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Kim's Korner
By Kim Pease

LITTLE OVERLAPPING: Workers with the Texas Department of Transportation were in Rotan last week putting in approximately 15 handicapped access ramps through our fair city. This was all done with federal funds in compliance with the American's with Disabilities Act. There was a little confusion over a few of the ramps. Seems some energetic workers cut out concrete for three new ramps within six feet of some existing ramps that were just constructed within the last two months. No one wanted to take responsibility. Finally, Mike Taylor a TDT Supervisor in Snyder recognized that one workorder overlapped the other and caused the snafu. Thanks to Taylor, the area for the second ramp was fixed back like it was. When you get to looking at the condition of the downtown sidewalks, they are in a sad state of repair. The taxpayers of Rotan, business owners and citizens who shop locally should insist that the City of Rotan do something about the poor state of repair before we have a rash of accidents. The responsibility for the upkeep and repair of the downtown sidewalks rests with the City of Rotan, not the highway department. The area around the old Porter Locker Plant should be roped off to all humans and animals - it is so bad. There are a dozen other areas throughout Rotan that are clearly unsafe. Unless the Mayor and councilmen and City Secretary hear it from the people - they will continue to ignore the problem. Mention of problems in this column get little attention.

NEW GUY: Joe Morales has been named as Operations Manager for Rotan and 36 other cities in West Texas for the Long Star Gas Company.

ATTEND MEETING: City Secretary Harold Sanders, Rotan Mayor Jerry Marshall and Rotan Development Corporation President Larry Landes were three from Rotan who attended the Texas Midwest Community Network charter membership meeting in Abilene last Thursday. Purpose of this new group is to foster long and short term programs and projects in the area of economic development.

DELINQUENT TAXES: During the period July 1993 through June 1994, the Fisher County Hospital District took in $71,192.00 in delinquent taxes and interest.

THE AVERAGES: The City of Rotan, during the month of September 1994, paid 13 employees $16,722.52 in salaries which averages $1,286.34 per employee. Throw out the one high salary of $2,045..00 and the one low one of $500.00 and the average per employee goes to $1,288.86 - based on 4.3 weeks in a month that averages $299.73 per week per employee and on a 40 hour week the average goes to $7.49 an hour. Just information. I personally don't want to dig up a water line in February at midnight for $7.49 an hour. Of the 13 employees, one is librarian, two work in the office, there is a City Secretary, Director of Public Works and a refuse collection truck person leaving 7 who work in all other city departments.

JOE GREER'S AUDIT: According to the figures Joe Greer compiled on the 1992 audit, each Fisher County commissioner received, within a few thousand dollars, $164,000 to operate their precinct for the year ended December 31, 1992. That income came in the form of tax dollars, interest earned, motor vehicle registration fees, lateral road fund money and road and bridge fees. Each Fisher County Commis-

County Cotton Growers, Land Owners To Vote On Boll Weevil Eradication Program

A group of approximately 60 cotton farmers and landowners from the northern part of Fisher County around the Rotan area met with a representative of the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation last week to discuss boll weevil eradication. The meeting was part of a series of education meetings on the possibility of entering into a full blown eradication program in the 19-county Central Rolling Plains zone.

Cast Ballots

Fisher County cotton producers will join landowners who rent out land for a share of the crop in Fisher County and their counter-parts from the other 18 counties of the Central Rolling Plains zone to cast ballots for the boll weevil eradication program. The ballots will be mailed in mid November.

Anderson, Patton Present

Woody Anderson, Chairman of the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation and Colorado City resident, was present last week in Rotan as was Linday Patton, Executive Vice President of the Rolling Plains Cotton Growers, Inc., in Stamford.

Richard Spencer, Fisher County Agent, opened the meeting with a brief overview and video concerning the boll weevil program.

County Steering Committee

A Fisher County Steering Committee, consisting of Roger Blackwelder, Bobby Gruben, Mike L. Terry, Freddie Stuart, Ted Posey and Raford Hargrove has been named to represent the county on the zone wide steering committee.

Millions In Damage Noted

Farmers in the 19-county Central Rolling Plains zone, according to figures released last week , suffer from millions in crop losses and chemical cost outlay associated with damages from the boll weevil per year. It was also noted that the same area would benefit from a $12 to $1 return in boosting the local economy from the money projected to be spent on the eradication program. Assuming that $50 million will be spent by the foundation in the Central Rolling Plains zone on eradication, the area will realize a $600 million boost in jobs and services as a result of the investment.

The foundation hopes to increase yields and lower production costs by eliminating the boll weevil. This hopefully will make the area cotton producer more competitive with producers in weevil-free areas of the world.

Cost Of Eradication Program

The total cost of the eradication program will be $74.28 per acre. The cost will be $72.40 if capital equipment is provided by the federal government. The grower's share of the total cost, taking into consideration, full federal funding will be $50.68. The costs are estimated for a four year program based on current weevil populations and normal weather conditions.

The eradication program assessment will be a maximum of $5.00 per land acre planted in cotton in 1995 and $5.00 per land acre planted in cotton in 1996 and a maximum of $10.00 per land acre planted in cotton each year thereafter until the costs of the eradication program are paid off.

The program, if passed by the growers and landowners, will start in the

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Three Churches Band Together For Fish Benefit

Three Rotan churches are banding together to participate in a benefit Fish Fry for Jerry Dycus.

Members of the Church of Christ, First United Methodist and First Baptist Churches will cook and serve the fish on Tuesday, November 8th between 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. at the Church of Christ.

Carry-outs are available. People are encouraged to vote, then eat.

Day Is Called As Rotan Church Christ Minister

The Rotan Church of Christ has hired Barry Day, currently finishing his studies at the Sunset School of Preaching in Lubbock, as the new Minister of the local church.

Day and his wife Karen have a son Andy, age 7 and a daughter Chelsea, age 3 and will be moving to Rotan after he finishes school on December 14th. His new post officially begins on January 1, 1995.

Hired last week by Elders Dr. Maurice Callan and Luther Donham, this is Day's first time to serve as pulpit minister. He has worked as a youth minister in the past.

Day replaces Dan Morris who is currently serving as Minister of the Lovington, New Mexico Church of Christ. Morris left the Rotan church approximately 5 months ago.

Roby Volunteer Firemen Turkey Shoot

The Roby Volunteer Fire Department annual Turkey Shoot will be Saturday, October 29th at the Cottonwood RV Park 1 1/2 miles South of Roby. Event begins at noon and features bingo, BB shoot, skeet shoot, target shooting.

Stolen Rotan Vehicle Is Found In Abilene Mon.

A 1987 red Pontiac Trans Am owned by Sue Shipp of Rotan was stolen over the weekend while it was parked on the lot of the Exxon Service Station owned by Hoss Carrillo.

The vehicle was recovered in Abilene by Abilene Police Officer Mike Dawkins in the 800 block of North Treadaway.

The theft took place either late Saturday night or early Sunday morning, according to Sheriff Pack.

The vehicle had been vandalized. The stereo, speaker and T-top was been removed.

"We are in the process of trying to identify a suspect", commented Sheriff Gene Pack.

Rotan Resident Arrested For Burglary Of Auto

A Rotan resident was arrested early last week after admitting to stealing $7.00 in cash and a case of beverage from a vehicle owned by Jamie Strickland while it was parked near Rotan Flower Shop in Rotan.

Rotan resident Cheryl Moore was arrested after a warrant was issued and charged with the theft.

The burglary of an auto felony is to be brought before the grand jury.

Rotan Water Auth. Faces $520,000 Bill For Part Of Snyder Water Plant

The members of the Rotan Water Authority at a recent meeting were informed by Board President John Gray that the authority faced owing approximately $520,000.00 to the City of Snyder as Rotan's share of the capital improvement of constructing a new filtration plant at Snyder. The contract Rotan Water Authority has with the City of Snyder calls for the authority to pay their pro-rata share of capital improvements. It is believed that the new Snyder prison has caused the overall water use to jump to the level that a new filtration plant is mandated.

The City of Snyder officials are studying a total of three options which range from $2.25 to $4.25 million in filtration plant cost. The middle figure is $4.0 million and the plan that some believe Snyder will elect to adopt.

It is expected that the City of Snyder will begin construction in late December of early January.

The board members present last week were John Gray, Mac Weathersbee, Larry Callan and Bobby Gruben. They were of the opinion that they would have the funds to pay for their pro-rata cost in accumulated certificates of deposit. In addition, the board was in agreement that it should attempt to secure an extension on the contract that expires in 1997 with the City of Snyder.

John Gray, in discussing the financial situation with the board, indicated that "I am glad we have sat here and accumulated some money in reserve so that this anticipated $520,000 payment would not cripple us".

Gray indicated that he had Board Member Bart Strayhorn check into the amount of interest that the authority had earned on funds invested since 1978. In the sixteen year period, the authority has realized $714,000 in interest. There was a time during 1981 and 1987 that the association was earning 15% to 18% on funds invested.

Gray said, "Our reserves are almost all interest that has been earned."

The board approved $13,020.44 in bills. There was a bill of $2,000 to Joe Greer, CPA for the 1994 audit; $10,749.64 to the City of Snyder for water and $270.80 to the Fisher County Appraisal District for the 4th quarter dues for tax collection fee.

Gray indicated that the Rotan Water Authority still owed $140,000 on the $900,000 bond that was approved back in 1961 for the construction of the water line from Rotan to Snyder.

Rotan Development Corp. Will Study New Trash Receptacles

The members of the Rotan Development Corporation, who invest the Rotan City 1/2% sales tax funds in economic development opportunities, requested that the item -trash receptacles - be placed on the agenda for discussion at the November meeting. The board is investigating purchasing attractive trash receptacles for placement in the center median.

The members present last week for the monthly meeting were Susie Day, Greg Pruitt, Larry Landes and Janeece Pease.

The board reviewed the financial status of the corporation, paid bills and approved the minutes of the September meeting.

Development President Larry Landes reported that the balance in the account for the RDC was $50,820.63 and that $2,546.01 had been received since the last meeting, as the economic development portion of the added 1% sales tax.

The board discussed insurance coverage on the old Young's building and the Hometown Cleaners building.

Board members discussed repairing a sagging ceiling at the Hometown Cleaners building. Harold Sanders is to check into the cost and report back to Landes.

The board discussed the location of the new downtown lighted sign. It appears as if the sign could be located near the center median across from Rotan Motor. The location is subject to be approved by the Texas Department of Transportation.

The members of the Rotan Development Corporation voted to extend a loan to Tammy Nowlin for use toward updating inventory at her new business. She is the new owner of Rotan Flower Shop and plans a grand opening in November. Nowlin purchased the business from the Hardy Estate last week. In discussing the new business with Rotan EDC board members, Nowlin expressed her hope of having the shop open, fully stocked and ready for business in early November.

In final action the board discussed the installation of some type of sign listing those who donated funds for the purchase of trees and the new lighted sign.

Daylight Savings Time Ends.
Remember To Set Your Clocks Back Saturday Night.

....McGruff A Hit!

McGruff And DARE Officer Kerri Blair Team-Up







WHAT A TEAM: McGruff and DARE Officer Kerri Blair pose in front of the new DARE vehicle secured free of charge through Dyess AFB 'Operation Alliance'. Out dated equipment is given area law enforcement agencies to use in the war against drugs. The above 1987 Plymouth station wagon was secured by Sheriff Gene Pack as part of that program.

A Word About The Word

.....The Pastor's Column

'The Pastor's Column' is available to every Fisher County Minister on a rotating basis. Submit columns to The Newspaper Office or Ministerial Alliance Secretary Wes Holland.

The Weather

By Michael Jeter, Minister
First Baptist Church
Roby, Texs



The weatherman just said that there was a 70% chance of rain over the next 36 hours. One thing that I have learned since moving to west Texas is that the only thing certain about the weather is it's uncertainty. Growing up and living in hurricane country, when they said it was going to rain, it rained. Whey they said it wasn't going to rain, it rained. It rained all the time on the Gulf Coast.

I remember one year the weather people told us that a hurricane was going to hit the area we lived in. Evacuation routes were planned out. Everyone stocked up on dry ice and bottled water and non perishable food items. Windows were boarded up and our tanks were full of gas. And then...nothing happened. It did not even cloud up. No rain. No wind. No hurricane. The weatherman was wrong again. I have always heard that you cannot believe anything you hear and only half of what you read. I have found that to be true except when it comes to the Word of God.

There are two types of promises that God gives us in His Word. The first type are what is known as unconditional promises. These are promises that God made to us that will be fulfilled no matter what. Promises like Jesus is coming back. There is nothing in this great universe that will keep Jesus from returning. Promises like God's love for us. No matter what we do God will not stop loving us. The Bible is full of these unconditional promises.

There are also conditional promises. One of the great conditional promises in the Bible is found in the book of 2 Chronicles. In chapter 7 verse 14, God promises revival to His people if His people will humble themselves. Pray, seek His face, and turn from their wicked ways.

If we are to have revival in the church and spiritual awakening in the community, we as Christians must stop acting like the lost world and start acting like children of the King. Our lost friends and family members are in desperate need of our churches to experience revival. This can only come when God's people get on their face before Him and pray.

Theatre On Brazos Set For Children's Production In Nov.

Theatre on the Brazos is proud to present the Children's Theatre Production of "Jack In The Beanstalk".

The production will be presented on the following dates: Saturday, November 12 with performance at 4:00 o'clock in the afternoon and at 7:00 o'clock in the evening.

Sunday, November 13 with the performance beginning at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon.

Friday, November 18 with the performance at 7:00 o'clock in the evening.

Saturday, November 19 with performance at 4:00 o'clock in the afternoon and at 7:00 o'clock in the evening.

Ticket prices are $4.00 for adults and $2.00 for school aged young people.

Cast of Characters:
Jack----played by Jimmy Gruben
Jack's mother---played by Beth Martin
Giant/Trader----played by Wesley Holland
Giant's wife----played by Crystal Nelson
Harp-----played by Lauren Kennedy
Farmer------played by Ken Myers
Cow-----played by ?????

"Jack In The Beanstalk" is directed by Connie Early and co-directed by Nina Tandy.

Tickets will go on sale beginning November 7. You may call for tickets at the box office between 3:00 o'clock and 5:00 o'clock. The number is 735-2341. After 5:00 o'clock, tickets may be obtained by calling 735-2302.

Please make plans to attend "Jack In The Beanstalk" as it is a play for all ages. Parents, bring your children to witness firsthand the wonderful story which they are so familiar.

See you at the theatre.

