of November, 1991 as the property of ALBERT M. GARZA, Route 1, Box 205-A, Sweetwater, Texas 79556; MARGARITA V. GARZA, Route 1, Box 205-A, Sweetwater, Texas 79556; to satisfy a judgment amounting to \$2,998.14 with interest from the 17th day of May, 1990 at 10 per cent, per annum, and all costs of suit in favor of SWEETWATER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL.

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On April 16, 1991, GTE Corporation ("GTE") and Contel Corporation ("Contel") filed a joint petition for declaratory relief with respect to the obligations or requirements of GTE or Contel and/or any of its subsidiaries relating to the merger of GTE and Contel. GTE and Contel have requested a ruling from the Public Utility Commission of Texas that neither GTE nor Contel is required to report the merger of GTE and Contel pursuant to Section 63 of the Public Utility Regulatory Act ("PURA"), TEX. REV. CIV. STAT. ANN. art. 1446c (Vernon Supp. 1991), that no investigation of the merger by the Commission is required. In the alternative, GTE and Contel seek a determination that the merger is consistent with the public interest.

The Commission is investigating the merger between GTE and Contel Corporations to determine whether the merger is consistent with the public interest. In reaching its determination, the Commission shall take into consideration the reasonable value of the property, facilities or securities to be acquired, disposed of, merged or consolidated. If the Commission finds that the merger is not in the public interest, the Commission shall take the effect of the transaction into consideration in GTE Southwest Incorporated's and Contel of Texas, Inc.'s next rate-making proceeding and disallow the effect of such transaction if it will unreasonably affect rates or services.

This filing has been assigned Docket No. 10212. Persons who wish to intervene or otherwise participate in these proceedings should notify the Commission. A request to intervene, participate, or for further information, should be mailed by 3 p.m., December 31, 1991, to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, 7800 Shoal Creek Blvd., Suite 400N, Austin, TX, 78757. Further information may also be obtained by calling the Public Information Division of the Public Utility Commission at (512) 458-0256, or (512) 458-0221 teletypewriter for the deaf.

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Remembering Some Rotan Coaches Over The Past 20 Years

THOUGHTS WHILE SHAVING - and wondering where I will be on Friday night November 29th, December 6, 13 and 20th.

WHEELER FIRE FIGHTER: The embroidered name on his red jacket was "Kenny". Emblazoned across the back of his jacket was "Volunteer - Wheeler Volunteer Fire Department - Wheeler, Texas", and to the editor of the local newspaper it was an opportunity to ask, "What happened?"

We passed earlier in the day as he was returning from the concession stand with goodies for the grand kids. I went for a cup of coffee to warm me from the chilling cold and the fact that the Mighty McMurry Indians were losing to Aus-

tin College by 14 points. Later that night, after McMurry lost to Concordia Lutheran College (Nebraska), Kenny fell in behind me as we walked out of the P.E. Hunt Gymnasium.

I introduced myself, we exchanged small talk, then I popped the question. "What happened to Wheeler last night, did you have a lot of injuries or what?" I queried.

"Nope, I think we just got a little over confident. Wheeler really hasn't been tested this year and I think we were over confident, plain and simple", according to Kenny.

"How did Rotan do last Friday night", he said.

"Oh, we did just fine, we were open

We play Robert Lee next Friday night, last game of the regular season. We should win easily. Then we face Menard in the opening round of the playoffs and we should do OK there. That district isn't supposed to be strong. After Menard, the picture begins to get a little fuzzy. I do hope that you and I meet each other at a concession stand at a neutral site in mid-December however", I said. "If that happens, that will mean Wheeler and Rotan have won a lot of football games and that winner could be playing for the state championship".

"Well, good luck to you and if I see your son Kip back in Wheeler County, I'll let him know that I met his Dad." "You do that, and take care," I said. "You too, see ya," he said as he

flashed me his fire engine red Wheeler VFW insignia on the back of his jacket.

A new friendship started, common ground was sports. Seems like it is either sports, being from Rotan, knowing friends or acquaintances or church work that sparks new friendships.

AVOIDING INJURIES: One more point about the Rotan Yellowhammers. I continue to be amazed how these 'rag tag' boys have avoided the serious injury bug this season. They don't seem to be any better conditioned, necessarily, than their weekly opponents; but inevitably, the opponent has injury problems, players on the sidelines in civilian clothes with injuries or on crutches while the Rotan boys keep on playing. They seem to acknowledge 'bumps and

bruises', but that's about all that surfaces - what about the pulled tendons, sprained ligaments, torn cartilage, blood clots, concussions, dislocated shoulders, hairline fractures of the fibula's?

Someone has either told the boys they are tough and don't get injuries or they are calling every dislocation a bump and every torn cartilage a sprain. Amazing.

ANYONE NOTICE: That the sign at the north end of H. Govan Field has been re-painted. Not only has it been re-painted, but it appears that ample room has been left at the bottom of the sign to list additional state championship teams. First, is the 1962 state championship football team; then Ted Posey's state championship track team

of 1989. After that is a lot of room for growth. Sign looks nice re-painted.