Roby Jr. High Cubs Tie Game

The Roby Jr. High Cubs fought to a 14-14 tie with the Knox City Jr. High Bulldogs last Thursday night. The Cubs face Munday's Jr. High there, Thursday, October 28. Red Ribbon Week was a big success and the whole community of Roby was great in supporting the kids during the week.

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TAX PLANNING

Written By
James E. Rodgers, CPA



There's Still Time for Year-End Tax Planning

As we enter the gift-giving season, here's one present you can give yourself: a lower tax bill.

To start saving money, estimate your 1994 taxes. Then fine-tune your withholding and estimated tax payments. Your goal is to pay the IRS enough to avoid a penalty, without making Uncle Sam an interest-free loan.

If it looks like you're headed for an overpayment, consider skipping your fourth quarter estimate, or ask your employer to withhold less from your remaining paychecks. If an underpayment seems likely, increase your withholding, or consider making a catch-up estimate.

As a general rule, try to pull deductions into 1994, and postpone income until 1995. But consider the opposite strategy if you expect to be in a higher tax bracket next year, of if you're subject to the alternative minimum tax this year. Savings and 401 (k) plans at work are excellent tax shelters, so consider participating to the maximum extent possible.

If you own stocks, bonds, or mutual funds that have declined in value, consider selling them for a loss and replacing them with similar securities. This is called a "Swap". But be careful not to swap for an "identical" security within 30 days, or the wash-sale rules will disallow your loss

Up to $3,000 of losses may be used to offset salary, interest, and dividend income. If you want to take even larger losses, consider selling some of your profitable holdings. Then you may use an even larger amount of investment losses to offset your investment gains. And since gains aren't subject to the wash-sale rules, you may immediately repurchase your winning positions.

See us for helf with swap sales, and other year-end planning strategies before it's too late to do anything to cut 1994taxes.

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sioner averaged getting $13,670.00 a month to operate his individual precinct, according to Greer's figures.

THE FIGURES: According to the Rotan Water Authority budget for the year ending March 31, 1995, they anticipate revenues of $228,073.00 in total sales and $207,588.00 in expenses. If the projections hold true, they'll have an additional $20,485.00 to pay toward the $520,00 they'll need to buy their share of capital improvements (new water filtration system) for the City of Snyder.

FARMS ARE LESS: According to the 1992 Census of Agriculture there were $188,788 Texas farms in 1987 and $180,644 in 1992. That is a decrease of 8,144 farms in 5 years or an average loss of 1,628 farms a year - divided by 254 counties means Texas counties averaged losing 6 farms a year for the past 5 years. In Fisher County - if the averages hold true - we lost 30 farms in the past 5 years.

FINALLY: Ol' Whistle Britches from his Shinnery Ridge Ranch at Rough Creek thinks everyone should get out and vote. He's encouraging everyone to vote Democratic. He says his Dad was a Democrat, his Dad's Dad was a Democrat and as far back as he knows is true, died in the wool, Democratic. Britches said he was going to split his vote for the first time ever this year - "I'm voting for Richard Fisher, a Republican, over Kay Bailey Hutchinson - simply because I like his name," he said. Guess that makes about as much sense as anything else the old Codger comes up with.

Marriage - It's true that some people get divorced for trivial reasons. But, then, some of them get married for pretty trivial reasons.

Talking - Congress is proof that women don't do all the talking.

Clothing - A bikini bathing suit is the difference between not very much and nothing at all.

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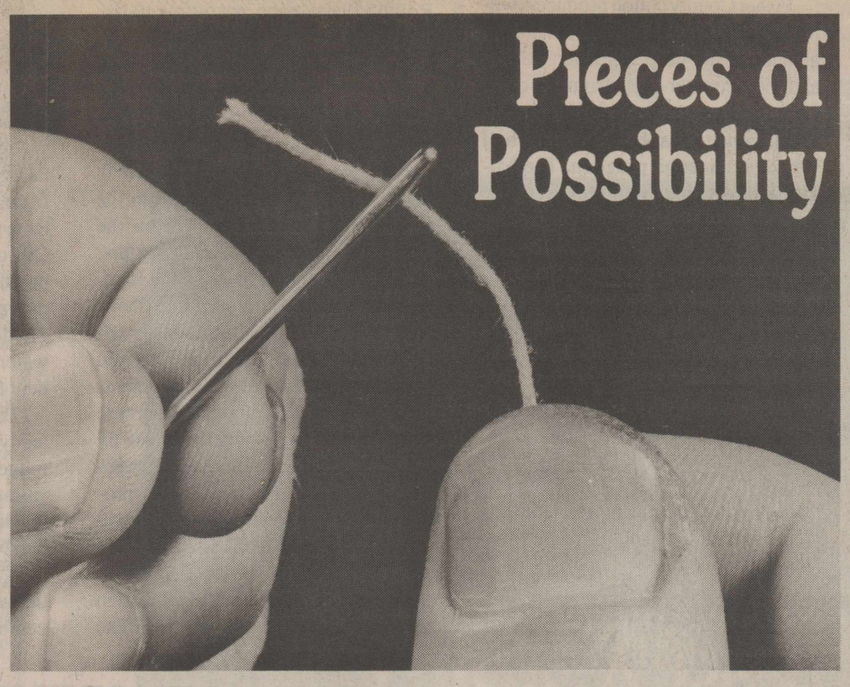
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Clouds of red velvet fabric, sparkling buttons of diamond and pearl, scarlet satin lining, lace for a hem...all pieces patterned for a lovely creation. What could be missing?

There is no thread.

It matters not how the gems glisten nor that the fabric is fine. Without thread running through the fabric, there is no creation, only scattered pieces of possibility.

So it is with life. All of us are born with possibility. How soft the tiny fingers and toes. Bright eyes glisten with innocence. As God's Word threads through the fabric of our lives, each individual becomes a divine creation. Growing continually centered in His love, possibilities become probabilities and finally reality.

Discover your creator as you worship this Sabbath, "...for all things are possible with God" (Mark 10:27).

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Legislature May Require Education Monies Be Set Aside Before Anything

State Capital



HIGHLIGHTS

By Lyndell Williams & Ed Sterling
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

AUSTIN — A leading Senate proponent of public education said last week he will introduce a proposal in the 1995 Texas Legislature to require lawmakers to set aside funds for public schools before budgeting money for any other purpose.

Sen. Carl Parker, D-Port Arthur, said current law makes it too easy to shortchange public education. "We have to get our priorities straight," he said.

Parker's bill would require a constitutional amendment, which would require support of two-thirds of the Legislature and approval by voters in a statewide referendum.

Gov. Ann Richards said she supports Parker's efforts "to place education funding as the No. 1 priority of the Texas Legislature. I have always believed that funding for education should be considered first."

Republican gubernatorial nominee George W. Bush, who has advocated making public education the state's top priority, said, "I welcome the governor aboard, but suggest election-eve politics has something to do with it."

Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock, a Democrat, said the proposal "warrants serious consideration."

Meanwhile, the Texas Chamber of Commerce says it will make improving public education its top priority when the Legislature convenes in January.

"The quality of the state's public schools may have more impact on the state's business climate than any other single factor," Bob Lane, board chairman, said.

Survey: Bush Has an Edge

A Texas Poll conducted Oct. 6-15 found Republican challenger George Bush ahead with 45 percent of likely voters backing him to 44 percent for incumbent Democratic Gov. Richards.

The poll, which surveyed 675 Texans, showed Richards the leader among women, with 50 percent to Bush's 38 percent, while the reverse was true for men, 53 percent of whom favor Bush to 36 percent for Richards.

What the poll did not tell is that Republican women, who accounted for 22 percent of Richards' vote in 1990, are leaning more toward Bush than they did for GOP nominee Clayton Williams in 1990.

According to the *Austin American Statesman*, the 1990 election was dominated by women voters, who made up more than half the electorate.

The poll also shows that 82 percent of black respondents favor Richards, to only 5 percent for Bush; and 60 percent of Hispanics favor Richards to 26 percent for Bush. White respondents, however, favor Bush, 54 percent over Richards (35 percent).

And — no surprise — Richards draws most of her support from liberals (78 percent), while more conservatives (67 percent) lined up for Bush.

AG Doesn't Live in Austin

Statewide elected officials are required by the Texas Constitution to "reside at the seat of government" but Attorney General Dan Morales makes his home in Spicewood — a 30-minute drive west of Austin.

Taking the Constitution at face value, Morales might wish to consider moving his domicile to the capital city. But, according to his spokesman, Ron Dusek, the attorney general's office has determined that statewide elected officials may live wherever they want in Texas, as long as they keep their offices in Austin.

"We believe that the intent is that the offices must be maintained here so that some officeholder doesn't take his particular office and all of his employees and re-establish them in some city away from the center of government," said Dusek.

According to an Associated Press report, most state officials base their interpretation on a 1957 opinion by then-Attorney General Will Wilson, who used the comptroller and treasurer as examples of officeholders who must reside in Austin.

Which Poll Do You Believe?

A couple of weeks ago, a poll by the consumer group, Public Citizen, said Texans want to protect endangered species but don't favor compensating landowners if the federal government needs to set aside land for that purpose.

However, a more recent opinion poll by Daniel Edelman Inc. says Texans don't think the feds have the right to restrict the use of private property and landowners indeed should be compensated.

Four hundred Texans answered the poll, which was conducted in May and June and commissioned by a coalition of agricultural groups fighting the Endangered Species Act.

According to the poll, 77.5 percent of the respondents don't think government should have the right to restrict how private property is used, while 38 percent believe the government should have the right to restrict how private property is used to protect the environment.

Also, the poll said, 81 percent think landowners should be compensated when their property values go down because of government regulations.

Texas Second in Tourism

Texas remains the second-most visited state in the nation, according to the Texas Department of Commerce.

A record 157 million domestic visitors traveled to Texas last year, a 9 percent increase over the previous year. California ranked first with 258 million visitors, while Florida came in third with 122 million.

20th Annual Allsup's Fall Roadraces

Clovis, NM will be the site of the 20th Annual Allsup's Fall Roadraces. On October 22, 1994, running enthusiasts from across the southwest will compete in what has become known as one of New Mexico's friendliest Roadraces.

Unique to the Southwest, Allsup's Fall Roadraces offers runners a choice of competing in either a half-marathon, 10,000 meter run, 5,000 meter run or 1 mile run. All races will begin promptly at 8 a.m. M.S.T. at same location. Running surfaces are flat, fast asphalt throughout the course.

Entry fees are $8.00 if registered before October 20, 1994, and $10.00 after October 20th. Entry forms are available at any Allsup's Convenience Store or by contracting Allsup's Roadraces, P.O. Box 1907, Clovis, NM 88102-1907 phone 505-769-2311 ext. 100.

Sources Of The City of Rotan Income Of $61,333.99 Generated In September 1994

The following is a break-down of the various income generating categories responsible for a total of $61,333.99 in spendable income in the month of September 1994.

Water Collections	$39,579.85
Sewer Collections	$3,519.93
Garbage Collections	$7,506.41
Penalties	$608.77
Fire Protection	$1,361.65
Connection Fees	$80.00
Meter Deposits	$300.00
Service Sercharge	$2,589.78
Lieu Of Tax	$350.89
Use Of Landfill	$348.00
Greens Fee	$328.00
Use Of Landfill - City of Hamlin	$2,256.00
Sale Of Vehicle Tags	$350.00
Insurance (House Auth. 3-Mos.)	$2.097.45
Use Of Dumpster	$23.82
Oil Tax	$33.44
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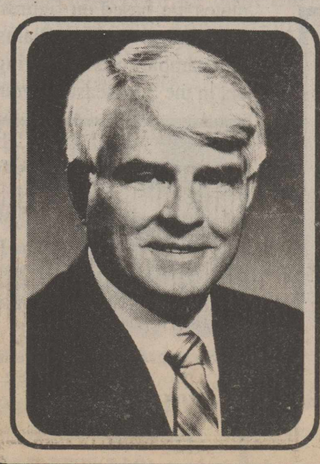
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Fisher County Residents

Up Close & Personal

In an effort to better acquaint all of Fisher County with our residents, we offer this 'Up Close & Personal' column.



Name - Barbara Christian
Spouse - Mike
Children - Luci - 21 and Kevin 17,
Birthdate - 10-11-1951
Birthplace - Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
Education - Tarleton State University - December 1990 graduate.
Employment - Band Director - Roby C.I.S.D.
Last book read - While My Pretty One Sleeps - Mary Higgins Clark
Most Famous Person I have met - G.W. Bailey of M.A.S.H & Police Academy fame. I also met and had my picture made with Lassie, so guess it is a toss-up as to which is the most famous.
Hobbies - Reading, going to plays and concerts and collecting cats.
Favorite Food - Chinese foot buffet with fresh seafood.
Longest Trip I have taken - Mike and I won a trip to Miami, Florida to the famous Fontaine Bleu - HBilton and mostly pretended we could afford to be there.
Least Appreciated trait in others - Making excuses rather than admitting a mistake.
Personal wish for Fisher County - Some sort of industry that would generate some revenue here (that wouldn't disrupt or change our rural atmosphere.) Is there such a thing?
Best Advise I ever received from a family member - Never let the sun go down on your anger. - From my Mom before I got married.
Person who has had the greatest influence on my life. - My husband Mike. I was an only child when we married and he has practically raised me.
One positive thing I have noticed since living in Fisher County - People here have strong family ties but are still willing to include 'outsiders'.
Fisher County needs more - Restaurants!
The best vacation I ever took was - Totally on my own to nowhere special - No stress, no time tables, etc., Sometimes it reallyt helps to get away from everyday things to put your life into prespective and appreciate things as people as they reallyt are.
Fisher County does not have a shortage of -Friendly (and helpful) neighbors.

Madison Elizabeth McClurg Is Born

Zachary McClurg takes pleasure with his parents in announcing the arrival of Madison Elizabeth McClurg. She was born on October 11th, 1994 at 2:38 p.m., and weighed 7 pounds 10 ounces and was 21 1/4 inches long.

Parents are Jim and Desirre McClurg or Rotan.

Grandparents are John and Barbara Gray of Rotan and Bonnie McClurg of Lisle, Illinois and Randy and Karen McClurg of Indianapolis, Illinois.

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Ballot Wording

The wording on the ballot, which is to be mailed out by the ASCS office, will be (1.) to vote yes/no on establishing the eradication zone and (2.) to approve or disapprove being assessed the funds needed to implement the program and (3.) to elect a permanent representative to the Texas Boll Weevil Foundation.

There are a total of 716 who will vote in Fisher County. The program calls for the eradication and total elimination of the weevil.

There are a total of 675,000 acres in the 19 county Central Rolling Plains zone.

Grower Money Benefits

Estimates about the benefits of the eradication program are that the average grower will realize $38.00 per acre in increased yields, a $30.00 an acre saving on insect spraying and $10.00 in increased farming efficiency - totaling a $78.00 a acre saving. The estimates are based on figures assuming the Central Rolling Plains area has comparable costs and savings as growers in the Southeast program.

Fisher County Memories

Picture From The Past



The above shot is of Gayle Cayce of Houston, working in the old H. R. Phillips Drug Store in Rotan. Photo was made by Harry Shelton of the Rotan Advance back in about 1938. Cayce lived in the Cross Roads area. Phillips Drug was a favorite hang-out for students.

Readers are invited to submit any old photograph for publication. Please identify as much as possible. Photos will be run space-available and will be returned unharmed.

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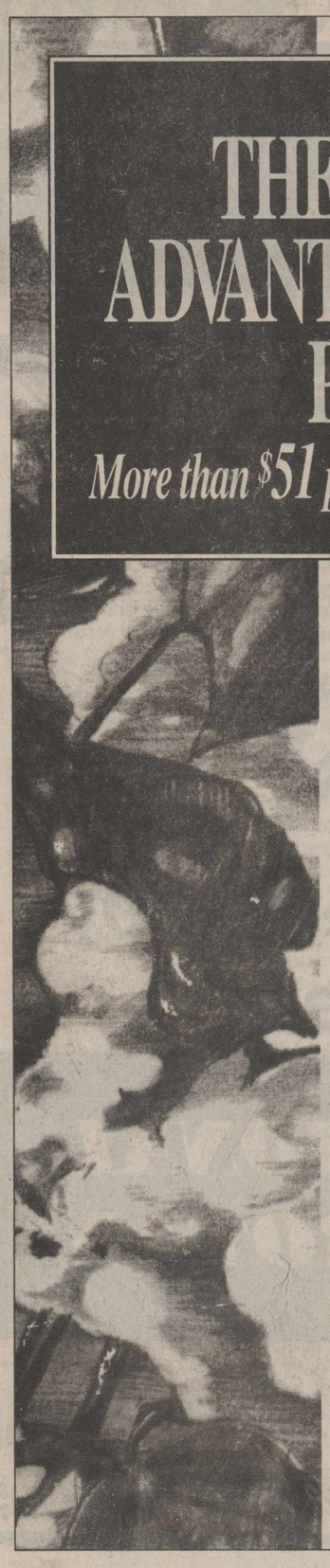
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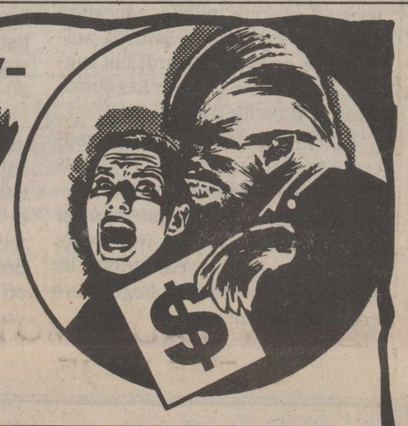
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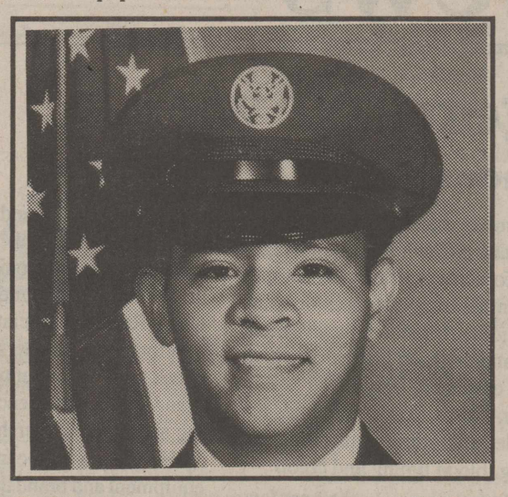
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Mail or bring entries with name of the person in the above photo to The Newspaper Office, P.O. Drawer A, Rotan, Texas. Deadline is noon on Monday, October 31, 1994. Winner will be notified. No purchase necessary. No phone calls.

The last mystery man was **Walter Grubbs.**

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Help Wanted

HELP WANTED: Experienced tractor driver 735-3332. 8:tfc

HELP WANTED: The Texas Department of Transportation has the following jobs open: **JOB TITLE:** Asst. Maint. Sec. Supv. II. **SALARY:** $2095.00. **MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:** Graduation from high school or equivalent plus five (5) years experience in roadway maintenance work or construction work. Related college education or technical training may be substituted for experience on a year per year basis. Must have one (1) year supervisory experience. **LOCATION:** Business U.S. 277, Stamford, Texas. **JOB VACANCY NUMBER:** 4 08 K535 065. **JOB DESCRIPTION:** Under supervision of the Maintenance Section Supervisor, performs many of the same duties of the supervisor including supervising the crews within the section and inspecting roads. Work requires contact with the public. **ADDRESS:** Applications may be mailed to P.O. Box 150, Abilene Texas 79604-0150 or returned to any TxDOT office. **RESUMES:** Resumes will be accepted for whatever additional information they contain but not in place of a completed application. **CLOSING DATE ON ALL JOBS LISTED:** November 4, 1994. For additional information about the job qualification requirement and application instructions, please call (915) 676-6844. **AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY/AFFIRMATIVE ACTION EMPLOYER.** 9:2tc

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Garage Sales

4 FAMILY GARAGE SALE: Friday, October 28th and Saturday, October 29th, 8:00 a.m. Toys, clothes, furntiure and linens. 1104 E. McArthur, Rotan. 9:1tc

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FOR SALE: 9x11 Morgan building $750.00, 735-2210. 8:1tp

FOR SALE: Craftsman 12" Bandsaw $225.00, & belt/disc sander $150.00, 735-2210. 8:1tp

NOTICE: I have reason to believe that someone hit the drivers side door of my 1990 red Chevrolet Corsica while it was parked in the parking lot on the North side of Glen's Thriftway the morning of September 19th. Anyone with any information on this or anyone witnessing this accident, please contact LaRue Vann at 735-3366. 8:1tc

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WEDNESDAY: Burritos/Chili & Cheese, Spanish Rice, Lettuce & Tomato Salad, Pineapple Tidbits.
THURSDAY: Beef Vegetable Soup, Cheese Toast, Rosy Applesauce, Crackers, Sugar Cookies.
FRIDAY: Hamburgers, Hamburger Salad, Tater Tots, Fruit Cobbler.

ROBY SCHOOL MENU
October 31-November 4, 1994
MONDAY: Chicken Pattie, Gravy, Cream Potatoes, Corn on the Cob, Cake w/Icing.
TUESDAY: Hot Dog w/Chili, French Fries, Salad, Chocolate Chip Cookie.
WEDNESDAY: Beef Casserole, Buttered Peas, Salad, Fruit, Hot Rolls, Milk.
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Dance For Grades 5-12, Oct. 29

The 8th grade class at Rotan Junior High is sponsoring a dance after the Fall Festival for Rotan and Roby students, grades 5-12 this Saturday, October 29. The dance will be held in the Rotan School Cafeteria from 9:00 - 11:30 p.m. The cost will be $2.00. Come and join in the fun!

Mexican Food Supper

A Mexican Food Supper sponsored by the 8th grade class will be held at the Rotan School Cafeteria, Saturday, November 5. They will start serving at 5:00 p.m. Tickets will be $5.00 for adults and $3.50 for children ages 12 and under. Tickets will be sold in advance only. Contact Mrs. Lisa Cade at 735-2192, or Mrs. Joy Stinson at 735-2102, Rotan Junior High office at 735-3162, or any 8th grade student for tickets.

Bike-A-Thon

November 5, 1994 from 9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., the St. Jude's Children's Hospital Wheels For Life Bike-A-Thon will be held at the Roby School track field. This Fall's Bike-A-Thon is a little different in that it is a community bike-a-thon, and all of Fisher County is encouraged to participate.

Those interested should call or contact Kerrie Blair, coordinator. The proceeds go to St. Jude's Children's Hospital which is a Cancer Research hospital for children. If you do not own a bike and want to participate, come and bring your walking shoes. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

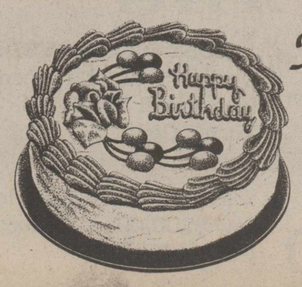
TOTB Business Meeting

Theatre On The Brazos will be holding a regular business meeting on Thursday, November 3 at 7:00 p.m. at the Theatre.

Sylvester Homecoming

The Sylvester Homecoming will be on Saturday, November 5, 1994. Registration will begin at 9:00 a.m. The president has reserved the Sylvester Community Center for Friday night before the Homecoming for class reunions. Refreshments will be provided.

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Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (SWBT) has filed an application with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC) to restructure the current PLEXAR I and II service offerings. This restructure will significantly change PLEXAR I and II services.

The restructuring of PLEXAR I will, among other things: (1) reduce the maximum line size from 30 to 9; (2) obsolete and grandfather certain optional features; (3) eliminate the requirement to subscribe to Feature Package Two in order to subscribe to certain optional features; (4) reduce the nonrecurring and monthly rates of certain features; and (5) increase the nonrecurring charges for the PLEXAR I System Charge ($2.10 to $8.00), Call Transfer Disconnect feature ($3.00 to $8.00), and Convenience Dialing I feature ($6.35 to $8.00). All current PLEXAR I customers will have the option of keeping their current PLEXAR I service, switching to the new restructured PLEXAR I service, or switching to PLEXAR II service with ten or more lines.

The proposed PLEXAR II restructure will, among other things: (1) change the tariffed offering to serve the market segment of 10-74 stations; (2) create two station pricing structures, one for customers with 10-29 stations, and one for customers with 30-74 stations; (3) reduce the sensitivity for the loop portion of the rate to two price bands: 0-2 miles, and beyond 2 miles; (4) offer a PLEXAR II basic station that can be flexibly configured, from a number of standard features, to meet the individual customer requirements; (5) change the way the termination liability is calculated so the customer is responsible for 65% rather than 56% of the present worth of the remaining monthly payments in the contract; (6) create an option that allows month-to-month customers to convert to long term contracts of at least three years and receive a credit or "contract signing bonus"; and (7) establish a System Subsequent Change Charge which applies per serving central office when changes are made that affect the entire system.

Current PLEXAR II customers will also have the option of keeping their current PLEXAR II service, or switching to the new restructured PLEXAR II service. PLEXAR II customers with at least 75 stations also have the option of switching to PLEXAR Custom service in certain situations.

This application has been assigned Docket Number 13210. Persons who wish to comment on this application should notify the Commission by November 28, 1994. Requests for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, 7800 Shoal Creek Boulevard, Suite 400N, Austin, Texas 78757, or you may call the PUC Public Information Office at (512) 458-0256, or (512) 458-0221 teletypewriter for the deaf. For more information about this application, please call your local Southwestern Bell Account Representative.

Southwestern Bell Telephone

Fisher County Agricultural News

Fisher County Agent News

By Richard Spencer

The County Ag Day and Far Tour was held last week with a good crowd attending. The cotton crop in the county is a lot better than it's supposed to be with the hot summer and sparse rainfall. Some of this cotton was looked at on the tour. The whiteweed plots observed also gave excellent control. Probably the stop that attracted the most interest on the tour was the Gene Terry Hog Operation

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The earth averages an annual precipation (rain, hail and snow) of 34 inches.

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Many of those called up for military duty for Operation Desert Shield were reservists. The interruption of the war changed the tempo of their job pursuits. Some will be picking up where they left off. For others, new opportunities will arise. Will farming be one of them?

Perhaps, but it won't be easy. What caused this question to be asked in the first place is an article that was written in 1946 in which the author warns that returning GIs from World War II will need more than $3,000 to start farming a 160 acre farm in Kansas. The cost of 160 acres, about $7,200. The author lists other essential equipment that includes a tractor at $1,125, a two-bottom plow $151 and a 12 hole grain drill $190.

Should a returning GI from Desert Storm wish to start farming today, the tractor alone would cost from $20,000 to $100,000...and the land, well 160 acres will cost about $80,000 - if it can be found. How much income could 160 acres generate?.....Hardly enough to make the tractor payments.

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The use of specific identification systems for horses is valuable for several reasons. On large ranches and/or at riding stables, where several horses may be of the same sex, age or color (with similar markings), differentiation may be difficult in daily management enforcement officers. Also, specific identification of horses discourages fraudulent practices they've bred, owned and/or those horses of which they are extremely proud.

Several identification methods are available, including tattooing, hot branding, blood typing and color/

marking systems. In the past few years freeze (cryogenic) branding has become extremely popular because it is safe, economical and simple to do. Freeze branding can be done on horse's hide. The brand is legible, permanent and difficult to alter; it can be seen from a distance all year long.

If owners are going to brand several horses each year for several years, some thought should be given to a branding system. Important information to include in a branding system may be sire, dam, date of horse's birth, individual horse number, etc., depending on the operation and how the horses are used or marketed. Branding systems are available from state livestock association (Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association), brand inspectors and ranchers. Be sure to check with your county clerk, or state brand inspection agency about branding and brand ownership regulations.

Horses owners can purchase the equipment and brand their own horses or hire veterinarians or freeze branding technicians to perform this service. One company brands horses with a unique identification system (international alpha system using angles and alpha signals). Some companies provide anti-theft aids such as owner/horse identification cards and ranch warning signs, and also notify the breed registries and state livestock offices when horses are branded. When a registered horse is branded the breed association office should be notified so the brand can be officially placed on the horse's registration papers.

County Home Extension Agent News

By Beth Dannheim

County Agent's Report
by Beth Dannheim

Alvin Smith of Roby was the recent winner of the 20 gauge shot gun given away by the Fisher County 4-H Exchange Group. Thanks to everyone that made donations to 4-H.

The Fisher County 4-H Exchange Group will cater a stew supper in Roby prior to the football game. The menu will include Santa Fe Stew, chips, cornbread and dessert. The 4-H'ers will be selling tickets in advance

The 4-H food show is scheduled for Nov. 5 in the Courthouse. Entries are due Thurs. Oct. 27 to the Extension Office.

Trick'N Treat Safety Tips.....

Before your children leave to trick or treat, discuss the following points with them:

* Only go into familiar neighborhoods.

* Plan to follow a route and designate a time to return. Consider drawing a simple route map, making certain that both child and parent have a copy.

* Stop only at houses or apartment buildings that are well lit and./or display that they are participating in trick'n treating.