FLASHBACKS: Remembering back in the early 1980's (about 1982), when Frankie Don Mullins was coach at Rotan. The year his team played Pilot Point, and was soundly defeated, the squad would practice at 7:00 a.m. on Friday mornings. I never understood the reasoning, that's why I am not a coach I guess. Anyway, Mullins found something that worked and stayed with it. He may have wanted the boys to run off nervous energy, he may have done it to make sure of the health of the boys for the game. Who knows. Mullins

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**ROTAN
YELLOWHAMMERS
VS
ROBERT LEE**

Friday, November 15 - 7:30 p.m. - There

Time	Opponent	Time	H/T	Us	Them
Sept. 6	O'Donnell	8:00	H	50	0
Sept. 13	Hamlin	8:00	T	39	0
Sept. 20	Spur	8:00	T	48	3
Sept. 27	Knox City **	8:00	H	55	7
Oct. 4	Roby *	7:30	H	68	0
Oct. 11	Sterling City *	7:30	T	51	0
Oct. 18	Roscoe *	7:30	H	69	0
Oct. 25	Garden City *	7:30	T	27	13
Nov. 1	Bronco *	7:30	H	58	0
Nov. 15	Robert Lee *	7:30	T		

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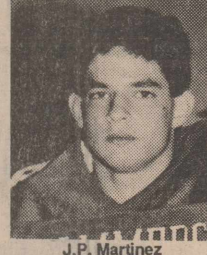
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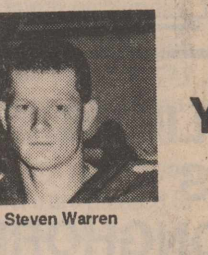
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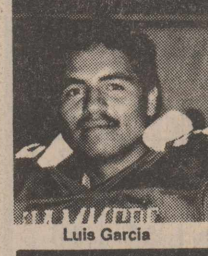
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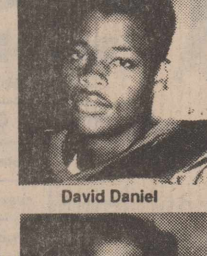
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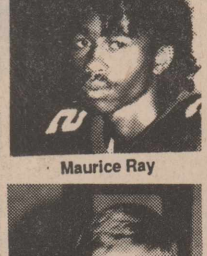
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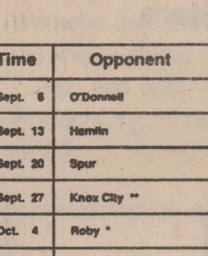
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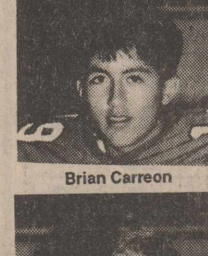
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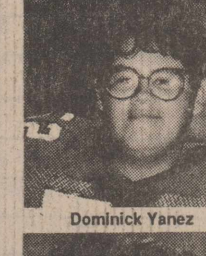
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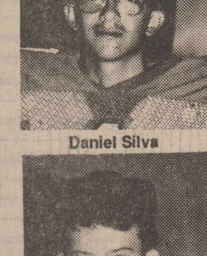
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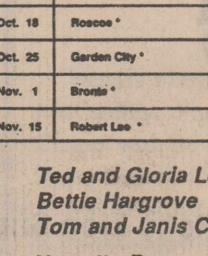
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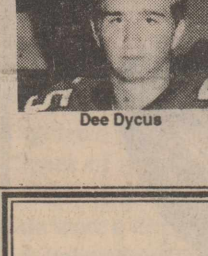
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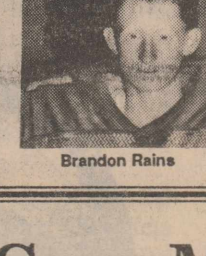
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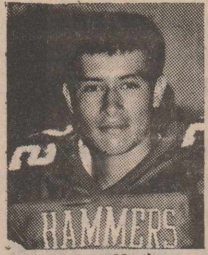
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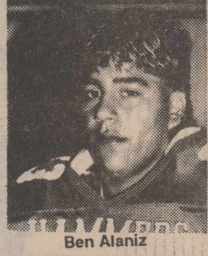
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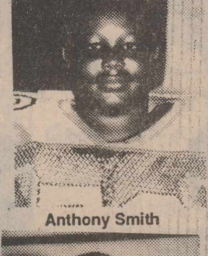
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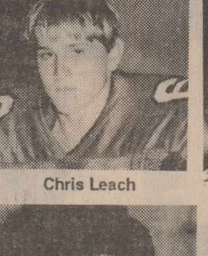
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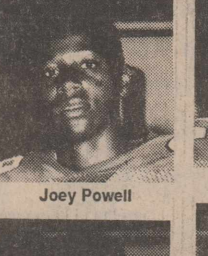
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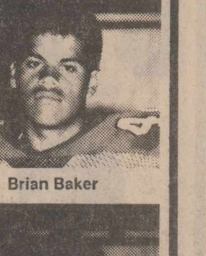
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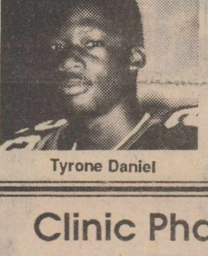
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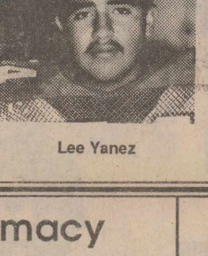
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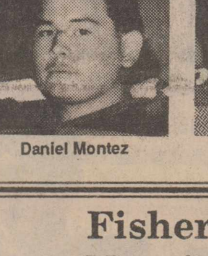
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Roby Lions Fall Prey To Garden City Bearkats

by Scott Feagan

Despite Joe Helm coming up with a lineman's dream, Roby just couldn't put together anything on offense to stay in the game with Garden City. Helm tipped a pass up in the air, intercepted it and then ran it back 59 yards for the only Roby touchdown of the night. The Bearkats finally put the Lions away 30-9, leaving the Lions at 2-3 in district and 6-3 on the season with one district game to go in the season.