* Do not enter home or apartments unless an accompanying adult approves.

* If children are young, who will be supervising them? If they are older, who are their companions?

* Affix name, address and phone number to the sleeve of young children's costumes in case they get lost.

* Give coins and instruct children to call if there is a problem or if they will be late.

* If children are using bicycles, they should adjust their costumes and use bicycle clips on clothing so that they avoid contact with the bike's spokes. Bikes should have reflectors, a headlight and a horn or a bell.

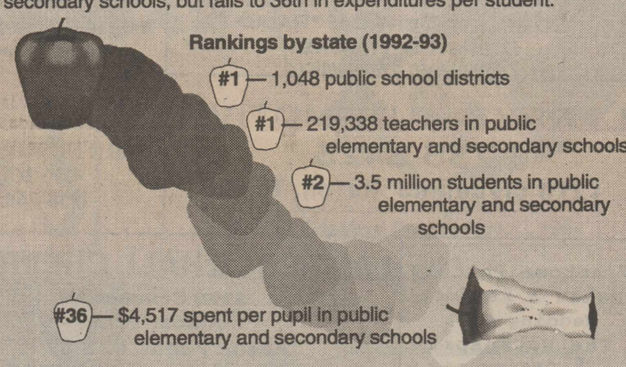
* Walk on sidewalks, not streets, and do not run out between parked cars. If there are no sidewalks, walk on the left side of the road, facing traffic.

* Streets should be crossed only at intersections or crosswalks, and everyone should look both ways before crossing. Remember to wait for proper traffic signals.

* Slow down when approaching driveways to avoid exiting or entering cars.

Texas pupils hungry for school funds

Texas ranks first among the 50 states both in the number of public school districts and in the number of teachers in public elementary and secondary schools. Texas is second in total enrollment in public elementary and secondary schools, but falls to 36th in expenditures per student.



SOURCES: John Sharp, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts and National Education Association.

Crop Reform Bill Contains Deadlines

Billy Don Atkinson, County Executive Director of the Fisher County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS) said today that the recently-enacted crop reform bill contains important deadlines for those farmers concerned with maintaining eligibility for USDA benefits such as farm program payments.

The new law, signed by President Clinton on October 13, requires producers of insurable crops to take out at least the minimum, catastrophic level of insurance to remain eligible for USDA benefits. Mr. Atkinson said that while producers of fall-seeded crops have until early next year to sign up for catastrophic coverage and remain eligible for benefits, those who wish "buy-up" coverage on their fall-seeded, insurable crops must do so by October 31. Mr. Atkinson urged these producers to check with their local private crop insurance agent to determine applicable crops and other options.

"Buy-up" coverage is available only through private crop insurance agents but farmers seeking only catastrophic coverage may sign up within the next few months at either their local ASCS office or with private agents.

The new law-- the Federal Crop Insurance Reform Act of 1994 -- combines the crop insurance and disaster assistance programs into one program beginning with next year's crop. Its provisions virtually eliminate the possibility of future crop disaster assistance programs.

Mr. Atkinson said, however, that for 1994 weather-related disasters the current ASCS crop disaster assistance program will continue much like it has in recent years. Mr. Atkinson said that target date for farmers to begin applying at county ASCS offices for partial reimbursement on their 1994 weather-related crop losses is early December.

The 1994 program is similar to those in recent years in which farmers with crop insurance who suffered crop losses greater than 35 percent of normal production (40% losses for those without crop insurance) would be eligible for partial reimbursement.

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Warren 28th Annual Reunion Conducted Near Weatherford

The Warren 28th annual reunion was held at the "Church of God" campground near Weatherford, Texas. There were 106 attending.

They honored the memory of their parents, grandparents, great grandparents and great great grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. A.T. Warren of Sardis Community of Rotan, Texas, and their descendents: John, Ollie, Ercil, Charlie, Martin Warren, Stella Martin and Flossie Jackson.

Those present were: P.R. and Joe Warren of Snyder; Mabel Warren, Willie, Ivin, Beth and Presley Martin of Rotan; Kenneth and Barbara Martin of Roby; Leta Jones and Tab of Kirmet; Tommy, Darlene, Marti, Joyce, Michiel, Daniel, Amanda, David, Lea, Joe, John and Kathy Warren of Granbury, Tx.; Geneva Thompson, James, Lillian, Chester, Jamie, Jennifer, and Rowdy Yates, Russell Martin and Amy Manley of Mineral Wells, Tx.; Neta Smith, Bobbie, Macy, Joe, Jason, Laura, Jennifer, Gabriel, Jesse, Nicholas, Eric, Max and Mickey Hendrix, Stephanie and Stephen Hass, Deana Gouty and Danielle Spencer. Barry, Alicia, Alvana and Barron Hendrix of Midland; Tony, Donna, Melissa and Jeffrey Smith, Ida Lou; Roy and Anna Klett of Ft. Worth; Donald, Cheryl, Elizabeth, Luke and Katte Smith of Weatherford; Tim Thompson and Mary Ann Ferrel of Dallas; Betty Jane and Carter Forbes, Lennie and Rickie, Rodney, Sherryl and Lynze Warren of Crowley, Tx.; Mike, Kathy, Wesley and Brad Putnam of Decator; Debbie Eastwood of Arlington; Roland, Nancy, Donnie, Mary, Deren, Sydney and Davis Jackson of Henderson, Tx.; also Donald, Mary, Hughes and Heather Ellis of Henderson; Lyndell Martin and Wendy Jones of Irving, Tx.; Tammy, Everett, Melanie, and Thomas Wessel of Cherokee, Okla.; Dwayne, Rachel, Krista and Joshua Smith of Montgomery, Alabama; Bill and Janey Thornton of Boonville, Ark.; Florene Weber, and Flora Kitchens of Las Vegas, nev..

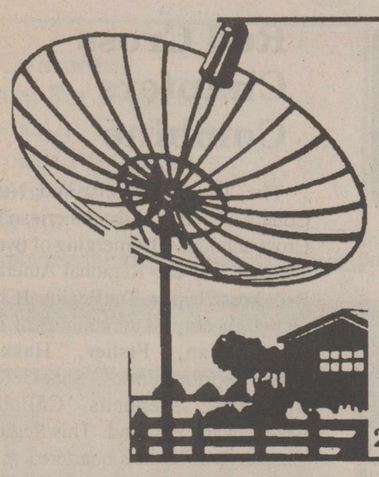
All descendents are urged to attend next year - same time, same place.

Thank You

The family of Margarito Ortega would like to express our most sincere thanks and gratitude for your loving support. Thank you for the food, flowers, memorials and the many acts of kindness.

Your friendship and love at this difficult time will always be remembered.

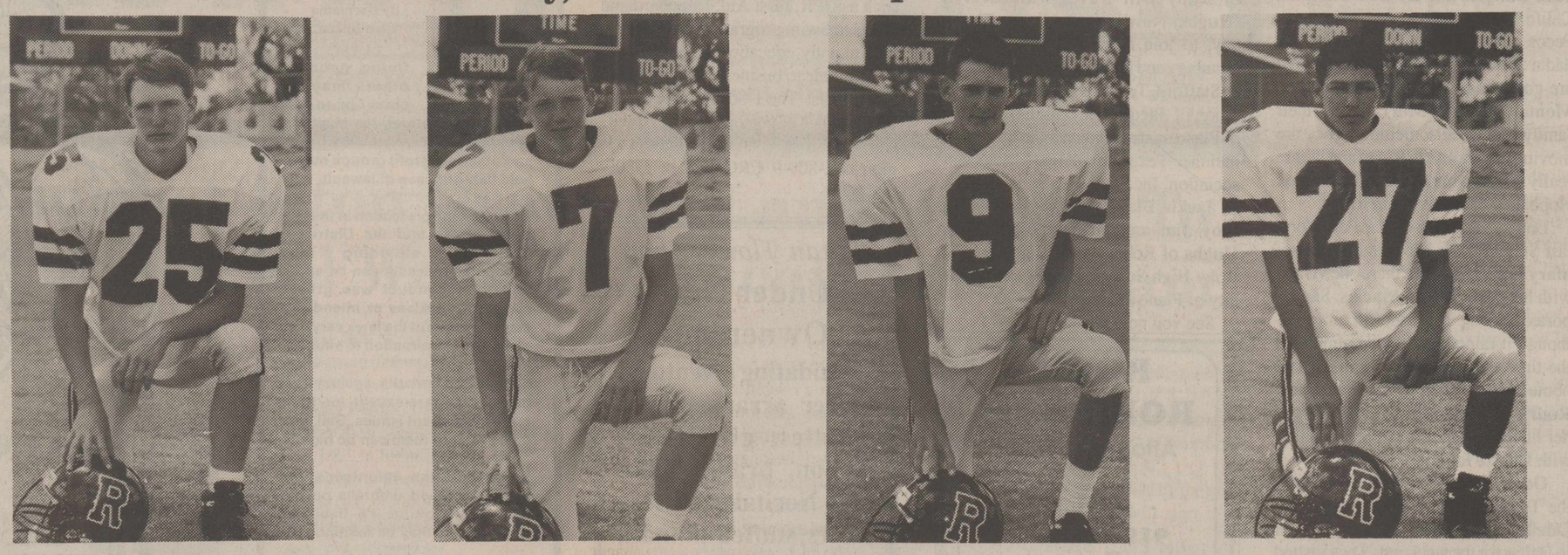
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Fisher County .....Round-Up

By Joy Walker - 735-2840

Tuesday and Wednesday of last week there were terrible storms in and around Houston. Storms ravaged Southeast Texas, with a number of folks reported dead or missing, and by the television coverage it was the worst flooding we have seen in a long while. Some places around our area measured good amounts of rain, while others received just a light shower. Out at my house, I measured one good inch, and that will really help the wheat and the pastures. Since the rains, we have been having just wonderful days, with lots of sunshine, and so cool in the mornings.

I must apologize for the error in my column in the Rotan Advance last week. It was typed wrongly and should read: **John Bullock** from Rotan went to Pecos and stayed Saturday through Tuesday. He met his uncle and his wife, **Pete and Jean Bullock** who are from Newhall, California, there. **Pete** was stationed in Pecos during World War II and they had a 50th reunion that weekend. We are going to be losing our neighbors, **Monte** and **Patti Morrow** and their family this week sometime. They are moving their house to Rotan and we are really going to miss them out this way. Hope they enjoy living in Rotan.

Louise Martinez went to Fort Worth last Sunday with her daughter, **Rosemary Gay**, and while there she visited with her sister, **Trina Macias.** She reported having a wonderful time, although it rained and rained almost all the time she was there. **Louise** came home Sunday, when **Gloria (Martinez) Rodriguez** went after her. **Gloria** and her husband, **Victor**, are here visiting with **Louise** for a few weeks.

Odell Daniel, Gary's dad, came to the **Daniels** Friday night. Saturday **Odell and Gary Daniel** family all went to Dallas for the weekend. They visited with **Don Daniel**, who is **Gary's** brother; he is very sick and not able to get out at all. They came home Sunday, and **Odell** went back to Odessa early Monday.

Donald Hull is in Lubbock in the hospital; he is scheduled to have Angioplasty today (Monday). We hope to hear that he will soon begin to feel very much better.

Joe Mack Hargrove, Violet Jim Upshaw and Joyce Smith's brother is still in Abilene Regional Hospital in Abilene. He had surgery for a broken ankle Friday; his heart problem seems to be very much better. We hope that he will make a good recovery and be able to return home very soon.

Guy Springer, son of **David Springer,** and grandson of the **James Springers**, had a bad car wreck in San Angelo last week. He is still in the hospital and we hope to hear that he is very much improved.

We were very sorry to hear that **Shannon Burnes,** originally from Rankin, died of a heart attack Saturday. He is the son of Bob Burnes of Midland. Our sincere sympathy goes out to the entire Burnes family.

Jerry Dycus is back in Houston at M.D. Anderson Hospital, and our thoughts and prayers are with him and his family. **Mrs. Lealon Wilburn** ate lunch with **the J.W. Etheredges** on Sunday.

Mabel Smith (Mrs. Jack) is still in the hospital at Abilene but hopes to be able to return home some time this week. We hope she will continue to improve.

Mary and Frank Boydstun are the proud great grandparents of a new baby boy. **Carla and Billy Hogan** of Garland had a baby boy named **Spencer Whit** on Wednesday, October 19th. He was born at Garland. **Carla** is the daughter of **Fred and Helen Boydstun** of Mesquite, so congratulations to **Carla and Billy, and to Fred and Helen,** and of course to **Mary and Frank.**

Mr. and Mrs. George Price went to San Angelo Thursday and visited with **Mr. and Mrs. Ben (Christy) Givens and Zach.** They all attended a musical that Zachary was in at Santa Rita Elementary School. The **Prices** came back that night.

Maury Gruben from Dallas came to **Mrs. Billie Arlene Grubens** on Friday about two weeks ago, and took his mother, accompanied by **Donna and Lauren Kennedy**, to the International Balloon Festival in Albuquerque, New Mexico. They also met **Billie's** sister and her husband and a niece and her family in Albuquerque. This festival is held once a year, and they come from all over - even other countries, and **Billie** said it was really a beautiful sight. She really enjoyed the trip, and they came home Sunday.

Sheila Gruben went to Hamlin on Friday to visit **Leonard and Wanda Johnson,** all from Denver, Colorado, were there visiting. It is Red Ribbon Week at both Roby and Rotan schools this week. This is the time that the schools focus on drug and alcohol education.

Some folks are gone this week as they are on the trip to Branson, Missouri, so hopefully they will have some tales to tell on their return. I know they are having a wonderful time.

Hope everyone has a very happy and safe Halloween; be sure and watch out for all the little monsters and witches, not to mention cats, princesses and pumpkins.

Floy Jim, Alice and Buck F. Hughs of Roby will travel with **Evelyn (Hughs) Nowlin** to Austin on Thursday, to join **Neva (Hughs) Sims** of Granbury and **Frances (Hughs) Farrar** of Stafford, Texas to witness the installation of **Jacquelyn (Hughs) Blakely** of Plano as state chairperson of the 700 member Texas Municipal Clerks Association, Inc.

Jackie Blakely is the daughter of **Floy Jim** and the late **Buck Titus Hughs** of Roby. A 1952 graduate of Roby High School, she has served the city of Plano since 1973.

See you next week.

Red Cross Chapters Combine

The Taylor County and Nolan County Chapters of the American Red Cross announce the merging of twelve counties into one Regional American Red Cross Chapter. The Regional Chapter will encompass the counties of Taylor, Nolan, Fisher, Haskell, Throckmorton, Jones, Shackleford, Stonewall, Stephens, Callahan, Coleman and Eastland. This Regional Chapter will be headquartered in the American Red Cross Chapter House in Abilene.