The first quarter was a defensive ballgame with neither team being able to move the ball. Roby's defense didn't allow the Bearkats to move beyond their own 49 yard line through the entire 1st quarter. Joe Rivas and Sammy Castillo put the stops on one drive with a hard hit causing a fumble that Castillo picked up, but Roby was unable to take advantage of the opportunity and turned the ball back over to the Bearkats. Four plays later Rivas had his third interception in two games giving Roby the ball back at Garden City's 49.

With quarterback Osuna, unable to play due to a prior commitment, Roby's offense was doomed to sputter all night

long. Jerry Johnson and Mario Barrera gave it everything they had but just couldn't get anything going against an outstanding defensive effort from the Bearkats. After exchanging another punt the first quarter ended with score still 0-0.

The 2nd quarter started much in the same order. But Roby's offense just kept giving up a little more ground every possession. The Bearkats got their first score after a punt return set them up at Roby's 34. Five plays later they scored, missing the extra point putting them up on Roby 6-0 with 4:37 left in the 2nd.

Roby got nowhere in three plays on its next series and punted back to the Bearkats. It took them only four plays to score the last play being a 1 yard run up the middle with a 2 point conversion making the score 14-0 a 1:42 to go in the half.

Jerry Johnson returned the kickoff back to the Lions 40 yard line. The 25 yard return gave the Lions one last chance to score before halftime. On 1st David Scott went for 3 yards. Second

saw Albert Barrera go for 10 yards and a 1st down. Johnson then ran for 2. The next two downs saw the ball hit the ground for 2 incompletions. On 4th Johnson aired it out 40 yards down the field, seeing it picked off and downed at the 1 yard line with :10 left in the half. The Bearkats needed to run just one play to end the half, but the Lions changed that by meeting the runner in the hole and causing a fumble that was recovered by Castillo. With only :04 to go Roby elected to try a field goal. Thomas Cortez split the uprights from 21 yards out ending the half with the score 14-3 in favor of the Bearkats.

The 3rd quarter saw Garden City come out winging it. Roby had all but shut down their running game in the first half, leaving them with no alternative but to go to the airways. The Bearkats had the ball nearly the entire 3rd quarter and before the dust had settled they had scored two more times making the score 30-3 in the Bearkats favor.

The 4th quarter started with an exchange of punts. Garden City started

their second drive at their own 14 yard line. After moving to the Lions 49 and a 1st down, the Lion fans got to see a play that made the trip home a little shorter. The Bearkats quarterback went back to pass, but Joe Helm got his mitt up and knocked the ball straight up then caught it and was off to the races. Joe literally ran over the only two Bearkats between him and the goal line. With Joe Rivas slowing down another tackler, Helm rumbled 59 yards for a memory of a lifetime for a lineman. That was the last tally of the game for either team, making the final score 30-9 in favor of the Bearkats at 6:14 in the

4th.

Both teams had the ball two more times, but neither team could move the ball with Randy Gregg stopping the Bearkats on one drive causing a fumble and Ralph Amador picking off a pass and returning it 10 yards to stop another drive.

Coach Thiessen wasn't pleased about losing the game, but on the other hand he had to be pleased with the Lions run defense. The Lions forced Garden City to throw the ball to beat them and Roby just couldn't come up with the combination to stop their talented receiving

corps. Roby's last ball game will be this Friday night at home against Bronte at 7:30.

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TAX PLANNING

Written by
Gerald Rodgers, CPA



TAX PLANNING by Gerald Rodgers, CPA CHECK YOUR WITHHOLDINGS

If you don't have enough income tax withheld from your wages during the year, you could owe a nondeductible penalty when you file your 1991 tax return. If you have too much withheld from your check, you give the government the interest-free use of your money. You may be able to avoid these problems by adjusting your withholding.

To avoid the penalty, your withholding must be at least 90% of your current year's tax liability or 100% of your prior year's tax liability or 100% of your prior year's tax liability. Chances are, you're having as much withheld from your check this year as you did last year. That's fine, as long as nothing unusual has happened to change your income or deductions.

But occasionally things happen that could alter your tax situation, such as the sale of investments, a distribution from your retirement plan, income from a part-time business, a change in your marital status, or a change in the number of dependents you can claim.

If your tax situation has changed since you last figured your withholding, you should consider making adjustments. First, you should estimate your tax liability for the year. Then calculate how much will be withheld from wages. If the withholding is less than 90% of this year's liability, you can still avoid a penalty if the withholding is at least equal to last year's liability.

If you need to increase your withholding, file a new Form W-4 with your employer. If you've had too much withheld, you can decrease your withholding by using Form W-4, or you can file your income tax return early in 1992 to claim the refund.

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gan, El Paso. From Rotan, Bill Day and wife, Elaine, Bart Strayhorn, Willis Ogden and wife, Lora, Rudolph Martinez and wife, Louise, Belle Morrow, Hunsaker, Dorothy Acker Cave, Nita Cleveland Elrod, Francene Roberts McKinney and husband, Murl, and guests, Pauline Fleming and Molene Sumerlin. Mildred Clegg gave the class a Yellowhammer quilt that she had won in 1939 or 1940. The quilt is on display at H. L. Davis & Co. Chances will be sold and a drawing held for the quilt during Rotan's 1992 homecoming ballgame.



DRUG AWARENESS WEEK: The Rotan Elementary students participated in Drug Awareness Week. Special emphasis on being drug free was emphasized by the wearing of red ribbons and special programs presented to the students.

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is head coach at Spearman, at the top of the Texas panhandle, his team won district and plays Panhandle (near Canyon - where former Rotan Ag. Teacher Ronnie Teichelman is superintendent), in the first round of the playoffs on Friday night in Borger. Don Mullins still visits in Rotan on occasion. His daughter Terri Mullins Morrow, wife of Wes Morrow teaches in Sweetwater. Their three children get visits from grandparents. Don's son Donnie still lives in Rotan and farms. Donnie and his wife DeeAnn have three children Dayne 9, Dane 8 and David 5. Don and Wynette's other son Kieth is still the head football coach at Hale Center where he plays his final season game on Friday. Kieth and his wife Shelly have two children, Jeremy and Landry. The Hale Center squad went 2-8 this season. Donnie said that his father thinks this is his last season. He thinks his Dad will retire and spend some time at their cabin in Colorado.

ABOUT TEICHELMAN: Ronnie Teichelman has been Superintendent at Panhandle for about three years. His wife LaDonna, daughter of Lunette Goforth of Roby, teaches kindergarten at Panhandle. Their two sons have grown since he left Rotan in 1978 to go to Plainview. Shane is a senior at West Texas State University studying agricultural engineering and Ryan is a Panhandle high school senior and super student. He is getting 'boat loads' of scholarship offers from colleges. Hasn't made up his mind where to go.

WHILE REMEMBERING: Charlie Davis, Rotan Yellowhammer coach back in the early 1970's, has a beautiful wooden engraved plaque in the McMurry "Hall Of Honor" at the gymnasium. Charlie Davis, according to 'those what know' was the best football guard in the history of McMurry.

FORMER COACH: Robert Damron, about 1984-85, was just hired last week as the new Superintendent of schools at Stamford. He and his wife Jo, who is head of the business department for Abilene schools, plan on moving to Stamford in the near future. Understand Jo will still teach in Abilene. Damron was high school principal at Merkel.

CROSS PLAINS COACH: Doug Dallas, we understand, had some key injuries and didn't do so well in the won-lost department in his first year at Cross Plains. Sure he will bounce back.

OTHER COACHES: After Charlie Davis, reserving the right to miss a few, Charlie Russell, Fred Boone, Don Mullins, Coach Smith, Coach Gorman, Weldon Nelms, Doug Dallas and Pat Ward. Do not know the whereabouts of Coach Charlie Russell, Fred Boone, Smith or Gorman. Drop us a note if you know.

ANOTHER COACH: Weldon Nelms, second year head football coach at Wimberly, in the beautiful Texas Hill Country, near Austin, San Marcos, Dripping Springs and Buda, just won the district championship and is in the playoffs after posting a 9-1 record. His wife Casey is attending school at Southwestern State University where she is studying to be a teacher. The kids are fine. Wimberly never had a winning season until Nelms was hired. Last year the Texans were co-district champs. Coach Bruce Merrell is still with Nelms as his first assistant. Nelms was quoted recently in the Austin American Statesman as saying "The number one thing we tried to do was make the kids realize their self worth, that they are something special and that, if they accept discipline, they can win. They responded very well and played hard," Nelms said. He also said "Leaving Rotan was one of the toughest decisions I've had to make. A lot of people told me I was crazy to leave," Nelms said. "Rotan is number one in the Harris 1A ratings. This year's seniors were eighth graders my first year there, and it was easy to tell how much potential they had. If I had stayed, I was expecting possibly a state semifinalist in 1990."

Nelms, in mid October had to be taken to the hospital at halftime, suffering from a mysterious virus. He was diagnosed as having a duodenal bleeding ulcer and possibly a reaction to the arthritis medication he was taking. He missed a game, but is back 'behind the whistle' and doing fine.

Tammy Gober Lang And Bonnie Buchanan Gray

Two Girl Basketball Players Claim 'Firsts'

Two firsts. And they both claim Fisher County ties.

Two female athletes, each holding claim to the honor of being the 'first' to be so honored, have been inducted into the sports hall of fame at universities in Abilene.

Tammy Gober Lang, a 1979 graduate of Hobbs High School, and daughter of Will and the late Maudie Gober,

was the first female athlete in the McMurry Hall Of Fame. She was an All-American during the 1979-80 basketball season; All-American again during the 1981-82 basketball season and was McMurry 'Athlete of the Year' for 1981-82. She was a four year starter, holds the record for the most rebounds

in a season; is second for the most career rebounds and has the McMurry record for the most free throw attempts and rebound average. She is the second leading scorer with 1254 points in 91 games for McMurry.

After graduating with a B.S. in physical education and psychology, she was employed by the Albany School sys-

tem; then Bridgeport schools system and is currently a coach with Mann Middle School. She is married to Abilene High Coach Stan Lang.

The second, 'first' honor is held by Bonnie Buchanan Gray, a 1977 graduate of May High School and wife of former Rotan resident Kim Gray, son of Barbara and John Gray. Bonnie was a first team All-American in 1980-81 at Abilene Christian University. She averaged 22.8 points and 10.8 rebounds a game, serving as team captain and earning Division II Player of the Year in Texas after leading ACU to a state title.

She won a gold medal with the United States Women's team at the Pan American Games in 1977 in Mexico City. Bonnie received a degree in recreation from ACU in 1981 and is the mother of two children, Jonathon age 8 and Kimberly age 5. She and her husband Kim, a district manager for Gold

Bond Building Products, reside in Denton.

Bonnie Buchanan Gray was inducted into the ACU Sports Hall of Fame on November 9, 1991.