The merging of the 12 counties will insure that the American Red Cross and its services are available to a large area not now being covered. The 12 counties encompass approximately 11,291 square miles, or 7,226,240 acres. It has a population of 221,159. The chapter will provide 24 hour coverage for disaster services and service to the military and their families. The chapter will assure that health and safety courses such as CPR, First Aid, Lifeguard and Learn to Swim programs are available. Additionally, educational materials will be available to businesses, schools and individuals. The 1-800 number for the convenience of persons having American Red Cross business within this region is 1-800-9 CROSS 1 or 1-800-927-6771.

Fisher County Tax Entity
Oil/Utility Valuation Comparisons

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City of Rotan	$1,573,320	$1,538,790	$34,530+
City of Roby	$980,550	$921,220	$59,330-
Roby School	$28,012,540	$34,971,510	$6,958,970-
Rotan School	$27,847,650	$26,446,610	$1,401,040+
F.C. Hospital	$86,449,100	$102,257,470	$15,808,370-
Rotan Water Auth.	$6,872,840	$6,676,040	$196,800+
Totals	**$238,323,810**	**$275,349,540**	**$37,537,990-**

NOTE: As a matter of clarification, in 1994 the certified oil/utility value for all Fisher County taxing entities is $238,323,810.00. In 1993 the certified value was $275,349,540.00 which means that Fisher County taxing entities collectively suffered a $37,537,990.00 loss in oil/utility values 1993 compared to 1994.

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EXTENDED COVERAGE
By Germania Glen Imken, LUTFC



Doing good for others may not always be so good for you. Volunteers for charitable organizations, condominium boards and other nonprofit groups may be held liable in case of lawsuit.

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There's some protection in the laws of all states and the District of Columbia, shielding most volunteers unless it can be shown that their conduct was grossly negligent, reckless or intended to cause harm--but the laws vary from state to state, situation to situation.

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Successful lawsuits against such groups are rare-except for traffic and employment issues. Still, legal costs to fight them can be high.

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Sometimes the volunteer's own home, auto and umbrella policies will cover volunteer's liabilities, though there may be restrictions.

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What's better is general liability insurance carried by the nonprofit group, with an endorsement to cover the activities of volunteers. Also vital is coverage for the directors and officers, especially if the group is large enough to have employees suing on work issues.

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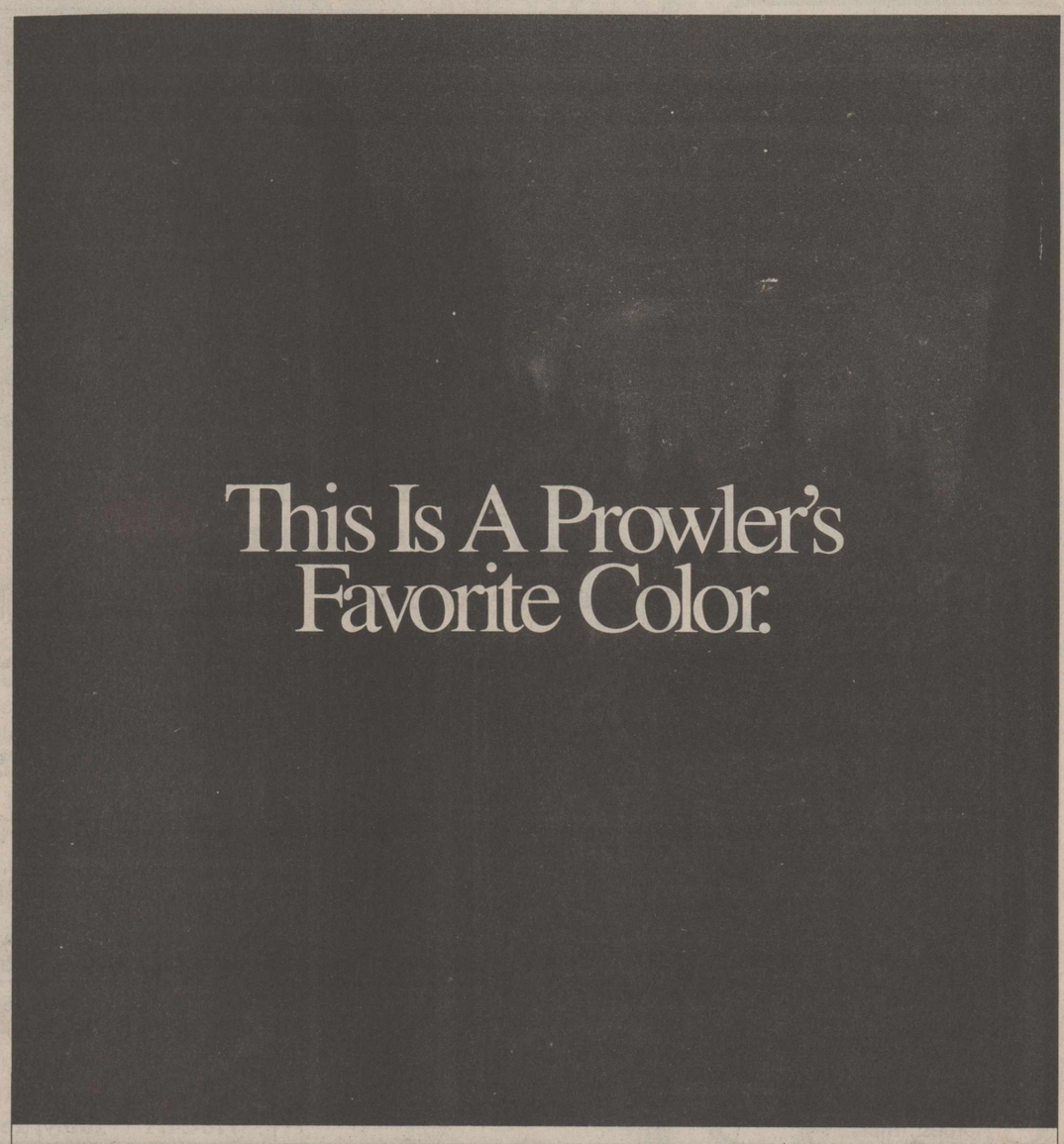
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Why I'm Voting Democratic

In the last few years 50 rural hospitals in Texas have closed. Steve Carriker has worked hard to keep the Fisher County Hospital Open. He worked with the hospital administration to establish the Clear Fork Clinic and Home Health Care. Do you think Steve's opponent from Wichita Falls will care if Fisher County even has a hospital?

Billy Wayne Jeffrey

My mother spent 5 months in a nursing home. Now she can stay at home, due to the assistance given her by the Home Health Services. Senator Carriker helped to pass this legislation so that senior citizens can continue to live in their own homes.

Kathy Spencer

The Democrats are for the poor and middle-class. The Republicans are for the rich.

Guy Kemp

All programs which help us were passed by the Democrats-Social Security, Medicare, etc.

Gene Pack

Because I'm a life-long Democrat.

Jack Morton

For the first time in many years, the Texas Legislature did not have to pass any new taxes. And we have a two billion dollar plus surplus in the treasury.

Joe De Los Santos

Steve Carriker and Ann Richards led the fight in not permitting hazardous waste to be dumped in Fisher County. Last month Ann protested to Secretary of the Interior Bruce Babbitt to protect farm owners' rights against un-needed environment demands.

Jerry Hoodenpyle

I believe in the prinicples of the Democratic Party.

Marshal Bennett

The Democratic Party has always worked for the average American. The Republican Party is for the rich.

Randy Kelly

Steve Carriker has been a leader for rural health care. He has aided the people of our county more than we realize.

Marion W. Reed

The Democratic Party has delivered more benefits to my family and myself than any other political organization.

Rudy Hamric

I feel that the Democratic candidates (Richards, Carriker, Counts) have been and will continue to be more responsive to the needs of the citizens of Rotan, Roby, and all of rural West Texas.

Jerry Marshall

Rep. Counts should be returned to the Legislature to continue his fight for rural health care and other legislation affecting our area. Be sure to VOTE.

Bobby and Ellen Gruben

Being raised by some very fine people and hearing their views and knowing their morals, I feel the Democratic Party works for the working people.

Jan Thornton

Gov. Richards is asking the legislature to help her in a stronger fight to revoke the driver's license of a person who is driving while intoxicated. Let's return her to office to finish this legislation!

Sue Cleveland

Under the Democratic Administration, the U.S. Department of Agriculture is being reorganized, a move that should have been made years ago. This restructuring will save us over 2 billion dollars.

Gary Stuart

The Democratic Party represents middle-class America. We have always been Democrats. We are proud to be citizens of Fisher County and we are proud to live in a Democratic-voting county.

Richard and Patsy Stuart

Steve Carriker was instrumental in passing a law to make 911 call available in rural areas. 911 has already saved lives in Fisher County

Dono and Lois Terry

We need to return Steve Carriker and David Counts to the Senate and House so they can continue their assistance to Ann Richards. Ann is waging the battle against crime, plus improvement of our schools. This has been done without an income tax and no increase in state taxes. Vote for Charles Stenholm so he can do his part in Washington to represent rural areas.

Frank Mitchell

We are Democrats. Some of the laws I have been instrumental in passing include 278 rural health clinics, enabling rural communities to send their own young people to school for training in health professions, keeping a fly-by-night hazardous waste dumper out of our county, providing grants and loans to local fire departments, the first overhaul of ethics laws for office holders, and 3 laws to reduce oil and gas taxes and to pump life back into the oil patch.

Steve and Kathy Carriker

I've always voted Democratic. I've never been sorry that I did.

Bettie Rivers

My grandaddy, Pink Terry, was a full-bloodied Democrat.

Gene Terry

The Democratic Party always puts the people's needs first.

Betty Mize

Ann Richards supports a Safe Schools Act that will include zero tolerance for violence, weapons, drugs, and disrespectful behavior in our schools. Let's give Ann the opportunity to get this legislation passed for our school children.

Howard Faught

We vote Democratic because the Democrats are for Senior Citizens, Social Security, Health Care, Law and Order, Better Education, and Agriculture.

Foy and Dessie Mitchell

Vote Democratic. It's the old-fashion way for working people. And it's the best way for us.

Parker and Billie Lois Wetsel

The Democrats have always been sympathetic to the unions and working people.

Clarence and June Anderson

Franklin Roosevelt got us out of the depression of the early 1930's. He was one of the best presidents in U.S. History. He was a Democrat.

Truitt Jeffrey

Ann Richards was a school teacher. We feel that she wants our children to have the best education possible. She has already helped improve the quality of Texas education.

L.C. and Mary Ella Brown

Charles Stenholm introduced an amendment to the appropriations bill to increase Federal funds for boll weevil eradication. This amendment passed. We need this rural legislator in Congress. Our Governor, Ann Richards, has built prisons and has worked on crime reduction bills.

Bettie Hargrove

The Democrats have always helped the farmers during droughts, floods and other disasters. They have passed laws that help the family-sized farms. I've never felt that the Republicans cared.

Eugene Hudnall

Texas is a large and diverse state and its schools must reflect that diversity. Over 40 percent of the rules and regulations set by the State Board of Education have been eliminated, giving schools more flexibility.

David Hudall

Because I am a life-long Democrat and believe in the Democratic principles.

Ilene Hale

I have known Steve Carriker all his life. I was his High School Principal and know Steve to be honest and very intelligent. He is also my neighbor in farming and is hard-working and cares about rural Texas. Besides these reasons he is the only farmer in the Texas Senate. Therefore, I will always be a supporter of Steve Carriker.

Freddie Stuart

Ann Richards called for a thorough review of the state budget, getting rid of waste and inefficiency. She had state audits made of every state agency. She saved us Texans more than $6 billion. We need all the help we can get to cut out the waste in all our government agencies to keep taxes from rising any higher.

Mr. and Mrs. C.D. Herron

Bush, Jr.'s TV ads say that Republicans are tough on crime, under Republican Governor Bill Clements a Republican sponsored bill passed that let prisoners out after doing only 25% of their time. Under Ann Richards, the minimum sentence for violent criminals was doubled. Do we need another Republican Governor Bush, (the shrub)- to lead us for 4 years?

Marjorie Mitchell

We like the Democratic candidates better than the Republican Candidates, and we've always been Democrats. If Steve Carriker loses, Fisher County is losing a lot.

Bobby and Frances Morgan

I vote Democrat because the party is for the middle class people.

Carol Greenway

Democratic President Franklin D. Roosevelt was responsible for bringing rural electrification to country people. Democratic Presidents Kennedy and Johnson got us rural water lines. And Democrats have worked to keep health care available in rural areas. The Democrats work for rural areas and small towns.

J.T. and Jimmie Palmer

We endorse Ann Richards for Governor for her ability to help the farmers and ranchers in Fisher county and trying to the utmost ability to keep crime and drugs under control.

Jim and Pansy Lou Hale

We are Democrats because we believe in the Democratic Party.

Melvin and Odessa Clements

....5th Generation

Braylie Johnson Jails As Newcomer In Family Photo



L to R - Tennis Justiss, Cliff Justiss, Kim Justiss Johnson, Bryan Justiss and in front - held by CLiff is Braylie Johnson.

THANK YOU

Perhaps you sent a lovely card, or sat quietly in a chair.
Perhaps you sent a floral piece, if so, we saw it there.
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words as any friend could say.
Perhaps you were not there at all, just thought of us that day.
Whatever you did to console our hearts we thank you so much whatever the part.

The Yanez & Martinez Family
In Behalf Of Michael Martinez

Roby Lion Talk

By Mike Christian
Head Football Coach & A.D.



District Champion Showdown Friday

The Roby Lions have an opportunity to 'make history' Friday night when we face the talented Munday Moguls. Munday is 2-1 in district play, we are 3-0. If we win, we will be district champions regardless of the outcome of our Aspermont game. If Munday wins, we will in all likelihood be in a 3-way tie for first with Munday and either Knox City or Paducah, who meet each other Friday.

The game takes on added significance when one realizes Roby has not won a district championship since 1945.

I am extremely proud of our young men and coaching staff to be in the position we are now with a chance to win it all.

Our game against Knox City was a knock-down, drag-out affair decided by two strong defenses and a few big plays. Knox City played their best game of the year. As a team, we did not, although some of us played well and all of us played hard. Defensively, we played very well. Our offense must improve.

Munday may be the most talented team in our district especially at the skill positions. We must stop speedsters Bronco Flye and 200 lb. Gerald Taylor. We must also find a way to score against their outstanding defense.