Hospital News

Patients admitted to the Fisher County Hospital were:

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Rules Could Ban Windmill Work By Hands, Build Well Inventory

Livestock Weekly by Steve Kelton

As they stand today, proposed rules by the Texas Water Commission's Water Well Drillers Board would prohibit ranchhands or even leaseholding ranchers themselves from releathering windmills without a license. The rules also create the mechanism for compiling an inventory of most operating waterwells in the state at a time when the state has mounted a major push to capture control of groundwater heretofore considered the property of the landowner.

Promulgated under the authority of House Bill 1648, passed during the last regular legislative session, the rules are supposed to protect the purity of groundwater by assuring that well repairmen and pump installers are properly trained, tested, licensed and overseen by the Water Commission.

In practice, however, the law and proposed rules severely limit common ranch well-service practices, but local handymen out of a sideline, and pinpoint well locations, capacities and ownership for would-be water-use regulators waiting eagerly in the wings.

Some of the provisions in the proposed rules, as is often the case, appear to have materialized out of thin air and bureaucratic whims, with only flimsiest of anchors in the law itself. One of the most serious for stockmen, however, follows verbatim the text of HB 1648.

Both documents prohibit installation or repair of pumps or well equipment by unlicensed "installers" except for "a person who installs or repairs well pumps and equipment on his own property for his own use." The emphasis is ours, and serves to stress the extreme narrowness of the exception:

Only the landowner where the well is situated may repair his or her own well and only then if the well is for his or her own use.

Taken literally, that means only Great Aunt Zelda can climb up on the tower and pull sucker rods from the mill on her share of the old family ranch, and even Great Aunt Zelda is liable if she does it on a well used to water her great-nephew's cows under a lease arrangement.

That severe restriction was apparently lost on legislators who allowed HB 1648 to pass unchallenged, and escaped as well the scrutiny of livestock industry watchdogs who generally keep an eye on such things.

One legislator in a key position to block or amend the bill recalls that his major concern with it at the time was its transparent monopolistic thrust. Neither he nor anyone else saw it as a threat to ranch windmilling as usual.

"It just looked to me like one of those bad old bills to limit competition," he says, "but nobody objected to it."

Even the Water Commission representative handling the regulations doesn't interpret the wording as tightly as it is written. In drafting its rules, says TWC spokesman Steve Wiley, the drillers board assumed that a ranchhand would be allowed to do the actual labor as long as the owner was on hand to provide "direct supervision", as is allowed in the case of a licensed driller and his employees.

As for the rules to the contrary, Wiley says the drillers board is "still working on them" and has scheduled a hearing for Thursday, Nov. 7 in Austin

to finalize the language prior to opening the matter for public comment. If the issue is brought up, he says, the board would probably consider amending its proposal to allow bonafide ranch employees to work on wells as customary.

Wiley speculates that an individual's usual presence on a payroll or some similar test would serve to establish his status as a legitimate employee rather than a temporary hire brought on in circumvention of the licensing rule.

The law itself is a bit more ticklish, but another Water Commission spokesman suggests that its extreme language referring to property owners can be observed mostly in the breach until the legislature has an opportunity to correct it. He doesn't believe the bill's sponsors actually intended the language to be as restrictive as it turned out.

It's also not likely that those sponsors intended some of the other provisions which have attached themselves to HB 1648 strictly through bureaucratic initiative. Chief among them is the mechanism for a statewide inventory of wells.

That scheme appears nowhere in the law in any form or fashion. It surfaces in the drillers board rules, however, discreetly camouflaged behind a requirement that well repair personnel fill out "pump installer reports" on each well they service.

The reporting forms as drawn up by the board call for the well owner's name and address, the physical location of the well, its purpose, depth and capacity, as well as its age, type of construction and pumping method, plus a host of other details.

A copy of each report is to be sent to Austin, where they serve no legitimate purpose other than to compile data on the state's waterwells for whatever regulatory purposes may be deemed desirable at a later date.

A legislative aide, alerted to the potential for such a databank, says he passed that concern on to a Water Commission representative who responded that the information would only be used to locate "unused and abandoned wells."

Repairmen do not work on abandoned and unused wells, however, so those are precisely the sort of wells the reports would not uncover. Furthermore, it must be assumed that an employee of the Texas Water Commission would know that, suggesting that his explanation was something other than candid.

What the reports would do, of course, is pinpoint most active wells in Texas, providing bureaucrats with the information they need to regulate pumping and groundwater use if and when they get the power. And judging from the maneuvering underway today, the operative question will be more "when" than "if."

Only days ago, the State of Texas joined forces with the Sierra Club in an effort to take control of pumping from the Edwards Aquifer, a coup which, if successful, would almost certainly establish a precedent for control of all other groundwater in the state. The precise mechanism is a federal lawsuit seeking pumping limits to protect a scattering of officially "endangered" or "threatened" species thought to be dependent upon spring flow, but the result would be subjugation of a deep-set principle of Texas law giving landowners the "right of capture" of groundwater under their property.

Other subplots wending their way into that storyline include a huge artesian well drilled into the Edwards and exciting public passions against "unregulated" drilling, as well as a threat by El Paso to literally pump Presidio and Brewster County aquifers dry through wells on land the city intends to buy strictly for the water beneath it. Other agency statements notwith-

standing, TWC's Wiley freely concedes that state officials would like an inventory of operating wells, though he doesn't know if the installer report scheme is the proper way to go about it.

"We're going to have to come up with something we can all live with," Wiley says. "Personally, I don't want to have a bunch of paper I can't use." He notes that his office already receives stacks of reports on all new wells drilled, and hints that those are threatening to become overwhelming without an extra avalanche of paper generated on existing wells.