Our fan support has been outstanding! Please continue to back our young men. If you haven't seen these young men play don't miss this game. Win, lose or draw, I believe we will be proud of the Lions. And all of us have a chance to be a part of the biggest game in 51 years.

Thought For The Week: The measure of a man is the size of his heart.

Editorial Comment

By Kimball G. Pease

Paying A Little Extra For Protection

The $2,750 paid by the City of Rotan for police protection to Fisher County each month, or $33,000 a year, seems to be a very hot topic of conversation.

In fairness to getting both sides of the story in front of the public the below information is presented.

First, the City of Rotan pays for police protection because it wants a full time night patrolman, riding through the downtown area, from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 a.m., 7 days a week.

Second, no other community in Fisher County, gets that type 'special' treatment. If any other community wanted that type special coverage, they would be asked to pay a fee.

Third, some feel that the responsibility for police protection clearly rests with the Fisher County Sheriff. He is charged with defending and protecting and if he does not do that he will not be -reelected. Everyone in Fisher County, regardless if they live in the City of Rotan, City of Roby or Royston, McCaulley or wherever, pays Fisher County taxes - a portion of which goes to operate the Fisher County Sheriff's Department.

If Rotan is charged a fee for extra protection, shouldn't the folks in Rough Creek, who never call the Sheriff's Department for any reason, be entitled to a refund? In other words, why is any portion of Fisher County charged extra for any facet of protection. Looks like whatever protection is needed anywhere in Fisher County should be supplied by the Fisher County Sheriff's Department from the taxes we all pay Fisher County. That's my opinion.

Kimball G. Pease

Rotan Yellowhammers Vs Hamlin Pied Pipers

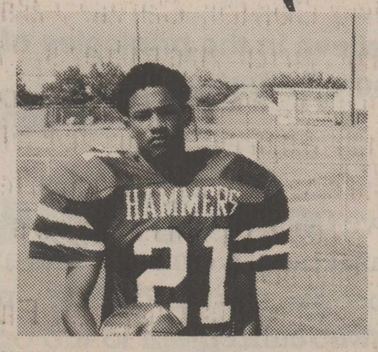
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Question Of The Week.....

QUESTION: "How many people are currently on the full-time payroll; teachers and aides and support people, janitors and maintenance people? How has this figure grown in the past 5 years?"

ANSWER: - "In 1989-90, the Rotan Independent School District employed 70 personnel. The breakdown is as follows: Teachers - 41; support personnel - 14; custodial/Cafeteria/Maintenance - 15. In 1994-95, the Rotan Independent School District employs 79 personnel. The breakdown is as follows: Teachers - 43; Support Personnel - 21; Custodial/Cafeteria/Maintenance - 15. Over the years, the district has added programs for special students to include Migrant Services and Special Education Programs for severely handicapped students as well as expanded the services for library services and counseling and guidance. The number of personnel has varied somewhat over the previous five years depending on student load and special services which are designed to meet the needs of special populations.

Some of the programs and services listed above are paid for from federally funded sources or from specifically allocated funds which are included in the district's state funding and must be spent for specific purpose. It has been my observation during the short time I have been here that the Board of Trustees and Administrative staff are very conservative in nature, and that programs and personnel are not added unless necessary." *Wes Hays, Superintendent, Rotan Schools, Rotan, Texas*

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

Thank You

Dr. Maurice & Nursing Staff of Rotan Nursing Center, Calvary Baptist Church, Pastor and members, friends and neighbors; we would like to express with grateful appreciation for all that you all did before, during, and after the funeral. Your loving kindness is greatly appreciated.

The Tankersley Family

OBITUARIES

Gracie Jewell Tankersley

Gracie Jewell Tankersley, 92, of Rotan, died Friday morning in the Rotan Nursing Center. Services were at 2 p.m. Sunday in Weathersbee Chapel with Rev. Gene Haynes officiating. Burial was in the Rotan Cemetery under the direction of Weathersbee Funeral Home.

Mrs. Tankersley was born Sept. 15, 1902 in Comanche County and was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. George Horace Bagley. She married Virgil Tankersley Aug. 29, 1920 in Sipe Springs, Texas. Mr. Tankersley died Sept. 15, 1969. Mrs. Tankersley was a homemaker and a member of the Calvary Baptist Church.

Survivors include: 2 sons: Cecil (and wife Marge) Tankersley, Weatherford, Billy (and wife Bernice) Tankersley, Millsap; 3 daughters: June (Mrs. J.R.) Underwood, Banning, CA, LaVera Burkhart, Rotan, Wanda (Mrs. Loyd) McKennon, San Angelo; 1 daughter-in-law: Erlene Tankersley, Rotan; 1 special friend Ida Lois Alls, Rotan; 15 grandchildren (and spouses): Ted (and Linda) Burkhart, Carlsbad, N.M., Terry (and Andy) Burkhart, Packwood, WA, Ricky Burkhart, Carlsbad, N.M., Diantha (and Warren) Reynolds, San Angelo, Vickie (and Jerry) Hall, Flower Mound, Texas, Rodney (and Laura) Tankersley, Rotan; Kenneth Tankersley, Las Vegas, NV, Billy Dean White, Denver, CO, Jerry White, Seattle, WA, Brenda (and Hector) Olivas, San Angelo, Sue (and Ronnie) Stringer, Miles, Al (and Mary) McKennon, Sweetwater, Gary Underwood, Blythe, CA; Ronnie Gene Underwood, Banning, CA; Kathy (and Sam) Jimenez, Banning, CA; 30 great grandchildren; 13 great great grandchildren; She was preceded in death by 1 son, Carol, in 1989 and by 2 sisters and 6 brothers.

John B. Smith

Mr. John B. Smith, 86, of Rotan, died early Thursday morning at Fisher County Hospital in Rotan. Funeral services were at 4 p.m., Friday, at Weathersbee Funeral Chapel with Rev. Gene Haynes, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, officiating. Burial was in the Belvieu Cemetery.

Mr. Smith was born June 24, 1908 at Throckmorton. He was the son of the late Levi Lawson and Mary Ethel (Butler) Smith. He married Doris Morgan, August 15, 1950, at DeQueen, Arkansas. He moved to Rotan in 1950 from Post. Mr. Smith was a concrete mason. He graduated from Post High School in 1926 and was a member of Calvary Baptist Church. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II.

He is survived by: His wife- Doris Smith of Rotan; two daughters- Mrs. Bob (Dorothy) Copeland of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and Virginia Miers of Wilson, Oklahoma; a brother- L. O. Smith of Spur; six grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Hesper Berry

Hesper Berry, 79, of Stamford, died Wednesday, October 19, in the F.C. Hospital. Services were Friday, October 21, 1994 at 2 p.m. at Trinity Baptist Church in Stamford. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery at Tuxedo, Tx.

She is survived by her husband Jess Berry of Stamford; daughter- Shirley Daniel of Rotan; grandchildren- Cherita Dossey Welch of China Spring, Tx. and Mary Dossey Rowland of Rotan and 4 great grandchildren.

Helen Faye Rinchart

Helen Faye Rinchart, 65, of Waynesboro, TN, died Monday, October 18, 1994 at Wayne County Hospital in Waynesboro, TN. Services were at Shackelford Funeral Home Chapel in Waynesboro, TN on Thursday, October 20, 1994 at 1:00 p.m. Graveside services were held Saturday, October 22, 1994 at 1:00 p.m. at Roby Cemetery, Roby, Tx., under the direction of Cate-Spencer & Trent Funeral Home; with Cecil Gilliland officiating.

Helen Faye was born September 28, 1929 at Roby, Tx. She was a nurse and the daughter of the late Tom L. Bennett.

Survivors include: 2 sons- Tommy R. Rinehart of Cypress Inn, TN. and Troy Douglas of Sweetwater, Tx.; her mother- Audie Mae O'Bier of Waynesboro, TN.; 4 grandchildren; 1 great grandchild; 1 aunt.

Roby Lions Up Their District Record To 3-0, Big Game Friday

by Jason Osuna

The Roby Lions bettered their record in district play to 3-0 after a 21-16 victory over the Knox City Greyhounds. Knox City fell to a 2-1 mark in district.

The opening kickoff was received by the Greyhounds, who returned it 35 yards to the 50-yd. line. The Greyhounds drove the ball 38 yards to the Lion 12 yard line on 7 plays. On 2nd and 7, the Greyhounds fumbled and Kelly Heflin recovered it.

The Lions started on their own 15 yard line, but gained only 7 yards on 3 plays and were forced to punt. Les Branham punted the ball 28 yards to the Greyhound 12 yard line before the Greyhounds returned it 19 yards to their own 31-yard line. The Greyhounds were pushed back 10 yards on 3 plays and were forced to punt.

The Lions started from their own 10 yard line, but gained only 6 yards on 3 plays. Branham punted the ball 23 yards to the Lion 38 yard line. The Greyhounds wasted no time to score. They scored on a 2-play, 40-yd. drive. After the successful extra pt. attempt, the Greyhounds led 7-0 with 1:50 left in the 1st quarter.

The Lions started their own pursuit of a touchdown. The Lions gained 53 yards on 6 plays before the 1st quarter came to an end with the Greyhounds leading 7-0. It took the Lions only 4 plays and 25 yards to reach the endzone to begin the 2nd quarter. Mario Barrera scored on a 13-yd run to make the score 7-6 with 10:17 left in the 1st half. The 2 pt. conversion attempt failed.

The Greyhounds took over after the kickoff on their own 41 yard line. After gaining only 7 yds on 6 plays, the Greyhounds were forced to punt. The Lions gained possession on their own 46 yard line. It took the Lions only 8 plays to move the ball 54 yards and score once again. Lonnie Green received a 28 yard pass from Barrerato giving the Lions a 12-7 lead. The 2 pt. conversion attempt failed. Green gained 40 yards receiving and Barrera gained 19 yards rushing on this drive.

The Greyhounds started from their own 39-yard line. They gained only 9 yards on 8 plays and were forced to punt. The Lions took possession on their own 36 yard line. After 2 plays, on 3rd and 6, Mario Barrera's pass was intercepted.

The Greyhounds took over on their own 46 yard line. After a 42 yard completed pass, the Greyhounds kicked a 28 yard field goal to cut the Lion lead to 12-0 at the end of the 1st half.

Bryce Moore returned the opening kickoff of the 2nd half 23 yards to the Lion 38 yard line. The Lions gained only 5 yards on 3 plays and were forced to punt. Les Branham launched a 51 yard punt to the Greyhound 6 yard line. On 3rd and 6, Mario Barrera intercepted a pass and returned it 7 yards for a touchdown. Coby Moore's extra point attempt was good and the Lions led 19-10.

The Greyhounds started from their own 46 yard line. They gained 54 yards on 12 plays and with 3:59 left in the 3rd quarter, the Greyhounds scored. The 2 pt. conversion failed and the Greyhounds still trailed 19-16.

The Lions started from their own 20 yard line. They lost 1 yard on 3 plays and had to punt. The Greyhounds took over on their own 36 yard line. They gained 10 yards on 8 plays. The Lions got the ball back and started on their own 28 yard line. They gained 9 yards on 4 plays, but came up short of a 1st down.

The Greyhounds gained possession on their own 37 yard line. They gained 8 yards on 4 plays, but also came up short of a 1st down and the Lions took over on their own 28 yard line. The Lions moved the ball 37 yards before Mario Barrera's pass was intercepted, but the Greyhound defender was tackled in the endzone for a safety. This increased the Lion's lead to 21-16 and gave the Lions their 3rd consecutive victory and a perfect record in district play.

Lonnie Green, Les Branham, Kevin Christian, and Kelly Heflin led the Lions on defense each with 5 solo tackles.

	Roby	Knox City
First downs	13	11
Rushing yds.	40-137	39-117
Passing yds.	52	117
Comp-Att-Int.	3-5-2	4-7-1
Punts	4-30	4-25
Fumbles-lost	0	2
Penalties-yds.	4-40	4-45

The Roby Lions will host the Munday Moguls Friday, October 28, with a 7:30 kickoff.

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Menard County Publishing Roll Of Unpaid Taxes

Margaret Cannon, Chief Appraiser for the Menard County, placed an ad in the most recent edition of the Menard News which stated the following - **"Tax Notice. The Delinquent Tax List for 1993 will be printed in the October 27, 1994 issue of The Menard News. Names of all persons who have 1993 taxes unpaid as of Tuesday, October 25, 1994 will be listed. Taxes may be paid at the Menard Ap[praisal District Office on Highway 83 during regular business hours."**

HOSPITAL NEWS

Patients admitted and dismissed to the Fisher County Hospital during the week of October 18 - 24, 1994 were as follows:

ADMITTED: Alice H. Berry- Stamford; Melva Henry- Roby; Dorothy Sprague-Hermleigh; Alex Flores- Rotan; Vera Mann- Rotan; Kelly Cleveland- Rotan; Winnie Kingsfield- Rotan; Kenneth Herndon, Jr.- Rotan; Forrest Price-Roby; Lena Parker- Aspermont; Ottie Polk- Rotan.

DISMISSED:

Mary Rowland- Rotan; Vera Mann-Rotan; Kelly Cleveland- Rotan; Alex Flores- Rotan; Melva Henry- Roby; Dorothy Sprague- Hermleigh.

THANK YOU

The Rotan Economic Development Corporation and the Rotan Chamber of Commerce would like to join together and thank the "Famous Amigos" for all their hard work and support given in this past week Benefit BBQ for the Rotan Lighted Sign. Delicious food as always has become a trademark for the Amigos who "At A Drop Of A Hat" are always willing to give of themselves and help others in need. A sincere "Thank You" to all our Amigos.



Ann Richards Record On Rural Areas

Governor Richards recognizes the contribution of small and rural communities to Texas' future. To address their special concerns, she established the office of Rural Affairs in the Texas Dept. of Commerce. Rural economic development received help from Gov. Richards in the 1993 legislative session. Lawmakers approved a loan program that will help young farmers and ranches.

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Gracie Jewell Tankersley

Gracie Jewell Tankersley, 92, of Rotan, died Friday morning in the Rotan Nursing Center. Services were at 2 p.m. Sunday in Weathersbee Chapel with Rev. Gene Haynes officiating. Burial was in the Rotan Cemetery under the direction of Weathersbee Funeral Home.

Mrs. Tankersley was born Sept. 15, 1902 in Comanche County and was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. George Horace Bagley. She married Virgil Tankersley Aug. 29, 1920 in Sipe Springs, Texas. Mr. Tankersley died Sept. 15, 1969. Mrs. Tankersley was a homemaker and a member of the Calvary Baptist Church.