Also included in HB 1648 and the resulting rules proposal is a requirement that all abandoned water wells be capped, and that all "deteriorated" wells be either capped or repaired. The "licensed installer" would be pressed into service to report such wells to TWC as well as apprise well owners of the requirements for compliance. Owners would be given six months from the date of report to complete action or be held legally accountable. The rules provide specific details of compliance ranging from the dimensions and construction of well-head blocks to demands that all wells other than windmills be "sealed" from the atmosphere. At one point, says a pump installer familiar with early negotiations on the rules, TWC had insisted that even windmill sucker rods be run through stuffing boxes, but that requirement has since been dropped.

The Water Well Drillers Board is expected to publish its rules proposal about mid-November, Wiley says, following deliberations in the Nov. 7 meeting. The public will then be granted a 30-day comment period before final rules are published in the *Texas Register* and the regulations become law.

"Turkey Award" To Be Presented At Roby School

Roby High School will sponsor a canned food drive by hosting a "Turkey Award". Each student is to bring a canned food and place it in boxes placed at the school. Each box will represent one of the Roby teachers. The teacher with the most food in his or her box will be given the "Turkey Award". The winning teacher will dress up like a turkey and act like one, Tuesday, Nov. 26th. The canned goods will be given to the Dept. of Human Services and the F.C. Food Pantry to help people in need at this holiday season.

Legal Notice

NOTICE

The City of Rotan will accept sealed bids until 5:00 p.m. Friday, November 22, 1991 at City Hall, 302 W. Snyder, Rotan, Texas 79546 for the following property:

Old Sheriff's Sub Station, 104 E. Snyder, Block 97 Lot 3

To receive additional information contact City Hall at 735-2251. Bids will be opened at City Hall at 6:00 p.m. Monday, November 25, 1991. The right to reject any or all bids is reserved.

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NOTICE

The City of Rotan will accept sealed bids until 5:00 p.m. Friday, November 22, 1991 at City Hall 302 W. Snyder, Rotan, Texas 79546, to clean and paint the 75,000 gallon capacity water tower specifications, contact City Hall at 735-2251. Bids will be opened at City Hall Monday, November 25, 1991 at 6:00 p.m. The right to reject any or all bids is reserved.

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Friendship Club Meets

The Rotan 5th & 6th grade 4-H Friendship Club met Wednesday, Oct. 30. The club has been very busy this past month. They participated in the Fisher County Food Pantry can drive on Oct. 6. They had a 4-H window display at Tone & Trim for National 4-H Week from Oct. 7 - 14. Several members attended the 4-H Awards Banquet on Oct. 19. Other members entered the County Food Show on Oct. 20. The club worked hard at the Roby Carnival with a "Wheel of Fortune" booth on Oct. 26. They had the same

booth at the Rotan Fall Festival on Nov. 2.

This month's meeting was spent painting and decorating pumpkins for Halloween. The pumpkins were all displayed in the window at H.L. Davis Co. on Halloween Day. They also decorated Halloween cookies for their refreshments.

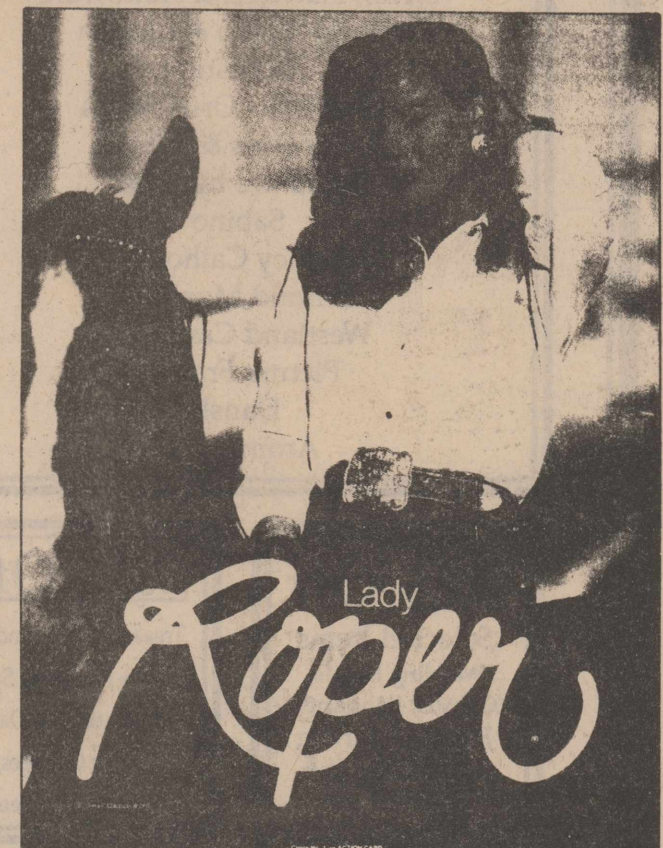
The meeting was presided over by President Katy Cade. A financial report was given by Secretary Tracy Posey. Ryan Parr was in charge of refreshments.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY CLAY: Clay Fowler from Rotan celebrated his 70th Birthday recently. Friends gave Clay a cake and helped him celebrate at the local Dairy Queen. Leaning over and greeting Mr. Fowler is old friend Dee Bridges.

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Mr. & Mrs. Billy Wayne Speck

Sharilyn Murdoch And Billy Speck Are Wed

Sharilyn Murdoch and Billy Wayne Speck exchanged wedding vows in a double ring ceremony on September 13, 1991 at the home of the bride's parents. Performing the ceremony was Wayne Oran Day, Sr., grandfather of the groom.

The bride's parents are Cleburne and Sharon Murdoch of Rotan. The groom's parents are Billy and Judy Speck of Rotan. Bride's grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Buttram of Hamlin, Tx., and J.T. Murdoch, Sr. of Jayton, Tx. The groom's grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Oran Day, Sr. of Seagraves, Tx., and Mr. and Mrs. Billy J. Speck of Aspermont, Tx.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a dress of ivory silk taffeta with Italian Scuffle lace with Victorian neckline set in a Basque bodice. Back self peplum and sheer back yoke. The gown had a long sleeve with lace accents and large shoulder pouffes with Bell skirt, chapel train and lace windows. The dress was designed by Lady Bug of Sentimental Gowns. The bride's veil was edged with pearls. The headpiece was the bride's mother's. The bride's bouquet was of peach and ivory roses with peach and iridescent ribbon and pearls.

The bride's maid of honor was Jeanette Hargrave, cousin of the bride of Lubbock, Tx. The flower girl was Charity Murdoch, sister of the bride.

The best man was Greg Anderson of Lubbock, Tx.

Soloist was Angela Murdoch, cousin of the bride of Waxahachie, Tx.

Pianist was Sue Murdoch, aunt of

the bride of Lubbock, Texas.

Shawna Speck, sister of the groom, registered guests.

Usher was Chris Murdoch, cousin of the bride.

Maid of honor, flower girl, soloist and guest registrar wore peach satin tea length dresses with ivory accessories.

Groom and best man wore ivory tuxedos with peach bow ties and cummerbunds.

The bride is a senior at Rotan High School. The groom is a 1990 graduate of Rotan High School and is employed by Texas Dept. of Corrections at Snyder.

Roby Lunch Menu Released

ROBY LUNCH MENU

November 18 - 22, 1991

MONDAY: Spaghetti W/Meat Sauce, Buttered Peas, Carrot Stick, Fruit, Bread, Milk.

TUESDAY: Turkey & Dressing - Cranberry Sauce, Sweet Potatoes, Green Beans, Peanut Cluster, Bread, Milk.

WEDNESDAY: Hot Dog W/Chili, French Fries, Fruit, Chocolate Chip Cookie, Bun, Milk.

THURSDAY: Burrito, French Fries, Salad, Ice Box Pie, Bread, Milk.

FRIDAY: Hamburger W/Cheese, Chips, Lettuce, Tomato, Onions and Pickles, Brownie, Fruit, Bun, Milk.

Hustlin Around Hobbs

by Joy Walker

Winter doesn't begin on the calendar until the 22nd of December, but I believe it has come earlier this year. We had such a miserable day last Thursday and such a hard frost Friday morning. Then Monday it was so cold and overcast all day, but the weatherman is predicting much warmer weather this week, hope he's right. I read some headline that said "Prospects for Big Country cotton sink further into Mud" and the latest round of nasty weather will dampen prospects for the cotton harvest even more. I have seen some folks already stripping, and others are waiting for it to get dry.

Happy birthday to Diana Threatt whose birthday was Tuesday the 12th and Mrs. Vi Cockrell whose birthday is Monday, the 18th.

Today, being Veteran's Day, there are many parades, ceremonies and remembrances being held to honor all the men and women who have served in the Armed Forces during the various wars.

We were pleased to have Gary and Sandy Nettleton at church on Sunday, also Mrs. Sharon Praytor and a friend. Diana Threatt played for us on Sunday morning and we really enjoy her beautiful music. Louise Williams had major surgery on Thursday at Humana Hospital in Abilene. We are pleased to hear that although she is in a lot of pain, her surgery proved to be successful. We hope that with every passing day, she will continue to improve.

Mr. and Mrs. Danny Helms from Boulder City, Nevada, visited with Polly Helms on Saturday. They ate lunch

with her and left late that afternoon. They were returning home to Boulder City from East Texas and Arlington where they had been visiting their son and other relatives.

Mrs. Rudolph Martinez went to a wedding shower for Nicole Warren and Gary Gunset on Saturday which was held in Snyder. They are to be married the last of November, congratulations to them. Nicole is the daughter of Steve and Tachi Warren.

Taren Knipe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tracy Knipe of Snyder, spent the weekend and Monday with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. James Ratliff. They also had company from Illinois over the weekend.

I attended a Christmas Around the World party at the home of Kathie Daniel Thursday night. We sure had a good time and there was a big crowd there.

Sunday evening I spent with the Wilber Grubens, watching the Cow-boys get beat. Greg Gruben from Crane came home for Sunday and Monday; he had a holiday on Monday.

Not too much news this week, as everyone has been staying close to home with all the cold weather we have been having. See you next Thursday.

Roby Artist Of The Week

Shalee Griffith was recognized as the Roby Artist of the Week for the week of November 4-8. She is a kindergarten student at Roby Elementary. Congratulations, Shalee.

OBITUARIES

Dennis O'Briant

Dennis O'Briant, 77, died Wednesday afternoon at his home north of McCauley. Funeral services were at 2 p.m., Friday at Weathersbee Funeral Chapel with Rev. James Brigham and Rev. L. D. Parks officiating. Burial was in the Dowell Cemetery.

Mr. O'Briant was born October 21, 1914 in Comanche County. He moved to Fisher County as a child and has lived most of his life here. He married Annie Lou Ray, August 5, 1935 in Sweetwater. He was a farmer and a Baptist. He is preceded in death by his wife December 31, 1989.

He is survived by: Four daughters: Mrs. Homer (Altie) Freeman of Coppell; Mrs. Julius (Dorothy) Decker of McCauley; Mrs. Phillip (Shirley) Raye of Austin; Mrs. Jim (Barbara) Fisher of Hamlin; four sisters: Lelia Nash of Abilene, Fay Ray of Roby, Hazel Petty of Clyde, Lucille Gable of Rotan; two brothers: Lionel O'Briant of Lovington, New Mexico, Morris O'Briant of Seaside, California; 13 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren. Grandsons served as casket bearers.