Survivors include: 2 sons: Cecil (and wife Marge) Tankersley, Weatherford, Billy (and wife Bernice) Tankersley, Millsap; 3 daughters: June (Mrs. J.R.) Underwood, Banning, CA, LaVera Burkhart, Rotan, Wanda (Mrs. Loyd) McKennon, San Angelo; 1 daughter-in-law: Erlene Tankersley, Rotan; 1 special friend Ida Lois Alls, Rotan; 15 grandchildren (and spouses): Ted (and Linda) Burkhart, Carlsbad, N.M., Terry (and Andy) Burkhart, Packwood, WA, Ricky Burkhart, Carlsbad, N.M., Diantha (and Warren) Reynolds, San Angelo, Vickie (and Jerry) Hall, Flower Mound, Texas, Rodney (and Laura) Tankersley, Rotan; Kenneth Tankersley, Las Vegas, NV, Billy Dean White, Denver, CO, Jerry White, Seattle, WA, Brenda (and Hector) Olivas, San Angelo, Sue (and Ronnie) Stringer, Miles, Al (and Mary) McKennon, Sweetwater, Gary Underwood, Blythe, CA; Ronnie Gene Underwood, Banning, CA; Kathy (and Sam) Jimenez, Banning, CA; 30 great grandchildren; 13 great great grandchildren; She was preceded in death by 1 son, Carol, in 1989 and by 2 sisters and 6 brothers.

John B. Smith

Mr. John B. Smith, 86, of Rotan, died early Thursday morning at Fisher County Hospital in Rotan. Funeral services were at 4 p.m., Friday, at Weathersbee Funeral Chapel with Rev. Gene Haynes, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, officiating. Burial was in the Belvieu Cemetery.

Mr. Smith was born June 24, 1908 at Throckmorton. He was the son of the late Levi Lawson and Mary Ethel (Butler) Smith. He married Doris Morgan, August 15, 1950, at DeQueen, Arkansas. He moved to Rotan in 1950 from Post. Mr. Smith was a concrete mason. He graduated from Post High School in 1926 and was a member of Calvary Baptist Church. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II.

He is survived by: His wife- Doris Smith of Rotan; two daughters- Mrs. Bob (Dorothy) Copeland of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and Virginia Miers of Wilson, Oklahoma; a brother- L. O. Smith of Spur; six grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Hesper Berry

Hesper Berry, 79, of Stamford, died Wednesday, October 19, in the F.C. Hospital. Services were Friday, October 21, 1994 at 2 p.m. at Trinity Baptist Church in Stamford. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery at Tuxedo, Tx.

She is survived by her husband Jess Berry of Stamford; daughter- Shirley Daniel of Rotan; grandchildren- Cherita Dossey Welch of China Spring, Tx. and Mary Dossey Rowland of Rotan and 4 great grandchildren.

Helen Faye Rinchart

Helen Faye Rinchart, 65, of Waynesboro, TN, died Monday, October 18, 1994 at Wayne County Hospital in Waynesboro, TN. Services were at Shackelford Funeral Home Chapel in Waynesboro, TN on Thursday, October 20, 1994 at 1:00 p.m. Graveside services were held Saturday, October 22, 1994 at 1:00 p.m. at Roby Cemetery, Roby, Tx., under the direction of Cate-Spencer & Trent Funeral Home; with Cecil Gilliland officiating.

Helen Faye was born September 28, 1929 at Roby, Tx. She was a nurse and the daughter of the late Tom L. Bennett.

Survivors include: 2 sons- Tommy R. Rinehart of Cypress Inn, TN. and Troy Douglas of Sweetwater, Tx.; her mother- Audie Mae O'Bier of Waynesboro, TN.; 4 grandchildren; 1 great grandchild; 1 aunt.

Legal Notices

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

1. Sealed proposals will be received by Dr. Vick Burk, President, Board of Trustees, in care of Mr. Wes Hayes, Superintendent of Schools, Rotan Independent School District, Rotan, Texas, and shall be received until 2:00 p.m. Monday, November 14, 1994 in the Superintendent's Office of the Rotan Independent School District, 102 N. McKinley Avenue, Rotan, Texas 79546, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud for the furnishing of all labor, materials, and equipment, and performing all work required for High School Science Lab Equipment for Rotan Independent School District, Rotan, Texas, and in compliance with plans, specifications, and contract documents as prepared by Huckabee & Associates, Inc., 204 River North Blvd., P.O. Drawer 611, Stephenville, Texas 76401.

2. A lump sum proposal will be received for general construction, which includes furnishing and installing High School Science Lab Equipment.

3. A Cashier's Check, Certified Check, or acceptable Bidder's Bond payable to the Rotan Independent School District, Rotan, Texas, in the amount of not less than 5% of the largest possible total for the bid submitted, must accompany each bid.

4. The successful bidder will be required to enter into a contract with the Rotan Independent School District, Rotan, Texas, and to furnish a Performance and Payment Bond of approval form through an approved bonding company duly authorized to do business in the State of Texas, and currently listed in the Department of Treasury Federal Register, in the amount of not less than 100% of the contract price, conditioned upon the performance of the contract.

5. Attention is called to the fact that the contractor must comply with all Federal, State and Local labor laws, including Article 5159a, Vernon's Annotated Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, and comply with the prevailing wage rates bound in the Specifications.

6. The bidder acknowledges the right of the Owner to reject any or all bids and to waive any informality or irregularity in any bid received. In addition, the bidder recognizes the right of the Owner to reject a bid if the bidder failed to furnish any required bid security or to submit the data required by the bidding documents, or if the bid is in any way incomplete or irregular.

7. Plans and Specifications may be examined without charge in the Architect's office, and may be procured from the Architect by prime bidders upon the following deposit schedule:

COMPLETE SET OF PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS.....$50.00 per set.

9:2tc

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LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF TEXAS

To CONNIE BRAFFORD and GEOFFREY ALLEN BEAUDRY, Respondents, "You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 a.m. on the Monday next following the expiration of twenty days after you were served this citation and petition, a default judgment may be taken against you. The petition of CLAUDE A. BRAFFORD and LANA SUE BRAFFORD, Petitioners, was filed in the Court of Fisher County, Texas, on the 11th day of August, 1994, against CONNIE BRAFFORD and GEOFFREY ALLEN BEAUDRY, Respondents, numbered 5268, and entitled In the Interest of JEFFERY BRANDON BEAUDRY. The suit requests the adoption of JEFFERY BRANDON BEAUDRY by Petitioners.

The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgment or decree dissolving of the parent-child relationship which will be binding on you.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said Court at Roby, Fisher County, Texas, this the 31st day of August, 1994.

Clerk of the District Court of Fisher County, Texas.

By Bettie Hargrove

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Yellowhammers Play Tough, Head Up, Big Pied Pipers Are Coming

by Matt Ryan

Once again fans, into the breach went the Rotan Yellowhammers, but this time we don't have to hang our heads, as a spirited and defiant Hammer team showed the locals that we can play with anyone. Stamford wore blue/white, and we came home black and blue. It was a hard hitting game and though the score was lopsided it was a game Rotan could be proud of.

A bright light appeared on the horizon as a scrappy and determined Rusty Goodwin showed what he could do with the ball and the team, as he engineered a 56 yard scoring drive in the fourth quarter that brought the Rotan faithful to their feet. He can really fire the football and as a sophomore, I'm sure we will see much more of this young man before he graduates.

There was one sour note to this game and it sort of got under my craw. In the fourth quarter with 6 seconds left in the game, Stamford pulled in my opinion--for a class team,--a no class play. Leading 42-21 and like I said with only 6 seconds left in the game they tried a slick and unnecessary razzle-dazzle play up the middle in an earnest attempt to score and put meaningless points on the board. Anybody else would have just sat on the ball and run the clock out. I thought it was Bush-League as we say in baseball and uncalled for. I don't know if the coaches called it or the players themselves, at any rate it was no class. There is an old axiom that says "What goes around, comes around", I'm sure the boys will remember when next we meet. Just imagine if you will, somebody could have been injured on this stupid attempt to run up the score.

The first quarter, started with Rotan receiving and Stomper Daniel took the kickoff at the 16 and ran it back to the 26, but after 3 attempts to move the ball they had to kick it away to Stamford, where they took over on their 43. Great defense by Jay Carrion and Joey Sepeda had the Bulldogs looking at 4th and one. They went for it and got down to the Hammer 40 for a 1st. #33 Zack Burnes jammed the "Dogs" on the 35, but they were not to be denied, and with 4th and inches on the Hammer 31 they succeeded in getting their 1st by inches on the Hammer 30. An incomplete pass and then a fumble recovered by #65 Chris Leach saw the Hammers on their 35. Stomper on 1st down ran it to the Bulldog 47 for a Hammer 1st. Sepeda to the 45 then a Daniels pass went incomplete and we faced 3rd and one, where an illegal procedure penalty pushed us back 5 where we faced 3rd and 6. Stomper then passed to #19 David Nowlin who got the Hammers a 1st on the 36 of Stamford, then Daniels ran it down to the 12 where he fumbled and Stamford recovered. On 2nd down on their 20 #7 Eric Strand the Bulldog quarterback, running down the left side on a brilliant fake took the ball to the Hammer 47 another penalty,---a personal foul against Rotan took the ball further down to the Hammer 32. A pass from Strand to John Sanchez saw Stamford with the ball on the Rotan 22. Then on 1st down #21 John Sanchez ran the 22 yards for a Bulldog TD with 1:18 left in the initial quarter.

The PAT was good and Stamford led 7-0. After an errant kick out of bounds the Hammers receiver David Nowlin took the new kickoff up to the Hammer 37 after 2 plays which produced nothing, Daniels passed to David Nowlin for a 1st on the Hammer 48 where the 1st quarter ended with Stamford leading 7-0. The 2nd quarter started with Rotan in possession on there 49, but were unable to do anything with the ball and had to kick it away. #21 Sanchez then took the ball on his 20 and with great blocking went 80 yards down the right side for a Bulldog TD with 10:52 on the clock in the 2nd quarter. The PAT was good and the score read Bulldogs 14 Rotan 0. Again missed tackles hurt us as the receiver was surrounded by Hammers. The kickoff was taken by Nowlin on the 18 for no gain, and he was injured on the play. After what seemed forever, they placed David on a stretcher and the ambulance came onto the field, where David was taken to the local hospital for tests. We all hope and pray that his injury was not of a serious nature and that he will be rejoining his teammates soon.

Rotan took over on the 18, and with 1st and 10 a fumbled pitch-out had Stamford with the ball on the Hammer 15. Great defense again by the Hammer squad saw a frustrated Bulldog team still on the fifteen. Pete Elrod, Jay Carrion, Chris Gaspar, Zack Burnes, Kris Rogers all teamed in the defense to hold Stamford and force them to try a 30 yard field goal, which went wide and Rotan took over on their 20. Daniels on 3rd and 13 passed 26 yards to Kris Rogers and the boys had a 1st on their 44. Another Daniels pass of 32 yards got the Hammers to the Bulldogs 12 where Lance Hudnall the receiver was forced out of bounds. Daniels then went down to the Stamford 1, where on the next play Joey Sepeda punched it across for a Rotan score with 4:32 left in the half. The PAT was good and the score narrowed down to 14 to 7. This was a great sustained drive engineered by Daniels and got the fans into the game. However no sooner had the cheering stopped when Stamford pulled a real pro play. On 1st and 10 the "Dogs" on a reverse handoff to their tight end dropped back and threw the ball to a wide open receiver who went in for the score, with 4;12 left in the half. The PAT failed and the score read Bulldogs 20 to 7. Daniels on the kickoff only got as far as the Hammer 13. On 1st down Stomper was sacked back to the 1. On 3rd and 20 Daniels scambled to the Hammer 20 where a holding penalty against Rotan was refused by Stamford and Rotan, facing 4th and 8 had to kick it away. Jay Ben Alls booted it away but it was way short and Stamford had it on the Rotan 36. Another unsportsmanlike penalty brought the ball down to the Hammer 21. Stout defense by Zack Burnes and Co. had the "Dogs" looking at 3rd and 11 where Sanchez on some nifty ball handling ran it in for another Stamford TD with 1:10 left in the half. A 2 pt conversion was good and Stamford led 28-7. The half ended this way although the Bulldogs almost scored before the clock ran out as an intercepted Rotan pass was taken down to the Hammer 1 where the runner was push out of bounds. The tale was the same as the past 2 weeks. Three turnovers and 35 yards in penalties, which could have been higher except that Stamford refused 2. However I am proud to say that-that was the penalties Rotan was to get the rest of the night. The Bulldogs long pass game caught Rotan a little short. Our ground game was non-existent. Except for Daniels long passes that got us on the scoreboard, we had no offense.

The halftime festivities was highlighted by a stirring performance of the Bulldog band that brought the crowd to their feet in appreciation. The report at halftime had David Nowlin in an alright condition, thank the Lord, I hate to see that kind of situation happen and I know his family was relieved as we all were.

As the 3rd quarter started Rotan kicked off defending the south end. The "Dogs" took possession on their 34. Some great razzle-dazzle by Stamford got the ball to the Hammer 47. Some more fancy ball handling put them on the Rotan 28, however, a penalty and then a "Dog" fumble which was recovered by Trey Brown saw Rotan in good field position on their 46. Another long pass from Daniels to Phillip Hull got the Hammers down to the Stamford 1 where Daniels on a wide left sweep scored, with 9:20 in the 3rd. The 2 pt. conversion failed and the score read 28-13.

Rotan kicked off and the Bulldogs proceeded to move right on down the field. They mixed up their playmaking superbly and with passes and real great ball handling put the ball down on the Hammer 2 where #14 Todd Wellington took it in for a Stamford TD with 5:34 on the clock in the 3rd. The PAT was good and the Bulldogs led 35-13. Rotan received and Daniels ran it back to the "Dogs" 44. Rusty Goodwin then came in as quarterback and got it down to the Stamford 33, where he was replaced by Daniels, who on the ensuing play attempted a lateral that was fumbled and recovered by Stamford on their 28 where after a number of plays found them on their 48. On the 1st play from scrimmage #48 Jeremy Mueller ran down to the Hammer 48 where they steadily marched down to the Hammer 25 as the 3rd quarter ended. However great news------David Nowlin returned, and appeared to be okay, but he would see no more action this night. We all breathed a sigh of relief.

The 4th quarter started with Stamford on the Hammer 25 but once more my friends the defense performed with a great show of strength as they stopped the "Dogs" and took over on their 20. A Daniels pass to Lance Hudnall got us to the 32, Daniels then to the 36, but then Daniels was sacked back to the Hammer 24 where with 4th and 17 we had to kick it away. Stamford took over on their 43. On 1st down #81 Josh Murphree got it to the Hammer 45 for a 1st. But after a great defensive effort by Jay Carrion, Pete Elrod, Chris Gaspar, James Flores they were only able to reach the Rotan 24 and Rotan took over on downs. We couldn't do anything with it though and had to kick it away. They lined up to kick, but it turned out to be a fake that backfired on us and Stamford took over on our 29. With great field possession, the "Dogs" worked it down to the Hammer 1 where Josh Damron ran it back to the Stamford 43, where Goodwin came in as quarterback.

Rusty after a shakey start got the Hammers moving, as he took it to the 42. A personal foul against Stamford for hitting Rusty out of bounds put the ball on the Stamford 31. A Goodwin pass to Alls was incomplete, but Goodwin came right back to Jay Ben Alls good for 14 yards and a Hammer 1st. On the 17, Rusty then packed the ball under his arm to the "Dogs" 6. After an incompletion Rusty ran it to the "Dogs" 2, where he then passed to the right flat to #34 Phillip Hull for a Hammer TD, with :44 seconds left in the game. On the 2 pt. try "Scooter" Goodwin charged into the end zone for the conversion. Stamford 42-Rotan 21.

Do we have a new star on the horizon? His aggressiveness and toughness makes me think so. Rotan then tried an onside kick that was recovered by Stamford, but on their first play Pete Elrod recovered a Bulldog fumble on the Stamford 47 but Rotan after 4 tries could not do nothing and with :06 seconds left gave the ball back to Stamford, who promptly pulled their no class stunt as previously mentioned and the game ended with the final score Stamford 42 Rotan 21.

This leaves Rotan with a 2-5-1 overall and 1-2 in district. Next week it's our neighbor down the road, Hamlin. This should be a really great game so come on out to H. Govan field at 7:30 Friday night and see some excitement.

Stats as available

1st downs--------13
Rushing Yards-------35-85
Passing Yards------170
Comp-Att-Int------9-23-1
Punts---------4-30
Fumbles Lost--------3
Penalties-------3-35 none in the 2nd half.

We had a total of 255 yards and Daniels had 1 TD with a team high of 48 yards. Stamford piled up 345 yards on the ground and Sanchez led the "Dogs" with a 119 yard rushing total, one for 80 yards kickoff return.

Fisher County Appraisal District
Report From
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Production - Fisher County

1988 Production	2,652,505 barrels
1989 Production	2,424,412 barrels
1990 Production	2,253,812 barrels
1991 Production	1,939,952 barrels
1992 Production	1,763,105 barrels
1993 Production	1,676,699 barrels

Number of Producing Wells in 1993 amounted to 434.
Total number of leases in the Fisher COunty Appraisal District 577
Total number of owners in the Apprsisal District 2,706

Total Value Of Mineral In Appraisal District		*Total Value of all property Pritchard & Abbott Appraises*	
1989 -	$ 88,090,020		
1990 -	$116,626,980	1992 -	$111,440,130
1991 -	$ 95,412,550	1993 -	$102,537,900
1992 -	$ 72,232,620	1994 -	$ 86,591,200
1993 -	$ 65,083,550		
1994 -	$ 50,582,020		

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....To The Editor
Our Readers Write Their Opinions

The 1994 elections are just right around the corner and I encourage all of you to be sure to cast your vote. I attended Texas State 4-H Congress at Austin this summer. This project helps 4-H'ers to fully understand how our government works. Tours of the city, capitol, and governor's mansion are very educational.

Each participant in Congress has the opportunity to serve as a member of the Senate, the House, or as a Lobbyist. Fake bills are submitted, reviewed and voted on by the House and the Senate. The 4-H State President serves as the Governor. Our bills are sent to the actual Governor, and reviewed to possibly be made law by the Texas House and Senate. It is essential that young people learn about their government because they will soon be in your shoes.

I encourage all of you to vote in this year's election because your vote will help determine the future of America.

4-H Ambassadors
Christy Willett

Dear Editor -

For the last four years I have been taking treatments for cancer and I'm writing concerning the Health Care plan. I'm sixteen years old and without help from the government, I couldn't have gotten the treatment I needed. I think we need a strong plan that will help children who can't afford care. Other children deserve the chance to live.

We need a good plan because treatment isn't fun. In fact, it is scary for a young child who doesn't even understand what cancer, HIV, and the many other illnesses are. Something like this takes the children's childhood away from them, and makes them grow up really fast. It makes it worse on the child if they see their parents in distress about their bill. It makes them think it is all their faults. They start to concentrate more on that then on getting well. The children are the future and they should be the first priority. America is counting on these kids. We as the children of America need our government to introduce a plan to protect all of us in sickness and health.

Valerie Wilhite
Roby High School Student

Athletic Club News From Roby

The Athletic Club met October 18. Mrs. Dodds was the winner of the football picks.

The freshman football players and their parents were guests this week.

Coach Brandy Wood gave us a report on the Cross County team. They have participated in Cross Plains, Lubbock, and Water Valley and will be participating in the District contest October 25.

Coach Wood also invited everyone to a Midnight Madness Party, October 28 from 12:00 a.m. til 2:00 a.m. to meet the girls basketball team.

Coach Christian gave a scouting report on Knox City and showed us the Paducah game film.

The 7th and 8th grade football players and their parents will be guests at the October 25 meeting. Coach Bryan Wood will be showing Jr. High game films and making comments about the progress of the Jr. High football team.

4-Hers Take Part In Food Tasting Event

A group of 4-H'ers enrolled in the foods and nutrition project participated in a Chinese foods program Saturday. The 4-H'ers toured the Harvest Moon Restaurant in Abilene, had a program on Chinese cookery, and tasted a variety of Chinese foods. Attending were: Leslie Bolton, Candas Boyd, Rachel Smith, Kimberly Garcia, Brandon Scherwitz, Dannelle Evans, Lacy Callan, Dayme Mullins, Shelley Burk, Lindy Kelley, Misty Mahaffey, Teryn Terry, Cassandra Griffith, Sahala Hardin, Brandi Herley, Nikki Reed, Ashley Smith, Mindy Mahaffey, Kyle McWilliams, Sarah Greenlee, and Terry McWilliams. Adults accompanying the group were: Susie Garcia, Mary Mahaffey, Linda Callan, and Beth Dannheim.

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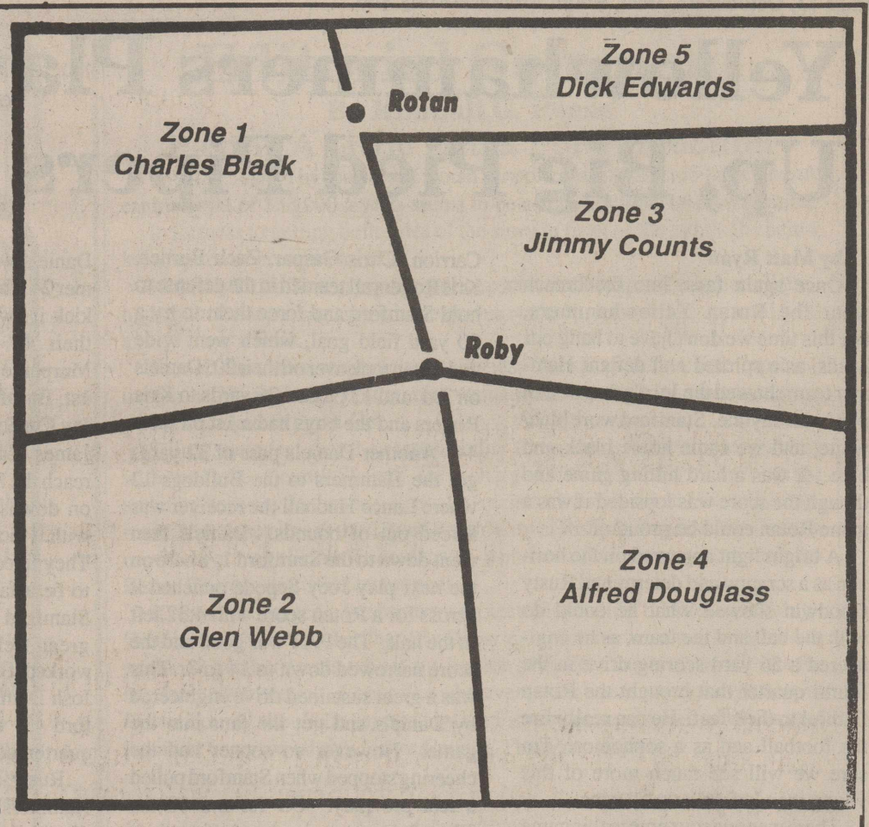
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September 1, 1993 through August 31, 1994

New Conservation Plans Developed	17 No. 3,922 Ac.
Conservation Plans Revised	9,845 Ac.
First Technical Service Individual	427 No.
Cooperator Applying Practices	253 No.
Integrated Farm Management Plans	65 No. 13,363 Ac.
Farm Bill Plans Developed	31 No.
Conservation Reserve Program	54,935 Ac.
Cropland Protected	32,472 Ac.
Pastureland/Rangeland Protected	20,801 Ac.
Long Term Contract	14,372 Ac.



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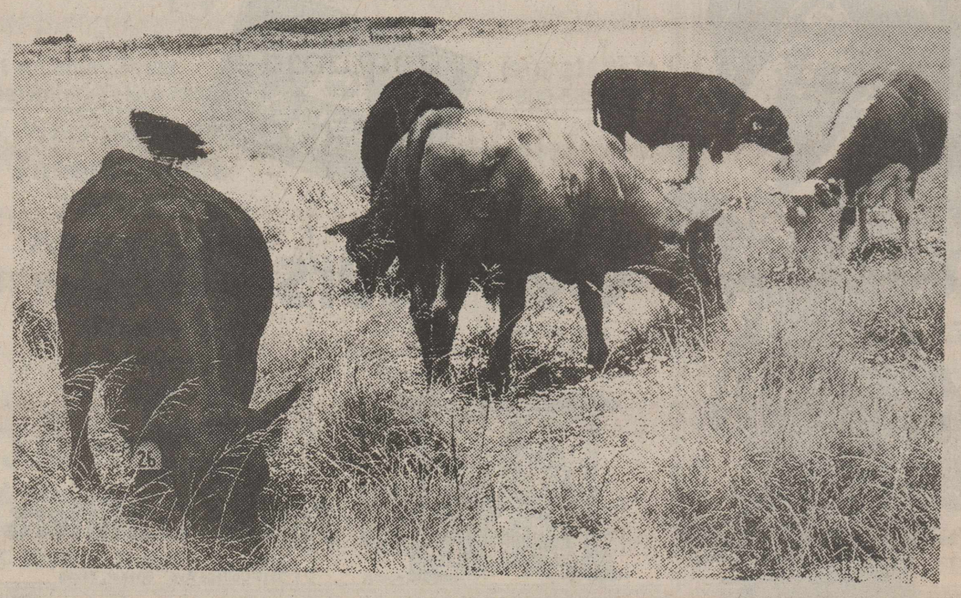
grazing management of Kleingrass

A number of acres in the central Rolling Plains (i.e., within a 100 mile radius of Abilene) were put into the Conservation Program. The contracts on the first of these acres will begin to expire in 1996. Most of these CRP acres were planted in either Kleingrass or a mixture of native species. The question that one must address when these contracts emerge from contractual agreement is "How shall (or should) one use these grasslands?" If you elect to leave these lands in grasses "What kind of grazing management should be implemented?"

CRP grasslands offer unique opportunities in grazing management. Usually, as grazing management schemes are initiated, one doesn't have the opportunity to begin with grasslands in a relatively productive condition. Because of this opportunity, CRP grasslands are different and unique. The cardinal rules for establishing a successful grazing management scheme for CRP grasslands, regardless of whether they are Kleingrass or mixture of native species, include:

1) Proper stocking rate, and
2) Time, or season, of grazing and rest.

Since these CRP fields have been in production for 10 years, some with no management other than weed control since planting and establishment, some of them probably are going to have to be renovated before they provide suitable grazing. Renovation probably will take on one or more phases. One characteristic that we must recognize about Kleingrass is that it is a successional species and not a climax grass. Because of this characteristic, it is often more productive for some period of time than our native perennial grasses, but it requires periodic renovation to maintain a high level of productivity. Burning is often used to renovate stands of similar introduced grassed to remove dead litter that tends to accumulate around the base of the plant and interferes with both grazing and the plant's ability to continue tillering. If burning is employed fired should be lit according to prescription and under the supervision of someone who is trained in the use of prescribed burning.



Since successional species tend to go out of the plant community with time and are replaced by higher successional plants, Kleingrass will not stay as the dominant plant in our "CRP" fields forever. Therefore, we must keep these fields disturbed if we want to keep Kleingrass as our dominate grass. These fields should be lightly disced or chiseled periodically to insure continued survival of Kleingrass.

Any of the renovation techniques adopted should be done in the late winter or very early spring before the grasses begin to green-up and grow. You don't want to do any renovating too early in the winter when the temperatures could potentially freeze the plants and cause a major winter-kill.

Once the Kleingrass has been renovated, a grazing management scheme can be implemented. One of our goals as plant managers should be to keep our grasses vegetative as long as possible. As long as they are vegetative, they will continue to produce new shoots and tillers. When they shift from being vegetative and become reproductive, new shoot growth ceases.

As growth slows in the summer, we should plan to reduce our stocking rate to match forage production until the first or middle of September. The most important deferment period for the benefit of grassses in our area is September and October. It is during this period reserves are replenished for growth next spring and also the period that new tillers are formed from which new growth arises.

After frost, we can plan Kleingrass into our grazing management schemes. In our planning, we must be aware of two things; 1) that we need to leave 750-1000 lb/ac residue through the winter, and 2) that Kleingrass will tend to remain green throughout the winter. We also need to graze the residue in March and early April to allow for new growth when the rains begin in the Spring.

Can you set up a management program?

Proper stocking and rotation/deferment are keys to our success in grazing management. We must provide a period for regrowth to occur and for reserves to be replenished during some period of the year, preferably at different times of the year in sequential years.

The number of animals that we stock is also very important. In establishing your stocking rate, the general rule of thumb is to take half and leave half.

The above information was provided by Ronald E. Sosebee, Department of Range & Wildlife Management, Texas Tech University. For a complete copy of his paper entitled "Grazing Management of CRP Lands, Particularly Kleingrass, When The Contractual Agreement Expires" contact your local Soil Conservation Service.