Thomas C. Miller

Thomas C. Miller, 77, of Hamby, died Thursday morning at Humana Hospital in Abilene. Funeral services were at 10 a.m., Saturday, November 9th, at Weathersbee Funeral Chapel in Rotan. Officiating was Rev. Scott Eager, pastor of Hamby Baptist Church. Burial was in the Belvieu Cemetery of Rotan.

Mr. Miller was born November 27, 1913 at Mart, Texas, and was the son of Thomas Lee and Gesina (Schroder) Miller. He married Elizabeth Elrod, April 28, 1934 at Roby. Mr. Miller was an automobile mechanic and a farmer. He moved to Hamby in 1948 from Stamford and had also lived at Aspermont and Rotan.

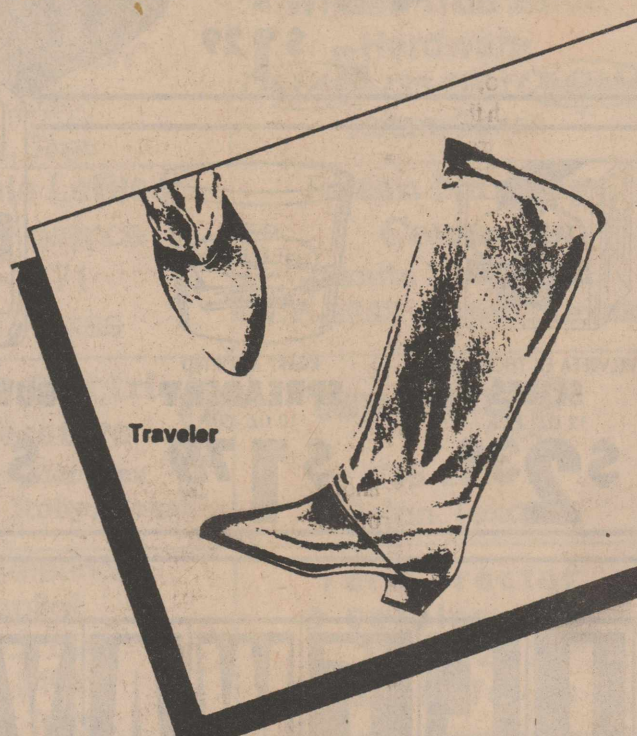
He is survived by his wife: Elizabeth Miller of Hamby; four sons: James Miller of Grand Prairie, Macon Miller of Wolfforth, Billie Wayne Miller of Hamby and Darrell Miller of Friona; a brother: Troy Miller of Hamby; a sister: Irene Sanders of Crawford; 10 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren. Grandsons and nephews served as casket bearers.

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County Agents Report

By Beth Dannheim

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The 4-H foods and nutrition project has come to an end. Sixty-four 4-Hers participated in seven different projects. Forty youth entered the County Food Show and twelve progressed onto district competition. We would like to express our appreciation to these 4-H leaders who planned and coordinated the project. Debbie Terry, Lisa Carey, Shelia Gruben, Michelle Burk, Belynda

Rains, Linda Callan, Cindy Greene, Lisa Cade, Becky Burk, Shirley Hull.

The 4-H clubs are continuing to sponsor a Coats for Kids campaign. They are collecting, cleaning, and distributing used winter coats to needy children. If you have a good used winter coat and would like to give it to Coats for Kids, please call the County Extension Office 776-2171.

I would like to express my appreciation to each organization, and civic group, that participated in Holiday Happenings. The event was a great success, thanks to each of you.

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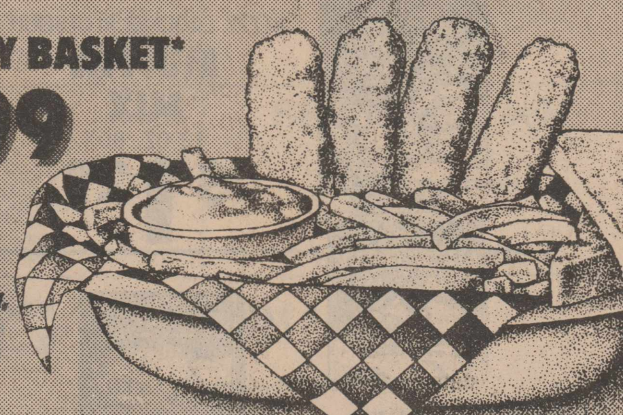
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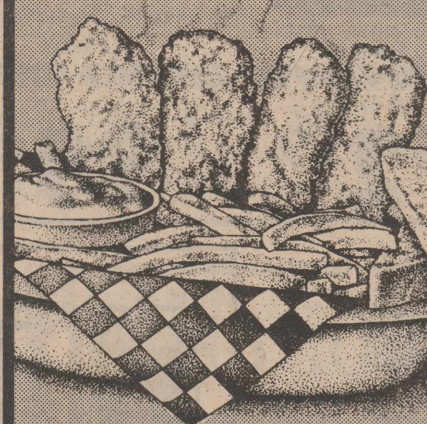
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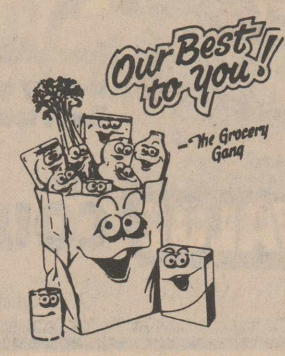
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